

Headline: INQToday: 6 Filipinos missing, 25 in Gaza Strip seek repatriation amid Israel-Hamas conflict

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Here's a quick roundup of today's top stories:

Marc Pleños, one of the Filipino community leaders in Israel, shares the situation of fellow Filipinos there amid the conflict.

Another Filipino was reported missing amid an ongoing conflict happening in Israel, bringing to six the total number of Filipinos unaccounted for, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Monday.

Citing the Philippine Ambassador in Tel Aviv, the DFA said a Filipino reached out to the Embassy after recognizing her husband in one of the videos circulating on social media, which shows a man being held by armed individuals — most likely brought to Gaza in Palestine.

Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Teresita Daza confirmed on Monday that several Filipinos in the Gaza Strip have expressed desire to be repatriated amid the Israel-Hamas armed conflict.

In a text message to reporters, Daza said the Philippine Embassy in Amman, Jordan received these requests for repatriation.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations on Sunday accuses Palestinian Islamist group Hamas of war crimes, as the UN Security Council met to discuss the conflict.

Libreng Sakay (free ride) for Edsa Bus Carousel and jeepneys will return this November until the end of this year, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) announced on Monday.

According to LTFRB Chair Teofilo Guadiz III, the joint circular for releasing the P1.3 billion fund for the service contracting program has been approved.

Manibela Chairman Mar Valbuena, in a press conference on Monday, said about 240,000 traditional jeepneys are expected to join the strike.

The duration of the strike, or until when it will last, is yet to be advised, he said.

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The majority, or 65 percent, of Filipinos noted a significant change in their respective area's climate in 2023, based on the results of a Pulse Survey Research survey.

The survey was conducted on 1,200 adult respondents from September 10 to 14 through in-person interviews, with a  $\pm 2.8$  percent error margin at the 95 percent confidence level.