



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

July 2025
Key Highlights

Embassy of the Maldives Marks 60th Independence Day

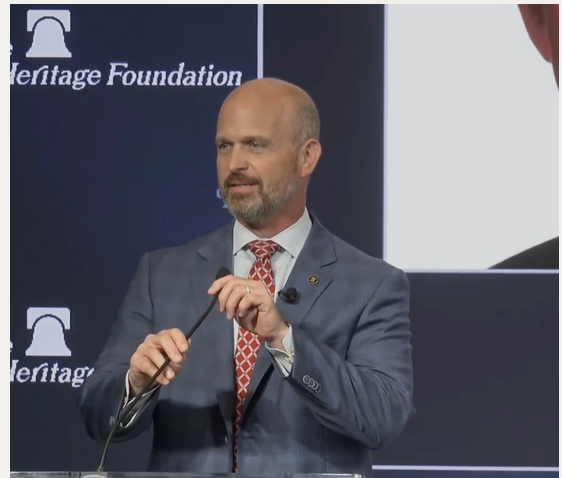


25 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; The Embassy of the Republic of Maldives joined Maldivians around the world in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the country's independence.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Maldives, the Embassy conveyed heartfelt Independence Day greetings and reaffirmed its commitment to advancing the country's diplomatic engagement and shared values of peace, sustainability, and cooperation.

Embassy of Maldives Attends Heritage Foundation Dialogue on Conservatism

1 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended a special discussion hosted by The Heritage Foundation titled “Conservatism’s Next Chapter: The Virtue of Nationalism and the Permanent Things.” The event featured Dr. Kevin Roberts, President of The Heritage Foundation, and Dr. Yoram Hazony, President of the Herzl Institute and Chairman of the Edmund Burke Foundation.



The event served as a platform for diplomatic engagement with policy experts and thought leaders on the occasion of America’s upcoming 250th anniversary.

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with Acting Vice President of U.S. International Development Finance Corporation



3 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ms. Bethany Aquilina Brez, Acting Vice President of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), to discuss avenues for expanding U.S. investment in the Maldives.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor, and Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary.

Ambassador Ghafoor Attends U.S. Independence Day Celebration at State Department



4 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Independence Day celebration hosted by Secretary of State Marco Rubio at the U.S. Department of State.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Maldives, the Ambassador conveyed warm greetings to the United States on the occasion of its 249th Independence Day.

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets Senator Van Hollen

18 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen to reflect on the first-ever U.S. Congressional Delegation visit to the Maldives. During their meeting, they welcomed the growing engagement between the Maldives and the United States and discussed ways to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation.



Following the meeting, Senator Van Hollen issued a joint statement with Senator Jeanne Shaheen commemorating the 60th anniversary of Maldives' independence.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor, and Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary.

Ambassador Attends NESAWashington Seminar Luncheon

23 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Near East South Asia (NESAW) Center for Strategic Studies' Washington Seminar Luncheon, held at the Army and Navy Club. The event gathered diplomats, military attachés, and policy experts for an engaging discussion featuring LTG Terry A. Wolff, Dr. Thomas Lynch III, and Dr. Michael O'Hanlon.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary.

Embassy of Maldives Attends Winternational Embassy Briefing



30 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary, and Mr. Ahmed Alfotihi, Executive Assistant, represented the Embassy of the Maldives at the Embassy Briefing for the 12th Annual Winternational Embassy Showcase, held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

The Maldives Embassy participated in Winternational for the first time in 2024, where over 8,000 attendees visited the Maldivian stall to explore handicrafts, learn about tourism, and take home postcards with their names written in Dhivehi. The Embassy looks forward to continuing its involvement in 2025 and highlighting the Maldives' cultural identity to a broader audience.

Other Engagements



9 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Annual Pakistan Mango Festival, hosted by Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh and Mrs. Lubna Rizwan at the University of the District of Columbia.

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



15 July 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a ceremony hosted by H.E. Sedat Önal, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the United States, to commemorate Türkiye's Democracy and National Unity Day. The event, held at the Turkish Embassy, brought together members of the diplomatic community to reflect on the importance of democratic values and national solidarity.

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



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