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PRESS RELEASE

Voluntary Deportation of Vietnamese Nationals for Tourist Visa Breach

PORT VILA, VANUATU, 10th March 2025 – The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA), through the Department of Immigration and Compliance, confirms the voluntary deportation of two Vietnamese nationals, **Nguyen Van Hoan** and **Phan Thi**, for violating the terms of their Tourist Visas by engaging in unauthorized business activities while residing in Vanuatu.

The individuals departed the country on Sunday, 2nd March 2025, following an official investigation that found them in breach of Clause 17D (1)(e)(i) of the Immigration Visa Regulation Order 180 of 2011.

This regulation strictly prohibits Tourist Visa holders, for a term of 120 days, from engaging in any form of employment, commercial, or business activities while in Vanuatu, as such actions constitute an abuse of the long-term Tourist Visa.

By violating these conditions, the individuals compromised the integrity of the country's visa system, necessitating appropriate action from the authorities.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs reminds all foreign nationals that Tourist Visas are issued strictly for tourism purposes. Any foreign national found violating these conditions may face legal consequences, including deportation.

Additionally, the Ministry urges businesses, employers, and the general public to remain vigilant and report any suspected violations to the Department of Immigration.

Ensuring compliance with immigration laws is essential for maintaining fairness and protecting Vanuatu's national and economic interests.

For inquiries or to report visa violations, please contact the **Department of Vanuatu Immigration and Passport Services** at:

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Location: Independence Park, Behind Civil Registry Office

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