

## **Affected families of Air Blue crash form group**

Karachi, October 13, 2010: Families, friends and loved ones of the Air Blue Victims have announced the formation of the 'Air Blue Crash Affectees Group'.

The group aims to provide a platform for all affected families to gather and raise their concerns and to share their pain. They also aim to urge the Government, Air Blue, Airbus and the Civil Aviation Authority to clearly identify the causes of the crash in the most transparent manner.

Members of the group will also highlight the atrocious experience they had due to the lack of coordination on the part of both the authorities and Air Blue, in terms of managing the crisis and handling the families during such a tough time.

The Air Blue plane crashed into the Margalla Hills near on the morning of July 28, killing all 152 people on board.

A number of families lost their sole breadwinners in the tragedy. The Air Blue Crash Affectees Group will stand up for the rights of the aggrieved and ensure that they are adequately compensated as per international laws and precedents. The Group will also lobby for the formation of an independent judicial commission to study the aftermath of the disaster and design standard operating procedures for dealing with any such disasters in future.

Air Blue Crash Affectees Group is also forming a benevolent fund for providing short and long-term assistance to deserving families of victim. The families and friends of such victims can contact the office of Air Blue Crash Affectees Group in Karachi for seeking legal advice and uniting in this just cause.

Mr. Junaid Hamid, who lost his wife in the tragic crash, will be the convener of the Air Blue Crash Affectees Group.

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