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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Embassy is deeply shocked and distressed to learn that an Indian national working as a shepherd in Kuwait has been found dead on 28 May 2015 in a remote desert area in Qashaniya. According to press reports, preliminary investigations suggest that the Indian national died of thirst and de-hydration as his body was found in a very arid spot.

2. As a matter of policy, the Embassy is not allowing Indian nationals in Kuwait to work as shepherds so as to protect their welfare. Unfortunately, there have been some instances reported where Indian nationals have been forced to work as shepherds in desert areas of Kuwait or taken against their will to Saudi Arabia.

3. The Embassy would, therefore, like to advise Indian nationals in Kuwait not to take up employment as shepherds. Those who have been forced to work as shepherds in Kuwait in violation of their work contract, should immediately contact the Embassy for assistance in the matter/redressal of their grievances.

4. Following Telephone / Mobile Numbers may be noted for contacting officers in the Embassy:

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(c) ShriK.S.S. Naidu, Local Clerk (speaks Kannada & Telugu), Mobile No. 66442433; and

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