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## POEA orders close monitoring of OFWs in Poland

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has ordered Philippine licensed recruitment agencies sending Filipino workers to Poland to strictly monitor and address alleged violations of the terms and conditions of employment of the workers they have deployed.

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia issued the directive based on reports of rampant contract substitution in Poland resulting in OFWs running away from their employers.

There were also reports that some Filipinos deployed in the road transport industry, particularly trailer truck drivers, have complained of poor labor conditions and human trafficking activities. Some Filipinos deployed as factory workers have complained of exorbitant placement fees and unauthorized deductions made by their recruitment agencies and employers.

Olalia ordered the concerned recruitment agencies to comply with the directive and immediately send their reports to the Director, Welfare and employment Office, Attention: Welfare Services Branch.

"Non-compliance shall be dealt with accordingly," Olalia added. /END