

## Envoy's efforts in Indian's release hailed

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INDIAN national and former Doha resident P K Abhilash was released after over 70-day captivity in Sudan yesterday.

According to Indian Nationals Abroad (Doha chapter) president Nizar Kochery, Abhilash spoke to him soon after his release in the morning yesterday.

Kochery said a senior official of Abhilash's employers, Petro Energy Services, identified as M A Khan said Abhilash was back in the company's camp yesterday.

However, reports about Abhilash reaching the Indian embassy in Khartoum soon after his release was totally baseless, said Khan.

"The Indian embassy in Sudan is at least 1000 miles away from this place (Helig) and it is not possible to reach there so soon," Khan told Kochery.

The company official, said Kochery, informed him that efforts would be made to send Abhilash home once the embassy resumed functioning on Sunday.

Indian ambassador in Sudan Deepak Vohra also confirmed this, said Kochery.

Last night, Kochery, accompanied by Satish Pillai, CEO of Galfar al Misnad Contracting, visited Sudan ambassador to Qatar Ibrahim Abdullah al-Fakhiri to thank him for the initiatives that he had made in the last few days for the speedy release of Abhilash.

Abhilash was employed by Galfar al Misand in Qatar until a year ago.

Last Sunday, the two sought envoy's active assistance to secure the release of Abhilash. In their meeting yesterday, the ambassador briefed them on the discussions that he had with Sudan's minister of state for foreign affairs Ali Karty who was in the country on a two-day visit recently.



**Kochery and Pillai with Sudan  
yesterday ambassador al-Fakhiri**