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## Special measures undertaken by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to ensure a free and fair Presidential Election

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) recognising the right of the citizens of Sri Lanka, to vote, engage in political activities and have free and fair elections, has undertaken special measures to ensure the aforementioned rights are effectively protected, especially during the pre-election period, cooling period, election day and post-election period.

The HRCSL has issued special guidelines to the Sri Lanka Police and the State officials reiterating their obligations to execute their duties and responsibilities with full respect to the Constitution of Sri Lanka. Special emphasis was also added on the responsibility of the Sri Lanka Police and the State Officials to provide equal protection of the law devoid of any form of bias or discrimination as prescribed in Article 12 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

A separate telephone number has also been introduced to accept complaints of alleged human rights violations associated with the upcoming presidential election.

Accordingly, complaints can be lodged through;

## Mobile 0767914695, or Fax 0112505566 or Email to iihrcsrilanka@gmail.com

Acknowledging the time sensitive nature of the complaints, specialised officers have also been appointed at the Head Office and all the Regional Offices of the HRCSL, to look into the alleged human rights violations forthwith.

The HRCSL guidelines issued to the Sri Lanka Police and State Officials can be accessed at: (https://www.hrcsl.lk/hrcsl-issues-guidelines-on-upcoming-presidential-election-2024/)

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