

Honourable Members

My attention has been drawn to several media articles which have repeatedly reported that as Speaker I did not call the Hon. Minister Hurreeram to order when he uttered unparliamentary words at the sitting of Tuesday 23 June 2020 to the address of Hon. Shakeel Mohamed.

I wish to draw the attention of the House that I called both the Hon. Minister and Hon. Shakeel Mohamed in my office on the same day regarding the said matter.

I have deemed it fit to inform the House and the population at large that upon the Assembly resuming on that day, the Hon. Minister Hurreeram tendered his apologies and withdrew the objectionable words twice in the Assembly.

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Your kind attention is drawn to pages 89 and 90 of the Hansard dated 23 June 2020, which is posted on the website of the National Assembly.

I thank you.