

National Counter Terrorism Centre



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President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih reiterates the significance of societal peace, stability and harmony in the Presidential Address 2023



In the Presidential Address 2023 at the opening of the People's Majlis, President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih stated that preserving societal stability, peace and harmony is the administration's highest priority in the future. President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih specified that peace, stability and harmony can be maintained through the administration's ability to listen, consult and compromise on relevant matters while firmly holding onto its fundamental beliefs and values.

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Political Instability

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Weak institutional oversight

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Weak development and education programs

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How does media face terrorist discourse?

- Developing strategic programs to combat extremist discourse disseminated by media to incite violence and spread extremist ideology.
- Enhancing media personnel's capacity and equipping them with the right expertise necessary to handle the news.
- Promoting professional ethics among media circles.
- Strengthening cooperation among countries by exchanging expertise and information on how to counter extremist and terrorist discourse.
- Supporting cooperation between the media and government apparatuses to counter terrorist discourse.



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NCTC and Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment Conducts “Hafthaares” in Fuvahmulah City

20 - 26 January 2023



Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment in collaboration with NCTC conducted a “Hafthaares” program in Fuvahmulah City. The five-day program included sessions for local leaders, teachers, youth, CSOs, Island Aviation staff, and CSOs. The objective of these sessions is to foster community 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 and respect for differences in opinion.

In addition to Youth Ministry, NCTC partnered with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Islamic Affairs, and Ministry of Gender, Family and Social



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Centre premises.

The stalls at the “Ailee Haveeru” varied from information to food stalls to game stalls suitable for all age groups. The primary objective of such an evening was to engage all age groups in order to foster a harmonious society without any divisions or exclusions in the community.

A total of 1626 participants engaged in the various sessions held in Fuvahmulah City “Hafthaares” Program.

Services, Maldives Police Service, Islamic University of Maldives, Local Government Authority of Maldives, and the Maldives National Defence Force to conduct a variety of sessions concerning community empowerment.

“Hafthaares” program in Fuvahmulah City concluded with a successful Families Gathering, “Ailee Haveeru” designed to bring together and engage the whole community in an evening filled with activities at the Fuvahmulah City Youth



NCTC Co-hosts with UNODC a Train the Trainer Workshop on Management of Complex Terrorism Cases Including those of Returning or Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters

13 –15 February 2023



Under Criminal Justice Response Training, UNODC conducts Train the Trainer Workshop on the Management of Complex Terrorism Cases Including Those of Returning or Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters.

On February 16 a roundtable discussion was held with relevant government stakeholders.

We would like to express our gratitude to our collaborative partner, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes, for the enormous support provided in the smooth conduct of the workshop aimed at improving the justice response system in the Maldives.

NCTC Participates in the First Maldives UK Strategic Dialogue

21 February 2023

NCTC Director, Colonel Amanulla Rasheed takes part in the First Maldives UK Strategic Dialogue to present the current National Counter Radicalization efforts in the Maldives and areas of collaboration between the Maldives and the UK in terms of P/CVE. Director, Colonel Amanulla urged the importance of establishing strong international connections to maximize the efforts against terrorism and violent extremism. Most prominently, Director, Colonel Amanulla raised the need for capacity building among relevant stakeholders in planning and conducting information operations to counter the threat of terrorism and violent extremism in Maldives.



Main Achievements of NCTC: February 2022 - February 2023

As NCTC celebrates its 7th year anniversary on 25th February 2023, it is paramount that we look into the successes of NCTC for the past year.

- Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services in collaboration with NCTC conducted the session “Role of Care-givers in Building a Peaceful and Resilient Society” in Th.Veymandoo, Sh.Funadhoo, V.Fulidhoo, R.Dhuvaafaru, Hdh.Kulhuduhfushi, N.Manadhoo, M.Muli, GA.Villingili, and Fuvahmulah City.
- NCTC and Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment in conducted the “Hafthares” program in Th.Veymandoo, Sh.Funadhoo, Vaavu Atoll, Raa Atoll, Haa Dhaalu Atoll, Noonu Atoll, Meemu Atoll, Gaafu Alif Atoll and Fuvahmulah City.
- Establishment of the South Asian Network on Preventing Violent Extremism (SAN-PVE). The SAN-PVE Administration Office is operating in Maldives National Counter Terrorism Centre. The network held the first and second Advisory Board meeting online with a total of 5 South Asian countries.
- Islamic University of Maldives in collaboration with NCTC conducted capacity building and awareness sessions to 26 religious scholars in Maldives.
- Ongoing Social Media messaging and posting on NCTC Social media accounts in accordance with the Communication Strategy for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism to build a Peaceful and Resilient Community.
- NCTC in collaboration with UN agencies, National stakeholders, NGOs and International partners have conducted and participated in various capacity building programs.



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