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Appointing a woman as Deputy Speaker is a timely move - CaFFE

Campaign for Free and Fair Elections (CaFFE) said that Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's proposal to appoint a woman as the Deputy Speaker is a timely move.

CaFFE Director, Surangi Ariyawansa said that this will empower the women in Parliament.

Ariyawansa said that there are less than 6% of women in Parliament. She said that the political parties are hesitant to give women nominations or appoint them as National List MPs.

Affirmative action has increased the percentage of women in local councils to 23, she said. However, women still lag behind at Provincial Councils and Parliament, she said.

Ariyawansa said that women should be encouraged to contribute to the formulation of laws. Political parties must play a more active role in this.

Appointing a woman as Deputy Speaker is timely and enhance women's role in Parliament, she said.

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