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Maldives elections: Spokespeople available on human rights concerns

On 7 September, Maldives is holding its presidential elections, the first election in the island nation since former President Mohamed Nasheed's disputed resignation in February 2012.

Amnesty International is monitoring the human rights situation around the elections closely. Abbas Faiz, Maldives Researcher, is available for interviews from London leading up to election day.

Possible talking points:

- Human rights challenges facing the new government
- Police violence against protesters
- Impunity for past violations, particularly in the wake of Nasheed's resignation
- Flogging, torture and other forms of cruel and inhuman punishment
- Protection of journalists and human rights defenders

Background:

["Maldives: Girl rape victim to be spared outrageous flogging sentence"](#), Press Release, 21 August 2013

["Maldives: Amnesty International concludes visit to the Republic of Maldives"](#), Public Statement, 25 April 2013

[Amnesty International Annual Report 2013: Maldives](#), 23 May 2013

["Maldives: Report exposes violent repression of opposition supporters"](#), Report, 5 September 2012

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