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Sri Lanka Presidential Election: NPP Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake Sworn in to Office

Sri Lanka's Presidential election concluded with the remarkable winner Anura Kumara Dissanayake, leader of National People's Power (NPP) alliance, who was sworn into office today. His remarkable ascent to the presidency, capturing 43% of the 13 million electorate turned out to vote this time, underscores his connection with the everyday struggles of ordinary Sri Lankans, his critique of official corruption, and his dislike to economic mismanagement.

He will now inherit governance of a nation that is struggling to emerge from the shadow of that crisis including systemic corruption, political impunity and the unsolved Tamil Question, and a populace that is desperate for change.

In a recent interview, Mr Dissanayake promised he would hold an investigation into 2019 Easter bombings if elected as it is just one of many unfulfilled promises from Sri Lanka's political elite. "It's not just this investigation," he said, "Politicians who promised to stop corruption have engaged in corruption; those who promised to create a debt-free Sri Lanka have only worsened the debt burden; people who promised to strengthen the law have broken it." Mr Dissanayake campaigned on the note of this is exactly why the people of this country want different leadership and we are the ones who can provide it.

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) spokesman MA Sumanthiran, said "Dissanayake delivered an impressive win without relying on racial or religious chauvinism." The Tamils who lost hope on every President elected chose to vote for their own common presidential candidate to highlight their marginalisation.

TUNO (Tamil United National Organisations, UK) is of the strong opinion that Anura Dissanayake has cast himself as a potential disruptor to a status quo which has long rewarded corruption and cronyism among the political elite in Sri Lanka.

TUNO welcomes the election of this new president of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake and extend our congratulation on his victory and willing to work to establish peace, harmony and prosperity for all in Sri Lanka. We also wish the new President well and hope that he will put hope and confidence on every Sri Lankan citizen be it Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim or Burger during his current presidency.



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TUNO stand ready to engage the Sri Lankan government through the British government to bring about an acceptable solution to the Tamil Question. Upon a political solution is in place, TUNO is ready to engage with the Tamil Diaspora to invest over £50 billion in foreign investments and develop the country especially the war-torn North East Sri Lanka, in order to alleviate the current economic crisis. The Tamils stand ready to work in shoulder to shoulder with the new President to accomplish rapid economic recovery of Sri Lanka once safe, secure and stable environment is in place for Tamils. We certainly hope that under the new Presidency this will become a reality.

TUNO is based in the UK and working on to bring peace, harmony and prosperity to all in Sri Lanka by canvassing for an acceptable solution to the Tamil Question in North East Sri Lanka.

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