

News Release

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POEA cancels licenses of two recruiters involved in the deployment of abused domestic worker

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac has ordered the cancellation of the licenses of two recruitment agencies that conspired in the deployment of a household service worker (HSW) who was sexually abused by her employer in Bahrain.

Cacdac said WMG International Recruitment Agency and TCI Recruitment Corporation were involved in a classic case of reprocessing of job orders wherein a recruitment agency uses the job order of another agency in the processing of employment documents and deployment of an applicant for overseas job.

The complainant in the case against the two agencies claimed that she applied for work overseas with WMG International on December 2011 at their principal office in Manila and was accepted for a job opening as domestic worker in Bahrain. She signed an employment contract for two years with a salary of 150.00 Bahrain Dinars.

The worker further alleged that WGM International paid for her medical examination and referred her for training with TESDA, and pre-departure orientation seminar (PDOS) and Comprehensive Pre-Departure Education Program (CPDEP) with OWWA. But on the day of her departure for Bahrain, she discovered in her travel documents that her recruitment agency was TCI Recruitment Corporation and not WGM International.

Cacdac said the worker claimed she never went to the office of TCI Recruitment Corporation to apply for any job.

The POEA has verified from its records that WGM International has no job order for household workers in Bahrain and the HSW was indeed deployed by TCI Recruitment Corporation.

She worked for the family of her Bahraini employer every day from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. for 16 months receiving 80.00 Bahrain Dinars only instead of the 150.00 Bahrain Dinars specified in the contract.

The worker alleged her employer drugged and raped her and threatened to send her to jail if she will complain to the authorities.

She returned to the Philippines for a two-week vacation on July 24, 2013. She was brought to a hospital the next day due to vomiting and high blood pressure and was diagnosed to be suffering from depression and trauma due to pregnancy. The employer cancelled her visa when he found out that she was pregnant. /END