

Gayoom urged to end political repression

THE MALDIVIAN Democratic Party has expressed grave concern over the repressive regime of President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom in that country. President Gayoom had articulated a substantial agenda for democratic reform in the country on March 7, after intense pressure from the international community.

The party, however, said that "beyond rhetoric the government lacks a tangible, evidential basis to substantiate such a claim". The Asian Centre for Human Rights, in a report urged Gayoom to end repression on political opponents. *HTC*