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POEA sanctions recruiter of 53 DHs

A licensed recruitment agency faces possible cancellation of license as the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration initiates administrative proceedings against it for violation of POEA rules on recruitment.

Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili said Al Alamia International Manpower Services faces charges for failure to deploy some 53 female applicants as domestic helpers in Kuwait. The agency reportedly asked the workers to pay P8,000 for miscellaneous expenses and placement fees equivalent to two months salary to be paid through salary deduction.

Under the policy on the recruitment of Filipino household service workers, a recruitment agency is prohibited from charging placement fees from domestic helpers.

The Anti-illegal Recruitment Task Force under the Office of the Vice-President rescued the workers through CIDG operatives in coordination with the Visayan Forum. POEA's Anti-illegal Recruitment Branch assisted the 53 workers in the preparation of their complaints.

The administrative case was docketed as “Maricel M. Ayao, Et al., v. Al Alamia International Manpower Services” in POEA Case No. RV 09-0601324. ###