

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila



MEMORANDUM

TO : UNDERSECRETARY LUZVIMINDA PADILLA
ADMINISTRATOR ROSALINDA BALDOZ, POEA
ADMINISTRATOR MARIANITO ROQUE, OWWA

FROM : SECRETARY ARTURO D. BRION, DOLE

SUBJECT : DEPLOYMENT BAN *Arturo D. Brion*

DATE : 17 December 2007

Pursuant to the advice of the Department of Foreign Affairs, reiterated after we asked for its re-examination, there shall be a total ban in the deployment of all workers to the following destination countries:

- a) Iraq
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Nigeria
- d) Lebanon

Our welfare assistance to OFWs already in those countries (except for Iraq where there is no significant GRP presence) will however continue, or may even be supplemented, as demands of OFW protection may require.

Another companion measure of this total ban is the active measures the POEA should take, both criminal and administrative, against recruitment agencies violating our ban. This should be together with the active participation of the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment unit in both anti-illegal recruitment and anti-human trafficking activities. Upon prima facie evidence of violation, the erring recruitment agency should immediately be suspended.