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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF FALSE EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS

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It has come to the attention of the POEA that many OFWs employed as nurses in Damman, Eastern Saudi Arabia, have been criminally charged and now in prison because of submitting falsified or fabricated certificates of employment. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has engaged the services of Data Flow, a Singaporean based company, to verify the authenticity of employment documents including certificates of employment, professional licenses, skills certificate, and the like.

In line with this, the POEA is appealing to all workers applying for overseas employment to submit only truthful and authentic employment documents. Submitting fabricated employment documents will result not only to dismissal from employment but also to criminal prosecution and imprisonment, especially in the KSA. OFWs are advised to report to the POEA individuals or recruitment agencies that are responsible for fabrication of employment documents.

Recruitment agencies are reminded that it is their obligation to make sure that all employment documents submitted by their applicants are genuine and they will face appropriate administrative and criminal charges should they fail to perform this obligation.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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