<u>Press Releases: Maldives Court Ruling</u> to Free Opposition Politicians

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The United States welcomes the decision by the Supreme Court to order the release of political prisoners and to reinstate elected members of parliament. The United States urges the Maldivian government to respect and abide by the Supreme Court ruling. It is imperative that the Maldivian President, government, and security services uphold the constitution and rule of law and implement the court's ruling in full. The United States also strongly supports freedom of expression for all Maldivians and calls upon the government to uphold this fundamental freedom.

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