MALDIVES

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Ibrahim "Ibu" Mohamed SOLIH

Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Male

Legislature
unicameral Parliament or People's Majlis (87 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and 4-6 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador THILMEEZA Hussain

US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Maldives; US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives, Alaina TEPLITZ

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
has quickly become a middle-income country, driven by the rapid growth of its tourism and fisheries sectors; still contends with a large and growing fiscal deficit; infrastructure projects, largely funded by China, could add significantly to debt levels

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$6.901 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$19,200 (2017 est.)

Exports
$256.2 million (2016 est.)
partners: Thailand 42.8%, Sri Lanka 8.7%, Bangladesh 6.4%, France 6.2%, US 6.1%, Germany 5%, Ireland 4.6% (2017)

Imports
$2.125 billion (2016 est.)
partners: UAE 17.1%, India 13.5%, Singapore 13.3%, China 10.8%, Sri Lanka 6.7%, Malaysia 6%, Thailand 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
391,900 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
-0.08% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
homogeneous mixture of Sinhalese, Dravidian, Arab, Australasian, and African resulting from historical changes in regional hegemony over marine trade routes

Language
Dhivehi (official, dialect of Sinhala, script derived from Arabic), English (spoken by most government officials)

Religion
Suni Muslim (official)

Urbanization
urban population: 40.7% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.93% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
97.7% (2016)

as of March 2020