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News on deportation of foreign workers from other Middle East countries is 'fake news'

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reiterated that news articles in various websites stating that some countries in the Middle East other than Saudi Arabia will deport foreign workers including Filipinos are fake news.

The website arabiatoday.news reported in February 2019 that foreign workers from 35 job categories in United Arab Emirates will be terminated and deported starting April this year. The said website is now inaccessible but the same story can still be found in some Facebook pages.

The Facebook page [@saudinews500](https://www.facebook.com/saudinews500) also posted that Kuwait and Qatar have passed tougher laws ordering the deportation of workers from other countries.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Abu Dhabi has since repudiated the false report. Dr. Omar Abulrahman Salem Alsuami, Assistant Undersecretary for Communication and International Relations of the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (MOHRE) has also confirmed the news as incorrect.

According to the fake news report, MOHRE decided to reduce the presence of foreign workers to replace them with more UAE nationals – an opportunity for young graduates to work in the country and end the unemployment crisis. Furthermore, it stated that the local government has announced the prevention of renewal of residency for residents working in the 35 positions that are over the age of 40 and the start of termination of their services and deportation.

Some of the professions mentioned were pharmacist, medical secretary, human resources officer, receptionist, treasurer, security guard, librarian, training manager, administrative assistant, and purchasing officer. /END



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