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President Dr Muizzu extends congratulations to the family of Fathimath Dheema Ali

The first Maldivian athlete to qualify for the Olympics by winning a qualifying tournament



President Dr Mohamed Muizzu extended his congratulations to the family of Fathimath Dheema Ali, who has made history by becoming the first Maldivian athlete to qualify for the International Olympics that will be held in Paris, France, from July 26 to August 11, 2024.

During a phone conversation with Dheema's family today, the President expressed his enthusiasm that a local athlete had, for the first time, won an Olympic qualifying match and earned a coveted spot in the games. He remarked on the outstanding accomplishment of a young Maldivian athlete playing against the top table tennis players in the South Asian region as a matter of great pride for the entire nation.

President Dr Muizzu praised Dheema's remarkable accomplishments at her young age and her tenacity in sharpening her athletic abilities as inspirations. He encouraged Dheema to move forward with such resolve and determination.

The President also assured Dheema of his full support for this opportunity to compete in the Olympics and achieve great success. He emphasised her achievement as a moment of pride for the entire country in the international sporting arena.

Fathimath Dheema Ali will become the Maldives' first athlete to qualify for the Olympics by winning the Olympic Qualifying Table Tennis Final in the South Asian region, as well as the first Maldivian player to play table tennis in the Olympics.

SOURCE : The President's Office



Minister stresses "Family First" in all aspects of life

Minister of Social and Family Development Dr. Aishath Shiham has emphasised the importance of prioritising the "Family First" policy in all spheres of life. Her message came commemorating the International Day of Families.

In her message, Minister Aishath highlighted the essence of a compassionate society. She underscored the significance of family structures. She stressed the need for fostering a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood within families, advocating for kindness, compassion, and cohesion. Emphasising that harmony and contentment underpin societal progress, she said that they form the cornerstone of national development.

Additionally, Minister Aishath urged for a daily commitment to prioritising family matters. She encouraged the adoption of "Family First" as a guiding principle across all facets of life. She advised allocating time and attention to the care of parents, nurturing bonds, and fostering parental relationships.

Furthermore, Minister Aishath advised bolstering connections between children and parents. She called for the preservation of family ties and emphasised the importance of extending support and affection, whether families reside together or are geographically distant.

SOURCE : PSM

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We will pave the path for sports associations to evolve and promote activities. Aiming for long term achievement, we will begin training athletes and players

His Excellency President
Dr. Mohamed Muizzu

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Gov't holds consultation meeting with communication sector



The Ministry of Cities, Local Government, and Public Works has held a consultation meeting with stakeholders from the communications sector.

Among the 30 attendees were officials from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Cities, Local Government and Public Works, and relevant agencies. The discussion included various topics, such as crafting communication technology policies for the Maldives and soliciting input on infrastructure development strategies.

Participants also explored avenues to enhance the role of communication in national progress, promote awareness of the field, integrate it

into the education system, propose relevant projects, and offer technical guidance to pertinent authorities.

Minister Adam Shareef Umar, representing the Ministry of Cities, Local Government, and Public Works, emphasised the ministry's commitment to engaging stakeholders in formulating communication policies. He outlined plans for further extensive discussions and the creation of comprehensive documents with public involvement.

This consultation meeting signifies the Maldives' inaugural establishment of the cities ministry. Its purpose was to gather insights on the ministry's upcoming projects. SOURCE : PSM

Over 700 get medical checkups under Aasandha scheme

Over 700 individuals have received medical check-ups through the Aasandha scheme.

The initiative caters to individuals aged 35 and above, offering them comprehensive health assessments. Recent figures released by the programme indicate that 291 people have undergone these evaluations at the hospital, comprising 132 males and 159 females. In addition, 377 individuals remain on the waiting list, encompassing 147 women and 147 men aged over 50, along with 57 women and 26 men aged between 35-49.

Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) is also gearing up to commence medical assessments for those aged 35 and above next week. Beyond IGMH, 505 individuals have already undergone check-ups, with 227 men and 264 women aged 50 and above. Moreover, eight men and six women over 40 have undergone assessments, while 177 individuals are awaiting their turn.

Presently, medical evaluations are accessible for individuals aged 50 and above, those aged 35 to 49, and children under 19. These evaluations are provided biannually to facilitate the early detection and treatment of illnesses. SOURCE : PSM



The President and First Lady return to Malé after performing Umrah

President Dr Mohamed Muizzu and First Lady Sajida Mohamed arrived in Malé this evening, after performing Umrah on the gracious hospitality of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

During this visit from May 10 to 15, the President was accompanied by the Minister of Islamic Affairs; Dr Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed, Head Imaam of the Islamic Centre; Sheikh Mohamed Latheef, Chief of Staff, the President's Office; Abdulla Fayaz, Minister at the President's Office for Presidential Affairs; Ali Arif and Minister at the President's Office; Abdulla Nasir. SOURCE : The President's office

Minister announces survey for 20-year sports development plan

Minister of Sports, Fitness, and Recreation Abdulla Rafiu has announced a special survey for the Maldives' 20-year sports development plan.

The draft plan was developed in February and focuses on cultivating top athletes by training coaches in schools, hosting major tournaments in the Maldives, and expanding sports associations' activities in the atolls.

At a press conference, Minister Rafiu highlighted ongoing collaboration with sports associations. He said that detailed work on the long-term policy is available on the ministry's website. He also said that the survey is a critical part of the process and spans 22 pages and requires time for completion by each association.

Additionally, Minister Rafiu mentioned agreements with Malaysia for training athletes and administrators. He also said that discussions about the plan have taken place with France, and talks are ongoing with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). SOURCE : PSM



Minister confirms the strengthening of ties with Palestine

Minister of Dhivehi Language, Culture and Heritage Adam Naseer Ibrahim has stated that the bilateral ties between the Maldives and Palestine will strengthen during the tenure of President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu.

The remarks were made by Minister Adam Naseer in the meeting held with the Palestinian Minister of Culture Imad Abdullah Hamdhan during his trip to Azerbaijan. Following this, the Palestinian minister expressed his sincere appreciation for the close relations between the two nations, stating that he was privileged to meet a representative of the Maldives.

During the meeting, Minister Adam Naseer conveyed regards from the Maldives to minister and all the Palestinians, for the approval granted such that Palestine is a permanent member of the United Nations (UN). The minister additionally affirmed that the Maldives will continue to support the independence and sovereignty of Palestine in all international platforms.

The trip to Azerbaijan was made by Minister Adam Naseer upon an invitation, from the Director General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The minister represented the Maldives at the “Shusha- Cultural Capital of the Islamic World 2024” event, an event which highlights the rich cultural history of Shusha City.

SOURCE : PSM

Tourism to contribute USD6 billion to state budget by 2027



Minister of Tourism Ibrahim Faisal has announced that the tourism sector is projected to contribute USD6 billion to the state budget by the end of 2027.

Speaking to PSM News, Minister Faisal highlighted the government’s efforts to elevate the tourism sector, including the promotion of health, sports, and educational tourism. He mentioned that various projects introducing new tourism products will be implemented across the country.

Additionally, Minister Faisal noted that the tourism sector currently contributes USD4.5 billion annually to the state budget. He also said that there are expectations of growth over the next four years, reaching USD6 billion by 2027.

Furthermore, Minister Faisal stated that the Maldives aims to attract two million tourists this year, with over 800,000 already visiting. Despite the low season, he said that

extensive marketing efforts are being made in collaboration with the Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC). He also said that the Maldives recently participated in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) in Dubai to identify areas for improvement in tourism promotion.

Moreover, Minister Faisal expressed hopes of reaching four million annual tourists within the next five years. He also said that the number of tourists will be increased by the completion of the Velana International Airport (VIA) expansion and the opening of more resorts.

Recent statistics from the tourism ministry show a daily average of 6,338 tourists visiting the Maldives, with an overall increase compared to the past two years. The Maldives has also won four prestigious awards in the Indian Ocean category at the recent World Travel Awards (WTA).

SOURCE : PSM



The President visit to Hulhumalé Phase 3 to observe the reclamation project’s progress on 20th April 2024

