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## Presidential Election - 2024

## The Death of Presidential Candidate Mr. Idroos Mohamed Illias

Mr. Idroos Mohamed Illias, who was nominated on August 15, 2024, for the presidential election scheduled for September 21, 2024, and announced as a candidate in Extraordinary Gazette No. 2397/51 dated August 15, 2024, passed away on August 22, 2024.

Following confirmation of his death by the Election Commission, Mr. K.M.N. Sanjaya Sampath Reman, the nominee of the deceased candidate, was ordered under Sub Section 22(1) of the Presidential Elections Act No. 15 of 1981 to nominate a new candidate, but he has failed to do so within three days from the date of the Order.

Therefore, under sub-section 22(1)(b) of the Act, it is hereby informed that the name of the deceased candidate shall be deemed to have been removed from the ballot paper and all related election document and if the vote is marked for Mr. Idroos Mohamed Illias, it will be considered as a ballot paper that should be rejected.

R.M.A.L. Rathnayake

Chairman, Election Commission (For the Election Commission)

\*This is issued to rectify the contents given in the media release in English PRE/2024/85, issued with regard to the demise of the presidential candidate Mr. Idroos Mohamed Illias.