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Title: Need to ensure safe return of Indians from Libya.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Hon. Chairman, Sir, with deep sorrow and agony, I would like to inform the House that we have got a message this morning from Libya that one Keralite, Solomon Daniel, has been killed in mortar shell attack in war-torn Libya. Solomon belongs to the district of Alleppey from where I represent. He belonged to a very poor family. He was working in Libya for the last ten years. Unfortunately, he has been killed yesterday during the attack. Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to give necessary direction to the Indian Embassy in Libya for bringing back the mortal remains of Solomon as early as possible, and also give assistance to the bereaved family for their future endeavours.

Around 6,000 people, including a lot of Malayali nurses, are again stranded in different parts of Libya. They have already informed the Government of India, through the Government of Kerala, their desire to come back to India. Therefore, I would request the Government of India to send more flights of Air India for evacuating those who have been stranded in Libya, and it should be done in an expeditious manner. I would also urge upon the Ministry of External Affairs to take necessary steps to bring back those who wish to come back to India from Libya. .

HON. CHAIRPERSON :

Shri N.K. Premachandran,

Dr. A. Sampath,

Shri P.K. Biju and

Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher are permitted to associate with the matter raised by Shri K.C. Venugopal.

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