

News Release

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POEA advises OFWs in Israel to stay alert, safe

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) advises Filipino workers in Israel to stay alert and safe amid the clashes and upsurge of violence in Jerusalem and Gaza Strip.

OFWs are advised to stay within the employer's residence and avoid going to places near the Gaza border, the West Bank (Bethlehem, Jericho, Hebron) and places in Jerusalem, particularly in Temple Mount, Damascus gate, Herod's Gate, Al Wad Road, and Musrara Road, Sheik Jarrah, Silwan, At-Tur in East Jerusalem.

The POEA also advised OFWs to avoid crowded places, especially near the protest areas and do not take photos of the ongoing violence.

Also, OFWs are asked to go to the nearest bomb shelter or protected area in their location when the sirens are rung, and follow the instructions of the Israel security forces and Israel Home Front Command.

In case of emergency and immediate assistance, OFWs can call the following hotline numbers:

Philippine Embassy: +972-54-466-1188,

Police: 100

Magen David Admon (Ambulance/Emergency Medical Service): 101

Fire: 102

Israel Electric Corporation: 103

Home Front Command: 104

Municipality Call Center: 106 / 107 / 108

On the other hand, the deployment of OFWs to Israel, specifically the deployment of 400 Filipino caregivers under an existing bilateral labor agreement, remains as scheduled as the country remains on Alert Level 1 or precautionary phase. ###