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MANILA – The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) has reiterated its commitment to continue providing fast, compassionate, and people-centered services for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families this 2026.



Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac (File photo courtesy of DMW)

At the agency's first flag-raising ceremony for the year in Mandaluyong City on Monday, Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac highlighted the Department's "red carpet, not red tape" approach for migrant workers at every step of their journey.

"The department is the first responder to the needs of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families," Cacdac said in his speech.

Guest speaker Rev. Fr. Carmelo "Tito" Caluag, executive director of Caritas Philippines, meanwhile, noted the importance of compassion and mercy, especially in public service, as they step into the "chaos" of another person's world.

He also urged the DMW community to reflect on the deep desire to meet the needs of every migrant worker and their families, and to address the social costs of labor migration, especially the absence of mothers working abroad.

Cacdac said Caluag's message highlights the DMW's dedication to mission-driven service and sets a tone for the upcoming year, focusing on compassion, responsiveness, and shared responsibility for the well-being and dignity of OFWs and their families.

Also on Monday, Cacdac recognized DMW offices and frontline personnel who demonstrated exemplary work under the Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangailangan (AKSYON) Fund.

DMW National Capital Region (NCR) was recognized for distributing the highest amount of AKSYON Fund assistance at over PHP106 million, followed by Regional Office 6 (Western Visayas) with PHP89.3 million, and Regional Office 3 (Central Luzon) with PHP61 million.

Regional Office 3 also served the highest number of beneficiaries at 5,033, NCR assisted 1,838, and Regional Office 2 (Cagayan Valley) with 1,821.

During the holiday period, NCR helped 4,202 clients, followed by Regional Office 7 (Central Visayas) with 1,762 and DMW-PEGPB (Pre-Employment and Government Placement Bureau) with 1,024.

Cacdac also acknowledged offices and personnel who provided frontline services during the holiday period from Dec. 29, 2025, to Jan. 2, 2026.

"These recognitions emphasize DMW's strong commitment to its role as the government's primary responder for OFWs, ensuring that timely support reaches those most in need," he said. (PNA)

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~ SOUL FOOD ~

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,"

- 1 Corinthians 15:58a -

2025 crime rate down by 12.4% —PNP



Philippine National Police (PNP) acting chief PLTGEN. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. reported on Saturday that the country's overall crime rate declined by 12.4% in 2025 compared to 2024.

Based on official records from the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management, focus crimes decreased from 40,771 incidents in 2024 to 35,717 last year, or 5,054 fewer cases year on year.

Focus crimes are murder, homicide, rape, physical injury, theft, robbery, and motor vehicle and motorcycle theft.

Data further showed that most major crime categories posted significant reductions, led by rape, which registered the highest decrease at 22.68%, dropping from 9,910 cases in 2024 to 7,662 in 2025.

This was followed by motor vehicle theft, which declined by 20.18%, from 332 in 2024 to 265 last year.

Murder cases decreased by 17.8%, from 4,151 to 3,412, while homicide cases slid by 14.98%, from 1,268 to 1,078 incidents.

Physical injury cases also went down by 13.98%, from 5,593 to 4,811, and robbery by 11.87%, from 4,136 to 3,645 cases.

Meanwhile, theft recorded a 4.31% decrease, from 13,232 cases in 2024 to 12,662 in 2025.

A comparison of two equal 128-day periods in 2025 further showed a sustained downward trend in crime, with incidents decreasing by 11.64%, from 13,307 cases recorded between April 19 and Aug. 25 to 11,758 cases from Aug. 26 to Dec. 31, or 1,549 fewer incidents as of Jan. 2, 2026.

Nartatez said the sustained decrease in crime reflects the effectiveness of the PNP's Focused Agenda, coupled with the collective efforts of police units nationwide.

"Malinaw po sa mga numerong ito na epektibo ang ating PNP Focused Agenda. Ito ay resulta ng mas pinalakas na police presence, mas mabilis na pagtugon, at mas maayos na ugnayan ng pulisya at ng ating mga komunidad," he said in a statement.

Nartatez noted that the gains recorded in 2025 were achieved through the consistent implementation of crime prevention and law enforcement strategies on the ground.

"Ang bawat pagbaba ng kaso ay katumbas ng mas ligtas na komunidad. Pero hindi po tayo titigil dito. Tuloy-tuloy lang ang trabaho," he added.

Looking ahead to 2026, the PNP leadership assured the public that law enforcement efforts will be further intensified to sustain and improve the country's crime environment, with a stronger emphasis on crime prevention and crime solution strategies.

"Sa 2026, mas paigtingin pa natin ang ating mga hakbang para pigilan ang krimen at siguraduhing mananagot ang mga gumagawano. Ito ang diwa ng Bagong PNP para sa Bagong Pilipinas – Serbisyong Mabilis, Tapat, at Nararamdaman," Nartatez Jr. said. **(By PTV NEWS - BJLC)**

DPWH: No funding for new flood control projects in proposed 2026 budget

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on Friday stressed that there is no funding for new flood control projects in its proposed budget for 2026.

Based on the bicameral conference committee report, which Congress ratified on Dec. 29, 2025, the DPWH will get a P529.6 billion budget for 2026—lower than the proposed P880 billion under the 2026 National Expenditure Program (NEP).

The new budget includes P3.135 billion earmarked for the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of infrastructure facilities.

Of this number, the DPWH clarified that P2.49 billion is allocated for the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) of existing flood control structures and drainage systems, as well as programs including the "Oplan Kontra Baha."



FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the inspection of the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project (PMRCIP) in Brgy. Sto. Niño in Marikina City on Aug. 11, 2025. The PMRCIP is among the ongoing flood control projects that will get funding in the proposed 2026 budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways. (Photo courtesy: PCO / FILE)

"These funds will support essential de-clogging, desilting, dredging, repair, and clearing operations to ensure the functionality of waterways and drainage systems nationwide as well as other maintenance requirements of existing flood control-related projects," the agency said in a statement.

The MOOE includes P100 million each for the 18 regions in the country for its current flood control-related projects in 2026.

At least P690 mil-

lion will go to nationwide flood control-related programs and projects, such as the CAMANAVA / Valenzuela-Obando-Meycauyan flood control structures, Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project, rehabilitation of Manila Bay, and the improvement and maintenance of esteros in Metro Manila.

Despite budget cuts, the DPWH assured that it remains "committed to maximizing these resources to mitigate flooding

risks despite the fiscal constraints."

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and his team have started reviewing the proposed 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) transmitted by Congress on Dec. 29, ensuring that the proposed P6.793 trillion is aligned with national priorities.

Marcos is expected to sign the 2026 GAA into law in the first week of January, according to Malacañang. **(PTV4/ By Brian Campued)**

PH CLOSELY MONITORING SITUATION IN VENEZUELA; URGES RESTRAINT—DFA

The Philippines is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Venezuela following reports of a large-scale military operation carried out by the United States (U.S.) that resulted in the capture of its leader, President Nicolas Maduro, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Sunday.

In a statement, DFA Spokesperson Angelica Escalona said the Philippines is calling on all concerned parties to resolve disputes peacefully and avoid actions that could further escalate tensions.

"The Philippines is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Venezuela," Escalona said.

"The Philippines urges concerned parties to resolve disputes through peaceful means and to exercise restraint to prevent escalation of conflict."



"PROOF OF LIFE." Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is shown in this photo shared by U.S. President Donald Trump on Truth Social, shortly after he was captured during a large-scale military operation carried out by the United States in the South American nation. (Photo courtesy: La Silla Vacía)

Escalona said the Philippine Embassy in Bogota, which serves as the country's non-resident mission for Venezuela, has issued a travel and safety advisory for Filipinos in the South American nation.

"The Philippine Embassy in Bogota, which serves as non-resident mission for Venezuela, has issued a travel and safety advisory to Filipinos in Venezuela and stands ready to provide as-

sistance to them, as necessary and appropriate, to keep them out of harm's way," she said.

The DFA statement came after U.S. President Donald Trump announced that Washington had "successfully" carried out a "large-scale strike" against Venezuela, claiming that Maduro and his wife had been captured and removed from the country.

In a post on his Truth Social platform,

Trump said the operation was conducted "in conjunction with U.S. law enforcement."

The Trump administration has previously accused Maduro of drug trafficking, allegations that the Venezuelan leader has repeatedly denied.

The Philippine Embassy in Colombia earlier reminded Filipinos in Venezuela to identify safe spaces for refuge amid the developing situation. **(PTV NEWS-DAC PNA)**

PhilHealth to disable old eClaims systems, version 3.0 mandatory by April 2026

NAVOTAS CITY — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is requiring all accredited healthcare facilities (HFs) to migrate to the eClaims 3.0 system, with the mandatory shift taking effect on April 1, 2026.



PhilHealth is set to disable all earlier iterations of eClaims on March 31, 2026, making version 3.0 the exclusive platform for submitting healthcare claims. This aims to enable a more efficient, standardized, and digital-first submission process.

To ensure uninterrupted service and claim processing, all healthcare providers are encouraged to complete their migration to the eClaims version 3.0 ahead of the scheduled deadline.

Key changes to claims processing

In addition to the software upgrade, the system migration introduces enhanced digital standards for documentation. The full implementation of the eClaims 3.0 now enforces strict digital filing rules for financial records:

Mandatory electronic SOA: For all admissions starting April 2026, claims must include a Statement of Account (SOA) in electronic format.

No more scanned PDFs: PhilHealth warned that claims submitted with SOAs in scanned PDF format will be automatically Returned to Hospital (RTH). This aligns with PhilHealth Circular 2023-0026, which aims to standardize elec-

tronic data submission for All Case Rates (ACR) and other identified benefits.

eClaims, or the electronic claims submission system, allows PhilHealth-accredited healthcare institutions to submit claims for patients' reimbursements directly to the state insurer, streamlining the process from patient admission to payment while reducing the need for physical paperwork and speeding up turnaround times.

The move to eClaims 3.0 and electronic SOAs is part of PhilHealth's initiative to automate data validation, reduce manual errors, and expedite the reimbursement cycle for healthcare providers.

To avoid disruptions in claim reimbursements, PhilHealth advises all accredited facilities to coordinate with their service providers and the PhilHealth Regional Office – IT unit to schedule the system upgrade and receive technical guidance during the migration process.

For assistance or further clarification, healthcare providers may reach out to PhilHealth through the Corporate Action Center Hotline at (02) 8662-2588 or via email at actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph. **(JMP/PIA-NCR)**

DOTr eyes EDSA Busway improvement, additional stations for 2026



PASIG CITY — Good news! The Department of Transportation (DOTr) will begin improvements for the Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) Busway with the construction of three additional stations this year.

This year's plan is aligned with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s directive to improve the "busway's service and commuter ease to encourage more commuters to use the public transport system.

Transportation Undersecretary for Road Infrastructure Mark Steven Pastor said that the bidding for the three busway stations had been awarded, and construction was set to begin in the first quarter of 2026. Project completion is expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

"Magkakaroon po tayo ng tatlong bagong istasyon sa EDSA Busway. Ito po ay sa Cubao, sa Magallanes, at ganun din sa PITX dahil gusto

natin paingtingin at pabilisin ang time and motion natin dito sa EDSA pag buma-biyahe tayo ng pampublikong transportasyon," Usec. Pastor said in a radio interview.

"Magstart pa lang po ito [construction] ng 2026. Kaka-award lang po ito nitong December at matatapos po ito sa isang taon," he added.

According to the DOTr, the new stations will help improve the bus system's efficiency and accessibility to commuters.

Meanwhile, Pastor noted that the new EDSA Busway Kamuning Station will be inaugurated in the first quarter of 2026 as part of the busway's modernization drive.

He added that the new Kamuning Station is equipped with elevators and escalators to improve accessibility for commuters, especially for persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens, and pregnant women. **(JEG/PIA-NCR)**

BI reminds foreign nationals of 2026 Annual Report requirement



MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has reminded all registered foreign nationals in the Philippines of the mandatory conduct of the 2026 Annual Report (AR), pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 562, otherwise known as the Alien Registration Act of 1950, as amended.

Under the law, all registered aliens are required to report in person to the BI within the first sixty (60) days of the calendar year, or from 01 January to 01 March 2026.

The BI said foreign nationals must complete the online registration through the BI e-services portal and present the following requirements during reporting: a valid Alien Certificate of Registration Identity Card (ACR I-Card) or original paper-based ACR, a valid passport, and the official receipt covering payment of the previous year's Annual Report fee.

The in-person Annual Report for the BI Main Office in Intramuros will be conducted at Robinsons Place Manila (3rd Level, Center Atrium) from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, except holidays.

In addition, the BI announced the availability of a virtual Annual Report

system, accessible 24/7 including weekends and holidays, for qualified foreign nationals who are physically present in the Philippines and holders of valid visas. Registrants may complete the process online and pay the assessed fees via Maya, GCash, credit card, or Landbank through the BI e-services platform.

The BI further emphasized that all departing registered foreign nationals are required to settle their Annual Report obligations prior to the issuance of an Emigration Clearance Certificate (ECC-B), in compliance with immigration laws and regulations.

Failure to comply with the Annual Report requirement may subject the concerned foreign national to administrative fines or prosecution, in accordance with existing laws.

For the complete list of participating BI offices and additional information, the public is advised to visit e-services.immigration.gov.ph.

The Bureau reiterated its call for strict compliance, underscoring that the Annual Report remains a vital component of effective alien registration and immigration monitoring. **(BI)**

BAGONG TAON, BAGONG PROYEKTO!



Pinangunahan ni Mayor Joy Belmonte ang pagbubukas ng Barangay Basketball Court na may detention basin sa ilalim sa Barangay Sta. Monica ngayong Sabado.

Upang tugunan ang pagbabaha sa lugar, may kapasidad na 1,700 cu.m ang detention basin na idinisenyo bilang imbakan ng tubig ulan at konektado sa drainage system ng lungsod.

Nakibahagi sa seremonya sina District 5 Action Officer William Bawag, City Engineer Atty. Dale Perral, City Architect Red Avelino, Internal Audit Service head Atty. Noel Gascon, P/B Charlie Manalad, at Palmera Phase 3 President Napoleon Azuncion.

No delays in salary hikes, pensions of gov't workers, MUP – DBM

MANILA – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has refuted claims that salary hikes and pensions for teachers, government workers, and uniformed personnel will be delayed under the 2026 national budget, calling these inaccurate and misleading.



In a statement on Monday, the DBM said reports of a supposed PHP24-billion “reduction” on the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF) were inaccurate, stressing that the amount was not removed or canceled but merely realigned.

“First, the reported PHP24 billion ‘reduction’ was not removed or canceled. This amount is intended for the increase in subsistence allowance of uniformed personnel and was simply transferred from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF) to the budgets of the concerned agencies,” the DBM said.

The department explained that the move follows government policy to place regular and specific benefits directly under agency budgets to allow funds to be released and used “more directly, faster, and with greater transparency.”

DBM also clarified that salary increases for incumbent government personnel, both civilian and uniformed, are already embedded in agency budgets and will not be delayed.

“Second, the salary increases of current government employees, whether civilian or uniformed, are already included in their respective agency budgets,” it said.

“These were not removed, not postponed, and will not be delayed.”

The budget agency also noted that since these items are no longer under the MPBF, claims that salary hikes will be affected are “not accurate.”

According to DBM, any potential impact would only apply to new hires and would depend on how quickly vacant positions are filled. Even then, existing mechanisms remain in place.

“Even then, the government has Special Purpose Funds, including the MPBF and the Pension and Gratuity Fund (PGF), to ensure there are sufficient mechanisms to address staffing and personnel needs,” it said.

On pensions, DBM assured that uniformed personnel will not be affected, except possibly those newly retiring under optional retirement, which will still be processed under existing rules.

“Third, the pension of uniformed personnel is not affected. The only group that may be impacted are those newly retiring under optional retirement, and this will still go through existing rules, processes, and safeguards,” DBM said.

The department stressed that the realignment was meant to improve budget execution, not to reduce benefits.

“Overall, the funds in question were not reduced. They were simply realigned to more appropriate and direct budget items. The purpose of this adjustment is to improve implementation, not to reduce the benefits of public servants,” it added.

DBM reiterated that claims suggesting otherwise are incorrect and reaffirmed its commitment to public servants.

“Once again, DBM stresses that claims saying the salaries and benefits of teachers, government workers, and uniformed personnel will be affected by the proposed 2026 National Budget are incorrect,” it said.

“The DBM remains fully committed to protecting the welfare of public servants and to ensuring responsible, transparent, and accountable management of public funds.” (PNA)

SLP Program Partners naghatid ng saya sa mga benepisyaryo ng DSWD FO3



Calulut CSFP - Inihatid ng Sustainable Livelihood Program kasama ang SM Telebastagan ang 300 SM Besties of Joy sa mga anak ng 4Ps beneficiaries ng DSWD Field Office 3.

Ang besties of Joy ay mga adorable bunny plushies na mula sa donation drive campaign ng SM Foundation at SM Supermalls nitong nagdaang kapaskuhan, kung saan ang bawat mall goers na nakibahagi sa kampanyang ito ay makakapaghatid ng saya at maipapadama ang diwa ng pagbibigayan sa mga recipients ng mga toy plushies.

Tila naging isang tradisyon na din ang paghahatid ng saya at mga laruan sa mga anak ng mga benepisyaryo ng DSWD FO3 na syang taontaong inaabangan ng mga bata,

produkto ng matatag na partnership engagement ng DSWD FO3 sa pamunuan ng SM Foundation at SM Supermalls.

Ang bawat isinasagawang partnership activities ay bunga ng direktiba ni Dir. Venus F. Rebuldela na palakasin ang partnership engagement sa rehiyon na syang aktibong tinugunan sa pakikiisa ng Sustainable Livelihood Program katuwang si Regional Partnership Officer Jorge M. Canlas.

Taos pusong pasalamat din para sa bumubuo ng SM City Telebastagan sa pangunguna ni Mall Manager Lana Eroba para aktibong pakikiisa ng kanilang pamunuan sa mga programa at serbisyo ng DSWD dahil #BawatBuhayMahalagasaDSWD. (DSWD)

Mass Regularization Update sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Pasig

Daming nagre-post ng lumang info tungkol sa MASS REGULARIZATION PROGRAM ng LGU... Akala tuloy ng iba tumigil tayo sa 100,000 eh nung 2020 pa yun...

As of 2025 year end, MAJORITY OF LGU EMPLOYEES are already REGULAR/PERMANENT EMPLOYEES... Almost 5,000 under our regularization program. Kasama rito sweepers, utility, admin aides, atbp.

Sa Pasig LGU, Pag bumunot ka ng pangalan ng isang empleyado sa tambol, mas malamang na PERMANENT / REGULAR employee ang mabubunot mo kaysa casual job order,

The question is, WHY are we doing this?

- (1) Let's give our employees DIGNITY AND JOB SECURITY;
- (2) REMOVE FEAR

& POLITICS from work, especially for rank & file employees. (dati tuwing may eleksyon ginagamit kundi TINATAKOT sila);

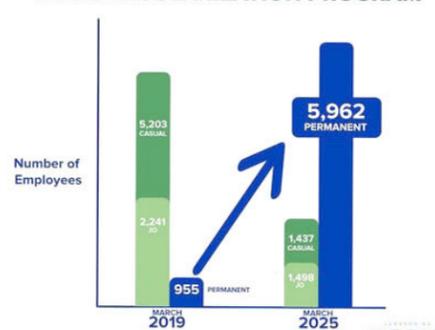
- (3) This is just one part of our broader HR REFORMS.



How it's going:

Sa pagtatapos ng 2025, nasa mahigit 5,000 na ang dumaraan sa regularization process ng LGU...

PASIG CITY LGU MASS REGULARIZATION PROGRAM





EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS

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Cover



Hold



- If you are in a car, pull over and stop. Set your parking brake;
- If you are in bed, turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow;
- If you are outdoors, stay away from buildings;
- If you are inside, stay inside and avoid doorways;
- Check yourself and others for injuries, provide first aid, and check water, gas, and electric lines for damage.

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"Sa Bagong Pilipinas, Ang Gusto ng Pulis, Ligtas Ka!"

All fast-developing countries have STRONG, COMPETENT BU-REAUOCRACIES, THAT ARE NOT THAT EASILY INFLUENCED BY POLITICS. This is the true mission. (Pasig PIO)

KABUHAYAN PARA SA CALOOCAN



Ngayong 2025, higit sa 60,000 na mga Batang Kankaloo ang nabigyan ng trabaho at nagkaroon ng negosyong pangkabuhayan sa pamamagitan ng mga programang ipinatupad ng Public Employment and Service Department (PESD).

Kabilang sa mga nakinabang sa ating mga programa ang mga job applicant na nagkaroon ng trabaho mula sa 18 na Mega Job Fairs na inilunsad ngayong taon, ang mga enrollees at graduates ng Caloocan City Manpower Training Center (CCMTC), at maging ang mga bene-

pisaryo ng Livelihood Kabuhayan Grants at Emergency Employment kagaya ng Tupad at Agapay sa Manggagawa.

Mula noong nagsimula tayo bilang Ama ng Caloocan, isa sa mga nangungunang prayoridad natin ang pagtulong sa ating mga kababayan na magkaroon ng disentang trabaho at sapat na pagkakakitaan upang suportahan ang kanilang mga pamilya, kaya asahan po ninyo na magpapatuloy ang lahat ng ating nasimulan para sa ikagaganda ng buhay ng bawat Batang Kankaloo.

KASALANG BAYAN SA NAVOTAS: Simulan na ang inyong Road to Forever!

Register na sa Kasalang Bayan na gaganapin sa February 2026. Kumpletuhin ang mga requirements at ipasa sa ating Local Civil Registrar's Office sa 2nd floor ng Navotas City Hall o tumawag sa 8-283-7415 loc. 203.

Requirements:
1. PSA Copy of Birth Certificate of Applicants (if the PSA Copy of the Birth Certificate of one or both applicant is/are blurred or unreadable, a Certified True/Photocopy of the Birth Certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar will be needed and Baptismal Certificate).

2. Latest or Newly Issued CENOMAR from PSA
3. Latest Community Tax Certificate (CEDULA)
4. 2x2 picture (1 pc. each)
5. Valid ID of one or both applicants with address in Navotas City (Original & Photocopy)
6. If one or both applicants is/



are annulled, a Certified True/Photocopy of the decision issued by the Local Civil Registrar from where the annulment is filed and Certificate of Marriage with Annotation from PSA.

7. Marriage Certificate and Death Certificate of the Spouse from PSA (if the applicant is widow/widower)
8. Birth Certificate of the eldest child (if the couple are living together for 5 years or more)

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Director's Certificate dated 11 December 2025, **KAZESCA OPC** (the "Corporation") office address at 131 7/F Finman Centre Bldg., Tordesillas Salcedo Village, Makati City, shall permanently cease operations and initiate closure procedures due to the owner's decision to migrate and pursue opportunities abroad. As such, the Corporation will withdraw its registration with all relevant government authorities in the Philippines.

(Sgd.)
KAZUKI SUGIYAMA
Sole Director

THE SENTINEL POST
December 23 and 30, 2025 and January 6, 2026

Department of Migrant Workers aids 243 distressed OFWs



ZAMBOANGA CITY — The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) has extended immediate assistance to 243 distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their families across the Zamboanga Peninsula through the Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangangailangan (AKSYON) Fund, reaffirming the government's commitment to protect migrant workers in times of crisis.

The DMW Regional Office 9 facilitated the simultaneous release of assistance to beneficiaries from Zamboanga Peninsula, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Many of the assisted OFWs were forced to return home after illness, abuse, armed conflict, or sudden displacement disrupted their overseas employment.

The AKSYON Fund is a DMW assistance program designed to provide immediate financial support to distressed OFWs and their families. The assistance helps address urgent needs such as medical expenses, daily subsistence, and other essential costs following repatriation.

Behind the figures are stories of hardship and resilience. Some

OFWs returned home weakened by illness, while others lost their jobs or fled unsafe working conditions abroad. Several families struggled to cope with sudden repatriation and the challenge of rebuilding their lives after overseas employment ended abruptly. After months of uncertainty, beneficiaries expressed relief and gratitude upon receiving government assistance.

To ensure that aid reached those most in need, DMW personnel conducted home and hospital visits across the region. These on-the-ground efforts allowed the team to assess beneficiaries' conditions, listen to their concerns, and extend assistance with care and compassion—particularly to those unable to travel due to health limitations.

Through the continued implementation of the AKSYON Fund, the DMW demonstrates its commitment that no OFW in Zamboanga Peninsula will be left behind, and timely government support reaches migrant workers when they need it most. **(JPA/MLE/JFT/PIA9-Zamboanga City/With photos and details from DMW Region IX Facebook Page)**

Cleopatra's ancient beauty secret revealed...

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SAJ Leonen Calls for Collective Action, Institutional Reform Against Corruption

Supreme Court (SC) Senior Associate Justice (SAJ) Marvic M.V.F. Leonen urged collective action and broader institutional reforms to fight corruption during the 2025 *Sikhay Laban Sa Korapsyon (SiLaK)* forum held on December 9, 2025, at Marco Polo Ortigas Manila in Pasig City. The event marked International Anti-Corruption Day and carried the theme “Advancing Democratic Resilience and Development through Anti-Corruption Reforms.”

SAJ Leonen conveyed Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo’s greetings and reaffirmed the Judiciary’s commitment to integrity, transparency, and justice.

In his remarks on Judicial Integrity, SAJ Leonen stressed that corruption in the Philippines is rooted in historical and structural conditions, such as political dynasties, oligarchic influence, and regulatory capture—issues that weaken public services, deepen inequality, and erode trust in government.

He lamented that corruption remains pervasive, stating:

“Recent developments have further revealed the depth of fractures within our system. The ongoing public disclosures of misconduct suggest we might have a fundamental problem, possibly one rooted in the very ideological foundations of our government that still need to be critically examined.”

SAJ Leonen noted that growing public scrutiny reflects a more engaged citizenry and a shared recognition that corruption persists, but people are becoming bolder in demanding accountability.

“In the Judiciary, we are doing our part,” he said, citing reforms under the Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022–2027 (SPJI) to improve efficiency, innovation, and access to justice. These include the SC’s recent approval of the 2025 Code of Judicial Conduct and Accountability, the integrity@judiciary.gov.ph platform, digitalization initiatives such as eFiling, an ex-



Supreme Court (SC) Senior Associate Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen speaks on judicial integrity, during the 2025 *Sikhay Laban Sa Korapsyon (SiLaK)* forum, themed “Advancing Democratic Resilience and Development through Anti-Corruption Reforms,” held on December 9, 2025 at Marco Polo Ortigas Manila in Pasig City. (Photo courtesy of the SC Communications Office)

panded judicial E-Library, online access to the Philippine Reports, and the Philippine Judiciary Platform.

Specialized courts now handle corruption-related cases in infrastructure projects, supported by training programs for judges and personnel on anti-graft laws, cyber warrants, procurement rules, and digital forensic evidence. Programs such as REAL Justice bring court proceedings to remote communities via video conferencing, while the CALESA Digital Initiative explores artificial intelligence to streamline processes. The creation of Regional Court Management Offices and the decentralization of administrative functions have also improved efficiency, monitoring, and transparency across judicial regions.

Calling for genuine leadership, SAJ Leonen urged leaders who inspire communities and prioritize governance that serves social justice over personal titles or prestige. He asked the public to demand higher standards of integrity from officials, judges, and Justices, and empower one another in the pursuit of accountability.

SAJ Leonen emphasized that corruption must have no place in government, including the Judiciary, declaring:

“Addressing corruption should be a clear, visible, and urgent priority for all government

workers. Corruption should no longer be hidden, shielded, or perpetuated by excuses. When we hide corruption out of fear or guilt, we ensure an unjust society. We contradict the role that we should all play as agents of social justice. It is our duty as those in positions of power to do our part and expand our influence, to stabilize the currently fragile institutions we hold... Remaining silent in the face of all of this, especially when we have the duty to be the voice of our people, makes us complicit.”

The forum also featured Ombudsman Jesus Crispin C. Remulla; Commission on Audit Commissioner Douglas Michael N. Mallillin; Department of Public Works and

Highways Undersecretary Ricardo P. Bernabe III; Pasig City Mayor and Co-Convenor of Mayors for Good Governance, Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto; and Special Prosecutor of the Office of the Ombudsman and Retired Court of Appeals Presiding Justice Mariflor Punzalan-Castillo.

Other speakers included United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific Delphine Schantz; UNODC National Program Officer Atty. Irish Kirbee Tibayan; Dean of the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines Dr. Kristoffer B. Berse; and GoodGovPH, Inc. Youth Advocacy Director Justin Vincent Altubar.

The event gathered public servants, officials from the Office of the Ombudsman, partner agencies, and anti-corruption advocates. It highlighted the urgent need for stronger democratic institutions, effective accountability mechanisms, and active citizen participation in the fight against corruption.

SiLaK, short for “Sikhay Laban sa Korapsyon,” is an initiative of the Office of the Ombudsman promoting collaboration, data-driven policy development, and innovative practices in anti-corruption work. **(Press release courtesy of the SC Office of the Spokesperson)**

LTO TO DEPLOY MORE TEAMS TO MONITOR E-TRIKE BAN IMPLEMENTATION

PASIG CITY — With the start of implementation of e-trike ban, the Land Transportation (LTO) will deploy additional teams to ensure full compliance with the e-trike ban on major roads in Metro Manila.

“The prohibition of e-trikes on selected major roads is a necessary step to address traffic flow inefficiencies and enhance overall road safety for all commuters and motorists. These highways are designated for higher-speed vehicular movement, and alternative transport units like e-trikes require dedicated lanes or appropriate routes to operate safely,” said LTO chief Assistant Secretary Markus V. Lacanilao.

On Friday, January 2, the LTO commenced implementation of the e-trike ban on key



Metro Manila highways after its deferment last December.

During its first day of implementation, LTO Law Enforcement teams inspected 114 e-bikes and e-trikes along Quirino Avenue (Manila), Roxas Boulevard, C-5 Road, and EDSA—all included in the list of roads covered by the ban. Eight e-bikes and e-trikes were apprehended for violating the new measure.

“We recognize that e-trikes play a role in our public transport ecosystem, which is why the ban is limited to specific

high-volume roads. Our priority is to balance mobility needs with safety and order. We are working to identify and develop suitable routes where e-trikes can operate without disrupting traffic or endangering road users,” noted Lacanilao.

He also urged all operators to familiarize themselves with the ban on e-trikes on major highways.

The LTO chief added that enforcement efforts will be sustained in the coming weeks. **(JEG/PIA-NCR)**



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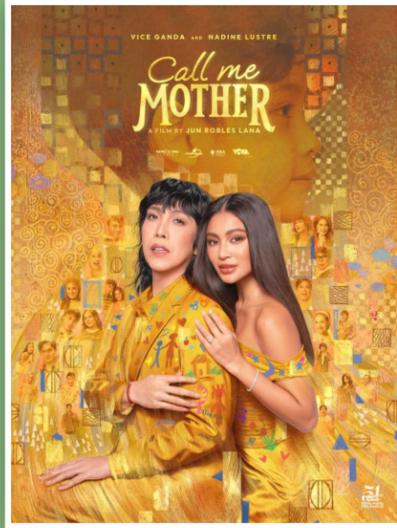
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Thank you for all the birthday greetings. I may not be able to respond to each and every one of you but please know they are deeply appreciated!! I have so much more to say but for now here are some photos from this shoot I produced back home in the Philippines with the best team 🍷



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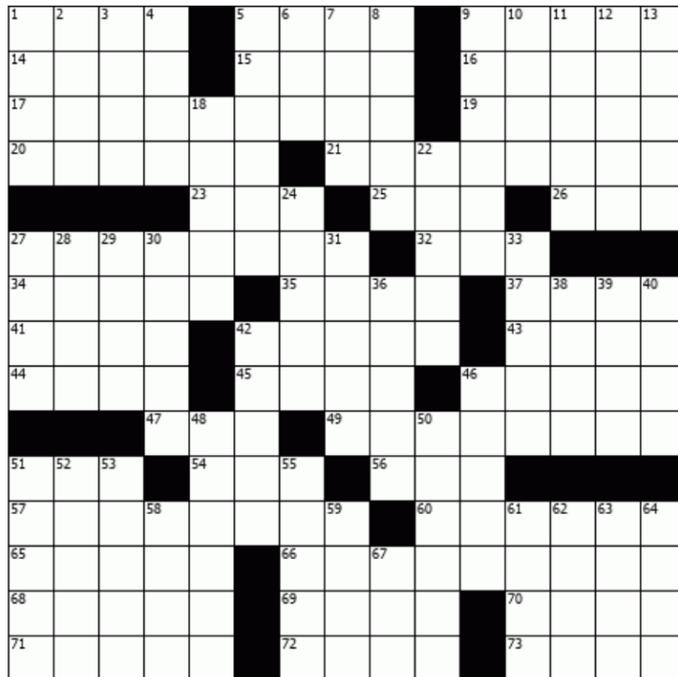


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. School subject
5. ___ between the lines
9. Highway curves
14. Pain
15. Tibet's locale
16. Whole
17. Temporary
19. Box
20. Verb forms
21. On a leash
23. By way of
25. Actress Ruby ___
26. Printing measures
27. Corsage flower
32. Rainbow shape
34. E.T., e.g.
35. Close noisily
37. PDQ's kin
41. Bakery item
42. Seminar
43. Skirt length
44. Root vegetable
45. That woman's
46. Frenchman's cap
47. Rhyming boxer
49. Da Vinci portrait (2 wds.)
51. Garfield, e.g.
54. BPOE member

56. Slice
57. Building
60. Desire for water
65. "___ disturb" (2 wds.)
66. Count
68. Love, in Rome
69. Soothe
70. Top cards
71. Less frequent
72. Bachelor party
73. Salamander



Down

1. Actor ___ Damon
2. Farm unit
3. Better late ___ never
4. Egg layers
5. Dried grape
6. WNW's opposite
7. Slangy negative
8. Saw socially
9. Engraver
10. Ticked off
11. Gape
12. Dined
13. Toboggans
18. Vii
22. Athletic groups
24. Theater walkway
27. Apparel
28. Soothing plant
29. Irritate
30. Letter after gamma
31. Clock feature
33. Humped animal
36. Business gp.

38. Agra attire
39. Cutting tools
40. Pocket bread
42. Hot pepper
46. Wash
48. Mailbox item
50. Eggnog spice
51. Fragrant wood
52. Perfume
53. Singing voice
55. Leg joints
58. Apple part
59. Small pest
61. OPEC member
62. Track event
63. Hearty soup
64. Midterm, e.g.
67. Can.'s neighbor

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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PH SEA Games delegation leads PSA top achievers

MANILA – The 1,200-strong Team Philippines, which produced 50 gold medals at the 33rd Southeast Asian Games in Thailand, topped the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) monthly achievers for December 2025.

The contingent, which also scooped 73 silvers and 154 bronzes, finished sixth overall in the medal tally board behind Thailand (233-154-113), Indonesia (91-112-130), Vietnam (87-81-110), Malaysia (57-57-117), and Singapore (52-61-89).

Filipino-Canadian swimmer Kayla Noelle Sanchez debuted in the biennial meet with eight medals, three golds and five silvers.

Pole vaulter EJ Obiena won his fourth straight gold medal while 16-year-old Naomi Cesar dominated the 800m event as the athletics team garnered five golds, seven silvers and 19 bronzes to register its second-best performance since winning 32 medals in 1983.

Practical shooters led by world champion Rolly Tecson delivered four golds, five silvers and five bronzes.

Swimming captured three golds, nine silvers and two bronzes, followed by modern pentathlon (3-3-1), triathlon (3-5-2) and gymnastics (3-2-7).



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IMPRESSIVE. Filipino-Canadian Kayla Noelle Sanchez wins the 100m freestyle event at the Southeast Asian Games in Thailand on Dec. 12, 2025. She got two more gold medals and five silvers.

Gilas Pilipinas Men retained the 5-on-5 title, while their female counterparts regained the crown, both at the Thais' expense.

The Philippines won the men's and women's softball titles as well as the men's baseball title.

Tennis sensation Alex Eala ended a 26-year drought in women's singles, Eumir Marcial produced boxing's only gold and Peter Groseclose pocketed the gold (men's 500m short track speed skating) and silver (1,500m) in winter sports' comeback.

In women's football, the Filipinas dethroned eight-time winner Vietnam on penalties, 6-5, after a 0-0 tie at the end of extra time.

Alas Pilipinas made history in women's beach volleyball with Sisi Rondina, Bernadeth Pons, Sunnie Villapando and Dij Rodriguez ending Thailand's dynasty. (PNA)

WORLD SURF LEAGUE TOUR QUALIFIER SET JAN. 20-24 IN LA UNION

MANILA – The Philippines will host the La Union International Pro, the first-of-its-kind Longboard International qualifying event, on Jan. 20 to 24 off Urbiztondo Beach in San Juan town.

The tournament, expected to attract one of the biggest international fields of any World Surf League (WSL) longboard event, offers four slots to the 2026 WSL Longboard Tour.

"This new format is about creating more access and opportunities to longboarders from all WSL regions," WSL Longboard tour director Will Hayden-Smith in a news release Monday. "We know there are incredible longboarders in every corner of the world who deserve the chance to compete on the biggest stage."

Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairperson Patrick Gregorio is excited to see the fruits of the country's sports tourism campaign.

"It will be a real thrill to host an exciting new event. The event

will bring together the world's best longboarders, men and women alike, to compete on the flawless waves of Monalisa Point in San Juan," Gregorio, head of the National Sports Tourism Inter-Agency Committee created by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., said.

"Our Filipino surfing athletes will surely be preparing to show off world-class skill and home-grown heart on home waters. We are excited to deepen our partnership with WSL as the Philippines continues to grow its presence on the global surfing map," he added.

The field will be open to all WSL LQS surfers globally with a seeding formula based on the Challenger Series.

"The event gives Filipino surfers that shot. La Union is a town with such a strong connection to longboarding and a perfect wave for competition, so we look forward to this event at this location," Gregorio said. (PNA)

PFF praises unsung heroes of FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup hosting

MANILA – The Philippine Football Federation (PFF) on Monday praised the people whose dedication, passion, and teamwork transformed the 2025 FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup into a triumph not only for the Philippines but for women's futsal worldwide.

The PFF has expressed its deepest gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the government's invaluable support through the Philippine

Sports Commission (PSC), headed by Chairperson Patrick Gregorio, the dedicated PSC staff, government personnel, and committed and auxiliary personnel.

"We commend and congratulate the 500-strong unsung heroes who made the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025 a success. With you, we showed the world that Filipinos can host a truly world-class sporting event," said PFF president John Gutierrez in a news release on Monday.

The PFF also acknowledged the support of the Philippine Olympic Committee, led by President Abraham Tolentino and FIFA Council Member Mariano "Nonong" Araneta Jr.

"You are the true heroes of this World Cup. Thank you very much for your dedication, hard work, and perseverance," said PFF general secretary Gelix Mercader, who oversaw the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), which included around 300 volunteers, 150 LOC staff, and 100 auxiliary personnel.

"It was very humbling to host the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup—and even more humbling to see it succeed. We dedicate this to all the futsal and football players across the country who made this possible," he added.

Gutierrez served as chairperson and Mercader as chief executive officer of the LOC. They were supported by the PFF Executive



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COLLECTIVE EFFORT. The Local Organizing Committee ensured the successful staging of the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup. Brazil defeated Portugal, 3-0, to claim victory at the Philsports Arena in Pasig City on Dec. 7, 2025. The country's successful hosting revealed the heart of the Filipino spirit: shared pride, collective energy, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting women's sports from the grassroots to the global stage, the organizers said in a statement on Monday (Jan. 5, 2026).

Committee with female-at-large member Isabella Fernando (government relations head), first vice president Lawrence Fortun (FFW-WC2025 preparations committee) and deputy general secretary Kevin Goco (oversight committee), and UAAP Football commissioner Rely San Agustin (tournament director).

"This World Cup was the result of collective leadership and shared accountability, where every decision was guided by our responsibility to deliver an event worthy of the global stage, while ensuring the prudent use of resources afforded to us by the government. The discipline and professionalism shown by the LOC reflect the standards we intend to uphold as Philippine football continues to host and lead major international events," said Gutierrez. (PNA)



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