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MORE UNDOCUMENTED OFWs FLIES HOME UNDER THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY KUWAIT'S ASSISTED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAM

01 November 2018 – The Philippine Embassy in Kuwait has announced today that it has successfully repatriated a group of thirty-four (34) undocumented OFWslast 31 October 2018. The aforementioned repatriates are part of Post's Assisted Voluntary Repatriation Program (AVRP), a joint program of the Embassy and both the Illegal Residency Monitoring and Immigration Departments of Kuwait's Ministry of Interior AVRPs aims to repatriate OFWs who were charged with absconding/expired visa cases at the Immigration Department, without having to be detained.



Undocumented OFWs who availed the Assisted Voluntary Repatriation Program (AVRP) of the Philippine Embassy, Kuwait

"I would like to thank the Kuwait government for the invaluable support and assistance they have provided the Embassy and I would also like to thank the indefatigable Officer and staff of the Philippine Embassy for their dedication in making the AVRP successful." Chargé d' Affaires, a.i. Mohd. Noordin Pendosina N. Lomondotsaid in a statement.

The thirty-four (34) OFWs were in addition to those OFWs that were repatriated last 31 July (44 OFWs) and 08 October 2018 (27 OFWs).



Undocumented OFWs who availed the Assisted Voluntary Repatriation Program (AVRP) with the Philippine Embassy Kuwait Team last 31 July 2018 (left) and 08 October 2018 (right). PHOTO CREDITS: Carlos Emberso Jr.

Also included in the repatriation are two (2) OFWs with medical cases. Both cases were assisted and monitored by Embassy's Assistance to Nationals Unit - Medical Response Team (ATNU-MRT). In addition, there are nine (9) OFWs who had theft cases filed by their respective employers and two (2) OFWs that had maltreatment cases, who were assisted, facilitated and monitored by Embassy's ATN Unit. Their cases were resolved and the travel bans were subsequently lifted after the Embassy, in coordination with DFA's Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA), provided them legal assistance. **END**