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"And thus We have made you a median [i.e., just] community that you will be witnesses over..."

Holy Quran, 2:143

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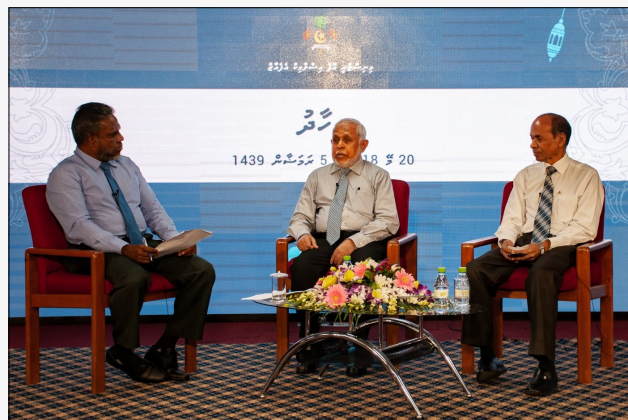
Islamic Ministry spearheads the national moderation efforts



ISLAMIC MINISTRY SPEARHEADS THE MODERATION EFFORT THROUGH THE “IHYA” PROGRAM AND SCREENING OF SCHOLARS

PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE TERM “JIHAD”

The Islamic Ministry organized a panel discussion on the subject “Jihad” . During the discussion the President of Fatwa Majilis, Sh. Mohamed Rasheed Ibrahim and prominent scholar the President of Center for Holy Quran , Uz Ibrahim Rasheed Moosa addressed the issue of misinterpretation of the term Jihad and its negative impact on global peace and security. Furthermore, they enlightened the true meaning of “Jihad” in Islam with reference to the Quran and Hadith.



SPECIAL LECTURE ON THE TRUE MEANING OF THE TERM “TAKFIR”



Sheikh Ali Zahir, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Islamic Studies of MNU gave a lecture on “Thakfir”. “Thakfir” is declaring a Muslim to be a non-believer. Sheik Ali Zahir cleared the misconceptions associated with “Thakfir” and its negative impacts. An

individuals cannot declare a Muslim who believes in Shahadah and the prophet to be a non-Muslim. The declaration should come from the state, and that also after

SCREENING OF SCHOLARS FOR RAMADAN

Ministry of Islamic Affairs screened the foreign scholars who were brought to the islands for performing “Tharaaveeh” prayers and religious sermons. The objective of the screening was to ensure that the scholars would not spread hate messages or extremist narratives.

The scholars will spread religious awareness and lead the tharaaveeh prayers for the month of Ramadan. However, the Islamic Ministry would ensure that the repatriation of the scholars takes place within a week after Ramadan.

ISLAMIC MINISTRY INVITES WORLD RENOWNED SCHOLAR MUFTI ISMAIL MENK

Renowned Islamic scholar Mufti Ismail Menk was invited by Islamic ministry to deliver religious sermons in the month of Ramadan.

Mufti Menk has given lectures in Addu City and Male especially targeting the youth.



♦ Mufti Ismail Menk

DIRECTOR GENERAL CALLS ON MINISTER OF GENDER AND FAMILY

30 May 2018, Wednesday



Director General of NCTC Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor calls on Ministry of Gender and Family, Hon. Zenysa Shaheed Zaki.

In the meeting, Minister and the DG discussed on the emerging trends of radicalism and violent extremism that is occurring in Maldives. They also discussed on the different intervention programs that could be conducted for vulnerable communities.

They further discussed on the formulation of the National Action Plan and on areas of future cooperation between the two institutions in curbing violent extremism in the Maldives.

Upcoming Event:

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NCTC WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST HIGH LEVEL UN MEETING OF HEADS OF COUNTER TERRORISM

A high-level delegation headed by the Director General Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor is set to visit United Nation's HQ in New York to attend the "United Nations High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter Terrorism Agencies of member states".

The theme of the conference is "Strengthening international cooperation to combat the evolving threat of terrorism". This conference would give an opportunity for the heads of counter terrorism agencies to interact on the sidelines to discuss bilateral issues. It would also enable the member countries to formulate workable solutions to counter emerging threats.

The conference is scheduled to take place on 28th and 29th of June 2018.

DG MEETS THE FRENCH POLICE ATTACHÉ AND SECOND COUNSELLOR FOR MALDIVES

23 May 2018, Thursday

A delegation from the French Embassy met the DG of NCTC to discuss coordination arrangements to communicate, in the event of a possible incident involving French citizens.

The delegation also discussed ways in which government of France could assist the NCTC in training and enhancing the organizational capacity.



DG MEETS THE PRESIDENT OF MALDIVES MEDIA COUNCIL

30 May 2018, Wednesday

A coordination meeting between NCTC and Maldives Media Council was held to discuss the ways in which both institution can contribute in conducting awareness programs for people working in the media.

In this meeting, President of the Maldives Media Council Uz. Abdul Mueed Hassan discussed and explained the role of MMC in regulating the media and expressed interest in conducting various programs that will benefit the media.

The main function of the council is to preserve, promote and maintain the freedom of press, within the legal

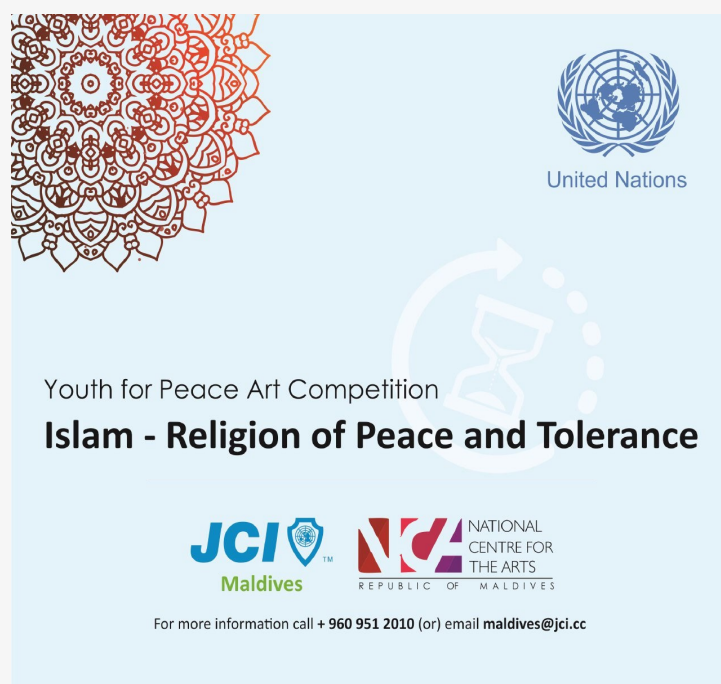


frame work of the country and to encourage the growth of a sense of responsibility, public service, ethics and a high standard of

professionalism among all those engaged in the profession of journalism.

JCI MALDIVES IN COLLABORATION WITH NCA AND UNDP ORGANIZES “YOUTH FOR PEACE” ART COMPETITION

31 May 2018, Thursday



The Youth for Peace Art Competition themed “Islam – Religion of Peace and Tolerance” is organized by Junior Chambers International, Maldives in partnership with the UNDP Maldives and the National Center for Arts.

The aim of this competition is to promote the message that Islam is the religion of Peace and Tolerance and to stimulate the young minds in generating artistic themes that portray the peacefulness of Islam.

This process of stimulating the young minds in the creation of the art would also involve the parents in guiding them with stories from Islamic history that portrays the peacefulness of Islam.