



OFW ADVISORY

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Israel seeks stiffer penalty against assault of elderly

Israel has raised the punishment for assault of the elderly or those 65 years old and above, to five years imprisonment. Knesset, the Israel parliament will monitor the impact of the law and if proved ineffective, a more severe penalty will be introduced.

Prior to the passage of the bill, two cases of maltreatment of the elderly involving Filipino caregivers were reported in the Israeli media.

Job scams in the internet

OFWs beware! The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration received reports of Filipino workers victimized by the following employment scams in the internet:

Reserve Petroleum Nederland BV (www.reservpetroleum-ol.com)

- Copied the website of a legitimate maritime contracting company, and posts fake offers for jobs in dredging and marine projects in Europe
- Asks applicants to pay fees for visa or work/residence permit, additional fees to cover registration of documents
- Targets OFWs in the Middle East

Western Nursing & Day Care Services Ltd. (wns.ltd.tripod.com/index.html)

- Offers caregiving jobs in Canada
- Applicants to pay visa fee and medical insurance
- Uses free e-mail and website hosting services

First Global Manpower (firstglobal.manpowerrecruitment@yahoo.fr)

- Offers jobs as fish packers, garden workers and office cleaners in Ecuador, USA, Canada and Turkey
- Lists office address in Ivory Coast
- Uses e-mail in recruitment (The POEA Administrator actually received such e-mail)
- Charges service fees for processing of visa

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