

Statement from Mr. Lars Petre

On the 6th of August, 2011 a very tragic accident happened in Kuredhu Island Resort, (of which I hold shares), which resulted in the death of our two valued guests on the Island, and seriously injured my son, who was driving the vehicle.

Since then, various reports have been made in the local and international media, and different statements made in other institutions of the Maldives as well, some which have been verified and some not verified with the correct facts.

This accident is by far the most tragic event in my life, and words cannot describe how saddened we are. I and my family are deeply concerned with errors on some of the media reports and we are also deeply saddened by some accusations made at my son, and the management of Kuredhu and thereby wish to take this opportunity to clarify some facts.

My son Filip Petre (23 years), were taking the two guests home, to the other side of the island, when he experienced some difficulties with the bike, and crashed headalong into a tree on the road. The crash took two lives and badly injured my son. He fell unconcious with the crash and he woke up sometime later to find the two deceased also lying on the road. He immediately called for help and worked alongside with the doctor who arrived to try and save the victims of the crash, while he was bleeding himself.

The quad bike which my son was driving was registered and my son Filip is licensed to drive such vehicles. My son Filip and his brother Tom (who was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident with the doctor), the management and staff of Kuredhu have been co-orporating with the police investigation fully, and I give every assurance that they will continue to do so in the future.

We understand the grief of the families who lost their loved ones in the accident, and we also respect the duty of the Maldives Police Service to investigate the matter. However the fact remains that what happened on August 6th is an accident, a very tragic fatal event, which my son no anyone else had the power to change.

I wish to assure to the families of the deceased, to the media and to the public that there is absolutely no ill intention whatsoever in this accident. While my son and the staff of Kuredhu are shattered with the result of the accident, we remain helpless to change anything that has happened.

The management of Kuredhu will do whatever is possible to corporate with the investigation and to avoid further distress for all familys concerned.

Sincerely
Lars Petre