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Meeting between the Ministers of Religious Affairs of the Maldives and Malaysia

11 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the meeting between YB Senator Dr. Zulkifli Hasan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) of Malaysia, and Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed, Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the Republic of Maldives, during the minister's visit to Malaysia to attend the International Summit of Religious Leaders 2026. The meeting reflected the close bilateral relations between the Maldives and Malaysia and provided an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest in the field of Islamic affairs.



3rd International Summit of Religious Leaders 2026

12 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed, Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the Republic of Maldives, attended the Official Opening Ceremony of the 3rd International Summit of Religious Leaders 2026. The summit brought together religious leaders, policymakers, and representatives from various countries to promote dialogue, mutual understanding, and cooperation among different faiths.



Inter-University Futsal Tournament 2026

27 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the first Inter-University Futsal Tournament 2026 organised by the Maldivian Students' Association Malaysia (MSAM). The tournament brought together Maldivian students from universities across Malaysia, providing a platform to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and community engagement through sport.

Royal Audience and Royal Investiture Ceremony

01 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Royal Audience Ceremony and the Royal Investiture Ceremony of Federal Orders, Decorations and Medals held in conjunction with the Official Birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia. The ceremony was attended by members of the royal family, senior government officials, and members of the diplomatic corps.



Trooping of the Colours Ceremony

05 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Trooping of the Colours Ceremony held in conjunction with the Official Birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia. The ceremony formed part of the official celebrations marking the King's Birthday.

National Ma'al Hijrah Celebration 1448H / 2026M

17 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the National Ma'al Hijrah Celebration 1448H / 2026M, organised by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) at the Putra Mosque, Putrajaya. The celebration commemorated the Islamic New Year and brought together members of the Royal Family, government leaders, the diplomatic corps, and invited guests.



Official Welcoming Ceremony for the Prime Minister of Bangladesh

22 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony held in conjunction with the Official Visit of H.E. Mr. Tarique Rahman, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, to Malaysia. The ceremony was attended by senior government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

AsiaOne Diplomatic Excellence Award 2026

10 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was awarded the AsiaOne Diplomatic Excellence Award 2026 at the 27th AsiaOne ASEAN Summit, held at JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The award recognised the High Commissioner's efforts in strengthening trade, tourism, and cultural links between the Maldives and Malaysia.

WEX Pickleball Tournament

06 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the WEX Pickleball Tournament. The event brought together participants from various organisations and provided an opportunity to promote sportsmanship, networking, and community engagement.

Reception on the Occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation

03 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the National Day of the Russian Federation. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate the occasion.

Reception on the Occasion of the Italian National Day

04 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the Italian National Day. The event brought together members of the diplomatic community and invited guests in Kuala Lumpur.

Reception on the Occasion of the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence

16 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate the occasion.



Reception on the Occasion of the Independence Day of Georgia

16 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the Independence Day of Georgia. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate the occasion.

Closing Ceremony of the Dhivehinge Handball Cup 2026

06 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Closing Ceremony of the Dhivehinge Handball Cup 2026. The tournament brought together members of the Maldivian community in Malaysia and promoted unity and healthy competition through sport.

Signing of the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of Thailand

19 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed signed the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand in Kuala Lumpur. The high commissioner conveyed condolences on behalf of the government and people of the Maldives.

Exhibition at the Embassy of Mexico

19 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended an exhibition hosted by the Embassy of Mexico in Kuala Lumpur. The event showcased Mexico's rich cultural heritage and provided an opportunity for cultural exchange among members of the diplomatic community.

Book Launch and Distinguished Lecture by the President of Timor-Leste

16 June



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the launch of the book *The Rising Sun: Timor-Leste's Journey to Peace and Development* and the Distinguished Lecture delivered by H.E. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, titled "Navigating Turbulent Times, Pursuing Peace." The event brought together members of the diplomatic community, academics, and invited guests.

MTCP 2026 – Science Diplomacy for the Global South

23 June



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the ceremonial events of the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) 2026 – Science Diplomacy for the Global South, held at UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur. The programme brought together diplomats, academics, and policymakers to discuss the role of science diplomacy in addressing global challenges and strengthening international cooperation.

Engagement with ALPS Globemedic

04 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed led a delegation from the High Commission on a visit to ALPS Globemedic Sdn Bhd. The engagement provided an opportunity to explore potential cooperation in specialised healthcare, biomedical services, and professional training for Maldivian medical personnel.

Virtual Meeting between UNITEN and STELCO

15 June

The High Commission facilitated an online meeting between Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) and the State Electric Company Limited (STELCO). Moderated by Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza, the discussion focused on academic collaboration, technical training, and human resource development initiatives.



Meeting with Integrated Courier Express

11 June

Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of Integrated Courier Express Sdn Bhd (ICE), including Dato' Dr Michael C.H. Wong, Advisor of ICE. The meeting explored potential opportunities for cooperation in logistics, courier services, and trade connectivity between Malaysia and the Maldives.

Meeting with We Care Asia

22 June



Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of We Care Asia Sdn Bhd, led by Dr. Yusof bin Ahmad Khairuddin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer. The engagement explored potential cooperation in medical tourism and specialised healthcare support for Maldivian patients.

Meeting with Hamilton Reserve Bank

25 June



Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of Hamilton Reserve Bank to explore potential areas of cooperation in financial services and banking. The engagement provided an opportunity to exchange views on financial connectivity, investment opportunities, and future collaboration.

MTCP 2026 International Hi-Tea Reception

10 June



Senior officials from the High Commission attended the International Hi-Tea Reception held in conjunction with the Closing Ceremony of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) 2026 at Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya. Hosted by Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, the programme was held under the theme "Smart & Green Road Construction: Advancing Sustainable Infrastructure Through Digital and Green Technologies."

The event brought together participants from various countries, including the Maldives, and provided an opportunity to strengthen professional networks and cooperation in sustainable infrastructure development.



Virtual Meeting with the Ministry of Arts, Heritage and Culture

09 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in an online meeting with H.E. Ms. Heena Waleed, Minister of Arts, Heritage and Culture, together with officials from the National Library and the Dhivehi Bahuge Academy. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss collaboration with the Maldives Cultural Centre and explore avenues for broader cultural cooperation with Malaysia.

TATREEZ: Reclaiming Palestine Through Embroidery

18 June



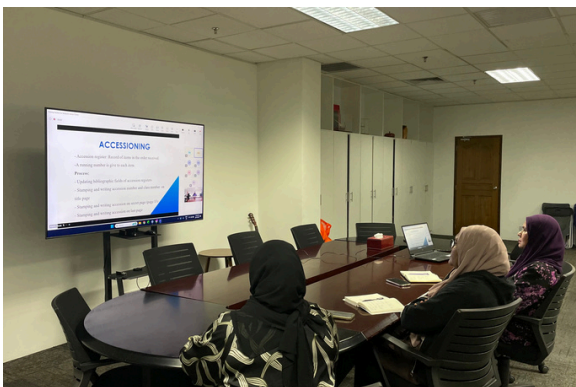
Officials from the high commission attended the official launch of TATREEZ: Reclaiming Palestine Through Embroidery. The exhibition showcased the traditional Palestinian art of embroidery, highlighting its role in preserving cultural identity, heritage, and visual storytelling.

Training Session for Establishment of the Maldives Corner in Malaysia

29 June



Officials of the High Commission attended an online training session conducted by the National Library of Maldives on the establishment of the Maldives Corner. The session was delivered by Ms. Fathimath Shahuneez, Librarian at the Institute of Library and Information Services Unit, National Library of Maldives, and provided guidance on setting up and managing the book corner.



Virtual Meeting on the Malaysia-Maldives Friendship Run Proposal

23 June



Senior officials from the high commission participated in an online meeting with representatives of Tourism Malaysia, the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC), and other relevant Malaysian agencies to discuss the proposed Malaysia-Maldives Friendship Run. The discussion focused on potential collaboration and coordination for the initiative, aimed at promoting tourism, community engagement, and bilateral cooperation between the Maldives and Malaysia.



Consular Statistics of June

A total of 394 services and correspondence items were handled throughout June 2026. Emails responded to constituted the single largest administrative task, with 128 items answered, covering various topics such as passport renewal procedures, relationship letters, and visa application delays. Phone assistance was the next most frequent task, with 74 items, followed by 67 instances of attestation as a true copy. The remaining workload consisted of 40 Merana verifications, 26 passport applications, issuances, and cancellations, 24 issuances of visa-related letters, 19 documents sent for verification, and 13 national ID card applications, issuances, and cancellations.

Here's a breakdown of the services provided:

Passport Renewals and Cancellations: Passport renewals and cancellations were processed for 26 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: 2 emergency travel documents were issued. Citizens are advised to report any lost passport to the nearest police station immediately. For newborns, obtaining a birth certificate from Malaysian authorities is a prerequisite before submitting a travel document application.

Document Verification and Attestation: A total of 17 documents were sent for verification, and 67 documents were attested as true copies during the month. Documents are verified with the relevant Maldivian authorities before attestation. The document verification process generally takes three to five working days, and early submission is strongly recommended to avoid delays.

Email Correspondence: The consular department managed a total of 128 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 24 visa-related letters were issued. Students and families are advised to request assistance through email and maintain communication via the same channel. For expedited visa processing, students should initially consult their university for assistance. If the issue is not resolved within the designated timeframe, the High Commission may be contacted, with all the relevant supporting documents included, for assistance.

Meranaa and Medical Services: A total of 40 applications were verified. Applicants are strongly advised to upload updated visas and ensure all details are accurately completed to prevent the application from getting rejected.

Miscellaneous assistance provided: A letter was issued for license verification.



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