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POEA revokes license of another recruiter

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac has ordered the cancellation of license of MEDRP International Philippines, Inc., which for the third time, was found to have engaged in acts of misrepresentation in connection with the recruitment and deployment of overseas Filipino workers.

Cacdac said the complainant in the case against MEDRP International alleged that she was recruited by a certain Felix Villanueva to work as a household service worker for Al Jazzi Abu Zalman, a foreign principal in Kuwait. Villanueva assured her that she would be deployed without a local agent but her records with the POEA revealed that she was deployed by MEDRP International as a "promodizer" for Gulf Integration Establishment for General Trading and Contracting, also in Kuwait.

The complainant claimed that upon arrival in Kuwait, Al Jazzi Abu Zalman brought her to her first employer where she stayed for only 45 days. She requested repatriation to the Philippines after suffering from sexual abuse and maltreatment.

Al Jazzi Abu Zalman refused to let her go unless she reimburse the agency of its expenses in bringing her to Kuwait amounting to PhP200,000,00. The agency deployed her to its other clients in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia where she suffered more of the same maltreatment from the employers.

The husband of the worker sought the assistance of the POEA and eventually she was repatriated with the assistance of the welfare officers and personnel of the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. /end