

Unexpected victory Sri Lanka's governing United National Party appeared to be heading for an unexpected sweep of yesterday's regional council elections, brushing aside a strong opposition challenge and winning at least five out of seven councils, early returns indicated. UNP officials said today that they won in the Central, North-Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Southern Provinces. "Only the results in the western and northwestern regions are still unclear," one official said.

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