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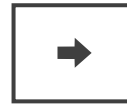
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Saudi Probes Death Of Nigerian Stowaway Found On Plane

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- 3,000 pilgrims return from Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Government has commenced investigation into the death of a suspected stowaway whose body was found on an aircraft which returned from Nigeria. A cabin crew member of Saudi airline, Flynnass, on Wednesday found a body of a male at the sidekick of its plane which returned from Abuja after conveying 472 pilgrims. This is as over 3,000 pilgrims, who performed the 2016 Hajj in Saudi Arabia have arrived on Medview flights to Lagos, Kaduna and Kano.

The Chairman, National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), Alhaji Abdullahi Mohammed, told journalists in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, that both governments were investigating the incident. He said the incident had not affected the flight operation apart from a delay of about five hours to allow for necessary checks and routine procedures. Mohammed said NAHCON had established that the body found was not of any of the pilgrims as all of them had been fully accounted for.

But the latest flight arrived yesterday morning at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, with 323 pilgrims. The pilgrims comprised those who travelled through Med-View Travels Konsult and some other tour agents as well as pilgrims from Oyo State.

They were conveyed in a Boeing 777-200 deployed for Hajj operations by Med-View Airline. The airline airlifted pilgrims from the South-West states of Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Osun and South-South, Armed Forces, as well as Kaduna.

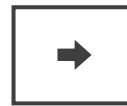
The airline commenced the return journey on Monday, September 19 2016 with the airlift of pilgrims from Osun and Lagos states. The aircraft

carrying the pilgrims touched the terminal of the Airport at exactly 7:30 a.m amidst cheers and praises by the elated pilgrims.

They described the trip as smooth and stress-free despite going through rigorous screening at the Saudi Airport. Meanwhile, pilgrims who travelled through Med- View Konsult have hailed the services provided by the agency which is an arm of Med-View Airline, saying the agency, through its various initiatives ensured they had a remarkable Hajj experience.

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