

WHEREAS, it was reported that the PBODT earlier issued a resolution banning foreign patients from getting kidneys from living donors who are not their blood relatives, but that technically, the resolution is not yet in effect because it has not been signed by the DOH executive committee and published in newspapers;

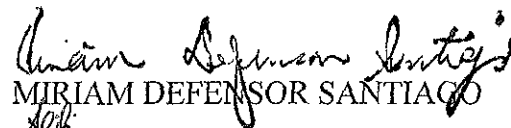
WHEREAS, Department of Health records show that in 2006, a total of 690 kidney transplantations were performed in the Philippines, where 63% of the patients were foreigners, mostly from Arab nations, and 99.99% of kidney donors from the Philippines are poor;

WHEREAS, Asia Against Child Trafficking, a non-profit group advocating an absolute ban on the kidney trade, claim that Filipinos were the cheapest source of kidneys in the global black market for human organs, selling a kidney for a measly \$1,500;

WHEREAS, such incidents will continue to lure our countrymen in dire need of cash into the hands of illegal kidney harvesting networks and syndicates operating in various parts of the country who dupe poor Filipinos into selling their kidneys for meager sums;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged proliferation of kidney transplantations despite a total ban in the country.

Adopted,


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