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Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan Freedom Party and People's Alliance candidate(s) for the October 2000 parliamentary elections in Trincomalee District  
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People's Alliance candidate, M. K. D. S. Gunawardene, reportedly submitted nomination papers to contest the October 2000 elections for Trincomalee district (TamilNet 2 Sept. 2000). Without naming the candidates, TamilNet stated that the People's Alliance won 53,802 votes in Trincomalee district resulting in three parliamentary seats (11 Oct. 2000). No other names of candidates for Trincomalee district were found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

The People's Alliance (Bahejana Nidasa Pakhsaya), described as a centre left party (PPW 2002), includes the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (Nidahas Pakshaya), the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, the Democratic United National Front, the Sri Lanka Equal Society Party (Lanka Sama Samaja Pakshaya) and the Sri Lanka People's Party (Mahajana Pakshaya) (Electionworld.org 23 Mar. 2003). The party formed in 1993 and is led by the current president, Chandrika Kumaratunga (PPW 2002).

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