



Press Release

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ASIAN ELECTION OBSERVERS DEPLOY ACROSS SRI LANKA FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2015

Independent Election Observers from the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) are deployed across Sri Lanka to observe the upcoming Presidential Election which is scheduled to be held on January 8, 2015. The observers from all over Asia will begin their duty to assess the overall electoral process from preparations, campaigns, polling day process, to counting. The observations will be assessed based on the laws governing elections in Sri Lanka. ANFREL Election Observation Mission (EOM), composed of observers with diverse background, expertise, and experience, are deployed in 25 districts across the country to closely witness the electoral process and to contribute in achieving credible election. The deployment of ANFREL EOM confirms the organization's firm commitment to the strengthening of a more inclusive democracy in Sri Lanka.

ANFREL is committed to closely follow the electoral process and to recommend an impartial assessment of the election process vis-a-vis their compliance to Sri Lanka's international commitments with regard to democratic elections as well as with domestic laws. ANFREL's mandate is to observe the election without interfering in the electoral process, and by maintaining respect to national laws and regulations of the country. "ANFREL also forges solidarity with other election monitoring organizations who are committed to enhancing the transparency and credibility of the electoral process in Sri Lanka", said Ichal Supriadi, Executive Director of ANFREL.

"ANFREL is hoping to see a peaceful electoral competition with professionalism from the elections management body to ensure the credibility of the election. ANFREL is also calling all the stakeholders for cooperation to help strengthen the transparency and accountability of the election", Ichal Added.

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