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## PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS

To the Secretaries of all Political Parties/ Nomination Committees

### Selection of Candidates for upcoming Provincial Council Election

We hope your party has already started the selection process of candidates who will be contesting for the upcoming Provincial Council election.

During the past few years we witnessed various allegations of murder, bribery & corruption, influencing government officials and political misconduct against people's representatives. Provincial Council and Local government members were frequently accused in this respect. The Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption has also received many such allegations against politicians.

We believe that the responsibility of making politicians credible and accountable is vested mainly with the leaders of the political parties. However, if the political party leadership acts irresponsibly and gives nominations to unsuitable persons they may have to take the responsibility for the violent acts, corruption and other misconducts carried out by the elected representatives of their parties.

Therefore we hereby kindly request you to refrain from selecting candidates who have been accused of murder, bribery, corruption, thuggery, misuse of state power and resources, and who have a history of violent political behavior. We request you to choose your candidates with who are credible, have political maturity and a social conscience as your party's nominee..

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If your party can publish the specific criteria of selecting your candidates it would be a precedent for other political parties and have a positive impact to the election victory of your party.

Thanking you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'R' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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