

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 115/95 (ASA 29/02/95, 25 May 1995) and follow-ups (ASA 29/03/95, 15 June; ASA 29/04/95, 21 July; ASA 29/05/95, 23 August; ASA 29/06/95, 30 August; ASA 29/07/95, 22 September) - Possible prisoners of conscience / Health concern

REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

**Mohamed Latheef, aged 71, linguist
Ahamed Shafeeq, aged 67, former civil servant
Ali Moosa Didi, writer and politician**

Amnesty International has been informed that Mohamed Latheef was transferred from Male' police headquarters to house arrest in mid-October. He is said to have been extremely weak at the time of his transfer and could barely walk. There is continuing grave concern, particularly given his age, over his state of health.

Amnesty International continues to be concerned about Ahamed Shafeeq and Ali Moosa Didi who remain under house arrest.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/airmail letters in English or your own language:

- expressing concern about the continued detention of Mohamed Latheef, Ahamed Shafeeq and Ali Moosa Didi and about their state of health;
- calling for their immediate and unconditional release if they are not to be promptly charged with recognizable criminal offences;
- expressing serious concern at the length of time these detainees have been held without charge or trial.

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Salutation: Dear President

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Officer in Charge
Police Headquarters
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Telegrams: Brigadier Zahir, Police Headquarters, Male, Maldives

Salutation: Dear Brigadier

COPIES TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Republic of Maldives accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International secretariat, or your section office if sending appeals after 12 December 1995.