

Remarks by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein at the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council

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In the Maldives, the rule of law continues to be manipulated for political ends. I was initially encouraged by the Government's decision, in July, to move former President Nasheed to house arrest, for health reasons and to appeal his conviction after a flawed trial. But the decision to return him to prison last month, and pursuit of a further criminal investigation against his family, are serious setbacks. Given the deeply tainted nature of this case, I urge the Government to release him, and to review several hundred pending criminal cases against opposition supporters in relation to protests in recent months.

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