

Sri Lanka: Election result is the biggest ever unpatriotic crime

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Common Left Candidate Vickramabahu Karunaratne called the declared result of the presidential election in Sri Lanka as the biggest ever betrayal of the country.

Addressing a media briefing in Colombo on Sunday, Comrade Vickramabahu said that the result has been manipulated using sophisticated computer technology to show the world that the Sinhala electorate is totally racist and against any agreement, while the Tamils are not prepared to work alongside the Sinhalese. He said that the spread of variance in the declared result appears unnatural.

He charged that the result was achieved by a 'daylight conspiracy' specifically targeting the Tamils of the North East combined with a 'midnight conspiracy'.

"The midnight conspiracy was launched by state officials who manipulated the result while the daylight conspiracy was visible in the intimidation of Tamils." He called the manipulation of votes a 'Blanquist' conspiracy run by a select group of officials.

Shivaji calls not to dissolve parliament

Tamil Presidential Candidate MK Shivajilingam speaking at the media briefing said that bombing in the North East and filming those queuing to vote discouraged people from voting. The small number of internally displaced who were allowed to vote officially could not get to their polling stations due to lack of transport.

He said that the response Comrade Bahu and he received during the election campaign against war and racism throughout the whole island is not reflected in the result. "Sinhala and Tamil people displayed their willingness to work together for a solution," he said. He added that some who never ran an election campaign have got a higher number of votes.

Com. Vickramabahu explained that by not displaying the proper picture, the government is trying to portray that there is no room in Sri Lanka for any forward thinking ideology that upholds freedom and democracy.

"This is the biggest ever unpatriotic crime against the country," he said.

Shivajilingam MP called upon the opposition led by General Sarath Fonseka to request courts to stop the government from dissolving the parliament until the disagreement on the result is resolved.

"There is no point in going to a parliamentary election until we are certain about the result," he said.

Both Com. Vickramabahu and Shivajilingam MP said that they are willing to be part of any protest against this conspiracy against the voting public.

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