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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL
Government Notifications

**ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER SECTION 76A OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
ELECTIONS ACT, (CHAPTER 262) SUSPENSION OF PROPAGANDA
ACTIVITIES**

AS it is the responsibility of the Elections Commission to conduct free and fair elections in accordance with the Article 104 B (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and as it is empowered to issue directives in order to overcome the obstacles in the conduct of elections to be held under the Local Authorities Elections Act (Chapter 262) as amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendments) Act, No. 22 of 2012, it is hereby announced that the following directives are issued by the Commission.

01. Taking photographs and videoing inside the polling station.

It is hereby announced that taking photographs or videoing stages of marking ballot papers or marked ballot papers inside postal voting centres or in polling stations or distribution or publishing of photographs of marked ballot papers through print, electronic, social or any other media is prohibited.

It is also announced that the Elections Commission will issue permission in writing when there is a need to take photographs or to video any special occasion or procedure inside a polling station, for the purpose of preparing official reports and collection of photographs on the poll

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