

Annual Hajj Agreement for Hajj 2025 (Unofficial English Translation)

Details of the Arrangement Agreement for the Year of Hajj (1446 AH) (between the Delegation of Hajj Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of Saudi Arabia)

The Annual Hajj Agreement is signed between the Government of Saudi Arabia, represented in this Agreement by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (the first party), and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (the second party), represented by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. The Agreement is meant to strengthen the existing relations and to organize the affairs of the pilgrims from the country of the other party to perform the sacred rites of Hajj, which shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations in force of the country of the first party and in accordance with due regard for national sovereignty of both the parties. The following is agreed upon:

Article1: Definitions

Office / Office of Hajj Affairs

It will be the government agency representing the pilgrims of the other party, which will arrive in Saudi Arabia before the arrival of the pilgrims to make arrangements with all relevant institutions and arrange the necessary services for them.

Article2: Scope of the Agreement

This agreement will regulate the affairs of Hajj pilgrims belonging to and holding the citizenship of the country of the other party, who will come for the year of Hajj (1446 AH). This Agreement shall not be for the purpose of regulating the Hajj affairs of persons of any other nationality or persons of that nationality residing within Saudi Arabia.

Article3: Responsibilities

To ensure fruitful and mutual cooperation between the parties, both shall take the following steps:

1. Preparatory meeting:

The first party shall hold at least one preparatory meeting before the Hajj season to discuss with the second party, the Office of Hajj Affairs, the problems encountered during the previous season and discuss the practical plan for the Hajj year (1446 AH). A report detailing the outcome of this meeting will be prepared.

2. Determination of the members of the office:

The other party shall prepare a list of members of its Hajj Affairs Office and provide to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of Saudi Arabia their

names and positions within 10 days of the signing of the Agreement, including their clear responsibilities.

Article4: Office of Hajj Affairs

The Office of Hajj Affairs shall take full responsibility for all pilgrims from their country, whether they are directly under the Office or under its subsidiary agencies or companies. This responsibility shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations that determine the rights and responsibilities of each entity. The office has to adhere to the following matters:

- 1.** Before the pilgrims arrive in the Kingdom, by 15 Shaban, their information will be entered on the Nisak Masar platform.
- 2.** All contracts related to transportation, accommodation, and catering for serving Hajj will be completed through Nasik Masar platform with licensed providers in the Kingdom by 15 Shaban 1446 Hijri (14 February 2025). In case of delay in the agreements, the other party will be held responsible for all damages, including the loss of the specified number of pilgrims.
- 3.** Any change in the number of pilgrims will depend on the capacity available in the holy places. Payments to service providers will be made through the Nisk Masar platform.
- 4.** It will be mandatory to follow all Hajj related laws, Nasik Masar platform guidelines, and other applicable guidelines of the Kingdom. All Haj candidates must be aware of these rules and guidelines so that they are satisfied with their complete Haj travel information.
- 5.** It shall be the responsibility of the Maktab Affair Al-Hajjaj to ensure the accuracy and timely updating of information, including accommodation, arrival and departure times, and all other information related to services.
- 6.** It is necessary to provide all necessary information to ensure the issuance and distribution of "Nask" cards to the pilgrims, and to facilitate the process.

Article5: Security rules

- 1.** The Hajj Affairs Office and all organizers (including tourism companies and agencies) must fully implement the Saudi Arabian government's security regulations related to Hajj.
- 2.** Pilgrims should be obliged to follow the following points:
 - a-Moving to the holy places through specific routes and as per the instructions of the security authorities.
 - b-Not to engage in any publicity or advertising activity outside the purpose of Hajj.
 - C-Prohibition of congregational prayers, loud calling, or sectarian rituals in holy places, Masjid al-Haram, and Masjid al-Nabawi.
- D.** For the safety of all pilgrims and visitors to holy places, the use of any kind of photographic equipment, including mobile phones, is prohibited. Using these devices for activities that harm the peace and order of the Haram and the Holy Places, such as raising flags of different

countries, shouting political or religious slogans, or using them on social media, is strictly prohibited.

H. It is forbidden to politicize the sacred occasion of Hajj or to engage in activities that affect the atmosphere of this spiritual worship. Pilgrims are instructed to remain completely focused on worship and avoid any unrelated activities.

And. All pilgrims, representatives of the School of Islamic Affairs, and organizational teams are prohibited from holding gatherings for political purposes. This includes conferences, meetings, or media-related activities by any name, regardless of the reason.

Article6: Number of pilgrims

1. This year 1446 Total number of pilgrims from the other party for the Hajj season of Hijri 1446 is 179210. It consists of pilgrims.
2. The first party may reduce this number if necessary.
3. It has been decided that the proportion of members of the Office of Hajj Affairs to the total quota of Hajjs (1%), which will be listed on the Nashik Masar platform. The other party shall provide the Ministry with a list of all members of the Office of Hajj Affairs and their actual roles during the Hajj season. Along with this, the other party will complete the necessary permits from the health and media institutions for these members in accordance with the prescribed ratio and provide them with special facilities for movement and stay at holy places. It should be noted that these members will not have any diplomatic privileges.
The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah reserves the right to reduce or increase the ratio if necessary, and it will be in accordance with the approved standards and rules. The proportion of members of the Hajj Affairs Office on the Nasik Masar platform will be updated according to the conclusion of the service contracts and the planned plan for Hajj 1446 AH.
4. The second party is required to adhere to the fixed number, and if it wishes to reduce the number of pilgrims, it must inform the first party within one month of the signing of this agreement.
5. The number of pilgrims may be changed due to an epidemic (such as Corona Virus) or any other emergency.

Article7: arrival and departure

1. Arrival and departure of all pilgrims will be by air, the details of which are as follows:
 - **89605 Arrival of pilgrims** will be through Jeddah's King Abdulaziz International Airport.
 - **89605 Arrival of pilgrims** will be via Prince Muhammad bin Abdulaziz International Airport in Medina.
 - **89605 Departure of pilgrims** will be through Jeddah's King Abdulaziz International Airport.
 - **89605 Departure of pilgrims** will be via Prince Muhammad bin Abdulaziz International Airport in Medina.

2. The distribution of the number of pilgrims in the arrival and departure stages is done in cooperation with the relevant institutions such as the General Authority of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport and Logistics and according to the capacity of air and land borders.
3. The Office of Hajj Affairs has been mandated to enter into agreements with air transport companies and to divide the quota equally between the national air transports of the two countries. If the national carrier of Saudi Arabia is unable to provide the service, the Office of Hajj Affairs may request the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah to approve a contract with the national carrier of the Hajj's country or a third-party air carrier.
4. The Office of Hajj Affairs is obliged to monitor the arrival and departure of pilgrims and to follow the relevant rules and regulations.
5. The Office of Hajj Affairs undertakes to enter correct and genuine pre-arrangement (accommodation and flights) data 72 hours prior to arrival and 48 hours prior to departure (according to the approved flight schedule).
6. The Office of Hajj Affairs is obliged to inform the pilgrims about the international standards and specifications of the goods and to follow them.
7. The Office of Hajj Affairs is obliged to inform pilgrims and not to include bottles of Zamzam water in their luggage.
8. The Office of Hajj Affairs is obliged at the time of departure to comply with the departure instructions in accordance with the competent laws and to assist service providers in implementing the approved departure plan.

Article 8:

Information of the Central Representative appointed by the Hajj Affairs Office for entry into the Nashik Masar platform:

Name: Mr. Abdul Wahab Soomro
Passport no: A5229877
Mobile Number: 996547774040
E-mail: dghajjeddah@gmail.com

Copy of passport must be attached. If there is a desire to change the central representative, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah must be notified in a formal letter through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the name and details of the new representative.

Article 9:

The Office of Hajj Affairs is responsible for making financial payments to its Hajj Office account in Saudi Arabia as per the following information:

Bank Name: Bank Al-Riyadh
Account no: 544120000001631596099940
IBAN No: SA4120000001631596099941

Names of authorized persons on the account:

- Abdul Wahab Soomro: 2544078427
- Fayham Khan Afridi: 2544851856
- Ziaur Rahman: 2514777313
- Muhammad Rashid Jamal: 2520120469

Article 10:

Settlement of disputes

Any dispute arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved through direct communication between the two Parties. If no agreement can be reached, the dispute shall be resolved through diplomatic channels. Neither Party shall be allowed to resort to any court or international organization. The document on the Organizational Guidelines for Hajj Affairs signed by the other Party through the Nasik Masar platform shall be the primary reference in the application of this Agreement.

Article 11

Execution of the Agreement

This agreement is arranged for the Hajj arrangements for the year of Hajj (1446 AH) and shall come into effect from the date of signing and shall terminate upon the departure of the last Hajj covered by the other party.

The first party has the right to suspend the implementation of this Agreement in whole or in part according to the need and the interest of the pilgrims, and this suspension will take effect immediately after notifying the other party in writing through diplomatic channels.

Article 12:

Final Commandments

Amendments to this Agreement shall only be possible with the written consent of both parties and in accordance with their respective regulatory procedures.

Any change in the status or representatives of either party for any reason shall not affect the obligations of this Agreement or the agreements entered into with the Service Providers.

The office shall have the right to appoint a legal representative licensed to practice law in the Kingdom, who shall enter into contracts for services and present them before the judicial bodies.

This agreement was signed on 12 Rajab 1446 AH corresponding to 12 January 2025 in two original versions in Arabic language.

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