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MALDIVES POLICE SERVICE **SECURITY SECTOR INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Subject: Fraudulent arrest order for the President of Maldives

Maldives Police Service (MPS) is currently investigating a case into the making of a fraudulent arrest order issued for the arrest of the incumbent President of Maldives His Excellency Abdulla Yameen Abdulgayoom. According to the fraudulent arrest order, the arrest was subject to an ongoing investigation currently being pursued by the MPS.

Upon investigation into the information received that a fraudulent document was being created using falsified information; MPS came into knowledge that in the early morning of 7 February 2015, a group of individuals were employing the assistance of a magistrate court judge to issue the said arrest warrant through a magistrate court of Maldives. Further, the individuals had acted to surface the falsified arrest order at a street of capital city Male' and tried to hand over the document to police officials to prompt action by MPS for the false court order.

It came to the attention of the law enforcement that whilst the above mentioned events were unfolding, a number of political actors were reportedly organizing to convene outside the official residence of the President of Maldives and planning to depict involvement of police and military officials in the arrest of the President. A senior law enforcement official is reported to have received a telephone call from former President of Maldives, Mohamed Nasheed who spoke about the imminent arrest order for President Abdulla Yameen Abdulgayoom and compelling the execution of the arrest.

Maldives Police Service is currently pursuing investigation into all information leading to the creation of the fraudulent document.

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