

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Recruitment agency padlocked again

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration padlocked anew last week a recruitment agency that continued to operate even after being closed by the POEA in November 2006.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said POEA operatives padlocked again the office of Ren-Glo Enterprises Placement Agency, Inc. at P. Guanzon St., Bgy. Poblacion, Makati City for illegal recruitment activities and continuing recruitment violations despite an existing order of suspension.

Baldoz said the POEA received reports that Ren-Glo continued to operate as a recruitment agency telling applicants that its suspension would be lifted soon and its job order for hotel workers in Spain is due for approval by the Department of Labor and Employment.

Ren-glo's license was suspended for failing to upgrade its escrow requirement but continued to engage in recruitment activities contrary to POEA rules. The agency's ploy was to recruit hotel workers for Spain by presenting to applicants a print-out of a supposed e-mail from employers in Spain.

Baldoz said the owners of Ren-Glo did not file the required motion to lift the closure order but its employees removed the stickers and padlocks previously placed by the POEA operatives in November.

In a related development, Baldoz urges the alleged victims of Frontline Manpower Resources and Placement Co. to file charges against the agency as she denied previous reports that she ignored the alleged complaints of some 200 victims who trooped to her office.

Baldoz said only three persons filed cases against Frontline in December 2005 which was endorsed to the Prosecution Offices in Bulacan and Albay. The case filed in Albay was dismissed for failure of the complainant to pursue the case.

Frontline Manpower Resources has no license from the POEA but the victims may file criminal charges against the owners and employees of the recruitment agency, Baldoz said.

Baldoz also encourages the victims to name the alleged POEA official who told them to pay a placement fee of P130,000 to the agency. "If the allegation is true, such behavior is not tolerated and the official should be investigated," Baldoz added.

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