

unidentified men stopped the taxi that she was riding. The following day the nurse was found in the desert and in serious condition and was thus brought to a hospital where she died two week later;

Whereas, the second incident involves three Pinay nurses working at the National Guard Hospital also in Riyadh, witnesses saw the nurses walking from their accommodation to a department store to buy something when a car stopped behind them and the three were forced inside the car. The three were later found in a secluded area with evidences that they suffered from a gang rape;

Whereas; these incidents are but two of the many cases, mostly undocumented, of abuse perpetrated against our Filipina overseas workers;

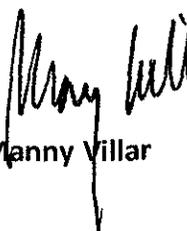
Whereas, these assaults to our Pinay workers abroad have been a perennial problem to the government costing the Philippines millions of pesos of scarce resources for the OFWs' hospitalization, care and repatriation;

Whereas, the victims and their families even face a greater deal of distress and sometimes humiliation since they still have to pay outstanding placement fee loans, and rake in more debt just to finance the hospitalization and rehabilitation expenses of the OFW victim once in the Philippines;

Whereas, considering the foregoing, it is clear that the government needs to revisit its current policies and rules on OFW protection and care once deployed abroad to ensure that proper support, be it legal or health, shall be extended to those who needs it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Justice and Human Rights and Youth, Women and Family relations, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported increasing number of rape and abuse cases perpetrated against Overseas Filipino Workers, with the end in view that the proper government agencies promulgate policies and program that will meaningfully address the sorrowful plight of our workers abroad.

Adopted.


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