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CONSULAR OFFICE - BAMAKO

DEATHS - DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

In the Republic of Mali, one does not have the opportunity to choose between local morticians. There is only one mortician in Bamako serving the foreign community. This is an Islamic country where burial usually takes place within a few hours after death. All laws and regulations are national in scope. The information gathered is as follows:

- A. Maximum period before burial - A body that has not been embalmed can remain in cold storage for seven days before burial is required; there is no specific period in which an embalmed body must be buried.
- B. Embalming - There are embalming facilities at the medical school located at Point G Hospital in Bamako and at the Centre Odonto in Bamako Coura. Bodies are preserved using the formalin process. Bodies must be embalmed within three days.
- C. Casket and Containers - Caskets and containers can be manufactured on short notice in Bamako. They usually meet requirements for shipment out of the country; caskets and containers used to ship remains internationally are considerably more expensive.
- D. Exportation of Remains – Mali regulations require the approval by decree of the Ministry of the Interior (Administration Territoriale et des Collectivités) to export dead bodies. In order to obtain the decree, the following documents must be presented to the Ministry: Medical certificate, Permission to Embalm, Affidavit by local mortician, Police Report and Death Report.
- E. Costs

Approximate exchange rate: 540 f CFA to 1 U.S. dollar, subject to fluctuation.

Local Burial	
Wooden Coffin (the quality of the wood and workmanship differs)	155,000 f CFA 200,000 f CFA 325,000 f CFA
Grave	175,000 f CFA
Burial	40,000 f CFA
Plate (with name)	30 000 f CFA
Transportation from the morgue to the cemetery	70,000 f CFA
Other fees	65,000 f CFA
Exportation of Remains	
Coffin	532,000 f CFA
Metallic container with accessories	278,250 f CFA
Purifier	137,000 f CFA
Washing of the Body	75,000 f CFA
Sheets and deodorants	13,000 f CFA
Embalming costs	225,000 f CFA
Assistant fees	90,000 f CFA
Administrative procedures	95,000 f CFA
Transportation to Bamako-Senou Airport	35,000 f CFA
Airport tax	15,000 f CFA
Transportation from Bamako to designated destination	TBD
Other Potential Costs	
Autopsy	TBD
Disinterment	180,000 f CFA

- F. Remains can be disinterred for shipment to the US at any time after burial. One would have to pay for labor of the cemetery workers, plus the fee for preparing for shipment and shipping costs as outlined above.

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