

APRC has failed to deliver – Hakeem

Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) Leader Rauff Hakeem has declared that the All Party Representative Committee (APRC), established by the government to seek a solution to the ethnic conflict, has failed to deliver a conclusive set of proposals.

Hakeem, who is also the Posts and Telecommunication Minister, was speaking at the 23rd anniversary of the National Posts and Telecommunication Union at Gunasinghapura.

”The government’s APRC has been unable to come up with proposals to solve the problem in the country. The national problem should be overcome through a political solution as the country has stepped into a decisive situation at present,” he asserted.

Minister Hakeem reiterated that the SLMC strongly believes that the problem can only be solved through a political solution and war is only a temporary victory.

”The SLMC is vehemently opposed to any military solution taken by the government in order to solve the national problem,” he said.

Hakeem further added that the SLMC worked together with the UNP in the past and that his party decided to join the government since they had to face numerous challenges.

Minister Hakeem declared that the SLMC was a crucial party in deciding on the second reading of the Budget.

”The JVP was engaged in a political game at that time. Although they have the right to act so as a political party, the general public should be aware of the decisions they take inside the party,” Hakeem said.