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NEWS :

Discussion to Solve the Hulhumale' Tsunami Victims Issue

A meeting was held on 22 February at the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM) to discuss the situation of the four tsunami victim families still living in the temporary shelters at Hulhumale' Island. These Families have been residing there for a long time due to the delays in providing them with permanent shelters. They have been deprived of some basic services, and were recently asked to move out of their shelters.

In addition to the Commission members and Investigative Staff of HRCM, representatives from the families, National Disaster Management Center (NDMC), Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and Department of Immigration and Emigration were present at the meeting.

The families expressed their grievances to the state authorities, including the fact that they don't have access to drinking water and the difficulties they have to face since the government's decision to utilize the land for other purposes. NDMC explained in detail the causes for the delays in providing permanent shelters, and expressed their desire to solve the issue peacefully. HDC and NDMC explained the reasons for the discontinuation of the piped drinking water to the shelters and agreed to find an immediate solution to the problem.

HRCM President Maryam Azra requested the concerned institutions to find a solution for the troubles of these families without violating their basic human rights and with no risk to the children living there.

NEWS :

Concerns over the Proposal to lower the age of majority

Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM) held a meeting with the MP for Machangolhi South Constituency, Ahmed Mahloof to discuss his proposed amendments to the 'Law on the Protection of the Rights of Children' (9/91) for lowering the age of majority from 18 to 16 years. At the meeting held on 4th April 2011, HRCM discussed the challenges such an amendment could create for the protection and promotion of the rights of Children in the Maldives, and expressed the Commission's concerns on the matter.

In this regard, the commission highlighted the importance of the universal realization of the rights contained in this legislation to all the Children under the age of 18 years, without any discrimination. HRCM also discussed the importance for the state to fulfill all the rights contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and reforming the Juvenile Justice System.

The Commission was represented by members Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Kareem, Jeehan Mahmood, Dr Aly Shameem and Secretary General Ahmed Shahid, along with the Director of Legal and Policy Department Midhath Mahir.

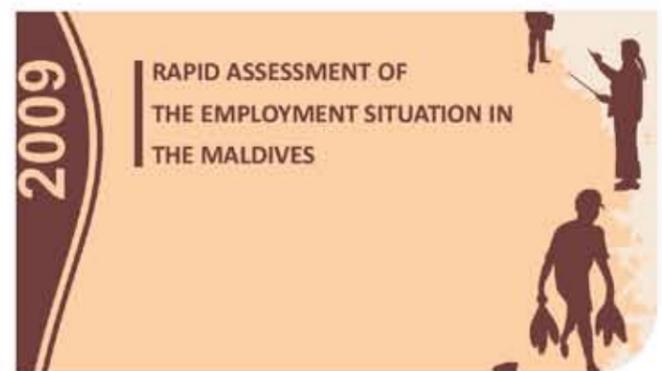
NEWS :

A Follow up Meeting on Employment Assessment Report Recommendations

Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM) held a meeting with Ministry of Human Resource, Youth and Sports on 17 February to discuss the implementation of the recommendation made by HRCM in the 'Rapid Assessment of the Employment Situation in the Maldives', 2009.

The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the progress made in the implementation of these recommendations, and the challenges therein. In addition to this, the developments following the Maldives' membership of the International Labor Organization (ILO) on 15 May 2009, especially the process of participating in ILO's eight core conventions were discussed. The Ministry stated that they were trying to expedite the process necessary for the participation in these Conventions.

The Ministry Delegation consisted of Deputy Director Shahida Abdurrahman and the Deputy Minister of the Ministry's Labor Relations Authority, Aminath Shifaya Ibrahim. HRCM was represented by Commission member Dr Aly Shameem, Director Maryam Zahiya and Monitoring Officer Zeenath Mohamed.



NEWS :

Meeting with the Council for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

HRCM members held a meeting with the Council for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, constituted under the Ministry of Health and Family on 6 March 2011. The meeting was attended by Council members Hamid Nadheed, Yoosuf shaan and Shidhatha Shareef. The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the functions and activities of the council.

Ways in which HRCM can provide assistance in overcoming the legal challenges to the council and ways in which both parties can collaborate in the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and to ensure the state's providence for such persons to lead a dignified life in the society was discussed at this meeting. In addition to this HRCM requested from the council to work with the government in solving the noted issues in the Disability Act (Law 8/2010), and discussed about creating more awareness on this issue. The Commission noted that Rights of Persons with Disabilities is one of the Key Thematic Areas the Commission will have a special focus on this year and assured that HRCM's full cooperation in any activity of the Council regarding the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.

NEWS :

Meeting with Police to discuss increasing rate of violent crimes and public insecurity

Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM) discussed the increasing number of violent crimes and the resulting public insecurity in capital Male' City with the Senior officers of Maldives Police Service. The Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Faseeh, Deputy Commissioner of Police Mohamed Rishwan and Inspector of Police Mohamed Riyaz took part in the meeting held at HRCM office on 10 March. In addition to Commission Members Dr. Aly Shameem and Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Kareem, HRCM Secretary General Ahmed Shahid, Director of Investigations Department Shamun Hameed, and Director of Legal Department Midhath Mahir were present at this discussion.

HRCM expressed concern over the increasing number of violent crimes during the month of March 2011 and the complaints of public insecurity and fear amongst the citizens of Male', as well as the increased rates of such crimes in other parts of the country, and discussed collaborative actions that HRCM and MPS can take together. HRCM also highlighted notable incidents of such violence and their concerns over them. The Commission mentioned the key issues which other institutions have cited as the root causes for these incidents and discussed the issue of habitual and convicted criminals walking free.

MPS discussed the situation of violent and organized crimes in the Maldives, and how the Police are carrying out their responsibilities and the challenges they face. In this regard, the Police noted that the society is not being protected by keeping habitual and convicted criminals away, and that dangerous criminals who are arrested frequently also walk free because the laws necessary for their conviction have not been enacted.

The importance of addressing the whole problem holistically and all the concerned parties working together with an unshakable commitment was discussed, and it was noted that failure to do so may put the peace and stability of the nation in a fragile situation.

HRCM has planned to meet the member of Male' City Council, Eleven MPs representing the constituencies of Male', representatives from the Judiciary and other stakeholder institutions to work towards decreasing the crime rates and building a safe environment with their consultation and cooperation.





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Releasing Annual Report 2010

The Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM) released its 'Annual Report 2010' on 20th March 2011. The report was released by Commission President Maryam Azra at an event held at HRCM. A Presentation on the contents of the report was delivered by Secretary General Ahmed Shahid prior to its release. In addition to the Members and Staff of the Commission, NGOs and Media were also present at this event.

Speaking at the ceremony, Commission President Maryam Azra stated that a human rights culture can only be established by treating others as we expect them to treat us, and by learning to lead a life of tolerance and accepting differences. She noted that even while struggling for one's rights, it is important to work within the bounds of law and to respect the rights of others. She also said that civilized life and civilized social interaction will be impossible without respecting each other's rights.

Following the President's speech, Commission members answered questions from the Media. HRCM annual report 2010 and the reports of previous years can be downloaded (in Dhivehi Language) from our website www.hrcm.org.mv

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