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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO.: 2021-188**

**REVITALIZING THE PNP TASK FORCE AGAINST ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT**  
**(PNP TF AIR)**

**1. REFERENCE/S:**

- a. Executive Order (EO) No. 41, s. 2011 entitled, "Reactivating the Presidential Task Force Against Illegal Recruitment Created Under Executive Order No. 759 (s. 2008) and Strengthening the Same".
- b. Republic Act (RA) No. 10022, the "Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as amended";
- c. Pronouncement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on August 31, 2021 during his "Talk to the People"; and
- d. Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) Mission.

**2. RATIONALE:**

This Memorandum Circular (MC) provides guidelines in revitalizing and Task Force in the campaign against illegal Recruitment to be implemented by units of PNP-CIDG at all levels with the active support of all the Directorial Staff, National Support Units and Police Regional Office.

**3. SITUATION:**

In 2009, RA No. 10022 was enacted to improve the standard of protection and promote the welfare of migrant workers, their families, and overseas Filipinos in distress. In 2011, EO No. 41 was signed by former Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa Jr.

EO No. 41 aims to sustain a more focused coordinated and effected program of action to curb illegal recruitment. Members of the Presidential Task Force Against Illegal Recruitment (PTFAIR) are the heads of Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine Overseas Employment Agency, Bureau of Immigration, the Prosecutor General, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG), and Manila International Airport Authority.

On August 31, 2021, during President Rodrigo R. Duterte's "Talk to the People", the Department of Labor and Employment reported that there are several incidents of

Filipino citizens being victimized by illegal recruiters, in hopes of becoming an Overseas Filipino Worker and alleviating their poverty.

PRRD directed Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III and DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año to establish a new anti-illegal recruitment unit in coordination with the NBI and the PNP-CIDG.

In accordance with the existing laws and in compliance with the instruction of the President, there is a need for the PNP to provide the necessary law enforcement support in the campaign against illegal recruitment.

#### **4. PURPOSE:**

- a. To revitalize the PNP Task Force on Illegal Recruitment in all levels of the PNP-CIDG with the support of all units of the PNP;
- b. To aid in flattening the curb of illegal recruitment cases; and
- c. To provide prompt police assistance to illegal recruitment cases in the Philippines.

#### **5. GUIDELINES:**

- a. The PNP shall investigate all cases relative to illegal recruitment through the PNP-CIDG in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 10022 and EO No. 41 s. 2011 and other related laws and policies;
- b. The PNP-CIDG shall create a Task Force at the national, regional, and provincial level, which shall be headed by the Chief, ATCU for the national; Chief, RIDU for the regional; and the Team Leader (TL) for the provincial level.
- c. The members of the Task Force on Anti-Illegal Recruitment shall possess the necessary competency required in the performance of the following responsibilities:
  - 1) Analyze and aggressively initiate police operations against the *modus operandi* of illegal recruiters in coordination with other law enforcement agencies (LEAs).
  - 2) Conduct surveillance and entrapment operations on persons alleged to be engaged in illegal recruitment as defined in Section 6 of RA No. 8042, as amended, including, but not limited to, "escort" services at international airports and other ports of departure, and to effect warrants of arrest;
  - 3) Coordinate with existing bodies, agencies, and other instrumentalities currently involved in the campaign against illegal recruitment; and
  - 4) Perform other powers and functions as may be deemed necessary by the Chairperson, PTFAIR for the effective discharge of its mandate or as may be directed by the President.
- d. The PNP Task Force shall submit a quarterly accomplishment report on their respective Anti-Illegal Recruitment operations to the D, CIDG, copy furnished TDIDM.



## **6. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- a. **Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG)**
  - 1) Act as the OPR for this MC;
  - 2) Ensure that the provisions of this MC are properly implemented;
  - 3) Monitor the compliance of the lower units; and
  - 4) Perform other tasks as directed.
- b. **Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM)**
  - 1) Supervise the implementation of this MC;
  - 2) Designate personnel to monitor anti-illegal recruitment cases; and
  - 3) Perform other tasks as directed.
- c. **Directorate for Human Resource and Doctrine Development (DHRDD)**
  - 1) Provide expertise and support in the crafting of Competency Training or Courses for the members of the Task Force on Anti-Illegal Recruitment; and
  - 2) Perform other tasks as directed.
- d. **All D-Staff**
  - 1) Provide the necessary support and assistance according to your mandate; and
  - 2) Perform other tasks as directed.
- e. **All NSUs**
  - 1) Provide technical support and expertise in the conduct of investigation; and
  - 2) Perform other tasks as directed.
- f. **All PROs**
  - 1) Assist the CIDG in the implementation of this MC;
  - 2) Provide necessary assistance in the conduct of police operations and investigation of illegal recruitment cases; and
  - 3) Perform other tasks as directed.

## **7. PENAL CLAUSE:**

Any violation of this MC shall constitute a cause of action against the erring PNP personnel in accordance with NAPOLCOM MC No. 2016-002 and other applicable laws, rules, and regulation.

**8. REPEALING CLAUSE:**

Any issuances, memoranda, rules, and regulations pertaining to anti-illegal recruitment inconsistent with any of the provisions of this MC are deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

**9. EFFECTIVITY:**

This MC shall take effect after 15 days from filing a copy thereof at the UP-Law Center in consonance with Section 3, Chapter 2, Book VII of Executive Order 292, otherwise known as the "Revised Administrative Code of 1987," as amended.

  
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