

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN**  
**MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**  
**AND INTERFAITH HARMONY**  
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Islamabad, the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**The Chairman,**  
**Hajj Organizers Association of Pakistan (HOAP),**  
**Islamabad.**

Subject: **ROUTE TO MAKKAH FACILITY FROM ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI**  
**FOR PAKISTANI HUIJAJ**

Kindly refer to the subject cited above. It is stated that on the request of the Prime Minister of Pakistan the Route to Makkah facility is being extended to Jinnah International Airport (JIAP), Karachi for Hajj 2024, apart from Islamabad International Airport. The Government Huijaj from Karachi, Quetta, Sukkur, Islamabad and Peshawar are benefitting from this facility this year.

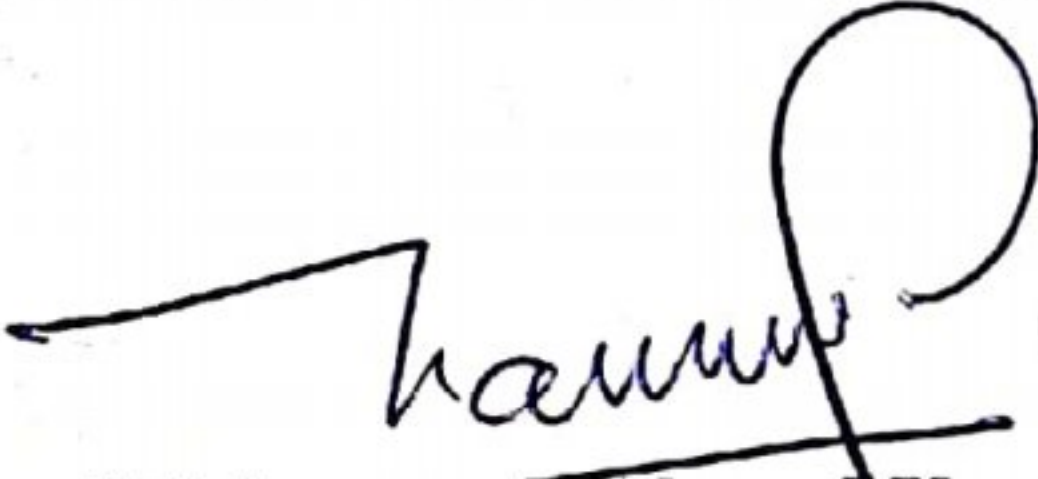
2. The Route to Makkah facility is a Saudi Government's gift to the Pakistani brother Huijaj and essentially has the following salient features:

- a) Instant Saudi Immigration at Islamabad and Karachi airports to replace the earlier hours long immigration processes at Jeddah and Madinah airports.
- b) Security of luggage through Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) coding and the luggage and Saudi compensation in case the luggage is lost.

3. Foregoing in view, HOAP is directed NOT to deprive Pakistani Huijaj, traveling through above places of departures, from availing this tremendous facility offered by the KSA. Further, as per Saudi requirement the number of Huijaj for both places of departure should be at least 60% of the total quota allocated to Pakistan to make it cost effective. Therefore, dedicated flights from Islamabad and Karachi may be arranged, in close coordination with all Munazzams, to maximize the number of Huijaj availing the facility.

4. HOAP must be cognizant of the fact that the Route to Makkah is a project of utmost significance for Pakistan as an international agreement with Government of KSA is involved. Hence, an active contribution by the private operators in its successful operation will be a key factor in distribution of Hajj quota between public and private sectors and also in allocation of Hajj quota to HGOs next year onwards.

5. It is further directed that in order to provide RFID stickers, the number of Huijaj, who will be availing the facility may be conveyed by 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

  
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