



Statement on the Occasion of International Labor Day

On this International Labor Day, we extend our warmest greetings and sincere felicitations to all workers across various sectors and industries in the Maldives.

The current administration takes great pride and gratitude in noting the extensive efforts being undertaken to guarantee the rights of Maldivian labor and to pave the way for their advancement across all industries. Key initiatives launched to empower the workforce and enhance productivity include:

- **Establishing the nation's first Vocational High School** to build a skilled and capable generation of workers.
- **Increasing government grants and loan opportunities** aimed at fostering talent and professional development.
- **Launching the National Service Program** to ensure no youth is left behind and to mold every child into a productive citizen.
- **Facilitating unprecedented formal services and benefits** for Maldivian fishermen.
- **Securing opportunities in international markets** for the products and crafts of Maldivian labor.
- **Creating dedicated employment opportunities** for persons with disabilities.
- **Providing the option to remain in the workforce** for individuals who wish to continue working after the age of 65.
- **Generating over 23,000 new jobs** across both the public and private sectors.
- **Defining and implementing policies** that reserve specific job categories exclusively for Maldivian citizens.
- **Taking decisive action** to address the challenges posed by undocumented expatriate labor.

The aforementioned points represent only a fraction of the government's broader efforts to establish a favorable environment for labor. In addition to legislative reforms, work is ongoing to expand training and educational opportunities, ensuring the Maldivian workforce is fully equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

It is the prayer of this Party that Almighty Allah bestows blessings upon all these initiatives and ensures that Maldivian labor reaps the full benefits of these endeavors.

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