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Nominations close with 19 in the race

By Dasun Edirisinghe

(Island.lk) - Commissioner General of Elections Mahinda Deshapriya on Monday urged political party leaders to ensure a

Minister Susil Premajayantha and UPFA senior vice president, Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva handed over his

nominations to him on Monday between 9.00am and 11.00am. All 19 nominations had been accepted by the Department as two objections filed by Dr. Vikramabahu Karunaratne against UPFA Candidate incumbent President Mahinda Rajapaksa and by Nath Amarakoon against Opposition Presidential Candidate Maithripala Sirisena had been turned down.

Candidates of the country's seventh Presidential Election, scheduled to be held on January 08 are:

- Incumbent President Mahinda Rajapaksa (United People's Freedom Alliance),
- Maithripala Sirisena (New Democratic Front),
- Ven. Battaramulle Seelaratana thera (Janasetha Peramuna),
- Muthu Bandara Theminimulla (Okkoma Wesiyo Okkoma Rajawaru),
- Sirithunga Jayasuriya (United Socialist Party),
- Jayantha Kulatunga (Eksath Lanka Maha Sabha),
- Wimal Geeganage (Sri Lanka National Front),
- Ibrahim Nisthar Mohamed (United Peace Front),
- Duminda Nagamuwa (Frontline Socialist Party),
- A. S. P. Liyanage (Sri Lanka Labour

Party),

- Sundaram Mahendran (Nawa Sama Samaja Party),
- Prasanna Priyankara (Democratic National Movement),
- Namal Ajith Rajapaksa (Our National Front),
- Rathnayake Arachchige Sirisena (Patriotic National Front),
- Sarath Manamendra (Nawa Sihala Urumaya),
- Ruwanthilaka Peduruarachchi (United Lanka People's Party),
- Anuruddha Polgampola (Independent Group)

• I. M. Ilyas (Independent Group).

The Elections Chief said posters, cut-outs, banners and any kind of publicity materials should not be displayed in undesignated places.

Each candidate would be given 90 minutes to address the nation over the state-owned electronic media to convey his/her message in three 30 minute segments, Deshapriya said, adding that the speeches would be stopped if they campaigned in favour of others that was strictly prohibited.

The Elections Chief also asked state and private media institutions to be unbiased when giving publicity for election related matters. **SEE INSIDE FOR PROFILES OF THE CANDIDATES.**



President Mahinda Rajapaksa with Opposition presidential candidate Maithripala Sirisena yesterday at the Elections Secretariat Rajagiriya - Pic by Sudath Silva

violence free election campaign. Addressing the Presidential Election Candidates who handed over their nominations at the Elections Department Auditorium, Deshapriya expressed his displeasure at several violent incidents reported from several areas. President Mahinda Rajapaksa accompanied by UPFA General Secretary,

nomination papers and Opposition Common Candidate Maithripala Sirisena handed over his in the company of UNP MP Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe and New Democratic Front General Secretary Sharmila Perera. Deshapriya said that 17 recognised political parties and two independent candidates had handed over their

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Sanga ODI retirement confirmed

(DailyMirror.lk) - Kumar Sangakkara will definitely not be seen in action in Sri Lanka's famous blue and yellow jersey ever again on Sri Lankan soil after the seventh and final ODI of the current series against England to be played on December 16, the "Daily Mirror" can confirm.

There has been a mountain of speculation over the legendary left hander's retirement while he was diplomatically evading a definitive answer but an SLC document proves beyond any doubt that

Sangakkara who retired from T20 Internationals in March this year would certainly play no ODIs after the forthcoming World Cup. "Kumar Sangakkara has requested a Corporate Box at PICS in Kandy for the ODI (SL vs England) on 13th Dec. 2014 which could accommodate 50 persons, since it is going to be his last appearance in his home town," Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) Chief Executive Ashley de Silva had mentioned in a written submission he made to the SLC Executive Committee meeting

on December 1. **Sanga at Surrey?** (Cricinfo.com) - Kumar Sangakkara is in advanced talks with Surrey about a county stint in 2015, but will not make a firm commitment until he decides on his Test future. His original retirement plans, which entailed quitting all formats after the forthcoming World Cup, would have left him wide open for a county season next year. However, as he is now considering playing Test series in June and August, both he and the county ... **SEE P20**



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