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Press Release

UNAUTHORIZED FUNDRAISING FOR FILIPINO IN “CRITICAL CONDITION”

It has come to the attention of the Embassy of Philippines in Pakistan that there are certain individuals collecting funds allegedly for the medical benefit of a Lahore-based Filipino who is in "critical condition". The Embassy wishes to inform the general public that the Philippine Consulate in Lahore has been coordinating and attending to the needs of the concerned Filipino since early December 2021. Upon verification with the said Filipino, it was determined that she did NOT AUTHORIZE or APPROACH anyone to request assistance on her behalf, and that the “fundraising” was done so PUBLICLY WITHOUT her consent or knowledge.

The said activity has been referred for proper investigation. The Philippine Embassy reminds the general public to exercise caution and vigilance in engaging in any activity involving financial contribution, especially those solicited informally by unverifiable organizations or persons. There has been a rise in similar activities which are often done under alleged “malasakit” or charity but are in reality either unauthorized or used for other purposes. Kindly report to the Embassy any such activities.

The general public is also reminded that the Philippine Embassy has a system of facilitating Filipinos in distress and this is done through its Emergency hotline at +923335244762.

