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## STATEMENT

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### **President sends message of condolence to Yameen Rasheed's family**

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The Government of the Republic of Maldives, in the strongest possible terms, condemns the murder of Yameen Rasheed. In his death we have lost a young, energetic, voice full of potential that contributed heavily, and responsibly, to the social and political discourse of our nation. He was a socially conscious, civic minded, talented, creative, courageous and impassioned young soul – everything the youth of this nation should aspire to be and more. He will always be recognised as a proponent of change; especially, but not just limited to, his active, and iridescent, presence on social media and his more recent work on an app to drive and sustain blood donations. Yameen was passionate in harnessing technology and innovation for the greater good.

A nation mourns a great loss, along with Yameen's family, his friends and all those closest to him.

President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom today sent his condolences to Yameen Rasheed's family, condemning the act of his murder.

President Yameen has instructed all State agencies and his cabinet, and calls upon all independent institutions, to fully deploy their resources in bringing the perpetrators of this heinous act to justice.

“We will not stand idly by while such acts of hatred are forced upon our citizens. I implore anyone with information, however little, to come forward to the authorities. We will deliver justice for the sake of Yameen's family, his friends, his community and his entire nation.”  
said President Yameen.

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