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Bataan-Cavite mega bridge construction to start early or mid-2025

By Darryl John Esguerra

CAPAS, Tarlac – The construction of the 32-kilometer Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge is likely to start early or mid 2025, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) said Thursday.

With an initial cost of PHP219 billion, the Bataan-Cavite mega bridge is set to be the "biggest and the single most expensive project" of the DPWH, Public Works Undersecretary Maria Catalina Cabral said during the Build Better More Infrastructure Forum at New Clark City in this town.

The bridge, once completed, will reduce the

travel time between Bataan and Cavite from five hours to 45 minutes bypassing Metro Manila by crossing Manila Bay.

The detailed engineering design of the mega bridge project has been completed, while the bidding of the initial contract package was held last week, Cabral said.

"Hopefully, it will be started either by early part of next year or middle of next year," she said.

The project will be funded through an official development assistance (ODA).

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MEGA BRIDGE. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Undersecretary Maria Catalina Cabral talks about the 32-kilometer Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge during the Build Better More Infrastructure Forum at New Clark City in Capas, Tarlac on Thursday (July 11, 2024). The mega bridge aims to reduce travel time between the provinces of Bataan and Cavite from five hours to just 45 minutes, bypassing Metro Manila through Manila Bay. (PNA photo by Darryl John Esguerra)

NBI yet to locate whereabouts of another 'Alice Guo'

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has yet to locate the whereabouts of the other "Alice Guo," which the Senate believes is the "missing link" in an ongoing probe into the illegal Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) in Tarlac.

During the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations,

and Gender Equality hearing on Wednesday, NBI Organization and Transnational Crime Division special investigator Edgardo Kawada said the agency is doing its best to locate her and expressed confidence that she would be found soon.

"We are still doing our best to locate these personalities," he said, adding there are other NBI teams also handling the case. "We seek assistance from other

agencies like the LTO (Land Transportation Office)".

Kawada said there were also no Wesley Guo, Amelito Guo, nor Amelia Leal found in their investigations in Project 4 in Quezon City, including in other barangays like Baesa, Toro or Sangandaan.

Meanwhile, he did not give a categorical answer when asked by Senate Committee Chairperson Risa Hontiveros Continued on page 3...

Japan sorry for injuring dignity, honor of Filipino comfort women

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Japanese Foreign Ministry conveyed Japan's apology and deep remorse for the "injured" dignity and honor of Filipino comfort women during its occupation of the Philippines in World War II.

"We fully recognize that the dignity and honor of those former comfort women was injured, and to that, the government of Japan has been extending, expressing apologies, and for deep remorse for those actions during the war," Japanese Foreign Ministry Deputy Press Secretary Kaneko Mariko said in a GMA interview.

Mariko spoke to the press on Monday following the 2+2 defense and foreign ministerial meeting between Japan and the Philippines.

During World War II, thousands of women across Asia, including the Philippines, became victims of

sexual slavery by the Japanese military forces.

In 1956, Manila and Tokyo signed a reparation agreement, under which Japan would provide the country with services and goods valued at the equivalent of USD550 million.

Earlier this month, Senator Risa Hontiveros reiterated her call for just and meaningful reparations for Filipino comfort women and their families, stressing that time is running out for the Philippine government to seek redress for and recognize the few remaining "Malaya Lolas".

Hontiveros made this appeal following her meeting with the nonprofit organization Malaya Lolas, which is composed of Filipino survivors of sex slavery.

She said only 18 Malaya Lolas remain and that they cannot wait any longer. (PNA)



Suspended Bamban, Tarlac mayor Alice Guo (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

PBBM vetoes PNP reform bill

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has vetoed the measure seeking to introduce organizational reforms in the Philippine National Police (PNP), according to Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin.

"President Marcos, with careful consideration, has decided to veto the

proposed PNP reform bill to ensure that any changes in our police force are fair, clear, and truly beneficial to everyone involved," Bersamin said in a statement issued on Thursday.

Bersamin said the proposed measure enables changes to police salaries that could cause "unfair disparities" among officers.

"The President believes it is essential to

maintain fairness and equality in compensation for all members of the PNP," he said.

Bersamin further noted that proposed offices within the PNP could lead to "unnecessary" bureaucracy and inefficiency.

"Our administration's goal is to streamline operations, not complicate them. Furthermore, adding more liaison offices could pose security risks. The Continued on page 3...

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and services.

He pointed out that recent hacking attempts into the DSWD system were thwarted due to vigilant monitoring of its personnel and support from the DSWD leadership in protecting the data of beneficiaries.

In the agency's digital transformation efforts, Gorospe presented the innovative solutions being done by the DSWD in its disaster response operations, profiling of families and individuals in street situations (FISS), and in the delivery of other programs and services.

He said the department's Disaster Response Command Center (DRCC) differs from other command centers in other government agencies.

Inaugurated by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. in Jan. 12 this year, the DRCC is a 24/7 command center that stands as a central hub for disaster monitoring, reporting, and coordination of preparedness and response efforts.

It utilizes

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advanced information and communication equipment/assets to ensure the seamless collaboration between the DSWD Central Office, DSWD Field Offices (FOs), National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) member-agencies, and other stakeholders.

"Dito makikita mo yung mga gulo o accident incidents na nangyayari and at the same time, sa kabila naman, nakikita nyo yung stockpile natin (Here, you see the disturbances or accident incidents that occur, while at the same time, on the other side, you see our stockpiles)," Gorospe said.

The DSWD has also deployed Mobile Command Centers (MCC) across its field offices that feature state-of-the-art Information and Communications Technology (ICT) equipment that will enable near real-time coordination and communication among national and local government agencies.

Using a tablet-based

profiling app, the DSWD's Oplan Pag-Abot undertakes profiling activities for FISS to update a client's information in real-time from a remote location.

The e-profiling tool, which is part of the agency's digital transformation efforts, aims to expedite the overall reach-out operations of the Pag-Abot Program teams.

Gorospe said the DSWD has also partnered with different private agencies, including online payment portals, to digitize the payout systems of its programs and services.

"Dahil don sa ginagawa nating digital transformation ngayon, dapat ang mga benepisyaryo namin ay pwede nang mamili paano at ano ba yung pinakamagandang paraan para matanggap nila ang benepisyo (Because of the ongoing digital transformation, our beneficiaries should now have the option to choose how and in what manner they receive their benefits)," he said. (PNA)

Vatican OKs inquiry into cause for sainthood of PH catechist

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Vatican has approved the opening of an inquiry into the cause for sainthood of Filipino lay catechist Laureana Franco, known as "Ka Luring".

Pasig Bishop Mylo Hubert Vergara said the Vatican has granted the "nihil obstat" to the cause for beatification and canonization of Franco to her humble community in Hagonoy, Taguig, according to a report by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) news website on Wednesday night.

The protocol was handed to the Pasig prelate by Papal Nuncio to Manila Archbishop Charles Brown, and his secretary, Msgr. Giuseppe Trentadue.

It was signed by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints in response to Vergara's request for a nihil obstat in March.

At the same time,

the Catholic prelate asked the faithful to pray as they journey to the next step of the process.

"May I ask for your unceasing prayers as we do the next steps required by the dicastery," Vergara said.

Franco, who died after battling cancer in 2011, had served as a volunteer catechist beginning in the late 1960s.

Franco was known to the late Manila archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, who gave her the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award on behalf of Pope St. John Paul II in 1990.

The nihil obstat, which means "nothing obstructs" or "nothing stands in the way," allows the diocese to proceed with an inquiry into Franco's heroic virtues, one of the first steps that could lead to beatification and eventual sainthood.

Vergara opened Franco's cause in February 2024 and urged the laity to provide any "helpful information" on the matter. (PNA)



Laureana "Ka Luring" Franco (Photo courtesy of CBCP News)

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Hospital, a two-story, 200-bed medical facility in Rodriguez, Rizal.

"Ang mga inisyatibang ito ay sumasalamain sa ating pangako na mapabuti ang buhay ng mga mamamayan ng Calabarzon (These initiatives reflect our promise to improve the lives of Filipinos in Calabarzon)," Marcos said.

"Tandaan po natin na kung ang Cavite ay naging tahanan ng ating mga bayani at kalayaan noon, ito rin ang magiging duyan ng pag-asa at pag-unlad ng ating bansa sa hinaharap nating mga panahon (Let us remember that if Cavite was once the home of our heroes and our independence, it will serve as our nation's cradle of hope and progress in the years to come)."

Key infrastructure projects underway

During the event, Marcos highlighted big-ticket projects that would improve inter-regional connectivity in Calabarzon, among them the Light Rail Transit 1 (LRT-1) Cavite Extension project, the Cavite-Laguna Expressway-Cavite Segment (CALAX), and the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) Toll Road 4.

The PHP64.9 billion LRT Line 1 Cavite Extension project will add 11.7 km. of new railway line that will extend the LRT Line 1 from the Baclaran Terminal to the Niog Station in Bacoor,

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Cavite.

The project is expected to reduce travel time from Baclaran to Bacoor from 1 hour and 10 minutes to 25 minutes.

The PHP35.7 billion CALAX project, on the other hand, is a 44.58-km. expressway connecting the CAVITEX in Kawit, Cavite to the SLEX-Mamplasan interchange in Biñan, Laguna. The Chief Executive also highlighted the Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management Project, which is seen to mitigate flood risks in the Cavite Industrial Area.

Marcos handed over PHP26.87 million in financial assistance to the local governments of Cavite and Rizal to help farmers and fisherfolk affected by the El Niño phenomenon.

PHP12.36 million of the total amount was channeled to Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla and PHP14.51 million to Rizal Governor Nina Ricci Ynares.

More than 4,700 farmers and fisherfolk were affected by El Niño in the Southern Tagalog region.

Moreover, the Department of Agriculture (DA) distributed farm machinery and equipment, such as tractors, a combine harvester, multi-tillers, a rice thresher, hauling trucks, and pump and engine sets.

On the other hand, the Bureau of Fisheries and

Aquatic Resources (BFAR) distributed motorized bancas and various fishing equipment.

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) provided PHP2.17 million under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program to support 418 beneficiaries.

It distributed PHP1.02 million to 50 recipients under its Integrated Livelihood Program.

Meanwhile, PHP28.20 million in scholarship referrals was given by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), along with starter toolkits worth PHP251,696 and training support funds worth PHP141,000.

The DTI will also provide assistance through its One Town One Product Next Gen Program, Coconut Farmers Industry Development Fund, and Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

It will also provide aid through its Kapatid Mentor Me Program.

The DSWD will extend PHP10,000 in financial assistance to 12,000 beneficiaries in Cavite under its Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP).

Those who participated in the event each received 5 kg. of rice from the Office of House of Representatives Speaker Martin Romualdez. (PNA)

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he said.

"This resolution affirms that safe and decent living and working conditions at sea is a human rights imperative," he added.

Manalo also lauded the body's decision to foster a maritime industry where women are safe and their rights respected.

"As a seafaring nation with a considerable global diaspora, the Philippines will sustain its active engagement in the Council, the United Nations, and all relevant international bodies, to contribute meaningfully to global efforts to set the highest standards to promote and protect the dignity and rights of migrants worldwide," he said.

The UN resolution titled "Promoting and Protecting the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Seafarers", calls upon states parties, the representatives of shipowners and seafarers to enhance the enforcement of the Maritime Labor Convention to ensure safe and decent living and working conditions for all seafarers.

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It urges shipping industry stakeholders to respect the rights of seafarers, including decisions on whether to sail or continue sailing in high-risk areas.

It also urges states to continue efforts to eliminate all forms of forced or compulsory labor in the shipping industry.

The draft resolution went through wide and inclusive consultations which started before and continued during the ongoing 56th Session of the Human Rights Council.

These include three informal consultations and briefings with interested delegations, as well as a panel discussion gathering major stakeholders in the shipping industry such as the International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Transport Workers Federation, International Chamber of Shipping and Stella Maris.

The initiative was supported by the ILO and IMO. (PNA)

Nearly P10B allotted for PH rural dev't plan in Calabarzon

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The government has set aside nearly PHP10 billion for the Philippine Rural Development Plan (PRDP) in Calabarzon (Region 4-A) to stimulate economic development in the area, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Thursday.

During the distribution of presidential assistance to farmers and fisherfolk affected by the El Niño phenomenon in San Jose, Batangas, Marcos said the PHP10-billion project, which aims to empower and modernize the agri-fishery sector, includes the construction of access roads and irrigation systems.

Among the ongoing projects he cited are the Taal Lake Circumferential Road, Lobo Malabrigo–San Juan Laiya Road, Quipot Irrigation Project and Macalelon Irrigation Project.

“Kami po ay patuloy na kumikilos upang palakasin ang ekonomiya ng Calabarzon. Mula noong 2023 hanggang 2024, nakapagbigay

na po tayo ng halos sampung bilyong piso para sa Philippine Rural Development Plan dito sa Region 4-A (We are working to boost the economy of Calabarzon. From 2023 to 2024, we have already allotted nearly PHP10 billion for the Philippine Rural Development Plan here in Region 4-A),” Marcos said.

The PRDP is geared towards empowering local farmers and fisherfolk through improving their agricultural productivity, income opportunities, and living conditions.

To increase the revenue of farmers, Marcos also highlighted the need to add value to their agricultural products through processing.

The government distributed machinery and equipment to achieve this goal, including farm tractors, hauling trucks, combine harvesters, rice threshers, grain collector baggers, corn husker shellers, hammer mills, forage choppers, cassava graters, and chippers.

“Ito po ay dahil binibigyan natin po ng

pagkakataon ang ating magsasaka na hindi na dinadala ang kanilang produkto, ang raw material kung tawagin para i-process sa ibang lugar. Dito, sa paggamit nitong mga makinaryang ito ay kaya na mag-processing kahit small scale lang, kaya na mag-processing ang ating mga magsasaka, ang ating mangingisda (We are giving farmers an opportunity to stop transporting their products, or raw materials, to another location for processing. With the help of such machinery, processing could be done, even if it is just on a small scale, by our farmers and fisherfolk),” he said.

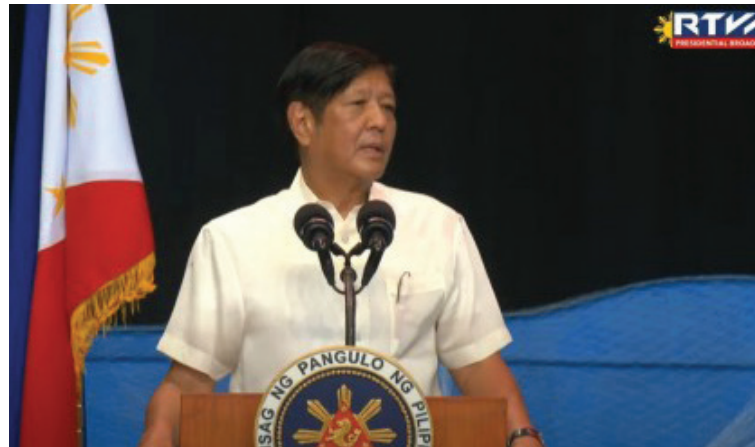
During the event, the President handed more than PHP70 million to the three provincial governments-- PHP24,040,000 to Batangas; PHP17,420,000 to Laguna; and PHP28,810,000 to Quezon.

Marcos also distributed cash assistance amounting to PHP10,000 each to 30 select beneficiaries from

the three provinces.

The Department of Agriculture provided farm machinery, equipment, fiber boats, seeds, fishing cages, and other items under the following programs: Rice Program, Corn Program, High Value Crops Development Program, National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program, Livestock Program and Organic Agriculture Program.

Meanwhile, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Labor and Employment, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Trade and Industry, and the Office of House Speaker Martin Romualdez distributed cash assistance, business kits, starter toolkits, certificates of scholarship and five kilos of rice to each attendee. (PNA)



RURAL DEV'T PLAN. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivers his speech during the distribution of presidential assistance to farmers and fisherfolk affected by the El Niño phenomenon at the Fernando Poe Jr. Arena in San Jose, Batangas on Thursday (July 11, 2024). Marcos said the government has set aside nearly PHP10 billion for the Philippine Rural Development Plan in Calabarzon (Region 4-A) to stimulate economic development in the area. (Screengrab from RTVM)

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if the NBI is looking at the possibility that there could be “parked names or address” for those applying for an NBI clearance under false pretense.

NBI Dactyloscopy Division Chief Alfredo Kahanding, in the same hearing, officially confirmed that the fingerprints of Mayor Alice Guo and a certain Chinese national named Guo Hua Ping are the same person.

He said the mayor’s fingerprint and the one in the alien fingerprint card obtained in March 2006 matched by “18 identical ridges characteristics”.

“Kaya sure po tayo ngayon na si Alice Guo po at si Guo Hua Ping ay isang tao lamang (That’s why we are sure that Alice Guo and

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Guo Hua Ping are the same person),” Kahanding said.

He also confirmed that her sibling Wesley Guo and a certain Guo Xiang Dian are one individual.

Amid a call for a third-party investigation, Kahanding emphasized that identification through dactyloscopy is infallible, meaning the incapable of error, and is accepted in courts.

In the Philippines, Kahanding said the standard number used to conclude that two sets of fingerprints came from one person is 10 identical ridge characteristics.

For Wesley Guo, he said 17 identical characteristics were found with the fingerprint of Guo Xiang Dian. (PNA)

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current structure already provides robust oversight and coordination,” he said.

He added the proposal could also compromise the “vital independence” of the Internal Affairs Service (IAS), noting that the body responsible for investigating police misconduct should remain “independent and impartial”.

He pointed out that some parts of the bill are unclear, particularly regarding retroactive benefits for officers.

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“The President and our administration are steadfast in our commitment to supporting the PNP and ensuring that any reforms are both fair and effective,” Bersamin said.

“The administration continues to work closely with Congress to develop better legislation that strengthens our police force without causing any negative side effects. We continue to strive to improve our country’s police force in the best way

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providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds to finance development projects.

The construction of the Bataan-Cavite bridge project was supposed to start late 2024.

Asked what caused the delay, Cabral explained that the government took its time in looking for the “best financing package” available.

“Sourcing the funding has been really the problem. We’re trying to get the best financing package for this biggest project of the DPWH and finally we are able to do

possible,” he added.

In his veto message, President Marcos said the provisions under the bill “run counter to administrative policy and efficiency”.

Marcos said the proposed law may create pay disparities among police cadets, as well as overlapping functions and redundancies

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so,” Cabral said.

“I think last week we just held the bidding for the first contract packages,” she added.

Infra program forum

Spearheaded by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO), the Build Better More Infrastructure forum is the third leg of the PCO’s pioneering initiative, the Bagong Pilipinas Media Engagement and Workshop Series of 2024, following the successful culmination of the Food Security Cluster Communications Workshop

and National Security Cluster Communications Workshop in March and April 2024, respectively.

It seeks to provide a platform to allow government agencies to engage and collaborate with the media and government communicators to enhance the quality and value of public discourse on the Build Better More Infrastructure Program – the flagship infrastructure development agenda of the Marcos administration.

The program includes 187 infrastructure flagship projects. (PNA)

due to the creation of “ambiguous” offices.

“Different offices performing the same or related functions, all headed by high-ranking officials, will definitely be counterproductive and will defeat the purpose of enhancing the span of supervision and administrative control of the PNP Chief,” Marcos said.

The bill seeks the institutionalization of offices created by the National Police Commission (Napolcom) such as the Directorial Staff, Area Police Command (APC), Special Offices, and strengthened National Administrative and Operational Support Units. (PNA)



(Photo courtesy of PNP)

EDITORIAL

Upholding ethical standards at Senate

“Many Filipinos view the Senate as a crucial institution responsible for enacting laws and policies that impact their daily lives.

Recent events have brought significant attention to a contentious exchange between two prominent senators, Alan Peter Cayetano and Nancy Binay, during a Senate hearing.

The heated confrontation has not only sparked public interest but has escalated to a formal complaint filed by Binay against Cayetano before the Senate Ethics Committee. This development underscores broader implications for parliamentary decorum and the conduct of elected officials in the Philippines.

The incident unfolded during a high-profile Senate hearing on the burgeoning cost of the new Senate building, where tensions between Senators Cayetano and Binay came to a head. Witnesses reported a heated exchange characterized by raised voices and pointed accusations, capturing the attention of media outlets and the public alike.

Binay accused Senator Cayetano of obstructing the proceedings and displaying disrespectful behavior towards fellow senators and witnesses. Her decision to file a formal complaint with the Senate Ethics Committee signals her stance on the severity of the incident and its potential ramifications for legislative conduct.

In a statement to the press after she filed her complaint, Binay emphasized the importance of upholding parliamentary decorum and mutual respect among colleagues in the Senate. She cited specific instances during the hearing when Senator Cayetano's conduct, in her view, crossed established norms of civility and cooperation.

The filing of the complaint has ignited a broader conversation within political circles and among the Filipino public regarding the standards of behavior expected of elected officials.

Many citizens expressed concern over the implications of such confrontations on the effectiveness of legislative proceedings and the overall public perception of the Senate as an institution tasked with representing the interests of the Filipino people.

Cayetano, in response to the complaint, defended his actions during the hearing, arguing that he was merely asserting his right to interrogate witnesses thoroughly and ensuring transparency in the discussion on the budget for the new Senate building. His supporters within the Senate and among the electorate contend that robust debate and passionate advocacy are integral

to the democratic process, even if they occasionally lead to spirited exchanges among lawmakers.

However, critics of Senator Cayetano argue that his behavior crossed the line of professionalism and respect expected within the Senate chamber. They assert that while vigorous debate is encouraged, personal attacks and disruptive behavior undermine the integrity of legislative proceedings and detract from substantive policy discussions.

The Senate Ethics Committee now faces the weighty task of adjudicating this complaint impartially and in accordance with established procedural guidelines. The committee's decision will likely set a precedent for how similar disputes are handled in the future and may influence the conduct of senators during debates and hearings.

Beyond the immediate implications for Senators Cayetano and Binay, this incident has broader implications for the public's perception of political leadership and accountability in the Philippines.

Many Filipinos view the Senate as a crucial institution responsible for enacting laws and policies that impact their daily lives. As such, the behavior of senators both within and outside the legislative chamber holds significant symbolic and practical importance.

Moreover, the timing of this controversy coincides with ongoing public scrutiny of government officials' conduct amid calls for greater transparency and accountability in public service.

The outcome of the Ethics Committee's deliberations will be closely monitored by citizens, civil society organizations, and the media as a litmus test of the Senate's commitment to upholding ethical standards and promoting constructive dialogue among lawmakers.

As a whole, Binay's filing of a complaint against Cayetano following their heated exchange in a Senate hearing underscores the complexities of political discourse and parliamentary conduct in the Philippines.

This incident highlights the delicate balance between robust debate and respectful interaction among elected officials and raises important questions about accountability and professionalism within the legislative branch.

As the Senate Ethics Committee prepares to investigate this matter, its decision will undoubtedly shape perceptions of governance and legislative integrity in the eyes of the Filipino public.



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Sa naratibo ng mga awtor, ang mga saray na ito ang nakinabang sa “pag-unlad” na naganap ng bansa noong rehimeng Aquino – na nailarawan nang “non-inclusive” o hindi umaabot sa marami. Ayon kay Teehankee, nagbabanat sila ng buto, binubuwisan nang malaki, pero nagdurusa sa kawalan ng serbisyo at sa malalang trapik. Sila rin ang madalas nabibiktima ng mga suliranin sa “peace and order,” katiwalian, at ng iskemang malamang ay kagagawan nina Duterte noon, ang tanimbala. Kung magigising kaya ang mga saray na ito sa pang-uuto at pambubudul-budol ni Duterte, lintik kaya ang walang ganti?

Ang isang malinaw na pagkakatulad-pagpapagiting sa pagitan ng dalawa ay ang pag-atake sa Kaliwa. Ipinagpatuloy ni Aquino ang ekstrahudisyal na pagpaslang ni Arroyo sa mga aktibista, at pinaigting ang ilegal na pagdakip sa kanila – lalo na sa mga konsultant ng National Democratic Front sa usapang pangkapayapaan. Pinaigting naman ni Duterte ang pareho. Tampok na usapin ang Mindanao: ang pagtambak ni Aquino ng 60 porsyento ng militar simula 2014, pinaigting ng dalawa't kalahating taong batas militar ni Duterte. Masasabi, batay sa tinakbo nito, na mas tinarget ng batas militar ang Kaliwa kaysa mga terorista.

Dinagdagan ito ni Duterte ng atake sa mahihirap na rehiyong Bicol, Negros at Samar – paalala ng ginawa ni Arroyo sa Mindoro, Central Luzon at Samar. Madalas

masabi nitong huli na ibinaling ni Duterte ang gera sa droga sa mga aktibista. Totoo, pero ang sekundaryang modus operandi nito – mga lalakeng nakamotor para mamaril – ay unang ginamit ni Arroyo sa mga aktibista. Ang IALAG ni Arroyo, pabrika ng mga gawagawang kaso, ay binuhay ni Duterte sa IACLA. Bukod pa diyan ang iba't ibang kautusang nagpapataw ng state of emergency sa bansa, nagkokoordina ng iba't ibang ahensya para sa kontra-insurhensya, at iba pa.

Pero maging dito ay may kaibahan. Niligawan ni Duterte ang Kaliwa noong eleksyon, sa pamamagitan ng paggawa ng mga makamamayang pangako. Tumawid ito sa pagtatalaga ng mga progresibong personalidad sa gabinete sa bungad ng rehimen. At nitong Disyembre 2019, nagbukas muli siya sa usapang pangkapayapaan – kaiba kay Aquino na noong tinapos ang usapan sa simula ng termino ay hindi na bumalik. Ginawa niya ito hindi dahil maka-Kaliwa siya, kundi sa kagustuhang palakasin ang sa totoo'y makitid na solidong base sa naghaharing-uri. At hindi nahadlangan ng mga hakbanging ito ang pasismo niya laban sa Kaliwa.

Sakabila ng matinding panunupil, hindi napigilan ang mga progresibong organisasyon na magsulong ng malalakas na laban sa iba't ibang isyu. Pinakamatunog ang mga manggagawa para sa dagdag-sahod, pero lalo na kontra sa kontraktwalisasyon na sinabayan ng mga welga. Ang mga magsasaka, sa paggiit ng tunay na reporma sa lupa at partikular sa

Hacienda Luisita sa ilalim ng hacienderong pangulo. Ang mga kabataan-estudyante, sa paglaban sa kaltas sa badyet at sa dagdag-bayarin na nagluwal ng tagumpay sa libreng edukasyon sa pampublikong kolehiyo, at pagsangkot sa mga pambansang isyu.

Ang kababaihan, sa pagtutol sa pandarahas sa sektor at mga mamamayan, lalo na ng gobyerno at mga tropang Kano, at maging sa taas-presyo. Ang mga maralitang lungsod, sa maraming laban sa demolisyon, lalo na sa pag-okupa sa mga tiwangwang na pabahay ng gobyerno. Ang mga OFW, sa pagligtas sa buhay ni Mary Jane Veloso mula parusang kamatayan, at mga bayaring pataw ng gobyerno. Ang mga guro at manggagawang pangkalusugan, sa dagdag-sahod, bukod sa ang una, sa pagtataguyod sa mga araling Pilipino at Kasaysayan. Ang mga tsuper, sa mga welgang pantransportasyon laban sa taas-presyo ng langis at jeepney phaseout sa bungad ng parehong rehimen. Ang mga katutubo, sa pagdepensa sa mga paaralang Lumad at lupang ninuno, lalo na kontra sa pagmimina.

Sa antas-pambansa, pinakamalawak na protesta ang sumalubong sa usapin ng pork barrel noong rehimeng Aquino at ng paglilibing kay Marcos sa Libingan ng mga Bayani nitong rehimeng Duterte. Sa mga usaping ito, nagsanib ang organisadong hanay at ang ispontanyong pagkilos ng mga mamamayan, at lumahok ang malalaking personalidad. Nagsanib ang masiglang propaganda sa social media at direkta sa masa

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Senate building cost could balloon to P27-B due to inflation

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The cost of the new Senate building project could climb to PHP25 billion to PHP27 billion due to inflation.

At the Senate Committee on Accounts inquiry on Wednesday, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

disclosed that the total estimated cost of the project was based on 2021 rates and does not reflect the present cost of materials.

"Iyong sinubmit namin na 'yon, aaminin namin na 'yon po ay hindi updated. So, sa term niyo pwede nating i-update 'yon (The one that we submitted, we will admit it, was not updated. However,

we can update that under your term)," DPWH Buildings and Special Projects Management Cluster project director Soledad Florencio told Senate Committee Chairperson Alan Peter Cayetano.

Florencio did not provide an estimate but former DPWH Undersecretary Antonio Molano Jr. said the

updated construction inflation rate could reach at least 20 percent to 25 percent.

"To my estimate, from the time the project was bid out, more or less 20 to 25 percent," he said.

"Aabutin ng 25 (billion) to 27 (billion), including the cost of land, plus iyong inflationary cost kasama na po (It could reach PHP25 [billion] to PHP27 [billion], including the cost of land plus the inflationary cost)."

The current cost of the project totals PHP23.37 billion, at least PHP8.9 billion of which was for the building's core and shell, PHP2.5 billion for the fit-out, PHP10.33 billion for the works to complete, and PHP1.6 billion for the land acquisition.

In the latest hearing, a heated exchange ensued between Cayetano and Senator Nancy Binay over the total construction cost, with the latter arguing that the amount

was only PHP21.73 billion, excluding the land.

At the July 10 inquiry, Senator Francis Tolentino quipped, *"So, we're now talking of a figure higher than the previously disagreed upon figure between PHP21 to PHP23 (billion)."* Binay did not attend.

Cayetano, at the start, apologized to the public, saying the argument between him and Binay was an issue they would deal with later.

"We just all have to remind ourselves: eyes on the ball. What is the ball? Simple lang, paano matapos 'yong project na to (It's simple – how to finish this project)," he said.

Meanwhile, he instructed the DPWH to recompute the cost based on current market prices and create an efficient workflow organizational chart that maintains high construction standards. (PNA)

CAVITEVIEW

Thousands rally for West Philippine Sea awareness in 'Takbo Para sa WPS'

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

PASAY CITY, (PIA) — Over 7,000 runners participated in the Manila leg of the *"Takbo Para sa West Philippine Sea, Ang Yaman Nito ay Para sa Pilipino"* (Run for the WPS, Its Resources are for the Filipinos) on Sunday, showcasing a united front for Philippine territorial integrity in the West Philippine Sea.

The estimate was provided by the Philippine National Police Maritime Group. The event, held at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City, was organized by Runrio Inc. – an events management company – together with the National Task Force West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) as well as with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Presidential Communications Office (PCO), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

Beyond a race, the run aimed to raise public awareness and garner support for the West Philippine Sea advocacy. Participants of all skill levels chose from a 16k, 10k, 5k, or 2k route.

The event also highlighted public-private and inter-agency collaboration in promoting and protecting the Philippines' national interests.

Following the race, activities focused on unity, health, and West Philippine Sea advocacy continued, solidifying the message of solidarity and national pride.

Some runners, who also posted on their social

media, expressed their support online with the hashtag #WestPhilippineSea. Posts included:

"Takbo Para sa West Philippine Sea! Ang yaman nito ay para sa Pilipinas. (Its riches belong to the Philippines.) Joined an advocacy run to create awareness..." – Pat Sazon

"Pray for the Philippines! Takbo para sa West Philippine Sea, Atin Ito! There's a need for all of us to come together. With the situation in the West Philippine Sea, God wants us to be part of the solution... Together,

let's uphold our nation's sovereignty and maritime rights..." – Jer Cy

Proceeds from the event will fund a West Philippine Sea education campaign, including a comic book project titled *"Ang mga Kuwento ni Teacher Jun"* that explains the issues and the 2016 arbitral ruling.

This nationwide advocacy run series will hold future legs in Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro.

"This isn't just another run; it's a rallying call for unity, resilience, and action," said Thirty One Million, a

social media movement.

PCG Commodore Jay Tarriela, spokesperson for the National Task Force West Philippine Sea, thanked participants and emphasized the fight's importance for future generations.

He urged Filipinos to combat fake news and support the cause.

"Ang pinakamahalagang nais ko pong mensahe sa inyo, gusto ko pong maintindihan at malaman ninyo na ang laban ng West Philippine Sea ay hindi lamang laban ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos. We are very lucky that we have a President who is standing up now for our sovereign rights, sovereignty in the West

Philippine Sea," Tarriela said.

(The most important message I want to give you is that I want you to understand and know that the fight for the West Philippine Sea is not only a fight being waged by President Bongbong Marcos. We are very lucky that we have a President who is standing up now for our sovereign rights, sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea.)

"Ang laban ng West Philippine Sea ay laban ng bawat Pilipino. At ang yaman ng West Philippine Sea, ay para sa Pilipino," he added.

(The fight for the West Philippine Sea involves every Filipino. And the wealth of the West Philippine Sea, is for Filipinos.) (JCO/PIA-NCR)



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DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1380-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

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

-versus-

CELINA S. PRIMAVERA,
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 respondent/mortgagor CELINA S. PRIMAVERA with postal addresses at Emmaus Village, Las Piñas City, Metro Manila and Lot 16, Blk. 16, Mabuhay Homes 2000, Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of May 7, 2024 amounts to ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS & 36/100 (Php171,375.36), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and

sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 08, 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, 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-548535

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. 16 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-074555, being a portion of Lot 1, Pcs-042106-008804, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Paliparan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the N., along line 1-2 by Lot 18 Blk. 16; on the NE., along line 2-3 by footpath 12; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 14; & on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 17 both Blk. 16, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being . 17 deg. 23'E., 1,831.33 m. from Mon. 163, Imus Estate; thence N. 72 deg. 5'E., 8.60 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 17 deg. 55'E., 5.00 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 72 deg. 5'W., 8.60 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 17 deg. 55'W., 5.00 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY THREE (43) 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 11, 1908, and that of the subd. survey, July 15-Aug. 10, 1994, and was approved on Nov. 21, 1994.

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

CELINA S. PRIMAVERA, Filipino, of legal age, widow.

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 the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on August 22, 2024 at the same time and place without further notice.

26 June 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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RE: IN THE MATTER OF ISSUANCE OF
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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (057-
2014000662) 167-2016019562 OF THE REGISTRY
OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE
REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF SPS. MANUEL A.
LRC 8843-2024-59
CUNETA AND EDNA C. CUNETA IN LIEU OF THE
LOST ONE.

SPS. MANUEL A. CUNETA AND EDNA C. CUNETA
represented by their Attorney-in-Fact ROSA
MARIA CUNETA TIMEPO and VIRGINIA CUNETA
DE GUIA

Petitioners.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a Petition filed by Petitioners through counsel, Atty. Antonio T. Nicolas for issuance of new/another owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. (057-2014000662) 167-2016019562 of the Registry of Deeds for

the Province of Cavite registered in the name of Sps. Manuel A. Cuneta and Edna C. Cuneta in lieu of the lost one on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said Petition has been set for hearing on September 20, 2024 at 10:00 in the morning, in this Court, of which date and hour and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite.

Let a copy of this Notice be furnished the The Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, The Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Bacoor City Branch and the Land Registration Authority and the same be posted by the Process Server of this Court in three (3) conspicuous places in Bacoor City where the property is located.

WITNESS THE HON. CHARISMA I. NOLASCO, Assisting Judge
of this Court this 13th day of June 2024 of Bacoor City, Cavite.

(SGD) ROSELLE ANNE B. CATIPAY-DAVID
Branch Clerk of Court

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given regarding the estate of the late ROBERTO TINGAL BUHIA who died intestate on OCTOBER 31, 2021 at City of General Trias Doctors Medical Center, Brgy. Manggahan, General Trias, Cavite, Philippines and VICTORIA LUMUBOS BUHIA who died intestate on JANUARY 11, 2024 at City of General Trias Doctors Medical Center, Brgy. Manggahan, General Trias, Cavite, Philippines. Their estate consist a motor vehicle (Van) with PLATE NO. NBS 4797 MODEL 2019 and Philippine Navy Savings & Loan Association, Inc. (PNSLAI) Accounts with Nos. 100-1-031160 and 100-1-071756 and have been the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate Among Heirs with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights dated March 30, 2024 per Doc. No. 316; Page No. 65; Book No. 71; Series of 2024 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Mathew L. Dati of La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

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yourself. Life is about
creating yourself.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT/UNDERTAKING

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, Belen A. Guzman, of legal age, Filipino, with postal and residence address at Block 10 Lot 33, Daisy St. Villa de Primarosa, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite 4103, Philippines, under and by virtue of these presents and in my personal capacity, do hereby guarantee and undertake to pay and reimburse any third person/s who may be prejudiced and damaged by virtue of my withdrawal on the deposit account of the late Sergio S. Guzman under account number (please state if SA/CA/HYSA etc.) Savings Account/s.

I further agree to indemnify Land Bank of the Philippines for whatever damage or prejudice it may suffer from any and all claims to be made by any third person in connection with the above stated account and in my withdrawal therefrom in an amount, which is twice the amount of the decedent's deposit. This Deed and my undertaking contained herein shall be enforceable against me and my successors in interest for four years from the date of withdrawal.

The undersigned also guarantees that my co heir CATHERINE GUZMAN SPENCER who executed the waiver of right to claim the deposit under the above described account in may favor pursuant to the Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the late Sergio S. Guzman dated are also, the latter's legal heir.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this JULY 10, 2024 at Imus City, Cavite.

Signed in the presence of:
Catherine Guzman Spencer and Belen A. Guzman

Republic of the Philippines
City/Municipality of Imus City, Cavite)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the Imus City, Cavite on JULY 10, 2024, personally appeared _____ who exhibited his/her identification card OSCA-2002165852 issued on _____ At _____, and is known to me to be the person who executed the same as an act of his/her free will and deed.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the place and on the date first hereinabove written.

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take several days for votes to be counted.

On Thursday, poll watchdog Kontra Daya urged the poll body to consider the option of using a hybrid election system in next year's elections, as its PHP17.9 billion poll automation contract with South Korean firm Miru Systems is being questioned.

It said a hybrid election system shall employ a manual counting at the precinct level and an automated transmission of the results.

Earlier, Sagip party-list Rep. Rodante Marcoleta revealed that he has discovered at least PHP120 million have been deposited to 49 offshore bank accounts from South Korean banks with indications leading to a Comelec official.

The service provider for the automated polls next year is based in Seongnam, South Korea.

Garcia said he was referred to by Marcoleta and vehemently denied the allegations.

Former Caloocan congressman Edgar Erice has filed a petition before the Supreme Court questioning the Comelec-Miru contract. (PNA)

DA eyes 'Rice for All' launch, P29 expansion on Friday

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday said they are eyeing to launch the Rice for All program on Friday to benefit the general population, with its initial target price range set at PHP45 per kilogram to PHP48/kg. of mixed imported and local well-milled rice.

In an interview, DA Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa said this might be done alongside the P29 program expansion or the sale of aging but good-quality rice to the vulnerable sector in three additional sites in Malabon, Navotas, and Marikina.

This covers the members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), senior citizens, solo parents, and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

"May mga clamor talaga na iyong mga hindi eligible, kagaya ng mga construction workers, mga (There's really a clamor that those who are not eligible, like construction workers, the) drivers, they really wanted to be part of the P29 program," De Mesa said.

"Pero (But) since they are not part of the initially identified sector, so doon sila ngayon mabibilang sa (so they will be benefited in the) Rice for All... This week, most likely," he added.

De Mesa said the Rice for All program shall be launched in areas with Kadiwa sites.

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Next week, the DA will further expand its P29 program to Metro Manila's nearby provinces including select areas in Cavite, Laguna, and Batangas.

These are in addition to the earlier areas where the large-scale trial was initially launched on July 5, namely the Bureau of Animal Industry Dome and National Irrigation Administration in Quezon City; the Bureau of Plant Industry in Malate, Manila; Food Terminal Inc. in Taguig City; Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority in Las Piñas; Bayani Fernando Central Terminal or BFCT and Barangay Fortune in Marikina; and sites in Caloocan, Valenzuela, and San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

The DA earlier said they were targeting to expand both the P29 and Rice for All programs in Visayas and Mindanao in August.

De Mesa, meanwhile, explained that these areas were initially chosen considering the existing Kadiwa sites and the strong participation of local government units (LGUs) in DA's Kadiwa program.

To date, the DA is conducting demand and population-based evaluations in the large-scale trial sites to identify the needed tweaks in the P29 program to ensure "proportionate" rice allocation.

Under the P29 program, a 10-kilogram in 5-kilo increments purchase limit is set per household.

As of Wednesday, the DA reported benefiting around 14,429 households in the initial 10 sites for the P29 program, equivalent to 72,000 kg or 1,442 sacks of rice for the first three days of its launching. (PNA)



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Comelec: Hybrid polls violate election automation law

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Friday thumbed down the idea of a hybrid poll system next year.

Comelec chairperson George Erwin Garcia said this would violate the law which requires an automated method for the holding of the polls.

"Kasi po 'yung automation law ay pure automation nakalagay at ang budget din po na binigay sa atin ay para sa pure automation lamang (It's because the automation law mandates pure automation and the budget given to us by the

government is for pure automation only," he said in a message to reporters, when asked if a hybrid poll has a chance at least for the 2025 elections.

Republic Act 9369 or the Election Automation Law, enacted in 2007, authorized the poll body to use an automated election system in subsequent national and local elections.

The law aims to ensure transparency, credibility, fairness, and accuracy of elections in the country.

The Philippines' first automated polls took place in May 2010.

Under a hybrid method, Garcia said it would

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DFA: UN resolution a ‘milestone’ in protecting Filipino sailors

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) hailed the newly adopted United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) resolution promoting the rights of seafarers as a “milestone” in protecting sailors, including Filipinos around the world.

The UNHRC adopted by consensus the Philippine-initiated and first-ever resolution on the rights of seafarers during its 56th Session in Geneva on Thursday.

“This milestone resolution by the Human Rights Council advances an advocacy

of the Philippines, other foreign governments, relevant international organizations, and stakeholders to protect and promote the well-being of some 1.9 million seafarers, over a quarter of them Filipinos,” DFA Secretary Enrique Manalo said in a statement.

The resolution, the top diplomat said, acknowledges that seafarers brave challenging conditions at sea that pose risks to their enjoyment of human rights, safety, and well-being.

“Seafarers conduct their duties, even at times under dangerous conditions,”

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SEAFARERS’ WELFARE. The United Nations Human Rights Council adopts by consensus the resolution titled “Promoting and Protecting the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Seafarers” during its 56th Session in Geneva on Thursday (July 11, 2024). The DFA hailed the newly adopted resolution promoting the rights of seafarers as a “milestone” in protecting sailors, including Filipinos around the world. (Photo courtesy of DFA)

PBBM’s whole-of-govt approach delivers PHP28-B aid in Calabarzon

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has delivered nearly PHP28 billion in financial assistance and services to help improve the lives of Filipinos in the Calabarzon region, which covers the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon.

In his speech during the distribution of financial aid to farmers and fisherfolk in Cavite on Thursday, Marcos said the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has distributed PHP11.23 billion for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries, indigent senior citizens, and individuals in crisis situations.

He noted that about PHP11 million worth of livelihood assistance was extended to support 827 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through the Department of Trade and Industry’s Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (DTI-

PPG) program.

Marcos said the administration has released PHP9.9 billion for the Philippine Rural Development Plan to promote and develop modern and climate-smart agriculture and fishery sectors in the Southern Tagalog region.

For the education sector, PHP4.01 billion was allotted for the construction of 1,192 new classrooms and PHP239.34 million for the repair of 391 classrooms.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has extended PHP461.64 million for 21,553 scholars in the region.

For the health sector, the President said the government also disbursed PHP1.62 billion for the Health Facilities Enhancement Program, which covers 74 health facilities in the Southern Tagalog region.

The government likewise allocated PHP250 million to construct the Northern Tagalog Regional

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DSWD prioritizes cybersecurity, digital transformation in programs

By Jose Cielito Reganit

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) puts a premium in strengthening cybersecurity and in adopting innovative and transformative approaches to better serve the Filipino people, an agency official said on Thursday.

“Priority ni Secretary Rex Gatchalian ang cybersecurity kaya ganon din tayo ka-vigilant at ka-aggressive doon sa paglalagay natin ng mga mekanismo para

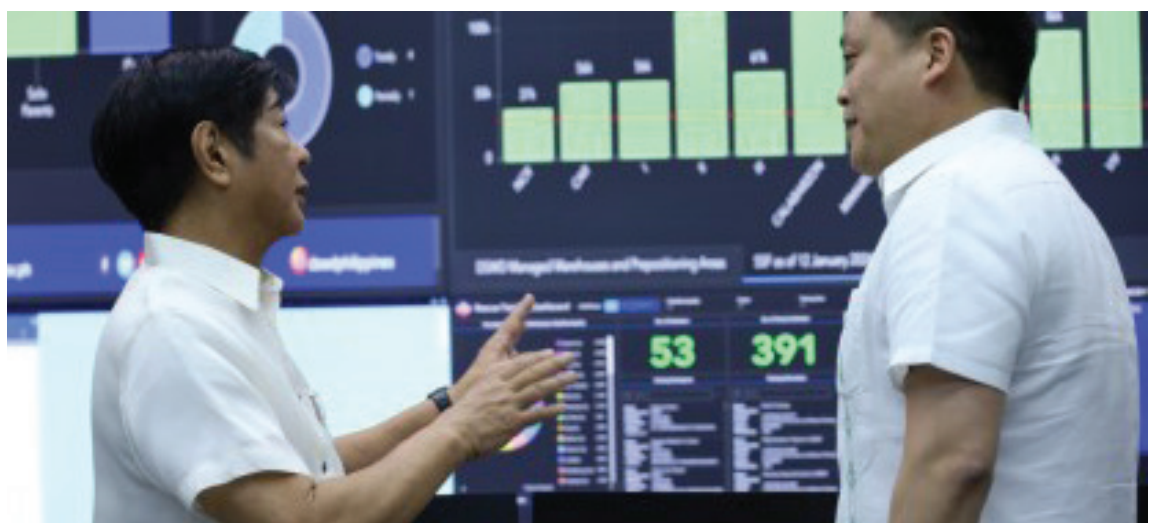
protektahan ang sistema natin. (Secretary Gatchalian’s priority is cybersecurity, that’s why we are equally vigilant and aggressive in implementing mechanisms to protect our systems),” DSWD Chief Information Officer Assistant Secretary Julius Exequel Gorospe told reporters during the Thursday Media Forum at the DSWD Central Office in Quezon City.

“And tuloy-tuloy yan, hindi yung pag nilagay mo na ay nandyan na at kampante ka na. Tuloy-tuloy yan

binabantayan 24/7 at marami tayong tao na nakakalat sa Pilipinas na naghahalinhan para bantayan (It’s continuous; it’s not just about setting it up and feeling secure afterwards, it’s a constant monitoring, 24/7, with many personnel deployed across the Philippines to keep watch),” he added.

Gorospe said the DSWD also recognizes the importance of robust data protection in the delivery of social protection programs

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COMMAND CENTER. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (left) is briefed by Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian on the Disaster Response Command Center (DRCC) at the DSWD Central Office in Quezon City on Jan. 12, 2024. The DRCC is among the digital transformation efforts of the DSWD in its disaster response operations, and delivery of other programs and services. (DSWD photo)