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- Centre for Monitoring Election Violence

- **Centre for Policy Alternatives**
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- Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka