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MALDIVES POLICE SERVICE **SECURITY SECTOR INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Subject: Transfer of President Mohamed Nasheed from house arrest to prison

Maldives Police Service provided security support for the Maldives Correctional Services (MCS) on request to escort former President Mohamed Nasheed back to Maafushi prison on the evening of 23 August 2015 around 2000hrs from his family residence in Male’.

Maldives Police Service was informed by MCS that former President Nasheed was moved to temporary house arrest from Maafushi Prison on 23 June 2015 upon medical advice to provide President Nasheed a stress free environment for a period of eight weeks. The period of eight weeks for the temporary house arrest ended on the 18 August 2015.

Maldives Police Service was requested to intervene by the Maldives Correctional Services when President Nasheed initially refused to cooperate with MCS in the execution of his transfer to prison by declining to come out of his residence. Maldives Police Service was also informed that MCS officials responsible for President Nasheed’s transfer were being confined in the grounds of President Nasheed’s family residence by persons present at the premises.

While President Nasheed was being escorted by MCS officials to the transport vehicle, they were faced with resistance from supporters of President Nasheed in the vicinity of his family residence. Maldives Police Service used caution and probity to disperse hostile persons from executing the duties of government officials. The use of non-lethal force was employed only when it became clear that threats to public safety, officer safety and obstruction of police duties were imminent.

President Mohamed Nasheed was escorted to the vehicle respectfully and his family extended utmost courtesy whilst execution of President Nasheed’s movement to Maafushi prison from house arrest.

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