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Teen wonder Cutiyog triumphs in Cavite chess tournament

By Jean Malanum

MANILA – Jirah Floravie Cutiyog ruled the 1st BGA Realty CEO President Gerry Bustamante 1900 and below rapid chess tournament at Robinsons Place Imus in Cavite on Sunday.

It was the 15-year-old Cutiyog's fourth title after sweeping the Under-16

division (standard, rapid and blitz) in the National Age Group Chess Eliminations in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental on June 5.

She was also blitz and rapid champion in the Calabarzon Regionals held in the City of Santa Rosa, Laguna in April that earned her a spot in the July Palarong Pambansa

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ON A ROLL. Jirah Floravie Cutiyog wins the 1st BGA Realty CEO Pres. Gerry Bustamante 1900 and below rapid chess tournament at the Robinsons Place Imus in Cavite on June 9, 2024. It was her fourth title victory after sweeping the Under-16 division (standard, rapid and blitz) in the National Age Group Chess Eliminations in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental on June 5. (Contributed photo)

PH flag raised for 1st time at Sabina Shoal on Independence Day

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) personnel aboard BRP Teresa Magbanua held a ceremonial flag-raising at Sabina Shoal in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) on Wednesday while surrounded by several Chinese vessels.

In a Viber message to reporters, PCG spokesperson, Rear Admiral Armando Balilo said the event was the first-ever flag-raising ceremony at Sabina Shoal to celebrate the country's 126th Independence Day.

“Nasa Sabina Shoal ang BRP Teresa Magbanua (MRRV 9701) upang panatiliin ang kaligtasan at seguridad sa naturang katubigan na bahagi ng exclusive economic zone (EEZ) ng Pilipinas (BRP Teresa Magbanua is at Sabina Shoal to maintain peace and security within the waters of the Philippines' exclusive economic zone),” Balilo said.

During the ceremony,

the PCG spotted eight Chinese vessels within Sabina Shoal and four more outside the shoal.

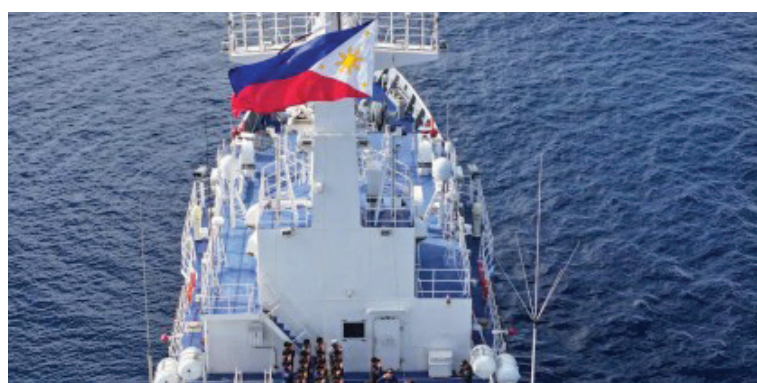
Balilo said the Chinese vessels were monitoring the event.

Two Chinese Coast Guard vessels spotted during the flag-raising ceremony aboard BRP Teresa Magbanua at Sabina Shoal on June 12, 2024

The ceremony was led by PCG Lt. Efren Duran with the crew and riders of BRP Teresa Magbanua.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Navy (PN) got 190 cases of assorted food items for troops manning the various detachments in the West Philippine Sea.

PN chief Vice Admiral Toribio Adaci Jr. said the donations were a testament of support from the public to the country's sailors and troops in distant posts, especially in Philippine-held areas in the WPS. (PNA)



PH FLAG RAISED IN WPS. The ceremonial flag-raising of the Philippine flag aboard BRP Teresa Magbanua at Sabina Shoal in the West Philippine Sea during the 126th Independence Day on Wednesday (June 12, 2024). Philippine Coast Guard spokesperson Rear Admiral Armando Balilo said the ceremony was the first-ever flag-raising held by the country at Sabina Shoal. (Photo courtesy of PCG)

Comelec: Miru ‘ready’ to deliver 110K ACMs for 2025 polls

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – Commission on Elections (Comelec) chairman George Garcia on Wednesday said the Miru Systems is ready to deliver the 110,000 automated counting machines (ACMs) for the 2025 mid-term elections.

Garcia made the

remark after he and other Comelec officials visited on Monday the facilities of Miru, a South Korean firm contracted to provide the automated technology for next year's polls.

“Kuntento at satisfied ang Comelec sa nakikita namin so far. Hindi po tayo nagkamali nung nabigay natin ang award kay Miru (The Comelec is satisfied with what

we see so far. We did not make a mistake when we gave the award to Miru),” Garcia said in a statement.

Last Feb. 22, the Comelec awarded the full automation system with transparency audit/count (FASTrAC) project to the joint venture of Miru Systems Co. Ltd., Integrated Computer Systems, St. Timothy

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Radio station condemns assault of reporter covering transport strike

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – Radio station DZRH and its parent firm Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC) condemned the alleged assault by members of transport group Manibela on its reporter Val Gonzales while covering a transport strike on Monday.

In a statement, MBC-DZRH station manager and vice president for Legal, lawyer Rudolph Steve Jularbal said the incident occurred while Gonzales was covering the protest of Manibela members on East Avenue, Quezon City.

“Ang mga kaparehong pangha-harass ay malinaw na pagsikil sa karapatan sa

pamamahayag at walang puwang sa isang sibilisadong lipunan (Such harassments are clear violations of journalists' rights and have no place in a civilized society),” Jularbal said.

He said those behind the assault would be held accountable to discourage similar incidents from happening again.

“Makakaasa ang publiko na mananatiling committed ang MBC-DZRH sa pagtataguyod ng katotohanan sa ngalan ng patas at malayang pamamahayag (The public may rest assured that the MBC-DZRH is committed to advocating for truth in the name of fair and unrestricted journalism),” he said.

READ: PTFoMS blasts Manibela for ‘violence’ vs. radio reporter

Manibela chair Mar Valbuena denied that their members assaulted Gonzales and claimed that the reporter instigated the incident.

“Ang grupong Manibela ay mariing pinatututulan ang pahayag ng DZRH reporter na si Val Gonzales na umano'y sinuntok o sinapak siya ng aming mga miyembro,” he said.

“Ang nakita lamang sa kanyang video report ay ang paligiran diumano siya ng aming mga miyembro, ngunit ito ay para kausapin lamang siya nang mahihin, ngunit hindi niya nilantad ang

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Drivers can't kick out passengers due to body size - LTFRB

MANILA – The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) on Tuesday reminded transport operators and drivers that they cannot force a passenger to get out of a vehicle due to body size or physical appearance.

In a statement, the LTFRB said body shaming and discrimination of passengers is against the agency's policies.

"PUV drivers are not allowed to double or triple the fare depending on the passengers' physique," the statement read.

The LTFRB issued the statement after a female passenger was forced off a jeepney by the driver due to her physical size in Parañaque City.

The passenger, who filed a police report against the driver for unjust vexation, also reached out to the LTFRB on Monday and was assisted by the agency's legal department. (PNA)

DSWD...

Gatchalian added that the proposed grant will only be for 4Ps subset beneficiaries who are pregnant, nursing, or those with 0 to 2-year-old children and is just temporary until such time that they have passed through the stage.

The DSWD serves as the chair of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger (IATF-ZH) which has been directed by the President to prioritize the implementation and monitoring of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs to address food insecurity in the country.

During a sectoral meeting last Feb. 20, President Marcos instructed the DSWD to work with concerned agencies, particularly with the National Economic and Development Authority and Philippine Statistics Authority, to sharpen the DSWD proposal.

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Under the DSWD's 4Ps program, a household beneficiary receives cash aid on the condition that their children attend school and are brought to health centers for their monthly medical check-up.

Household beneficiaries of 4Ps with elementary students receive PHP300 per child per month for 10 months; PHP500 per child per month for 10 months for junior high school; and PHP700 per child per month for 10 months for senior high school.

Households also get PHP750 per month for 12 months provided that their children aged two to 14 years old undergo a growth development and monitoring program and deworming. Families are also required to attend the monthly family development sessions (FDS).

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Matalinong Bata Coalition (MMB Coalition), an alliance of advocacy groups, academics, and nutrition advocates committed to fighting stunting in the Philippines through policy reforms, has expressed its support for the DSWD proposal.

The MMB Coalition described stunting as a critical condition where children suffer from restricted growth and cognitive development due to malnutrition. Its more profound impact is on cerebral development, with 80 percent of brain growth occurring by the age of two and 90 percent by the age of five.

The group also cited that stunting currently affects approximately 26.7 percent of Filipino children between infancy and five years of age. (PR)

Harsher...

hired nonresident foreign nationals to illegally work in the country shall be fined from PHP100,000 to PHP200,000.

The punishment may also include an order by the DOLE to suspend or order the closure of the employer's business operations.

"In all cases, the fines imposed herein shall be without prejudice to other administrative, civil or criminal liability that may incur by reason of such act or omission," the bill read.

The bill also provides for a labor market test to ensure that foreign workers

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are given EPs only after the determination of the non-availability of qualified Filipinos willing to perform the job required of these foreign workers.

The DOLE is authorized to grant exemptions to the labor market test if the professional expertise of the foreign worker-applicant cannot be met by the existing labor supply.

Foreign nationals with EPs shall be required to transfer relevant skills and knowledge to at least two Filipino understudies in the enterprise where they are

employed within a period prescribed by the DOLE.

Failure to abide by this provision under the bill penalizes the foreign national with a fine of not less than PHP100,000 for every year of non-compliance, without prejudice to the non-renewal of his or her work permit, and the blacklisting of the local employer.

The measure also mandates DOLE to maintain a registry of foreign nationals indicating their respective status of employment and the issuance of EPs to them. (PNA)

Facebook pages selling babies down to 7 from 23

MANILA – The National Authority for Child Care (NACC) on Tuesday said coordination among concerned government agencies led to the reduction on the number of Facebook pages purportedly being used to sell babies.

NACC Executive Director and Undersecretary Janella Estrada said they are working with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to take down the illegal social media pages.

"Last week, we had a meeting with PNP and DICT, 'yung CICC nila and WDCC. So from 23 pages, naging 7 na lang (their Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center and Women and Children Protection Center. So from 23 pages, these were reduced to seven)," Estrada said in a media forum at the NACC office in Quezon City.

Estrada confirmed the recent arrest in Catarman, Northern Samar of a mother who sold her children aged 1 and 2 to an undercover PNP agent for PHP30,000 each

The mother is now under police custody while her children are under care of the Lingap (Care) Center in Catarman.

Meanwhile, Estrada announced the holding of final two stops of the 1st National Congress on Adoption, and Alternative Child Care in Clark, Pampanga for the North and Central Luzon clusters, and Cebu City for the Visayas cluster.

The Pampanga and Cebu legs of the National Congress will be held on June 19 and 20, and June 26 and 27, respectively.

She said the congress serves as an avenue for

the NACC to strengthen partnerships with local government units (LGUs) in the implementation of adoption, and alternative childcare programs and services at the grassroots level.

For the Philippine Foster Care Program, 29 LGUs have signed a memorandum of agreement with the NACC for the development of foster parents while 22 more are currently in process.

A total of 216 LGUs participated, with some 34 mayors on board in the Mindanao cluster and the Metro Manila and South Luzon clusters.

Estrada said these activities will boost the ongoing efforts of the NACC to promote legal adoption and combat illegal online adoption practices.

"The NACC is committed to safeguard and protect the rights and welfare of the most vulnerable Filipino children. We believe that these are the programs that help us in a big way," Estrada said.

The NACC, a newly created quasi-judicial agency under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, assumed all duties related to alternative childcare and adoption from the Inter-Country Adoption Board and other agencies under Republic Act 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act signed by former president Rodrigo R. Duterte on Jan. 6, 2022.

The NACC said 1,618 foster children were served from January to December 2023.

The NACC celebrates Adoption and Alternative Child Care Week every second week of June. (PNA)

Marcos:...

agreements tackled was the possible signing of a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA).

Aside from the United States, the Philippines also has a SOVFA with Australia and is currently developing a similar defense pact with Japan, known as the Reciprocal Access Agreement.

These types of military partnerships allow Filipino and foreign soldiers to train in each other's territory, as well as improve and share military equipment and assets.

Peters is in Manila for an official visit this week to enhance bilateral relations and explore new avenues for partnerships in trade and investment, renewable energy

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and combating climate change. Marcos expressed elation over Peters' visit which he deemed crucial to further enhance bilateral ties between the two countries.

"I am happy that you're able to come here. I hope that you'll be able to be in touch with some of our officials and also those in the private sector to develop some of these ideas that we spoke about with the Prime Minister," he said.

For his part, Peters thanked the President for the warm welcome, telling him that after Prime Minister Luxon's visit to Manila, *"they had some very productive talks."* (PNA)



ILLEGAL WORKERS. Seven Chinese nationals are arrested by Philippine immigration authorities for illegally working at a quarry in Taysan, Batangas on May 29, 2024. Bicol Saro Party-list Representative Brian Raymund Yamsuan on Tuesday (June 11, 2024) pushed for the passage of a measure imposing tougher penalties for illegal foreign workers and their employers. (Photo courtesy of BI)

Chinese seeking PH visitor visa required to submit social ID

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – Chinese nationals applying for a Philippine 9 (a) temporary visitor’s visa would have to submit their Chinese Social Insurance Record Certificates, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Thursday.

The DFA officially imposed the additional requirement on May 28 for all Chinese nationals applying for the said visa in any Philippine embassy or consulate.

“The additional visa requirement is part of the DFA’s continuing efforts to enhance its visa policies and regulations for the safe and efficient entry of foreign visitors,” the agency said in a statement dated June 13.

The certificate must be registered for at least six months at the time of the submission of the visa application.

Exceptions to this visa requirement will only apply to Chinese

nationals currently enrolled in primary, secondary, or college education who will be required to submit proof of enrollment, and retirees above 55 years old.

Other exceptions to the requirement, meanwhile, would only be considered on a case-by-case basis, the DFA said.

The foreign service circular was signed on May 28, effective immediately, DFA spokesperson Ma. Teresita Daza told the Philippine News Agency.

The DFA first announced it was mulling this additional requirement on May 9 after catching a number of visa applicants submitting fake documents, particularly from the China side.

In a recent presser, DFA Undersecretary Jesus Domingo said the same measure of requiring this document has been done by other embassies in China. (PNA)



Department of Foreign Affairs (PNA file photo)

Teen...

in Cebu.

“I am happy with my performance,” Cutiyog, a Grade 9 student at Bethel Academy General Trias City, said.

Cutiyog beat Kermiel Laxamana, Arena International Master Rowel

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Canaveral, Elcid Estaron, Noel Trines Jr., Arena FIDE Master Jaymiel Piel and Clark Kaeron Kwan to pocket PHP3,000 in cash prize and a trophy.

Last year, Cutiyog competed at the World Youth Chess Championship in Montesilvano, Italy.

She will join the National Age Group Chess Championships grand finals in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte on June 22 to 30 and the Eastern Asia Chess Championships in Penang, Malaysia on July 12 to 21. (PNA)

Radio...

kanyang mga malisyosong sinasabi bago siya umere, kaya diumano siya sinaktan (What was seen in his video report was that he was surrounded by our members, but only so they can speak to him calmly. But he did not reveal that he was going to be airing malicious statements before going live, that’s why he allegedly was assaulted),” he said.

He said Gonzales allegedly started the incident by insulting members of the transport group, calling for their incarceration.

“Ang mamahayag ay malaya ngunit huwag mong isama ang sarili mong

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saloobin sa inyong trabahong kinabibilangan upang hindi ito maging bias, maging patas sana tayo sa ating pamamalita (Journalists are free but they should not speak their own opinions to not have bias and to be fair in their speech),” he said.

Val Gonzales, in a message over Viber, denied that he insulted or cursed any of the of the transport group’s members.

“Hindi po totoo na minura ko sila, hindi ko po siya nakakausap. Baka po ang nagmura sa kanila ay ‘yung mga nape-perwisyo at labis na naabala at naaabala sa pagsara nila sa East Avenue

ng mahabang panahon (It is not true that I cursed at them, I did not talk to them. Maybe they were insulted or cursed by those affected by their protest for ‘closing down’ East Avenue for a quite a while),” he said.

A livestream video of his report as seen over DZRH’s Facebook page show that Gonzales was reporting Manibela’s protest and how it blocked the road along East Avenue in Quezon City when he was suddenly surrounded by the group’s members.

He moved away and claimed that he was punched during the incident. (PNA)

Comelec:...

Construction Corporation, and Centerpoint Solutions Technologies, Inc. (MIRU-ICS-STCC-CPSTI).

Garcia thanked the South Korean company for showing the Comelec team how the manufacturing will be done. Miru Systems was the lone bidder for the lease of FASTrAC project worth PHP17.9 billion.

“Napatunayan natin na ang Miru talaga ay isang manufacturing company ng mga automated counting machines dahil nakita natin lahat ng mga makina na ginawa nila at ginamit para sa ibang bansa (We have proven that Miru is actually a manufacturing company of automated counting machines because we have seen all the machines they made and use for other countries),” he said.

“Nakita din namin na handang-handa sila na talagang ideliver sa atin yung 110,000 machines na kakailanganin natin sapagkat on-time at yung timeline nila ay sadyang sinusunod. Nakita din natin kung gaano kagaling ang kanilang mga technicians at engineers habang ginagawa nila ang makina (We also saw that they are ready to actually deliver to us the 110,000 machines that we will need because they are on-time and their timeline is being followed. We also saw how good their technicians and engineers are while they

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are building the machine),” he added.

Miru officials headed by chief executive officer Jin-Bok Chung and vice president for Overseas Sales Ken Cho welcomed the Comelec officials and other stakeholders.

“We are honored to welcome Comelec Chair George Garcia, Commissioners Nelson Celis and Aimee Ferolino, and all other important stakeholders from the Philippines to oversee these early stages of production,” Cho said.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show the status of the ongoing customization of the machines according to the needs of the Filipino people to all stakeholders, including the Philippine Computer Society, KBP (Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas), and other media friends,” he added.

Chung said they decided to open their plant to the media to prove that “we have nothing to hide.”

“That’s why we wanted to show and open our processes to everyone involved for this project,” Chung said. “We would like to minimize any suspicions that anyone might have regarding our productions. We want to be fair and transparent from the beginning.” (PNA)



ASSAULTED. A screen capture of the live video by Val Gonzales as aired over DZRH’s Facebook page about the protest of transport group Manibela along East Avenue in Quezon City on Monday (June 10, 2024). Manila Broadcasting Corporation - DZRH condemned the attack and vowed to hold accountable those responsible for the incident. (Screen capture of DZRH video)

EDITORIAL

Who's scared of a Trump redux?

"THERE could be shifts under a second Trump administration, including troop withdrawals and changes to mutual defense agreements.

Publications overseas are drawing scenarios about how a second presidency for Donald Trump would look like if he returns to the White House and the majority, if not all, paint a picture fraught with trepidation.

One Trisha Lachman, writing to the editor of the Athens County Independent, opines that a second Trump presidency "is the stuff of nightmares." She fears that if he wins, he would usher in a new kind of authoritarian presidential order.

That thought echoes Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton's own chilling warnings about what could happen if the former president is back in office.

Says Bolton in the foreword to his book, *The Room Where It Happened*: "A mountain of facts demonstrates that Trump is unfit to be president; if his first four years were bad, a second will be worse. Trump really cares only about retribution for himself, and it will consume much of a second term."

Bolton's very much concerned that Trump would resort to hard isolationism, including pulling the US out of NATO, ceasing support for Ukraine while it struggles against Russia, and emboldening China in its quest to subdue Taiwan.

Interviewed by Time's Eric Cortellessa in April (How Far Trump Would Go, Time.com, 30 April 2024) Trump revealed his agenda in a second term. A priority would be removing 11 million illegal immigrants from the US, deploying the military inland and on the border for this purpose; withholding, at his personal discretion, funds already appropriated by Congress; sacking US Attorneys disregarding orders to prosecute his perceived foes, breaking with a tradition of independent law enforcement dating back to America's founding; and weighing pardons for each supporter accused of attacking the US Capitol on 6 January 2021, more than 800 of whom have pleaded guilty or have been convicted by a jury.

Further, Trump would gut the US civil service, deploy the National Guard to American cities as he sees fit, close the White House pandemic-preparedness office, and staff his administration "with acolytes who back his false assertion that the 2020 election was stolen."

Said Cortellessa at the start of the Time interview, "Trump thinks he's identified a crucial mistake of his first term: He was too nice."

Which brings one to imagine, if Trump returns to the White House, a US president more ruthless and vengeful, particularly after he was found guilty of all 34 counts of falsifying business records in his hush money criminal trial in end-May — an

unprecedented, historic verdict that made him the first former US President to be convicted of a felony.

Despite the conviction, Trump — the GOP's presumptive nominee in the coming presidential elections — can still run for office. And could very well win, a chilling prospect for many worried that Trump's open praise of controversial leaders and autocrats like the late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad could be an indication that his would be an imperial presidency if he wins in November.

Warned Time, "To supporters, the prospect of Trump 2.0, unconstrained and backed by a movement of true believers, offers revolutionary promise. To much of the rest of the nation and the world, it represents an alarming risk. A second Trump term could bring, as presidential historian Douglas Brinkley has put it, 'the end of our democracy and the birth of a new kind of authoritarian presidential order.'"

And how would a Trump victory affect Asia?

In the Time interview, Trump said he might or might not come to the aid of an attacked ally in Europe or Asia if he felt that country was not paying enough for its own defense.

There could be shifts under a second Trump administration, including troop withdrawals and changes to mutual defense agreements, say experts concerned about the unpredictability of Trump's potential policy agenda and how this could impact America's strategic alliances in the Indo-Pacific region, the Philippines included.

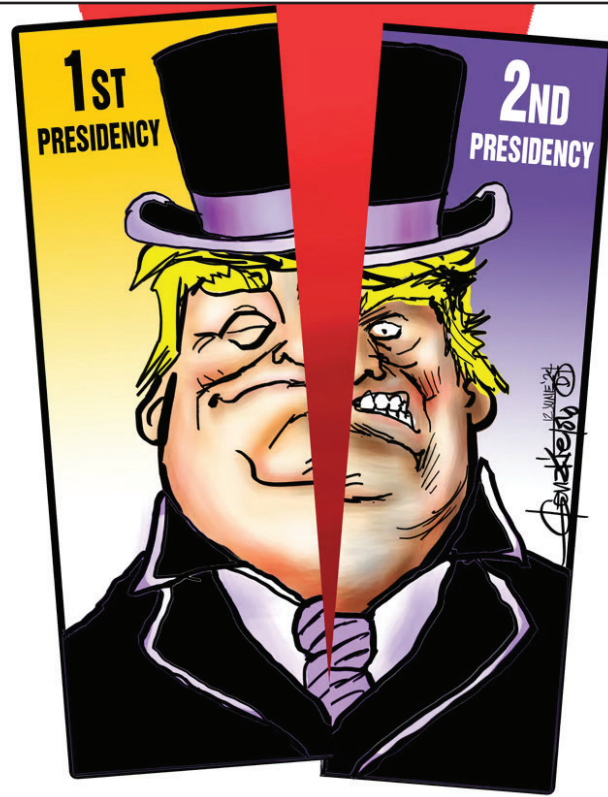
Philippine Ambassador to Washington Jose Manuel Romualdez, however, doesn't seem worried. "We are confident there will be no major changes," he said, stressing that President Biden was only "continuing" what had already been Trump's policy in the region and the South China Sea.

But political science and history specialist Ramon Bellenos III says that seeing how conservative Republicans are, "if Trump sees China as a threat to Americans' interests, he might think twice about US military support for the Philippines which could trigger heightened conflict in the South China Sea. He would think about the costs to the US if conflict erupts."

It would be a real test to see if Philippine-US bilateral ties are, indeed, solid as the current Biden administration says they are.

"Trump is very protective of US interests," stressed Bellenos.

Thus, if a situation arises in which he has to choose between the Philippines and the US, whose interests do you think Trump — as lord overseer of America once more after November — would protect?



KAPIRASONG Kritika

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Hustisya para kay Jory Porquia

PART 1

Isang beses lang niyang nakilala si Jory Porquia, minsang nakapunta siya sa Iloilo. Ramdam niya noon na isa ito sa mga inirerespetong aktibista sa lugar.

Nitong huli, nakikita lang niya si Jory sa mga Facebook post ng anak nitong si Lean "Ian" Porquia, dating lider-aktibista rin sa Panay na ngayon ay pambansang lider ng mga empleyado sa Business Process Outsourcing, mas kilala na "call center."

Sa pagkakatanda niya, sa bawat pagkakataong nakita niya ang larawan ni Jory sa post ni Ian — kahit pa kumakain sa restawran o namamasyal — naglagay siya ng Heart o Like reacts. Para sa kanya, pagpapakita iyun na kilala niya ang kapwa-aktibista, pagpapakita, kahit paano, ng respeto at suportang moral.

Isa sa mga mukha ng aktibismo sa rehiyong Panay si Jose Reynaldo "Jory" Porquia. Sabi ni Lean, labas-masok sa kulungan ang tatay niya noong Martial Law. At mula noon hanggang ngayon, tuluy-tuloy siyang naging aktibista; walang sinantong presidente. Hindi kataka-taka, nagkaroon siya ng anak na aktibista rin. Dahil sa mga katulad ni Jory kaya nagpapatuloy ang apoy ng aktibismo sa rehiyon.

Sa loob ng maraming taon, gaya ng maraming lider-aktibista sa bansa at lalo na sa mga rehiyon, nakaranas ng iba't ibang banta sa buhay at pambabansag na Komunista si Jory. Ang layunin: patigilin

siya sa kanyang aktibismo, nitong huli bilang coordinator ng partylist na Bayan Muna sa Panay.

Ayon sa grupong Karapatan, "Simula Disyembre 2018, ang larawan ni Porquia, kasama ang mga larawan ng iba pang aktibista at abogado sa Panay, ay inilagay at malisyosong binansagang Komunista sa mga polyeto na hindi pwedeng hindi tawaging 'hitlist.'"

Sinong matutuwa at makikinabang kung tumigil sa aktibismo si Jory at mga kasamahan? Ang mga itinuturing nilang kalaban: mga dayuhang kapangyarihan at mga naghaharing elite na kinakatawan ng nakaupong rehimen. Sino ang tagapagpatupad nila? Ang militar at pulisya. Sa paraang halata at hindi halata, sila ang responsable sa pagbabanta at pambabansag kay Jory.

Noong Abril 30, 2020, ala-singko ng umaga, pinaslang si Jory sa Arevalo, Iloilo City. Mag-isa siya at walang kalaban-laban. Siyam na bala ang itanim sa katawan niya ng isang lalake na may tatlong kasamahan.

Hindi na dapat magtaka kung sino ang nasa likod: ang mga nagbanta at nagbansag sa kanya sa maraming taon. Ngayon, malinaw: patikim ang lahat ng iyun sa pagpaslang sa kanya. Sila ang nasa likod: ang mga nagbabanta at nagbabansag sa maraming aktibista. Ang mga pumapatay sa mga aktibista at sa maraming maralita. Ang rehimeng Duterte na kinatawan ng mga naghahari

uri at utak ng militar at pulisya.

Malinaw sa memorandum na lumilikha sa National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) ang pagtatak sa mga aktibista tulad ni Jory na mga Komunista at prente ng rebeldeng New People's Army o NPA. Kahit sinong makabasa, makikita ang sistematikong plano ng pag-atake sa mga progresibong organisasyon. Hindi maaalis isiping may target sila na numero ng papaslangin sa bawat panahon, kasama na ang mga "high profile" na aktibista. Si Jory ba ang Randy Malayao (konsultant ng National Democratic Front, pinaslang noong Enero 30, 2019) ngayong taon?

Pinatay si Jory sa gitna ng pandemya ng Covid-19. Lantad sa marami ang kriminal na kapabayaan at kapalpakan ng rehimeng Duterte, na nagdudulot ng maraming pagkakasakit at pagkamatay. Malawak ang diskuntento sa rehimen, at marami ang naghahangad ng pagpapanagot lalo na pagkatapos ng quarantine.

Pinatay si Jory isang araw bago ang Mayo Uno, Pandaigdigang Araw ng Paggawa. Matapos utusan ang mga maralita na "sumunod na lang," matapos silang bansagang "pasaway," matapos silang sikaping takutin gamit ang brutalidad, sinasabihan sila ngayong "resilient" o matatag sa mga pagsubok. Nabalitaan kaya ng nagsabi ang kaso ng maralitang Sitio Zapatera,

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Filipino conjoined twins separated in Saudi Arabia

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – Filipino conjoined twin sisters Ayesha and Akhizah Yusoph were successfully separated through a surgery facilitated by the Saudi Arabian government.

The procedure was performed by pediatric surgeon Dr. Abdullah Al

Rabeeah last June 6 at the King Abdullah Specialist Children's Hospital through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief).

In a release dated June 11, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) acknowledged Saudi Arabia's humanitarian program, which also separated Filipino conjoined twins Ann

and Mae in 2004.

Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud earlier issued a royal decree, giving his approval to operate on Akhizah and Ayesha.

Ayesha and Akhizah arrived in Riyadh on May 5 and subsequently underwent a comprehensive assessment before their scheduled surgery.

All services and procedures as well as the transportation, accommodation, and hospitality for their relatives during the treatment period were funded by the Saudi Arabian government.

The Saudi Conjoined Twins Separation Program has been facilitating the successful separation of over 130 children from 25 different countries since 1990.

In a previous statement, the Saudi Arabia Embassy in Manila said the procedure highlights the medical capabilities of the Kingdom, as a pioneer in the field of separating conjoined

twins.

"Its medical successes extend beyond the realm of separating conjoined twins to include combating advanced treatments. These achievements highlight the Kingdom's future vision for healthcare, where it attracts attention from seekers of excellent deadly diseases and developing treatment and superior healthcare," it said.

This gesture comes within the framework of what the Embassy describes as "distinguished bilateral relations" between the two countries across all fields. (PNA)

CAVITEVIEW

ASEAN, UNDP launch marine conservation project in key SEA areas

By Christopher Hedreyda

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) — The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the governments of the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand, launched a joint marine conservation project that aims to create strong protected areas for sustainability and develop science-based solutions.

The project, dubbed as "Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region" (ASEAN ENMAPS), is a five-year project that aims to develop and improve the management of networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors within selected Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) conservation of globally significant biodiversity areas and support for sustainable fisheries and other oceanic goods and services.

According to the ACB, ASEAN is home to 35 percent of the world's coral reefs with more than 600 species of hard corals, 23 out of 50 seagrass species in the world, and over 1,300 reef-associated fish species, providing

vital ecosystem services, including breeding, nursing, and feeding grounds for fisheries.

However, unsustainable resource extraction, infrastructure development, pollution, policy gaps, population pressures, overfishing and other destructive fishing practices have been identified as the most widespread local threats to marine resources in Southeast Asia.

If such threats are not addressed, there might be no viable fish stocks left by as early as 2048, thus the institutionalization of the program after years of dialogues comes at the right time.

The geographic focus of ASEAN ENMAPS includes the Bay of Bengal, South China Sea, Sulu-Celebes Sea, and the Indonesian Seas — areas that are vital for food security and economic trade.

For the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) director Asec. Marcial Amaro Jr., the partnership will pose a unified and solid effort in protecting the rich biodiversity of the region.

"It shall serve

as a crucial platform for us to come together and discuss the project's objectives, outcomes, governance arrangements, and work plans. We have the opportunity to delve into conservation efforts in Indonesia, The Philippines, and Thailand, which may provide benefits across the region and even on a global scale."

Amaro believes that the initiative will be beneficial for coastal communities and poor

families, as ACB and UNDP will directly engage and impart knowledge in communities and for environmental groups within the three countries to mitigate various environmental risks.

The director explained: "[The project] is envisioned to support coastal communities by addressing threats to coastal ecosystems and by providing opportunities to improve the lives of some of the poorest, if not the poorest sectors in our society."

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity executive director Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim urged like-minded groups and other stakeholders to participate and converge to better implement and operationalize environmental policies and regulations.

"We need a sea change in how we care for the oceans. Working with nature is one of our best options for ocean action. With only about eight percent of the ocean under some level of protection, countries must think expansively and cooperatively to conserve, manage and restore the ocean that sustains us."

Lim is optimistic that the networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors will be a force multiplier for conservation of the seas.

By 2050, it is estimated that close to 500 million people will live in coastal and marine areas in Southeast Asia, all of whom will rely on the rich marine biodiversity that is their source of livelihood, protection and even culture and identity. (CH/PIA-Laguna)



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South, Tagaytay City

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-23-254
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act No.
3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

EMIL B. BALANAY married to IDALINE L. BALANAY,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by 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 November 20, 1998 by Mortgagors, EMIL B. BALANAY married to IDALINE L. BALANAY, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 2966 Kakarong St., Sta Cruz, Makati City and (2) Lot 17, Block 23, Rancho Imperial de Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-830706) 15870 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY PESOS AND 97/100

(Php432,360.97) inclusive of interest and other charges, as of September 28, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on June 27, 2024 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-830706) 15870
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the MUN. OF SILANG, PROV. OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot No. 17, Blk. No. 23 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of Lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., Lots 8016-A to 8016-H, Csd-04-006071-D, Lot 15709-A, Csd-042118-012810-D & Lot Blk. 71, Pcs-04-011250, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 18, Blk. 23; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 39 (6.50 m. wide); on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 15; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 16, both of Blk. 23; and along line 5-1 by Rd. Lot 27, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 66 deg. 18'E., 5064.84 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad.; thence N. 21 deg. 26'W., 10.00 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 68 deg. 34'E., 4.50 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 21 deg. 26'E., 10.00 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 68 deg. 34'W., 0.70 m. to pt. 5; thence S. 68 deg. 34'W., 3.73 m. to pt. 1, beginning, containing an area of FORTY-FIVE (45) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS Cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm., bearings true; date of orig. survey, Dec. 7, 1973 to Dec. 4, 1975 and that of the subd. survey, Aug. 1-30, 1997 & was approved on Dec. 5, 1997.

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

EMIL B. BALANAY, married to Idaline L. Balanay, both of legal age, Filipino.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on July 6, 2024 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate

and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-830706) 15870, 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, May 20, 2024.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

ALEX E. MARTINEZ
Sheriff-in-Charge

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
Mortgagee

The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

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EMIL B. BALANAY married to IDALINE L. BALANAY
Mortgagors
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Silang, Cavite

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DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
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Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1343-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

-versus-

WILFREDO T. DE LUNA MARRIED TO
MELISSA N. DE LUNA,
Respondent/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, 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 postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, WILFREDO T. DE LUNA MARRIED TO MELISSA N. DE LUNA with postal address at (1) Bucal 2, Maragondon, Cavite; and (2) Lot 51 Block 24, Cityhomes Resortville, BO. Lancaan, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of March 7, 2024 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO PESOS AND 85/100 (Php223,192.85), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff

will sell at public auction on JULY 09, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, 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-601965

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 51, Blk. 24 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-064738, being a portion of Lot 3824-B, Psd-77337, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Lancaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Rd. Lot 8; (6.50 m. wide); on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 50, Blk. 24; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Blk. 85 and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 52, Blk. 24, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 24 deg. 41'W., 340.79 m. from Mon. No. 143, Imus Estate; thence N. 53 deg. 14'E., 4.00 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 36 deg. 46'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 53 deg. 14'W., 4.00 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 36 deg. 46'W., 9.50 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT (38) SQUARE METERS. All pts. 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 orig. survey, July 27, 1905-June 1, 1906, and that of the subd. survey, March 15-July 15, 1993, and was approved on August 13, 1993.

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

WILFREDO T. DE LUNA married to MELISSA N. DE LUNA, both of legal ages, Filipino.

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 July 23, 2024 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, May 20, 2024.

(Sgd.) ARLYN P. BARCELON

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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WILFREDO T. DE LUNA MARRIED TO MELISSA N. DE LUNA
(1) Bucal 2, Maragondon, Cavite;
(2) Lot 51 Block 24, Cityhomes Resortville, BO. Lancaan,
Dasmariñas, Cavite

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4. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure No. 2024-92
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

FLOREPES K. GESMUNDO,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, and against the mortgagor,

FLOREPES K. GESMUNDO at Blk. 1 Lot 2 Bautista Compound Talon, Las Piñas City and Lot 69 Blk. 13 Palmetto St., Wood Estate Village II, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 26, 2024, amounts to SIX HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS & 56/100 (P691,942.56), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on July 18, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main Entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-787476

"A Parcel of Land (Lot 69 Blk. 13 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-042103-008724, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 5570, 5526, Imus Estate, & Lot 5871-A-Fls-1059, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. X x x, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. M."

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on July 25, 2024, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, June 4, 2024.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA

Clerk of Court VI

By:

DEMETRIO T. VILLANUEVA, JR.

Sheriff IV

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Lot 69 Blk. 13 Palmetto St., Wood Estate Village II, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE (MOTOR VEHICLE) WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RICARDO C. SANTOS, who died on January 12, 2024 in Las Piñas City who is the registered owner of one motor vehicle, purchased and registered in City of Bacoor and presently being used from, around, and to City of General Trias, and more particularly described as follows: Make/Series/Body Type: Toyota Wigo 1.0 TRD S, Year Model: 2022, Plate No.: DAQ 8121, Color: YELLOW SE, Fuel: GAS, Chassis No.: MHKA4DF5FNJ068784, which has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs with this EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS in favor of JASMINE RAE S. BAGUIO as per Doc. No. 114, Page No. 24, Book No.III, Series of 2024, Notary Public Atty. Ma. Sigrid R. Pinlac.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late NICOLAS ESTROSAS LEONADO JR. who died on OCTOBER 1, 2021 at BHM INC. 175 Covelandia Road Brgy. Balsahan-Bisita Binakayan, Kawit Cavite who left a real property (house and lot) located at Salinas Bacoor City, Cavite, covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-200473 which has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs with this EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS in favor of JULES I. LEONADO as per Doc. No.305, Page No. 62, Book No.I, Series of 2022, Notary Public Atty. Kaima Via B. Velasquez.

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BI aids ‘disturbed’ Vietnamese woman’s departure at NAIA

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has facilitated the safe departure of a “disturbed” Vietnamese woman back to her country.

In a statement Thursday, Commissioner Norman Tansingco said the foreigner, whose identity remained undisclosed as per immigration guidelines, was assisted by BI officers after making a scene at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Pasay City on June 9.

Reports said the woman appeared for immigration departure clearance at NAIA Terminal 3 before boarding a Cebu Pacific Airlines flight bound for Hanoi.

During a routine immigration inspection, she began to undress and walked naked toward the Office of Transportation Security (OTS) inspection staff, raising immediate concerns and necessitating assistance from the airline.

“Considering the incident and to ensure the safety and comfort of the Vietnamese national, the BI officers decided to seek assistance from the concerned airline,” Tansingco said.

The airline, meanwhile, deferred her

departure to ensure she received the appropriate support and protection.

Tansingco said the Vietnamese woman was allowed to board the next available flight after full compliance with immigration assessment and regulations, and is now back safely in Vietnam. (PNA)

DOTr begins work on NSCR Banlic Depot in Calamba

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) on Thursday broke ground for the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) System’s Banlic Depot in Calamba, Laguna.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, DOTr Secretary Jaime Bautista said the Banlic Depot signals the “rapid progress” of the project after its land development and other preparatory works began in 2023.

“We mark the significant progress since June last year in land development and other preparatory works such as geotechnical investigation, fencing, clearing, erecting temporary project site offices and access roads,” he said.

The depot, part of Contract Package (CP)

S-07 of the NSCR, covers an area of 24.5 hectares and consists of a control center, stabling yard, maintenance shop, and other ancillary buildings.

CP S-07 is worth PHP16.9 billion and is scheduled to be completed in 2028.

“For residents of Banlic and adjacent communities, the NSCR will not only enhance connectivity but also transform their socio-economic status by providing rapid mobility for people and goods,” Bautista said.

Meanwhile, he also called on project contractors of the NSCR to give special consideration to the safety of their workers.

“I therefore urge our contractors – the joint venture of Hyundai Engineering and Dong-Ah Geological Engineering – as well as other contractors building the various segments of the NSCR, to always focus on safety throughout the construction sites,” he said.

He said a delay with no record of an accident at the workplace is more acceptable than having workplace casualties.

“Of course, on-time completion with no accident is better,” he said.

Co-financed by the Asian Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the 147-kilometer NSCR system will connect Pampanga, Bulacan, Metro Manila and Laguna via railway.

Once operational, the NSCR is seen to reduce travel time from Clark, Pampanga to Calamba, Laguna to less than two hours and accommodate 800,000 passengers daily. (PNA)



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Marcos: Small nations must unite in geopolitical issues

By Darryl John Esguerra

MANILA – Small countries should band together and mount a united front to effectively deal with geopolitical challenges, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Tuesday in his meeting with visiting New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters.

“I am very pleased to be able to welcome you to Manila after the very good visit that your Prime Minister had here with us just a few weeks ago,” Marcos told Peters, referring to the visit of New Zealand Prime Minister

Christopher Luxon in April.

“And at which time they... we agreed on many things and one of which was that the situation in our part of the world requires that... shall we say the smaller countries get together and have a response or a joint positioning when it comes to these geopolitical issues that we are... this complicated geopolitical issues that we are facing,” the President added.

During Luxon’s visit, the Philippines and New Zealand have taken steps toward deeper economic and defense cooperation.

Among the key
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UNITY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. welcomes New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters in Malacañang on Tuesday (June 11, 2024). During their meeting, the President emphasized the importance of unity among small nations in dealing with geopolitical challenges. (Presidential Photojournalists Association)

Harsher penalties sought vs. illegal foreign workers

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – A lawmaker on Tuesday pushed for the passage of a measure to toughen penalties for the illegal employment of foreign workers.

Bicol Saro Party-list Representative Brian Raymund Yamsuan made the call following the arrest of 37 Chinese nationals last week for allegedly running illicit retail and restaurant operations in Parañaque City.

Under House No. Bill 1279, Yamsuan proposed harsher penalties for illegal foreign workers, including imprisonment of up to six years, and a substantial increase on the fine imposed on them from the current PHP10,000 to PHP50,000 for every year of unlawful employment.

“We certainly welcome foreign nationals in our country if they have valid employment permits (EPs) and if they do not compete with our equally, and at most times better-skilled workforce. But we should draw the line when it comes to foreigners who not only work here illegally,

but also pose a threat to the peace and order in our communities,” Yamsuan said.

Yamsuan said the current PHPP10,000 fine imposed on foreigners found illegally working in the country is “too paltry.”

Under HB 1279, nonresident foreign nationals who have secured EPs but chose to transfer to another job or employer without notice to, and approval of, the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall be penalized with a fine ranging from PHP50,000 to PHP100,000.

Upon the discretion of the court, the erring foreign worker shall also be punished with imprisonment of not less than six months, but not more than six years.

The same penalties will also be imposed on the foreign worker’s employer.

Moreover, the foreign worker shall be deported after completing his or her jail term, according to the bill.

The bill further states that an employer or any of his or her authorized representative found to have
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DSWD welcomes 4Ps grant expansion

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Wednesday welcomed President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s approval of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program’s (4Ps) expanded cash grant as “incentive” for poor pregnant and lactating women.

In a sectoral meeting in Malacañang on Tuesday, President Marcos gave his go-signal for the DSWD’s proposal to include a First 1000 day-grant for the

4Ps beneficiaries who are pregnant, nursing, or those with two-year-old children.

“The President gave us instructions on how we can improve the lot of our pregnant and lactating mothers, especially our poorer mothers,” Social Welfare Secretary Rex Gatchalian, who attended the sectoral meeting, said.

He added that the additional grant for the 4Ps program will serve as an incentive for the target

beneficiaries to avail of health services and will address malnutrition and stunting in the country.

“This will serve as an incentive for them to have this what we call health-seeking behavior which means they will be motivated to go to the health center, register, avail of pre-and post-natal care, and post-partum treatment, including immunization for their 0 to 2-year old children,” he said.

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