

# HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

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7-A, M.R.A. Marg,  
(Palton Road)  
MUMBAI – 400 001.

Ref.No.: HC-Supdt.(Zones)/2011/SM-937

Date : 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

The Executive Officer / Secretary,  
All State / Union Territory  
Haj Committees.

**Sub : Haj – 2011. Information regarding Vaccination.**

Sir / Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of fax message No.209/94/71/386 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2011 from the Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, New Delhi, contents of which speaks itself.

Haj Committee of India shall be conducting Orientation / Training of Trainers Camps at various venues from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 to explain, among other things, the importance of vaccination according to the Health requirements for Haj Pilgrims and issue of valid certificates that they have been given the requisite vaccination at least 10 days ago since this is one of the pre-requisites for obtaining Haj Visa from the Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia in Mumbai / Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia at New Delhi.

You are requested kindly to use your good offices to orient all the intending Pilgrims of your State / Union Territory accordingly.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

**(Dr. S. Shakir Hussain) IRS**  
Chief Executive Officer.

Encl.: As stated above.

Copy to :

- 1) The Under Secretary (Haj), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Akbar Bhavan, Room No.224, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
- 2) Incharge, Computer Section. He is directed to appropriately post the matter on the Website of Haj Committee of India. 3) The Superintendent, Orientation.

ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA  
NEW DELHI



مملكة العربية السعودية  
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No. 209/94/71/386  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2011

**H. E. Mrs. Mohsina Kidwai,  
Chairman,  
Haj Committee of India,  
E-20, Nizamuddin West,  
New Delhi.**

**Dear Madam,**

I would like to inform you that the concerned authorities in Saudi Arabia have noticed that during the last Haj season (2010) a total number of 59473 Indian Haj pilgrims carried invalid certificates of meningitis vaccination and they were given preventive treatment at the Saudi ports. The Saudi concerned authorities have, therefore, asserted that the concerned authorities in the Government of India should make sure that all the Haj pilgrims have been given necessary vaccinations according to the health requirements for Haj pilgrims which are circulated to all the countries, and that all the Haj pilgrims should submit valid certificates confirming that they have been given the required vaccinations at least 10 days ago, to enable the Embassy to endorse their visas.

With my best regards.

Yours Sincerely

**Faisal Hassan Trad  
Ambassador  
Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary**

FAX/ E-mail

No. Jed/Haj/118/67/2010

18.04.2011

From : Congendia Jeddah

To : Haj Committee of India, Mumbai

Chief Executive Officer from Acting Consul General

I would like to bring to your attention a recent legal notice received by us concerning the death of a pilgrim - Late Shri Chuttan Khan - who died during Haj 2010 in Makkah due to natural causes. We at Indian Haj Mission ensured that all necessary medical attention was provided to the pilgrim, who succumbed to his multiple illnesses, namely Myocardial Infarction, Old stroke and Pneumonia. The late pilgrim's medical record reveals that he could not have been fully fit before he arrived here in Saudi Arabia. However, in his legal notice, his son has claimed, among others, that his father was medically fit as certified by doctors in India, before he left for Saudi Arabia and that he had died due to lack of medical care and attention at this end.

2. While we are sending an appropriate reply on this matter, we would request you to take urgent measures to ensure that persons who are sick and suffer from chronic illnesses should be screened and should not proceed for the pilgrimage. This becomes especially relevant given the stress and strains of the journey involved at various stages, factors such as change in climate and environment and the very nature of the pilgrimage. As a step in this direction, an undertaking may be taken from the Doctors certifying the fitness of pilgrims that they would be held wholly and fully responsible/ accountable if the details in the medical fitness certificate are found to be incorrect. We strongly feel that such a measure will go a long way in ensuring smoother Haj with fewer deaths during the pilgrimage as also, no doubt, avoid such legal notices.

With regards,

(B. S. Mubarak)  
Acting Consul General