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Election Commission  
Parliamentary Elections-2020



As the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs has declared Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 a Public Holiday, Election Commission announces that neither deposits nor nominations for the Parliamentary Election will be received on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

It is further announced that deposits and nominations will be received during office hours on both 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March and from 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon on 19<sup>th</sup> March, as notified earlier.

The Election Commission will issue the Notice of Poll under Section 24 (1) of the Parliament Elections Act, No. 01 of 1981 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March upon the finalization of matters pertaining to the nominations and objections.

It is also announced that all Returning Officers and the Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Elections have been instructed to accept applications for postal voting until midnight on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March as the 16<sup>th</sup> of March has been declared a public holiday.

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