

**High Commission of India
Port Moresby**

PRESS RELEASE

**Extension of visa/e-Visa and waiver of overstay penalty to foreigners stuck in
India, due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia**

Due to the prevailing situation in Gulf countries, many foreigners are unable to depart from India within their visa validity, due to flight disruptions, owing to the closing of their air-space. As a goodwill and humanitarian gesture, the following have been decided by the Government of India:-

- (a) All types of visas/e-Visas expiring/due to expiry soon would be extended for a month on gratis basis, for the affected nationals by the jurisdictional FRROs on case to case basis.
- (b) Penalty for any overstay by affected foreign nationals after February 28, 2026 (commencement of Israel-Iran conflict) would be waived off.
- (c) Exit Permits to the affected foreign nationals would be provided on gratis basis.
- (d) Non-application of Exit Permit and Extension of Visas by affected foreign nationals, would not be treated as violation of migration legislation, and
- (e) Temporary Landing Permit (TLP) would be granted to a foreign national arriving in India due to diversion of flights, on gratis basis.

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