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## Barangays in Cavite given executive course in promoting sustainable peace

By Patricia Bermudez

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The role of barangays in fostering lasting peace in the community is highlighted as a university in Cavite launched the Barangay Peace and Conflict Transformation (BPACT) Executive Course.

Helmed by the ninth batch of Master in Sustainable Leadership and Governance students of De La Salle University in Dasmariñas, the BPACT Executive Course aims to provide barangay officials and Sangguniang Kabataan leaders with vital

skills in conflict resolution, mediation, and peacebuilding.

The program likewise seeks to empower grassroots leaders to foster inclusive, harmonious, and resilient communities.

Professor Rommel Mazo, Director of the university's School of Governance, stated that BPACT is a 13 to 15-week highly specialized course designed to support the barangay justice administration overseen by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

*"Peace is essential  
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Photo courtesy of PIA

### DA: Over P1-M agri damage due to Kanlaon eruption

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday said damage to agriculture due to the eruption of Mt. Kanlaon has reached over PHP1 million.

*"The latest damage due to Kanlaon volcanic activity is at PHP1.39 million, affecting 40 farmers at karamihan pa rin nito ay (majority of this is in) rice,"* DA Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa said in an interview.

According to the DA-Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Operations Center, rice production losses amounted to PHP620,280; followed by high-value crops and bananas at PHP420,400; and corn at PHP349,320.

For sugarcane production, De Mesa said the Sugar Regulatory Administration reported an initial 10,000 to 15,000 metric tons of production volume loss, with value still undergoing validation.

On the other hand, he noted that the SRA expects around 1.78 million metric tons of sugarcane harvest.

De Mesa assured that

the effects of volcanic eruption on agriculture will not result in spiking retail prices of major commodities.

*"Very, very minimal, napakaliit lang (it's very small). Of course, these are very minimal atsaka napaka-concentrated lang doon sa area (it's also very concentrated in the area),"* he said.

Meanwhile, De Mesa said initial aid has already been provided to affected farmers.

Earlier, the DA said it has distributed almost PHP100,000 worth of drugs and biologics to affected livestock farmers in the province.

Other available interventions include agricultural input like rice and corn seeds; drugs and biologics; PHP25,000 loanable amount at zero interest payable for three years under the Survival and Recovery loan program of the Agricultural Credit Policy Council; indemnification fund for insured farmers under the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation; and the utilization of quick response fund. (PNA)

## Mary Jane Veloso finally returns to PH after 15 years

MANILA – Mary Jane Veloso finally returned home Wednesday morning after spending nearly 15 years in prison in Indonesia for alleged drug trafficking.

In a news release, the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor)

said Veloso arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 in Pasay City at around 5:51 a.m. on board Cebu Pacific flight 5J 760.

The BuCor said Veloso's flight departed

Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta at 12:05 a.m., marking *"the end of a harrowing chapter of Veloso's life."*

Upon arrival at the airport, Veloso was *Continued on page 3...*



WAIT IS OVER. Mary Jane Veloso's mother, Celia, weeps while waiting for the arrival of her daughter at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in Pasay City Wednesday morning (Dec. 18, 2024). Veloso finally returned home after spending nearly 15 years in prison in Indonesia for alleged drug trafficking. (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

## DA to launch cheaper, healthier rice

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is set to sell healthier and cheaper rice options called *"Sulit"* and

*"Nutri"* rice in 2025.

In a recent interview, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said both options would be available in Kadiwang Pangulo (KNP) stores to

benefit more Filipinos.

The *"sulit"* rice, which is 100 percent broken but white, will be sold at PHP35 per kg. to PHP36/kg.

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## PhilHealth Board vetoes P37.5-M collaterals for anniversary

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Board of Directors (Board) vetoed the proposed procurement of collaterals worth PHP37.5 million included in the marketing and promotional expenses for the state insurer's 30th anniversary.

In a statement Wednesday, the Department of Health (DOH) disclosed that official proposal for the marketing and promotional expenses reached the Board only on Dec. 16.

*"The PhilHealth Board of Directors reviews and decides on proposals coming from the PhilHealth Management, such as the marketing and promotional*

*expenses for the official events of the corporation,"* DOH Secretary Teodoro Herbosa, who chairs the PhilHealth Board, said.

*"The Board will always prioritize the benefits of PhilHealth members,"* he added.

The PHP37.5 million worth of collaterals include umbrellas worth PHP7,910,550, perforated mesh stickers worth PHP7,300,000, tote bags worth PHP1,820,000, anniversary shirts worth PHP3,640,000, marketing shirts worth PHP1,940,000, jackets worth PHP13,650,000, katsa (cloth) bags worth PHP750,000, and button pins worth PHP545,000.

Herbosa urged the state insurer to practice financial responsibility

as the Board canceled the proposed procurement to save government funds and ensure its proper allocation for members' benefits.

The Board has four other ex-officio members that include the Secretaries of the Departments of Finance, Budget and Management, Social Welfare and Development and Labor.

It also has three expert panel members and four sectoral members. Another seat for a representative of local chief executives remains vacant. It is separate and distinct from PhilHealth's executive officers led by president and chief executive officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. and executive vice president and chief operating officer Eli Diño Santos. (PNA)

### 1.1M...

100.48 percent; and Northern Mindanao, 99.60 percent.

Herbosa noted the two-month SBIP resulted in low coverage percentage.

Since every vaccination is complicated, he said the DOH needs more for the SBIP.

*"Ang problema ay katatapos lamang natin mRNA vaccination na tinira nang tinira sa social media, na nadamay pati 'yung traditional vaccines (The problem is we've just finished with the mRNA vaccination which was attacked in the social media, and the traditional vaccines were affected),"* he said.

*"I think pabalik namin 'yung trust and confidence [sa vaccines]*

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*especially after Covid-19, the measles outbreak, the pertussis outbreak, napu-prove na namin na tama kami. Kita niyo kapag hindi nagpapabakuna, dumadami namamatay sa (I think we'll gain back the trust and confidence [in vaccines] especially after Covid-19, the measles outbreak, the pertussis outbreak. We've proven we're right that if you're not vaccinated, many die from) measles, pertussis,"* he added.

Herbosa disclosed that the DOH also fell short in making dialogues with the parents who signed the students' consent form for vaccination.

*"Hindi namin na-i-campaign sa parents, baka dapat (We weren't able to*

*campaign it with the parents, maybe) our dialogues should be with the parents, the PTA [parent teacher association] so the parents will really follow about the value of vaccinating their children,"* he said.

The DOH and the Department of Education launched the SBIP on Oct. 7 to protect school-age children from MR, TD, and cervical cancer which are vaccine-preventable diseases.

The program aims to immunize at least 3.8 million public school students enrolled in Grades 1 and 7.

About 973,930 female Grade 4 students in selected public schools are targeted for protection against cervical cancer. (PNA)

### Environmental...

mitigating measures.

*"With the EAS in place, we are institutionalizing a process that ensures environmental*

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*risks are mitigated before projects are implemented. We cannot afford to sacrifice the environment for the sake of progress,"* Romualdez said.

The bill imposes fines ranging from PHP5 million to PHP20 million on proponents who operate without the required CPEC, with additional penalties for violations of environmental management plans reaching up to PHP10 million per infraction.

Proponents may also face suspension or closure of operations for noncompliance.

SEAs will also be required for national and local development plans, ensuring cumulative environmental impacts are considered.

Safeguards will include measures to protect biodiversity, indigenous communities, and natural resources such as water, air, and land.

Public participation

### Quadcom...

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Philippine National Police (PNP) chiefs Oscar David Albayalde and Debold Sinas, P/Colonels Royina Garma and Edilberto Leonardo, as well as Palace aide Herminia "Muking" Espino.

Barbers said Duterte admitted key elements of his administration's drug war during a Nov. 13 hearing, which include the existence of the so-called Davao Death Squad and the Davao template of reward system for police officers involved in EJKs.

He said Duterte also assumed "full legal responsibility" for the bloody war against illegal drugs.

*"The former President unequivocally confirmed the existence of the reward system targeting drug personalities and using leftover campaign funds to finance and support the reward system, in contravention of Comelec rules concerning the return of excess campaign funds,"* Barbers said.

The report also criticized Duterte's inflated claims about drug users to justify the systematic killings that occurred, noting his pronouncement of "four million drug users" lacked basis.

Citing a Dangerous Drugs Board study, the report said the previous administration's drug war resulted only in a slight decline in the number of drug users in the country.

*"At the start of his term, Duterte pronounced that there were four million drugs users. That figure did not come from the DDB or any other known source,"* the quadcom report said.

Former Senator Leila De Lima, who served as a resource person during quadcom hearings, said Republic Act 9851 is clear that "systematic killings under the drug war are crimes against humanity."

During the hearings, former PNP officer Royina Garma revealed details of the so-called "Davao Model," which allegedly rewarded

police officers for their involvement in EJKs.

Garma also testified about the existence of the Davao Death Squad and the alleged execution of three Chinese drug lords inside the Davao Penal Colony on Duterte's orders.

The mega-panel also uncovered POGO links to illegal drugs, money laundering, and other criminal activities.

Companies such as Empire 999 Realty Corporation, tied to Chinese drug lord Willie Ong, were found to use fraudulent documents to acquire land and assets.

Further investigation implicated Duterte's allies, including Duterte's son, Davao City Rep. Paolo "Pulong" Duterte; his son-in-law and husband of Vice President Sara Duterte, Manases "Mans" Carpio; and his former economic adviser Michael Yang, in drug smuggling operations.

### Legislative recommendations

The quadcom has, so far, proposed four bills addressing EJKs, illegal drugs, and related crimes, which include: classifying EJKs as a heinous crime; prohibiting all forms of POGOs; enabling civil forfeiture of unlawfully acquired properties by foreign nationals; and allowing administrative cancellation of fraudulent birth certificates.

The quadcom's report called for amendments to numerous laws, including the Local Government Code, the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and the Witness Protection Act, to address legislative gaps exploited during Duterte's administration.

On the issue of illegal drugs, Barbers recommended the revival of death penalty.

The quadcom also recommended the creation of an inter-agency body to investigate EJK, as well as the establishment of the Internal Affairs of the PNP as an independent and autonomous agency. (PNA)



House of Representatives session hall (PNA file photo)

will play a significant role in the EIA and SEA processes, with multi-partite monitoring teams composed of government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, and affected communities overseeing compliance.

The measure also mandates the creation of a financial guarantee mechanism, requiring project proponents to allocate funds for immediate cleanup or rehabilitation in the event of

environmental damage.

Trust funds, insurance, or cash deposits will serve as guarantees for these obligations.

To enhance transparency, the DENR will establish a knowledge management system consolidating all SEA and EIA-related reports.

Publicly accessible summaries will enable independent monitoring and accountability. (PNA)

## University of the Philippines grad tops 2024 Bar exams

By Benjamin Pulta

MANILA – A University of the Philippines (UP) graduate topped the 2024 Bar Examinations, the Supreme Court (SC) announced on Friday

Kyle Christian Tutor of the UP College of Law got the highest score with an overall rating of 85.7700 percent.

The SC said 3,962 out of 10,490 examinees passed, or a passing rate of 37.84 percent.

Four in the top 10 with the highest scores were from UP, two from the Ateneo de Manila University, and one each from Angeles University Foundation, University of Mindanao, Western Mindanao State University and San Beda University-Manila.

The rest of the topnotchers:

Maria Christina S. Aniceto, Ateneo de Manila University: 85.5400%;

Gerald C. Roxas, Angeles University Foundation

School of Law, 84.3550%;

John Philippe E. Chua, University of the Philippines, 84.2800%;

Jet Ryan P. Nicolas, University of the Philippines, 84.2650%;

Maria Lovelyn Joyce S. Quebrar, University of the Philippines, 84.0600%;

Kyle Andrew P. Isaguirre, Ateneo de Manila University, 83.9050%;

Joji S. Macadine, University of Mindanao, 83.7450%;

Gregorio Jose II S. Torres, Western Mindanao State University, 83.5900%; and

Raya B. Villacorta, San Beda University-Manila, 83.4700%

The SC said 130 out of 142 schools have passers.

Of 13 Law schools with more than 100 first-time Bar examinees candidates, the top five were Ateneo de Manila University, 159 of 165 takers passed (96.36%); University of the Philippines, 202 of 217 (93.08%); San Beda

University-Manila, 119 of 130 (91.538%); University of Santo Tomas-Manila, 118 of 133 (88.72%); and University of San Carlos, 94 of 110 (85.45%).

Associate Justice Mario Lopez, who chaired the exams, congratulated

the successful examinees.

*"I commend you for your exceptional resilience in your Bar journey. Remain humble as you are not superior than those who failed. There are myriads of reasons why you have passed the Bar exams.*

*And the same way that there are also reasons why they failed. For those who failed, remember failure is a temporary detour, not a fatal defeat,"* he said in a statement. (PNA)

### Barangays...

*in development. Progress cannot occur without peace. The state exists fundamentally to promote peace and order. Without peace and order, there is no development, no culture, no civilization,"* Mazo said.

Engr. Danilo Nobleza, Provincial Director of DILG Cavite, recognized the importance of the academe in its mission to empower barangays in maintaining peace and promoting development within their communities.

*"This program is highly significant as we have seen how an academic institution was given the opportunity to offer a program that addresses the skills and knowledge needed for serving our communities,"*

Nobleza assured that the interior department will fully support the BPACT Executive Course by offering

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technical assistance and advocating for its adoption in other local governments.

For barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, the inaugural BPACT course is a valuable learning opportunity designed to enhance their conflict resolution skills and prevent disputes from escalating to the courts.

Ariane Agustin, a Sangguniang Kabataan member in Tanza, Cavite urged fellow SK officials to support this initiative as part of their responsibility to inspire other youth to be involved in local governance.

*"To my fellow SK officials, let's support the BPACT program. We need this because as youth leaders, we are expected to fulfill our duty and inspire the youth to participate in the community."*

Matde Blancaflor from Barangay Biwas, Tanza

stated the course will better equip them to resolve cases and disputes at the barangay level and prevent them from being elevated to higher authorities.

*"It provides guidelines on how cases are processed at the barangay level, helping reduce conflicts and prevent issues from escalating to the courts when they can be resolved within the barangay."*

Aligned with the principles of Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), the BPACT Executive Course also supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, which focuses on promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions. (PB/PIA4A)

### Mary...

immediately brought to the Correctional Institution for Women in Mandaluyong City where she will be mandatorily housed at the Reception and Diagnostic Center for 5-day quarantine and a 55-day orientation, diagnostic evaluation and initial security classification.

BuCor Director General Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr. said Veloso, during the flight, was not in a handcuff or subjected to any instrument of restraint, citing the rules of general application of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners as adopted by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

*"Under the said rules, such instruments must not be applied for any longer time than is strictly necessary,"* Catapang said.

Catapang assured Veloso's family that after the quarantine period for a new person deprived of liberty, where she will undergo a comprehensive medical and physical examination, they would get to visit her in time for Christmas.

He said Veloso's return can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of various government agencies under

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the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Veloso was jailed in 2010 and was sentenced to death in the same year after 2.6 kilograms of heroin was found in her suitcase.

She was given a last-minute reprieve in April 2015 when Manila informed Jakarta that her recruiters surrendered.

In a media interview at the NAIA arrival area, Mary Jane's mother, Celia reiterated her appeal to Marcos to grant her daughter clemency.

*"Tama na po 'yung magfi-fifteen years na sya sa kulungan na wala naman sya kasalanan, alam naman na biktima lang sya at nahatulan na rin 'yung may-ari ng nahuli sa kanya na heroin. Sana naman ibigay na sa kanya ang clemency at pardon kay Mary Jane at nang makapiling na namin (Her almost 15 years in prison is enough since she's innocent, she was just a victim and the owner of the heroin found from her had been convicted. I hope that clemency will be given to Mary Jane so that we live together again),"* Celia said.

Veloso earlier thanked Marcos and Indonesian President Prabowo, as well as all those who facilitated her transfer to Manila. (PNA)

### DA...

while "nutri" rice, which is neither white nor brownish local rice, will be sold at PHP36/kg to PHP37/kg.

*"Pero yung (But) 100 percent broken comes from the good variety of rice, imported rice yan (that's imported rice). Pero siyempre, kung may (But of course, if there will be) local sources, we may buy local,"* Tiu Laurel said.

*"Available na siya dito sa importer and kinakain namin sa DA ngayon iyan, masarap siya, puting-puti (It's already available here from importers and we at the DA are eating it. It's delicious, it's really white)."*

The DA chief, meanwhile, said that he's also consuming the nutri-type of rice, which he said he personally prefers due to its health benefits.

*"To be honest with you, sa bahay ko, yan ang kinakain namin kasi mas okay. Ako, diabetic ako. When I eat it, hindi nagsa-spike ang sugar ko (At home, that is what we are consuming because it's better. I'm diabetic. When I eat it, my sugar level does not spike). Then, it's more filling,"* Tiu Laurel said.

Unlike the typical retail rice, which undergoes the "three pass" milling

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process, the nutri rice is only subject to one pass.

*"Iyong pag three pass na yan, nawawala lahat ng minerals, nutrients, plus fiber, nawawala iyan. Sa one pass, lahat ng nutrients and fiber nandyan pa rin (In the three pass, all minerals, nutrients, plus fiber are gone. But in one pass, the nutrients and fiber are still there),"* Tiu Laurel said.

It also poses a higher milling recovery of 78 percent, higher than the 63 percent recovery from the three pass milling of palay.

The DA is set to launch the sale of "sulit rice" in January and the "nutri rice" by mid-2025.

#### Cheaper rice for all

The DA is likewise set to use its PHP5 billion worth of approved fund for the KNP.

*"I just found out na lumabas na iyong letter (the letter has been released) from the OP (Office of the President) allowing us to use the PHP5 billion for Rice for All at P29,"* Tiu Laurel said.

*"So, starting January, sabi ko (I said), latest Jan. 15, we will be buying rice from the traders, the farmers, farmer cooperatives, from the importers, and sell it through the Kadiwa ng Pangulo at*

*hopefully PHP38, PHP39,"* he added, citing lower price target that the usual price of Rice for All in KNPs.

The Rice for All refers to the sale of PHP40/kg, mixed local and imported commercial well-milled rice; while the P29 is the sale of the aging but good quality stocks of National Food Authority (NFA) rice at PHP29/kg, to the vulnerable sector, including members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), senior citizens, solo parents, and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Of the PHP5 billion, the DA earlier said it would allocate about PHP3 billion for Rice for All; PHP1.5 billion for P29 or the sale of PHP29/kg, of aging but good quality stocks of rice from the National Food Authority (NFA) for the disadvantaged sector; and PHP500 million for rehabilitation of warehouses and logistics cost.

To date, the DA targets to operationalize 170 KNP Centers and kiosks before the year ends, 300 by mid-2025, and 1,500 before the Marcos term ends.

To date, some KNP Centers and kiosks are operating in public markets and LRT and MRT stations in Metro Manila. (PNA)

# EDITORIAL

## Genuine confidence or just an illusion?

*IN a country where political winds shift rapidly, the President's gamble might either pay off as a masterstroke of confidence or backfire as a miscalculation of the true dynamics at play.*

Was he merely trying to create an illusion of stability and confidence in the military amid the ongoing political noise?

At least that's what President Marcos seemed to be implying with his recent pronouncement that there's no need to conduct a loyalty check among military and police officials, even going to the extent of saying there's no such thing.

In the ever-volatile landscape of Philippine politics, the relationship between the executive branch and its armed forces, as we all know, remains a cornerstone of national stability.

His recent pronouncement, therefore, that he saw no need for a loyalty check among military and police officials, despite his publicized rift with Vice President Sara Duterte, is a bold assertion of confidence. But does this reflect genuine stability or is it merely an illusion?

Historically, the loyalty of the armed forces and police has been instrumental in shaping the trajectory of political power in the Philippines. From the People Power Revolution that ousted his father, Marcos Sr., in 1986 to military-backed interventions during political crises, these institutions have played pivotal roles.

In this context, Marcos Jr.'s confidence in the stability of the political climate might seem reassuring.

However, it also raises questions about whether this confidence stems from strong institutional trust or a deliberate underestimation of emerging tensions.

The rift with Vice President Duterte is no small matter. As a scion of the Duterte political dynasty, Sara Duterte commands significant influence, particularly in Mindanao. Her abrupt resignation from the Marcos administration and subsequent criticism of it have fueled speculations about the administration's cohesion.

While Marcos Jr. may perceive the military and police as neutral arbiters insulated from political infighting, Philippine history suggests that divisions among top officials often ripple into the ranks of these institutions.

Marcos Jr.'s statement that the political climate is "stable"

deserves scrutiny. Stability, in this context, might be more an aspiration than an accurate assessment. The rivalry between the Marcos and Duterte factions has intensified, not only as a policy disagreement but also as a prelude to the 2028 presidential elections. This brewing political storm could potentially challenge the loyalty of military and police officials, especially those with allegiances to either camp.

However, the lack of a loyalty check does not automatically translate to institutional solidarity. Military and police officials, though bound by duty, are also political actors with personal and regional loyalties. The Marcos administration risks being blindsided by the subtle undercurrents of factionalism within these forces, especially if political maneuverings intensify in the lead-up to the next elections.

In a country where coups and military uprisings have historically reshaped governments, such a declaration might embolden elements within the armed forces who see the ongoing political rift as an opportunity. The President's assurance could be perceived as complacency, particularly if dissenters within the military or police feel that their allegiance can shift without repercussion.

The dismissal of a loyalty check might also be a reaction to the dark legacy of the Marcos Sr. regime, where loyalty was often enforced through coercion rather than consensus. In distancing himself from the tactic, Marcos Jr. may be trying to foster a less authoritarian image.

Marcos Jr.'s decision not to conduct a loyalty check could also be interpreted as a strategic move to avoid exacerbating the political divide. A publicized loyalty check might signal internal instability and provide fodder for critics of the administration. By projecting confidence, the President might hope to downplay the significance of his rift with Duterte and reassure both domestic and international observers of the government's stability.

As the rift with Vice President Duterte continues to unfold, the Marcos administration must tread carefully. The illusion of stability can only hold as long as institutional loyalties remain unwavering. In a country where political winds shift rapidly, the President's gamble might either pay off as a masterstroke of confidence or backfire as a miscalculation of the true dynamics at play. (TDT)



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# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Kontraktwalisasyon 101

### PART 1

Depinisyon. Sa kagyat na pakahulugan, ang "kontraktwal" ay isang katayuan sa trabaho kung saan ipinagkakait ang ugnayang employer-employee sa pagitan ng isang manggagawa at ng kapitalista o kumpanyang tunay na nakikinabang sa kanyang lakas-paggawa. Ipinagkakait sa kanya ang katayuang "regular employee" ng naturang kumpanya o kapitalista. Tinutukoy naman ng "kontraktwalisasyon" ang kalagayan kung saan umiiral ang mga kontraktwal at katunaya'y pinaparami pa nga.

Iligal ang isang masahol na modus operandi kung paano ito ipinapatupad: kukuha ang kapitalista o kumpanya ng manpower agency o cooperative para magsuplay ng mga manggagawa. Tatanggalin sa trabaho, o papalabasing tinatanggal sa trabaho, kada limang buwan ang manggagawa. Kadalasan, muling ire-rehire o papalabasing muling ni-rehire ang manggagawa sa parehong trabaho, paulit-ulit. Nakasaad kasi sa batas na kailangang gawing regular ang manggagawa kapag umabot siya ng anim na buwan sa trabaho.

Pakitang-taong tinutuligsa ng malalaking kapitalista, ng gobyerno at mga tagapagsalita nila, ang naturang modus operandi; sinasabi nilang "pag-abuso" ito sa kontraktwalisasyon. Pinapalabas nila na ito lang

ang kasingkahulugan ng "endo" o "end of contract" at "5-5-5" na siyang popular nang tawag, at karanasan, sa kontraktwalisasyon.

Mula noong rehimen ni Noynoy Aquino hanggang ngayon sa rehimen ni Rodrigo Duterte, pinapalabas ng gobyerno na ang mga manggagawa ay nareregular sa mga agency pagkatapos ng anim na buwan. Pangontra umano ito sa modus operandi na "endo" o "5-5-5."

Pero kontraktwalisasyon pa rin ito. Pagkakait pa rin ito ng ugnayang employer-employee sa pagitan ng manggagawa at ng kumpanya o kapitalistang tunay na nakikinabang sa kanyang lakas-paggawa. Wala pa ring seguridad sa trabaho ang manggagawa. Pwede siyang mawalan ng trabaho nang wala o may minimal lang na pananagutan ang kapitalista at agency sa batas.

Kahit pa sabihing ipinagbabawal ng batas at kinokondena ng mga kapitalista at gobyerno, talamak pa rin ang nabanggit na modus operandi. Marami ring pagkakataong tumatagal ang manggagawa sa kanyang trabaho, umaabot nang ilang taon, nang ang katayuan ay kontraktwal.

Atake ang kontraktwalisasyon sa karapatan sa seguridad sa trabaho ng manggagawa, at sa maraming batayang karapatang kaugnay nito. Sabihin pa, ipinapatupad ang kontraktwalisasyon para tiyakin ang papalaking

tubo ng mga kapitalista.

Kalagayan. Kadalasan, ang mga kontraktwal ay tumatanggap ng napakababang sahod. Kadalasang mas mababa sa minimum ang pasahod sa kanila kahit bawal ito sa batas. Kadalasan silang pinagkakaitan ng mga benepisyong itinatakda ng batas. Ang mga empresang matindi ang paglabag sa mga istandard sa kaligtasan at kalusugan ng mga manggagawa, puno ng mga kontraktwal.

Sa pamamagitan ng kalagayang pwede silang tanggalin sa trabaho anumang oras, hinahadlangan silang mag-unyon. Sa kalagayan pa lang na kada limang buwan ay tinatanggal, mahirap nang mag-unyon. Kapag natuklasang nag-uunyon ang mga kontraktwal sa isang kumpanya, at wala silang paglaban, kadalasang maramihan silang tinatanggal. Mas masahol pa, dahil mismo sa kalagayang ito, pinupwersa silang magkumahog na gawin ang lahat ng gusto ng kumpanya o kapitalista, kahit mawasak ang pagkakaisa nila, at huwag gawin ang anumang ayaw nito, gaya ng pagtatayo ng unyon.

Sa pagpapahirap sa kanilang mag-unyon, pinagkakaitan sila ng armas para ipaglaban ang mas mataas na sahod, regularisasyon, mga benepisyong, ligtas na lugar ng paggawa at iba pang karapatan.

Sa kabila ng dambuhalang tubo at ipagpapatuloy...

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## PRC to open more testing centers in CALABARZON by 2025

By Patricia Bermudez

LUCENA CITY (PIA) – The Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) in CALABARZON is set to open additional testing centers in 2025 to accommodate the growing number of Filipinos taking board and licensure exams.

Reynaldo Cristobal, PRC IV-A Regional Director,

stated that the city government of Lipa, Batangas expressed interest in hosting licensure examinations to support the commission's efforts to bring their services closer to the Southern Tagalog area.

*"We are targeting to open additional testing centers in 2025. In fact, the city government of Lipa requested to be considered [as a site]. I have met with the Mayor [Eric*

*Africa] of Lipa City and he signified the intention to host the examination in their city."*

Once operational, the Lipa City satellite office will serve as a venue for licensure examinations for criminologists, nurses, and professional teachers.

Currently, PRC IV-A conducts licensure exams in Lucena City, Quezon, to accommodate examinees

from CALABARZON and neighboring regions.

In addition, the PRC IV-A has established service centers in Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Santa Rosa City, Laguna. (PB/PIA4A)

The Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas is a weekly media forum program of the Philippine Information

Agency, in partnership with the Presidential Communications Office, highlighting the programs, projects, and policies of the national government under the Bagong Pilipinas governance agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration. (PIA)

his entry featured the infinite love of Jesus, and the Holy Family. Byron worked with his brother Leslie as his rotor maker. His lantern entry won as the first runner-up, taking home P200,000 cash prize and a trophy.

Another well-known name in the lantern making industry is the Flores family bannered by Arnel of Barangay Telabastagan. This year, his lantern entry showcased the Holy Rosary and the Philippine flag.

Twinned with the senior Flores' expertise in making giant lanterns is his power in molding another renowned lantern master. His son, Mark Niño, once known as the youngest giant lantern maker in the city, is the lantern maker of Barangay Bulaon. The younger Flores designed a craft which highlighted the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Barangay Bulaon ended second runner-up with P100,000 and a trophy while Barangay Telabastagan finished third runner-up with P50,000 and a trophy.

### Giant Lanterns as symbols of 'Paskung Fernandino'

The GLF is not just a competition, but a battle between families and a reunion of third or second generation lantern makers – things that lift up the city as the true Home of the Giant Lanterns.

In her message during the festival's competition night on December 14, Mayor Vilma Caluag highlighted that the giant lantern-making tradition has been serving as a reminder of how our ancestors started the lantern-making practice and how it is now embraced by the generations of today.

*"The true stars and symbols of Paskung Fernandino are the lantern makers and their passion and craftsmanship, the barangays and their unwavering support, with the Fernandinos and their unrivaled patronage," she pressed.*

The city's sparkling giants are being exhibited in different venues. The villages' crafts are staged at Robinsons Starmills Pampanga from December 14, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

Some lanterns will also be brought to perform in front of the city hall on Christmas Eve, December 24; in the town center in Calulut on December 26-27; and in Marquee Mall in Angeles City on December 28-29.

Filipinos may also watch the performances of the Giant Lanterns at the comfort of their homes through live media coverage via the Facebook Pages of CLTV36, City of San Fernando Information Office, City of San Fernando Tourism Office, Giant Lantern, and PIA Gitnang Luzon.

Just recently, the City of San Fernando has been recognized as the only Southeast Asian destination to make it onto CNN Travel's list of best places to visit for Christmas this year. It is number five out of 15 destinations. Its rich yuletide tradition has earned it a place among global holiday destinations like cities from Finland, Spain, Germany, and Canada.

Indeed, if one is looking for the most memorable Christmas celebration, Paskung Fernandino is something to experience. (CLJD/JLDC, PIA Region 3-Pampanga)

# CAVITEVIEW

## In PH's Christmas Capital, Giant Lanterns illuminate century-old tradition

By Jag Lyra D. Costamero

There is no better place to celebrate the holiday season than in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, which is regarded as the country's Christmas Capital.

The highlight of the yuletide glee is the annual spectacle of marvelous and kaleidoscopic 20-foot tall gigantic lanterns.

### Intricately woven masterpiece

This year marks the 116th edition of the Giant Lantern Festival (GLF), locally known as the *"Ligligan Parul"*.

The creation of a giant lantern requires resolve and persistence. From its tambor (drum-like inner core), sikusiko (angled parts), palimbun (round shapes located in the edges or rim) to its puntetas (trimmings), every craft is intricately woven to create a masterpiece symbolizing a tradition that stood for more than a century.

They are operated manually through rotors. Electricity is run through wires attached in steel cylinders that are turned by hand to create the harmonization of lights and sounds. It could take a year to build them from scratch and would even cost up to P1 million.

Behind a lantern's piece lies unparalleled skills and ingenuity. Behind its dance is a village working in harmony. Behind every flicker of its bulbs is a colorful story of a holiday tradition passed on between families.

The city's lantern makers are proof that blood runs thick when it comes to

lantern making, and that there is no word as 'dying' in its giant lantern tradition.

Among them is Edmar David of Barangay San Nicolas, a third-generation lantern maker. Started as an apprentice to his father, he has been crafting gigantic lanterns for nearly 23 years now.

David's giant lantern was awarded as the most beautiful lantern for 2024, his village's first championship in more than 20 years. The lantern entry, which showcased the eternal love of Jesus, took home P300,000 cash prize and a trophy.

*"Ang championship na 'to, inaalay ko sa kanya [kay tatay] dahil noon panahong siya 'yung gumagawa, tinuturuan niya ako. Ngayon, ibinabalik ko lang sa kanya 'yung natutunan ko sa kanya, ngayon nag champion na kami [I dedicate this championship to my father because during that time that he was the one making giant lanterns, he was teaching me. Today, I am just giving back to him through what I learned, and now, we are the champion]," he said.*

This is a victory for the David family as Edmar's siblings, Edwin and Angelica, are his lantern's head electrician and rotor maker, respectively.

*"Every year, kaming magkakapatid, tulung-tulong kami sa diskarte, sa design, color combination, lahat tulung-tulong kami. Pinagsasama namin lahat ng gusto naming ilagay, pinipili namin kung alin 'yung maganda. Malaking tulong iyon dahil kung hindi sa*

*father naming, hindi naming alam gawin ito [Every year, us*

*siblings, are working together on the strategy, the design, color combination, we are helping each other in everything. We are combining what we want to incorporate, we are choosing what looks good. This is a big help because if not for our father, we would not know how to do this]," he shared.*

Meanwhile, Edmar's father, Edwin, now 78 years old and a second-generation lantern maker, received a recognition from the city for being one of the giant lantern makers who helped in ensuring the survival of the giant lantern-making tradition. Popularly known as *"Potpot"*, Edwin made lanterns during the 1980s and passed on the craft to his children.

Edmar pledged that as what his father did, he will make sure that he will do his part in the preservation of the tradition by teaching the younger generation.

*"Sa mga kabataan sa amin, sa barangay namin lalo na sa mga anak ko rin, ipapasa ko rin 'yung nalalaman ko sa paggawa ng parol... Every year, nagtuturo kami ng mga kabataan sa barangay namin para at least, at the same time, nagkakatrabaho sila, natututo pa sila [I will share what I learned in making lanterns to the youth in our village, especially to my children. Every year, we are teaching children in our village so that they have something to do, and they learn at the same time]," he said.*

Barangay Sto. Niño's lantern maker, Byron Bondoc, also began his giant lantern making career as a student of his father. Known as the man behind his lanterns' gimmicks,



(Photo courtesy of PIA)

Republic of the Philippines  
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

IMEE ELEANOR G. CALUBAG,  
Plaintiff, Civil Case  
No. 770  
-versus- F o r :  
UNLAWFUL DETAINER,

DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY'S FEE  
ERROL E. LUCERO (Present Occupant)  
And all other persons claiming  
under his authority,  
Defendants,  
X-----X

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ERROL E. LUCERO (Present Occupant)  
And all other persons claiming under his authority  
Blk. 22 Lot 14 Green Forbes City  
Brgy. Hugo Perez (Lucbanan)  
Trece Martires City

In the Order dated September 17, 2024, this Court granted the Summons issued, to be effected upon defendant Errol E. Lucero, by publication in the newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Section 14, Rule 14 of the 1997 Civil Procedure as Amended, at the expense of the plaintiff.

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby required, within sixty (60) days after service of this summons upon you, to file with this Court and serve on the plaintiff your answer to the complaint, copy of which is attached, together with the annexes. You are hereby reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on the Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds thereof as defences in the answer. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default and may be granted the relief applied for in the complaint.

Trece Martires City, September 17, 2024.

(SGD) JORGE C. MOLOD

Clerk of Court IV

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES  
Trece Martires City, Cavite

IMEE ELEANOR G. CALUBAG,  
Plaintiff,

CIVIL CASE No.: 770

FOR: UNLAWFUL DETAINER,

DAMAGES & ATTORNEY'S FEE  
-versus-

ERROL E. LUCERO (Present Occupant/s)  
And all other persons claiming  
under his authority,  
Defendants.  
X-----X

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

PLAINTIFF, by counsel and to this Honourable Court most respectfully avers:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, IMEE ELEANOR G. CALUBAG, (CALUBAG for brevity), of legal age, single, Filipino Citizen and with residence and postal address at Blk. 2, Lot 34, Camachile Subd., Brgy. Pasing Camachile 1, General Trias City, Cavite, summons and other court processes may be served on her person through the office of the undersigned counsel at Janabajal Law Office located at 2nd Floor Brownwood Square Bldg., Metro South Subd., Brgy. Manggahan, General Trias City, Cavite;

2. Defendant, ERROL E. LUCERO, (LUCERO for brevity), of legal age, Filipino Citizen and currently residing at Block 22 Lot 14, Green Forbes City, Perez (Lucbanan), Trece Martires City, Cavite, where summons and court's processes may be served on her person at her address stated above;

STATEMENT OF FACTS

3. That CALUBAG, offered to purchase on installment from Home Development Mutual Fund (PAG-IBIG for brevity) a house and lot located at Block 22 Lot 14, Green Forbes City, Perez (Lucbanan), Trece Martires City, Cavite, which was subsequently approved on September 18, 2023 by PAG-IBIG, pursuant to the NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF SALE. Copy of Reservation Form, Confirmation of Reservation, Notice of Award dated August 17, 2023 and Notice of Approval of Sale are hereto attached and marked as ANNEXES "A", "B", "C" and "D", respectively and made an integral part hereof;

4. Likewise, CALUBAG was granted an Authority to Move-in on the same date to occupy the property subject in this case effective October 04, 2023. Copy of the Authority to Move-in dated September 18, 2023, is hereto attached as ANNEX "E" and made an integral part hereof;

5. That upon approval of the housing loan, a DEED OF CONDITIONAL SALE was then made, entered and executed on October 04, 2023, by and between PAG-IBIG Fund and CALUBAG, copy of the DEED OF CONDITIONAL SALE, marked as ANNEX "F" in series is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof;

6. That after the signing of the deed of conditional sale, a NOTICE OF INSTALLMENT DUE dated October 04, 2023, was issued by PAG-IBIG for the payment of aforesaid loan with PAG-IBIG. Copy of the NOTICE OF INSTALLMENT DUE dated October 04, 2023, is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "G" and made an integral part hereof;

7. That CALUBAG in her desire to have the property in her possession sought the assistance of the barangay to have the herein defendant vacate the premises however no amicable settlement was had in the barangay as the Defendant did not appear in the Barangay, hence the barangay issued a "Certification to File Action" copy of which is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "H" and made an integral part hereof;

8. That CALUBAG sent a NOTICE TO VACATE with a Letter Head of Pag-IBIG Fund to the defendant to peacefully vacate the property, however, the letter was returned to sender as no person found at given address. Copy of the NOTICE TO VACATE is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "I" and made integral part hereof;

9. That the subject property was previously acquired through an installment basis by the herein Defendant from GOLDSTAR REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Copy the Contract to Sell dated July 08, 2015, is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "J" in series and made integral part hereof;

10. Subsequently, GOLDSTAR REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION executed a Deed of Assignment of Contract to Sell with Special Power of Attorney dated June 22, 2018. Copy of the said Deed of Assignment is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "K", in series and made an integral part hereof;

11. That due to non-payment of the monthly amortization to PAG-IBIG and by virtue of the Deed of Assignment with Special Power of Attorney annotated in the title, the same cancel the Contract to Sell dated July 11, 2016. Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-91492 and Notice of Cancellation dated November 29, 2021 with Affidavit of Proof of Service are hereto attached as ANNEXES "L", "M" and "N", respectively and made integral part hereof;

12. That subsequent to the cancellation of the Contract to Sell by the assignee, PAG-IBIG Fund offered the property for sale again, which CALUBAG was able to purchased from PAG-IBIG through a housing loan stated above;

13. That AUTHORIZATION LETTER was issued in favor of the plaintiff, giving her the right to manage and administer the property subject of their contract. Accordingly, she has also been given authority to FILE any case to protect her possessory right, to SIGN the corresponding verification, to TESTIFY on hearings, to IDENTIFY documents relative to the case filed, and to do what is legally necessary to protect the subject property. Copy of the said AUTHORIZATION LETTER dated November 14, 2023, is hereto attached as ANNEX "O" and made an integral part hereof.

14. Thus, the continued occupation of the subject property by the herein defendant, after the foreclosure of the subject property, is unlawful and without basis in fact and law;

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

15. Unlawful detainer is an action to recover possession of real property from one who illegally withholds possession after the expiration or termination of her right to hold possession under any contract, express or implied. The possession by the defendant in unlawful detainer is originally legal but became illegal due to the expiration or termination of the right to possess. The procedure is summary in nature, jurisdiction over which lies with the MTC or Metropolitan Trial Court. The action must be brought up within

one year from the date of last demand and the issue in the case must be the right to physical possession. (Delos Reyes vs. Spouses Odenes, GR No. 178096, Mar 23, 2011).

16. A case of unlawful detainer must state the period when the occupation by tolerance started and the acts of tolerance exercised by the party with the right of possession. That it is clear from the moment the subject property occupied by the defendant was foreclosed due to his non – payment of the monthly amortization and upon foreclosure thereof Defendant loses the right to occupy the subject property, after the cancellation of the Contract to Sell;

17. A complaint sufficiently alleges a cause of action for unlawful detainer if it states the following elements:

o Initially, the possession of the property by the defendant was by contract with or by tolerance of the plaintiff;

o Eventually, the possession became illegal upon the plaintiffs notice to the defendant of the termination of the latter's right of possession;

o Thereafter, the defendant remained in possession of the property and deprived the plaintiff of the latter's enjoyment;

o Within one year from the making of the last demand on the defendant to vacate the property, the plaintiff instituted the Complaint for ejectment.

18. That because of the obstinate refusal of the herein defendant to peacefully vacate the subject property, CALUBAG, is denied of her rights to the full use and enjoyment of the property granted by the conditional sale (ANNEX "F") executed by PAG-IBIG;

19. Defendant therefore should be judicially evicted from the premises of the subject property for CALUBAG to enjoy the full use and enjoyment of the property as owner thereof;

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

1 Genson v. Pon-an, G.R. No. 246054, August 7, 2019, citing Eversely Childs Sanitarium v. Barbarona, G.R. No. 195814, April 4, 2018, 860 SCRA 283, 288.

20. That because CALUBAG was constraint to file this instant case to protect her rights under the law, she has to engage the services of the undersigned law office and has to pay to the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) as Acceptance Fee and Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php3,500.00) for every court appearances or conferences. Copy of the Legal Service Engagement and Official Receipt are hereto attached and marked as ANNEXES "P" and "Q", respectively and made integral part hereof;

21. That in order that this Honourable Court may acquire jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, CALUBAG has to pay the amount of more or less Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) as docket fees and other incidental expenses related thereto;

22. That such expenses being the direct result of the defendant's unjust acts, the latter should be made to reimburse CALUBAG the amount she incurred as payment to the undersigned law office and the cost of filing this instant case;

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

23. That defendant's tenacious refusal to peacefully vacate the subject property, CALUBAG suffered moral shock and serious anxiety and mental anguish not knowing how to have the defendant leave the property peacefully and likewise suffered emotional anguish and fear of losing the chance to own a house;

24. That for such sufferings experienced by CALUBAG, defendant should be made to pay her the amount the Honourable Court may deem just and fair by way of MORAL DAMAGES;

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

25. That to serve as an example and deterrent for the good of general public, the defendant should be made to pay CALUBAG by way of EXEMPLARY DAMAGES in the amount the Honourable Court may deem just and equitable.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6, RULE 7 OF THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE 1997 RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO BE PRESENTED

26. To prove the Plaintiff's causes of actions against the Defendant, the Plaintiff will present the following original and /

or certified true copies of its pieces of documentary evidence, to wit:

EXHIBITS PURPOSE	DESCRIPTION
"A"	Reservation Form To prove that Plaintiff exerted effort to reserved the subject property in this case.
"B"	Confirmation of Reservation To prove that her reservation was confirmed by Pag-IBIG Fund.
"C"	Notice of Award dated August 17, 2023 To prove that the subject real property was awarded to the herein Plaintiff.
"D"	Notice of Approval of Sale To prove that the application for housing loan of the herein Plaintiff was approved by PAG-IBIG FUND
"E"	Authority to Move-in dated September 18, 2023 To prove that Plaintiff was given authority by PAG-IBIG FUND to move-in to the property she purchased.
"F"	DEED OF CONDITIONAL SALE executed on October 04, 2023 To prove that Plaintiff purchased the subject property from PAG-IBIG.
"G"	NOTICE OF INSTALLMENT DUE dated October 04, 2023 To prove that Plaintiff purchased the subject property in this case through installment basis.
"H"	Certification to File Action To prove that Plaintiff has referred the case to Barangay of Hugo Perez, Trece Martires City, Cavite but no settlement was reached as the Defendant did not appear before the Barangay.
"I"	In series NOTICE TO VACATE, LBC Receipt and LBC Tracking Slip To prove that Plaintiff send Demand to Vacate to the Defendant but the same was return to sender for the reason that no person found at the given address.
"J"	Contract to Sell dated July 08, 2015 To prove that the occupation of the Defendant on the subject property in this case from the start is lawful or legal.
"K"	Deed of Assignment of Contract to Sell with Special Power of Attorney dated June 22, 2018 To prove that the Contract to Sell was assigned to the Pag-IBIG Fund.
"L"	Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-91492 and Notice of Cancellation dated November 15, 2021 To prove that the subject property was previously owned by GOLDSTAR REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
"M"	Notice of Cancellation

To prove that the occupation of the Defendant becomes unlawful or illegal.

"N"	Affidavit of Proof of Service To prove that the said Notice of Cancellation was send to herein Defendant ERROL E. LUCERO.
"O"	AUTHORIZATION LETTER dated November 14, 2023 To prove that PAG-IBIG FUND give authority to herein Plaintiff to file appropriate legal action against the current occupant to enforce possessory right, sign corresponding verification, to testify on hearings, to identify documents relative to the case and to do what is legally necessary to protect the subject property.
"P"	Legal Service Agreement To prove that Plaintiff secure the services of the undersigned counsel to protect her rights and interest over the subject the real property.
"Q"	Official Receipt To prove that Plaintiff pay the amount agreed in the Legal Services Agreement.
"R"	Complaint Affidavit To prove that Plaintiff exerted effort to occupy the property she purchased from PAG-IBIG Fund.
"S"	Judicial Affidavit of IMEE ELEANOR G. CALUBAG To prove and authenticate all the allegations and claims in her Complaint Affidavit.

The Plaintiff reserve the right to present additional documentary evidence during the course of the trial should the circumstance may warrant the same and subject to the sound discretion of the Honorable Court.

WITNESSES TO BE PRESENTED

To prove the Plaintiff's causes of against the Defendant, the Plaintiff will be presented herself to prove that she purchased the subject property from PAG-IBIG FUND and Defendant refuse to vacate the subject property despite written demand made by the former.

Should there be a need, in the course of the trial and with the approval of the Honorable Court, the plaintiff will present additional witnesses who can corroborate the testimony of the plaintiff.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 (b) and 6, RULE 7, A. M. NO. 19-10-20-SC, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 2019 AMENDMENTS TO THE 1997 RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE  
The undersigned counsel declare that he read all the documents presented by the Plaintiff and to the best of his knowledge, information and belief formed after an inquiry, reasonable under the circumstances that:

27. The said documents are not presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or

needlessly increase the cost of litigation;

28. The claims, defenses and other legal contentions are warranted by existing laws or jurisprudence, or by a non-frivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing jurisprudence;

29. The factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if particularly so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after availing of the modes of discovery under these rules;

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiff by counsel and to this Honourable Court respectfully prays:

a) TO ORDER the defendant and all other person claiming under his authority to peacefully VACATE and TURN-OVER the subject property to herein plaintiff;

b) TO ORDER the defendant to reimburse the plaintiff the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00), representing the cost of engaging the services of a law office, Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 3,500.00) per hearing, representing the appearance fee of the counsel every court hearing and the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) representing the docket fee paid to the court;

c) TO ORDER the defendant to pay the plaintiff the amount to be determined by the court as just and fair by way of MORAL DAMAGES;

d) TO ORDER the defendant to pay the plaintiff the amount to be determined by the court as just and equitable by way of EXEMPLARY DAMAGES.

Such other reliefs just and equitable under the foregoing premises are likewise prayed and sought for.

General Trias City, Cavite for Trece Martires City. April 11, 2024.

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PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1245347 OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN LIEU OF THE LOST ONE,

IMELDA D. ROQUEL REPRESENTED HEREIN BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT PATRICK D. ROQUEL,

Petitioner,

LRC CASE NO. 6832-042-24

-versus-

THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE,

Respondent.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Filed before this Court is a verified Petition for issuance of Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No.

T-1245347 issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, in the name of IMELDA DIMASUWAY ROQUEL, the registered owner.

After being satisfied that the Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on March 6, 2025 and May 15, 2025, both at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which date, hour, and place any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Hearing be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and be posted at the Tanza Public Market, the Municipal and the Barangay Halls where the property is situated, as well as on the land itself located at Block 4, Lot 9, Barangay Paradahan, Tanza, Cavite, and other copies be furnished to the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioner, and her counsel.

The Sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post copies of this Notice accordingly. The petitioner is likewise directed to submit a copy of the Petition with its annexes to the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite and the Office of the Solicitor General.

Send a copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffle of the publication.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, September 12, 2024.

(SGD) GAYSOL C. LUNA  
Presiding Judge

Copy Furnished:

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### DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF AILEEN ROMULO PASTORITE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late AILEEN ROMULO PASTORITE who died in MARCH 9, 2021 in Pasig City who left one motor vehicle registered under her name which described as Make/Series/Body type: FORD EVEREST TITANIUM WAGON Year Model:2017, Plate No. NBI8631, Fuel:Diesel, Color: Aluminium Metallic, MV File No. 130100001011075, Engine No. P4AT2499588, CR. NO. 292953835 which has been extra judicially settled by her heirs which DENISE MARGARETTE ROMULO PASTORITE waive her rights in favor of REY DURAN PASTORITE with postal add at Blk. 11, Lot 01, Lvl. Faraday St Lancaster Estates San Sebastian, Kawit Cavite, as per Doc. No. 134, Page No. 28, Book No. 2, Series of 2024, Notary Public Zeldania D. T. Soriano.

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## Remulla: Enforce law vs firecrackers

MANILA – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Friday urged local government units (LGUs) to enforce rules and regulations on firecrackers and other pyrotechnics in their respective jurisdiction to prevent firecracker-related injuries.

In a memorandum, Remulla called on LGUs to issue ordinances and other regulations banning or discouraging individuals or households from using firecrackers as prescribed by Executive Order No. 28 series of 2017.

He also said LGUs must restrict the use of firecrackers only to community fireworks displays that have secured necessary permits and conduct information campaigns on the dangers of prohibited fireworks.

Remulla instructed the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to ensure that fire exhibition safe zones are guided by the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9514 or the Fire Code of the Philippines.

At the same time, the DILG chief directed the Philippine National Police to conduct inspection, confiscation, and destruction of illegal fireworks and pyrotechnic devices.

The public is also discouraged from patronizing illegal or otherwise hazardous fireworks and using alternative noise-inducing items such as horns, recycled containers, pans, and other common household items.

The Department of Health on Friday reported 32 more fireworks-related injuries in various regions, bringing the overall tally to 101 from Dec. 22 to 6 a.m. of Dec. 27

Meanwhile, the DILG likewise encouraged LGUs to enforce RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 to maintain cleanliness and orderliness in public places during the holiday season. (PR)



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AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,  
File No. FC-DC-1529-24

For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate

Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as  
-versus-  
amended by Act No. 4118

RONALDO B. STA. ANA, with co-mortgagors,  
SPS. GENE P. STA. ANA and RITA B. STA. ANA,  
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, in favor of the SOUTH LUZON DEVELOPMENT CORP., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at 7th Flr., Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila against the respondents / mortgagors, RONALDO B. STA. ANA, with co-mortgagors, SPS. GENE P. STA. ANA and RITA B. STA. ANA with postal address at Block 40, 343 Welfareville, Mandaluyong City, M.M.; Lot 9 Block 4, Golden City Dasma 4, Bo. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of September 30, 2024 amounts to NINE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR PESOS & 72/100 (Php 902,064.72), exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 17, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, 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-533605

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in

Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 9, Blk. 4 of the subd. plan PSD-042106-061629, being a portion of Lot 5777-A-5, PSD-042106-057898, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 11 Blk. 4; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Alley 2; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 7; and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 10, both Blk. 4, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at point marked "1" on plan being S. 87 Deg. 53'E., 706.54 m. from MON. 171, Imus Estate; Thence S. 79 Deg. 03'W., 9.50 m. to point 2; Thence N. 10 Deg. 57'W., 3.75 m. to point 3; Thence N. 79 Deg. 03'E., 9.50 m. to point 4; Thence S. 10 Deg. 57'E., 3.75 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of THIRTY FIVE SQUARE METERS & SIXTY TWO SQ. DECIMETERS (35.62). All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS 15x60 cm; Bearings true; Date of original survey July 27, 1905 to June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey, Feb. 8-27, 1993 and was approved on March 29, 1993.

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 January 31, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, December 4, 2024.

(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:  
National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (Nhmfc)  
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

RONALDO B. STA. ANA, with co-mortgagors, SPS. GENE P. STA. ANA and RITA B. STA. ANA  
Block 40, 343 Welfareville, Mandaluyong City, M.M.;  
Lot 9 Block 4, Golden City Dasma 4, Bo. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite

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## Bets reminded vs. campaigning during 'Traslacion'

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Friday reminded candidates in the May 2025 national and local elections to refrain from campaigning during the Feast of the Black Nazarene in January and respect the solemnity of the religious event.

Comelec Chair George Garcia said it is not

yet the campaign season, urging poll bets to let the devotees spend Jan. 9 in prayers and devotion.

Millions of Black Nazarene devotees participate in the Traslacion procession every Jan. 9.

"Ang isang banal na gawain tulad ng Traslacion sa Quiapo ay hindi pinupulitika kahit pa nga maaring hindi pa simula ng kampanya at hindi pa kandidato. Pabayaang sana na ilaan ng mananampalataya ang panahon na ito upang makapag nilay-nilay at mapaingting ang kanilang debosyon," he said in a statement.

The campaign period for those seeking national positions will begin on Feb. 11, or 90 days before the May 12 polls, and end May 10.

The local aspirants have 45 days to campaign, from March 28 to May 10. (PNA)



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

Foreclosure No. 2024-215  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

JONALITO C. KINOL married to  
ABIGAIL STA. MARIA KINOL,  
Mortgagors.

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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 mortgagors, JONALITO C. KINOL married to ABIGAIL STA. MARIA

KINOL at Block 6 Lot 13, St. Anthony St., Addas Village 2, Molino 2, Bacoor, Cavite and Lot 8 Block 6, Greenridge Ville, Brgy. Bayanan (Now Molino I), Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 8, 2024, amounts to ONE MILLION FIFTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY NINE PESOS & 47/100 (P1,051,839.47), 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 January 14, 2025 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. 167-2021008077

LOT NO: 8            BLOCK NO: 6            PLAN NO: PSD-04-222399  
PORTION OF:        LOT 4615-D, (LRC) PSD-119795  
LOCATION:            BARANGAY OF BAYANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON  
AREA:                FORTY SIX SQUARE METERS, (46) MORE OR LESS

"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 January 21, 2025, 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, December 3, 2024.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
Clerk of Court VI

By:  
DEMETRIO T. VILLANUEVA, JR.  
Sheriff IV

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

PAULINO E. CASES, JR.  
6th Floor JELP Business Solutions Building, 409 Additions Hills, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

JONALITO C. KINOL married to ABIGAIL STA. MARIA KINOL  
Block 6 Lot 13, St. Anthony St., Addas Village 2, Molino 2, Bacoor, Cavite  
Lot 8 Block 6, Greenridge Ville, Brgy. Bayanan (Now Molino I), Bacoor, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-23-033  
FOR: Application for Extra-Judicial  
Foreclosure of Mortgage  
(Under Act No. 3135, As Amended)

-versus-

MARVIC DAYSON YUMUL, rep. by  
Attorney-In-Fact, Maridel Olea Napoles,  
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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SECOND NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 11F BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) executed and notarized on December 28, 2018 and October 7, 2021 by Debtor/Mortgagor, MARVIC DAYSON YUMUL, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Blk. 2 Lot 66 Dahlia St., Phase 1, Garden Villas Subdivision 3, Malusak, Santa Rosa, Laguna; and (2) Unit 35, 4/F Building 2, Pine Suites, Tagaytay City, represented by MARIDEL OLEA NAPOLES as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on December 21, 2018, in favor of the Petitioner-Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001317 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Borrower/Mortgagor in the amount of THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE PESOS AND 33/100 (Php3,296,471.33), as of April 18, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on February 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001317  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:  
PINE SUITES TAGAYTAY – BUILDING 2

FOURTH FLOOR

UNIT 35 – A RESIDENTIAL STUDIO TYPE WITH BALCONY CONDOMINIUM UNIT LOCATED AT THE FOURTH FLOOR LEVEL OF "PINE SUITES BUILDING 2" WITH AN AREA OF 23.79 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2013006014 which embraces and describes the land located at TAGAYTAY CITY with an area of TEN THOUSAND (10,000) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: MARVIC DAYSON YUMUL, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO  
Address: B2 L66 DAHLIA ST., PH1 GARDED VILLAS III MALUSAK STA. ROSA CITY, LAGUNA, PHILIPPINES"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 18, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001317, 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, November 20, 2024.

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

RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO  
Sheriff-in-Charge

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.  
Mortgagee  
11F BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

MARVIC DAYSON YUMUL  
Mortgagor  
(1) Blk. 2 Lot 66 Dahlia St., Phase 1, Garden Villas Subdivision 3, Malusak, Santa Rosa, Laguna  
(2) Unit 35, 4/F Building 2, Pine Suites, Tagaytay City

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- Planning and overseeing new marketing initiatives;
- Developing goals for the development team and business growth and ensuring they are met;
- Assist in preparation of technical and financial bidding documents;

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- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Chinese Language;
- Must be Mandaring speaking, excellent negotiation skills, excellent communication skills.

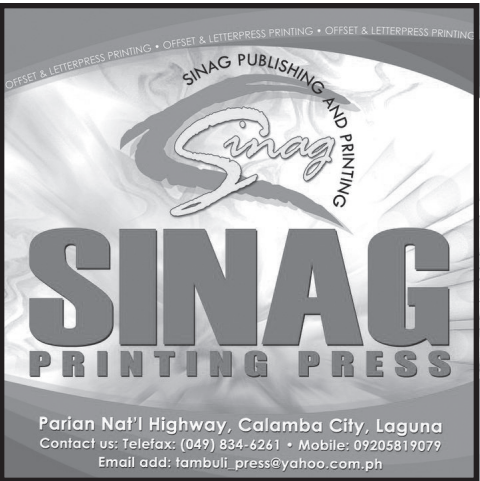


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# Quadcom endorses crimes vs. humanity case against Duterte, 2 senators

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The House Quad Committee (quadcom) on Wednesday recommended the filing of crimes against humanity charges against former President Rodrigo Duterte, Senators Christopher Lawrence Go and Ronald Dela Rosa, and other police officials in connection with the alleged extrajudicial killings (EJKs) during the previous administration’s drug war.

Quadcom Chair Surigao del Norte Representative Robert Ace Barbers presented the 43-page progress report, which outlined the evidence,

testimonies, and legislative recommendations based on the panel’s 13 hearings into the EJKs, illegal drugs, and illegal Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs).

The House of Representatives adopted the quadcom report during the plenary session.

The charges would be pursued under Section 6 of Republic Act 9851, known as the Philippine Act on Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide, and Other Crimes Against Humanity.

The other officials named include former

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INVESTIGATION. Former president Rodrigo Duterte attends an inquiry on his administration’s war on drugs at the House of Representatives on Nov. 13, 2024. The House Quad Committee on Wednesday (Dec. 18) recommended the filing of crimes against humanity charges against Duterte, Senators Christopher Lawrence Go and Ronald Dela Rosa, and other police officials in connection with the alleged extrajudicial killings (EJKs) during the previous administration’s drug war. (Photo courtesy of House of Representatives Press and Public Affairs Bureau)

## Environmental assessment system bill gets final House nod

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – A measure institutionalizing environmental assessments for all policies, plans, programs, and projects to promote sustainable development and ecological protection hurdled final reading at the House of Representatives.

During Tuesday’s plenary session, 203 lawmakers voted in favor of House Bill (HB) 11093, otherwise known as the proposed Philippine Environmental Assessment System Act.

Speaker Martin Romualdez described the bill as essential to balancing progress with environmental stewardship.

“This bill is a clear testament to our collective responsibility to protect our environment and ensure that development is done responsibly. It is a vital tool for balancing progress with sustainability,” Romualdez said.

The legislation establishes the Philippine Environmental Assessment System (EAS), which will require Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) for policies, plans, and programs, and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) for projects.

These processes aim to ensure that environmental, health, and socio-economic impacts are thoroughly evaluated during the planning stages of development initiatives.

Critical projects such as major infrastructure, heavy industrial activities, and resource extraction will be required to secure a Certificate of Proponent’s Environmental Commitment (CPEC) from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

This certification mandates compliance with environmental safeguards, including preventive and

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## 1.1M Grade 1 students jabbed vs. measles, rubella

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA –The Department of Health (DOH) said Tuesday 1,110,698 Grade 1 students have been vaccinated against measles-rubella (MR) through the school-based immunization program (SBIP) as of Dec. 13.

In a media forum, DOH Secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa said the figure represents 67.63 percent of the target students for the grade level.

Meanwhile, 939,062 or 59.92 percent of the target students were vaccinated for

the Grade 7 level.

For tetanus-diphtheria (TD), 1,106,389 (67.37 percent) Grade 1 students and 937,056 (59.75 percent) Grade 7 students were protected.

The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) had the highest number of Grade 1 students who received MR (97.51) and TD (97.33) vaccines, followed by the Caraga Administrative Region (CAR) with 95.58 percent for MR and 95.57 percent for TD; and Northern Mindanao with 94.82 percent for MR and 94.73 percent for TD.

Northern Mindanao

had the most number of Grade 7 students who received MR (94.88) and TD (94.82) jabs, followed by the CAR (with 93.44 percent for MR and 93.44 percent for TD); and Caraga (with 91.80 percent for MR and 91.78 percent for TD).

For human papilloma virus (HPV) protection, 505,010 (59.75 percent) female students in Grade 4 were vaccinated.

The top three regions with the most number of HPV-immunized students are Caraga with 123.18 percent coverage; Ilocos Region,

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PREVENTION. Education Secretary Sonny Angara and Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa lead the “Bakuna Eskwela Kick-Off” at Dr. A. Albert Elementary School in Manila on Oct. 7, 2024. The immunization program aims to protect school-aged children against vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, rubella, diphtheria, and human papilloma virus. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)