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## ICC PROSECUTOR NAMES BATO, GO 'CO-PERPETRATORS' IN DUTERTE DRUG WAR

MANILA – The International Criminal Court (ICC) Office of the Prosecutor has named eight incumbent and past officials, including Senators Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa and Christopher “Bong” Go, and former Justice secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II, as alleged co-perpetrators in the killings that took place during the campaign against illegal drugs in the Philippines.

ICC Deputy Prosecutor Mame Mandiaye Niang, in a court document dated Feb. 13, said detained former president Rodrigo R. Duterte and the alleged co-perpetrators “shared a common plan or agreement to neutralize alleged criminals in the Philippines,” as well as those perceived or alleged to be linked with drug use, sale or production through violent crimes, including murder.

Dela Rosa, who was Duterte’s first Philippine National Police (PNP) chief, has not been seen in public since Senate sessions resumed in November 2025. He “disappeared” after reports surfaced that he would be arrested, too.

On Jan. 21 when he turned 64, he posted on Facebook that he is “alive and well,” “seeking for justice to emerge and take over,” and remains patient, composed and dignified.

Aside from Dela Rosa, Go and Aguirre, the others are:

- Vicente Danao, who served as Davao City Police (October 2013-June 2016); PNP counterintelligence chief (July 2016-February 2017); PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group deputy director for operations (February 2017-November 2018); and Manila Police district director (November 2018-October 2019);

- The late Camilo Cascolan, who served as finance chief of Davao Region Police Office (2011-2012); chief of the PNP Directorate for Operations (July 2016-April 2018); director of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) (April-May 2018); chief of staff in the PNP Office of the Chief of Directorial Staff (September 2018-October 2019);



(PNA file photo by Yancy Lim)

**ACCUSED.** Senators Ronald Dela Rosa and Christopher Go (2nd and 3rd from left) are listed as co-perpetrators in the killings that took place during the campaign against illegal drugs in the Philippines, according to an International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor document dated Feb. 13, 2026. Along with other former police officials, the ICC prosecution said they used the police from Davao City and non-police hitmen to kill alleged criminals during the mayoral period and presidency of Rodrigo Duterte.

- Oscar Albayalde, who served as director of the NCRPO (July 2016-April 2018); chief of the PNP (April 2018-October 2019);

- Dante Gierran, who served as National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) - Davao Region Director (2013-2016); and Director (2016-2020); and,

- Isidro Lapeña, who served as chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (2016-2017).

Also listed were unnamed members of the PNP and high-ranking government officials.

The prosecution said Duterte, Go and the law enforcement officials used the police from Davao City and non-police hitmen, together with the so-called Davao Death Squad (DDS), to kill alleged criminals during the mayoral period of the former president, covering June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

“By means of their de jure and/or de facto author-

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### ~ SOUL FOOD ~

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him”

- 1 John 3:1 -

## DFA warns Filipinos against foreign military recruitment disguised as civilian jobs



MANILA — The Department of Foreign Affairs warned against accepting overseas employment offers that may involve recruitment into foreign armed forces, including positions disguised as regular civilian work.

Participation in foreign armed conflicts exposes Filipinos to grave danger and serious legal consequences, the DFA said in an advisory.

Recruitment into foreign armed forces, whether directly or indirectly, may violate Philippine laws and lead to loss of citizenship.

Under Republic Act 9225, the Citizenship Retention and Re-Acquisition Act of 2003, Filipino citizens who serve in the armed forces of a foreign country may lose their Philippine citizenship.

The Philippine Constitution also restricts dual citizens from serving in foreign military forces while retaining Filipino nationality.

The warning comes amid reports of recruitment schemes targeting Filipinos for overseas jobs that later require military service or involvement in armed conflicts abroad.

The DFA urged Filipinos seeking overseas employment to verify job offers, recruitment agencies and employers with the Department of Migrant Workers before accepting any position.

“Filipinos seeking overseas employment are strongly encouraged to verify job offers, recruitment agencies, and employers with the Department of Migrant Workers and to remain vigilant against illegal or deceptive recruitment practices that may put their lives and welfare at serious risk,” the DFA said.

The department, however, did not specify which countries or conflicts prompted the advisory but emphasized that recruitment may occur under the guise of regular civilian employment in various sectors.

Filipinos who suspect fraudulent recruitment or have concerns about overseas job offers may contact the DMW hotline: 1348 (DMW-OWWA) or via landline at (02) 8722-1144 and (02) 8722-1155 or visit the agency’s website for verification and assistance.

The advisory reinforces standing government warnings against illegal recruitment, which carries penalties including imprisonment and fines under Philippine law.

The government has consistently urged workers to process overseas employment only through licensed recruitment agencies accredited by the DMW. **(JCO/PIA-NCR)**

## PBBM forms body to lead PH participation in Japan Green Expo 2027

President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. has ordered the release of a total of P321 million to 35 provinces and seven cities affected by recent tropical storm Basyang and the shear line.

The President’s directive was issued to Executive Secretary Ralph G. Recto, who today said the funds would be immediately released to the intended beneficiaries in compliance with the Chief Executive’s instruction.

In his directive, the President said the recent weather disturbances have resulted “in the displacement of a significant number of people, casualties and damage to infrastructure.”

The Office of Civil Defense has reported at least 12 fatalities in the wake of Basyang.

“In view of this, you are hereby directed to provide financial assistance to the following LGUs, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations,” stated the President’s directive to Recto.

Recto said the funds would enable recipient-LGUs to help their constituents who have been displaced by last month’s bad weather conditions and to rehabilitate damaged infrastructure.

“The assistance would allow these communities to recover as expeditiously as possible from the recent weather events. It’s part of the President’s initiatives to support LGUs and their constituents,” he said.

Provinces that will receive financial aid are Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Negros Oriental, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Misamis Oriental, Bohol, Negros Occidental; Capiz, Aklan, Leyte, Cebu, Catanduanes, Iloilo, Camarines Sur, Camiguin, Eastern Samar, Sorsogon, Misamis Occidental, Southern Leyte, Masbate, Lanao del Norte, Antique, Davao de Oro;

Davao del Norte, Camarines Norte, Bukidnon, Siquijor, Zamboanga del Norte, Samar, Northern Samar, Occidental Mindoro, and Ori-



**SWIFT GOV’T RESPONSE.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (right) presides over a meeting with heads of concerned government agencies and governors from areas hit by Tropical Storm Basyang, at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Wednesday (Feb. 11, 2026). Marcos ordered them to ensure “faster and more orderly relief and recovery efforts” in calamity-hit areas. (Photo from the Presidential Communications Office)

ental Mindoro.

The city-recipients are Iligan, Cagayan de Oro, Bacolod, Butuan, Cebu, Zamboanga, Iloilo, and Mandaue City.

Recto asked the recipient-LGUs to submit reports on the use of the funds.

The Marcos administration has been engaging LGUs in the implementation of national government programs.

On Wednesday, the President met with governors from provinces severely affected by Tropical Storm Basyang to ensure a coordinated and swift government response.

Aside from ordering the release of financial assistance, the Chief directed that that river clearing operations and flood mitigation measures be undertaken to reduce the risk of future flooding and danger to communities.

Also on Wednesday, the President led the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Education and provincial local government units (LGUs) on the nationwide classroom building program. **(PCO)**

## Love sealed in Muntinlupa: 94 Couples, Isang Araw ng Walang Hanggang Pangako

94 couples ang sabay-sabay na nag-“I do” sa Kasalang Bayan ngayong Friday (Feb. 13), isang tradisyong lungsod na inorganisa ng Community Affairs & Development Office (CADO), katuwang ang

Local Civil Registry Office - Muntinlupa (LCR) para sa marriage registration.

Ang Kasalang Bayan ay nagbibigay pagkakataon sa mga magkasintahan na maikasal nang libre, may basbas ng pamahalaan, at puno ng malasakit. Pinangunahan



nina Mayor Ruffy Biazon at Cong. Jimmy Fresnedi, kasama ang mga opisyal ng lungsod, ang ceremony na nagpatibay sa pangako ng bawat mag-asawa.

Kasalang Bayan Highlights:

• Pinakabata sa mga ikinasal sina Elieen Pa-

guidopon Ricafort (19 yon) at Princess Rosian Mitra Marculeta (18 yon) mula Brgy. Poblacion.

• Oldest Couple sina Ernesto Tacac Manuel (67 yon) at Eufronia Lacasa Solayao (51 yon), mula rin sa Brgy. Poblacion.

• Most Romantic Couple naman sina

Wellmar Legaspi at Ma. Francesca Caaway, both from Brgy. Bayanan.

Congrats sa lahat ng 94 couples na ngayon ay opisyal nang mag-asawa!

#Muntinlupa #KasalangBayan #RuffyBiazon #CADO Muntinlupa

## Canada, PH to start 1st round of FTA negotiation next week – DFA

MANILA – Canada and the Philippines will commence their first round of negotiation for a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) next week, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) announced Saturday.

In a text message to the Philippine News Agency, Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Angelica Escalona said the Philippines will host the formal negotiations from Feb. 18 to 20.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney agreed to initiate the talks, intending to conclude them within the year, during their bilateral meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October last year.

According to the Canadian foreign affairs ministry, Canadian stakeholders have a “high level of support” for the potential Canada-Philippines FTA, seeing its benefits of increased trade.

Before the formal talks, the Canadian government received two submissions from provinces and territories, backing the negotiations and highlighting similar potential for services, energy, and resources, and attracting foreign talent and expertise through the FTA.

Canadian export-oriented sectors, such as sugar, beef, grains, and pulses, also showed strong support for the possible deal, calling for the removal of tariffs and non-tariff trade barriers to facilitate a stable and predictable trading environment.

Canadian supply-managed sectors, such as dairy, poultry, and eggs, likewise indicated that they are not opposed to negotiations.

Top Canadian exports to the Philippines include mineral ores, meat, cereals, wood, machinery, electronics, fertilizers, and aircraft and parts.

The top imports from the Philippines are electronics, machinery, animal and vegetable oils, leather and rubber products, scientific in-



**TRADE DEAL.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney during their bilateral meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 2025. They agreed to initiate free trade negotiations, aiming to conclude them within this year. (Photo courtesy of PCO)

struments, and preparations of vegetables.

At the 7th Meeting of the Philippine-Canada Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation on Feb. 12, the Philippine government described the development on FTA talks as a milestone, signaling the “positive momentum” in the two nations’ relations.

“The Philippines considers Canada a credible, reliable, and principled partner in supporting both our bilateral and collective efforts in promoting peace and security in the region,” said Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Policy Leo Herrera-Lim, who led the Philippine delegation.

Canadian Assistant Deputy Minister for Indo-Pacific Weldon Epp, who represented Canada, recognized the importance of working together to advance mutual interests.

The delegations also discussed advancing economic and development cooperation, as well as collaboration on energy security, critical minerals, and cybersecurity. (PNA)

## Italy, PH ink new defense cooperation deal



(Photo courtesy of Sec. Lazaro/X)

**NEW DEAL.** Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro (left) and Italian Minister of Defense Guido Crosetto sign a new bilateral defense cooperation agreement on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in Germany on Saturday (Feb. 14, 2026). The deal replaces an expired memorandum of understanding, and expands potential for defense co-production and technology cooperation.

MANILA – The Philippines and Italy have sealed a new bilateral defense cooperation agreement after more than a year of review, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Saturday night.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro and Italian Minister of Defense Guido Crosetto signed the deal, which replaces an expired memorandum of understanding, on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in Germany.

Lazaro said the signing serves as “another concrete step to move the Philippine-Italy cooperation forward.”

Philippine Ambassador to Italy Neal Imperial, in a text message to the Philippine News Agency, said the agreement will include provi-

sions on procurement, defense co-production, and logistics and technology collaboration.

“The embassy welcomes the signing of this important agreement which elevates the political and security partnership between the Philippines and Italy,” he said.

“This is a clear demonstration of Italy’s seriousness in engaging with one of the most strategic countries in the Indo-Pacific in the important area of defense cooperation.”

Imperial deferred to the Department of National Defense when asked if the new deal would also facilitate the Italian participation in the Philippines-led multilateral sails in the West Philippine Sea.

Italy anchors its engagements in Indo-Pacific on a 2021 European Union Strategy, which aims to forge closer relations with Indo-Pacific nations to help reinforce a free, open, and rules-based region.

Italy said it is committed to contributing to maritime security in the region, and regards the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) as a “key tool for managing territorial and maritime disputes in the South China Sea.”

UNCLOS, also known as the constitution for the seas, is the basis of the 2016 Arbitral Award that invalidated the sweeping claims of China in the South China Sea.

In 2024, Crosetto said Italy sees the Indo-Pacific as important as the Mediterranean, and stressed the urgency of defusing tensions in the region to avoid armed conflict. (PNA)

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### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN  
THE CITY OF MALABON

Application No. NC-26-008-MAL

ATTY. FERDINAND S. CRUZ  
Petitioner.

X—————X

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. FERDINAND S. CRUZ** shall be held on **March 12, 2026 at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon** at the Office of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court - Branch 290, Paseo De San Antonio Complex, Barangay Catmon, City of Malabon.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of summary hearing.

Malabon City, February 13, 2026.

(Sgd.)  
**ROSARIO C. INES-PINZON**  
Executive Judge

THE SENTINEL POST  
February 17, 2026

## South African caught with P40.8-M shabu at NAIA



**NABBED.** Authorities conduct an inventory on the PHP40.8 million worth of suspected shabu found inside the luggage of a 30-year-old South African national at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on Sunday (Feb. 15, 2026). The suspect, who arrived from Johannesburg via Hong Kong, was immediately arrested and will be charged with violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (Photo courtesy of PDEA)

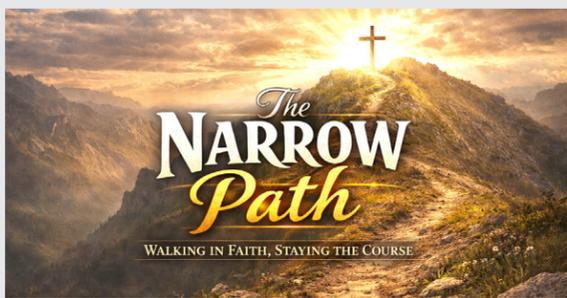
MANILA – A South African national was arrested after he was found in possession of about PHP40.8 million worth of illegal drugs at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 over the weekend.

In a statement Monday, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) said the 30-year-old suspect, identified only as “JD,” arrived from Johannesburg via Hong Kong at around 10:50 a.m. on Sunday.

Recovered from the suspect were around 6,000 grams of shabu with an estimated street value of PHP40.8 million, along with non-drug items such as travel documents, identification cards, mobile phones, personal belongings and foreign currency.

PDEA said the seized evidence were turned over to its laboratory service for examination and proper disposition.

The suspect will face charges for violating the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (Christopher Lloyd Caliwan/PNA)



## Taming the Tongue: A Biblical Guide to Guarding Our Words

Words are powerful. With a few sentences, we can heal a wounded heart—or break a person’s spirit. The Bible repeatedly reminds us that what comes out of our mouths reflects what is in our hearts. Taming the tongue is not merely about learning to speak less; it is about learning to speak wisely, truthfully, and lovingly.

In the Book of James, the tongue is described as small but powerful—like a tiny spark that can set a great forest on fire. Though small, it can cause enormous damage when used carelessly. Gossip, slander, harsh criticism, and angry words can spread quickly and leave lasting wounds. James teaches that no one can fully tame the tongue on their own; it requires spiritual maturity and God’s help.

The book of Proverbs also speaks often about the power of speech. Proverbs 18:21 declares that “death and life are in the power of the tongue.” This means our words can either build someone up or tear them down. Speaking encouragement, truth, and kindness brings life. Speaking lies, hatred, or cruelty brings harm.

In Ephesians 4:29, believers are urged not to let any unwholesome talk come out of their mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up. This verse shifts the focus from avoiding bad speech to actively choosing good speech. It is not enough to stay silent; we are called to speak words that strengthen and uplift.

Taming the tongue begins in the heart. Matthew 12:34 reminds us that “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” When our hearts are filled with anger, pride, or bitterness, our words will reflect it. But when our hearts are filled with grace, humility, and love, our speech will change.

In a world filled with quick reactions, social media arguments, and harsh public discourse, the biblical call to tame the tongue is more relevant than ever. Pausing before speaking, praying before responding, and choosing kindness over criticism are practical ways to live out this teaching.

Ultimately, taming the tongue is a daily spiritual discipline. It is a commitment to let God shape not only our thoughts but also our speech. When we allow Him to guide our words, our conversations can become instruments of peace, encouragement, and truth.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,  
Applicant-Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 25-4925

ARLENE A. FELIX  
Debtor-Mortgagor

LOVELY CYRELE A. ACACIO,  
Co-Debtor.

X-----X

### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed on December 18, 2025, by the mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, as assignee of PNB Savings Bank, with principal office address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, against the mortgagor, **ARLENE A. FELIX**, with address at (1) 557 Calcedonia St., San Isidro, Iriga City, Camarines Sur, (2) Al Affary Polyclinic, Alsulimaniya, Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and (3) Unit 33-F, 33rd Floor, 8 Adriatico Residences, Padre Faura St., Corner J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of November 30, 2025, amounts to PESOS: **FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE and SIXTY-NINE CENTAVOS (Php 4,398,595.69)**<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate)<sup>2</sup>, the undersigned Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, through her deputy, **Sheriff JOLLY RICHARD M. MUNSAYAC**, will sell at public auction on **March 11, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Manila, Room 400, 4th Floor, Manila City Hall, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, more particularly described as follows:

#### Condominium Certificate of Title No. 002-2020010574

(Republic Act No. 4726)  
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:  
UNIT F, A STUDIO CONDOMINIUM UNIT WITH AN AREA OF 24.72-SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS LOCATED AT THE THIRTY-THIRD FLOOR OF “8 ADRIATICO” CONDOMINIUM CONDOMINIUM,  
in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE II 2014002846; 2014002847; 2014002848 which embraces and describes the land located at P. FAURA STREET, ERMITA, MANILA with an area of (1,334.00, 137.80, 169.60) Square Meter, Manila is registered in the name of:  
Owner: (1) **ARLENE AGAPITO FELIX, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO CITIZEN**  
Address: AL AFFARY POLYCLINIC AL SULIMANIYA, TABUK, SAUDI ARABIA  
(Continued on next page)  
OWNER INFORMATION (Continued from page 1)  
Owner: (2) **LOVELY CYRELE AGBAYANI ACACIO, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO CITIZEN**  
Address: AL AFFARY POLYCLINIC AL SULIMANIYA, TABUK, SAUDI ARABIA

Prospective bidders and/or buyers are enjoined to investigate, verify and conduct proper due diligence on the property above described.

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 due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working, or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **April 8, 2026** without the need of further notice, re-posting and republication.

City of Manila, Philippines, January 8, 2026.

(Sgd.)

**SHAIRA A. QUERUBIN<sup>3</sup>**  
Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.)

**JOLLY RICHARD M. MUNSAYAC**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

#### Copy furnished:

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Applicant-Mortgagee  
PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila

**ARLENE A. FELIX**  
**LOVELY CYRELE A. ACACIO**  
Debtor-Mortgagor  
(1) 557 Calcedonia St., San Isidro, Iriga City, Camarines Sur, and  
(2) Unit 33-F, 33rd Floor, 8 Adriatico Residences, Padre Faura St., Corner J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila

**NOTE:** Failure to attend at the said auction sale despite proper notice, shall be construed as a waiver. Accordingly, the auction sale shall be held as scheduled.

#### WARNING:

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

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- <sup>1</sup> Annex “G” of the Petition
- <sup>2</sup> Notarized on September 24, 2018
- <sup>3</sup> Per Designation Order dated December 09, 2024 issued by Hon. Carolina C. Icasiano-Sison, Executive Judge, RTC, Manila with approval/confirmation by Hon. Raul B. Villanueva, Supreme Court of the Philippines, dated December 10, 2024

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## ICC prosecutor names Bato, Go ‘co-perpetrators’... (From P.1)

ity, one or more of the Co-Perpetrators controlled a structure of power—the local police and related DDS hierarchy—that enabled them to control the will of the physical perpetrators,” the document read.

As mayor, the prosecutor office said Duterte “sat at the apex” of the formal police and city structures, with legal control over the PNP units in Davao City, as well as of non-police Davao City Hall workers and barangay officials, “who sometimes participated in or facilitated the crimes.”

So-called barangay handlers and police, it alleged, subordinated DDS members who were the ones who allegedly carried out the crimes.

“The handlers reported to a combination of police and Co-Perpetrators (in particular, Dela Rosa [2012-2013], Danao [2013-2016], Sonny Buenaventura [police officer and Duterte’s driver and bodyguard] and Bong Go), who in turn reported to Duterte. Duterte’s approval was required for DDS members to conduct killings in Davao City,” it said.

The alleged co-perpetrators, it added, powered over those physically conducting the crime, who felt they had no choice but to obey or risk “being killed” and or disposed of.

During Duterte’s presidency, meanwhile, the prosecution said the listed names “agreed to ex-

pand the common plan to neutralize alleged criminals” across the Philippines.

“In their new geographically expanded roles, the Co-Perpetrators controlled the will of the physical perpetrators through a mechanism that ensured their automatic compliance with their orders,” it said.

This mechanism, the ICC said, relied upon the alleged co-perpetrators’ authority over the physical perpetrators through the chains of command and payments, among others.

The prosecution, in the same document containing the charges against Duterte, said the former chief executive is “individually criminally responsible” as an indirect co-perpetrator for three counts of crimes against humanity:

- Count 1: Murders in or around Davao City during the mayoral period by the DDS
- Count 2: Murders of high-value targets during the presidential period
- Count 3: Murders and attempted murders in barangay clearance operations during the presidential period

Duterte, taken to the ICC Detention Center in The Hague, Netherlands on March 11, 2025, will attend his confirmation hearing on Feb. 23 after he was deemed fit to stand trial. (PNA)

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a Board Resolution dated 20 November 2025, it was declared that in a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of OPUS SERVICES INC. held on November 18, 2025, via remote communication, with the required quorum and stockholder approval present, the resolutions were unanimously approved authorizing the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation to shorten the corporation's term from perpetual existence to February 28, 2026, subject to SEC approval. The Board of Directors likewise authorized G. Pagaspas Partners & Co., CPAs, together with the Corporation's authorized officers, to process and facilitate the corporate closure and dissolution with the SEC, the Local Government Unit of Taguig City, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and other relevant government agencies, including the authority to sign and submit all necessary documents.

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**NOTICE OF LOSS**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "Affidavit of Loss of Stock Certificate" executed by Mrs. Josefina L. Puno ("Mrs. Puno") on 29 January 2026, Mrs. Puno declared that her late husband, Mr. Federico E. Puno, was a registered stockholder of Valley Golf and Country Club, Inc. He was issued Stock Certificate No. 2294 on February 5, 1988, covering one (1) share in his name. After her husband's death and while administering the estate, she discovered that the said stock certificate could no longer be located and is deemed lost despite diligent efforts to find it. She affirms that the loss was not due to any sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, or voluntary disposition by the decedent or the estate.

The Affidavit of Loss of Stock Certificate was notarized by Atty. Gregorio B. Velasquez, Jr. and entered in his notarial records as Doc. No. 264; Page No. 54; Book No. 1; Series of 2026.

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "Deed of Absolute Sale," executed by and between **MARILYN A. APA**, single, Filipino citizen, of legal age, with address at **Masbate City**, as **Vendor**, and **HAROLD CHRIS CABANTOG FONTANOS**, single, Filipino, of legal age, and a resident of **No. 25A Subilo II, Brgy. Landayan, San Pedro City, Laguna**, as **Vendee**, the parties declared and made known the following:

1. The Vendor is the registered owner of a parcel of land located in **Barangay San Antonio, Municipality of Kalayaan, Province of Laguna**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 059-2022000963**, with an area of **One Hundred (100) square meters**, more or less;
2. The title was issued by the **Registry of Deeds for Laguna, Siniloan**, pursuant to a Free Patent/Decree in the name of the Vendor, free from liens and encumbrances except those stated in the title;
3. For and in consideration of the agreed purchase price, the Vendor **sold, transferred, and conveyed by way of Absolute Sale** the above-described real property, together with all improvements thereon, in favor of the Vendee, his heirs and assigns;
4. The Vendor warranted that she has full right and authority to sell the property and undertook to defend the title against all lawful claims of third persons;
5. The sale is binding upon the parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, subject to existing laws and regulations.

The **Deed of Absolute Sale** was executed and notarized in **San Pedro City, Laguna**, before Atty. Raymond A. Ramos, **Notary Public**, and entered in the notarial register as **Doc. No. 481; Page No. 98; Book No. 391; Series of 2026**.

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**NOTICE OF DECREASE OF AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK OF FAVEAUX MARKETING, INC.**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of **FAVEAUX MARKETING, INC.** (the "Corporation"), during its regular meeting held on January 31, 2026, approved the amendment of Article Seventh of the Corporation's Amended Articles of Incorporation decreasing the authorized capital stock of the Corporation from Twenty Eight Million Pesos (P28,000,000.00) divided into Two Hundred Eighty Thousand (280,000) shares with a par value of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) per share to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) divided into Five Thousand (5,000) shares with a par value of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) per share, for the purpose of returning capital to the Corporation's stockholders.

Notice is likewise given that the decrease in the authorized capital stock of the Corporation has been approved and ratified by the stockholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation at the Special Stockholders Meeting held on February 9, 2026.

This announcement serves as notice to all concerned parties of the legal amendment of the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

February 09, 2026

**FAVEAUX MARKETING, INC.**  
By:  
**JULIANA O. VALENCIA**  
Corporate Secretary

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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 25-216**

-versus-

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135,  
AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

**KENNETH DURAN DANTES,**  
**MARRIED TO**  
**KARLA CAMILLE ALFONSO DANTES,**  
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/s **BDO UNIBANK, INC., c/o REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT** with office/business address at **33<sup>rd</sup> Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No.12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City**, against **KARLA CAMILLE ALFONSO DANTES, signing for herself and as attorney-in-fact of KENNETH DURAN DANTES**, with residence/postal/office address at **(1) No. 30-A-D. Bonifacio St., Canumay East, Valenzuela City; (2) Unit 1154, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 2 Shore 3 Residences, Lot 3-C, Seaside Boulevard and Sunrise Drive MOA Complex, Pasay City 1300; and (3) #30-A.D. Bonifacio St., Canumay East Valenzuela Philippines 550** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **21 November 2025** amounts to **Php4,684,226.85**, 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 **April 07, 2026** between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm 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. 003-2023008070**

(Republic Act No. 4726)

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

"SHORE 3 RESIDENCES"  
TOWER 2  
FLOOR LEVEL - 11TH FLOOR  
UNIT NO. 1154  
UNIT TYPE - FAMILY SUITE B WITH BALCONY  
UNIT AREA - 26.00 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, CBP I-A, 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 **April 21, 2026** without further notice.

Pasay City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

For the Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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Dates: **FEBRUARY 10, 17 & 24, 2026**

(Sgd.)  
**REYNER S. DE JESUS**

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

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION  
CITY OF PARAÑAQUE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
(SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF  
ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION),  
Mortgagee,

- versus -

FRE No. 2026-007

JANESSA ORDINARIO MAQUIRANG  
a.k.a. JANESSA O. MAQUIRANG.

Mortgagors.

X ----- X

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Verified Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, Bank of the Philippine Islands with principal office address at 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, BPI Buendia Center Bldg. 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati 1209 against Mortgagor Janessa Ordinario Maquirang a.k.a. Janessa O. Maquirang of legal age, single, Filipino citizen with postal address/es at: (1) Unit 102 #532 Zen Residences, Montaña Street, Sampaloc, Manila and (2) Unit 816,8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Aria A Tower, Amaia Steps Bicutan, Brgy. La Huerta, Parañaque City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **January 20, 2026** amounts to Three Million Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five & 33/100 (P3,096,165.33), inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges. The Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, thru his duly authorized Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on **March 17, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Lobby, Ground Floor, Main Entrance, City Hall Building, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, to the highest bidder, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies, with all the improvement, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.010-2021006999

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

AMAIA STEPS BICUTAN PHASE 1  
ARIA A BUILDING  
EIGHT FLOOR LEVEL  
UNIT NO.:816  
UNIT TYPE: UNIT A  
UNIT AREA: 23.31 SQ. M.  
TOTAL AREA: 23.31 SQ.M.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2013002316 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. LA HUERTA, PARAÑAQUE CITY with an area of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN (22,537) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: JANESSA ORDINARIO MAQUIRANG, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO

Address: UNIT 102 #532 ZEN RESIDENCES MONTAÑA ST., SAMPALOC, MANILA, 1008

ALL sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time and will be publicly opened before 4:00 O'clock in the afternoon at the venue of the auction.

IN THE event that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 24, 2026** at the same place without further notice.

INTERESTED PARTY/IES and prospective buyer/s are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title/s of the mortgaged property/ies and the encumbrance/s thereon if any there be.

CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, Metro Manila, Philippines, February 3, 2026.

PREPARED AND VERIFIED BY:

RUMEL M. MACALISANG  
Deputy Sheriff, RTC BR. 258  
RTC, PARAÑAQUE CITY

ATTY. HECTOR C. SILVA  
CLERK OF COURT VI &  
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LAW A WEEK

BY: ATTY. SARAH JEANE CARDONA ANTOLIN

**Cyber Libel in the Philippines:  
When a Social Media Post  
Becomes a Criminal Case**

In today's digital world, a single Facebook post, tweet, vlog, or comment can reach thousands—sometimes millions—of people in seconds. But in the Philippines, going viral for the wrong reasons can mean more than just backlash. It can mean facing a criminal charge for cyber libel.

Cyber libel is governed by the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10175), which applies the traditional crime of libel under the Revised Penal Code to acts committed through computers, the internet, and other digital platforms. Simply put, if a defamatory statement is made online, it may be prosecuted as cyber libel—and the penalty is higher than that for ordinary libel committed through print.

**What Makes a Post "Cyber Libel"?**

For a statement to be considered libelous, four elements generally must be present:

- 1. Defamatory imputation** – The statement must accuse someone of a crime, wrongdoing, or defect that could harm their reputation.
- 2. Publication** – The statement must be made public (posting online clearly qualifies).
- 3. Identification** – The person being defamed must be identifiable.
- 4. Malice** – There must be intent to harm, or the law may presume malice unless proven otherwise.

If these elements exist and the statement is posted online, it may fall under cyber libel.

Importantly, even sharing or reposting defamatory content can potentially expose someone to liability, depending on the circumstances. The law does not excuse a person simply because "it was just shared."

**Freedom of Speech vs. Responsibility**

The Philippine Constitution strongly protects freedom of speech and expression. However, this right is not absolute. The Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized that freedom of expression does not include the right to destroy another person's reputation through false statements.

Truth is generally a defense in libel cases—but it must be shown that the statement is both true and made with good motives and for justifiable ends. Opinions, satire, and fair comment on matters of public interest may also be protected, but labeling something as "just my opinion" does not automatically shield a person from liability if it implies false facts.

**Why Cyber Libel Is More Serious?**

One reason cyber libel carries heavier penalties is the wide and rapid reach of the internet. A defamatory article in a newspaper has limited circulation. A defamatory post online can be screenshotted, shared, archived, and accessed globally. The potential damage to reputation is much greater.

Additionally, online content can remain searchable for years, extending the harm far beyond the original publication date.

**Practical Reminders for Social Media Users**

In an era where social media is part of daily life, here are simple but crucial reminders:

- Verify information before posting or sharing.
- Avoid making accusations unless you are certain of the facts and have evidence.
- Be cautious when naming individuals in controversial posts.
- Remember that deleting a post does not automatically erase legal liability.

Cyber libel cases in the Philippines highlight a modern legal reality: online speech carries real-world consequences. While the law protects open discussion and criticism—especially on matters of public interest—it also protects individuals from false and damaging attacks.

Before hitting "post," it is wise to pause and ask: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? In the digital age, a few seconds of reflection can prevent years of legal trouble.

# TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

## MICHELLE DEE AT NBI CYBERCRIME DIVISION

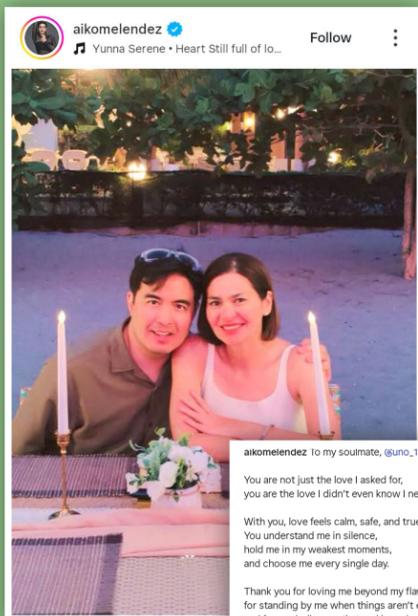


Michelle Dee at kaniyang abogado, nagpunta sa tanggapan ng NBI Cybercrime Division ngayong Lunes ng umaga, February 16, 2026. | via Oscar Oida/GMA Integrated News

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## AIKO MELENDEZ POSTS VALENTINE MESSAGE FOR ONEMIG BONDOC



**aikomelendez** To my soulmate, @uno\_111  
 You are not just the love I asked for, you are the love I didn't even know I needed.  
 With you, love feels calm, safe, and true. You understand me in silence, hold me in my weakest moments, and choose me every single day.  
 Thank you for loving me beyond my flaws, for standing by me when things aren't easy, and for reminding me that real love doesn't rush, it stays.  
 In a world full of noise, you are my peace. In every lifetime, I would still find my way to you. I choose you today, tomorrow, and always.  
 Happy Valentine's, my soulmate. ❤️ First Valentines day less

Images courtesy of Instagram: aikomelendez

## WENCY CORNEJO SHARES HIS NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE DURING KNEE OPERATION

**Wency Cornejo** 1d · 🌐  
 Ngayon pa lang nag si-sink in that I could've died the other day when I had my arthroscopic knee surgery. My anesthesiologist said I stopped breathing while under and he had to pump me with oxygen. Medyo surreal ang feeling. Thank you Doc Andro for keeping me alive. Doctors faces covered for privacy reasons.



Images courtesy of Facebook: Wency Cornejo



### CHIMMY PHILIPPINES

As a brand that delivers #OriginalFilipinoblendYogurt goodness, Chimmy lets everyone enjoy the health benefits of yogurt without it being too sour and just the right amount of sweetness perfect for the Filipino palate. Chimmy offers the best of both worlds as it satisfies your cravings to indulge and at the same time provide you with a healthy body.

### Chimmy

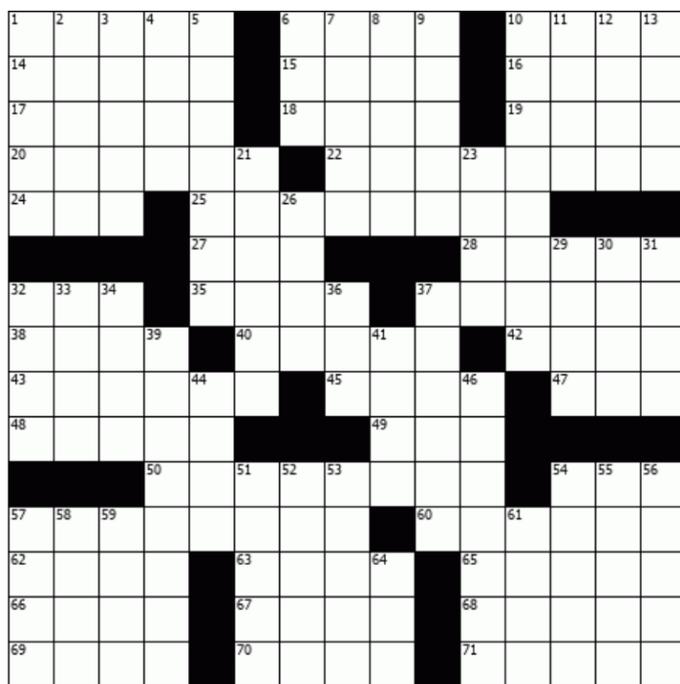
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

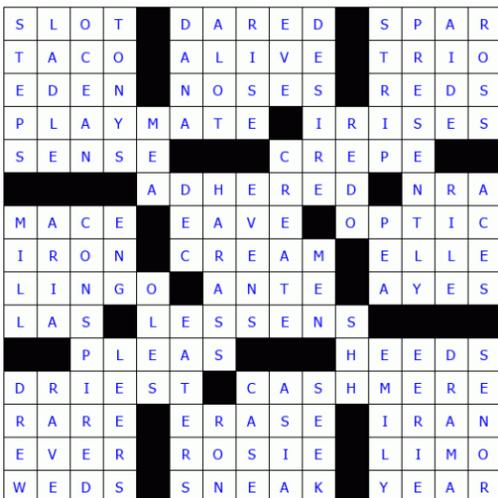
- 1. License \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Dustcloths
- 10. Like the Sahara
- 14. Televised again
- 15. Concept
- 16. Fashioned
- 17. Public
- 18. Skirt length
- 19. Shakespeare's river
- 20. Get lost! (2 wds.)
- 22. Elaborately
- 24. Raised railroads
- 25. Part of VCR
- 27. List-ending abbr.
- 28. Deposes
- 32. Crack pilot
- 35. Remain
- 37. Ankle injury
- 38. Chilly
- 40. Chubby
- 42. Grain tower
- 43. Ohio city
- 45. Glide
- 47. Society gal
- 48. Area
- 49. Pedro's "one"
- 50. Mexican resort
- 54. Mummy name
- 57. Native of England's capital
- 60. Flee
- 62. African lily
- 63. Labels
- 65. Keepsake
- 66. Spotted
- 67. Sherbets
- 68. Happening
- 69. Emcee
- 70. Give in
- 71. Tears apart



### Down

- 1. Investigate
- 2. Smooth
- 3. Regions
- 4. Small pastry
- 5. Lures
- 6. Border
- 7. Juan's goodbye
- 8. Sort
- 9. Holy person
- 10. Nonprofessionals
- 11. Rant and \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Adored one
- 13. Refute
- 21. Skin decoration
- 23. Above
- 26. Strike-breaker
- 29. Stated
- 30. Ceramic piece
- 31. Snooty person
- 32. Deeds
- 33. Chicken's home
- 34. Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Fitzgerald
- 36. Affirmative
- 37. Otherworldly meeting
- 39. Self-indulgent
- 41. Spirit
- 44. Art \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. Male chicken
- 51. Capar
- 52. Freedom from war
- 53. Prodged
- 54. Seized
- 55. Overturn
- 56. Camp shelters
- 57. Mascara spot
- 58. Bread topping
- 59. Nays
- 61. Small bay
- 64. Compass direction (abbr.)

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:



## SUDOKU

### TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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5	7	8	6	2	4	1	3	9
6	5	4	8	9	1	3	2	7
8	2	3	7	4	5	6	9	1
7	1	9	2	6	3	4	5	8



## UAAP tennis: UP stuns defending champs NU, UST

**DOMINANT.** University of the Philippines' Loucas Fernandez hits a double-handed backhand return to National University's Alexis Acabo in the UAAP Season 88 men's tennis tournament at Colegio San Agustin Tennis Center in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan on Sunday (Feb. 15, 2026). Fernandez prevailed, 6-1, 6-1, and led UP to a 4-1 win. (UAAP photo)

MANILA – University of the Philippines (UP) shocked defending champion National University (NU), 4-1, Sunday to gain a share of the lead in the UAAP Season 88 men's tennis tournament at Colegio San Agustin Tennis Center in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan.

The Bulldogs took the opening singles when Season 87 Rookie of the Year-Most Valuable Player Andrei Padao prevailed over Heinz Carbonilla, 4-6, 6-2, 4-0 (ret.), before the Fighting Maroons swept the next four matches to win the tie.

"Obviously NU, they're the defending champion, so we definitely needed to lock in a little more today. I think that experience against NU in the Final Four last season, losing to them after being so close to making the finals for the first time in many years ... that was definitely very painful for us. It was everything, actually. We used it as motivation in every training session," team captain Loucas Fernandez, who beat Alexis Acabo, 6-1, 6-1, in the second singles, said.

"I think the biggest difference from this season's team than last season's team is definitely our composure and our experience. Actually, half of the team were rookies, so last season was sort of like a stepping stone to this season ... we're coming into this season with more experience and

composure," he added.

Joining the Fighting Maroons on top of the standings at 2-0 were the University of the East Red Warriors, who conquered the De La Salle University Green Tennisters, 4-1.

The Adamson University Soaring Falcons clobbered the Ateneo de Manila University Blue Eagles, 4-1, to notch their first win.

In the women's division, UP also stunned reigning champion University of Santo Tomas (UST), 3-2.

Joshea Malazarte and Marielle Jarata saved the day for the Fighting Maroons, beating Judy Padilla and Princess Dela Rita, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

"The team's heart is different now. Even though it's only our second game, the new faces are ... you know the feeling that it's so much fun to play. Because the kids, of course I'm a senior, I want to win. That's my reason too," Malazarte said.

"I just told Marielle that for every point, they have to work hard because that's what they do to us. We won't give points away. We showed really good heart and mind this week. We're still struggling, but we know we have more to give. We're just really solid, supporting each other," she added.

Meanwhile, De La Salle University notched its first win at the expense of Ateneo De Manila University, 4-1. (PNA)

## Nitura powers Lady Knights to 7th straight win in NCAA volleyball



**OUTSTANDING.** Letran's Judiel Nitura scores 19 points against San Sebastian College-Recoletos in the NCAA Season 101 women's volleyball tournament at San Andres Sports Complex in Manila on Sunday (Feb. 15, 2026). The Lady Knights won, 26-24, 25-22, 25-17, to rise to 7-0. (NCAA photo)

MANILA – Letran extended its unbeaten run to seven after sweeping San Sebastian College-Recoletos, 26-24, 25-22, 25-17, in the NCAA Season 101 women's volleyball tournament at San Andres Sports Complex in Manila on Sunday evening.

Judiel Nitura delivered 19 points built on 16 attacks, two aces and a block as the Lady Knights lead Group B while the Lady Stags slipped to 2-6 in Group A.

"We should elevate something more. This doesn't end here. We always think back to zero. We don't think about our standings because we shouldn't. We should just focus and be patient, especially with the training and system of our coaches," Nitura said.

"We think, as a team, we can be champions. Maybe because of our confidence, we won't accept that we won't win the championship because

we've been down several times."

Gia Maquilang chipped in 11 points, Sheena Vanessa Sarie scored eight points and Natalie Estrella had 20 excellent sets for Letran, last season's runner-up to four-peat champion College of Saint Benilde.

Kristine Dionisio led the Lady Stags with 10 points followed by Cristina Marasigan (9) and Juna May Gonzales (7).

Meanwhile, Mapua University downed Emilio Aguinaldo College, 25-23, 17-25, 28-26, 25-23.

Alexander Leabres and Raissa Ricablanca scored 22 and 15 points, respectively to raise the Lady Cardinals to 3-4 in Group A.

Mae Angelica Pasaol scored 16 while Alessandra Razonable and Ashley Toriado contributed 15 points each for the Lady Generals, who remained winless after eight outings in Group B. (PNA)

## UAE-based Filipinos bag 9 table tennis medals at Open Masters Games

MANILA – Jenet Rodriguez bounced back from a first-set loss to beat Samaar Al Hafe of Syria, 13-15, 11-6, 11-7, 12-10, to win the Philippines' fourth gold in table tennis at the Open Masters Games at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday night.

Playing the last match of the event, and surrounded by fellow players and tournament officials, Rodriguez bucked the pressure and took the next two sets for a 2-1 lead.

The Syrian player opened the fourth set with a 6-2 advantage, but Rodriguez rallied to tie at 7-7, prompting her opponent to call a timeout.

Rodriguez kept her momentum to win the women's singles 30+ age category.

"I was down 0-1 in the first, but I remained calm, and I also prayed to God na bahala na sya sa akin. Basta gagawin ko best ko (to guide me. I will just do my best)," Rodriguez said in an interview with the Philippine News Agency.

In the men's singles 45+ all-Filipino finals, David Lo also rallied from one set down to beat John Suico, 13-15, 11-6, 11-8, 11-6, for his second gold

medal.

On Thursday, Lo paired with Suico to win the country's first table tennis gold medal in the men's doubles.

The Philippines, represented by Filipino workers in the UAE, captured a total of four table tennis gold medals after Cary Pobre also defeated Taiwan's Yun Xu, 11-7, 11-4, 11-5, on Saturday.

Aside from Suico, other Filipino silver medalists were Mary Joy Creman and Jennylyn Alamazan. Creman advanced to the women's singles 45+ finals but lost to India's Huda Alsalmi, 10-12, 6-11, 6-11.

Almazan lost by default to Ling Yi Hung as she had to return to the Philippines to attend the wake of her father, who died midway through the tournament.

The Philippines also had two bronze medals -- from Jeremiah Manalastas and Darryl Padilla in the men's doubles 30+ age group of the elite division; and John Gadones, who survived India's Harshit Ashok Kumar, 13-11, 13-11, 12-10, in the men's singles 30+. (PNA)



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