

News Release  
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## Two suspected illegal recruiters arrested

Members of Criminal Investigation and Detection Group Anti-Transnational Crime Unit (CIDG-ATCU) of the Philippine National Police yesterday arrested two (2) suspected illegal recruiters in an entrapment operation conducted in Paco, Manila.

The CIDG-ATCU operatives apprehended the suspects as Eladio Cabrera y Bendanillo and Meliss Cardona y Cruz after they received boodle money worth Php50,000.00 from their target victims.

The complainants said they were enticed by the suspects to work as cleaners and domestic helpers in Dubai and Qatar and were asked to pay supposedly for processing of travel documents and pre-departure seminar (PDOS) fee.

The CIDG\_ATCU believe the suspects are members of an organized group engaged in trafficking of persons to Middle East countries under tourist visa scheme responsible for falsification of public documents. The operatives found in their possession some consulate documents with red ribbon and bearing the official seal of different Philippine Consulate in the Middle East.

Cabrera and Cardona were brought to CIDG-ATCU office for investigation and processing.

Complaints for illegal recruitment, swindling and falsification of public documents will be charged against the suspects. /END