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Pursuant to the travel advisory and report dated 16 May 2011 issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs announcing the forthcoming lifting of the State of National Security in the Kingdom of Bahrain on June 1, 2011, thereby downgrading the security classification of Bahrain from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 1, the processing and deployment of overseas Filipino workers to Bahrain shall thereupon be allowed for both new hires and returning workers/vacationing workers or balikmanggagawa.

In the light of several firms in Bahrain reportedly going on the verge of bankruptcy resulting from the effects of the unrest to its economy, the verification of all employment contracts by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Bahrain shall be required for POEA processing to ensure that those who will be deployed will: (i) have legitimate jobs; and (ii) will receive their due salaries on time.

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

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