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Visa Facilitation Measures for Foreign Nationals Affected by Adverse Weather Conditions

The Department of Immigration and Emigration informs all foreign nationals that special visa facilitation measures have been introduced for those affected by the adverse weather conditions currently prevailing in Sri Lanka.

- Foreigners who were scheduled to depart Sri Lanka on or after 28th November, but were unable to do so due to flight cancellations or travel difficulties caused by the weather, will be exempted from visa extension fees and overstay penalties. This measure is intended to support travelers who experienced unavoidable delays beyond their control.
- In addition, short-term Tourist or Business Visa holders and Residence Visa holders will be granted a seven (07) days' grace period to complete their visa extension formalities.
- Extension of short-term Tourist Visa can be done through the Department's online portal:
  https://eservices.immigration.gov.lk/vs/login.php

The Department will continue to monitor the situation and issue further updates as necessary.

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