

CMEV, PAFFREL urge support for campaign funding law

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The country's two established election monitors, the Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) and People's Action For Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL) yesterday stressed the need of a separate court for election petitions and for regulation of campaign funding.

CMEV national coordinator Manjula Gajanayake told news media yesterday that the Elections Commission has drafted a Bill concerning regulation of campaign funding and that it has been approved by the Legal Draftsman and directed to the Attorney General now. "The most important aspect is the positive response of MPs and political party leaders to enact this important piece of legislation. However we did not see such proactive measures being taken by those stakeholders," he added. The CMEV and PAFFREL have submitted a memorandum to the Government and the Elections Commission urging support for a law to regulate campaign finances.