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POEA to OFWs: Don't leave with 2 visas

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac yesterday warned overseas Filipino workers against leaving the country using two different visas, to avoid problems at the airport and at the worksite. Cacdac issued the statement as he ordered the preventive suspension of two recruitment agencies for using the double visa scheme in the deployment of their workers.

Cacdac said the POEA has initiated motu proprio separate complaints of misrepresentation against Hiro Global Manpower Inc., CAZ International Inc. and Al-Walih International Manpower Services Company, after their respective recruits were barred from leaving the country by the Bureau of Immigration, for possession of two different visas.

The Bureau of Immigration reported that each of the three recruits of Al-Walih International were found to have two employment visas for United Arab Emirates bearing two different occupations. The workers allegedly admitted that they knew their actual work was household service work, and not what was stated in the documents processed by the POEA. Another OFW was found having visas for UAE and Jordan.

CAZ International attempted to deploy six female workers but were also stopped at the airport by the Bureau of Immigration. The workers bore separate UAE visas for salespersons and domestic workers.

The Bureau of Immigration also intercepted a "manicurist" bound for Dubai, an OFW recruited by Hiro Global Manpower, who was also found having a visa of a household service worker.

Cacdac said greedy recruiters favor the double visa deployment scheme to bypass protective mechanisms set by the government, which results in the abuse and exploitation of HSWs.

"Most of the household service workers who took shelter at the Migrant Workers and Filipino Resource Center in Dubai were deployed using two visas," Cacdac added.

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