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Press Statement

Maldives Police Service has launched an investigation into the attempt to overthrow the legitimate government of the Maldives.

The individuals brought into custody are; the former president of Maldives, Al Ustaz Maumoon Abdul Gayoom (Ma. Kinbigasdhoshuge, K. Malé), Chief Justice Al Ustaz Abdhulla Saeed (Alivaage, S. Meedhoo), Administrator of Department of Judicial Administration Hassan Saeed Hussein (Dhaftar Number 2571, K. Malé), Supreme Court Judge Al Ustaz Ali Hameed Mohammed (K. Rehendi Flat Number B-5, K. Malé), Ibrahim Siyaad Gasim (M. Maafanu Villa, K. Malé), Fathimath Naasira (Kaaminyge, S. Hulhudhoo), Ahmed Faris Maumoon (Ma. Kinbigasdhoshuge, K. Malé) and Abdulla Sinaan (M. Berianfaru, K. Malé). Moreover, attempts are being made to bring Ilham Ahmed (Orchidmaage, GA. Gemafushi) into custody.

During the investigation 30 people have been questioned and 15 locations have been searched. Evidence has been found against Judicial Administrator, Hassan Saeed Hussain which prove the allegations against him. Large amount of cash have been discovered from his residence, hidden under a mattress and in addition, documentary evidence has been found revealing that he had received a substantial sum of money which he used to bribe judges.

Maldives Police Service has also found a bag containing USD \$215,000 and MVR 150,000 belonging to Supreme Court Justice, Ali Hameed Mohamed. Furthermore, it has come to light that USD 2.4M was wired to Ali Hameed as a "Loan" from a Commercial Company in the Maldives which was used to buy a flat. Police have also found that Former President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom had been providing financial assistance to Ali Hameed Mohamed and his family.

During further investigations of the case, a black suitcase was discovered in the residence of Ms. Najma, an employee of the the Former President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, which was removed from the former president's, and MP Ahmed Faris Maumoon's, residence.

This suitcase contained documentary evidence that MP Ahmed Faris Maumoon bribed judges in order to influence court verdicts, providing proof of the allegations against him. In addition, documentary evidence was found in the bag that showed that individuals involved in this case have bought apartments abroad.

Maldives Police Service appeals to all citizens to come forward with any information regarding this case and requests the media to not spread false information, and information not verified by the Police, that could hinder the investigation.

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