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## Two recruiters in double visa scheme get suspension order

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac has issued preventive suspension orders against two recruitment agencies involved in the deployment of overseas Filipino workers through the double visa scheme.

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac placed Al-Walih International Manpower Services Company under preventive suspension after it was found to have attempted to deploy Filipino household service workers (HSWs) using two visas indicating different position and destination.

The Bureau of Immigration prevented the workers from leaving the country when its agents discovered that the OFWs were carrying UAE and Jordan visas. They also have ticket itineraries indicating flights from Manila to UAE and from UAE to Jordan.

Cacdac said it is very apparent that Al-Walih International tried to circumvent the government policy on HSWs and the deployment ban for new domestic workers bound for Jordan.

The UAE visas issued to the workers indicated jobs such as receptionist, sales attendant, office helper, cashier, manicurist, and masseuse but were actually bound for Jordan to work as domestic helpers.

Cacdac also suspended Chanceteam International Services, Inc. for providing two of its recruits visas with different profession and sponsor but with similar permit numbers.

The workers' document were processed by the POEA as cashier and hair dresser but were discovered by the Bureau of Immigration carrying another visa as HSW. They were barred from boarding their plane.

"This is a clear case of fraud but can only be prosecuted administratively under misrepresentation," Cacdac said.

He said Al Walih International Manpower Services Company and Chanceteam International Services, Inc. were suspended to prevent the agencies from further engaging in the business of recruitment of OFWs pending investigation of the recruitment violation cases filed against them. /END



