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COLOMBO — The widow of Sri Lanka's top opposition leader was chosen yesterday to replace her husband as a candidate for president, two days after he died in a bombing at an election rally.

Two more people died of injuries yesterday, raising to 54 the number killed in the bombing shortly after midnight Monday.

The discovery of pieces of a cyanide capsule at the bomb scene cast more suspicion on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, an insurgent groups. The rebels, who often wear cyanide capsules around their necks to prevent being captured alive, have denied responsibility for the bombing.

Investigators say the bombing was a suicide attack. The severed head of a woman who may have been the assassin was found 30 metres from the platform where Gamini Dissanayake had just addressed the crowd. Mr. Dissanayake was the main opposition candidate for Nov. 9 presidential elections. His 50-year-old widow was chosen by his United National party to replace him.

Srima Dissanayake has little experience in politics, but she may pose a tough challenge to the governing party — whose presidential candidate is Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga. — AP

