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“Our responsibility is to unite to build a world of peace and security, dignity and opportunity for all people, everywhere, so we can deprive the violent extremists of the fuel they need to spread their hateful ideologies.”

— António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

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MALDIVES CELEBRATES 53 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

His Excellency President urges to strengthen the national critical institutions to sustain peace and stability



COUNTER RADICALIZATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE NATIONAL PCVE EFFORTS

31 July 2018



As part of the "Whole of Government" approach, NCTC conducted the Counter Radicalization Committee meeting to discuss on the progress of the national efforts on prevention and counter radicalization and spread of violent extremism in the Maldives. The meeting was

attended by the members from designated ministries, and was presided over by the committee chairman, Minister of Defence and National Security Honorable Adam Shareef Umar. During the meeting, high level representatives from stakeholder agencies briefed about the

specific PCVE programs conducted during the first six months of 2018 and discussed about way forward. Furthermore, designated committee members focused on the issues related to the spread of violent extremism and radicalization in the Maldives.

MALDIVES POLICE SERVICE CONDUCTS STUDENT'S AWARENESS PROGRAM

30 July 2018

Maldives Police Service conducted student's awareness program, as part of the Mercy Campaign for school students of Addu City. Subject matter experts from Maldives Police Service conducted the session on Cybercrime, violent crimes and road safety regulations. Furthermore, students were introduced with preventive measure to refrain from exploitation of youth by criminal elements. During the first six months of this year, Maldives Police Service has thus far conducted 10 CVE programs, covering 12000 youth including school students, in different areas of Maldives.



ENHANCING THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

20-21 July 2018

As part of the national efforts to prevent the spread of violent extremism in the Maldives through youth, Youth Leaders Network (YLN) conducted a Youth Forum themed “Youth and Republic: a Responsible Media” in GA.Villingili. The focus of the program was on the role of youth in peace and security with the aim to develop resilient island communities.. The forum was held on 20th and 21st of July, at GA. Atoll Education Centre and was inaugurated by the Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Azleen Ahmed. In his inaugural speech, he stressed the



actions. He further stressed that the aim of President Abdulla Yameen

Abdul Gayyoom’s government is to empower the youth and instill leadership qualities. Over 100 participants from the island participated in the forum. NCTC conducted a session on the ‘Role of Youth

in Peace and Security,’ and the presentation highlighted the importance of youth engagement in

maintaining the security and peace within the society. Sessions on media and their Roles, and Responsibilities, Code of Conduct, and the relationship between societal harmony and the propagation of the truth through the media, was presented by Subject Matter Experts in the field. Further sessions on topics such as Islamic Leadership, Patriotism and other relevant topics were also conducted by partner agencies, namely, the Language Academy, the Maldives National University and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Youth Leaders



importance of propagating the truth through the media and taking individual responsibility for their own



NCTC CONDUCTS A PROGRAM FOR IASL STAFF ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PATRIOTISM AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PEACE AND AVIATION SECURITY

17 July 2018, Tuesday



NCTC Conducted a leadership program for staff of Island Aviation Services Limited (IASL). The participants of the program were 30 young staff of the age category 18-25

nurture and develop junior leaders in the company and instill patriotism and loyalty for the company. Subject matter experts from different fields took lectures in the program. The

the nation.

The three lectures by NCTC staff include "Corporate Loyalty", presented by LTC Hussain Ibrahim, "Challenges and Threats for Aviation Sector" presented by Maj Ibrahim Naeem. The concluding lecture was presented by Director General of NCTC, Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor.



years selected from various departments from the company. The participants were selected from volunteers and also from staff who has shown leadership and eagerness to learn.

The program is an initiative of the Managing Director of Island Aviation Services limited, Mr. Abdul Haris to

lecture "Nationalism and citizens" was taken by Mr. Ashraf Ali, the president of "Dhivehi Bahuge Academy". In the lecture Mr. Ashraf Ali highlighted that as staff of the National flag carrier, their work in a national service and they should take pride in the service that they are rendering the nation. He also highlighted the importance of understanding the important national

symbols. The lecture "Loyalty in the light of Islam" was delivered by Dr. Ibrahim Zakariyya Moosa, Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Islamic University of Maldives. In his lecture, he highlighted the values that Islam teaches in terms of loyalty and the pride that a person achieves in the service of



DG MEETS THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA

22 July 2018, Sunday

Director General of NCTC, Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor met the French Ambassador to Maldives and Sri Lanka, His Excellency Jean-Marine Schuh and the Honorary Consul of France in Maldives Mr. Ismail Wafir to discuss the areas of collaboration between France and NCTC in countering terrorism and Violent Extremism.



In the meeting French Ambassador highlighted that it could be his farewell trip to Maldives as a new Ambassador has been designated to Maldives. DG and the Ambassador also discussed on the increase in the tourist arrivals from France and the

ways in which both governments could collaborate to ensure the security of French Citizens during their holiday in Maldives, especially in guest houses in the islands. He further highlighted that Counter Terrorism and Environmental protection are the main areas of

collaboration between both the governments and reassured that it will remain top priority for his predecessor as well. DG thanked the Ambassador his contributions and efforts in strengthening the relationship of both the nations.

DG MEETS THE CT EXPERT TEAM FROM UK EMBASSY

24 July 2018, Tuesday



Director General of NCTC, Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor met the Head of political section of the UK Embassy in Sri Lanka, Mr. Neil Kavanagh and the Protect and Prepare coordinator of the Metropolitan Police Service for South and South East Asia Mr. Sean Kelly. In the meeting, an introductory presentation of the NCTC

was given highlighting the efforts and needs of NCTC. In addition, the areas of collaboration between United Kingdom and Maldives in countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism were also discussed.

In the meeting, Director General Brig. Gen. Zakariyya Mansoor expressed his gratitude to the UK government, for

their role in strengthening the Aviation Sector Security and developing the human resource of the Maldives. DG and the Mr. Sean Kelly also discussed on the increase in the tourist arrivals from UK and the ways in which both governments could collaborate to ensure the security of UK Citizens during their holiday in Maldives, especially in guest houses in the islands. He further highlighted that, as the Protect and Prepare strand involves the kinetic component of the Counter Terrorism domain, the need to engage with the Maldivian Police Service and the Maldives National Defence Force. The team promised the DG that the UK's engagement in strengthening the security sector will continue to expand in the coming year.

DG MEETS THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

23 July 2018, Monday



Director General of NCTC Brig. Gen. Zakariyya Mansoor met the Acting Commissioner of Police DCP Nawaz to discuss strengthening of

collaboration in intelligence fusion, investigation and prosecution of Terrorism related cases and incidents. In the meeting DG expressed his

gratitude to the Maldives Police Service for their continued vigilance and support in curbing Violent Extremism and Terrorism in the Maldives. DG and the Acting CP also discussed about the lessons learnt from the joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between of Maldives Police Service and Maldives National Defence Force which was held at the beginning of the year and further discussed the possibility of planning a joint Counter Terrorism Exercise for the end of the year with the involvement of all the law enforcement agencies, Prosecutor General's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

DG MEETS THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF CUSTOMS

24 July 2018, Tuesday



Director General of NCTC, Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor met the Commissioner General of Customs Mohamed Junaid to discuss the After Action Review of the “Regional Workshop on Chemical Biological,

Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Commodity Identification” which was held from the 9th to 14 of July 2018 in Paradise Island for the Customs and law enforcement personnel of Maldives, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan

by the US Export Control and Related Border Control Office in Sri Lanka. Brig. Gen. Mansoor highlighted the importance of training the border control personnel in identifying unlawful commodities to ensure that it does not enter the Maldives. Maldives have remained a weapons free nation for generations and it is the responsibility of the Maldives Customs Service to ensure that no explosives or weapons enter the Maldives through our ports. They further discussed on additional trainings that are needed for Maldives Customs Service in the Counter Terrorism domain.