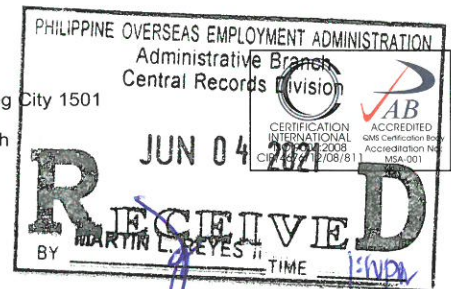




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### Warning on illegal recruitment activities and fake documents for supposed deployment to Lebanon

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reminds the public that the temporary ban for deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to Lebanon is still in effect. Recently, the Administration has received reports that certain individuals and entities have been actively recruiting OFWs bound for Lebanon through physical meetups as well as online transactions. The Philippine Embassy in Lebanon has also expressed concern over the rising number of undocumented workers becoming victims of trafficking, human rights abuses, and labor contract violations.

The POEA Governing Board issued Resolution No. 8, Series of 2020,<sup>1</sup> on February 21, 2020, imposing a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly hired OFWs bound for Lebanon in view of political and economic developments in the region. The public is warned that until the suspension is lifted, recruitment and placement of Filipinos for deployment to Lebanon is prohibited.

The POEA is currently investigating these reports in coordination with law enforcement agencies. We encourage those with information to continue to report these illegal recruitment activities and suspicious individuals recruiting for Lebanon, through the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch's Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/airbranch](https://www.facebook.com/airbranch) and the Operations and Surveillance Division's official email address at [osd@poea.gov.ph](mailto:osd@poea.gov.ph).

For the information of all concerned.

  
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