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## **Recruiter lied about destination of domestic worker, loses license**

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac has ordered the cancellation of the license of Filscandia Manpower Recruitment Services, Inc. for sending a household service worker to a country with existing deployment ban through misrepresentation.

Cacdac said the recruitment agency was found to have deployed the HSW to Lebanon using an approved job order for United Arab Emirates that was processed by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

The POEA Governing Board has declared a total ban on deployment of OFWs to Lebanon in December 17, 2007. The ban was partially lifted in the succeeding years, allowing only the deployment of workers returning to Lebanon after a vacation in the Philippines.

The complainant against Filscandia admitted that she applied as a household service worker for Lebanon through a recruiter in Baguio City who represented herself to be connected with the agency. She was deployed in less than a month using travel documents issued by the POEA for a cleaner bound for Abu Dhabi.

The worker narrated that a day before her departure to Lebanon, the recruiter asked her to go to Manila for her travel documents and pre-departure briefing.

“The documents include a contract that says I will be working in Abu Dhabi as a cleaner, certificate for PDOS that I have not attended, and the overseas employment certificate (OEC) that I have to present to the POEA counter at the airport. I was also instructed to hide from the authorities at NAIA terminal my Lebanon visa and plane ticket from Bangkok to Lebanon which I should bring out only upon reaching Bangkok. The recruiter also instructed me to tear into pieces and throw in the toilet bowl all documents that I have shown to the immigration in NAIA at our stop-over,” the worker said in her affidavit.

Cacdac said the HSW case was one of the 21 OFWs reported by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office to have been deployed to Lebanon using travel documents supposedly for POEA-approved jobs in the United Arab Emirates.

The POEA has previously cancelled the license of Filscandia for other cases of misrepresentation using the same modus operandi of sending household service workers to Jordan and Lebanon through processing of regular job orders for UAE.

In another misrepresentation case, Cacdac cancelled the license of the recruitment agency for attempting to deploy another household service worker for Dubai by submitting for POEA processing employment documents of a physical fitness trainer.

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