

PRESS RELEASE

2 PINAYS SENTENCED BY LOCAL COURT FOR ILLEGAL STAY IN PAKISTAN

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Ms. Sitti Tawffiya L. Jamahali, ATN Officer of the Philippine Embassy, in cooperation with Mr. Fahdel Sheikh, met with Ms. Dara and Ms. Rose on 10 April 2017 at the prison in Lahore. The two Filipinas were apprehended last 16 March 2017 after being found to be staying illegally in Pakistan without proper visa. They were presented to the judge on 10 April 2017 for violation of immigration law. Consequently, both were sentenced to 3 months of imprisonment and slapped a fine of 20,000 rupees each. The mitigated penalties were in consideration of their old age. The Embassy is closely monitoring their cases and will provide assistance in their repatriation procedure after serving the prescribed sentence.

Meanwhile, all Filipino nationals are warned of the ongoing campaign of the local authorities to arrest illegal aliens. It is advised that all concerned must ensure possession of proper visas to avoid detention and legal charges.