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POEA stops deployment of OFWs to Bangkok, 3 Thailand provinces

Prompted by the declaration of the state of emergency in Bangkok and nearby areas, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration's Governing Board issued a ban on the deployment of newly-hired overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to four particular places in Thailand.

POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the POEA Board approved the ban after consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

The DFA has raised on 23 January 2014 the crisis Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) in Bangkok; Nonthaburi Province; Lad Lum Kaew District (Pathumthani Province); and Bang Phli District (Samutprakan Province) – places where the Thailand government has declared a 60-day state of emergency due to the escalating civil unrest and insecurity.

Under Crisis Alert Level 2, the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs shall be suspended but allowing the processing and deployment of returning OFWs with existing employment contracts. END