



## Police Communiqué on Illegal Stays in Mauritius

The Mauritius Police Force conducts regular checks and targeted operations across the island to track down foreign nationals residing illegally in Mauritius. To that effect, between **01 January 2026 to 15 June 2026**, Police arrested a **total of 428** non-citizens, with legal proceedings initiated in each case.

The public is reminded that employing non-citizens without valid work permits is a criminal offence under the **Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act** and punishable by a **fine ranging from Rs 100,000 to Rs 500,000** and to **imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years**. The Court may additionally order the employer to bear the costs associated with the maintenance and repatriation of the non-citizen concerned.

The public is urged to report suspected illegal stay or unlawful employment via the **Police Hotlines 148 or 999**. The Mauritius Police Force remains committed to enforcing immigration and employment laws to safeguard public order and uphold the rule of laws.

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