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Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Male', Republic of Maldives



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To: All Tourist facilities

Copy: Ministry of Cities, Local Government and Public Works
All related Associations
Atoll Councils
Island Councils

Subject: **Month of Ramadan and taking care of guests**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings, the fasting month of Ramadan will be starting this February.

This is to communicate to give guidance and create awareness to your guests to follow respectful practices such as abstaining from eating, drinking, **in public** during fasting hours (sunrise to sunset) during the month of Ramadan. Especially managements of facilities located within communities (guest houses and hotels) please communicate with your guests and ensure that all meals and food are organized and arranged. Please also ensure that water and drink arrangements are organized ensuring that guests stay hydrated.

We also request all tourist resorts, tourist hotels, liveaboard vessels, tourist guesthouses and tour organizers to give information on respectful practices during this fasting month while visiting the capital city or any other islands during a trip. It is important to make necessary arrangements for meals, water and drinks as many restaurants and public food outlets in Male' and in the populated islands will be closed during daytime. Please also provide assistance in addressing the guest's needs and give guidance to those guests travelling by public ferries or taking a transport for departure or arrival.

The Ministry appreciates the support and continued cooperation extended towards providing an enjoyable and pleasant holiday for all guests.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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