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### **Government Notifications**

#### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION – 08TH JANUARY 2015

#### Ending of Presidential Elections Propaganda 48 hours prior to the Day of Poll

ALL propaganda activities in relation to Presidential Election Scheduled to be held on 08th January, 2015 must be ended by midnight 12 o'clock on 05th January, 2015. This duration named as period of silence from this moment to the end of poll, no electronic or print media should engage in any form of publicity in promoting or demoting any candidate. As the final election campaigns of political parties and independent groups are conducted on the 05.01.2015, news and information of such meetings can be permitted to be published / broadcast on 06.01.2015. On that day publishing / broadcasting / televising any form of commercial advertisements that promote any candidature / party, or publishing / broadcasting, any articles, documentaries / programmes of any political importance should not be done.

Through electronic media, on both days inclusive of 06.01.2015 and 07.01.2015, and on 08.01.2015 until 1800 hrs, programmes on development in the recent past, future development programmes, programmes on implementing budget proposals, programmes on war victory, either in the form of new telecasts or repeat telecasts of such could either lead to promotion of candidates and through programmes about the religious observances and various other functions in which the competing candidates have taken part, should not be televised or broadcast either as new or repeat telecasts and such articles, reports and advertisements for promotion of candidates should not be published in print media during the silent period.

Mahinda Deshapriya Commissioner of Elections.

Elections Secretariat Sarana Mawatha Rajagiriya 02nd January, 2015.

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