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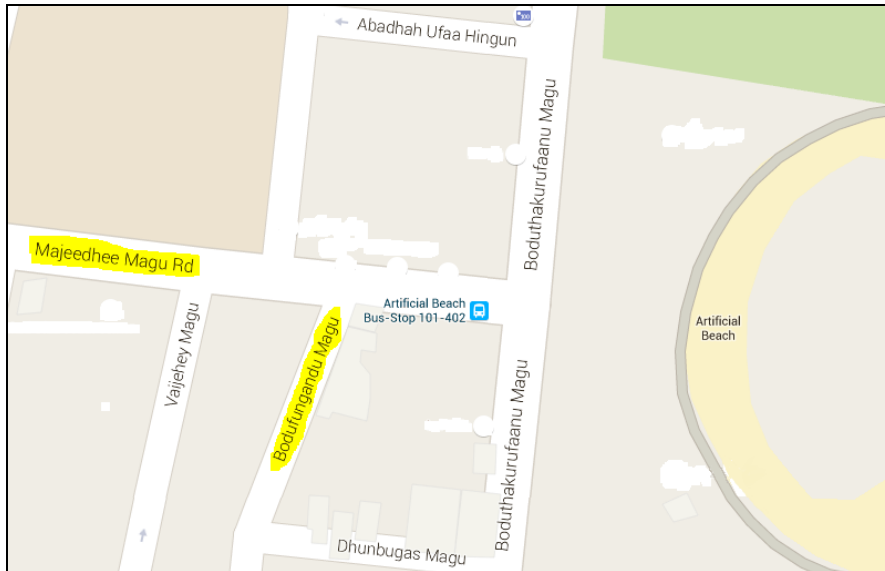
MALDIVES POLICE SERVICE SECURITY SECTOR INFORMATION BULLETIN

Subject: Political Rally in Male' on Friday, 5 February 2016

The political rally organised by the Maldives Democratic Party (MDP) in the capital city Male', on Friday, 5 February 2016 initiated at 1600hrs and ended peacefully at 1810hrs.

Maldives Police Service (MPS) had held prior talks with the MDP and had informed the party that the planned protests on the streets of Male' would not be permissible. However, political actors and rallygoers began the rally from Majeedhee Magu road and congregated at the intersection between Majeedhee Magu road and Bodufungandu Magu street.

Even though MDP convened the rally against the notice given by the MPS, the rallygoers were given space to practice their freedom of assembly and speech. Further, MPS ensured the safety of the gathering and did not use any force against the rallygoers. No arrests were made at the rally.



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