

Press Release

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The Human Rights Commission of the Maldives is deeply concerned over the disappearance of Ahmed Rilwan Abdulla, a reporter for Minivan News and a former staff of HRCM. The Commission has been informed that he has recently received threats of intimidation. The Commission notes with concern recent death threats and incidents of intimidation against journalists.

The Commission considers protection of journalists is of utmost importance to ensure freedom of expression and media and calls upon the state authorities to make every effort to ensure the right to security of persons.

The Commission is monitoring the State's response to the threats against journalists and parliament members and the disappearance of Ahmed Rilwan Abdulla, and has brought these issues to the attention of the Special Procedures mechanism of the UN.



