

# NCTC NEWSLETTER



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## NCTC SIGNS FIRST MOU WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

As part of Maldives' efforts to enlist the 'whole of society' mechanism to prevent and counter violent extremism (P/CVE) NCTC signed the first MoU with the Regional Alliance for Fostering Youth (RAFY).

Director General of NCTC BG Zakariyya Mansoor, and Dr. Aishath Rafiyya, President of RAFY signed on behalf of their respective organizations.



*MoU Signing Ceremony*

## MALDIVES' EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS (FTFs)

Since the inception of the National Counter Terrorism Centre, special focus has been given to reduce the number of Maldivians travelling abroad as Foreign Terrorist Fighters.

As a result of collaborative efforts between NCTC, Maldives Police Service, and Maldives Immigration, and with enormous support from international partners, the number of Maldivian FTFs traveling to Syria has declined to a single case in the first three months of 2018. This decline illustrates that the government agencies have been very successful in stopping potential FTFs from travelling to Syria.

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***"Maldives has a zero-tolerance policy on terrorism and violent extremism"***

*State Policy on Terrorism and Violent Extremism*

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## WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH: ACTIVITIES BY STAKEHOLDERS

### COUNTER TERRORISM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

NCTC conducted the Counter Terrorism Steering Committee meeting to discuss challenges faced by committee member institutions in safeguarding the Maldives against potential terrorist threats. The meeting was attended by members from designated security and law enforcement agencies, and was presided over by the committee chairman, Minister of Defence and National Security Honorable. Adam Shareef Umar.



### MINISTRY OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS CONDUCTS 6TH REFRESHER TRAINING FOR IMAMS AND KHATHIBS



According to the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, the program was aimed at training the Imams and Khatibs to promote moderate Islamic views and empower Imams to prevent radicalization activities in the island communities. The training program was conducted by senior officials and scholars from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs.

### MALDIVES POLICE SERVICE – MERCY CAMPAIGN

Maldives Police Service conducted the Mercy Campaign for 4 islands of Raa Atoll. While 846 took part from Maduvvari island, 1,112 from Dhuvaafaru island, 1,240 from Ungooraru island and 871 from Alifushi island also participated in the campaign. Maldives Police Service has thus far conducted the program in 10 islands covering 7,173 participants.



## DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (DASA) WORKS ON DEVELOPING AVIATION SECURITY ROADMAP



NCTC participated in the workshop conducted by Cooperate Aviation Security Program Asia Pacific (CASP-AP) in collaboration with Directorate of Aviation Security Administration (DASA) on developing the Aviation Security Roadmap of Maldives. The workshop was conducted from 11 to 13 March 2018.

## NCTC MEETS WITH ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MALDIVES

The Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) and The National Counter Terrorism Centre met on 26th March 2018, to discuss the finalizing of the annual IUM program to counter the spread of violent extremist religious ideologies and to promote societal peace and harmony. The meeting was attended by senior management of IUM and officers of NCTC.



## ROUTINE AFFAIRS

- NCTC conducted a meeting on 26th March 2018, with the stakeholders to finalize the report for UNODC on the Regional Program for South Asia (2018-2021)
- NCTC met with Ministry of Tourism to discuss ways to enhance tourism sector security. The meetings were held on 20th and 21st March 2018, at the Ministry of Tourism. NCTC and Maldives Police Service participated in the meetings.