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High-Level Delegation of Hedaya Concludes Visit to the Maldives



A high-level delegation from Hedayah, the International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism concluded a visit to the Maldives from 29 June to 3 July.

The Hedayah delegation was led by the Center's Chairman H.E. Dr Ali Rashed Al Nuaimi, who was joined by Executive Director H.E. Ahmed Alqasimi and officials from the Ministry of Presidential Affairs and the General Authority of Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the UAE.

During their visit, the delegation met with Minister of Defence Uza. Mariya Didi, Chief of Defence Force Major General Abdulla Shamaal and the

National Counter Terrorism Centre team, led by Director General Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor.



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The delegation also met with senior officials from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Islamic Affairs, People's Majlis, Maldives Police Service, Maldives National University, Islamic University of Maldives, and paid a visit to the National Reintegration Center in K. Himmafushi.



On 19th February 2019, the Government of Maldives signed an MoU with the UAE-based Hedayah Center to collaborate on P/CVE efforts in the Maldives. Pursuant to the signing, a P/CVE awareness workshop was held in June the same year, targeting

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“International cooperation is vital to keeping our globe safe, commerce flowing, and our planet habitable.”

Angus Deaton

state institutions, private organizations, teachers and religious scholars, who were taught by a team of experts facilitated by the Center. A similar workshop is in the pipeline for later this year.

A number of successful programs and projects pertaining to PCVE are underway, under the “Zero Tolerance” policy of President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih’s administration, which publicly acknowledged the threat posed by terrorism and violent extremism in the Maldives, and kickstarted a variety of prevention-centered initiatives, through the NCTC, targeting multiple stakeholders across all sectors of society.



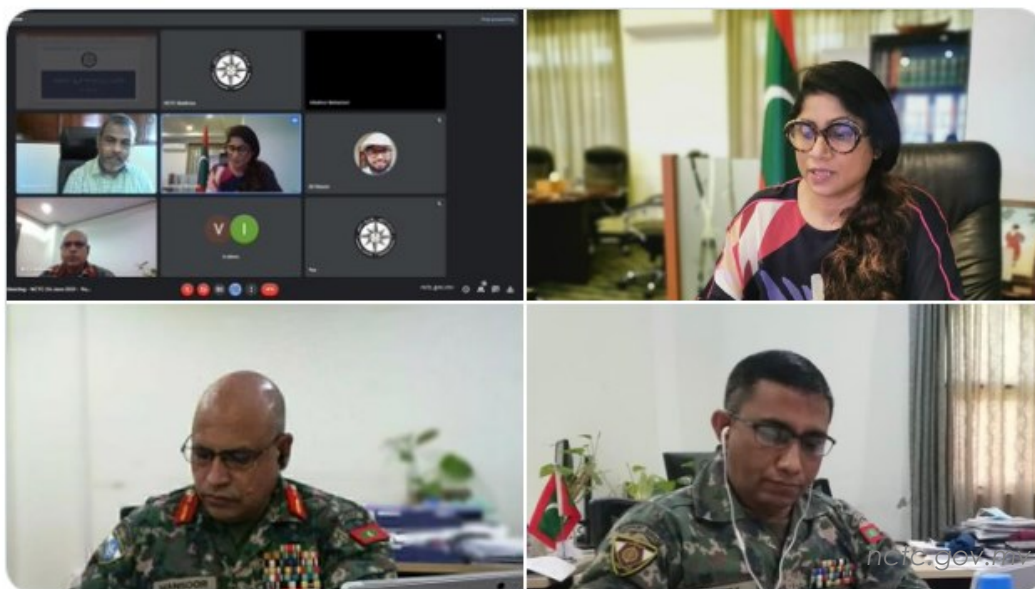
NCTC Holds a Meeting of Counter Radicalization Committee

16 June 2021

A meeting of the Counter Radicalization Committee of NCTC has been held to convene stakeholder agencies to discuss the P/CVE effort across different sectors of the government. Minister of Defence Uza. Mariya Didi chaired the meeting.

Members deliberated upon multi-agency P/CVE efforts and enhancing monitoring and reporting mechanisms of VE within stakeholders.

Counter Radicalization Committee is one of two high-level committees organized at the national level, with the other being the Counter Terrorism Steering Committee. CR Committee includes senior representatives from the social services sector in addition to law enforcement agencies. The



committee works on streamlining preventing efforts against terrorism and violent extremism at all levels of the government.

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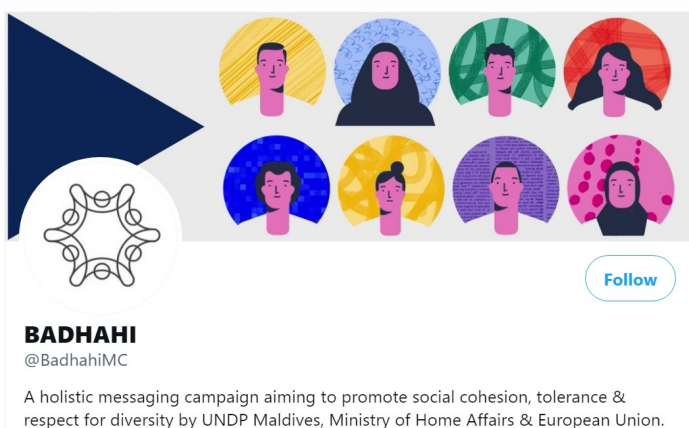
addition to NCTC officials, members of the Parliament also attended the event.

According to UNOCT, the Programme Office aims at fostering the collaboration with multilateral parliamentarians and parliamentary assemblies to address the scourge of terrorism. It would also serve as a platform for research, knowledge, capacity-building and coordination for parliaments from all over the world, while promoting innovation and partnerships in a human rights-compliant and gender-responsive manner.

NCTC officials participated in the virtual Opening Ceremony for “UNOCT Program Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism” held in Doha, Qatar. In

NCTC Officials Attend Online Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Badhahi Campaign

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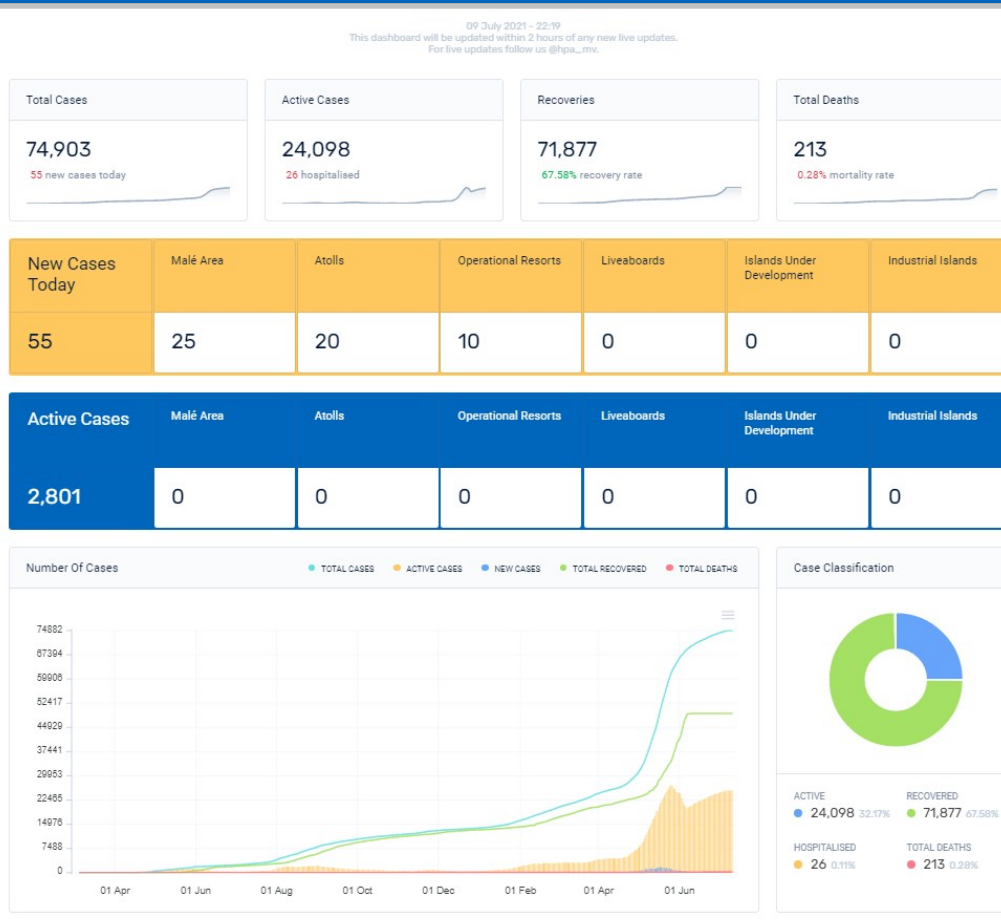


nation. The workshop brought together relevant government agencies and civil society organizations to review the campaign’s existing content and to identify additional themes and key messages to be explored in the campaign.

Given the high number of social media users in the Maldives, messaging campaigns like Badhahi are vital to rise against voices that call for divisiveness and destruction and instead promote cohesion and togetherness for a peaceful and harmonious nation.

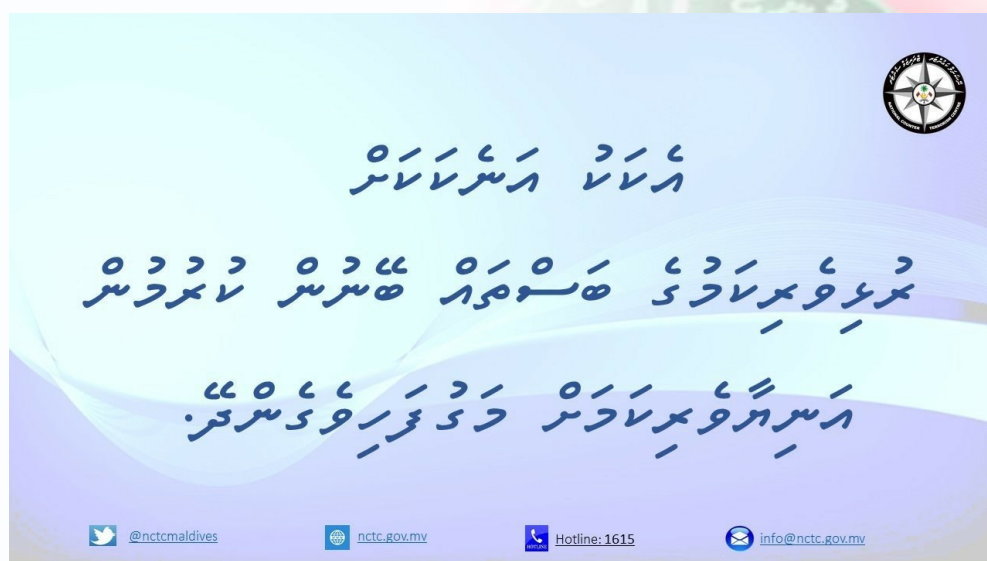
NCTC officials participated in the online workshop on Badhahi Campaign conducted jointly by Ministry of Home Affairs and UNDP Maldives. Badhahi was launched as a joint initiative of UNDP Maldives and Ministry of Home Affairs to create avenues for dialogue around social cohesion that promotes resilient and tolerant communities across the

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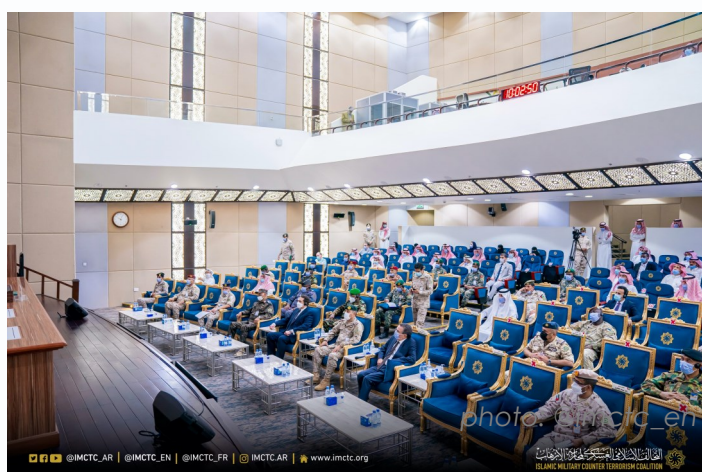
Activities of the MNDF Contingent at IMCTC in Saudi Arabia



MNDF delegation attended a lecture titled “Countering Violent Extremism, Experiences and Expertise” on the 10th of June. Dr. Abdullah Al-Jasser, Head of Social Studies Department at King Saud University presented the lecture. In his presentation, Dr. Jasser discussed several axes on the countering extremism mechanisms.



The Maldivian delegation also attended a presentation on “Implementation of the UNSC Resolutions Relevant to Counterterrorism and Terrorism Financing” on the 23rd of June. Head of Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Department of Saudi Central Bank Mr. Sulaiman Al-Zabin delivered the presentation.



Members of the Maldivian delegation also participated in an event entitled “Terrorist Organizations’ Media Discourse Analysis” on the 24th of June. The session was conducted by Colonel Dr. Abdulla Shadi, delegate of the Republic of Yemen to IMCTC. In his presentation, he outlined the use of online media utilized by terrorist groups and different methods employed by terrorists to spread their radial narratives.

UNOCT Conducts Virtual Workshop on Structured Methodologies for the Collection of Open-Source Information for CT Investigation

2-8 June 2021



UNOCT conducted a virtual program workshop on “Enhancing Skills of Officials from South Asia and South East Asia in Relation to Structured Methodologies for the Collection of Open Source Information From the Internet and Social Media for Counter Terrorism Investigation.” The 3-day workshop was attended by 47 CT practitioners from law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, and the Attorney General’s Office.

In his opening remarks, Vice Chief of Defence Force Brigadier General Abdul Raheem stressed the significance of interagency collaboration in assisting CT investigations and that the security and law enforcement agencies should remain confident and vigilant to ensure peace in the nation.

Collection and analysis of data analysis is a core component of the criminal justice response to

terrorism and violent extremism. Thus, it is vital for all stakeholder agencies including members of the judiciary to be active partners for effective CT investigations.



UNODC Holds Virtual Cross-Regional Meeting on “Maximizing Civil Society and Private Sector Cooperation to Build Youth Resilience and Participation in National Frameworks to Prevent VE”

8-10 June 2021

UNODC held virtual cross-regional meeting on “Maximizing Civil Society and Private Sector Cooperation to Build Youth Resilience and Participation in National Frameworks to Prevent Violent Extremism.” The aim of the meeting was strengthening partnerships among state institutions, civil society and private actors. 43 participants from government agencies, and CSOs attended the event.

Engaging civil society actors and a strong collaboration between government agencies and CSOs are vital for effective successful preventive programs across the nation. Discussions such as these will also help to formulate follow-on actions by stakeholders to implement the National Action

Plan on P/CVE and include CSOs in the implementation stages.



NCTC Conducts Second Awareness Session for Judges in Partnership with Department of Judicial Administration

9 June 2021



NCTC conducted an awareness session for judges in partnership with Department of Judicial Administration.

The session was conducted by Director of NCTC

Lieutenant Colonel Ibrahim Naeem and covered how to prevent terrorism and violent extremism and the role of judges in the criminal justice response to terrorism. Judges from the High Court and the Juvenile attended the session.

This session is a continuation of government’s effort in the whole of nation approach to promote peace in the Maldives and strengthen criminal justice response to terrorism.

NCTC Conducts Awareness Session on CT and VE for Senior Staff of Island Aviation




19 June 2021

NCTC conducted an awareness session on CT and VE for senior staff of Island Aviation. The session was an initiative of Island Aviation to reinforce the security and resilience of the staff at the company.

Officials of NCTC conducted the sessions, which concluded with a discussion session. These sessions are a series of programs targeted to strengthen critical infrastructure of the Maldives.



How to fight extremist ideas?

- >  **Rational Dialogue**
Correct misleading ideas with clear facts and accurate evidence.
- >  **Avoid Radicalism**
Adhere to the right interpretation of the Qur'an and Sunnah.
- >  **Increase Voluntary Activities**
Encourage children to take part in such activities.




- >  **Teach The Values of Tolerance**
and moderation in early childhood
- >  **Strengthen the sense of national belonging.**
- >  **Choose the right friends**
and company.

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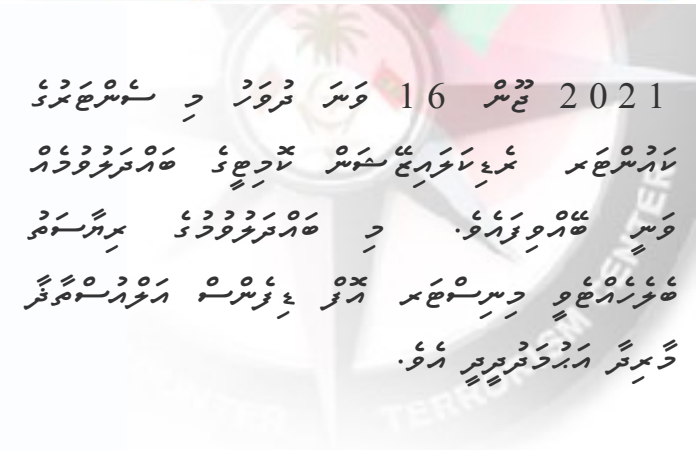
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