



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

March 2025
Key Highlights

Ambassador Speaks at a Special Event hosted by Women Foreign Policy Group to Commemorate International Women's Day.



13 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed delivered remarks at a special event organized by the Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG) to mark International Women's Day. Ambassador Ghafoor was among one of the six chiefs of missions who delivered remarks at the event.

In his remarks, Ambassador Ghafoor reflected on Maldives' progress in advancing women's empowerment while also highlighting the role of women in diplomacy in the Maldives

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

Ambassador attends Presidential Address by President Trump to the 119th Congress



4 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a Presidential Address by President Donald J. Trump before a Joint Session of the First Session of the 119th U.S. Congress.

In accordance with U.S. tradition, Chiefs of Mission accredited to Washington, D.C. are invited by the U.S. Department of State to attend the Presidential Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress.

Ambassador Attends a Discussion Organized by the Executive Council on Diplomacy on Societal Shifts and U.S. Diplomacy



18 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a discussion organized by the Executive Council on Diplomacy (ECD) and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, at the Residence of H.E. Birgitta Tazelaar, Ambassador of the Netherlands.

The featured speaker, Mr. Bruce Mehlman, shared insights on societal shifts in the United States, the rise of populism, and their broader implications for American politics and diplomacy.



Ambassador Welcomes Maldives State Minister, Dr. Kinaanath to the Embassy



20 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed and Embassy staff welcomed Dr Mohamed Kinaanath, Minister of State for Homeland Security, to the Embassy of Maldives.

State Minister Kinaanath was visiting Washington, D.C. to participate in the World Bank's Global Digital Summit 2025.

Ambassador and Major General Hronek Reflect on State Partnership Program



20 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed had the honor of welcoming Major General John P. Hronek to the Embassy of Maldives. During their meeting, they reflected on the strong and enduring partnership between the Maldives National Defence Force and the Montana National Guard. Ambassador Mohamed expressed his sincere appreciation for the collaboration under the U.S. State Partnership Program.

He also conveyed his gratitude to Major General Hronek for his leadership in strengthening the State Partnership Program between the Maldives and the State of Montana.

Embassy Highlights Women's Empowerment in Session with American University Students



25 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi held an interactive session at American University, highlighting the advancement of women in the Maldives while also reflecting on the broader theme of gender equality.

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



Counsellor Zeena was accompanied by Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary from the Embassy of Maldives.

Maldives Showcases Marine Heritage at Costa Rica's "Waves of Harmony" Exhibit



26 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the opening of the "Waves of Harmony: A Global Art Exhibition on the Interconnectedness of Oceans and Communities Transcending Geographical Boundaries," hosted by the Embassy of Costa Rica.

The exhibition highlighted the vital significance of oceans through diverse artistic expressions, including paintings and photographs, reflecting the profound connection between humanity and the oceans. The Maldives contributed to the exhibition by submitting a photograph showcasing the nation's rich marine heritage, underscoring its commitment to ocean conservation and the cultural importance of marine ecosystems.



Ambassador Attends White House Iftar Hosted by President Trump



27 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Iftar hosted by President Donald J. Trump at the White House in celebration of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The gathering brought together members of the diplomatic corps, U.S. officials, and representatives from the Muslim-American community. In his remarks, President Trump conveyed a strong message of friendship and commitment to the Muslim community, both in the United States and around the world.

Ambassador Delivers Remarks at “Future We Want” Leadership Summit



31 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed addressed youth representatives from over ten countries at the opening ceremony of the "Future We Want: Global Initiative for Young Leaders" organized by the World Council for Youth and Diplomacy in collaboration with the Italian Diplomatic Academy.

Speaking under the theme “Empowering Youth to Reinforce Multilateralism,” Ambassador Ghafoor emphasized the vital role of youth in shaping global policy and decision-making. He underscored the importance of multilateralism, dialogue, and unity in tackling today’s global challenges.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Second Secretary Ibrahim Haail from the Embassy of Maldives.

Other Engagements



3 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Annual Interfaith Iftar hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain at the Perry Belmont House.

The Republic of Maldives and the Kingdom of Bahrain established diplomatic relations in 1984.



20 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended an Iftar dinner hosted by His Excellency Sedat Önal, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye, at the Turkish Embassy Residence.

The Republic of Maldives and the Republic of Türkiye established diplomatic relations on in 1979.



24 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the National Day Reception of Pakistan, hosted by His Excellency Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Ambassador of Pakistan, at the Embassy of Pakistan.

The Republic of Maldives and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan established diplomatic relations in 1966.



21 March 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended an Iftar dinner hosted by His Excellency Serbini Ali, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam.

The Republic of Maldives and Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations in 1984.



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