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I wish everybody a Happy New Year ■. 2020 was a year like no other. The pandemic put normal life on pause. ■■tourism collapsed, thousands lost jobs and incomes, children missed schooling, some of us lost loved ones. Few of us will miss 2020. Thread (1/9)

The new year brings hope: of the speedy roll-out of the vaccine, and the eventual end to this horrible virus. I urge all Maldivians to take the coronavirus vaccine as soon as it becomes available. ■■■■(2/9)

@mvpeoplesmajlis worked well this year -- passing many important bills. No longer a corrupt, rubber stamp, Majlis now holds Government to account, upholds Constitution, debates important issues and passes legislation crucial to our country's success. ■■■■■■ (3/9)

I'm very pleased @mvpeoplesmajlis helped ensure the international border reopened in July. Re-opening quickly was a good decision, and led to mini-boom in tourism we see today. We would have been in a much worse position if we kept the border closed. ■=■ (4/9)

I hope 2021 sees ■■unite behind a peaceful and more tolerant vision for the future, without the bigotry and hatred we have sometimes seen in past months. We must learn to listen to the other side, and forge compromise where possible. (5/9)

I look forward to 2021 as year of peace and stability in ■■ & Indian Ocean region. We must work constructively with all international partners, especially our neighbours and traditional friends and allies. (6/9)

I'm excited about plans for ■■energy sector. Let's phase out expensive, imported fossil fuels such as oil■■and gas. Maldives has■■in abundance - we should use solar to get to net zero. @mvpeoplesmajlis will ensure transparency & public consultation in energy plans. (7/9)

Not everything in 2021 will be smooth ■. Even if resorts are full and we sell lots of ■, Gov finances will be in a mess. Previous gov. took on■■ of debt. Let us hope ■■ will be kind & give certainty to verbal expressions of debt relief. (8/9)

Despite our challenges, I remain optimistic. Maldivians have always persevered and prospered, in spite of the odds. I have every confidence in the character & ingenuity of our people. Our best times are yet to come. ■■■■(9/9)

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