



News Advisory

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POEA voids license of recruiter

POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac yesterday ordered the cancellation of license of Al-Sadiq Manpower Corporation which was found liable of misrepresentation as defined under Section 6 (c) of Republic Act 8042.

Misrepresentation includes the act of reprocessing workers through a job order that pertains to nonexistent work, work different from the actual overseas work, or work with a different employer whether registered or not with the POEA.

Cacdac said a couple filed the case against Al-Sadiq Manpower after they were not allowed to board their plane at NAIA by the Bureau of Immigration due to inconsistencies in their travel and employment documents.

The complainants alleged they were recruited by a freelance agent and were referred to Al-Sadiq Manpower for possible employment as household service worker and driver respectively for a family in Saudi Arabia with a monthly salary of 1200 Saudi riyals.

The complainants narrated in their joint affidavit that they have completed the necessary employment documents and were able to attend the Pre-Deployment Orientation Seminar. They were surprised, however, that their respective PDOS certificate bore data encoder and laborer as position instead of HSW and driver.

The couple also alleged they were made to sign employment contracts with the new position.

“Clearly, through deception, the recruitment agency tried to avoid the strict requirements of the POEA in the recruitment and deployment of household service workers,” Cacdac said.

The couple said an employee of Al-Sadiq assured them they will still work as HSW and driver for the Arab family as promised and the agency is using other positions only to facilitate their immediate deployment. The employee also coached them on the “correct” answers if questioned by POEA and Immigration officials at the airport. /end