

Snapshot of False Narratives during the Local Government Elections 2025

Period: 15th to 21st April 2025

Summary

The 2025 local government election campaigns have been relatively slow and lackluster thus far, with political engagement expected to intensify closer to Election Day. A significant trend observed during the reporting period was the targeted disinformation aimed at discrediting the ruling National People's Power (NPP) government. Despite the local scope of the elections, much of the political discourse was dominated by national-level issues, suggesting a blending of local and national narratives. Prominent events such as the arrest of Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias 'Pilleyan,' the Easter Sunday attacks commemoration, and the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi were leveraged as key narrative anchors.

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