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**Press Release**

As per the latest Directives of Ministry of Interior Kuwait, regarding travel of expatriates back to their countries without payment of penalty/fine for violation of ‘Residency Rules’, following guidelines may be noted by the Indian community in Kuwait.

1. All Indian expatriates **without valid Residency/Visa** (*Residency not obtained at all /Residency not renewed timely /****or*** *has a valid Residency, but intend to return to India*) must utilize this opportunity to leave Kuwait **before 22nd February 2018.**
2. Expatriates (*under Visa Article Numbers 18 & 20*) **with absconding cases** (*registered by sponsor/company*) can leave Kuwait during this period using valid Passport OR a travel document, i.e. Emergency Certificate (EC), to be issued by the Embassy.
3. **Expatriates with “travel ban”** (due to civil/criminal cases etc.) **shall not be allowed** to leave the country during this period. First, they have to obtain proper clearance from the concerned Authorities/Court/Ministry of Justice, Kuwait.
4. Those who are in **possession of valid Passports** (*with air ticket*) and **not under travel ban** can directly approach Airport Immigration Authorities for clearance and exit.
5. Those who **do not have valid Passports,** will have to;
	1. Obtain an EC from the Embassy.
	2. Along with EC, please approach Residency department (Passport) offices at various Governorates in Kuwait from where Residency/visa of individual was initially processed. EC will be verified and stamped at special counters (from 7 am to 2.30 pm) which will enable individual to travel.
	3. **EC forms (free of cost**) are available at the Embassy and individual has to pay a fee of **Five KD (5 KD) only** while submitting duly filled in EC applications. Individual has to **personally collect EC** from the Embassy on the due date of delivery.

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