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## Press Statement

Hope For Women is deeply saddened by the death of Ziyadha Naeem, GDh. Thinadhoo, who was allegedly raped by her husband, Ibrahim Shah, GDh. Thinadhoo. We condemn in the strongest terms possible the alleged sexual violence and indecent act against the woman. We call upon responsible authorities to investigate the crime and appropriate charges be brought against the perpetrator at the earliest.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Act passed in 2012 ensures the right to adequate protection to victims of domestic violence. Hope For Women believes that the stigma and silence towards acts of domestic violence must be eliminated and that the survivor of domestic violence, or anyone who has reason to believe that an act of domestic violence has occurred, should report it to relevant authorities and obtain necessary services without delay to avoid any violence related complications. At the same time we are extremely concerned about the increasing number of cases of domestic violence throughout Maldives and we call upon the responsible authorities to take immediate and stronger preventative measures to stop such incidents from recurring.

We also recommend the law making body to monitor the level of implementation of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, to work closely with its implementing authorities to identify challenges and ways of resolving it, and to ensure that an adequate amount is allocated in the annual budget for effective implementation of the act.

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