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and Missing in Action**

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NOTE:

The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:

- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



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Article 1: Definitions

Fund: Fund for the Martyrs, Wounded, Prisoners of War, and Missing in Action.

Board: Board of Trustees of the Fund.

Martyr: Any military or civil person who dies in war; during military exercise and security maintenance; or during an operation to save lives or property in cases of fire or persons trapped or taken hostage. This includes cadets who are assigned similar tasks, military or civilian employees, and contracted Saudis, as well as any of their family members, within the Kingdom or abroad, who die as a result of a terrorist act or an act targeting the Kingdom. Any of the above-mentioned persons who suffer a disability rated more than 70% shall be considered a martyr.

Missing in Action (MIA): A military person who becomes missing in war or during military exercise and security maintenance, whose fate is not known. This includes civilians and cadets assigned similar tasks.

Prisoner of War (POW): A military person who is captured during war or military exercise and security maintenance and is proven to be alive. This includes civilians and cadets assigned similar tasks.

Wounded: Any military or civilian person with a disability rated 70% or less due to war; during military exercise and security maintenance; or during an operation to save lives or property in cases of fire or persons trapped or taken hostage. This includes cadets assigned similar tasks, military or civilian employees, and contracted Saudis as well as any of their family members, within the Kingdom or abroad, who become injured as a result of a terrorist act or an act targeting the Kingdom.

Families of the Martyrs, Missing in Action, and Prisoners of War: Parents, wives, sons, daughters, and legal dependents.

Statute: Statute of the Fund for the Martyrs, Wounded, Prisoners of War, and Missing in Action.

Article 2

Under this Statute, a fund for the martyrs, wounded, POWs, and MIAs shall be established. It shall have a legal personality and a financial and administrative independence, and shall report to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Article 3

The Fund shall be headquartered in the city of Riyadh and may, pursuant to a decision by the Board of Trustees, have branches and offices within the Kingdom.



Article 4

The Fund aims to assist persons in need from families of martyrs, the wounded, POWs, and MIAs, and their legal dependents. The Fund also aims to carry out charity work in their names, in accordance with provisions set forth in this Statute.

Article 5

The Fund shall have a Board of Trustees chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister with the membership of the Minister of Interior, Minister of the National Guard, Minister of Islamic Affairs, Dawah, and Guidance, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Labor and Social Development. The Chairman shall appoint, pursuant to a decision issued thereby, at least four other members known for their contribution to charity work.

Article 6

The Board shall be the Fund's highest authority and shall set its general policy and oversee its implementation. In particular, the Board shall:

1. Disburse from the Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.
2. Determine investment channels and percentage of investment in each.
3. Purchase real estate and have them duly registered with the competent authorities as endowments under the name of the Fund. The Board shall develop such real estate, collect revenues, and expend the same as provided for in this Statute.
4. Determine expenditure channels of the Fund's revenues and specify necessary rules for such expenditure.
5. Issue the Fund's financial and administrative regulations.
6. Accept gifts, donations, bequests, and endowments.
7. Adopt a developmental plan for the Fund's resources and investments.
8. Establish branches or offices for the Fund within the Kingdom.
9. Appoint the Fund's Secretary-General and determine his powers and rights.
10. Appoint an auditor for the Fund and determine his remuneration.
11. Approve the Fund's final account and auditor's report.
12. Review the Fund's annual report and activities for the ending fiscal year prior to submission to the Prime Minister.
13. Approve the general annual budget, income and expenditure account, and any other statement related to the Fund's financial position.
14. Form standing or ad hoc committees from among its members or others to perform certain tasks.
15. Seek the assistance of experts and consultants to perform certain tasks or conduct necessary studies and research.



The Board may delegate certain powers to the Secretary-General or to whomever it deems fit.

Article 7

1. The Board shall convene under the chairmanship of the Chairman or his designee at least once every three months. The Board may also convene, when necessary, upon a call by the Chairman or upon the request of at least three of its members. A Board meeting shall be valid only if attended by the majority of members, provided that the Chairman or his designee is among them.
2. Board decisions shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote. In urgent cases, Board decisions may be passed by circulation, unless a board member requests, in writing, a meeting for deliberation. Board decisions shall be entered into the agenda of the subsequent meeting.

Article 8

1. The Secretary-General shall be in charge of implementing Board decisions, overseeing the Fund's work progress, managing the affairs of the Fund's employees, and maintaining relevant deeds, registers and entries, as well as representing the Fund before third parties.
2. The Secretary-General shall attend Board meetings in a non-voting capacity, present items on the agenda, and supervise the drafting of necessary decisions.

Article 9

The Fund's financial resources shall be as follows:

1. Funds granted by the State.
2. Donations, gifts, bequests, and endowments accepted by the Board.
3. Returns on its investments.

Article 10

All funds shall be deposited in a special account with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. Disbursement from the account shall not be made without the signature of the Chairman or his designee, pursuant to a decision by the Board.

Article 11

The Board shall set rules for disbursement from the annual revenues of the Fund's endowments and investments, provided that the following is taken into consideration:

1. A disbursement is made from the proceeds of each endowment for its



- preservation, including renovation, repair, and maintenance.
2. A minimum of 75% of the annual proceeds shall be allocated to assist needy family members of martyrs, the wounded, POWs, and MIAs as well as their legal dependents. Any surplus shall be spent on charitable and philanthropic activities in the Kingdom in accordance with applicable laws and instructions.
 3. A maximum of 25% of the annual proceeds shall be allocated for additional investments to develop the resources and financial capabilities of the Fund.

Article 12

The Board may authorize the Secretary-General to disburse specific amounts from the fund on matters prescribed by the Board in accordance with the provisions provided for in this Statute.

Article 13

The entity with which the martyr, wounded, POW, or MIA is affiliated shall provide complete information on such person and his family to the Fund's secretariat to take appropriate action in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Statute.

Article 14

The Fund's fiscal year shall be the same as the State's fiscal year. As an exception, the Fund's first fiscal year shall commence with the beginning of the Fund's operations and end with the end of the following fiscal year.

Article 15

This Statute shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force from the date of its publication. It shall supersede all provisions conflicting therewith.