RAJLAL PASMAN, 40

CAUSE AS PER DEATH CERTIFICATE: CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE, COMPRESSION OF BRAIN, ACUTE CEREBRAL INFRACTION ICA OCCLUSION BRAIN DEATH FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION*

Rajlal Pasman had worked in Qatar for about three years, and booked a return flight to Nepal in February 2021. But barely a week before his scheduled departure, he was trapped in a gas leak fire at his workplace. As the fire spread, he fled for his life and was severely injured, according to Rajlal’s uncle Shovit Pasman, who received his body in Nepal. “I heard from his friend that some co-workers were evacuated, but he died in a hospital.” His employer was Al Muttaqin Trading Cleaning & Contracting Company, according to a letter issued by Nepali embassy.

Despite losing his life due to a workplace accident, his family received no compensation. They only received his unpaid salary (NPR 312,000). He had paid NPR 160,000 to recruitment agents for the job in Qatar. “Now it’s very hard to pay his debt as no one in his family has a source of income,” says Rajlal’s brother, Gaya. Rajlal’s family was informed about his death five days later by his Nepali co-workers. His body was repatriated roughly three weeks after his death, according to Qatar Airways’ consignment note.

*Despite mention of organ transplantation on this death certificate, the family is not aware of any details this entails