

## NEWS RELEASE

### Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

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## Lebanon deployment ban still in effect, POEA warns public vs. illegal recruiters

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has warned the public, particularly aspiring overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), to be wary of unscrupulous individuals and entities actively recruiting OFWs bound to Lebanon through physical meetups and online transactions, even the deployment ban to the said country remain in effect.

Last February 2020, the POEA issued a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly OFWs bound for Lebanon due to the political and economic developments in the region.

“May we remind the public that the recruitment and placement of Filipinos for deployment to Lebanon is prohibited until the suspension is lifted,” POEA Administrator Bernard Olalia said.

The Philippine Embassy in Lebanon also expressed concern over the rising number of undocumented workers becoming victims of trafficking, human rights abuses, and labor contract violations due to illegal deployment.

The POEA is already coordinating with authorities to investigate the said illegal recruitment incidents.

Also, the public is encouraged to report suspicious individuals recruiting for Lebanon to the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Operations and Surveillance Division through their FB page [www.facebook.com/airbranch](https://www.facebook.com/airbranch) and through its email [osd@poea.gov.ph](mailto:osd@poea.gov.ph). ###