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PRESS STATEMENT

The Maldives Police Service reaffirms that the right to peaceful assembly guaranteed under Article 32 of the Constitution, the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act (Act No. 1/2013), and its First Amendment (Act No. 20/2016) will continue to be protected within the framework of the law and without discrimination.

Police have received complaints that assemblies held on roads in Malé City are causing road closures and disrupting public transportation, pedestrians, vehicle movement, and businesses. Organizers of assemblies and demonstrations are reminded that they must respect public safety, the transport system, and the rights of others while exercising constitutional rights.

Under Article 24 of the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act, gatherings, rallies, or processions in Malé City may only be held with prior written police authorization, except in areas designated and announced by the Ministry of Homeland Security, Labour and Technology.

Assemblies conducted outside designated areas or in a manner that infringes on public rights will not be permitted. The Maldives Police Service will disperse unlawful gatherings, take legal action against organizers, and implement all necessary measures to protect public interest.

The Maldives Police Service further assures that all lawful assemblies conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act will be provided with the necessary security, safety, and traffic management arrangements.

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