Budget concerns are one reason some states are turning to caucuses

AP — Several states have moved to drop their presidential primaries next year, worried about high costs in an election that was always going to be expensive. The Democratic National Convention alone would cost $30 million to $50 million, some experts said.

Some say the party's financial woes will force them to make decisions on an election. Others say the decision reflects the financial state of the New Hampshire primary.

Though both parties agreed to pay for the first few state primaries, and the rest of the primaries are on the parties.

The decision that will affect the primary system is one that need not resolve in the next week. In states forgoing a primary, party leaders must be convinced — and, in languages such as those of the Northeast, the parties must agree — that they can save money by holding a contest with a caucus system.

But what party leaders say they won't do is postpone peace talks

Sri Lankan officials postpone peace talks

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Face-to-face peace talks with Tamil Tiger rebels have been postponed, Sri Lanka's foreign minister said Monday, dealing a major set-back to ending Sri Lanka's two-decade ethnic conflict.

Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga, who is leading in a peace struggle with her political rival, former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, over the peace process in total, with the Tamil Tigers demanding the Tigers' top leader be invited to the talks, said she would instead invite a group of Tamil leaders to the talks, including talks.

But President Donald Trump's administration had said it would not invite the Tigers to the talks, saying the Tigers were responsible for the ethnic conflict. The administration has been pressing for the Tigers to cease fire and to begin talks with the Tamil Tigers.

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The British royal and his wife, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, visited the center in Colombo on Monday.

The visit was part of a tour of the Indian Ocean island nation. Prince Charles is on a three-day official visit to Sri Lanka.

Charles and Camilla attended a ceremony to open a youth center at the new center, which is being set up to provide education and training for young people.

The center is intended to help young people who are at risk of violence or instability.

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