

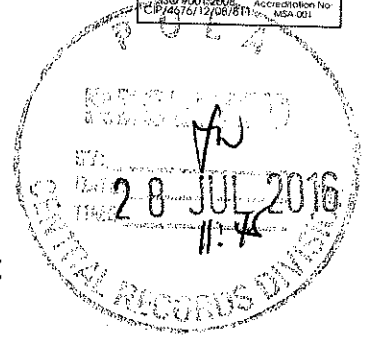


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**OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS WHO ARE
ON VISA RUNS FACE RISKS**


The Department of Foreign Affairs has reported the continuing practice of undocumented Filipinos to work in the ASEAN Member States of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia Vietnam and Malaysia using the visa runs mode.

Visa runs refers to the process or facility by which foreign visitors continue to stay in a country by exiting through border control before their allowed period of temporary stay (usually 30 days) expires and then return for a renewed period, usually for another 15 days or up to two (2) or three (3) months, depending on the type of visa issue and discretion of the border officer.

As visa runs is considered as one of the facility being used by human traffickers and drug syndicates, the public is hereby strongly warned against using these mode of entry/exit in order to avoid possible risks to their welfare and safety.

Prospective applicants seeking employment in the above-mentioned countries are advised to take the legal processes and take extra-precautionary measures to establish the authenticity of employment offers by verifying the job orders with the POEA through its website at www.poea.gov.ph and its hotlines at 722-11-44 and 722-11-55.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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