

Passport confiscation is illegal!



DID YOU KNOW?

- PASSPORT CONFISCATION IS ILLEGAL. ARTICLE 8 OF LAW NO. 21
 OF 2015 REGULATING THE ENTRY, EXIT, AND RESIDENCE OF EXPATRIATES
 REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO RETURN PASSPORTS TO WORKERS ONCE
 PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING OR RENEWING A RESIDENCE PERMIT HAVE
 BEEN COMPLETED, UNLESS THE WORKER REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT
 THE EMPLOYER KEEPS IT WITH HIM/HER, PROVIDED THAT HE/SHE RETURNS
 IT TO THE WORKER UPON REQUEST. VIOLATING THIS PROVISION IS
 PUNISHABLE BY LAW WITH A FINE OF UP TO QR 25,000, ACCORDING TO
 ARTICLE 39 OF THE SAME LAW.
- ARTICLE 3 OF THE MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 18 OF 2014 DETERMINING
 THE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF ADEQUATE HOUSING
 FOR WORKERS OBLIGES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE WORKERS WITH
 LOCKABLE STORAGE SPACE THAT WORKERS CAN ACCESS
 FREELY AT ANY TIME, IN WHICH THEY CAN STORE THEIR DOCUMENTS AND
 PERSONAL BELONGINGS.
- PETENTION OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OR OTHER VALUABLE PERSONAL POSSESSIONS IS A CLEAR INDICATOR OF FORCED LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING. IT IS A RED FLAG THAT WILL TRIGGER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THE WORKER IS IN A POSITION TO LEAVE THE JOB FREELY. SUCH CRIMES CARRY HEAVY PENALTIES INCLUDING IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO FIFTEEN YEARS AND A FINE OF UP TO QR 300,000 ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 15 OF LAW NO. 15 OF 2011 ON COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.

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