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## Bello promises further assistance to kin of OFW who died in Saudi Arabia

Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre Bello III yesterday assured dependents of Irma Avila Edloy of further help in seeking justice for their relative who was sexually assaulted and ended up losing her life in Saudi Arabia.

The family of the victim visited Bello's office yesterday to personally thank the secretary for the immediate release of financial assistance from the government.

Bello said Edloy's family has received death benefits of Php 120,000.00 from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), mandatory life insurance of US\$15,000, and reimbursement of the Php40,000.00 allotted for the relatives' supposed compassionate visit to the victim.

Bello said the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Riyadh is in close coordination with Saudi authorities who are currently investigating her employer, who is suspected of raping Edloy.

The POEA has suspended the license of Rejoice Employment International Corporation, her recruitment agency in the Philippines, pending investigation of the case.

POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said recruitment agencies are mandated to monitor their workers and immediately report changes in their status such as illness or death.

Bello and Cacdac earlier visited Edloy in her hospital bed while both officials were in KSA to oversee the repatriation of displaced OFWs.

Edloy arrived in Saudi Arabia last July 28 after being recruited by Rejoice Employment International, with its principal employer Al Sayyar Recruitment in Riyadh. /END