

Kuwait asks Philippines ambassador to leave

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Kuwait yesterday ordered the Philippines ambassador to leave within a week and recalled its own envoy for consultations after embassy staff tried to “rescue” Filipino domestic workers amid reports of abuse.

In a statement issued, Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry said that it had notified the Philippine Ambassador Renato Villa that he is persona non-grata in the country asking him to return home in a week.

The decision, Kuwaiti Ministry said, was in retaliation for undiplomatic acts by Philippine embassy staff, encouraging Filipino domestic workers to flee employers’ households.

The official statement renewed its utter rejection and condemnation of the Philippine embassy’s “flagrant and grave breach of rules and regulations that govern diplomatic action, where staff helped Filipina house helpers run away.”

The ministry termed such illegal acts as blatant violation of the State of Kuwait law, international covenants and charters, tantamount to intervention in the state domestic affairs and meddling in jurisdictions of the security



File picture of Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Renato Villa (Courtesy Khaleej Times/AFP)

apparatuses.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry statement noted that the foreign ministry of the Asian nation dispatched “reinforcements to the embassy in Kuwait; comprised of seven teams affiliated with the foreign undersecretary for labour in immigration at the pretext of rescuing female housemaids in Kuwait.”

These acts had prompted the ministry to summon the Philippine ambassador twice. “However this duration has passed without any response from the embassy,” the statement reads.

The decision was the latest episode in a three-month crisis sparked by reports that abuse by employers in the wealthy Gulf Arab state had driven

several Filipinos to suicide.

The Philippines had apologized on Tuesday for what Kuwait viewed as a “flagrant” violation of its sovereignty, with the Philippine foreign secretary saying the embassy was forced to “assist” Filipino workers who sought help as some situations were a matter of life and death.

Kuwait’s foreign ministry

said it had given the ambassador three days to provide the names of Filipino residents in Kuwait who had “kidnapped” domestic workers from their employers’ homes, adding it had yet to receive a response from the embassy.

Kuwaiti security forces “will continue to chase down those who violated the security of the country” and put them on

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trial, the ministry added in a statement.

Domestic helpers account for more than 65 percent of the more than 260,000 Filipinos in Kuwait, according to the Philippines’ foreign secretary.

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte in February called on Filipino workers in Kuwait to return home after the discovery of a domestic worker’s body in a freezer in an abandoned home. He said then that a list of both reported and unreported cases of mistreatment of Filipino migrant workers would be prepared. (Agencies)

Top Italian Orthopedic Consultant to visit RBH



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Dr. Gianluca Cusma Guatteri, a highly accomplished Orthopedic consultant, will be visiting Royal Bahrain Hospital from April 28 to 30, 2018.

Dr. Guatteri will be available for consultations on the diagnosis, treatment and management of hip and knee joint diseases, minimally invasive surgery from arthroscopy to replacements, regenerative treatments for hip and knee and Platelet-rich plasma (PRP).

“We are delighted to welcome Dr Gianluca Cusma Guatteri at RBH. We look forward to benefitting from his insights and experience in the treatment of different orthopaedic disorders,” said Jacob Thomas, Group Director – Operations and Projects (GCC).

Dr. Guatteri is currently head of the Minimally Invasive Ortho Surgery Department at a Gruppo San Donato private hospital in Pavia, Italy leading a group of 6 surgeons specializing in hip, knee, ankle, foot, shoulder and spine surgical treatments. As a first surgeon, he performs more than 250 hip and knee joint replacements each year.

During his residency in orthopedics and traumatology, he focused on hip and knee surgery, and after a 12-month fellowship in Mini-Invasive Solutions for Knee Replacement, he completed his residency in 2006 with a final thesis on unicompartmental knee replacement. After 4 years working as an orthopedic specialist, he started working as a hip and knee replacement consultant at the Humanitas

Research Hospital in Milan, Italy in 2010.

Dr. Guatteri was involved in the research and development of the new GTS (Global Tissue Sparing) hip stem designed by Dr. Guido Grappiolo and produced by ZimmerBiomet. He was the consultant for the medical education and cadaver lab where surgeons experienced hands-on training with Dr. Guatteri by their side.

He was a member of Livio Sciutto Foundation’s scientific board from 2013 to 2016 and is currently a member of European Hip Society, International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty, Italian Society of Arthroscopy, and he actively participates in annual congresses and courses.

In January 2016, he conducted a training to local

surgeons called Difficult Primary and Revision Hip and Knee Cases at the Joint Replacement Department at the Northern Jiangsu People’s Hospital in China and received the Yangzhou Medical School Visiting Professor award. In February 2016 he lectured at the Master in Mini Invasive Hip Surgery organized by the Campus Bio-Medico University in Rome. Since September 2016, he has been training surgeons at MicroPort with a focus on the micro invasive SuperPath hip replacement technique.

To book your appointment with Dr. Gianluca, call 17246800 or book online on www.royalbahrainhospital.com. You can now also download the Royal Bahrain Hospital Mobile App to book your appointments and more on iOS and Android devices.