

## PRESS RELEASE

The Consulate will **remain open during all holidays** (including Saturday/Sunday and other public holidays) **from 2 pm to 4 pm to address emergency requirements** of the general public w.e.f. May 10, 2024.

2. In this context, it is advised that before coming to the Consulate for any **emergency service**, applicants should call the Consulate's emergency helpline number:  $\pm 1.917.815$ -<u>7066</u> to ascertain per-requisite of supporting documents for these services and to ensure that they fall in the category of emergency services, which cannot be postponed to the next working day of the Consulate.

3. It may please be noted that this facility is only for emergency requirements of travel documents such as Emergency Visa, Emergency Certificate (for travel to India on same day) and transportation of mortal remains being sent the same day. The applicant will be charged an emergency service fee for Emergency Visa as has been the practice.

4. It is reiterated that this facility is for people with genuine emergencies and not for regular consular services.

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