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PILI, Camarines Sur – Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon said the four individuals supposedly involved in the multi-billion flood control mess, who have been accepted as state witnesses, must reveal the masterminds behind the anomalies.

Prosecutor General Richard Anthony Fadullon have confirmed that former DPWH undersecretary Roberto Bernardo, district engineer Henry Alcantara and regional director Gerard Oplencia, and contractor Sally Santos, are now considered state witnesses.

"The important thing is that we have a process and we are confident that these witnesses have been vetted by the Department of Justice and the Office of the Ombudsman," Dizon said in an interview here on Saturday.

"But that is with the impression that they will help to identify who the masterminds are behind this grand theft. But we also leave this to the justice agencies, and we are confident that they have been vetted."

The four are immune from criminal liabilities only in cases where they provided credible evidence for the prosecution.

"It does not mean that they will be acquitted from all charges. I think our countrymen need to know that they were accepted into the program, but that doesn't mean they can no longer be charged in the cases they have been involved in," Dizon said.

Meanwhile, Dizon refused to comment on the supposed wrong coordinates provided by former DPWH secretary Manuel Bonoan to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. regarding flood control projects.

"I don't want to talk about the motive, wheth-



BRIEFING. Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Vince Dizon (left) and Camarines Sur Governor Luis Raymund Villafuerte attend a press briefing at the provincial tourism building on Saturday (Jan. 17, 2026). He said state witnesses in the multi-billion flood control mess must reveal the masterminds behind the anomalous undertakings. (PNA photo by FGPatinio)

er it was intentional, it was just a mistake, someone gave Sec. Manny the data that he just shared, but the fact is many of the coordinates given around August (2025), the coordinates were wrong, wrong in the sense that there are no projects," he explained.

On Friday, Dizon led the inspection of Maharlika Highway (Pan-Philippine Highway) segments in Lopez, Calauag and Tagkawayan towns in Quezon province, and Del Gallego and Lupi town in Camarines Sur.

He said that for the first time, the 3,500-kilometer highway will undergo massive rehabilitation since it was built in the 1970s by President Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr.

At the same time, Dizon said they will temporarily fix damaged roads along the highway to ensure smooth travel during the Holy Week in April.

"We will start in February until March to temporarily do the works on the roads, to give a safer and smoother travel for motorists who are expected to traverse these roads during the Holy Week," he said. (PNA)

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"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"

- Micah 6:8 -

'One Pilipinas' podcast to 'laymanize' government services for Filipinos



Screengrab: Rise and Shine Pilipinas / PTV YouTube

In a world where information is just a click away, the need for a simpler, more straightforward method to explain complicated details is paramount.

This was the driving force behind the development of "One Pilipinas," a 15-minute podcast where hosts Omni Griba and Joey Capisonda "laymanize" key government programs and services that directly benefit the Filipino people.

The digital show will be produced by Scribble Media Creatives and will be posted on the social media platforms of the People's Television Network (PTV-4).

PTNI General Manager Maria Lourdes Choa-Fagar and former San Jose, Camarines Sur Mayor Antonio Bermejo Chavez of Scribble Media Creatives signed the memorandum of agreement for the partnership at the PTV main office in Quezon City on Thursday.

"Kaya siya naging One Pilipinas kasi as always, kailangan natin, we have to work together more than anything.

And what really binds a country, a tribe, [a] community, [or an] organization is a common purpose—it goes beyond emotions. And 'yon yung nakita namin na one tayo, one purpose tayo. We're one as a nation," Omni said in an interview with PTV News.

For Capisano, who goes by the moniker "Ka Coffee," One Pilipinas' purpose is not just to simplify the processes of government services but also to increase public awareness—as many of these initiatives go unnoticed by their intended beneficiaries.

"Basically the main purpose of the program is, we have to explain yung mga existing government programs, kasi marami tayong mga government programs pero hindi masyadong naiintindihan ng mga kababayan natin," he said.

Among the key programs One Pilipinas will tackle are the zero balance billing of the Department of Health, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corp.

"Maraming government projects na nasasayang and maraming opportunities ang nasasayang dahil hindi nila alam [na] ito pala ay available para sa isang individual," Ka Coffee said.

Catch One Pilipinas on your Pambansang TV's Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok, beginning Sunday, Jan. 18, at 9:00 p.m. **(with report from Jeremy Piscano / PTV News)**

President Marcos: ICI nears completion of flood control probe; DOJ and Ombudsman to take over

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Friday that the Independent Commission on Infrastructure (ICI) has essentially completed its investigation into alleged anomalous flood control projects, with only one or two loose ends remaining to be cleared.

In a brief interview with reporters, President Marcos said the fate of the ICI "depends on how much work they still have left."

"Kung matapos na 'yung trabaho nila, then we will see what they can do next. But they really are coming toward the end—lahat ng kailangang imbestigahan, naimbestigahan na nila. Maybe there are one or two other loose ends that they have to clear up," the President added.

When asked about plans to reappoint new commissioners, President Marcos said no decision has been made yet, stressing that it would depend on whether the ICI still has work to complete.

"We haven't really decided on that yet. Again, it all depends on the work that ICI still has in front of them," the President said.

"Pag kailangan pa, then we will. But if the work is done, kung naibigay na lahat ng information sa DOJ (Department of Justice) saka sa Ombudsman, then the focus now of the investigation will go to the DOJ and the Ombudsman," President Marcos emphasized.

President Marcos exposed irregularities in flood control projects during his Fourth State of the Nation Address on July 28, 2025,



delivering the memorable line, "Mahiya naman kayo sa inyong kapwa Pilipino!"

The President afterwards launched the Sumbong sa Pangulo website to receive public complaints on questionable flood control and other infrastructure projects, which were forwarded to the ICI.

Subsequently, President Marcos established the ICI, which recommended filing charges against several individuals implicated in the scandal.

The Office of the Ombudsman has also started filing complaints against several personalities, while the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) has issued freeze orders for the bank accounts and other assets of individuals linked to the corruption scheme.

Former Supreme Court Justice Andres Reyes Jr. continues to serve as chairperson of the ICI, while Commissioners Rogelio Singson and Rossana Fajardo have concluded their service after successfully completing the tasks entrusted to them.

With Reyes in the ICI are members of the working staff, including executive director Brian Hosaka and special adviser former national police chief Rodolfo Azurin Jr. **(PND)**

PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARMS, TRANSPORT OF EXPLOSIVES SUSPENDED AHEAD OF ASEAN MEETINGS IN BOHOL

TAGBILARAN CITY, Bohol (PIA) — The Philippine National Police-Bohol Police Provincial Office (PNP-BPPO) has announced the temporary suspension of the Permit to Carry Firearms Outside Residence (PTCFOR), and banned the transport of firearms, explosives, and explosive ingredients as part of security preparations for the 2026 ASEAN Summit Meetings in the province.

In a Facebook post, the PNP-BPPO stated that the suspension and ban will take effect from 12:01 a.m. on January 15, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2026.

Suspended during the period are the PTCFOR, permit to trans-

port firearms, permit to transport and purchase explosives and explosive ingredients, and the license to manufacture and deal in firecrackers and pyrotechnics.

The suspension covers members of gun clubs, dealers, manufacturers and repair shops, fireworks and pyrotechnics dealers, and private firearm owners.

Only members of the PNP, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other law enforcement agencies who are in uniform and on official duty are authorized to carry firearms during the period.

According to authorities, the measure is part of heightened security efforts, ensur-



Authorities have announced the temporary suspension of permits to carry and transport firearms, explosives, and related materials in Bohol in line with the ASEAN Summit Meetings 2026. (PNP-Bohol/PIA-Bohol)

ing peace, safety, and public order during the ASEAN Summit 2026. The public is urged

to cooperate and strictly comply with the directive. **(ECB/PIA7-Bohol)**

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

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FRE NO. 16206

**JONAH LUNOD MENESES and SPS. ADELINO
 DELOS SANTOS DOMONDON JR., AND ETHEL
 MENESES DOMONDON,**

Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
 UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)**

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118, and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement and Supplemental Terms and Conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement dated February 23, 2021, August 1, 2023** executed by **SPS. ADELINO DELOS SANTOS DOMONDON, JR. AND ETHEL MENESES DOMONDON, signing for herself and as Attorney-in-Fact of JONAH LUNOD MENESES** - 192 Bagio Street, Bagumbayan, Bulacan, Bulacan 3017/192 Bagio Street, Bagumbayan, Bulacan, Bulacan 3017 Philippines/Unit 1226, Quirino West Commonwealth by Century, Don Antonio Drive, Brgy. Batasan Hills, Quezon City, **Mortgagors**, in favor of **BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee**, to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **P3,918,928.68** as of November 23, 2025, including interest, penalties and expenses incidental thereto and other charges, together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff, hereby announces that on **March 10, 2026** between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the Office of Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, will **SELL**, through public auction to the highest Bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following described real property/es with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 004-2022016721
Registry of Deeds – Quezon City

COMMONWEALTH BY CENTURY
 QUIRINDO WEST
 FLOOR LEVEL: 12TH FLOOR
 UNIT NO. :1226
 UNIT AREA: 39.60 SQ. M.

IN THE DIAGRAMMATIC FLOOR PLAN APPENDED TO THE ENABLING OR MASTER DEED OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ANNOTATED ON TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017010841 WHICH EMBRACES AND DESCRIBES THE LAND LOCATED AT BARANGAY (UNIVERSITY) MATANDANG BALARA, QUEZON CITY METRO MANILA WITH AN AREA OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (1,955) SQUARE METER.. xxx xxx xxx

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

In the event that public auction should not take place on said date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working holiday or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **March 17, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, January 15 2026.

(Sgd.)
JOSEPH D. GADDI
 Sheriff IV

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GREGORIO C. TALLUD
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**SOLON DISMISSES RUMORED IMPEACHMENT VS.
 PBBM AS ‘SHAPELESS, FORMLESS’**

MANILA – The rumored impeachment plan against President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. circulating among lawmakers in the House of Representatives is “vague, shapeless, and formless,” Lanao del Sur Rep. Zia Alonto Adiong said on Saturday.



Speaking at a news forum in Quezon City, Adiong said he sees no offenses that could warrant an impeachment complaint against the Chief Executive.

“Unang-una, hindi natin alam kung sino ‘yong talagang gustong mag-file. Kaya nga very vague, shapeless, formless ‘yong mga ganitong klaseng pag-uusap (First of all, we don’t know who would file the complaint. That’s why this kind of talks are very vague, shapeless, and formless),” he said.

“It’s hopeless, it’s shapeless, and we don’t even know what actually prompted these possible individuals – we don’t even know what they can attribute directly

to the President that amounts to an impeachment complaint.”

House Senior Deputy Minority Leader, Caloocan Rep. Edgar Erice, earlier said some lawmakers are expected to endorse an impeachment complaint against the President, in what he called a “collective action of a pro-VP (Vice President) Sara (Duterte) group.”

Erice said two legislators have already committed to endorse the complaint.

He said he had been approached to become one of the endorsers, but he declined.

Erice said among the grounds for the possible complaint is “betrayal of public trust” over issues in the past national budgets. (PNA)

**DICT rolls out blockchain-based portal to
 boost transparency, ensure tamper-proof
 digital records**

In line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directive, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) has initiated the government’s transparency portal and adoption of blockchain technology in the national budget, a move that places the Philippines at the forefront of digital governance worldwide.

In a Palace press briefing on Thursday, DICT Secretary Henry Aguda said the blockchain-powered transparency system, now being implemented by national government agencies, is a major step in curbing graft and corruption by ensuring that public funds have a permanent, tamper-proof digital record.

He stressed that the initiative responds to the President’s directive to strengthen public trust in government through digital technology, adding that the initiative was supported by House Speaker Faustino Dy III and Senate President Vicente Sotto III under a whole-of-government approach involving Congress and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

“Ito po’y pagtugon sa utos ng Presidente na gamitin ang digital technology para magkaroon ng mas mataas na tiwala ang taumbayan sa gobyerno. Ito naman po’y tinulak din ni Speaker (Dy) at saka ni Senate President (Sotto) at ang kagandahan nito, whole-of-government approach na ito,” Aguda said.

The DICT chief explained that through blockchain technology, every peso in the national budget will carry



a permanent digital receipt that cannot be altered, erased, or manipulated.

“Ibig sabihin, ang pera ng taumbayan, may permanenteng digital na resibo- hindi pwedeng palitan, hindi pwedeng dayain,” Aguda said.

“Hindi lang tayo sumabay-nag-leapfrog po tayo,” Aguda added, noting that while other countries use blockchain only in limited portions of their budgets, the Philippines is placing the entire budget cycle on a secure digital ledger.

According to Aguda, the blockchain system covers all stages of the budget process—from approval and allocation to disbursement and reporting—making the Philippines the first country to do so.

He said this year, the country will complete the transition to a fully tamper-proof system covering the whole budget cycle under the 2026 General Appropriations Act.

Aguda described the blockchain-based system as the govern-

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PBBM assures accountability, support to Binaliw trash slide victims



BOOSTING HEALTHCARE. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. visits the Cebu Provincial Hospital branch in Balamban, Cebu on Thursday (Jan. 15, 2026). Marcos Jr. led the distribution of financial assistance and essential medical equipment to the hospital. (Photo courtesy: PCO)

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has assured that the government is committed to ensuring accountability and assistance to the victims of the tragic trash slide in Barangay Binaliw, Cebu City, last week.

Before delivering his speech at the naming and delivery ceremony of the KAMSARMAX bulk carrier in Balamban, Cebu on Thursday, the President asked for a moment of silence and offered prayers for the victims of the incident.

"As search and rescue operations continue, we offer our prayers for the souls of the departed and strength to their grieving families," he said.

"Please be assured that the government is taking all necessary measures to ensure safety, transparency, accountability, and compassionate assistance," he added.

The Chief Executive also vowed burial support and other forms of aid to the affected families.

According to a situational report by the Bureau of Fire Protection's Cebu City Fire Station, the death toll from the trash slide has risen to 22 with 14 individuals still missing as of 12:00 p.m. on Thursday.

"Let us stand in solidarity with our fellow Filipinos during this difficult time," Marcos Jr. said.

BOOSTING HEALTHCARE. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. visits the Cebu Provincial Hospital branch in Balamban, Cebu on Thursday (Jan. 15, 2026). Marcos Jr. led the distribution of financial assistance and essential medical equipment to the hospital. (Photo courtesy: PCO)

Support to Cebu Provincial Hospital

Meanwhile, the President also led the turnover of financial assistance and medical equipment to the Cebu Provincial Hospital in Balamban to boost the hospital's delivery of healthcare services, especially to far-flung communities.

The Office of the President (OP) provided P5 million for CPH's upgrade, while the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) distributed 20 wheelchairs and P60,000 worth of medicines.

CPH branches in Bogo City and Danao City, as well as the Daanbantayan District Hospital and the Juan B. Dosado Memorial Hospital in the municipality of Sogod, each received an x-ray machine and an ultrasound machine.

During his visit, Marcos Jr. toured several facilities of the CPH-Balamban and assessed the implementation of the zero balance billing (ZBB) policy.

Under the 2026 national budget, P17.39 billion has been allocated for the ZBB program.

In a press briefing at Malacañang, Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said that the President will also launch the Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT) program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) in Cebu to expand Cebuanos' access to essential medicines.

"Malapit sa puso ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. ang mga Cebuano kaya naman ilulunsad ni Pangulo ang guaranteed at accessible medications for outpatient treatment o GAMOT Program upang mas mapalawak ang access ng mga Cebuano sa mga kinakailangang medisina," Castro said.

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CHINA BANKING CORPORATION,
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-versus- FRE NO. 16143

MARIFEL RABI MORALES,
Mortgagor,
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118 and pursuant to the terms of the Real Estate Mortgage executed on **September 26, 2023** by **Marifel R. Morales, Mortgagor** with postal addresses at **0385 C.P. Buntan St., San Roque, 1485 Navotas City; Unit No. 2526, The Celandine, A. Bonifacio St., 1115 Brgy. Balingasa, Quezon City; and 3/F, 1d Bldg., Chino Roces Ext., 2100 Makati City**, in favor of **CHINA BANKING CORPORATION, Mortgagee/s**, to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **Php 3,100,994.03** as of **October 22, 2025**, inclusive of stipulated interest, penalty, attorney's fees, and other charges and expenses together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff, hereby announces that on **March 5, 2026** between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, will sell thru public auction to the highest bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following described real property/ies with all the improvements, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE **NO. 004-2023008976** **REGISTRY OF DEEDS, QUEZON CITY**

"THE CELANDINE"

TWENTY FIFTH FLOOR
UNIT NO. 2526
DESCRIPTION : 1 BEDROOM A (INNER UNIT)
UNIT AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 24.00
BALCONY AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 3.50
TOTAL AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 27.50

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012002609:

2012002611: 2020000409: 2022000059 which embraces and describes the land located at A. BONFACIO ST., BRGY. BALINGASA, QUEZON CITY with an area of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (8,587) Square Meter.

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

Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property/ies and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event that public auction should not take place on the scheduled date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working holiday or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **March 12, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Quezon City, Metro-Manila, **January 12, 2026.**

(Sgd.)
JOMER M. URQUICO
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Clerk of Court VII &
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PH, Japan sign deals on security, defense, and connectivity

The Philippines and Japan have reaffirmed their shared commitments to strengthening their strategic partnership as part of the 70th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between the two countries this 2026.

Among the highlights of Japan Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu's visit to Manila on Thursday was the signing of key bilateral agreements including the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA), which would facilitate reciprocal provision of logistical support between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Under the ACSA, supplies and services may be exchanged between the two forces, such as food, water, billeting, transportation, fuel, clothing, spare parts, ammunition, communications, medical, and repair.

Motegi and Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro also signed and exchanged notes on Japan's Official Security Assistance (OSA) for fiscal year 2025 aimed at enhancing security of key sea lanes in the Indo-Pacific.

Under the JPY900-million infrastructure program, Japan will help the Philippines build boat-houses and slipways for rigid-hulled inflatable boats (RHIBs) to boost the maritime domain awareness and surveillance capabilities of the Philippine Navy.

Meanwhile, the two countries also signed a

JPY1.63-billion grant aid for the establishment of the Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi (BASULTA) Wireless Backbone Network.

The said economic and social development program aims to help connect at least 40 government network sites and free public internet access points across BASULTA, and is expected to benefit over 250,000 individuals.

"The signing of these agreements reflect the close and evolving collaboration between the Philippines and Japan under our Strengthened Strategic Partnership and support ongoing collaboration across priority areas," Lazaro said.

Motegi likewise reiterated the Japanese government's commitment to deepening relations with the Philippines "toward the realization of a free and open Indo-Pacific."

In a bilateral meeting, both officials also discussed the trilateral cooperation framework among the Philippines, Japan, and the United States as well as the importance of upholding rules-based order and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the South China Sea.

The two ministers likewise confirmed that Manila and Tokyo will continue working together to enhance connectivity in Metro Manila, including through the Metro Manila Subway Project and the North-South Commuter Railway Project, as well as in flood control and disaster response. **(with report from Gab Humilde Villegas / PTV News)**

Mega Sewage Treatment Plant sa Mandaluyong, pinasinayaan ni PBBM



Pinasinayaan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. nitong Biyernes ang 60-milyong-litro-bawat-araw (MLD) na Aglipay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), isang malaking pasilidad na layong pagandahin ang kalidad ng tubig sa Kalakhang Maynila at pangalagaan ang kalusugan ng publiko.

Sa kanyang talumpati, sinabi ng Pangulo na ang bagong sewage treatment plant ay isang kongkretong hakbang sa pagtupad sa responsibilidad ng pamahalaan na tiyakin ang access sa malinis na tubig para sa lahat ng Pilipino.

Sasaklawin ng Aglipay STP ang 2,115-ektaryang catchment area sa Mandaluyong, San Juan, at Lung-sod Quezon, at makikinabang dito ang mahigit 650,000 residente.

“Beyond the machinery, fascinating as it is, what really matters is the result, and that is cleaner water returned to the environment and reduced exposure of our people to the hazards of untreated sewage,” ayon sa Pangulo.

“Higit pa sa makinarya, ang tunay na mahalaga ay ang resulta: mas malinis na tubig na naibabalik sa kalikasan at mabawasan ang pagkabantad ng ating mamamayan sa mga panganib mula sa untreated na mga sewage o dumi.”

“This is how a carefully planned and thoroughly executed infrastructure directly improves the lives of our people.”

“Ito ang bunga ng maingat na pagpapalano at masusing pagpapatupad ng imprastruktura na direktang magpapabuti sa buhay ng ating mga kababayan.”

Ayon kay Pangulong Marcos, mararamdaman ang epekto ng proyekto araw-araw sa mga tahanan, ilog, at komunidad.

Ang pasilidad, na pinangan-gasiwaan ng Manila Water, ay itinayo sa halagang Php3.93 bilyon. May kakayahan itong maglinis ng hanggang 60 milyong litro ng wastewater kada araw at idinisenyo upang mapalawak hanggang 120 milyong litro kada araw kasabay ng paglaki ng populasyon sa lugar.

“This means that more liters of safe water is available for public consumption and more rivers

and seas are preserved for future generations,” ayon sa Pangulo, na idinagdag na ang treatment ng wastewater ay mahalaga para sa kalusugan ng publiko, pangangalaga sa kapaligiran, at pag-unlad.

“Nangangahulugan ito na mas maraming litro ng ligtas na tubig ang magagamit para sa publiko at mas maraming ilog at dagat ang mapapanatiling ligtas para sa susunod na mga henerasyon.”

Binanggit ni Pangulong Marcos na sa pamamagitan ng pagbawas ng dami ng untreated na wastewater na dumadaloy sa mga ilog, makatutulong ang pasilidad na ito na mapabuti ang lokal na kalidad ng tubig at masuportahan ang pangmatagalang rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay.

Dagdag pa ng Punong Ehekutibo, hindi nagtatapos sa Aglipay STP ang pagsisikap ng pamahalaan, sapagkat kasalukuyang ginagawa ang lima pang wastewater treatment plants bilang bahagi ng programa ng administrasyon upang palakasin ang imprastruktura sa tubig at sanitasyon sa Metro Manila at mga karatig na lugar.

Sa ilalim ng Revised Concession Agreement at Republic Act Nos. 11600 at 11601, layunin ng pamahalaan na pagsapit ng 2047 ay makonekta ang 76 porsiyento ng mga kabahayan sa Kalakhang Maynila, Cavite, at Rizal sa sewerage system, habang ang natitira ay saklaw ng wastong serbisyong sanitasyon.

Kinilala rin ni Pangulong Marcos ang Manila Water at Megawide Consortium sa pagtatayo at pagpapatakbo ng pasilidad, at sinabing mahalaga ang kanilang kadalubhasaan sa pagtugon sa mga pamantayang pangkalikasan at sa pagbibigay ng maaasahang serbisyo.

Panghuli, binigyang diin ng Pangulo na hindi sapat ang imprastruktura lamang at nanawagan siya sa mga ahensya ng pamahalaan, pribadong sektor, at publiko na magsagawa ng responsableng pagtatapon ng basura at panatili-hing malinis ang kapaligiran.

“Ang kalinisan ng ating kapaligiran ay salamin ng ating disiplina bilang isang bayan,” diin ng Pangulo. (PND)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF FRANCISCO CORACHEA BEREDO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled “Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Francisco Corachea Beredo with Deed of Absolute Sale,” executed by and among **Fortunata C. Lupac**, surviving spouse, and **Orlando L. Beredo, Zenaida L. Beredo, Conrado L. Beredo, Melecia B. Laylo, Zosimo L. Beredo, Jose L. Beredo, Ditas Francisca Beredo Pureza, and Francisco Jr. L. Beredo** (collectively, the “Heirs”), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

- (i) **Francisco Corachea Beredo** (the “Decedent”) died **intestate on July 18, 2002**, at Holy Infant Jesus, Sampaloc, Manila;
- (ii) At the time of his death, the Decedent was survived by his **spouse, Fortunata C. Lupac**, and his above-named legitimate children, who are his **only surviving compulsory heirs**;
- (iii) The Decedent left **no last will and testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;
- (iv) The Decedent was the registered owner of a parcel of land located in the **Province of Batangas**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. P-1226**;
- (v) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, and **sold the subject property by way of a Deed of Absolute Sale** in favor of **Roy Mapa Laylo**;
- (vi) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**, within the period provided by law.

The Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Francisco Corachea Beredo with Deed of Absolute Sale was executed and signed in **Makati City**, and **notarized before Atty. John Domingo A. Ponce, Jr., Notary Public for Makati City**, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 27; Page No. 6; Book No. I; Series of 2026**.

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PBBM: Globe-Starlink tie-up to boost digital connectivity in PH

“The future of the Philippines must be and will be digital—and it must be inclusive.”

As part of the administration’s push for inclusive digital transformation nationwide, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. graced the ceremonial signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between Globe Telecom and Starlink Services in Taguig City on Friday.

In a speech, the President hailed the partnership as key to boosting digitalization efforts and expanding mobile connectivity across the country, especially in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) where traditional internet infrastructure remains “challenging”.

“We cannot speak of progress when so many parts of our country remain disconnected. And this is why digital inclusion is important. It is a responsibility. And it is a key priority of this government,” he said.

Dubbed “Next Generation Connectivity: Every Filipino Connected,” the Globe-Starlink tie-up launched the first Direct-to-Cell (DTC) service in Southeast Asia, enabling satellite-powered mobile connectivity in the Philippines.

This means that users will be able to access messaging and basic data even in areas without cell sites, such as in mountainous terrains, islands, or remote communities; and without the need for additional hardware or special applications.

The President also noted DTC’s potential during typhoons and other natural disasters when traditional networks are disrupted.

“Sa pamamagitan ng [DTC] Service, madaragdagan ang mga teknolohiyang maaaring magbigay-ginhawa sa ating pang-araw-araw na buhay,” he said.

Marcos Jr. likewise reiterated the administration’s commitment to strengthening digital infrastructure through initiatives such as the National Fiber Backbone, Free Wi-Fi for All Program, and the digitalization of government services.

“Ito po ang ating layunin: Mas mabilis na internet access para sa bawat Pilipino. Pantay-pantay na oportunidad. At walang sinumang Pilipino na maiiwanan o mahuhuli,” he emphasized.

“Because when connectivity reaches the countryside, it generates jobs, attracts investments, and brings essential services closer to the people,” he added.

Meanwhile, the President acknowledged both Globe and Starlink, including its parent company SpaceX, for their respective contributions in continuously shaping the Philippine digital landscape.

He likewise called on other partners and stakeholders to keep on developing people-centered innovations and join the government in building a “Bagong Pilipinas where every Filipino finds their place in this new digital world.”

“What Globe and Starlink are doing today brings us closer to that goal. It shows that when the government and private sector move with purpose and shared commitment, we broaden the possibilities for a more connected Philippines,” he said. (PTV4/ By Brian Campued)

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<p>ANTONIO FULGUERAS and JOYCE FULGUERAS as rep. By JANET D. CUETO,</p> <p><i>Plaintiffs,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-versus-</p> <p>JAIME ALBERTO RAFAEL DEL ROSARIO,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Defendant.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Civil Case No. M-MNL-25-01979-CV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For: SUM OF MONEY</p>
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DECISION

Before this Court is a Complaint for Collection of Sum of Money filed by plaintiffs Antonio Fulgueras and Joyce Fulgueras, as represented by Janet D. Cueto, against defendant Jaime Alberto Rafael Del Rosario.

On March 7, 2025, the Summons, together with a copy of the Complaint and its annexes, was returned to this Court with a notation that service could not be effected because the defendant was not present at the given address and was unknown at that address.¹ The plaintiff filed an *Ex-Parte* Motion for Issuance of Alias Summons on April 24, 2025.² On June 4, 2025, the plaintiff filed a Motion to Serve Summons by Publication with Leave of Court.³

Plaintiff's Version⁴

Janet Dionisio Cueto avers that she is the same individual authorized to represent the plaintiffs, Antonio and Joyce Fulgueras, in the present complaint for collection of sum of money. She stated that she is related to them, being the sister and sister-in-law of the plaintiffs. She further affirmed that her authority to prosecute the case is based on a Special Power of Attorney dated 05 September 2024,⁵ executed by the plaintiffs before they left the Philippines.

She recalled the events that led to the filing of the complaint. According to her, the defendant defaulted on his obligation to sell the property to the plaintiffs and refused to return the down payment after the sale failed. The property involved is located at Champaca Street, Kahilom I, Pandacan, Manila, identified as Lot No.4-H-2-B and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 002-2023003268.⁶

Cueto explained that the agreement between the plaintiffs and the defendant required the plaintiffs to pay 30% of the purchase price as a down payment, divided into two equal installments, one in March and another in April. These payments would form part of the total price. The defendant, on the other hand, agreed to execute a Contract to Sell upon receipt of the first installment, subdivide and renovate the property, remove existing obstructions, and shoulder the capital gains tax.

She described the obstructions on the property, a small house blocking the right of way, and portions of another small structure encroaching upon the property. She personally took photographs of these obstructions,⁷ which the defendant had promised to remove.

Moreover, she testified that the total purchase price was P3,888,000.00 and the total down payment agreed upon was P1,166,400.00. She stated that she knew these details because both the plaintiffs and the defendant informed her, and the terms were recorded in their Contract to Sell and in the barangay's logbook.

She delivered the first installment on 27 March 2023 using a manager's check (Check No. 0011430)⁸ drawn from plaintiff Joyce Fulgueras' BDO account. The defendant encashed the check the same day. Although he refused to issue an official receipt, saying he would only issue one for cash payments, the barangay secretary logged the transaction.⁹ They also took pictures at the barangay hall after the check was delivered.

Cueto stated that the second installment was never paid because the bank would not accept her deposit without supporting documents, such as the Contract to Sell, which she did not possess.

On 04 October 2023, the defendant informed the plaintiffs that the property had been subdivided. They requested a copy of the Contract to Sell, but none was provided. The defendant merely referred them to his supposed realtor, Cecile San Diego, who later admitted she was not a realtor but a close friend of the defendant. She merely sent a copy of the title, which the plaintiffs already had. Upon reviewing it, the plaintiffs noticed an encumbrance that was never previously disclosed. The defendant nevertheless kept insisting that the second installment be paid despite failing to produce the Contract to Sell.

On 06 June 2024, the defendant finally sent the Contract to Sell,¹⁰ but the plaintiffs refused to sign it because it required them to shoulder the capital gains tax, contrary to their agreement. A revised copy was sent via Viber on 11 June 2024, where the defendant now assumed responsibility for the tax. She learned of these details because the plaintiffs shared the documents with her and sent her screenshots of their Viber conversation.

The plaintiffs traveled to the Philippines specifically to sign the contract and pay the second installment personally. Cueto presented their plane ticket (Ticket No. NMCHZE),¹¹ which they emailed to her. However, despite numerous attempts, they were unable to contact the defendant. They visited the property but were dismayed by its poor, unchanged condition noting that the promised renovations were never carried out. Attempts to reach the defendant continued until the plaintiffs returned to Australia

on 07 September 2024. Even after their departure, attempts to contact him for a refund were ignored.

Cueto received screenshots from the plaintiffs showing that the defendant remained unresponsive. Consequently, on 20 September 2024, she sought legal assistance, and a demand letter was drafted. She and her husband attempted to serve this letter at the addresses provided in the defendant's TCT, Tax Declaration, and driver's license, but learned that the defendant did not reside at any of those locations. They then traveled to an address in Antipolo City, given by a resident near the subject property. There, they personally saw the defendant, but he refused to receive the demand letter. Instead, his uncle received it but did not sign, although his name, Alan Pinida, was written.

She testified that another demand letter¹² was sent through LBC on 01 December 2024 and was received by the defendant's houseboy, Rolan Angeles, on 02 December 2024, as confirmed by LBC's tracking records. Still, the defendant never responded.

Because of this continued refusal, the plaintiffs consulted a lawyer and incurred P50,000.00 in legal fees, supported by a legal proposal and bank deposit slip.¹³ Cueto testified that the plaintiffs suffered mental anguish and sleepless nights because the money involved represented their hard-earned savings. She herself experienced significant stress and burdens due to what she described as the defendant's fraudulent conduct.

Antecedent Proceedings

On October 27, 2025, the plaintiff filed a Motion to Render Judgment, and, finding merit in the Motion, this Court granted it. The case is now deemed submitted for decision.¹⁴

The Issue

The issue to be resolved by this Court is whether the plaintiffs have established their case by a preponderance of the evidence and, therefore, the defendant is liable to pay the amount prayed for in its complaint.

This Court's Ruling

The rule in civil case is that the party having the burden of proof must establish his case by preponderance of evidence.¹⁵ Preponderance of evidence is the weight, credit, and value of the aggregate evidence on either side and is usually considered to be synonymous with the term "greater weight of the evidence" or "greater weight of the credible evidence". Preponderance of evidence is a phrase which, in the last analysis, means probability of the truth. It is evidence which is more convincing to the court as worthy of belief than that which is offered in opposition thereto.¹⁶

In the case at bar, the plaintiff has successfully established its cause of action to recover the unpaid obligation from the defendant by preponderance of evidence. Plaintiff presented competent documentary evidence, including the written agreements, receipts, demand letters, and records, which collectively establish that the defendant incurred a definite monetary obligation and thereafter unjustifiably failed to settle the same. Plaintiff's testimony was straight, consistent, and supported by documentary exhibits, demonstrating the chronology of transactions and the defendant's repeated failure to comply despite due notice and opportunity given him. On the other hand, the defendant did not present evidence sufficient to overcome the plaintiff's evidence showing his liability. Accordingly, this Court finds that the plaintiff has proven his cause of action by preponderance of evidence.

Obligations arising from contracts have the force of law between the contracting parties and should be complied with in good faith.¹⁷ Contracts are perfected by mere consent, and from that moment the parties are bound not only to the fulfillment of what has been expressly stipulated but also to all the consequences which, according to their nature, may be in keeping with good faith, usage and law.¹⁸ Consequently, the defendant cannot just renege from his responsibility by not paying the plaintiff what he still owes to the latter's damage and prejudice.

The defendant cannot evade liability by simply refusing to pay or by avoiding legal processes. Contractual obligations cannot be defeated by unilateral withdrawal, inaction, or non-compliance. The Civil Code clearly provides that a party who breaches a contractual obligation becomes liable for damages that are the natural and probable consequences of the violation. Accordingly, this Court finds that the defendant is liable to the plaintiff for the unpaid obligation, together with the corresponding legal consequences of his breach.

The plaintiff is not entitled to any moral or exemplary damages. The plaintiff plainly asked for the said damages without submitting evidence to support their claim. Moral damages (are awarded) for indemnity or reparation not punishment or correction, that is, an award to entitle the injured party to obtain means (of) diversions and amusement that will serve to alleviate the moral sufferings he has undergone by reason of defendant's culpable action.¹⁹ It is essential in the award of damages that the claimant must have satisfactorily proven during the trial the existence of the factual basis of the damages and its causal connection to defendant's acts. This is so because moral damages though incapable of pecuniary estimation, are in the category of an award designed to compensate the claimant for actual injury suffered and not to impose a penalty on the wrongdoer²⁰

Thus, absent any proof that the plaintiff suffered physical suffering, mental anguish, fright, serious anxiety, besmirched reputation, wounded feelings, moral shock, social humiliation, and similar injury caused by the defendant, no moral damages should be awarded.

Anent the award of exemplary damages, jurisprudence provides that where a party is not entitled to actual or moral damages, an award of exemplary damages is likewise baseless.²¹ The prerequisite for the award of exemplary damages in cases of contract or quasi-contract is that the defendant acted in wanton, fraudulent, reckless, oppressive, or malevolent manner.²²

Considering that the plaintiff was constrained to litigate to enforce his right to collect and be paid for the obligation, attorney's fees and expenses of litigation can be awarded to him pursuant to Art. 2208 of the Civil Code.

However, attorneys' fees must be based on quantum meruit and the Rules This Court deems the amount of P20,000.00 as just and equitable under the circumstances.²³

Further, this Court deems it proper to hold defendants liable for the cost of the suit. Section 1, Rule 142 of the Rules of Court provides:

Section 1. Cost ordinarily follow results of suit. - Unless otherwise provided in these rules, **cost shall be allowed to the prevailing party as a matter of course**, but the court shall have power, for special reasons, to adjudge that either party shall pay the costs of an action, or that the same be divided, as may be equitable. No costs shall be allowed against the Republic of the Philippines unless otherwise provided by law.

As to the interest, when the obligation is breached and it consists in the payment of money, loan or forbearance of money, interest due shall be that which may have been stipulated in writing. However, the parties in this case did not expressly stipulate as to the interest. Nevertheless, plaintiff is entitled to interest as elucidated in the case of *Lara's Gift and Decors, Inc. vs Midtown Industrial Sales, Inc.*²⁴ as follows:

Compensatory interest, also referred to as penalty interest, indemnity, or moratory interest,²⁵ is the indemnity for damages arising from delay on the part of the debtor in an obligation consisting in the payment of a sum of money. It is interest allowed by law in the absence of a promise to pay interest as compensation for delay in paying a fixed sum or a delay in assessing and paying damages.

Since a simple loan of money is necessarily an obligation consisting in the payment of a sum of money, then compensatory interest is always demandable in case the borrower in a simple loan of money incurs delay. However, a simple loan of money is not the only obligation that consists in the payment of a sum of money. Moreover, not every obligation consists in the payment of a sum of money.

Although compensatory interest, unlike conventional interest, need not be expressly stipulated in writing, the parties may freely stipulate on compensatory interest through a penalty or penal clause.

The plaintiff is also entitled to be paid the costs of suit they incurred in filing the present suit. However, the amount of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) of which for Sheriff's Trust Fund (STF) should be deducted as it is withdrawable by the plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, defendant JAIME ALBERTO RAFAEL DEL ROSARIO is hereby ordered to pay plaintiffs ANTONIO FULGUERAS and JOYCE FULGUERAS, as represented by JANET D. CUETO, the following:

- FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS (Php583,200.00)** representing the principal amount plus compensatory interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of extrajudicial demand on September 25, 2024 until finality of this Decision, and such interest will earn 6% legal interest per annum until full satisfaction;
- The sum of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) as attorney's fees;
- Costs of suit, less Sheriff's Trust Fund (STF) of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), or the total amount of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One pesos and Twenty Centavos (Php13,451.20) only as indicated under official receipt number JEP-25-001562611.

SO ORDERED.

City of Manila, November 21, 2025.

(Sgd.)
ALVIN GREG G. PUA
Presiding Judge

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JAIME ALBERTO RAFAEL DEL ROSARIO <i>Defendant</i>	OLFU Antipolo Valley Mall Foodcourt, Km 23, Sumulong Dela Paz, City of Antipolo, Rizal and/or Antique St., Bankers Village, Phase 3, Brgy. Dela Paz, Antipolo City

¹ Records, Return on Summons dated April 6, 2025

² Records, pp. 64 to 66.

³ Records, pp. 76 to 77.

⁴ Records, Complaint, pp. 02 to 12; Records, Judicial Affidavits of Petitioner Janet Dionisio Cueto, pp. 47 to 58.

⁵ Annex "A"

⁶ Annex "B"

⁷ Annex "C"

⁸ Annex "D"

⁹ Annex "F"

¹⁰ Annex "G"

¹¹ Annex "H"

¹² Annex "N"

¹³ Annex "O"

¹⁴ Order, dated October 28, 2025

¹⁵ Go vs. Court of Appeals, 351 SCRA 145 (2001).

¹⁶ Encinas vs. National Bookstore, Inc., G.R. No. 162704, 19 Nov. 2004.

¹⁷ Article 1159, NCC

¹⁸ Article 315, NCC.

¹⁹ RNB Surety and Ins. Co. v. IAC, G.R. No. 64515, June 22, 1984

²⁰ Enervida v. De la Torre, 55 SCRA 340

²¹ Bernardo v. Court of Appeals, 275 SCRA 413

²² PAL v. Miano, G.R. No. 106664 March 8, 1995

²³ Article 2208, Civil Code

²⁴ G.R. No. 225433, September 20, 2022.

²⁵ National Marketing Corp. v. Marquez, et al., 136 Phil. 143 (1969) [Per J. JBL Reyes, En banc]; and Mendoza & Lim v. Spouses Gomez, 736 Phil. 460 (2014) [Per J. Perez, Second Division].

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Malawakang Rehabilitasyon ng Maharlika Highway, Sisimulan Na

Sisimulan na ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) ngayong 2026 ang malawakang rehabilitasyon at pag-sasaayos ng Maharlika Highway mula Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao, ayon kay Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon.

Kasunod ito ng direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na tiyaking maayos at mabilis ang lahat ng mga kalsadang dinaraan ng mga motorista sa buong bansa.

"Ang dumadaan sa Maharlika Highway na mga kababayan natin, milyun-milyon 'yan. Mula norte hanggang Mindanao. Mula Aparri hanggang Mindanao at 'yan ay sira-sira—all over the country. Grabe ang kalbaryo, grabe ang hirap na dinaranas ng mga kababayan natin araw-araw dahil sa ganyang sitwasyon ng Maharlika Highway. Aayusin natin itong Maharlika Highway, hindi lang sa Luzon, pati

sa Visayas lalo na sa Samar, sa Leyte, at pati na rin sa Mindanao," dagdag ng kalihim.

Kabilang sa mga aayusin na parte ng Maharlika Highway ay ang MacArthur Highway, Quirino Highway, at Andaya Highway.

Ayon pa kay Secretary Dizon, aayusin din ang lahat ng mga kalsada at mga tulay sa buong bansa, kabilang na ang EDSA, C-5 at mga tulay gaya ng Buot-Taup Bridge sa Cebu, Oyungan Bridge sa Iloilo at Tubod-Nabuna Bridge sa Misamis Occidental, maging ang nasirang hanging bridge sa Brgy. Kayapa sa Nueva Vizcaya at iba pa. (DPWH)



ICC CALLS FOR WITNESSES IN PH 'WAR ON DRUGS' PROBE

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued a call for individuals who had witnessed the alleged killings and abuses linked to the war on drugs in the Philippines from 2011 to 2019.

The ICC earlier launched a microsite, where direct witnesses, including members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), can reach out to the ICC Office of the Prosecutor and provide initial information that may help in the ongoing investigations.

"The Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court is investigating allegations of crimes against humanity, including killings, torture and sexual violence, perpetrated as part of the so-called War on Drugs campaign, between 1 November 2011 to 19 March 2019,

The Office is appealing for direct witnesses to these incidents, including members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies who were involved in these incidents, to come forward and speak

with members of the Office," the ICC appealed Friday.

The Office of the Prosecutor said witnesses could provide their testimonies confidentially through <https://appeals.icc-cpi.int>.

PNP Public Information Office chief PGen. Randolph Tuaño, in a message to reporters, said any officer contemplating testifying, "should seek legal advice since the call from ICC is an appeal, not a compulsion."

Former President Rodrigo Duterte has been in ICC custody since March 12, 2025, after he surrendered under an arrest warrant linked to alleged crimes related to the Philippine anti-illegal drugs campaign.

Earlier, requests for interim release were denied by the Pre-Trial Chamber in September 2025 and were upheld on appeal in November.

The court said it will determine the schedule for a hearing on the periodic review of Duterte's detention at a later date. (PTV4)

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IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPROVE THE WILL OF CONSOLACION OFELIA RAMOS MIRANDA WITH PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PATERNO MIRANDA III,

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. R-QZN-25-10500-SP

MICHAEL JOHN SOQUES MIRANDA A.K.A. MICHAEL JOHN MIRANDA, represented by PATERNO MIRANDA III,

Petitioner,

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ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition had been filed by the petitioner praying that after due hearing, judgment be rendered approving the Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos and that Paterno Miranda III be appointed as special administrator of her estate in the Philippines located at #35 P. Florentino Street, Quezon City and Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and covered by Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 32583, 140074, and 140075 of the Registry of Deeds of Quezon City and the BPI Bank deposits under BPI Investment Management Inc. amounting to \$11,138.21.

Petitioner further prays that Paterno Miranda III be appointed as special administrator without bond.

In his petition, petitioner allege among other things, that he is an American national of Filipino nationality, of legal age, married, and residing at 25060 Hancock Avenue, Ste 103-164, Murrietta, California 92562 USA, that he is the appointed executor in the Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda which was executed in New York before her death on May 3, 2018 in USA, and this refers to properties she let in the Philippines especially those properties located at 35 P. Florentino Street, Quezon City and Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and US \$11,000.00-dollar account with BPI, Sto. Domingo Branch as of March 2023. A photocopy of the Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda is attached thereto as Exhibit "A", that on February 11, 2019, the Surrogate Court of the State of New York (New York County) issued a Decree Granting the Probate of the said Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as Exhibit "B", the Surrogate Court of the State of New York likewise issued Letters Testamentary in favor of petitioner by virtue of a Certificate of Appointment of Executor, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as Exhibit "C"; that at the initiative of the US based Executor designated in the Will, Michael John Miranda, the latter appointed his brother, Paterno Miranda III, Filipino, of legal age, married and residing at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina division, Tandang Sora, Quezon City to be the Special Administrator as evidence by a Special Power of Attorney, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as Exhibit "D". As such, the executor surrendered the custody of the Last Will and Testament to the appointee and that Paterno Miranda III who is the appointed Special Administrator named by the executor is qualified to act as such freely and expressly consents thereto and hereby accepts the obligation.

Petitioner further alleged that the devisees, are all Filipinos and of legal ages, named by the deceased in her Last Will and Testament to receive and distribute the property located at #35 P. Florentino St., Quezon City and covered by TCT No 32583 of the Register of Deeds of Quezon City, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as Exhibit "E". The devisees are as follows:

- a. Horacio Ramos Miranda (now deceased) who died widower and no surviving heir;
b. Renato T. Miranda
c. Patricia T. Miranda
d. Regina T. Miranda
e. Evelyn T. Miranda
f. Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen);
g. Maribelle M. Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand);
h. Marissa S. Miranda - Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City and Paterno Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda with address at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City. A photocopy of the Death Certificate of Horacio Ramos Miranda is attached thereto as Exhibit "E-1", that this property is covered by Tax Declaration No. F-055-01039 0000-2017-01-103178 showing the assessed value of Php694,000.00 and market value of Php11,880,000.00 for the land and assessed value of Php171,080.00 and market value of Php684,320.00 for the improvement as evidenced by Tax Declaration No D-055-03368-0031-2006-08 000050-9020 thereto attached as Exhibits "F" and "G", respectively; that the other real properties left by the deceased are the properties located at Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and these properties are covered by TCT Nos. 140074 and 140075, photocopies of which are attached thereto as Exhibits "H" and "I", respectively, that the property covered by TCT No. 140074 has an assessed value of PHP180,000.00 and a market value of Php3,600,000.00 as evidenced by TD #F-142-10101-0066-2024-01-000187-9216 thereto attached as Exhibit "J"; that on the other hand, the property covered by TCT No. 140075 has an assessed value of Php180,000.00 and a market value of Php3,600,000.00 as evidenced by TD #F-142-10152-0066-2024-01-000211-9216 thereto attached as Exhibit "K".

The devisees of the Lagro Properties covered by TCT Nos. 140074 and 140075 are all Filipinos, of legal age, and are as follows:

- a. Paterno S. Miranda III
b. Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen)
c. Maribelle Miranda-Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand)
d. Marissa S. Miranda- Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights. Quezon City except Paterno S. Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda who are both residing at B2 L9, Cartier St. Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

With respect to the \$11,138.21 dollar account under BPI Investment Management Inc. Account No. 000000000303222 BPI Sto. Domingo Branch Quezon City, the devisees are the following:

- a) Horacio Ramos Miranda (now deceased) who died widower and nosurviving heir;
b) Renato T. Miranda
c) Patricia T. Miranda
d) Regina T. Miranda
e) Evelyn T. Miranda
f) Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen);
g) Maribelle M. Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand);
h) Marissa S. Miranda-Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City and Paterno Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda with address at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City; that petitioner is attaching thereto as Exhibit "L" and "L-1", respectively the Bank Statements from BPI Sto. Domingo Branch Quezon City; that petitioner is indicating the names of the witnesses who will be presented to prove petitioner's claims and a brief summary of their intended testimonies and attaching the Judicial Affidavit, to wit:

- 1. Paterno Miranda III - To testify on all the material allegations in the petition; to identify and authenticate documentary exhibits attached to the petition and to his Judicial Affidavit, other related matters.
2. Others - Who will corroborate the testimony of the Paterno S. Miranda III. Petitioner hereby reserves the right to present other witnesses as the need arises.

The documentary exhibits or object evidence in support of petitioner's petition are as follows:

- A Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda;
B Decree Granting Probate of the Last Will and Testament;
C Certificate of Appointment of Executor;
D Special Power of Attorney executed by Michael John Miranda in favor of Paterno Miranda III;
E TCT No. 32583;
E-1 Death Certificate of Horacio Ramos Miranda;
F Tax Declaration No F-055-01039 0000-2017-01-103178 (land);
G Tax Declaration No. D-055-03368-0031-2006-08 000050-9020 (improvement);
H TCT No. 140074;
I TCT NO, 140075;
J TD # F-142-10101-0066-2024-01-000187-9216;
K TD #F-142-10152-0066-2024-01-000211-9216;
L BPI Bank Statement as of December 31, 2022 showing the amount of \$11,040.69 dollar account;
L-1 BPI Bank Statement as of March 31, 2023 showing the amount of \$11,138.21 dollar account;
M Attorney Affidavit of Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak of Cullen and Dykman LLP with office address at One Battery Park 34th Floor, New York, New York 10004;
N Judicial Affidavit of Paterno Miranda III;
O Decision in R-QZN-19-12247-SP dated May 28, 2021, RTC Quezon City, Branch 216.

The pertinent procedural laws of the New York County, USA upon which the probate of Consolacion's Will was based in The Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, Art 14 Sec 1402; and that the lawyer who represented Michael John Miranda during the Probate proceedings of the Will of Consolacion Miranda has executed an affidavit to this effect a photocopy of the Attorney Affidavit of Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak is thereto attached as Exhibit "M".

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petition will be heard by this Court on 26 FEBRUARY 2026 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, in the Hall of Justice Building Annex, Regional Trial Court Branch 81, Quezon City, on which date, time and place, all persons concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the aforesaid petition should not be granted. Parties are hereby directed to furnish this Court their email addresses thru its email address: rtc1qzn081@judiciary.gov.ph.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation to which it may be assigned after a raffle to be conducted in accordance with law.

Likewise, let copies of this Order together with the petition and annexes be furnished the above-named heirs/devisees, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Quezon City Prosecutor and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, all at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Given in Chambers this 5th day of December 2025 in Quezon City.

(Sgd.)
MADONNA C. ECHIVERRI
Presiding Judge

copy furnished:

Atty. Oliver C. Ong
Counsel for petitioner

The Solicitor General
The Quezon City Prosecutor
The Commissioner, B.I.R.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
PASAY CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

FILE NO. REM 25-200

- versus -

**FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
MORTGAGE (UNDER ACT
NO. 3135, AS AMENDED BY
ACT NO. 4118)**

**SPS. BRIAN ALLEN BLACKWOOD AND
TRICIA E. BLACKWOOD, AS
REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-
FACT, MARY JANE MELENDRES
MINGUEZ,**

Debtors/Mortgagors.

X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee **BDO UNIBANK, INC. c/o REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT** with office/business address at 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against **SPS. BRIAN ALLEN BLACKWOOD AND TRICIA E. BLACKWOOD (DEBTORS/MORTGAGORS)**, represented by **MARY JANE MELENDRES MINGUEZ**, as attorney-in-fact, with residence/postal/office addresses at (1) Lot 8 Blk 10 Vermont St. California West Hills Subd. Buhay na Tubig Imus Cavite 4103, and (2) Unit 14109 14th Floor Tower 2 Shore 2 Residences Lot 3-C Seaside Blvd. and Sunrise Drive MOA Complex Pasay City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 30, 2025** amounts to **Php7,013,758.71** including/excluding interest, penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 26, 2026** between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice, Pasay City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property/ies, together with all the improvements existing thereon to wit:

**Condominium Certificate of Title
No. 003-2024005599**

(Republic Act No. 4726)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

"SHORE 2 RESIDENCES"
TOWER 2
FLOOR LEVEL - 14TH FLOOR
UNIT NO. 14109
UNIT TYPE - 1 BEDROOM WITH BALCONY
UNIT AREA - 29.92 SQ.M. 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 2014000627 which embraces and describes the land located at SEASIDE BOULEVARD AND SUNRISE DRIVE, MALL OF ASIA COMPLEX, PASAY CITY with an area of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (56,854) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

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, it shall be held on **March 5, 2026** without further notice.

Pasay City, this 6th day of January 2026.

For the Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
(Sgd.)

FERDINAND B. IRENEA
Deputy Sheriff, RTC-OCC, Pasay City

Publication: **THE SENTINEL POST**

Dates: **JANUARY 13, 20 & 27, 2026**

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale under penalty of law.

THE SENTINEL POST
January 13, 20 and 27, 2026

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
OF MARIANO JAVIER CUI
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "**Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Mariano Javier Cui with Absolute Sale of Real Property**," executed by and between **Gabriel Marco Rivera Cui** and **Carla Rivera Cui** (also known as **Carla Patricia Cui**) (collectively, the "Heirs"), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

(i) They are the children of **Mariano Javier Cui** (the "Decedent") who died **intestate on April 26, 2025**;

(ii) At the time of his death, the Decedent was a **widower**, his wife **Corazon Rivera Cui** having predeceased him on **February 1, 1998** in Vancouver, Canada;

(iii) The Heirs are the **only surviving compulsory heirs** of the Decedent;

(iv) The Decedent died **without leaving any will or testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;

(v) The Decedent was the owner of the following properties:

1. **One (1) parcel of land** located at **Lot 23 Sunset Street, Country Homes Subdivision, Brgy. Soro Soro, Biñan, Laguna**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 060-2021005266**; and
2. **One (1) Class "A" share** in the **Orchard Golf & Country Club**, covered by **Stock Certificate No. A-2979**.

(vi) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, and **sold the above-described real property** by way of **Absolute Sale** in favor of **JULITA AÑOSA CHIPONGIAN**, while the Orchard Golf & Country Club share was adjudicated exclusively to **Gabriel Marco Rivera Cui**, with **Carla Rivera Cui** waiving her rights and interests therein;

(vii) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**.

The **Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Mariano Javier Cui with Absolute Sale of Real Property** was executed in **Makati City** and notarized before **Atty. Darryl Shane S. Nardo, Notary Public for Makati City**, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 420; Page No. 85; Book No. I; Series of 2025**.

THE SENTINEL POST
January 20, 27 and February 3, 2026

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN**" executed by and between **Joy T. Vinluan** and **Harris T. De Salit**, (collectively, the "Heirs"), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

(i) **Porfirio Tappan** (the "Decedent") died **intestate on 13 March 1979**, at San Pedro, Laguna;

(ii) The Heirs are the **only surviving compulsory heirs of the Decedent**;

(iii) The Decedent left **no last will and testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;

(iv) At the time of his death, the Decedent left a real property with Tax Declaration No. 24-0016-03203 issued by the Office of the City Assessor's Office of City of San Pedro, Laguna;

(v) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, among themselves;

(vi) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**, within the period provided by law.

The **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN** was executed and signed in **San Pedro, Laguna** by **Atty. Jaarmy G. Bolus-Romero**, a Notary Public for **San Pedro, Laguna**, entered in the notarial register as **Doc. No. 9; Page No. 3; Book No. XXII; Series of 2025**.

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January 13, 20 and 27, 2026

Eastern Visayas RSTW 2025 Spurs Partnerships... (From P.3)

ment's "digital seal of truth" that allows anyone—citizens, auditors, researchers, and future administrations—to verify official budget records even decades later.

"Sa 2026 budget, mayroon na pong 'forever,' forever na ninyong masusuri iyan. Ito ang Digital Bayanihan Chain—isang sistema na nagsasabing ang budget ng bayan ay malinaw, totoo, at hindi nabubura ng panahon o politika," the DICT chief said.

Aguda emphasized that the system's biggest impact will be felt in corruption prevention, as permanent dig-

ital records make it harder to conceal irregularities and easier to hold erring officials accountable.

"Kapag ang budget ay may permanenteng digital record na hindi pwedeng baguhin nang palihim, mas mahirap mandaya, mas madaling managot," Aguda said.

Aguda added that the transparency portal will allow the public to track where government funds go, with evidence remaining accessible regardless of changes in leadership—helping build long-term trust in government institutions. (PND)



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RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES ON THE

Special Proceeding No. SP 25-023 MAL

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ELISEO PABLO MESINA, JR. duly represented in this act by MIGUEL P. MESINA JR.,

Petitioner,

- versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA, AND ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,

Respondents.

x ----- x

NOTICE OF HEARING

MARCH 25, 2026, WEDNESDAY
 At 8:30 a.m.

Paseo De San Antonio Complex,
 Brgy. Catmon, City of Malabon

ORDER

Petitioner Miguel P. Mesina Jr. (petitioner), a naturalized US citizen residing in the United States of America, filed the present petition, through his representative Miguel P. Mesina, Jr., for the correction of the following entries in his Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) registered under Local Civil Registrar No. 1883 of the Civil Registry of Malabon City and BReN 007502-A53UT02-5:

ENTRY NO.	FROM	TO
6 – Date of Birth	October 27, 1953	October 27, 1962
19 (d) – Date Signed by Attendant	October 27, 1953	October 27, 1962

Petitioner alleged that he was born to his parents, Eliseo Yao Mesina and Natividad Vicente Pablo, on October 27, 1962, both of whom are deceased. He is the 6th of his parents' seven (7) children, who were born in the following order:

1. Virgilio Pablo Mesina - December 14, 1953
2. Rhodora Pablo Mesina - February 17, 1955
3. Susan Pablo Mesina - May 14, 1957
4. Manuel Pablo Mesina- January 17, 1960
5. Ramon Pablo Mesina- December 8, 1961 (+)
- 6. Eliseo Pablo Mesina, Jr. - October 27, 1962**
7. Eduardo Pablo Mesina- May 13, 1964

He further alleged that his correct date of birth is reflected in his Certificate of Baptism issued by the San Roque Cathedral Parish, and two (2) of his close relatives stated and declared under oath that his correct date of birth is October 27, 1962.

Lastly, petitioner alleged that the same COLB sought to be corrected indicates that it was prepared by a certain Gaudiosa T. Lozona, a registered midwife, on October 27, 1962, which contradicts the erroneous entries-6 (Date of Birth) and 19(d) (Date Signed by Attendant), which both indicate "October 27, 1953." Petitioner also pointed out that the COLB was received by the Office of the Local Civil Registrar on November 6, 1962.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let this case be set for hearing on **MARCH 25, 2026 (WEDNESDAY), AT 8:30 A.M.**, before this court sitting at Paseo de San Antonio Commercial Complex, Gov. Pascual, Catmon, Malabon City.

Any person/s having or claiming any interest that would be affected by the entries sought to be corrected, and any person/s who have objections to the petition, are notified and should file their opposition, with a statement of the grounds, on or before the date of the hearing.

Let copies of this Order, together with the petition and its annexes, be served upon

(1) the Philippine Statistics Authority, (2) the Local Civil Registrar, (3) Virgilio Pablo Mesina, Rhodora Pablo Mesina, Susan Pablo Mesina, Manuel Pablo Mesina, Eduardo Pablo Mesina, and (4) all person/s who have and appear to have an interest in the subject of the petition.

Further, let copies of this Order be (1) published in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila, to be determined by raffle pursuant to P.D. No. 1079 (s. 1977), and (2) posted at the main entrance of the Malabon City Hall and the respective bulletin boards of the Office of the Clerk of Court and all the branches of the Regional Trial Court of Malabon, **for at least three (3) consecutive weeks**, at petitioner's expense.

The Process Server/Sheriff is allowed to **WITHDRAW** from the Sheriff's Trust Fund the amount of **One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)** to defray the costs of service of this Order, subject to post-liquidation. For this purpose, and for the purpose of publication in accordance with P.D. No. 1079, furnish the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Malabon City with a copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

City of Malabon, December 17, 2025.

(Sgd.)
MA. ANTONIA L. LARGOZA-CANTERO
 Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

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| Atty. Richard V. Gomez
Counsel for Petitioner

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Office of the City Prosecutor, Malabon

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THE SENTINEL POST
 January 13, 20 and 27, 2026

Palace seeks public nominations for outstanding overseas Filipinos

MANILA – Malacañang has directed all government agencies and instrumentalities to raise public awareness of the 2026 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO).

Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, by authority of the President, signed on Jan. 15 Memorandum Circular (MC) 112, mandating all government agencies to extend full support to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) in the conduct of the 2026 PAFIOO.

All local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector are likewise encouraged to support the initiative.

Under MC 112, the Presidential Communications Office is directed to implement effective measures to inform and encourage the

public to nominate outstanding overseas Filipinos for the 2026 PAFIOO.

"The successful conduct of the 2026 PAFIOO requires the dissemination of information and the active participation of government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as the general public, in identifying and endorsing qualified nominees," the memorandum read.

The CFO opened the call for nominations for the 2026 PAFIOO on Dec. 11, 2025.

Nominations for the award categories – Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino Award, Banaag Award, Pamana ng Pilipino Award, and Kaanib ng Bayan Award – will be accepted until May 29.

A multi-stage evaluation process will be conducted before the conferment of the awards in December.

Established in 1991 through Executive Order 498, the PAFIOO has been conferred by seven Philippine presidents on 555 individuals and organizations from 55 countries and territories.

The award highlights the enduring excellence, selfless service, and deep commitment of overseas Filipinos and international partners to nation-building.

The PAFIOO is a biennial award conferred by the President of the Republic of the Philippines on outstanding overseas Filipinos, as well as foreign individuals and organizations, in recognition of their exceptional achievements, humanitarian and philanthropic initiatives, and significant contributions to Philippine development and the advancement of the interests of the Filipino diaspora. **(PNA)**

TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

LIZA SOBERANO REPOSTS INTERVIEW ABOUT HER INSIGHTS ON PHILIPPINE LOVE TEAMS



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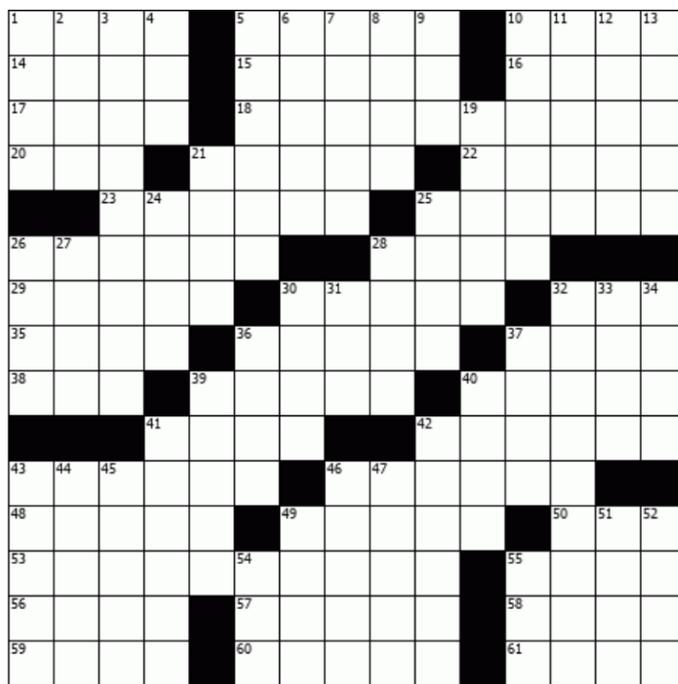
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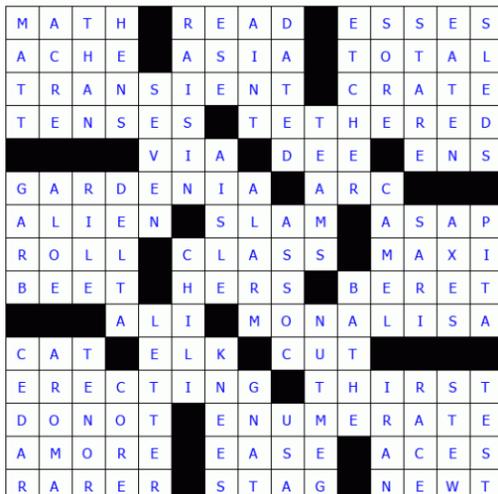
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21. Moves upward
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23. Brokers
25. Having rows
26. Took long steps
28. Actor ___ Reynolds
29. Misplaces
30. Musical instrument
32. Small quantity
35. Nest eggs (abbr.)
36. Flat-bottomed boat
37. Guitar device
38. Actor ___ Gibson
39. Lymph ___
40. Bogged down
41. Brashness
42. Restaurant
43. Accent
46. Trapped
48. Beijing's country
49. Shop
50. Get by
53. Political Beatles song
55. Range part
56. Consumer
57. Quiz choice
58. Committed perjury
59. Greek letter
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3. Practice session
4. One of us
5. Like Swiss mountains
6. Minimum
7. Monstrous giants
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9. Legendary boxer
10. Magic charm
11. Use crayons
12. Silly
13. Risked
19. Nile city
21. Cincinnati baseballers
24. Exits
25. Melody
26. Slender
27. Shredded
28. Sacks
30. Cushions
31. Fury
32. Reckless one
33. Mimicker
34. Torso
36. Foreman
37. Quote
39. ___ spray
40. Foal's mom
41. Spanish title
42. Merited
43. Rub clean
44. Not those
45. Metal bolt
46. Calm
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HOOPS REPUBLIC

UST faces daunting challenge in UAAP boys' football title defense

MANILA – University of Santo Tomas is expected to face a tougher challenge in its title defense in the UAAP Season 88 boys' football tournament featuring a record seven teams.

Led by Stephen Flores and James Sunog, UST pulled off a 2-1 victory over Far Eastern University-Diliman in last year's final, ending the Baby Tamaraws' 12-year reign.

The tournament kicks off 2 p.m. Saturday at the UP football field, with FEU-D facing newcomer Adamson University.

"In the juniors, what happened to us was painful. First round and second round, we didn't lose. Only in the championship match against UST. It's still not lost, especially to me," FEU-D coach Jake Morallo said in a news release Friday.

"Jerriemy Biton will be back too. He's looking forward to getting back this season. We are hoping to bring back the crown. We know we can, especially with our squad. Now, we'll be working almost every day so I think we're ready," he added.

Guest team Claret School of Quezon City and De La Salle-Zobel collide at 4:30 p.m. while Ateneo de Manila takes on guest squad PAREF



CHAMPION. University of Santo Tomas ended the 12-year reign of Far Eastern University-Diliman in the UAAP Season 87 boys' football tournament with a 2-1 victory in the final on March 29, 2025. The Junior Golden Booters are facing a daunting challenge in their title defense in the tournament featuring a record seven teams. (UAAP photo)

Southridge School at 7 p.m.

Claret hopes to improve its campaign after debuting last season with only one win in 10 matches, prevailing over La Salle, 3-2, on the final day of the elimination round.

La Salle is also eyeing a better performance after closing Season 87 on a five-game slump from the second round to the Final Four.

Ateneo and Southridge last met in the Season 87 eliminations, with the match ending in a 1-1 draw that proved pivotal for the Admirals, who earned a crucial point to secure the No. 4 seed in the semis.

Meanwhile, UST and La Salle will square off at 2 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the same venue. (PNA)

SOARING FALCONS BEAT RED WARRIORS IN UAAP MEN'S FOOTBALL

MANILA – Striker Golike Doko displayed his brilliant form again Thursday, leading Adamson University to a 4-2 victory over University of the East in the UAAP Season 88 men's football tournament at the University of the Philippines football field.

The Cameroonian also starred in the Falcons' 3-0 rout of the Red Warriors on Oct. 3, 2025.

Doko converted a corner kick from Mark Ricario in the 39th minute for a 1-2 count after UE's Nicho Sumanoy scored in the 14th and 19th minutes.

Ricario tied the score in the 59th minute with a free kick following a foul on Doko by UE's Keith Hermoso, who was shown a yellow card.

Doko completed his brace in the 69th minute as the Soaring Falcons grabbed the lead. Lloyd Tan added a late goal to seal the win.

"I think we deserved the win," said Adamson head coach Darlton Digha.

"We were really frustrated as a coaching staff in the first half, but the players recognized it and stepped up in the second half. Based on our last two weeks of training, I felt we really came back," he added.

Adamson stayed in sixth place with nine points, in a tie with De La



WINNER. Adamson University striker Golike Doko controls the ball during the game against University of the East in the UAAP Season 88 men's football tournament at the University of the Philippines football field on Thursday (Jan. 15, 2026). The Soaring Falcons won, 4-2. (UAAP photo)

Salle University, but with an inferior goal difference of -9.

UE remained at the bottom with zero points and a goal difference of -21.

Meanwhile, matches on Sunday will start at 2 p.m. with Adamson taking on UP.

Ateneo de Manila University battles University of Santo Tomas at 4:30 p.m. while La Salle and Far Eastern University collide at 7 p.m. (PNA)



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Eala, Yulo named PSA Athletes of the Year



Alexandra Eala and Carlos Edriel Yulo. (Photo courtesy: Eala and Yulo / IG)

Tennis star Alexandra Eala and gymnastics' golden boy Carlos Edriel Yulo will both receive the 2025 Athlete of the Year award in the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Annual Awards Night at Diamond Hotel Manila in Ermita on Feb. 16.

Eala made history at the Thailand Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in December 2025 by winning the country's first women's singles gold medal after 26 years.

Yulo, first named PSA Athlete of the Year in 2024 after a double-gold performance at the Paris Olympics, bagged a fourth straight gold medal in floor exercise at the 2025 Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in South Korea, where he also bagged bronze in parallel bars, vault, and individual all-around.

The traditional sports gala by the country's oldest media organization, held in partnership with San Miguel Corporation, was originally slated on Feb. 2 but has been moved to Feb. 16 due to unavoidable circumstances.

It will be the first time in 22 years that the PSA named a male and female co-Athletes of the Year since legendary boxer Manny Pacquiao and golfer Jennifer Rosales shared the honor in 2004.

"Their exemplary performances on the international stage and more importantly, the way they have inspired countless young athletes to chase their own path for greatness, are enough reasons to crown both Alex and Carlos as the year's top performers in sports," PSA president Francis Ochoa, sports editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, said in a news release Friday.

Born and raised on Leveriza Street in Manila, Malate, near Rizal Memorial Sports Center, Yulo stomped his way

back to the 53rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Indonesia, winning the vault and placing third in floor exercise.

Eala, a graduate of the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain, registered several firsts in Philippine tennis history, including breaking into the world's Top 50.

Ranked No. 140 and given a wild card at the WTA 1000 Miami Open, Eala beat former French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko (second round), reigning Australian Open winner and No. 5 Madison Keys (third round), and five-time Grand Slam champion and World No. 2 Iga Swiatek (quarterfinals) before losing to American Jessica Pegula in the semifinals.

She became the first Filipino in the Open era to play in the Wimbledon singles main draw, earned her first WTA singles title at the Guadalajara 125 Open in Mexico, and scored a Grand Slam breakthrough as the first Filipino in the Open era to win a match at the US Open in New York after prevailing over No. 14 seed Clara Tauson. (Jean Malanum | PTV4/PNA)



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