



PROSECUTOR  
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**Prosecution of cases investigated by the Maldives Police Service in relation to the Presidential Decree Number: 2018/3 (Presidential Decree declaring the state of emergency)**

1. Below are the findings of the Prosecutor General's Office following the deliberation of cases submitted by the Maldives Police Service subsequent to the investigation carried out regarding the attempt to unlawfully overthrow the lawfully established government, by some members of significant State authorities and former government officials who conspired and acted in their own interest influencing State authorities including the Legislature, Judiciary and the Security Forces through unlawful use of powers associated with their positions including bribing some members of those authorities and the exertion of undue influence on the government, State and governing functions of lawful authorities established under the constitution, in a way that infringes the national security and public safety interests, resulting in the disruption of national peace.

As part of this investigation, during investigation into allegations of bribery by the Chief Judicial Administrator Hassan Saeed Hussain, search of his private residence by police officers uncovered MVR 350,000 (Maldivian Rufiyaa Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand) and US\$ 3,300 (United States Dollars Three Thousand Three Hundred) concealed underneath the mattress of Hassan Saeed Hussain's bed. Further search uncovered, inside a bag found in his room, among other documents, a letter on Villa Shipping & Trading Company Pvt Ltd's letterhead, signed by the said Company's Managing Director, Ibrahim Siyad Gasim dated 20th December 2017. The letter shows that funds amounting to 2.4 Million United States Dollars was given by Villa Shipping & Trading Company Pvt Ltd to the main suspects of this case and relatives of those suspects towards purchasing properties from a foreign country.





Villa Shipping & Trading Company Pvt Ltd's said letter shows that the beneficiary of the transaction mentioned in the letter is one Ahmed Misfir, Abdulla Saeed and Aishath Hana. Further investigation has revealed that the said Abdulla Saeed is the Chief Justice of the Maldives, Ahmed Misfir is the son of Ali Hameed Mohamed, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Maldives, and Aishath Hana is the ex-wife of Chief Judicial Administrator Hassan Saeed Hussain.

Signature on the said letter has been analyzed forensically and verified to be that of the Managing Director of the said Company Ibrahim Siyad Gasim and fingerprint lifted off the letter has been matched to him as well. Additionally, a copy of the said letter by Villa Shipping & Trading Company Pvt Ltd was found on Ibrahim Siyad Gasim's mobile phone. Also on his phone was a note detailing the contents of the said letter.

Witness statements have been obtained to the fact that Chief Justice Abdulla Saeed, Justice of the Supreme Court Ali Hameed Mohamed, and Hassan Saeed Hussain travelled to the foreign country on several occasions, that they have been to view the said properties, and that they have had communications with parties with regards to purchasing the properties. Travel movements of these individuals show that they have travelled to that country on several occasions.

The investigation has obtained evidence that certain decisions of the courts were influenced from outside, certain judges had accepted bribes in lieu of decisions favoring certain interests to further their agendas. Additionally, evidence has been obtained to the fact some parliamentarians were offered bribes and certain parliamentarians had accepted those bribes.

It has been revealed that, the Supreme Court Order No: SC-SJ/01/2018 dated 1 February 2018 was issued to further a pre-planned conspiracy by a group of people, acting in their own interest, and in lieu of inducements they have received, to unlawfully overthrow the lawfully elected government. It has been further revealed that certain state authorities had taken measures contrary to their regular procedures in preparation for the said Supreme Court Order.

Accordingly, it has been found that, the suspects of this case have sought and received the help of the then Commissioner of Police Ahmed Areef, to plan and prepare for the enforcement of the Supreme Court Order. And that certain plans were put in place to enforce the Order. Thus, it is certain that, the Supreme Court Order of 1 February 2018 ordering release of key criminals was issued in





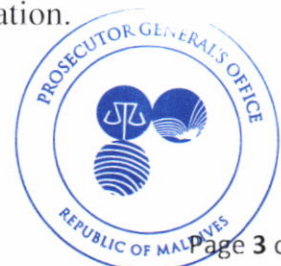


contravention to established judicial procedures, with prior planning and knowledge of the parties involved.

The findings acquired through this investigation shows that, vast changes were brought to police operations against the normal policies and procedures followed by Maldives Police Service ahead of the Supreme Court Order, and that Ahmed Areef handpicked certain officers of his choice, gathered them, and made them confront other on-duty police officers and attempted to disrupt the nation's peace.

The following charges have been filed at the Criminal Court with the relation to those acts for which the investigation has been completed so far.

- 1.1 ADh.Mahibadhoo/Sanoraamaage (M. Snow Rose) Ahmed Areef, Dhaftharu 1714/M. Nectar Abdulla Riyaz, Ma. Kanboage (M. Endherimaage) Mohamed Nadeem, Ma. Berianfaru/M. Alimas Waadhee Abdulla Sinaan, Ga. Gemanafushi/ Orchidmaage (G. Samantha) Ilham Ahmed, Ma. Kinbigasdhoshuge/ M. Endherimaage Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, G. Rehendhi 1 Flat No. B-05 Ali Hameed Mohamed, S. Meedhoo/Alivaage (Ma. Shaazy Blue) Abdulla Saeed and Ma. Kinbigasdhoshuge/M. Endherimaage Ahmed Faris Maumoon, these 9 individuals have been charged with the offence of attempting to orchestrate an act of terrorism.
- 1.2 Ali Hameed Mohamed, Abdulla Saeed and Dhaftharu 2571/H. Nishaan Plaza Hassan Saeed Hussain, these 3 individuals have been charged with the offence of accepting a bribe.
- 1.3 M. Maafannu Villa/M. Fulhoi Ibrahim Siyad Gasim has been charged with the offence of offering a bribe.
2. Hassan Saeed Hussain has been charged with obstructing administration of law for failing to inform police of his whereabouts and appearing before police after having been informed of the arrest warrant against him.
3. Abdulla Saeed, Ali Hameed Mohamed and Maumoon Abdul Gayoom has been charged with obstructing justice for refusing to provide police their mobile phones which are considered material evidence in the investigation.





4. Abdulla Saeed has been charged with obstructing other government function for ordering Supreme Court's staff to shut down the Government E-letter Management System (GEMS) to prevent receiving of documents from various government authorities on 4th and 5th February 2018.

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