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Recruiter gets 40 months suspension of license

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration ordered the suspension of the license of A.B.U. Talent Management Incorporated for its failure to repatriate its deployed workers in Saudi Arabia.

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the parents of 14 OFWs requested repatriation assistance from the POEA after the workers' employer, Shabakat Al Toorq, failed to pay them their salary for six months prompting them to stop working.

The workers, who lived inside the compound of Shabakat Al Toorq, also complained of hunger and sickness after the recruitment agency stopped providing them food and medicine.

In the suspension order, Cacdac said the A.B.U. Talent Management failed to comply with its undertaking and obligation to repatriate the subject workers as required by the Administration.

"Records of the case show that the respondent agency was able to repatriate only four (4) of the fourteen (14) subject workers while six (6) subject workers were repatriated by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). The remaining four (4) subject workers were still waiting to be repatriated.", Cacdac said.

Cacdac, being its first offense, imposed upon A.B.U. Talent Management Inc. the penalty of 40 months suspension of license or in lieu thereof, to pay a fine of PhP2,000,000.00 for the established 10 counts of violation of Section 2 (cc), Rule I, Part VI of the 2002 POEA Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-based Overseas Workers. Since the penalty of suspension is for more than 12 months, the order is immediately executory.

Cacdac stressed that the obligation of the recruitment agency towards its hired workers does not stop upon their deployment to the work site.

"The agency has the continuous obligation to ensure that the workers they deploy are amply protected overseas and see to it that the foreign principals and employers are faithfully complying with their obligations under the employment contract." Cacdac added. /END