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POEA stops deployment of new workers for Venezuela and Ukraine

The Governing Board of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), in separate resolutions, imposed a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired Filipino workers for Venezuela and Ukraine.

The Board, after consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), decided to issue the ban to protect OFWs from possible harm due to the unstable peace and order situation in the two countries.

The DFA has recently raised the crisis alert level in Ukraine and Venezuela to Alert Level 2 due to the ongoing tensions in the said countries. It also advised Filipinos in both countries to avoid public places and prepare for possible evacuation.

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

Venezuela, in recent weeks, has been rocked with civil disturbances and instability with demonstrators demanding the resignation of its president, Nicolas Maduro.

Ukraine is now in a standoff with neighboring Russia after massive and deadly protests caused its president to leave the country. /END