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Press Release

Last night's attack on Raajje TV Station (among the most viewed local channel by most Maldivians) was aimed to permanent shut down its service. Maldives Media Council (MMC) strongly condemns this attack on Raajje TV Station and calls on Maldives Police Service to start the investigation on this case immediately.

Numerous attacks on Maldives Media were reported in the past. Thus MMC had strongly condemned such attacks in the past and also those on Raajje TV Station and their staffs. In view of that MMC had continuously requested to investigate these cases and asked Security providers to be more attentive on Media security issues. MMC is consciously discussing all relevant stakeholders to ensure protection of journalists and media stations. Nevertheless there was not much progress on this issue. Today's Media environment in Maldives clearly indicates evidence of attacks to completely eliminate an existing media channel and being regulatory body of Maldives media, MMC express concerns on the current condition of Maldives Media. Besides verbally communicating among concern stakeholders, MMC requests to take prompt action on these issues to come up with a favorable result.

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