

Haj Committee of India

(Statutory body of Ministry of External Affairs)

Press Release

The Consul General of India, Jeddah, (CGI) has informed that the 11 Indian pilgrims who died in the unfortunate accident in Haram Sharief on 11.09.2015, have since been buried. Further, the mortuary authorities have informed that one more Indian pilgrim, viz. SHAIK ALAUDDIN UMER (Cover No. MHR-21825), who was reported missing, has been found to have died. His identity was confirmed with his metallic bracelet. This takes the total number of Indian pilgrims dead in the incident to 12 and now only one case of missing pilgrim viz. HYDER SHARFUDDIN (MHR 24271), remains unresolved.

2. It has further been informed by CGI, that on 15.9.2015, the Saudi Press Agency issued a press statement on the issue of compensation to victims of the accident at Haram Sharief. The gist of the statement is as follows:

King orders compensation to victims of crane accident at Haram:

The compensation shall be as follows: (1) Payment of SR1,000,000 to the family of each pilgrim killed in this accident; (2) Payment of SR1,000,000 to each pilgrim injured whose injury resulted in permanent disability; (3) Payment of SR500,000 to each injured pilgrim.

The press release further stated that the King also issues directives that such payment would not deprive the families of the deceased as well as the injured from the right to claim for private right before the competent judicial authorities. The King also issues directives to host two family members of the deceased as the King's guests to perform Hajj in 1437H (year 2016). The injured who cannot perform Hajj this year can perform Hajj next year as the King's guests.



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