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From: Consulate General of India, Jeddah
To : All Private Tour Operators' Associations
Rptd: Director (Gulf & Hajj), MEA, New Delhi

It has come to the Consulate's notice that some regular Umrah pilgrims have been arrested in Makkah/Madinah for not possessing Iqama/passport at the time of round-ups carried out by officials of Jawazaat (Passport) Department, KSA. Since these inspections are carried out as part of the implementation of the Kingdom's Nitaqat policy, we suspect some more inadvertent arrests of regular Umrah pilgrims, who are not in possession of valid documents during those inspections, could continue.

2. The PTO Associations are, therefore, requested to sensitize all the PTOs to ensure that their Umrah pilgrims are in possession of a copy of the Passport along with the visa page throughout the period of their stay in the Kingdom to avoid their arrest during any round-ups carried out by officials of Jawazaat Department.

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