

PETITIONS AGAINST 20TH AMENDMENT IN SC

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Three political parties and five civil society groups had by yesterday filed petitions in the Supreme Court against the move taken by the Government to ratify the 20th Amendment to...

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...the Constitution without holding a referendum or gaining a two-thirds majority.

PHU Leader MP Udaya Gammanpila filed the first petition in this connection last Friday and yesterday the Joint Opposition filed two petitions over the same issue at the Supreme Court.

The petitions on behalf of the JO were filed by MEP General Secretary Tissa Abeysinghe and UPFA Matara District MP Dullas Alahapperuma.

Besides them Rohana

Hettiarachchi of PAFFREL and a civil society group also filed petitions in Court.

The petitioners have prayed the Court to give a ruling that the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution should be only ratified through either a two-thirds majority of in the Parliament or a public referendum as its contents are totally contrary to the existing Constitution.

The Attorney General has been cited as the sole respondent by all the petitioners in the case.