



## Foreign Office monitoring the situation in the Maldives with concern

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Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt comments on the release of former President Nasheed following his arrest on Monday.

Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt said:

“The British Government is monitoring the situation in the Maldives with concern following the arrest and subsequent release of former President Nasheed. Along with our international partners, we call on the Maldivian authorities to ensure any trial is fair and transparent. These latest developments underline the need for all parties to resume dialogue and work together to implement the democratic reforms identified by the Commission of National Inquiry in August. We look forward to peaceful, free and fair elections next year, in which all political parties are able to participate fully.”