



Ahmed Rilwan's Family Seeks Disclosure Order on his Abduction

Press Statement

“We, the family of journalist Ahmed Rilwan, petitioned the Maldives Civil Court on 12 December 2016 under the Right to Information Act, regarding the case of our son who was abducted and disappeared on August 8, 2014.

We seek the disclosure of the available facts regarding the events that followed Ahmed Rilwan's abduction. Though significant time and resources have been committed to this case, the Maldives Police Service has still not shared this information.

We wish to make clear that we do not expect the police to disclose information that might compromise their investigation. However, with nine months having passed since we last received an update on the case, we feel unable to wait any longer while being told the investigation is ‘ongoing’.

Despite our attempts to obtain this information privately through a dispute resolution mechanism, we regret to inform that the state was unwilling to disclose these facts. The case is now going to trial.

While the police have refused to share additional information with us confidentially, we wish to emphasize that this is still our preferred option.

It is in the interest of the public that communication between the police and victims remains strong. We hope that the courts will address our concerns and assist us to find the truth.”

Aminath Easa

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