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## **Suspected illegal recruiters arrested**

The joint operatives of the Anti- Illegal Recruitment Branch of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and Anti-Transnational Crime Unit (ATCU) of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) have arrested Vilma B. Taguba and Reneil Tugal through an entrapment operation on May 27, 2014.

In a report to Labor Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis Baldoz, POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the two suspects promised three applicants jobs in a hotel in Malaysia under the “direct hire” scheme.

The recruiters allegedly collected ₱9,800.00 from each applicant for processing of passports and initial down payment. They were about to make their final payment of ₱7,500.00 each but decided to seek the assistance of the Operations and Surveillance Division (OSD) of the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch (AIRB) to verify the status of their recruiter.

Cacdac said the recruiters have no license or authority to conduct recruitment for overseas employment.

Taguba and Tugal were brought before Assistant City Prosecutor Juliet Susan C. Garcia of Pasay City for inquest proceedings for Large Scale Illegal Recruitment and Estafa docketed as NPS XV-13-INK-14-E 00928-31. /END