

**Embassy of India  
Djibouti  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Repatriation flight for Indians stranded in Djibouti**

Under the aegis of Vande Bharat Mission, 94 Indian nationals, including a 70-member film crew, stranded in Djibouti travelled to India by a special chartered Air India Flight AI 1984 on Djibouti-Kochi-Mumbai sectors. The film crew was shooting a Malayalam language film titled 'Djibouti' when international flights got suspended due to COVID pandemic. The repatriation flight from Djibouti also carried other Indians nationals from several states of India who were stranded in Djibouti since the suspension of international flights from 18 March 2020.

2. Government of India repatriated from India free of cost 17 Djiboutian nationals, 2 Yemeni nationals and 2 Kenyan nationals on the incoming Air India flight AI 1983 from Mumbai to Djibouti. Air India has flown to Djibouti after Operation Rahat in April 2015 again to serve the nation. Embassy of India expresses its gratitude to the Government of Djibouti for facilitation of the flight.

3. Government of India, under its Vande Bharat Mission, has reached out to stranded and distressed Indian nationals in different parts of the world to facilitate their return. In its first phase 13750 Indians have returned to India from 12 countries. The second Phase of Vande Bharat is expected to bring back nearly 59,000 Indians by as many as 311 flights from Africa, Middle East, CIS, Europe, East Europe, South East Asia, South Asia, East Asia, UK, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, US AND Canada till 17 June, 2020.

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