



Amnesty International is pleased to invite you to a panel discussion on

FAIR TRIALS AND JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MALDIVES: WAYS FORWARD

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER
14:00 – 15.30
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Background

In 2015, a series of arrests and imprisonments of high-profile political opponents in the Maldives has drawn criticism from the international community. In the UPR of the Maldives this year, several states called for judicial accountability in the country, citing serious irregularities within national judicial processes that resulted in violations of the right to a fair trial.

The Maldives government maintains that due process has been followed in all cases of arrests and imprisonments in the Maldives.

The panelists will discuss the ongoing situation and ways forward to ensure that the right to a fair trial is guaranteed and that judicial accountability is enforced.

Chair:

Mr Peter Splinter, Amnesty International's UN Representative in Geneva

Speakers:

H.E Ms Dunya Maumoon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Maldives (invited)

Mrs Amal Clooney, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers and Counsel for former President Nasheed

Ms Mónica Pinto, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

Ms Shahindha Ismail, Executive Director of Maldivian Democracy Network (via video link)

Mr Abbas Faiz, Researcher on the Maldives at Amnesty International

Refreshments will be provided