



EU Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Sri Lanka - 2005

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EU EOM meets Rauf Hakeem leader of SLMC today

Earlier today the EU EOM met Mr. Rauf Hakeem at his request. The meeting took place at his residence in Colombo.

The EU EOM delegation included the Chief Observer, Mr. John Cushnahan, the Deputy Chief Observer, Ms. Delphine Blanchet, and the Election Expert Ms Idoia Aranceta.

After the meeting EU Chief Observer, Mr. John Cushnahan said:

“Mr. Hakeem discussed the forthcoming Presidential election and raised a number of concerns that he had.

He was worried that if these happened they could undermine the handling of a genuine democratic election.

We also had a detailed discussion on the situation in the Eastern Province related to the election process.

We took note of his concerns and promised that we would look into them”.

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