Joint Local statement on the political crisis in the Maldives

The EU Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission and the Ambassadors of Norway and Switzerland in Colombo

The EU Delegation strongly condemns the violence which occurred at the public demonstration held in Malé on 1 May 2015.

It calls on all sides to exercise restraint and to refrain from any acts which could make the current politically tense situation worse.

The EU Delegation calls on all major parties to hold a dialogue and find political solutions to the political issues underlying the current crisis.

The EU Delegation is especially disappointed because of the reassurances which the visiting EU HOMs had received from all major Maldivian political parties and the Government that every effort would be made to ensure that peace would prevail on 1 May.

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