

# DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

## Part I. Country

Afghanistan

## Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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## Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country

Predominantly Muslim, with small numbers of Hindu and non-public practicing Christians.

## Part IV. Mortician and Related Services Available in Afghanistan

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Mortuary facilities – hospitals:

Jamhoriyat Hospital, Sidarat Square, Kabul

Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital, opposite ANA Hospital in Wazir Akbar Khan District, Kabul

Aliabad Hospital, near Kabul University, Kabul

All hospital mortuary facilities are not to U.S. standards.

Mortuary facility with refrigeration and autopsy services:

Forensic Scientists Afghan Morgue; Darlaman, across from the Attorney General's Office, Kabul Afghanistan

## **Part V. Profile of services available in Afghanistan regarding preparation and shipment of remains:**

### a. Disposition of remains

Within Kabul, the only public morgue with refrigeration capabilities is the Forensic Scientists Afghan Morgue. This facility also has embalming capabilities, but embalming materials must be supplied by an outside source. The quality of services is non-standard.

There are no autopsy requirements.

According to local customs, funeral traditions are carried out by family and friends. There are no 'funeral homes' or 'funeral directors.'

### b. Embalming, cremation, and caskets

Embalming facilities are available at the Forensic Scientists Afghan Morgue. Embalming materials must be supplied by an outside source. The quality of services is non-standard.

Cremation services are available through Hindu's Daramasal in Kart-e-Parwan. The cost of services is approximately \$100 USD; the urn for ashes must be provided by the next of kin. Cremation is performed by a traditional Hindu funeral pyre, and is non-standard. After cremation, a Certificate of Cremation will be issued. Due to local tradition and Islamic law, transporting cremated remains outside of Afghanistan can be difficult.

The only source of coffins acceptable for international shipping is Remote Medical Solutions International (RMSI), Street 15 Wazir Akbar Khan, 4<sup>th</sup> Lane, House 55, Kabul. Chars Coffins sells simple wood caskets for local burial.

### c. Shipping

Shipping of remains should be coordinated through Remote Medical Solutions International (RMSI), Street 15 Wazir Akbar Khan, 4<sup>th</sup> Lane, House 55, Kabul. At this time, there are no other options available to private U.S. citizens. Depending on the circumstances, location, and shipping destination, costs average \$20000 - \$25000 USD.

Many U.S. employers have procedures in place for medical evacuation and/or shipping of remains.

### d. Local authorities, funerals, and burial

According to local customs, funeral traditions are carried out by family and friends. There are no authorized 'funeral homes' or 'funeral directors.'

Funeral traditions are not regulated by a local authority; there is no maximum period before burial of remains.

Local burial for non-Muslims is available at the Qhabr-e-Ghuorah Cemetary "The British Cemetery." All arrangements must be made personally through the guard at the cemetery. The cost of the service is approximately \$100 USD.