

**Embassy of India** 

## Press Release

It has come to the notice of the Embassy that in some cases, the deaths of Indian nationals in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain are not reported to the Embassy on time, due to which there has been delays in claiming the mortal remains from various mortuaries. It is reiterated that the mortal remains must be claimed expeditiously and their burial/cremation or repatriation completed at the earliest.

Normally, the information of the death first comes to employers, sponsors or family and friends of the deceased. Any delay in completing the local formalities by the employees/ sponsors causes additional burden on mortuaries and government facilities, especially during the current pandemic situation.

The Embassy would like to appeal to all employers and sponsors to report death of any Indian national under their sponsorship immediately on Embassy's Emergency Number for Registration of Death: +971-564038863 or on the email id: <u>cons.abudhabi@mea.gov.in</u> and take urgent steps to complete death related formalities for performing last rites locally or in India as per family's NOC/ authorization. We also request family or friends of the deceased to inform the Embassy about the same and provide family's NOC/authorization quickly. The family members of the concerned deceased Indian Nationals are requested to submit the NOC or authorization at the earliest. These steps are necessary to ensure dignified homage to departed soul. The Embassy will continue to extend all possible facilitation for early repatriation of mortal remains or local burial/cremation as the case may be. However, it may be noted that given the Covid related protocol being followed by local authorities, in some instances, it may not be possible for the Embassy to prevent local authorities from performing the last rites if the NOC/authorization is not received in time.

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