

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LIST OF SHAHEED/MISSING/INJURED HUJJAJ DURING HAJJ, 2015**

Starting with first flight on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 Hajj Operation 2015 is being concluded on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Alhamd-o-lillah, all Pakistani Hujjaj of Government scheme have left Makkah Muazama and Madina Munawwara. The last batch of Hujjaj will reach Pakistan by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Every year during the Hajj Operation a number of *hujjaj* pass away due to health problems, road accidents etc. (deaths in 2013=93, 2014=87). This year also 97 Hujjaj met natural death. However, this year the total casualties increased due to two unfortunate incidents i.e. Harum Crane incident and the Mina tragedy. In Harum incident, which occurred on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6 hujjaj and 6 Iqama holder Pakistanis attained martyrdom.

A very fatal tragedy took place on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (10<sup>th</sup> Zilhajja) during stay of Hujjaj in Mina. This tragedy disturbed the whole Hajj Operation. Soon after the tragic incident helplines were established by Ministry of Religious Affairs. As a result thereof, both *Hujjaj* and *Iqama* holders were reported missing in large numbers. However due to the efforts of the Office of Pilgrim Affairs Pakistan and the Embassy of Pakistan in Saudi Arabia, the missing persons were constantly searched. During survey of hospitals in Makkah and the mortuary in *Muaisim* Mina, in initial days after incident, some persons who passed away by way of natural deaths occurring in Mina were also reported in list of *shuhada* of Mina incident that has been corrected after obtaining report from Al-Noor hospital. According to the hospital sources 07 Pakistanis who died on the day of Mina incident in the hospital were actually natural deaths.

Ministry now wanted to segregate the list of hajj visa holders from *Iqama* holders so as to pay compensation to nominees of deceased pilgrims and injured as per Hajj Policy. Therefore, the lists have been scrutinized and the following

statistics of *shuhada/ Injured* of each category of Pakistanis are released for the information of public:

**I) PILGRIMS WHO DIED DURING HAJJ-2015**

**MINA INCIDENT**

GOVERNMENT HAJJ SCHME	<b>26</b>
PRIVATE HAJJ SCHEME	<b>56</b>

**CRANE INCIDENT**

GOVERNMENT HAJJ SCHME	<b>2</b>
PRIVATE HAJJ SCHEME	<b>4</b>

**NATURAL DEATHS**

GOVERNMENT HAJJ SCHME	<b>60</b>
PRIVATE HAJJ SCHEME	<b>37</b>

**GRAND TOTAL**

<b>185</b>
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**II) OTHER PAKISTANIS (IQAMA HOLDERS) WHO DIED DURING HAJJ**

**MINA INCIDENT**

<b>17</b>
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**CRANE INCIDENT**

<b>6</b>
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**NATURAL DEATHS**

<b>7</b>
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**GRAND TOTAL**

<b>30</b>
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**III) PILGRIMS MISSING IN MINA INCIDENT**

GOVERNMENT SCHEME

<b>1</b>
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PRIVATE SCHEME

<b>2</b>
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TOTAL

<b>3</b>
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**) OTHER PAKISTANIS (IQAMA HOLDERS) MISSING IN MINA INCIDENT**

<b>4</b>
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**V) PILGRIMS INJURED IN MINA INCIDENT**

<b>2</b>
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Nominees of *Shaheed* pilgrims as per list updated and uploaded on the website of the Ministry, are requested to apply for compensation subject to the fulfillment of following conditions:

- i) Claim form duly filled in (Available on the website)
- ii) Copy of CNIC of the deceased
- iii) Copy of CNIC of the claimant
- iv) Copy of the death certificate
- v) Affidavit duly signed by all family members of deceased, attested by Oath Commissioner/ First Class Magistrate in favor of nominee for payment of compensation along with their copies of CNIC

The rate of compensation is as follows:

S.No	Description	Amount (Rs.)
1	Death due to natural causes, road accidents, suffocation or stampede	500,000/-
2	Accidental disability resulting into loss of one limb	50,000/-
3	Accidents resulting in permanent disability of more than one limb	100,000/-
4	Repatriation/ emergency evacuation due to illness	300,000/-

Note:

1. Injured *Hujjaj* should also submit their applications for compensation
2. New lists will be uploaded on the website today