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Indian construction workers operating in Saudi Arabia are demanding compensation after being flown home due to the Corona pandemic. Archive image.

More than 280 Indian guest workers in Saudi Arabia are demanding compensation after they lost their jobs and were flown home during the corona pandemic's spread in the country in July.



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The workers were employed by the construction company Nasser S Al Hajri Corporation, one of the major construction operators in the Middle East. Contractual compensation has not been paid by the company, but the complaint is addressed to the Indian Government.

According to testimony, many of the employees were forced to sign blank forms in order to be able to make evacuation flights from Saudi Arabia.

"Otherwise they wouldn't have received their passports and tickets," says lawyer Subhash Chand, who represents the group.

The Indian Embassy in Riyadh announces that it has been in contact with the company and with Saudi authorities, and that it is awaiting a response.

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