

President's State visit to Maldives



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa welcomed by two Maldivian children on arrival at the Hululle International Airport.



Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom escorts President Mahinda Rajapaksa at the airport.



President Rajapaksa inspects a guard of honour accorded by the Maldivian Security Forces.



Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom greets President Rajapaksa before their bilateral talks.



At the bilateral talks



President Gayoom being introduced to members of the Sri Lankan delegation.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa with Maldivian First Lady Nazrina Gayoom.



President Rajapaksa delivering his banquet speech.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama look on as the President talks to a Sri Lankan child in the Maldives.



The two Presidents and First Ladies pose for a picture after the banquet held in the visiting President's honour



The President with the Sri Lankan community in the Maldives



Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama and Maldivian Information and Cultural Minister Mohamad Nasheed signing a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation.



Education Minister Susil Premajayantha signing an agreement on Education Cooperation with his Maldivian counterpart Abdulla Yameen. The two Presidents witnessed the signing of both agreements.

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