



ELECTION WATCH

2024 Sri Lankan Elections

1 UNP wants Ranil Wickremesinghe to run for Presidency in 2024

Ranil Wickremesinghe is approved as presidential candidate at party conventions in Galle & Kegalle.

2 SLPP breakaways form “New Alliance”

“New Alliance” holds second rally at Hyde Park attended by Nimal Lansa, Anura Yapa & Susil Premajayanth. The rally runs anti-NPP/JVP narrative & signals pro-RW stance. Claims to have 50 MPs & be next progressive left force.

3 URF presents common minimum framework to party leaders

Leader of United Republican Front Patali Champika Ranawaka, presented common minimum framework “A United Step for the Country” to President Ranil Wickremesinghe at Sirikota, SJB party headquarters in absence of Sajith Premadasa, & Dallas Alahapperuma faction.

4 SLPP district rally nominates Namal Rajapaksa as presidential candidate

In a meeting of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna’s Matale district representatives (minus MPs Janaka & Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon) nomination of Namal Rajapaksa as SLPP presidential candidate was unanimously passed, hinting that SLPP may field candidate at the presidential race.

5 NPP says it will not form pre-election coalitions

National People’s Power heavyweight Lal Kantha says that NPP will not form pre-general election coalitions. However, after securing a lead at a future general election, NPP would negotiate with ‘clean’ MPs to reach 113 seats threshold.

6 Basil Rajapaksa tipped to return in early March to launch SLPP campaign

Basil Rajapaksa is rumoured to make a comeback in early March to reorganize SLPP. SLPP claims to have 39 MPs in their fold.

7 Abolishing Executive Presidency returns to political discourse

At a recent all-party event, former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya appeals to political parties to express stance on abolishing executive presidency. Opposition by SJB & JVP on grounds that abolition is a ploy to postpone presidential elections.

8 CWC’s support to government reinforced

Ceylon Workers’ Congress’ alignment with RW-led government is reinforced with the launch of the fourth phase of the Indian housing project for plantation sector workers.

9 New ITAK leadership restrained from functioning

Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi’s newly-elected president Sivagnamam Shritharan as well as other party officials have been restrained from functioning in their posts following two enjoining orders issued by a Trincomalee District Judge.

10 SJB and NPP hold women’s rallies

The two front-running parties, Samagi Jana Balawegaya and NPP, hold women’s rallies, in a bid to demonstrate their power and relevance at the ground level, with an eye on upcoming elections.