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## President Announces “National Moderation Campaign” to Disseminate Accurate Information on Islam

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President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has announced a nation-wide campaign called the "National Moderation Campaign" in an effort to combat extremist ideologies. President Solih made his remarks during the Presidential Address at the opening of the People's Majlis for the year 2022 at the first session of the Parliament this year.

During his remarks, President Solih stated that the government placed a high value on providing the public with accurate information about Islam, as well as fostering youth who adhere to Islamic principles and values. The President also stated that the campaign would be carried out with the

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“With the support of religious scholars, we will carry out this year a "National Moderation Campaign" to educate those who harbor and spread extremist ideologies and commit heinous crimes against people and property, in the name of religion or against it.”

The government of Maldives has a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and violent extremism and the government continues to engage across different sectors through a whole-of-nation approach to build a resilient and peaceful society.

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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# **UK Minister of State for South and Central Asia, the UN and the Commonwealth Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon Pays Courtesy Call on Minister of Defence Uza. Mariya Didi**

*15 February 2022*



UK Minister of State for South and Central Asia, the UN and the Commonwealth Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon has paid a courtesy call on Minister of Defence Uza. Mariya Didi.

During the meeting held at the Ministry of Defence, Minister Mariya thanked the UK Government for the excellent cooperation and assistance extended to the Maldives, especially in the Defence and Security Sector, signaling fresh impetus to a positive diplomatic trajectory in the past 3 years.

The Minister welcomed the opening of a new chapter in the two countries' age-old security relationship, after a gap of over 10 years, in the form of training programs and exercises with the MNDF.

The Minister noted that, despite COVID-19, Britain opened up its prestigious military institutions to Maldivian servicemen, allowing the continuation of a tradition that has produced key leaders including

many General Officers.

Further discussions were held on boosting UK-Maldives cooperation in key areas of mutual interest, such as counterterrorism, aviation security, humanitarian assistance, and narco-trafficking.

The UK Minister of State Lord Ahmad highlighted the UK Government's commitment to boosting cooperation with the Maldives, and welcomed the Maldivian Government's interest in fostering human rights and democracy.

The Minister was joined by Vice Chief of Defence Force BG Abdul Raheem Abdul Latheef, Military Secretary BG Abdul Matheen Ahmed, DIDC Principal Director LTC Ahmed Shareef, Director General of Aviation Security Administration Hussain Nazeef, Director of NCTC LTC Ibrahim Naeem and Operations Director of Aviation Security Command Major Ahmed Shafeeq.

(This article first appeared on the Ministry of Defence website and can be accessed at <https://www.gov.mv/en/news-and-communications/la>)



## **NCTC Briefs Secretary General of Muslim World League about the Situation in the Maldives**

*8 February 2022*



NCTC briefed the Secretary General of Muslim World League Sheikh Dr. Mohammad bin Absulkarim Al-Issa on the situation of violent extremism and radicalization in the Maldives.

DG of NCTC Brigadier General (Retd) Zakariyya Mansoor and Director Lieutenant Colonel Ibrahim Naeem presented the brief in a meeting held at the Headquarters of Maldives National Defence Force.

In addition to the situation of the Maldives, NCTC also briefed the work done by NCTC in P/CVE in the Maldives.

The Secretary General also called upon Minister of Defence Uza. Mariya Didi during his visit. During his call, Sheikh Dr Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa spoke highly of His Excellency President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's Zero Tolerance Policy on Terrorism and Violent Extremism, and the

Government's approach to implementing this policy through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

The Muslim World League is an international non-governmental Islamic organization based in the Holy City of Makkah. It aims to present the true Islam and its tolerant principles, provide humanitarian aid, extend bridges of dialogue and cooperation with all, engage in positive openness to all cultures and civilizations, follow the path of centrism and moderation to realize the message of Islam and ward off movements calling for extremism, violence and exclusion for a world full of peace, justice and coexistence.

During the meeting, the DA was briefed on the work done in P/CVE. Officials also deliberated upon

United Kingdom is a close ally of the Maldives and has contributed to capacity building in CT response as well as strengthening the P/CVE effort.



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# Activities of the MNDF Contingent at IMCTC in Saudi Arabia

الائتلاف العسكري لمحاربة الإرهاب  
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MNDF delegation along with other IMCTC delegates visited the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology (Etidal) on the 10th of February. The IMCTC delegation was received by Etidal's Secretary-General, Dr. Mansour Al-Shammari.

During the course of the visit, the delegation received a briefing on Etidal's activities and the key areas on which it focuses in combating extremist ideology and promoting the culture of moderation. The delegation was also briefed on Etidal center's strategies, how it operates in monitoring, analyzing, technologies used, as well as the models that are being developed to parse the discourse of extremist ideology.

## **NCTC Co-Hosts Virtual Training on “Fostering Peer to Peer Learning and Prevention of Violent Extremism and Terrorism” Conducted by UNODC**

8-9 February 2022



NCTC co-hosted the online training program conducted by UNODC titled “Fostering peer to peer learning and prevention of prevention of violent extremism and terrorism”.

The 2-day program focused on standard-setting in PVE strategies to prevent youth and women from engaging in violent extremism and terrorism.

Director General of NCTC Brigadier General (Rtd)) Zakariyya Mansoor delivered the opening remarks. He highlighted that empowering women and youth could no longer be relegated to the periphery. He also called for inclusion of gender and youth perspectives at the front and center of all policies.

The training program was attended by practitioners from stakeholder agencies in the Maldives as well as participants from South and South East Asia.

## **NCTC Conducts a Session on “The Role of CSOs in Promoting Peace and Tolerance” for Participants of the CSO Forum**

20 February 2022



NCTC officials conducted a session on “The Role of CSOs in Promoting Peace and Tolerance” for participant of the CSO Forum held in AA.Ukulhas. This is the fourth iteration of the forum and is held for CSOs active in AA, Adh, and F Atolls.

The forum is conducted by Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment in collaboration with stakeholders to empower CSOs and foster friendship across local CSOs. The forum also provides a platform for CSOs to strengthen their activities and share concerns with relevant authorities.

Civil society is an integral part in a whole-of-society approach to preventing violent extremism. The government of Maldives places a great emphasis on empowerment and inclusion of CSOs in a variety of national activities conducted across different sectors.



# Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment Conducts “Hafthaa Res” in Thaa Atoll Veymandoo in Collaboration with NCTC

23-27 February 2022



Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment in collaboration with NCTC conducted a “Hafthaa Res” program in Th.Veymandoo.

cohesion, friendliness, and build a harmonious society, as well as to address societal issues and raise awareness among citizens and youths and improve psychosocial wellbeing of the community. In addition to the awareness sessions, refreshments with entertainment events were hosted by the island community.

In addition to Youth Ministry, NCTC partnered with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives Police Service, Maldivian Red Crescent, and the Islamic University of Maldives to conduct the sessions for their respective sectors.

The four-day program included sessions for teachers, youth, local leaders, and parents. Besides, two sessions were conducted to Teachers and Parents of Th.Thimarafushi School. The objective of these sessions is to foster community



Establishing social cohesion through community engagement and outreach is vital for spreading awareness, empowering communities, and developing and maintaining a well-informed, cohesive and resilient society.





## Latest Update



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**Terrorists and extremists wish for many innocent humans to be murdered by your hands. Choose compassion over destruction and ruin!**

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