

Obstruction of justice raps vs Failon, helpers dismissed

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that only the information on failed investments came up.

Diaz also cautioned the public not to believe in rumors.

He said that there has been complication in the handling of the case.

He said Failon has a lot of enemies and they have probably spread rumors about him to muddle the investigation.

But in the NBI, he said they base everything on factual evidence only.

As of yesterday, he said that the status of their investigation is still ongoing. "We have been investigating for about two weeks now," said Diaz.

He said the medico-legal and ballistics tests are already finished, while the handwriting examination is still ongoing. "All of these investigations will be done by Friday, May 8. So we could come up with a result of the investigation the following Monday. We would like to finish this as soon as possible," said Diaz.

He said the house helpers

have also been invited again by the NBI for additional investigation. The house helpers already gave statements to the police, but these are still incomplete, he said.

Pamela Arteche, the victim's sister, and Joy Tan, her friend, have also given their statements to the NBI.

Forensics examination is also still being conducted.

The NBI also identified the former policeman who allegedly gave wrong information to investigators, said Diaz.

He also said that it came out in their investigation that the NBI and the Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO) reports jibed in their investigations, like the details on the trajectory of the bullet. The entrance of the bullet was on the right side of the head, and exited on the left, they found out.

Diaz also said they have yet to see the autopsy report of Dr. Rachel Fortun, the expert hired by the Failon family to conduct

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experience with SARS," he said. "We learned about SARS before when it was already full blown. Now the virus is still in Mexico and the US but we already have health advisories here. Hopefully, this will come to pass quickly."

Prayers

Dante Peralta, a photographer who has worked in Hong Kong for 15 years, draws strength from prayers. "During the days of SARS, I was OK because I took precautions and I prayed. It's difficult if we lose our source of income. We think of our families back home," he said.

The scare has affected Hong Kong's bustling night life on which many Filipino bar girls, like 28-year-old Susan Antonio, depend for a living.

The night before Hong Kong health and police authorities sealed off Metropark Hotel, Antonio said she had earned HK\$1,400 in Wan Chai when

bars were filled by the rafters with expats and tourists.

The next day, she only earned HK\$100 because there was hardly any merrymakers around.

"I got scared when I found out about the swine flu here. I work near Metropark," Antonio said. "I really have to be careful because I don't want to return home. There are no jobs there."

Face masks

When word of Hong Kong's first H1N1 flu case spread, housemaid Vina Almeda was immediately sent by her employer in Tseung Kwan O in the New Territories to a drugstore in a shopping mall to buy face masks.

The Philippine Consulate issued an advisory to the Filipino community on April 30, then followed up with another one when Hong Kong confirmed the first case of H1N1 infection. ■

100,000 jobs await OFWs

MANILA—At least 100,000 more jobs in Guam, Saudi Arabia and Qatar await Filipino workers.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reported that the government is currently negotiating agreements for the hiring of more Filipino workers abroad.

POEA chief Jennifer Manalili said the government is looking at 15,000 to 20,000 jobs for highly skilled Filipino workers in Guam.

Manalili said Guam will be requiring massive manpower with the impending construction of camps and other buildings to house American military officers who will be relocating in the area in 2010.

She said Guam would initially be needing construction workers and eventually service workers after the completion of the construction projects.

Manalili said during a recent marketing mission in Guam, employers expressed preference to hire Filipino workers.

Labor Secretary Mariano Roque also reported that Saudi Arabia is set to embark on massive construction projects that will generate about 60,000 jobs for Filipinos.

Roque also noted that Qatar agreed to provide 20,000 additional working visas for Filipino workers.

According to Roque, a group of employers from Singapore and France are also coming to Manila to look at the possibility of hiring Filipino workers.

"There are so many overseas jobs available for Filipino workers, the challenge now is for us to generate the qualified workers to fill those demands," Roque pointed out.

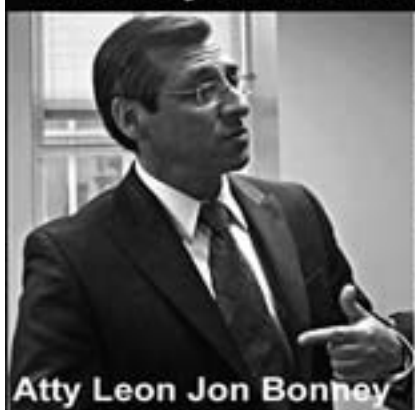
The recruitment industry, however, doubted that the country would be able to capture the biggest share of manpower requirement in Guam.

Recruitment leaders said jobs will remain elusive for Filipinos in Guam if the government fails to resolve issues on hiring of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). (Philstar.com)

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