

AMNESTY-2017: “NATION FREE OF VIOLATORS”

This is with reference to the Saudi campaign “National Free of Violators”, granting Amnesty to the expatriates. This drive will cover following three categories:

- (i) Who entered on Haj or Umrah or Ziyarah or Transit visa or performing Haj without permit;

[If a person entered the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Haj, or Umrah or Ziyarah (Visit) or Transit Visa and did not depart before the expiry of his visa, he/she can now avail of this opportunity. Haj, Umrah, Ziyarah (Visit) or Transit Visa overstayers can depart from the Kingdom directly from any seaport, airport or border post. As per present information, there is no need for persons falling in this category to visit any Saudi Government authority.]

- (ii) Persons who came to the Kingdom on work visa and now Iqama is expired; and

- (iii) Undocumented Persons, Huroob, and Violators of Haj Directives.

[Iqama expired or Undocumented persons or persons who entered the Kingdom by illegal means, or persons who have been declared Huroob by their employer and violators of the Haj directives, must report to nearest designated office to obtain Exit Visa by taking prior appointment, as mentioned in Para 4 below.]

2. Three (03) documents are needed to travel out of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: (i) Valid Passport or EC/Outpass; (ii) Exit Visa; and (iii) Air Ticket.

[If passport is expired or lost a person can visit the Consulate or a designated Centre nearest to his place of stay and apply for Emergency Certificate (EC) (also known as Outpass or White Passport). The Consulate will be making arrangements in various cities for issue of EC. It may kindly be noted that as soon as EC is issued, the existing Passport stands cancelled and the applicant upon reaching India will have to apply for a Passport afresh. He/she will have to go through all the police enquiries, as done in case of issue of Fresh Passport. Therefore, if the ‘valid’ Passport is available, then such applicant should not apply for EC.]

3. The Consulate in Jeddah is making elaborate arrangements for issuance of EC as follows:

To receive a large number of travel documents seekers, the Consulate commences work at 0830 hrs. by opening additional counters, w.e.f. 16-9-2017 so that each needy person gets his Emergency Certificate (EC) or Out Pass or White Passport without any problem. (कौंसलावास जेद्दाह सुबह ०८:३० (08:30 AM) बजे से काम शुरू कर देगी; जिससे कि सभी को EC (आउट-पास) बिना दिक्कत के मिल सके)

In addition, EC applications will also be taken in Abha, Al Baha, Bisha, Jijan, Madinah, Najran, Qunfudah, Tabuk, Taif and Yanbu (schedule to be uploaded soon).

The delivery of ECs will be on the designated date/time/place. For delivery of EC original receipt is must. (EC (आउट-पास) बनाने के बाद किस दिन प्राप्त किया जा सकता है उसका दिन, समय और जगह बता दी जाएगी; EC (आउट-पास) बिना रसीद के नहीं मिलेगा)

4. As far as Exit Visa is concerned, the same shall be issued by the Saudi Government as per following procedure:

- 16.9.2017 से सऊदी इंटीरियर मिनिस्ट्री कीवेबसाइट पर ऑनलाइन अपॉइंटमेंट लेने के लिए एक लिंक होगा [Absher Portal] उस पर जा कर ऑनलाइन अपॉइंटमेंट लेनी होगी [There will be a link on MOI Website titled Absher Portal, click on that and obtain online Appointment].
- उसके बाद अपॉइंटमेंट का प्रिंट-आउट ले कर निर्धारित दिन और समय पर सऊदी ऑफिस में जा कर एग्जिट वीसा (खरूज) लगवाना होगा [Then go to the designated office on the Date and Time given in the Print-out of Appointment to obtain Exit Visa].
- जेद्दाह में सुमेशी तरहील जाना है वहां जेद्दाह कौंसलावास के अफसर भी मौजूद होंगे □ [In Jeddah the designated office is in Shumeshi, Tarheel. The Consulate officials will also be present there.]

The Saudi authorities may ask one or all of the following documents for issue of Exit Visa:

- Original Valid Passport or Emergency Certificate (EC)/Outpass वैलिड पासपोर्ट या आउट-पास (EC)
- Iqama Copy or Iqama Number इकामा की फोटोकापी (यदि कॉपी नहीं है तो इकामा नंबर)
- Border Entry Number (if No Iqama) यदि इकामा नहीं बना था तो बॉर्डर एंट्री नंबर
- Copy of Visa Page in Passport showing Border Entry Number पासपोर्ट के वीज़ा पेज की कॉपी, बॉर्डर नंबर सहित.

5. Air Ticket: All applicants have to buy their own tickets from their own personal funds.

6. This is a good opportunity for all expatriates whose residency status was irregular as per Saudi laws. Applicants may note the following features of this Amnesty:

(1): This is not like the Nitaqat of 2013, but is Amnesty encouraging violators of local laws to leave without any Penalty. There will be no bar from returning to Saudi Arabia. No Transfer (Tanazul) allowed this time. (कृपया इस बात को समझ लें कि यह निताकत नहीं है, यह केवल अपने देश लौटने का सुनहरा मौका है उन सभी के लिए जो कि सही कागज़ात न होने के कारण भारत नहीं लौट पा रहे हैं. इसका भरपूर लाभ उठाएं. बिना किसी जुर्माने के भारत लौट कर दुबारा सऊदी अरब आना चाहें तो सही तरीके से वीज़ा ले कर लौटने पर कोई पाबन्दी नहीं लगेगी. इस अमनेस्टी में ट्रान्सफर या तानाजुल नहीं हो सकता, इसलिए कृपया एजेंटों के बहकावे में न आयें.)

(2): This Amnesty-2017 does not cover Matloob (Wanted) cases and those facing Imprisonment. Their cases will be cleared as per existing local procedures. Those with valid Iqamas are also not covered. (इस एमनेस्टी में

मतलूब घोषित किये गए या जेल केस वाले लोग शामिल नहीं हैं. जिनके पास वैध इकामा है, वे लोग भी इसमें शामिल नहीं हैं.)

(3): A Matloob person has to get his case cleared through the concerned Police Station wherein a case is registered against him. (मतलूब घोषित किये गए व्यक्ति को अपना केस पहले क्लियर करवाना/हटवाना होगा)

7. It is requested that wide publicity may please be given to this initiative of the Saudi Government and the efforts being made by Consulate General of India, Jeddah, as detailed above, to facilitate all Indian nationals desirous of taking advantage of this opportunity to return to India.

With Best Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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