



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Government of the Republic of Maldives notes with concern that calls for and encouragement of Indian military intervention and military action in the Maldives have been made by some Maldivians. Indian news media have been reporting on such calls, as well as speculations made by Indian Politicians and non-political personnel alike. The Maldivian media has also reported the same and people have encouraged such calls on social media.

The Government of Maldives condemns all such action which constitutes a threat to the nation's independence and national security. The Government views such actions to be irresponsible and intended to cause the citizens of both nations, as well as other stakeholders, to cast doubt upon the excellent relationship India and Maldives have enjoyed for decades. The Government therefore calls on all Parties to refrain from such calls.

Furthermore, the Government of Maldives would like to reiterate that it has maintained good relations with India since the Maldives declared its Independence and firmly believes that India would not act on any such calls.

We would like to further reiterate that at at no time has the Government of Maldives requested any foreign country for military intervention or assistance in the Maldives, and that there is no threat to Maldives from being invaded by foreign military. We would like to assure all our beloved citizens that Maldives does not have to fear for its independence or sovereignty and that the Government would not give any opportunity to anyone to threaten the country's sovereignty.



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