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“Ops Mega 3.0” and the Expiration of the Rehiring and Relocation Program

3 July 2018 - The Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur wishes to remind Filipino nationals in Malaysia about the intensified campaign on illegal immigrants which started on 01 July as the Malaysian government ended its 2 year “Rehiring Programme” on 30 June 2018. The campaign includes the random and unannounced operations involving the checking of identification/work documents/visa of all foreign immigrants/workers and the apprehension and eventual deportation of all those found staying or working illegally in Malaysia.

The intensified campaign dubbed “Ops Mega 3.0” targets not only illegal immigrants/foreign workers but also Malaysian employers found violating laws on the hiring of these foreign workers.

In view of these developments, the Philippine Embassy enjoins all Filipinos in Malaysia to do the following:

- To carry with them at all times all their identification and legal documents during the course of their work and/or daily transactions outside their homes;
- Filipino workers who have pending applications under the recently terminated “Rehiring Programme” should closely coordinate with their employers and the Malaysian Immigration Department and follow up the status of their applications;
- Those who failed to qualify under the “Rehiring Programme” are advised to avail of the ongoing “3+1 Programme”, the voluntary surrender or self-deportation programme of the Malaysian Immigration Department that will run until 30 August 2018;
- Those who decided to avail of the “3+1 Programme” are urged to first visit the Embassy for advice and apply for the Travel Document (TD) which is free of charge. Our Assistance to Nationals (ATN) staff are on hand to give further guidance to the TD applicants.

The Embassy shall provide all assistance and support, including interventions and representations with the appropriate Malaysian authorities to uphold and protect the rights and welfare of Filipino nationals directly affected by the ongoing campaign of the Malaysian Immigration Department.