

# Postal vote peaceful – PAFFREL

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Executive Director of the People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL), Rohana Hettiarachchi, said the postal vote was relatively peaceful, despite a few incidents in Trincomalee and Galle.

He also said, there is a considerable rise in election law violations and general law violations, and that so far there had been 556 incidents of confirmed violations.

He said this yesterday at a media briefing held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

Ichal Supriadi, attached to an international observer, the Asian Network for Free Election (ANFREL), said the international observers will not interfere with any of the State affairs, but they will quietly observe each situation. "We ask all the involved parties to respect another's choice and to behave themselves before, during and after the elections," Supriadi said.

According to PAFFREL reports, 612 complaints have been made in relation to 710 electoral law and general law violations and a total of

53 hospitalizations have been reported up to date.

The total number of violations relating to abuse of State power, resources and misusing State sector employees add up to a total of 194, of which 156 violations are confirmed.

Meanwhile, Hettiarachchi speculated that there is a chance that the voters in the Northern areas will be prevented from voting. He said, if such a situation occurs, the final results for the presidential elections are most likely to be held up for two to three days.

