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Government should reveal its stance on postponing elections

- **Free Media Movement**

Free Media Movement insists that the Government should reveal its stance without further delay on various news and statements regarding postponement of local government and provincial council elections.

Currently, there are various news across all media on a proposal to postpone elections by means of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution that has created an unrest in the society which values democracy.

Free Media Movement, believing that free and fair elections are an essential element of democracy, has been struggling to establish such election process for a long period of time. In this context, Free Media Movement is attentive to any action taken against the election process in Sri Lanka.

It is certain that not only our organization, but also many other organizations that have been struggling for democracy in this country will stand against any action which may harm the process of free and fair elections. Therefore, the primary responsibility of the government is to reveal its stance on the election process and the related proposal of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

Free Media Movement affirms that this stance of the government should not be contrary to the functionality of free and fair elections as well as the endurance of democracy in the country.



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