



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE MALDIVES

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

DATE: 18th/19th February 2013		TIME: 21:45hrs - 01:00hrs		PLACES MONITORED: Usfasgandu; Chaandhanee Magu-Fareedhee Magu Junction; Chaandhanee Magu-Majeedhee Magu Junction; Sosun Magu-Medhuziyaarai Magu corner; Sosun Magu-Ameer Ahmed corner		
TIMELINE	DISPERSION	ARRESTS/ INETRVIEWS/ USE OF FORCE	VIOLENCE/ PHYSICAL HARM	WEAPONS	LANGUAGE	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
21:00 - 22:00						
22:00 - 23:00						* At 22:25 and 23:00: Around 1000 protesters started the protest march from Usfasgandu down Majeedhee Magu towards Chaandhanee Magu-Fareedhee Magu Junction. * The protestors crossed the barricades at this junction and moved forward towards Republic Square. * The police were observed to move the protestors back towards Chaandhanee Magu- Fareedhee Magu.
23:00 - 00:00	* <u>At 23:27: Chaandhanee Magu - Fareedhee Magu Junction:</u> Police gave warning not to cross the barricades and that legal action would be taken against those who do.		* <u>At 23:03: Chaandhanee Magu - Fareedhee Magu Junction:</u> It was observed that, the protesters were throwing plastic water bottles at the Police.	* <u>At 23:00: Chaandhanee Magu - Fareedhee Magu Junction:</u> Around 30 Police were carrying Protective Shields, Batons were holsted, 1 Fire Extinguisher, 1 Tear Gas Gun and Cannister bag.	* The protesters were using obscenities and degradatory words (such as calling out to "hang" specific political persons.)	* 2 minors of percieved age about 9-10, were seen near Islaamic Mosque behind the Police lines at 23:10hrs. * 1 minor of percieved age 12-13 was seen within the protestors at Chaandhanee Magu, Fareedhee Magu Junction at 23:45hrs. ** A flyer labelled "Hayyaru kurevey meehun nahh libigen vaa Haggi thah", was observed to be passed around by the protestors at 23:45hrs.

00:00 - 01:00		<p>* <u>At 00:42 and at 00:49: Sosun Magu, Medhuzivaarai Magu corner:</u> Two male protestors were arrested.</p>	<p>* <u>At 00:27: Sosun Magu-Medhuzivaarai Magu corner:</u> It was observed that, the protesters were throwing plastic water bottles and glass bottles at the Police. * 2 barricades were dragged away and left at Roshanee Magu corner by the protestors. * No harm was caused to either the Police or protestors.</p>	<p>* <u>At 00:20: Sosun Magu-Medhuzivaarai Magu corner:</u> Around 20 Police were carrying Protective Shields, Batons were holsted, 1 Fire Extinguisher, 1 Tear Gas Gun and Cannister bag, 1 flash light.</p>	<p>* The protestors were using obscenities and degradatory words (such as calling out to "hang" specific political persons.)</p>	
01:00 - 02:00						
02:00 - 03:00						

* The information above is an account of the events observed by the HRCM Teams at the times and places specified and, not an expansive overview of the whole protest.