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Cavite students learn disaster preparedness via video game

By Fredmoore Cavan

KAWIT, Cavite (PIA) — Over 800 students from Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School in Kawit, Cavite get immersed in an innovative disaster management lecture, learning about flood preparedness through the interactive online

video game Minecraft.

This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to strengthen disaster and flood preparedness among the youth under the Cavite Industrial
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Photo courtesy of PIA

PGC Brings Essential Healthcare to Residents of San Rafael I, Noveleta, Cavite

ON January 20, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in coordination with Noveleta Rural Health Unit (RHU), held a successful medical mission in Barangay San Rafael I, Noveleta, Cavite.

The event benefited 346 local residents by offering a wide range of healthcare services including free medical consultations, health check-ups, prescribed medications,

and multivitamins aimed at addressing the community's health needs.

The initiative was designed to ensure that residents of Noveleta, particularly those who are most vulnerable and in need, have access to essential healthcare services.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino remains committed to improving public health and ensuring that all residents have access to necessary medical care. —F. Tamio (Cavite PIO)

CPD flags rising pregnancy among young girls; demands urgent action

By Marita Moaje



YOUNG MOM. A health worker attends to a young mother and her baby in this undated photo. The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on Wednesday (Jan. 15, 2025) raised the alarm over the rising incidence of adolescent pregnancies, marking a 6.6 percent increase in 2023. (PNA file photo)

MANILA – The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) has sounded the alarm over the rising incidence of adolescent pregnancies, particularly those under 15 years old.

In a news release on Jan. 15, CPD Undersecretary Lisa Grace Bersales said the alarming trend demands immediate action, highlighting
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Año asks Congress to pass stiffer anti-espionage laws

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The National Security Council (NSC) on Tuesday called on lawmakers to immediately pass amendments that will impose tougher penalties for individuals involved in espionage activities.

"In light of these developments, we urge Congress to prioritize the passage of the amendments to the Espionage Act as well as the Countering Foreign Interference and Malign Influence Bill," National Security Adviser (NSA) Eduardo Año said in a statement.

The NSA said

strengthening the country's legal framework is essential to effectively address evolving security threats.

Also, Año said the proposed amendments will ensure that persons or groups looking to compromise the country's national security will "face the full force of the law."

Año also commended the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and the intelligence community for their "vigilance and effective operations" that led to the arrest of a Chinese national and his two Filipino cohorts who were actively engaged in sophisticated surveillance,

espionage, and intelligence-gathering activities in the country.

"Their diligent efforts underscore the government's commitment to safeguarding our nation from any and all activities that undermine our national security. The arrest of these individuals is a stark reminder of the persistent threats posed by foreign interference and malign influence to the country," he added.

Año also stressed that the Philippine government

remains committed to counter espionage and other malign operations that pose a threat to the country's critical infrastructure, defense facilities, and national security.

"The recent apprehensions highlight the need for continuous vigilance, strengthened coordination among government agencies, and proactive measures to fortify our national security framework," he added.

The NSA also said it is working closely with

all instrumentalities of government and stakeholders to strengthen national security and protect the welfare of the Filipino people.

"We call on the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities that may compromise our security to the Philippine National Police and other security and intelligence agencies," he added.

Due diligence Meanwhile, AFP spokesperson Col. Francel
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DSWD extends initial aid to family of viral sampaguita vendor



GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. Department of Social Welfare and Development Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlao hands over PHP20,000 cash assistance to the mother of the college student, who was accosted by a security guard, during a visit by social workers in Quezon City on Friday (Jan. 17, 2025). Social workers also interviewed the mother to validate information about their family and determine what other interventions may be provided. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

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SEX EDUCATION. The Quezon City High School integrates sex education into its Science and Health subjects. The Commission on Population and Development on Tuesday (Jan. 21, 2025) urged parents to take a more active role in educating their children about sexuality and reproductive health. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

the country to take a stronger and broader approach, including intensified age and development and culturally sensitive comprehensive sexuality education, as a strategy of the Philippine Population and Development Plan of Action.

“Our emphasis is

even on protection from abuse and developing the life skills of adolescents to make informed decisions,” CPD Undersecretary Lisa Grace Bersales said.

Bersales explained that the agency’s emphasis is on complementing family-based education

with institutional support to address gaps in youth sexual health knowledge.

She added that while parents are the first line of guidance, schools and communities must work hand in hand to provide the right information at the right time.

The University of the Philippines Population Institute, in a recent Facebook post, highlighted the urgency of the issue, stating that only one in 10 Filipino youth have ever discussed sex with their parents at home, leaving many to rely on friends or social media for answers.

Data also show that nearly 44 percent of female youth and 39 percent of male youth lack reliable material sources of information about sex. (PNA)

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Friday provided initial aid to the family of the female college student who was accosted by a security guard outside a mall in Mandaluyong City.

On instructions of Secretary Rex Gatchalian, Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlao personally handed over PHP20,000 to Judith, the mother of the vendor named Jeny, 22, who was at school during the house visit of DSWD social workers.

“Nanay, ito pong ipinaabot namin sa iyo ay initial pa lamang. Sabi po ng case manager natin, babalik sya at mag-iinterview sya para humingi ng additional information kasi gusto rin po namin kayong matulungan (Mom, this is just an initial assistance. Our case manager will be back to interview you for additional information because we also want to help you),” Dumlao told the mother at their Quezon City home.

She said social workers will further assess the situation of the family to determine what other interventions may be provided, such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program.

During the interview, Judith said their household was a former Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiary but has graduated from since the youngest child is already 19 years old.

Judith said Jeny is a first-year student taking up Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology.

She told social workers Jeny is striving to finish her studies, the reason why she sells sampaguita after

her classes.

“Kaya sila nagsusumikap na magtinda, doon sila kumukuha ng baon at pamasaha. Tapos ang iba ay itatabi nila para pagdating ng babayaran [sa school] ay mayroon silang pagkukunan (They strive to sell to have money for pocket money and transportation fare. They also save for future school expenses),” Judith said.

Judith said she makes the sampaguita herself while her children and husband, Joel, sell them.

Jeny’s encounter with the security guard in December 2024, recorded on video by a witness, has since gone viral.

The video showed the security guard driving away Jeny, then seated on the stairs of the mall entrance.

When she stood up, the security guard snatched and destroyed her sampaguita garlands, prompting the girl to hit him with the destroyed flowers.

The parents said they will not file charges against the security guard.

“On the part of the DSWD, lagi po nating sinasabi na hindi po natin tino-tolerate ang gender-based violence. Dapat ay there is a collective effort on the part of the private and public sectors na protektahan at pangalagaan ang karapatan ang well-being ng bawat isa (we always maintain that we don’t tolerate gender-based violence. There should be a collective effort on the part of the private and public sectors to protect and ensure the right and well-being of each individual),” Dumalo said. (PR/ PNA)

BuCor...

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followed. Preparations included haircuts and the issuance of standardized uniforms consisting of T-shirts and shorts.

The transferees arrived at the LRP on the night of Jan. 19, it said.

BuCor Director General Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr. earlier said that PHP288 million of the bureau’s PHP9.2 billion total budget for this year has been allotted for the transfer of NBP PDLs to various OPPFs.

Livelihood program for female PDLs

Meanwhile, Catapang disclosed that the Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) will intensify its work and livelihood program with the introduction of Batik weaving and hollow block making.

Catapang said they will tap Mary Jane Veloso,

who is confined at the CIW, to teach her fellow PDLs the techniques in weaving Batik which she learned during her incarceration in Indonesia.

Other livelihood programs being implemented at CIW include making beads, paper crafts, baking, painting, and training for solar panel assembly.

Catapang said the Department of Justice (DOJ), BuCor and CIW has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Samahan ng mga Pilipina para sa Reporma at Kaunlaran (SPARK) Philippines to improve the country’s corrections system while safeguarding and empowering women PDLs.

Under the MOU, both parties affirm their mutual responsibilities and goals in furtherance of Project Arts,

Crafts, and E-Commerce (Project ARTE) geared towards improving the lives of PDLs through nationwide technology upskilling and income generation programs.

Based on the MOU, the DOJ is tasked to formulate the policies and roadmap in the planning and implementation of Project ARTE, while the BuCor, shall facilitate the prioritization and identification of correctional facilities for the initial launch of the project and its subsequent undertakings, as well as the selection of qualified PDLs who will become beneficiaries.

Project ARTE is a flagship reformation and livelihood project for women PDLs under the leadership of DOJ Undersecretary Margarita Gutierrez, with the full support of the DOJ and BuCor. (PNA)

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performance and competitive fiscal incentives under the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) law, making the country an attractive hub for Southeast Asia operations.

Organized by the Consumer Technology Association, the CES is one of the largest and most influential tech trade shows in the world that serves as a platform for global innovators and companies to feature breakthrough technologies seeking to become the latest solutions to the world’s biggest challenges.

Eight PEZA locators that form part of the semiconductor and electronics global value chain were featured during the CES.

Aiming to build new connections, the PEZA met with various US-based firms,

including Quintel Solutions, a subsidiary of long-standing PEZA locator Cirtek.

Quintel is considered the global market leader for multiport antennas, serving leading Telecom carriers in North America.

The PEZA also met with the top officials of ON Semiconductor Corporation (Onsemi), a leading semiconductor manufacturer with over 80,000 different parts, including advanced MOSFETs (metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor), image sensors, silicon carbide technology (EliteSiC) and a global supply chain.

Onsemi has been registered with PEZA since 2007, operating facilities in PEZA zones in Tarlac, Cavite, and Mactan in Cebu province. (PNA)

ASEAN foreign ministers tackle SCS, Myanmar, Gaza issues

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) discussed developments in the South China Sea (SCS), Myanmar and the Middle East during a retreat in Langkawi, Malaysia on January 19, 2025.

In a post over X on Monday, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Enrique Manalo said the Foreign Ministers Retreat was the first meeting under Malaysia's chairmanship of the ASEAN.

"Looking forward to more productive and meaningful engagements with Malaysia under its Chairmanship theme inclusivity and sustainability," Manalo said.

He added that other significant topics during the retreat were regional and international issues such as climate change and transnational crimes.

In a statement, Malaysia said there were

"candid and in-depth" discussions on ASEAN's priorities in 2025 such as maintaining a strong commitment to the United Nations Charter, ASEAN Charter, and the Declaration on Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality.

It also reiterated ASEAN's commitment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, 2011 Declaration on the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.

"We expressed strong support towards Malaysia's key priorities and deliverables in advancing ASEAN's collective vision of a resilient, people-centered, and forward-looking ASEAN community while advancing economic growth and regional connectivity, and enhancing



ASEAN MINISTERS. Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat in Langkawi, Malaysia on Sunday (Jan. 19, 2025). Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique Manalo on Monday (Jan. 20) said among the topics discussed by the region's officials were concerns over the situation in the South China Sea, Myanmar, and Middle East. (Photo courtesy of DFA Secretary Enrique Manalo)

regional resilience," it said.

It also emphasized the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, security, stability, safety, and freedom of navigation in and overflight above the SCS.

Malaysia said there is a need to enhance mutual trust and confidence, exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities, and pursue peaceful resolution of disputes *"in accordance with the universally recognized principles of international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS."*

"Concerns were expressed by some ministers on the land reclamations, recent actions, and ongoing developments in the area which have eroded trust and confidence, increased tensions, and may undermine peace, security, and stability in the region," it said.

On the other hand, the ASEAN chair expressed *"deep concern"* over the escalation of conflicts and the humanitarian situation in Myanmar and the minimal progress on the implementation of the Five-

Point Consensus (5PC).

"We reaffirmed our united position that the 5PC remains our main reference to address the political crisis in Myanmar and further reaffirmed the corresponding leaders' decisions," it said.

It added that ASEAN leaders have upheld the decision to limit Myanmar's participation at the ASEAN summits and foreign ministers' meetings to a non-political level.

"We denounced the continued acts of violence against civilians and public facilities and urged all parties involved to take concrete action to immediately halt indiscriminate violence, exercise utmost restraint, ensure the protection and safety of all civilians and civilian infrastructures, and create a conducive environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and inclusive national dialogue," it said.

On the Middle East, ASEAN foreign ministers expressed *"grave concern"* over the continued war in Gaza

and the *"dire humanitarian situation."*

"We condemned all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, which have resulted in an immense number of casualties, particularly innocent women and children, the restricted access to food, water, and other basic needs, leading to the further deterioration of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza," it said.

The ASEAN chair welcomed the ceasefire agreement in Gaza and urged for the implementation of the agreement *"immediately and comprehensively."*

"We called for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, especially ASEAN nationals, women, children, the sick and the elderly. We underscored the importance of release from any arbitrary detention. We urged all parties concerned to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict with a view to realizing the two-state solution in accordance with international law," it said. (PNA)

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the need for comprehensive, age-sensitive sexuality education to address the issue.

"Our emphasis is on protection from abuse and equipping adolescents with life skills to make informed decisions," she said.

Citing Philippine Statistics Authority data, Bersales noted that live births among girls aged 10 to 14 rose from 2,411 in 2019 to 3,343 in 2023, a 6.6 percent increase.

More troubling, she added, 38 girls under 15 experienced multiple pregnancies in 2023, and 17 women under 20 had given birth five or more times.

The issue is

particularly acute in high-population regions such as Metro Manila, Central Luzon, and CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon).

Bersales urged swift legislative action, calling on the Senate to pass the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Bill (Senate Bill 1979), currently under interpellation.

"This is a critical issue affecting the health and future workforce of our country. Addressing it is essential for realizing the benefits of the demographic dividend and sustaining economic growth," Bersales emphasized. (PNA)

Año...

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Margareth Padilla said it is always conducting operations to foil possible espionage attempts.

"We are doing due diligence in detecting the presence of these forces and of course deterring anything else that they would be doing in the future," she said in a press conference Tuesday.

Padilla also assured the public that the AFP is doing everything in its power to get to the bottom of these incidents.

As this developed, Philippine Navy spokesperson for the West Philippine Sea spokesperson Rear Adm. Roy Vincent Trinidad said

any information gathered by suspected spies can be used by a foreign power to its advantage.

"Any foreign power who would like to take advantage of a country, in this particular case yung minamahal natin Pilipinas (our beloved Philippines), would need information, political information, economic information, in the informational domain, and military information," he said.

"(In) today's world, yung paggamit ng information ay tumatawid (the use of information crosses borders) whether political, economic or military." (PNA)

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Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP).

Mr. Keisuke Ono, a lecturer at the Tohoku Institute of Technology in Japan, led the session on flood education using a 3D city model within Minecraft.

Ono emphasized the benefits of Minecraft's three-dimensional features in helping students and the younger generation better understand disaster management and identify flood-prone areas, compared to traditional two-dimensional maps.

"Minecraft is good for kids to study which areas are endangered during floods and which places are safe under flood conditions," Ono said.

"This is very important for providing collective information about natural disasters because the young generation of the Philippines is vital not just for this country but also for the world in building a better future," he added.

According to CIA-

FRIMP, the interactive lecture aimed to instill disaster resilience among the youth by immersing them in a hands-on, visual learning experience. Through the 3D city model, students were able to simulate real-life flood scenarios, identify flood-prone areas, and explore evacuation routes and risk reduction strategies.

Using the gamified approach, Ono guided students through discussions on the causes of flooding, structural and non-structural mitigation measures, and community-based strategies for disaster risk reduction.

For the teachers of Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School, the Minecraft online video game enabled students to better appreciate disaster management lessons.

"The interactive application captured the students' attention, making the learning experience both enjoyable and informative. By incorporating engaging

elements, the app facilitated a deeper comprehension, allowing the students to connect with the material in an exciting way," the school stated.

The Provincial Government of Cavite supported the initiative, recognizing it as a step toward building a disaster-resilient community.

"This activity underscores the commitment of CIA-FRIMP, the Provincial Government of Cavite, and the local government of Kawit. By empowering the younger generation with knowledge and practical tools, this initiative will enable them to create safer communities ready to face the challenges of natural disasters," the provincial government said.

CIA-FRIMP is a collaborative initiative between the DPWH and JICA aimed at addressing flood risks and enhancing disaster preparedness in the Cavite Industrial Area. (FSC, PIA4A)

EDITORIAL

They really did it

SINCE the DoF needed to raise more than P200 billion to plug the unprogrammed items in the 2024 budget made up of crucial projects bumped off to make way for pork barrel contracts, it turned to PDIC for P117 billion from its reserve funds.

During the uproar over the transfer of P60 billion of the P89.9 billion the Department of Finance (DoF) ordered withdrawn from the state-owned Philippine Health Insurance (PhilHealth), a suit was filed by budget watchdogs that prompted the Supreme Court to issue a temporary restraining order (TRO).

The TRO ordered PhilHealth to halt the remittance of the remaining P29.9 billion and ordered oral arguments over the DoF authority that emanated from a provision in the 2024 national budget allowing the agency to sweep state firms for so-called excess funds.

Since the DoF needed to raise more than P200 billion to plug the unprogrammed items in the 2024 budget made up of crucial projects that were bumped off to make way for pork barrel contracts, it turned to the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. (PDIC) for P117 billion from its reserve funds.

Last 14 January, the PDIC remitted P107.23 billion in "excess funds" to the National Treasury to be used supposedly for government projects.

The PDIC then assured depositors that its Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) was still enough to cover the risks of the banking system.

Its president and chief executive officer, Roberto Tan, said the DIF stood at over P250 billion.

Legal eagle Ferdinand Topacio, however, said the PDIC's charter requires the state firm to maintain a reserve fund of P250 billion and taking P107 billion from the fund removes a substantial part of the required buffer.

The required P250 billion in reserves constitutes 5.5 percent of the total deposits of Filipinos so the expectation on PDIC is that it would have enough funds to insure deposits up to a maximum of P500,000 each in the event of a bank closure, Topacio said.

He blamed the budget provision allowing the DoF to sweep government-owned and -controlled corporations for taking away money from the reserves

of state firms that is "needed for them to perform a public service."

Topacio recalled it was the same practice to build up the seed capital for the Maharlika Investment Fund that came from state financial institutions Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank) and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

"Nothing has happened yet in the MIF since it was established in 2023," Topacio stated, adding that the money infused into the sovereign wealth fund could have helped farmers secure additional capital and provide start-up funds for new businesses.

The DBP is now asking for a change in its charter to increase its capital. "Where will the funds come from?" Topacio asked.

He said that recapitalization of the DBP would only come from tax revenues or the reallocation of funds from other agencies.

The strengthening of the reserve funds came after the bank troubles that started with the Legacy Group crisis in 2009.

It was then that the need for PDIC to continuously increase and replenish its DIF to meet all claims made against insured banks was made urgent.

At the time, the PDIC fell P14 billion short of paying the claims of 130,000 small depositors of the shuttered rural banks of the Legacy Group since it had only P60 billion in its DIF.

The Senate then raised the need for PDIC to always be ready for worst-case scenarios like several banks folding up simultaneously.

The PDIC tried to borrow from the BSP the P14 billion DIF shortfall but the Monetary Board denied the proposal since it already owed the central bank P72.5 billion.

Senators said that making PDIC strong assures depositors will have peace of mind.

The PDIC should not resort to borrowing from the BSP in case of future problems in meeting claims but the siphoning of funds from it defeats this purpose.

The strength of the financial system is built partly on the perception that the government has the means to protect small depositors from losing their savings, a trust that is degraded when the PDIC is drained of its reserve funds.



Photo courtesy of tribune.net.ph

KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Kontraktwalisasyon 101

PART 5

AT mahalagang idiin, laban sa ganitong pangangatwiran: ang kontraktwalisasyon ay paglabag sa lahat ng batayang karapatan ng mga manggagawa. Sa Pilipinas, laman ang naturang mga batayang karapatan samismong Konstitusyong 1987, na resulta ng malakas na pakikibaka ng mga manggagawa noong panahon ng diktadurang Marcos at kahit pagkatapos. Ang mga ginagarantiya ng Artikulo XIII ng Konstitusyon sa mga manggagawang Pilipino: lubos na proteksyon mula sa gobyerno, karapatang mag-organisa sa sarili at kolektibong makipagtawaran, magwelga, seguridad sa trabaho, makataong kalagayan sa paggawa, at nakabubuhay na sahod.

Mahalagang idagdag na kasama ang naturang probisyon sa matagal nang gustong baguhin ng mga malalaking kapitalistang dayuhan at lokal at malalaking panginoong maylupa sa pamamagitan ng mga gobyernong nagtutulak ng Charter Change.

Pagkilos. Sa lahat ng ipinangako ni Duterte bago at pagkatapos ng eleksyon, ang pagtapos sa kontraktwalisasyon ang isa sa pinaka-kumakatawan ng pangako niyang "tunay na pagbabago," at "tapang at malasakit." Mahalagang sukatan ang pagsasakatuparan dito, o ang hindi pagsasakatuparan dito, kung nakakapagdulot siya ng tunay na pagbabago o hindi.

Marapat lang na kondenahin ang paglalabas sa DO 168, gayundin sina Bello at Duterte para sa kautusang ito. Marapat lang ipaglaban ang pagbasura sa DO 168, gayundin ng probisyon sa Labor Code na nagbibigay ng bisa rito mula sa pagpapahintulot sa Job Contracting. Dapat ipaglaban ang pagbabawal sa Job Contracting, ang regularisasyon ng mga kontraktwal, at ang pagpawi sa mga agency.

Pero ang kontraktwalisasyon ay hindi lang patakarang ipinatupad ng magkakasanod na rehimen. Naging patakaran ito ng magkakasanod na rehimen dahil dikta ito ng imperyalismong US at bahagi ng neoliberal na atake nito, kasabwat ang mga lokal na naghaharing uri, sa mga manggagawa at kilusang paggawa sa bansa at sa buong mundo.

Napakaakitid, halimbawa, ng pagdadala ni Herbert Docena ng Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino sa isyu para ilantad si Duterte na "hindi progresibo." Mas dumudulo ito sa paglaban at pagpapatalsik sa pangulo na hindi karugtong ng pagsusulong ng tunay na pagbabagong panlipunan. Kapansin-pansing relatibong tahimik ang BMP laban sa kontraktwalisasyon noong panahon ni Aquino, na tolong nagpatupad nito. Naging relatibong maingay naman ito sa kontraktwalisasyon sa panahon ni Duterte, na nangakong tatapusin ito. May panganib din na mahulog ang

pagsusuri sa pangangailangan sa isang progresibong pangulo para mawala ang anti-manggagawang iskema sa empleyo. Sa direksyon ni Docena, magiging masaya si Leni na Robredo, pero hindi si Lenin na Vladimir.

Kasama ang kontraktwalisasyon sa mga neoliberal na atake sa mga manggagawa at kilusang paggawa. Ang pangkalahatang layunin: patuloy na palakihin ang tubo ng malalaking kapitalistang dayuhan at lokal kahit sa kalagayang may krisis ng labis na produksyon sa pamamagitan ng pagpapababa sa sahod at sa tinatawag ng Marxistang intelektwal na si David Harvey na "panlipunang sahod (social wage)." Kaakibat ng kontraktwalisasyon ang pagbasag sa minimum na sahod ng mga manggagawa sa pribadong sektor at kawani sa pampublikong sektor, pagpapalaganap ng mga special economic zones, partikular ang mga EPZs at pagkonsentra rito ng mga manggagawang industriyal, at iba pang mayor na hakbangin.

Mawawakasan lang ang kontraktwalisasyon ng malawak at malakas na sama-samang pagkilos ng mga manggagawa at mga tagasuporta nila. Isang antas ang paggigiit sa gobyerno na ibasura ang iskema sa empleyo. Kailangan ang tuluy-tuloy at papalawak at papalakas na protesta para igiit ang pagbabasura rito. Gaya ng nabanggit ni Teddy Casiño ng Bayan Muna, isang pagkakataon din para igiit ito ipagpapatuloy...

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),

Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1571-24

For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
-versus-
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

SPS. MIRAFLOR A. MADINO & RAFAEL B. MADINO,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors SPS. MIRAFLOR A. MADINO & RAFAEL B. MADINO with postal addresses at Lot 16 Blk. 11, Golden City Dasma 4, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Umiray General Nakar, Quezon City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of OCTOBER 31, 2024 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN PESOS &

13/100 (Php556,867.13), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on February 13, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-530641

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 16, Blk. 11 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-068306, being a portion of Lot 5777-C-1, Psd-042106-059852, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 15, on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 14 both Blk. 11; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 5; & on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 18 Blk. 11, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 46 deg. 52'E., 602.57 m. from Mon. 171, Imus Estate; thence S. 82 deg. 5'E., 3.75 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 7 deg. 55'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 82 deg. 5'W., 3.75 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 7 deg. 55'E., 9.50 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE SQ. METERS & SIXTY TWO SQ. DEC. (35.62). All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905 to June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey; October 1 – Nov. 30 1993 and was approved on Feb. 10, 1994. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of"

MIRAFLOR A. MADINO, of legal age, Filipino, married to RAFAEL B. MADINO.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on February 27, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, January 8, 2025.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

SPS. MIRAFLOR A. MADINO & RAFAEL B. MADINO
Lot 16 Blk. 11, Golden City Dasma 4, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and
Umiray General Nakar, Quezon City

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 90
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),

Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1596-24

For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
-versus-
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

RENATO A. BATULA,

Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against mortgagors RENATO A. BATULA with postal address at (1) Lot 03 Blk 22, Molino Homes Salitran, Dasmariñas, Cavite; (2) San Miguel St., Noveleta, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of OCTOBER 31, 2024 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY THREE PESOS & 14/100 (Php551,243.14), exclusive

of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on February 18, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-457041

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 22 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-042106-007934, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 8110 & 8113, Psd-19868, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Salitran, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 4, Blk. 22; on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot 5, Blk. 22; on the N., along line 3-4 by Alley 13; on the E., along line 4-1 by Lot 1 Blk. 22, all of the cons.-subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 74 deg. 07'E., 1032.49 m. from Mon. 134, Imus Estate; thence S. 85 deg. 07'W., 4.00 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 04 deg. 53'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 85 deg. 07'E., 4.00 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 04 deg. 53'E., 9.50 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT (38) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of original survey, July 27, 1905 - June 11, 1908 and that of the cons.-subd. survey; June 12-Aug. 15, 1993 and was approved on Oct. 22, 1993.

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of"

RENATO A. BATULA, of legal age, Filipino, single.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on March 4, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, January 6, 2025.

(Sgd.) ARLYN P. BARCELON

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

RENATO A. BATULA
(1) Lot 03 Blk 22, Molino Homes Salitran, Dasmariñas, Cavite;
(2) San Miguel St., Noveleta, Cavite

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE
RIGHT TO THE ESTATE OF DECEASED
ABDUL GAFUR MAMA AMEROL WITH
WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ABDUL GAFUR MAMA AMEROL who died intestate on AUGUST 5, 2021 in Imus City, Cavite who left a 2018 TOYOTA FORTUNER 2.4L4 and particularly described as ENGINE NO. 2GC353404, M FILE NO. 138000001027794, PLATE NO. NCT3112, BODY TYPE WAGON, which has been extra judicially settled by his heirs with waiver of rights in favor of RASMIAH ALIM MALAYO as per Doc No. 408, Page No. 83, Book No. 108, Series of 2024, Notary Public Atty. Epifanio M. Almada.

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PH gov't hails Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Philippine government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), welcomed the Israel-Hamas agreement that will soon see the release of hostages and a ceasefire in Gaza after more than a year of war.

The Israeli government on Friday confirmed that a deal to release the hostages has been finally reached, a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said earlier talks were hit by last-minute snags.

"The Philippines welcomes the

announcement of the long-awaited ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas and the release of hostages in Gaza," DFA spokesperson Ma. Teresita Daza said Friday afternoon.

"The Philippines reaffirms its steadfast commitment to a two-state solution that addresses the rights and needs of both Palestinian and Israeli civilians, with the aim of achieving a just, lasting peace and security in the region," she added.

The DFA called on all parties to adhere to their obligations under international law, with particular emphasis on the protection of civilians, especially women and children, and the facilitation of humanitarian assistance to all those in need.

Israeli news agency Tazpit Press Service said the Israeli Security Cabinet is expected to meet on Friday and the full Cabinet will be convened on Saturday night to ratify the deal.

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal
South, Tagaytay City

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
EJF NO. TG-24-078

Petitioner/Mortgagee,
FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real

Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as
-versus-
amended by Act 4118

MARINEL S. REGALADO married
to ROGER A. REGALADO,
Borrowers/Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under Act No. 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on January 11, 2008, by Borrowers-/Mortgagors, MARINEL S. REGALADO married to ROGER A. REGALADO, of legal ages, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal addresses at: (1) 204 Biga I, Silang, Cavite 4118; and (2) Lot 5, Blk. 1, Gaudence Hills Subdivision, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-17126 of the Registry of Deeds for the Tagaytay City, to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Borrowers-Mortgagors, in

the amount of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE PESOS AND 47/100 (Php367,593.47), inclusive of interest and other charges, as of May 15, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on March 4, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-17126
Registry of Deeds for the Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 5, Blk. 1 of the cons.subd. plan Pcs-04-020797, being a portion of lot 2700-A & 2700-B, Psd-04-170226 LRC Rec. No.), sit. in the Brgy. of Sabutan, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 4, Blk. 1; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 3 (6.50 m. wide); on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 6 and on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 20; along line 5-1 by Lot 3 all of Blk. 1, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being N. 35 deg. 43'E., 1950.03 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cadastre. Thence S. 40 deg. 34'E., 11.79 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 33 deg. 39'W., 4.11 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 84 deg. 03'W., 11.39 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 08 deg. 11'E., 8.56 m. to pt. 5; thence N. 60 deg. 03'E., 5.45 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED NINE (109) SQUARE METERS. All pts., referred to are indicated on and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60cm. bearings true; date of orig. survey, May 27-Aug. 30, 1981 and that of the subd. survey, Jan. 27-28, 2005 and was approved on March 7, 2005.

is registered in accordance with the provisions of section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of MARINEL S. REGALADO, Filipino, of legal age, married to Roger A. Regalado."

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 11, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-17126, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, January 10, 2025.

ATTY. APRIL GRACE M. TENORIO
Clerk of Court V & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA
Sheriff-in-Charge

Copy Furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
Petitioner-Mortgagee
The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL c/o
JEFFREY A. RAMIENTAS, C.P.A.
Attorney-in-Fact of the Mortgagee
GREATSOURCE CORPORATION
2546 A. Bonifacio St., Bangkal, Makati City

MARINEL S. REGALADO married to ROGER A. REGALADO
Borrowers/Mortgagors
(1) 204 Biga I, Silang, Cavite 4118
(2) Lot 5, Blk. 1, Gaudence Hills Subdivision, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite

WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF AILEEN ROMULO PASTORITE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2024 the heirs of the late AILEEN ROMULO PASTORITE executed an extrajudicial titled DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF AILEEN ROMULO PASTORITE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS recorded as Doc. No. 134, Page No. 28, Book No. 2, Series of 2024, Notary Public Atty. Zeldania D.T. Soriano which DENISE MARGARETTE ROMULO PASTORITE was still a minor then by September 9, 2024 she already attained the age of majority, and therefore they re-executing this Deed; to waive and renounce her rights to the said motor vehicle in favor of REY DURAN PASTORITE as per Doc. No. 45, Page No. 9, Book No. 1, Series of 2025, Notary Public Atty. Zeldania D.T. Soriano.

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Of the 98 hostages, at least 33 are due to be freed in the first stage of ceasefire in exchange for 110 Palestinians serving life sentences in Israeli prisons.

The fate of the remaining hostages totaling 65 will be determined after another series of negotiation for the truce, which is slated to begin on the 16th day of the ceasefire. (PNA)

2 South Africans caught with P97-M shabu at NAIA Caliwan

By Christopher Lloyd

MANILA – Authorities thwarted the attempt of two South African nationals to smuggle into the country some PHP97.8 million worth of shabu at Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 in Pasay City past midnight Friday.

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

(PDEA) said the unnamed suspects were arrested by the NAIA Inter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group at the international arrival area of Terminal 3 at about 1 a.m., according to a news release.

The suspects yielded 14 kg of shabu concealed in their baggage, along with mobile phones, travel documents, and identification cards.

During scanning at the arrival area, a Customs X-ray inspector noticed the suspicious items.

After undergoing K-9 inspection, their baggage yielded a positive indication of the presence of dangerous drugs.

A subsequent physical examination confirmed that the crystalline substance found inside the baggage was shabu.

Based on their flight details, the suspects arrived via Emirates Airline from Johannesburg, South Africa, with a connecting flight from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, enroute to the Philippines.

According to the suspects, they were enticed by a Nigerian friend from South Africa with an all-expense-paid travel to Manila, where they were instructed to meet another Nigerian as soon as they arrive.

The seized drugs were brought to the PDEA for documentation and disposition procedures.

The suspects will face charges for violating Republic Act 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act), which pertains to the importation of dangerous drugs that carries a penalty of life imprisonment and fine ranging from PHP500,000 to PHP10 million. (PNA)

PAF chief visits key facilities in West PH Sea

MANILA – The Philippine Air Force (PAF) on Friday said its commander, Lt. Gen. Arthur Cordura, visited key installations in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) and reminded troops there of their vital role in defending the country.

PAF spokesperson Col. Ma. Consuelo Castillo, in a statement, said Cordura's visit from Tuesday to Wednesday included trips to Antonio Bautista Air Base (ABAB) in Puerto Princesa, Palawan and Pag-asa Island.

Castillo said the Air Force commander's visit underscores the PAF's commitment to national security and the well-being of its personnel.

Cordura was welcomed by ABAB personnel, led by Brig. Gen. Erick Escarcha, Wing Commander of Tactical Operations Wing West (TOWWEST), Castillo said.

Cordura toured various facilities and engaged with the troops stationed there.

"During the visit, he presented the PAF's command thrust, 'FOCUS PAF,' outlining his strategic vision for the Air Force. This framework emphasizes Mission Essential Tasks as the core of operational readiness and defines the critical steps necessary for establishing a robust Integrated Air Defense System," Castillo said.

Cordura also visited Balabac Island, a strategic Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement site within the area of responsibility of the TOWWEST that plays a significant role in bolstering the country's defense capabilities, promoting regional security, and facilitating cooperation in humanitarian and disaster relief operations.

"Following the visit to ABAB, the PAF chief visited Pag-asa Island in the WPS. This visit served to reaffirm the PAF's unwavering dedication to protecting the nation's sovereignty. He inspected the island's facilities and interacted with the deployed troops, boosting their morale and reinforcing their vital mission," Castillo said.

Cordura also gave gifts for the residents of Pag-asa Island and distributed food packs to the children.

"With the series of field visits, the PAF showcases its commitment to ensuring the readiness and welfare of its personnel while strengthening their mission to serve the country and its people, particularly in strategically important areas like Palawan and the WPS," Castillo said. (PNA)

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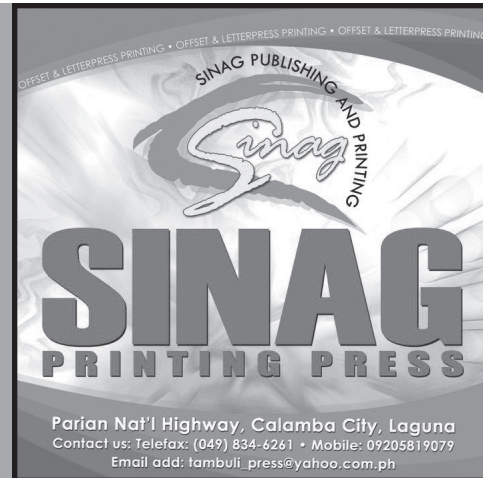
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PH secures new leads from US semiconductor, electronics supply chain



NEW LEADS. The Philippine delegation, led by Science and Technology Secretary Renato Solidum Jr. and Philippine Economic Zone Authority Director General Tereso Panga, participates in the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) held Jan. 8 to 11, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. The participation enabled the country to secure new leads from the semiconductor and electronics supply chain. (Photo courtesy of PEZA)

BuCor transfers 150 Bilibid PDLs to Leyte

By Benjamin Pulta

MANILA – The Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) on Tuesday said it has transferred 150 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) from the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa City to the Leyte Regional Prison (LRP) over the weekend.

In a statement, the BuCor said the move is part of a broader initiative to decongest

the NBP in preparation for its phased closure by 2028.

“This brings to 9,427 the total number of PDLs from NBP transferred to various Operating Prison and Penal Farm (OPPFs),” the BuCor said.

The BuCor said all individuals listed in the transfer order were carefully identified, ensuring that all necessary protocols were

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By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA—Several companies from the United States have expressed interest in the Philippines’ semiconductor and electronics global chain value, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) said on January 18, 2025.

In a news release, the

PEZA said the Philippines secured new leads following its participation in the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2025 held Jan. 8 to 11 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“I am upbeat with the reception from the US Companies and the possibility that they may invest in the Philippines in the near future,”

PEZA Director General Tereso Panga said.

“Some talks have already started, jumping off from the initial engagement, to realize these potential investments in the coming months,” he added.

Panga highlighted the Philippines’ strong economic

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Take active role in sex education, CPD tells parents

By Marita Moaje

MANILA – The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) called on parents to take a more active role in educating their children about sexuality and reproductive health.

CPD Knowledge Management and Communications Division acting chief Mylin Mirasol Quiray, in an interview Tuesday, highlighted the critical role parents play in providing accurate and age-

appropriate knowledge about their body parts, including sexuality, to their children.

“We are calling on our parents to be the primary educators of their children on such issues. This is indicated in our parent education strategy,” she said.

Quiray said parents are uniquely positioned to address these gaps and serve as children’s first source of guidance.

Through fostering open communication and understanding, she said parents

can help their children make better-informed decisions and avoid misinformation.

This comes amid growing concerns over a rise in pregnancy among the youth, with the agency calling for urgent action amid issues on the implementation of sex education in the country.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday strongly criticized elements of proposed sex education policies that he described as inappropriate and influenced by “woke” ideologies.

Earlier, the CPD urged

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TRANSFERRED. Some 150 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) are loaded in buses for their transfer from the from the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa City to the Leyte Regional Prison (LRP). The Bureau of Corrections on Tuesday (Jan. 21, 2025) reported that the transferees arrived at the LRP on the night of Jan. 19, 2025. (Photo courtesy of BuCor)