



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

June 2025
Key Highlights

Ambassador Ghafoor Attends Graduation Ceremony of National Defense University Class of 2025



12 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Ghafoor attended the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2025 at the National Defense University, held at Fort Lesley J. McNair. Among the graduates was Colonel Ahmed Thohir of the Maldives National Defence Force, who completed a Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies.

Colonel Thohir was honored with the Outstanding International Fellow Award, a Distinction, and the Ambassador's Award in recognition of his exceptional academic performance and leadership.

Ambassador Meets with Chair of the House Subcommittee on South and Central Asia



4 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Ghafoor met with Congressman Bill Huizenga for an introductory meeting following his recent appointment as Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on South & Central Asia, which also oversees matters related to the Maldives. Congressman Huizenga's appointment was officially announced on January 8, 2025, at the start of the 119th Congress.

During the meeting, Ambassador Ghafoor congratulated the Congressman on his new leadership role and conveyed his best wishes for success in guiding the subcommittee's work. He also took the opportunity to reflect on the longstanding and historic relationship between the Maldives and the United States.

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

Embassy of Maldives in Washington, D.C. Celebrates International Day of Women in Diplomacy



24 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; On the occasion of the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, the Embassy of the Maldives proudly recognized the vital contributions of women diplomats serving in the Maldives Foreign Service. Special appreciation was extended to the Embassy's own Counsellor, Ms. Zeena Didi, whose dedication and service continue to strengthen the Maldives' diplomatic presence globally.

Embassy takes part in the 14th Annual Celebration of Women Diplomats hosted by Women Foreign Policy Group



25 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended the 14th Annual Celebration of Women Diplomats, hosted by the Women's Foreign Policy Group in partnership with the Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Esteban Moctezuma Barragán.

The event was held at the Residence of the Ambassador of Mexico in Washington, D.C..

Ambassador Ghafoor Joins Executive Council on Diplomacy's Discussion on U.S. Economic Outlook



24 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed participated in a discussion hosted by the Executive Council on Diplomacy featuring Dr. Pierre Yared, Vice Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. The session focused on U.S. economic policy under President Donald Trump and provided insights into current domestic and international economic strategies.

The discussion was held at the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia and brought together members of the diplomatic community for an exchange of views on macroeconomic policy and global economic trends.

Ambassador Ghafoor meets with the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on South and Central Asia



26 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Ghafoor met with Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on South & Central Asia for the 119th Congress. He congratulated her on assuming her new role and highlighted the enduring Maldives–U.S. partnership over the years, and both reflected on the importance of continued cooperation and mutual engagement moving forward.

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

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with Congressman Ami Bera

26 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Congressman Ami Bera, a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and former Chair of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, to discuss the expanding partnership between the Republic of Maldives and the United States. Their conversation focused on areas of mutual interest and opportunities.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Counsellor Ms. Zeena Didi.



Embassy of the Maldives Attends Induction Ceremony of Maldivian Midshipman at U.S. Naval Academy



26 June 2025, Annapolis, Maryland; Second Secretary Ibrahim Haail represented the Embassy of the Maldives at the induction ceremony of Maldivian midshipman Mohamed Yaman Yassin at the United States Naval Academy.

Other Engagements



3 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the National Day Reception of the Republic of Italy, hosted by Her Excellency Mariangela Zappia, Ambassador of Italy to the United States. The event took place at the Embassy of Italy and brought together members of the diplomatic corps, U.S. government officials, and distinguished guests to commemorate Italy's national celebration.

The Republic of Maldives and the Republic of Italy established diplomatic relations in 1983.



24 June 2025, Washington, D.C.; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended Bridges Beyond Boundaries: Connecting Cultures through Art, an event hosted by the Royal Norwegian Embassy at the residence of the Norwegian Ambassador. The evening featured a lecture and reception with renowned Norwegian painter and public artist Vebjørn Sand.

The Republic of Maldives and the Kingdom of Norway established diplomatic relations in 1977



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