

EXTERNAL

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This is a limited action. Please restrict appeals to 20 per section.

23 August 1995

Further information on UA 115/95 (ASA 29/02/95, 25 May 1995) and follow-ups (ASA 29/03/95, 15 June 1991, ASA 29/04/95, 21 July 1995) - Possible Prisoners of Conscience / Health Concern

REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

Ali Moosa Didi, writer and politician
Ahamed Shafeeq, aged 67, former civil
servant, writer
Mohamed Shafeeq, former civil servant

Amnesty International remains concerned about the health of Ali Moosa Didi and Ahamed Shafeeq, who were arrested on 21 April 1995 and about the health of the latter's son, Mohamed Shafeeq, who was arrested on 17 July.

Ali Moosa Didi, who suffers from a heart condition, was transferred from Dhoonidhoo detention centre to Male' police headquarters on 16 July. It has recently been reported that his health has deteriorated, and he has been seen being taken to hospital in Male' for treatment. His relatives were reportedly allowed to see him in hospital but were not allowed to speak to him.

Mohamed Shafeeq was transferred from Dhoonidhoo detention centre to house arrest on 15 August. As is the case with his father, who also continues to be under house arrest, he is allowed to receive visitors. Reports indicate that Mohamed Shafeeq is physically weak which may be as a result of ill-treatment he received while detained at Dhoonidhoo detention centre.

To date, Ali Moosa Didi, Ahamed Shafeeq and Mohamed Shafeeq have not been charged or brought before a court.

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

- expressing concern about the continued detention of Ali Moosa Didi, Ahamed Shafeeq and Mohamed Shafeeq, and about their state of health;
- while acknowledging that he has received regular treatment, requesting that Ali Moosa Didi be humanely treated while in custody at Male' police headquarters and that he continues to be given all necessary medical treatment for his heart condition.
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of the three detainees, if they are not to be promptly charged with recognizable criminal offences.

APPEALS TO:

President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom (corrected spelling)
The President's Office
Marine Drive (North)
Male'
Republic of Maldives
Faxes: + 960 32 55 00
Telegrams: President Gayoom, Male, Maldives
Salutation: Dear President

Brigadier Adam Zahir (note corrected title)

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Officer in Charge
Police Headquarters
Bandeyrige
Male'

Republic of Maldives

Telegrams: Brigadier Zahir, Police Headquarters, Male, Maldives

Salutation: Dear Brigadier

COPIES TO:

Abdulla Hameed
Speaker
Office of the Citizens' Majlis
Naadi, Ameer Ahmed Magu
Male', Republic of Maldives

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 9 October 1995.