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### **Repatriation of stranded Indian nationals from Brunei to Coimbatore**



A chartered flight, operated by Royal Brunei Airlines (RB), departed today at 0900 hours (Brunei time) from Brunei International Airport to Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in South India carrying 139 Indian nationals, who were stranded in Brunei due to suspension of international flights as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Indian nationals included those who had been laid off from employment, short-term visitors and those returning to India for compelling reasons such as for medical treatment and family emergencies.





The chartered flight was operated in full compliance of COVID-19 pandemic-related guidelines and Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) laid down by the relevant Ministries of the Government of India. All passengers were provided with PPE kits and other hygiene-ensuring equipment and material for the flight. The Indian nationals traveling on the chartered flight comprised domiciles/residents from 14 States of India with majority from the State of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. They will be undergoing their COVID-19 test upon arrival in Coimbatore and also remain on 7 days mandatory quarantine at designated centres.













The High Commission undertook a major effort in coordinating the flight, its clearances as well as identifying and ensuring that the stranded Indian nationals completed all necessary formalities for boarding the flight. The High Commission acknowledges with thanks the assistance and cooperation of the RB, the Indian Associations, namely, Indian Association Belait (IAB), Malayali Association (MA) and Bandar Seri Begawan Indian Association (BSBIA) and the members of the Indian community in ensuring the smooth repatriation and operation of the chartered flight.





High Commissioner HE Ajaneesh Kumar along with High Commission officials was there at the airport to see off the passengers.





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