



# Legal Watch

## DOJ DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2026-219



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### SUMMARY

In light of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, which has led to the mass cancellation of outbound flights from the Philippines to the Middle East and other affected regions, the DOJ has extended the visa relief granted to affected foreign nationals who have been stranded in the Philippines until **1 May 2026**.

As a result, affected foreigners whose authorized stay expired on or after 28 February 2026 may lawfully remain in the Philippines during this period without any fees, fines, and penalties.

#### \* Agency Name

Department of Justice (DOJ)

#### \* Issuance Title

Extension of Visa Relief for  
Affected Foreign Nationals

#### \* Issuance Date

30 March 2026

#### \* Link

<https://immigration.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/DO-219.pdf>

