

**Warning on Fraud Travel Agents selling Liveboard Holiday Packages**

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Following a number of complaints from various tour operators, it has come to the notice of Liveboard Association of Maldives (LAM) that an individual by the name of "Ahmed Hardy" and his related companies has been fraudulently selling Liveboards to individual travelers and Foreign/Local Tour Operators. LAM advises holidaymakers and tour operators to be aware of this individual and his related companies.

LAM received complaints from various operators about "Ahmed Hardy" and his related companies with regard to incidents involving fake bookings and collecting payments without offering the service. The same has also been reported to Ministry of Tourism and other concerned authorities. The scams involve fraudulent websites claiming to be authorized travel agents offering cheap Liveboards. Cases of websites selling fake holidays and cruise packages have also been reported.

We advise holidaymakers to be aware of rock-bottom prices, to book – where possible – through established LAM members featured on [www.liveboards.mv](http://www.liveboards.mv) or reputable travel companies listed on [www.matato.org](http://www.matato.org), and to enquire about any unfamiliar holiday retailers.

LAM would also like to inform that if an agent or tour operator claims to be a member of a body such as LAM, it should be confirmed through the Association's website.

Any queries to verify the membership status with LAM and to reconfirm company's name and business address before making a booking regarding members of LAM can be sent to [admin@liveboardassociation.mv](mailto:admin@liveboardassociation.mv).



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