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Ban on deployment of OFWs for Libya remains

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration warns overseas Filipino workers, particularly nurses, about the risks of working in Libya as it reiterates the existing ban on processing and deployment of all OFWs in that war-torn country.

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the Philippine Embassy in Tripoli has reported that a growing number of nurses are entering Libya through a third country despite the existence of a total deployment ban.

The report said some Libyan medical service providers are facilitating the entry of Filipino nurses to Libya using a business visa secured in Malaysia.

“Apparently, the recruiters have convinced the nurses into believing that hospitals in Libya are in need of nurses due to the extreme shortage brought about by the continuing conflict in the said country,” Cacdac said.

However, the Philippine Embassy said government hospitals in Libya have been unable to pay the remaining nurses in that country for several months already.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, on 18 July 2014, raised the security alert level in Libya to Alert Level 4 (Mandatory Repatriation) due to continued deterioration of the peace and order situation in that country.

The POEA Governing Board has issued GB Resolution No. 17 in July 2014 reiterating the ban on deployment of new workers to Libya but allowed the processing and deployment of returning workers who have contracts in offshore in oil rig platforms, provided they will not pass through mainland Libya nor spend their vacation there; Filipinos who are married to Libyan nationals; and those working for international organizations, only if such agencies or organizations still maintain a presence in Libya. /END