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HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

Under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India Section: <u>Haj Policy Matters</u>

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Sub.: "Important Warnings for pilgrims for Haj-2024 (Hijri-1445)".

In terms of e-mail dated 3rd March, 2024 the Consul (Haj), Consulate General of India, Jeddah informed that carrying out any kind of commercial activity by pilgrims on Haj Visa is strictly prohibited and the pilgrims may be caught by local police, if attempting to do any such activity.

- 2. Similarly, raising of flags or any kind of banners at the holy mosques in Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah, picking of items of others lying on the floor of the mosques, arguing or quarreling with Saudi security personnel, sit-ins/Dharnas or sloganeering of any kind are strictly prohibited under the laws of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The pilgrims may be arrested, detained or even deported by Saudi Authorities with probability of hefty fines or permanent ban to visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 3. In view of the abovementioned serious nature issues of all State/U.T. Haj Committees are requested to sensitize the Haj pilgrim of Haj-2024 (Hijri-1445) about these latest guidelines issued by the K.S.A. during Training session which will be organized by the selected Trainers at District Level in due course of time. All provisionally selected Khadim-ul-Hujjaj (KuH) should also be informed in this regard so that they can also disseminate this valuable information amongst the pilgrims of Haj-2024 in the right earnest.

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4. In view of the above, it is requested to kindly disseminate the above mentioned information by giving vide publicity through press and electronic media.

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To:-

- 1. The Chairman & Members of Haj Committee of India, Mumbai
- 2.The Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
- 3.The Consul General, Consulate General of India, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 4.The Deputy Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
- 5.The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- 6.The Executive Officer/Secretary, All State/Union Territory Haj Committees for information and necessary action.
- 7. All Superintendent, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- 8.PS / Secretariat Section, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- 9.In-Charge, Computer Section, Haj Committee of India, for uploading on the website of HCoI.