



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

February 2025
Key Highlights

Embassy Engages D.C. Students Through Cultural Awareness Program



10 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed visited Oneness-Family School in Washington, D.C., where he held an interactive session with students.

During the discussion, Ambassador Ghafoor introduced students to the Maldives' culture, heritage, unique geography, and historical background.

This session is part of a broader Embassy initiative to engage with schools and universities in the United States, aimed at fostering greater awareness about Maldives' history, traditions, and contributions on the global stage.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Second Secretary, Ibrahim Haail and Executive Assistant, Ahmed Alfotihi.



Embassy attended a Discussion on the U.S.-India Partnership under The New Term of President Trump



10 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended a policy discussion organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) on the U.S.-India Partnership under President Trump.

The discussion brought together senior policy experts, business leaders, and analysts, providing key insights into the evolving bilateral relationship between the two nations. The event concluded with a reception, allowing participants to engage in further dialogue.

Ambassador Ghafoor Welcomes Kenyan Ambassador to Washington, D.C



6 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ambassador David Kerich of Kenya for an introductory meeting. Ambassador Kerich recently assumed his post in Washington, D.C. and Ambassador Ghafoor warmly welcomed his counterpart and extended best wishes for his tenure.

During their meeting, the two Ambassadors discussed areas of mutual interest and explored potential avenues for collaboration between the Maldives and Kenya. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1995, and both Ambassadors expressed interest for exploring avenues for further strengthening bilateral ties.

Ambassador was accompanied by Counsellor, Zeena Didi from the Embassy of Maldives.

Embassy Attends NESACenter 25th Anniversary Celebration



12 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor, Zeena Didi and Second Secretary, Ibrahim Haail represented the Embassy at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Near East South Asia (NESACenter) Center for Strategic Studies.

The event, hosted by NESACenter, Director Ambassador John P. Desrocher, featured a special Seminar with keynote remarks by Lieutenant General (Ret.) Michael T. Plehn, 17th President of the National Defense University. Discussions highlighted the Center's significant contributions to international security cooperation, its global alumni network of over 14,000 professionals from 141 countries, and its influential role in shaping regional strategic engagement over the past 25 years.

The event brought together current and former NESACenter directors, faculty, and members of the Washington diplomatic and defense community.

Ambassador Ghafoor Welcomes White House Senior Director Ricky Gill



24 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed welcomed Mr. Ricky Gill, the newly appointed Senior Director for South Asia at the White House and Special Assistant to the President of the United States, to the Embassy of the Maldives.

During their meeting, they reflected on the growing bilateral relationship between the Maldives and the United States, and discussed ongoing areas of cooperation. Ambassador Ghafoor highlighted that Maldives and the United States will be marking the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries this year.

Embassy Attends Bipartisan Briefing on the First 100 Days of the Trump Administration

27 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended a bipartisan reception and discussion hosted by Cornerstone Government Affairs. The event, titled The First 100 Days of the Trump Administration: A Bipartisan Insider Briefing, featured a panel of former senior Republican and Democratic staffers offering their perspectives on the legislative agenda and direction of the 119th Congress.

Other Engagements



10 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the celebration of the Statehood Day of the Republic of Serbia and Serbian Armed Forces Day, hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Washington, D.C.

Maldives and Serbia established diplomatic relations in 1975.



23 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in celebration of Guyana's 55th Republic Anniversary.

Maldives and Guyana established diplomatic relations in 1994.



24 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the celebration of the State of Kuwait's 64th Independence Day and 34th Liberation Day at the Terrace Theater, The Kennedy Center.

The event, themed “Renditions on a Friendship,” featured a musical performance followed by a reception hosted by Ambassador Sheikha Al-Zain Sabah Al-Naser Al-Sabah and Mr. Fahed Faisal Boodai.

Maldives and Kuwait established diplomatic relations in 1977.



25 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the celebration of the 17th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kosovo. The reception, held at the Members Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, was hosted by Ambassador Ilir Dugolli in partnership with The Honorable Ritchie Torres.

Maldives and Kosovo established diplomatic relations in 2009.



26 February 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam on the occasion of the 41st National Day of Brunei.

Maldives and Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations in 1984.



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