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Recruiter of HSWs bound for Lebanon suspended

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has issued an Order of Preventive Suspension (OPS) against Inter-Globe Manpower and Consultancy Services, Inc. which tried but failed to send two Filipino household service workers (HSWs) to Lebanon using job orders approved for Dubai.

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said Bureau of Immigration agents stationed at NAIA Terminal I intercepted two HSWs bound supposedly for Dubai on June 7, 2014. The workers, both processed by Inter-Globe Manpower as receptionist and inventory clerk, were found carrying Dubai and Lebanon visas, and itinerary tickets indicating air travel from Manila to Dubai, Dubai to Doha, Qatar, and Doha to their final destination, Beirut.

Cacdac said dishonest recruiters often use reprocessing and inter-country modes in the deployment of HSWs to avoid the strict documentary and training requirements imposed on them and the deployment ban on certain countries.

“The POEA, at present, does not allow processing and deployment of newly hired household service workers bound for Lebanon pending resolution of unresolved issues in the standard employment contract, specifically on minimum salary and repatriation of workers in case of war,” said Cacdac.

The administrator clarified that the order of preventive suspension (OPS) is a measure to stop the agency from recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers pending investigation of the misrepresentation case filed against it.

“Inter-Globe committed serious violations of the POEA Rules relative to the recruitment and placement of the two HSWs. The workers’ plight gives us reasonable ground to believe that the continued operation of the respondent will result in further violation or exploitation of workers being recruited, deployed, or those already at the worksite,” Cacdac said.

“If we found Inter-Globe liable for the administrative charges, the POEA will endorse to the Department of Justice criminal complaints for illegal recruitment or trafficking in persons against the agency,” Cacdac added. /END