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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

## Regarding the event planned by some political parties for Friday, 3 October 2025:

The right to freedom of peaceful assembly is guaranteed under Article 32 of the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives and is governed by Law No. 1/2013, the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act, along with its subsequent amendments.

Under this law, ensuring the safety and security of peaceful gatherings, as well as maintaining public order and the safety of roads and surrounding areas, is a matter of high priority for the Maldives Police Service.

However, we have received information indicating that there are plans to proceed with the march in violation of the route approved by the Maldives Police Service and to organize criminal groups into factions with the intent to disrupt Malé and damage property. Such actions are viewed as a serious threat to public peace, stability, and the wider public interest.





We therefore urge all concerned parties not to encourage or engage in any conduct during this planned event, which has been presented as a peaceful assembly, that would breach the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly Act or jeopardize public order. The Maldives Police Service will not permit any actions that disturb public peace or cause damage to property and will act decisively to prevent such incidents.

We call upon everyone participating in the event to cooperate fully with those working to ensure public safety, to respect the rights of all citizens, and to conduct the event in a manner that upholds the broader interests and well-being of the community

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