Media Release

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism establishes Emergency Response Unit to coordinate matters related to the ongoing situation in the Middle East

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism has established an **Emergency Response Unit** to coordinate matters arising from the ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

1) This Division has been created with the vision of:

- **Prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of Sri Lankan nationals**: With approximately 1 million Sri Lankans living and working in the region, their protection remains the foremost concern of the Government.
- **Assist non-Sri Lankan nationals in Sri Lanka**: Issues faced by the foreign nationals due to the current situation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

2) Operating Hours

The Emergency Unit is operational **daily on 24 x7 basis.**

3) Contact Information

Families and individuals may reach out to the Division through the following contact points:

- **Emergency Response Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs** **:+94117445641**
  :+94112207250
  WhatsApp /Botim only **:+94777390031**
  Email **:emergency.sl@mfa.gov.lk**

- **Consular Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs** **:+94742595546**
- **Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment** **:+94719802822**
  Hotline **:1989**

The concerned parties may contact the Emergency Response unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism to seek assistance.

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