



On Rilwan's birthday, still seeking answers

Press Statement

Today, 18th January, marks the birthday of my son Ahmed Rilwan. During a time when we ought to be celebrating his 31st year, we will today again face the sorrow of his continued absence.

It is now 894 days since he was abducted in Hulhumalé, with no information yet received regarding his whereabouts.

While Rilwan's disappearance is a tragedy, I wish to remind all those in our small community that it is no longer a mystery. Officials in both the police and the government have - after much delay - now acknowledged that this was a crime, and perhaps one of the most shocking in our history.

At this time there are no suspects in custody. We are also unfamiliar with the current status of the police investigation, but we remain determined as ever to seek answers.

As Attorney General Mohamed Anil said publicly in December, there will be people who have information regarding Rilwan. In a nation as small as ours, secrets are hard to keep, and with an act as atrocious as this one, they should not be.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our brothers and sisters across the country that your help is still very much needed to find Rilwan and to protect our society from the misguided and the malicious men who have committed this crime.

If any further incentive is needed, a MVR 200,000 reward remains unclaimed for anyone who can give information leading to my son. Please, if you have any relevant information, come forward and help ease our suffering.

Give my son the gift of justice on his birthday.

Aminath Easa
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