

bomb attacks in polling stations, two suspected bombers died while assembling a bomb, tyres were burnt on the road and buses were prevented from leaving LTTE-controlled areas.

Given the non participation of a significant number of Tamil voters at these elections due to the boycott call and intimidation, PAFFREL is deeply concerned about the effective disenfranchisement of these voters.

We remain concerned that even at an election which was relatively well conducted in the South, PAFFREL has already received some reports of voter intimidation, clashes between supporters of the UNP and the UPFA, continuous violations on the ban on campaigning 48 hours prior to the poll as well as attempted incidents of ballot stuffing. More significantly, it is regrettable that the election to the office of the Presidency which is meant to be a result of a country wide vote has failed to live up to its promise due to the non participation of a significant portion of the Tamil population of this country.



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Note: The Press Conference to Issue the Interim Report of this Election will be held at National Library and Documentation Services Board, Colombo 7, on 19th November at 3.00 p.m.