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## Sri Lankan party leader escapes bomb attack

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (DPA) — Opposition leader Sirimavo Bandaranaike escaped a bomb attack at a political rally yesterday, then went on with the launching of her Sri Lankan Freedom Party's campaign for the Feb. 15 general elections.

First reports said the 72-year-old former prime minister had suffered minor leg injuries in the attack.

However, police later reported

that it was an aide, Yasa de Lanerolla, who was wounded.

Bandaraike was thrown a few yards when unidentified members of what were called gangs lobbed grenades and gasoline bombs at a rally of some 5,000 people at Higurakgoda in the north central region of the country.

Police said 33 persons were injured, with 10 reported in critical

condition.

After the attack police and Bandaranaike's security guards opened fire on the assailants, causing pandemonium among the crowd.

Bandaranaike was whisked to safety along with Lanerolla.

Despite the attack, Bandaranaike went on to address a rally at Anuradhapura in launching the SLFP's campaign.