

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD EXPEDITES REPATRIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM LAHORE



Philippine Embassy Officials meet with Philanthropist Mr. Fahdel Sheikh of Aadil Hospital to finalize arrangements on the repatriation of the remains of the late Gerona Gonzaga-Rehmat to the Philippines. (From left to right: SPO2 Bernardo G. Dolormente, Jr. of the Office of the Police Attaché, Protocol Officer Mr. Ariel A. Gonzales, Administrative Officer and Acting ATN Officer Ms. Helen R. Firme-Subido and Mr. Fahdel Sheikh



11 June 2017: Mr. Inayat Rehmat, husband of the late Gerona Gonzaga-Rehmat, with Philippine Embassy officials, Philanthropist Mr. Fahdel Sheikh of Aadil Hospital and Filipino Community in Lahore offering prayers for the soul of the deceased at Aadil Hospital

On 8 June 2017, Ms. Helen R. Firme-Subido, Administrative Officer and Acting Assistance-to-Nationals (ATN) Officer of the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad received information from Ms. Elisa Gonzaga Lao that her sister, Ms. Gerona Gonzaga-Rehmat, a former Filipino national, died of cardiopulmonary arrest on 7 June 2017 at 3:45 p.m. at Lahore General Hospital, Pakistan.

The deceased was married to Mr. Inayat Rehmat, a Christian Pakistani national, for the last 27 years. Upon the request of the relatives of the deceased in the Philippines, and with the consent of Mr. Inayat Rehmat, the Philippine Embassy made arrangements for the immediate repatriation of her body. The Embassy immediately requested Mr. Fahdel Sheikh of Aadil Hospital and the Office of Philippine Honorary Consul General Mr. Rizwan Fareed in Lahore on 8 June 2017 to fetch the remains of Gerona G. Rehmat from the mortuary and to make the necessary arrangements and comply with the proper procedures for the repatriation.

On 9 June 2017, the Philippine Embassy, in coordination with Mr. Sheikh and the Office of the Philippine Honorary Consul General in Lahore, was able to finalize all arrangements and documentations needed for the repatriation of the remains to the Philippines.

Filcom South Punjab was informed by the Embassy of the case on night of 10 June 2017. Acting ATN Officer Ms. Firme-Subido and Protocol Officer Ariel A. Gonzales joined the Filipino community headed by Mr. Leonardo Sionzon, newly-elected President of Filcom South Punjab, on 11 June 2017 in offering prayers for the soul of the deceased at the grounds of Aadil Hospital.

The cadaver of Ms. Gerona G. Rehmat was repatriated to the Philippines on 12 June 2017 via Thai Airways. It arrived in Manila on 13 June 2017 at about 11:55 am. Ms. Juliette Gonzaga-Cadotdot received the cadaver of her sister at NAIA to facilitate its onward transport from Manila to Davao.

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