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### **No deployment of medical workers to Libya through the POEA**

Labor Secretary Arturo D. Brion said the recruitment of Filipino workers for Libya is still with the private recruitment sector and the reported agreement between Libya and the Philippines for the deployment of medical workers under a government-to-government scheme does not exist.

Brion admitted Libya has forwarded its intention to hire medical workers from the Philippines through the POEA but the proposal is still under study by the government.

According to Brion, the Secretary of Libya's General People's Committee for Manpower, Training and Employment, Ma'touq Mohammed Ma'touq came to Manila on September 2006 and discussed with Philippine labor officials including DOLE, POEA and TESDA the possibility of forging an agreement on the supply of medical and other technical workers.

Brion said Ma'touq has even invited him for a reciprocal visit to Libya to "follow up and discuss matters of mutual concern within the framework of cooperation between our two countries."

Brion has accepted the invitation and scheduled the trip on late May or early June of this year.

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