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PRESS STATEMENT

The Maldives Police Service reaffirms its commitment to upholding the constitutional right to peaceful assembly, as guaranteed under Article 32 of the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives and detailed in the Peaceful Assembly Act (Law No. 1/2013 and its Amendment Law No. 20/2016).

We acknowledge the ongoing protest on Majeedhee Magu and the public concerns received regarding disruptions caused by loudspeakers, interference with students' studies, and obstruction of traffic, emergency services, and local businesses. Additionally, there have been reports of antisocial behavior, including the use of profane language and inappropriate gestures directed toward police officers at the scene.

While the right to assemble is protected, it must be exercised responsibly. Under Article 24 of the Peaceful Assembly Act, assemblies in Malé are permitted only in designated areas unless written permission is granted by the Maldives Police Service.

Assemblies that violate the law or infringe on the rights of others will not be permitted. Lawful measures, including dispersal, may be taken to maintain public order and ensure the safety of all.

The Maldives Police Service remains committed to facilitating peaceful and lawful demonstrations and urges all participants to act with respect, responsibility, and in full accordance with the law.



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