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## DOLE allows deployment of OFWs to Kuwait

DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III, in pursuant to the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Duterte, has ordered the lifting of the ban on deployment of OFWs to Kuwait after the two countries agreed on measures to regulate employment following a diplomatic dispute over alleged abuse of workers.

In two (2) separate Administrative Order, Secretary Bello lifted the Kuwait deployment ban for newly-hired professionals, skilled and semi-skilled workers, and household service workers respectively.

Bello also directed the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to issue the appropriate guidelines for the processing and deployment of domestic workers.

The Philippine government suspended the deployment of workers to the Gulf state in January after President Duterte said the abuse of Filipino domestic helpers by Kuwaiti employers was continuing unchecked and had driven several to suicide.

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