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POEA closes another agency for illegal recruitment

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration closed down another recruitment agency for continuing to recruit Filipino overseas workers while under suspension.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz ordered the closure of White Falcon Services, Inc located at Unit C1 Greenhills Square Building, Florida St corner EDSA in Mandaluyong City and just across the POEA offices.

The closure order stemmed from the complaints of Jomar Duyao and Joel Macalma who have pending applications for overseas job with White Falcon since 2006. White Falcon accepted the applications of the two applicants even as the agency's license was still suspended.

White Falcon's license to operate as a recruitment agency was suspended when it failed to upgrade the one million peso escrow deposit required by the POEA rules and regulations.

"White Falcon committed the brazen act of illegally recruiting overseas workers while under suspension and it did so even its office is so near our building", Baldoz said.

The closed agency also has pending cases with POEA's Adjudication Office for excessive collection of placement fees, misrepresentation and unlawful withholding travel and employment documents of workers.

POEA also closed down Ren-Glo Enterprises Placement Agency, Inc. for recruiting workers while under suspension.

In a related development, a joint operative of POEA and NBI Special Action Unit arrested for illegal recruitment Ma. Cristina Tolentino Germar in an entrapment operation at a restaurant along Mabini St. in Ermita, Manila. Germar was arrested following complaints of three applicants from Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

According to the victims, Germar promised them jobs as caregivers in Italy and Denmark and collected from them P30,000.00 for processing fees.

Also arrested were Germar's cohorts, Janet Pincutan, Celine Go and Jessie Rull. The group's modus operandi included presentation of a fictitious visa supposedly from the Italian Embassy, and introducing themselves as employees of a licensed recruitment agency.

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