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Tamil Canadians Call for Free and Fair Elections in Sri Lanka

The Canadian Tamil Congress urges all Tamil Canadians to encourage their relatives and friends living on the island of Sri Lanka to vote in the upcoming parliamentary polls in April. Active participation is necessary in ensuring Tamils have some form of political voice on issues that affect their lives on the island.

“Tamils on the ground will actively decide what path they wish their parties and leaders to take, and our position is that we will stand with them as they exercise their franchise,” said Professor Sri Ranjan, president of the Canadian Tamil Congress. “CTC will stay neutral and let the people on the ground vote based on the three core principles of nation, homeland and their inherent right to self-determination.”

CTC has also condemned the bomb blasts that struck the country’s north during the last presidential election and hopes there is no repeat of incidents meant to dissuade people from voting.

“Voters should be guaranteed a safe environment where they can vote. There should be no violence, intimidation or coercion that will discourage people from exercising their democratic right to vote,” said David Poopalapillai, National Spokesperson for the Canadian Tamil Congress.

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