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SRI LANKAN PRISONERS TRANSFERED FROM KUWAIT

Sri Lanka Embassy in Kuwait, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice & National Integration of Sri Lanka launched the transfer of the first batch of Sri Lankan sentenced prisoners from Kuwait.

The first batch of 32 prison inmates who had been sentenced for various crimes will be brought down to Colombo on Monday, 25 November 2024, onboard a dedicated Kuwait Air Force aircraft C-17, escorted by a combination of officials from the interior Ministry, armed forces and medical personnel of Kuwait.

The prisoners to be transferred are expected to serve their respective remaining period of sentences in prison facilities in Sri Lanka, in line with the provisions of the Agreement on transfer of sentenced persons, signed in 2007 between the two countries.

The prolonged transfer of prisoners that remained unresolved since early this year, due to challenging economic conditions has come to fruition with the strenuous effort of Sri Lanka Embassy that managed to secure from the Government of Kuwait a dedicated Kuwait Air Force Aircraft free of charge.

The remaining 70 plus sentenced persons are expected to be transferred once cleared from the relevant authorities.

Ambassador Kandeepan Balsubramaniam and officials of the Mission were present at the Abdulla "Air force Base" during the handing over of the Sri Lankans to the authorities.

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