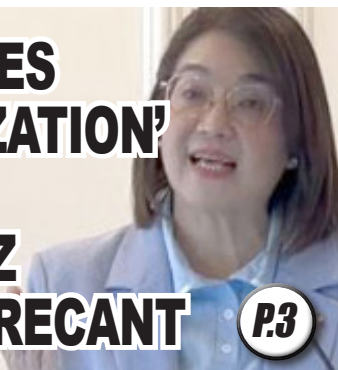




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## PAX SILICA AI HUB TO START DEVELOPMENT IN 3-5 YEARS

Site development in the planned U.S.-led artificial intelligence (AI) hub Pax Silica in Central Luzon is eyed to start within three to five years, covering around 500 hectares of the 1,620-hectare site.

"We see this as a long-term (investment). The first phase will be around 500 hectares. We see that in three to five years," Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) President and Chief Executive Officer (PCEO) Joshua Bingcang said in a briefing at the New Clark City in Tarlac on Friday.

Full operations are seen within a 30-year period, which is projected to increase the country's exports to around \$200 billion.

In 2025, merchandise exports posted a record-high \$84.48 billion, largely driven by semiconductors.

The Pax Silica project is seen to make the Philippines an AI hub, allowing more semiconductor firms and those catering to AI needs to locate in the country.

Bingcang clarified earlier news reports saying Pax Silica is an energy-intensive project due to data centers.

He said the data centers that will be established, if ever, are for the use of the semiconductor firms that will locate in the site, not hyperscalers or major data centers that cater to global clients.

"We will not put up data centers here. It will be for something which the New Clark City is really built for—predominantly, it will be for industrial use," he said.

Bingcang said New Clark City's master plan development is made to cater to several industries, and if there will be major data centers, these are not part of the Pax Silica initiative and will be located outside of the 4-acre site.

During the same briefing, Trade and Industry Undersecretary and Board of Investments managing head Ceferino Rodolfo said the Philippines joined the coalition, which now includes around 23 countries, to elevate the value proposition for domestic minerals and the semiconductors industry.

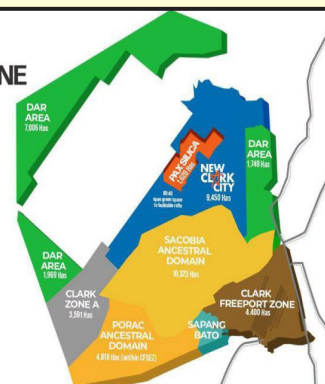
He explained that each party in the coalition has its own reason for joining the initiative, noting the

### CLARK FREEPORT & SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE 35,300 Hectares

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**1,620 Hectares**  
Pax Silica site



**ECOZONE DEVELOPMENT.** An infographic map showing the 1,620-hectare site for the planned Pax Silica project, which is located inside the 35,300-hectare Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone. According to the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), 60% of New Clark City's total land area is permanently allocated for green open spaces, forests, parks, waterways, and environmental reserves, while only 40% is designated for development. (Photo courtesy: The BCDA Group FB)

rising demand for AI and its requirements.

"For the Philippines' case, we are here because we would like to add value to the activities that we currently have in the Philippines. For example, for the minerals that we are able to export, we would like to add more value to the minerals that we are exporting largely in unprocessed form. For our semiconductor industry, we would like to move up the value chain," he said.

Rodolfo said that while this is different from the reasons of the other countries, this converges with the other factors.

He said the pact is non-binding, which allows the countries that signed the pact to just end their commitment if they want to.

Asked what the Philippines will not gain if it exits the coalition, Rodolfo discounted this move, saying not being a party to the initiative means you will not have access to whatever innovation it will have.

"That's why there is a need for a coordinated effort for investments. It's non-binding but we share the same principles and you are branded as a trusted partner," he added. (PTV NEWS - BJLC)

~ SOUL FOOD ~

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 -

## PBBM advances relief, reforms, disaster response, education and rule of law in action-packed week

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. capped another action-packed week of governance with measures aimed at easing the financial burden on Filipino families, strengthening government revenue and services, protecting communities from disasters, expanding education and skills training, and advancing the country's rule-of-law and foreign-policy agenda.

From August 3 to 7, the administration of President Marcos moved on several fronts — from the implementation of a P9.5-billion Meralco refund benefiting more than eight million customers and continued efforts to ease tax compliance, to the government's response to Tropical Storm Maymay and the enhanced Southwest Monsoon.

At the same time, the President also advanced local governance reforms, recognized achievements in education and sports, and strengthened the country's international engagements.

The week began with Malacañang highlighting the Energy Regulatory Commission's order for Meralco to refund P0.3448 per kilowatt-hour to customers over six months, a move aligned with the President's efforts to ease the financial burden on Filipino families.

The Palace likewise underscored continuing taxpayer-centric reforms at the Bureau of Internal Revenue, including proposed measures to expand tax exemptions and ease the burden on small businesses.

The administration also reinforced its commitment to fair wages and worker welfare as Malacañang said it would defend the implementation of the P85 daily minimum wage increase in the National Capital Region following a temporary restraining order issued by a Pasig City court.

On the economic front, the Bureau of Customs posted its highest monthly collection to date in July at P95.848 billion, exceeding its P91.526-billion target, which reflected government's efforts to strengthen revenue collection and generate resources for priority government programs and services.

The President also signed Administrative Order No. 47 authorizing the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to delegate the authority to approve foreign travel requests of local government officials to designated representatives.

President Marcos likewise administered the oath of office to newly appointed Sandiganbayan Associate Justice Ronald Chua and Court of Appeals Associate Justice Randolph Pascasio.

On the foreign-policy agenda, the President welcomed Japanese lawmaker Fujita Fumitake during a courtesy call at Malacañan Palace and emphasized the expanding and widening engagement between

the Philippines and Japan.

On Monday, President Marcos' administration has taken another significant step in advancing the Philippines' rules-based foreign policy by formally depositing the official nautical chart of Bajo de Masinloc and its surrounding maritime zones with the United Nations Secretariat.

In line with the President's directive to teach the youth about the importance of the country's maritime domain, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources launched a three-part e-book introducing young Filipinos to the country's marine biodiversity and the West Philippine Sea.

At the local level, Malacañang reiterated that the Local Government Support Fund is intended for communities across the country regardless of political affiliation, while reminding local officials to ensure that assistance, including the 10-kilogram rice allocation for qualified beneficiaries, reaches intended recipients.

The government also sought dialogue rather than disruption in addressing the transport sector's concerns over rising global oil prices.

While recognizing the difficulties faced by drivers and operators, Malacañang urged transport groups to pursue negotiations with government instead of a strike that could further burden commuters and affect economic activity.

On the economic stability front, Malacañang welcomed the easing of headline inflation to 6.2 percent in July from 6.4 percent in June, with inflation in the National Capital Region likewise slowing to 4.4 percent from 4.9 percent. The Palace, however, maintained vigilance against risks from geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and the effects of El Niño on food and energy prices.

Disaster preparedness became a major focus toward the end of the week as Tropical Storm Maymay and the enhanced Southwest Monsoon brought heavy rains across large parts of the country.

President Marcos ordered all government agencies to remain on full alert, while the NDRRMC activated full-alert status and authorities implemented preemptive evacuations in flood-, landslide- and coastal-risk areas.

The government also prepositioned rescue equipment, relief supplies and financial resources.

In Metro Manila, all 73 pumping stations were reported operational, with mobile pumping units on standby and preemptive pumping operations underway. The DSWD had also stockpiled more than five million family food packs nationwide and maintained more than P1.6 billion in standby funds for emergency response.

Amid the week's governance and policy initiatives, President Marcos also celebrated Filipino excellence, congratulating tennis star Alex Eala, the



Philippines' first WTA 500 champion, praising her achievement as an inspiration to young Filipinos to pursue their dreams without limits.

The President brought the same message of opportunity and empowerment to Ilocos Norte, where he led the TESDA mass graduation of 1,150 scholars and highlighted the administration's expanded investment in technical-vocational education.

President Marcos noted TESDA had received its biggest budget in history, with almost P19 billion allotted for education, as the government seeks to equip Filipinos with skills that can lead to employment and livelihood opportunities at home and abroad.

During his Ilocos Norte visit, President Marcos also inspected the Gov. Roque B. Ablan Sr. Memorial Hospital, including its dialysis center and PhilHealth Zero Balance Billing implementation, and visited the Batac Public Market, which was devastated by a fire that affected hundreds of stallholders, workers and helpers.

Taken together, the week's activities reflected an administration balancing immediate concerns with longer-term reforms: putting money back into consumers' pockets, improving revenue collection, protecting workers and taxpayers, strengthening local governance, preparing communities for disasters, investing in human capital, defending national interests under international law, and ensuring that government remains responsive to the needs of ordinary Filipinos.

The week underscored President Marcos' continuing push to translate national policies into concrete assistance and opportunities, from electricity refunds and livelihood-oriented skills training to disaster response, health services and stronger local government support, while keeping economic stability, public accountability and national interest at the center of governance. **(PND)**

## More than 200 schools being used as evacuation centers – DepEd



**SAFER GROUNDS.** Police personnel are deployed at the Anyatam Elementary School Evacuation Center, in Barangay Anyatam, San Ildefonso, Bulacan on Sunday (Aug. 9, 2026). The Department of Education (DepEd) said Monday (Aug. 10) that more than 200 schools are now being used as evacuation centers in five regions due to the combined effects of tropical cyclone Maymay and the enhanced southwest monsoon. (Photo courtesy of San Ildefonso MPS Facebook)

MANILA – More than 200 schools are now being used as evacuation centers in five regions due to the combined effects of tropical cyclone Maymay and the enhanced southwest monsoon (habagat), according to the Department of Education (DepEd).

Based on its latest supplemental report on Monday, the agency said schools are affected in Ilocos, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa and Eastern Visayas.

"The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) is monitoring the southwest monsoon (habagat) impacts on Luzon and Visayas, focusing on areas at risk of heavy rain, flooding, and landslides," it said.

"Combined effects of the Southwest Monsoon and former Tropical Cyclone Maymay have led to 52 schools opening as evacuation centers, using 239 classrooms and hosting 1,057 families."

Of the total evacuees, the highest number of households staying in schools is logged in Calabarzon, with 614 families.

Those in Central Luzon followed at 336; Ilocos Region, 54; Eastern Visayas, 34; and Mimaropa, with 19 families.

The DepEd-DRRMS then recommended the activation of School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management teams to school division offices and schools, alongside contingencies plans.

Close coordination with government units and other local disaster response councils is also urged, along with close monitoring of weather updates and immediate warning dissemination.

Schools were also reminded to protect resources such as learning materials, equipment, and buildings, while prepositioning emergency supplies and EduKathon resources for learners. **(PNA)**

## No Filipino hurt in deadly Thailand school shooting – embassy

MANILA – No Filipino nationals were hurt in the tragic school shooting in Thailand that killed seven and injured scores on Friday, said the Philippine Embassy in Thailand.

The embassy said all eight registered Filipino teachers in Debsirin School Nonthaburi “are safe, accounted for, and uninjured.”

“The Philippine Embassy extends its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims, as well as to the entire school community and the Thai government following the tragic school shooting incident at Debsirin School Nonthaburi,” it said.

“The Philippine Embassy likewise prays for the speedy and full recovery of those who were injured. The Philippines stands in solidarity with Thailand during this time of grief,” it added.

The embassy, meanwhile, continues to



monitor the situation and is on standby to provide any necessary assistance.

Local reports said the shooting began at about 10:12 a.m. (03:12 GMT) on the sixth floor of the school’s building 5.

Police identified the suspected shooter as a student at the school, who reportedly turned the gun on himself after the attack and died. (PNA)

## Palace cites ‘destabilization’ bid after Romualdez accusers recant

MANILA – The retraction of four witnesses, who claimed they delivered suitcases containing cash to Leyte 1st District Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, showed the existence of schemes aimed at damaging personalities, Malacañang said Friday.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro declined to give further comment on the recantations, saying the matter is now under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Ombudsman.

She said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. had also been the target of what she described as fabricated and damaging allegations from individuals linked to “Duterte supporters.”

“Marami nakakaramdam na parte ito ng plano ni [former lawmaker] Mike Defensor at ibang kasamahan nya para sa isang destabilisasyon (Many perceive this as part of a destabilization plot orchestrated by Mike Defensor and his associates),” Castro said.

“Ako ay nagsasalita lamang para kay Pangulong Marcos Jr., hindi para sa kwento laban sa ibang tao, kaya sa mga kababayan natin ay huwag magpabitag sa ganitong plano para lang sa pera dahil may mga taong inosente ang inyong sisirain (I am speaking solely on behalf of President Marcos Jr., not regarding narratives directed at other individuals, so, I urge my fellow Filipinos not to fall prey to such schemes for the sake of money, as doing so could ruin



Palace Press Officer Claire Castro (PNA photo by Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos)

the reputations of innocent people),” she added.

Castro said any findings involving the so-called “Maleta Boys” in connection with Romualdez and other individuals mentioned in the allegations are now with the Ombudsman.

Four of the 18 individuals, who identified themselves as former bodyguards of fugitive party-list representative Zaldy Co, withdrew their claims that they delivered suitcases containing money to Romualdez.

Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla earlier said the four may be included as respondents in the cases as “accessories after the fact.” (PNA)

## Mayor Joy ininspeksyon ang Transition Housing sa Barangay Bagong Silangan



Pinangunahan ni Mayor Joy Belmonte ang inspeksyon sa Transition Housing na pinangangasiwaan ng Housing Community Development And Resettlement Department (HCDRD) sa Barangay Bagong Silangan.

Pinakinggan ng alkalde ang mga hinaing ng 42 pamilyang pansamantalang naninirahan sa pasilidad bago sila mailipat sa dekalidad na pabahay ng lungsod.

Sa pasilidad namamalagi ang mga pamilyang dating naninirahan sa ilalim ng tulay mula sa mga barangay ng Bahay Toro, Balonbato, at Unang Sigaw.

Libre ang paninirahan ng mga nilikas, babayaran na lamang nila ang kanilang konsumo ng kuryente at tubig.

Nakiisa sa inspeksyon sina Chief of Staff Rowena Macatao, HCDRD head Atty. Jojo Conejero, P/B Ras Doctor, District 2 Action Officer Atty. Bong Teodoro, at Quezon City Police District Director PBGEN. Randy Glenn Silvio. (QC Gov’t)

### ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF PATRICIA JOSEFA MAGALLANES CERVANTES WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled “Addendum to the Extrajudicial Settlement of the Intestate Estate of Patricia Josefa Magallanes Cervantes with Waiver of Rights,” (the “Addendum”) executed by Modesto Navarra Cervantes, Michael Magallanes Cervantes, Jonathan Alvin Magallanes Cervantes, and Rosemarie Judith Magallanes Cervantes (the “Heirs”), the Heirs declared the following:

- (i) Patricia Josefa Magallanes Cervantes died intestate on 06 November 2025, leaving as her only heirs the above-named Heirs;
- (ii) On 09 March 2026, the Heirs executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate, entered in the notarial register as Doc. No. 484; Page No. 98; Book No. 1; Series of 2026;
- (iii) The Heirs subsequently discovered additional properties belonging to the estate consisting of shares of stock in Magallanes Realty & Agro Dev. Co., Inc. (16,887), Victorias Milling Co., Inc. (4,020), SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (21,816), Ayala Land, Inc. (356), Benpress Holdings Corp. (now: Lopez Holdings Corporation) (22,000), Petron Corporation (3,000), and Sun Life Financial Inc. (256) as well as a Metrobank Security Deposit amounting to Php1,137,855.66;
- (iv) Pursuant to Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court, the heirs executed the Addendum to extrajudicially settle, divide, and adjudicate the foregoing additional properties among themselves.

The Addendum was executed in Makati City and notarized before Atty. Gregorio B. Velasquez Jr., Notary Public for Makati City, and entered in his notarial register as Doc. No. 697; Page No. 36; Book No. 2; Series of 2026.

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U.S. wants Quiboloy extradited 'as soon as possible' —envoy

The United States government wants to extradite Kingdom of Jesus Christ (KOJC) founder Pastor Apollo Quiboloy “as soon as possible” due to numerous cases the televangelist is facing in the US, according to Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel “Babes” Romualdez.

In an interview with IBC13’s “Treze Mornings” on Friday, Ambassador Romualdez confirmed that the extradition request of Quiboloy was already transmitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Based on the Presidential Decree No. 1069 of 1977, extradition is the formal process of surrendering a fugitive or accused person within Philippine territory to a requesting foreign state or government for prosecution or punishment for crimes he/she committed under the penal or criminal law of the requesting party.

Only countries with which the Philippines has entered into an extradition treaty or convention may request the extradition of any accused who is or suspected of being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Philippines.

“Essentially, extradition is like a treaty. Meron tayong extradition agreement or treaty with the United States so that ‘pag merong criminal case—a crime has been committed in the United States by a Filipino citizen, they request that this person be extradited... Meron ding American citizen who has committed a crime in the United States pero tumakbo dito sa Pilipinas, hihilingin din nila na i-extradite,” Amb. Romualdez said.

The Philippine envoy clarified that while the US government wants Quiboloy extradited in the shortest time possible, it is the local court that will ultimately decide when



**QUIBOLOY WANTED.** Kingdom of Jesus Christ Leader Apollo Quiboloy during the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality hearing on Oct. 23, 2024. On Friday (Aug. 7, 2026), Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel “Babes” Romualdez confirmed that the United States has formally requested the extradition of Quiboloy. (Photo courtesy: Avito Dalan / PNA / FILE)

the embattled pastor will be surrendered to a foreign soil.

“Pag may request na ganyan, gusto nila as soon as possible dahil mayroon ngang mga pending cases sa US ‘yan... At saka itong kaso na ito, hindi ito normal case—in other words this is a high-profile, very, very top priority case because it involves human and child trafficking at saka sex trafficking,” he said.

Quiboloy is facing qualified human trafficking and child sexual abuse charges in the Philippines and was being held in a Pasig City jail.

In the United States, the self-proclaimed “appointed son of God” has been indicted on charges including sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion, child sex trafficking, and bulk cash smuggling. He was also placed on the list of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) most wanted fugitives.

The DOJ earlier emphasized that the Philippine government may either defer the extradition process until local cases against

Quiboloy are resolved or temporarily surrender him to the US, subject to the Philippines-United States extradition treaty.

Under Article 11 of said treaty, which was signed in Manila on Nov. 13, 1994, the requested state may “temporarily surrender” the person sought even when he/she is still “being prosecuted or is serving a sentence” in the country.

“The person so surrendered shall be kept in custody in the Requesting State and shall be returned to the Requested State after the conclusion of the proceedings against that person, in accordance with conditions to be determined by agreement between the Contracting Parties,” the treaty reads.

However, the requested state may also postpone the extradition proceedings until the “prosecution of the person sought has been concluded or until such person has served any sentence imposed.” (with a report from Sheila Natividad / PTV News)



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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION FOR THE RE-  
ISSUANCE OF NEW OWNER'S  
DUPLICATE COPY OF  
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE NO. 003-2020000032  
ISSUED BY THE REGISTRY OF  
DEEDS FOR PASAY CITY, IN  
LIEU OF THE LOST OWNER'S  
DUPLICATE COPY,

LRC Case No. R-PSY-26-01570-LR

JASON AVES GUY,  
Petitioner.

-versus-

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR  
PASAY CITY, LAND  
REGISTRATION AUTHORITY,  
Respondents.

X ----- X

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Second Amended Petition filed by petitioner, through counsel on 13 July 2026, through counsel, praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered, granting the instant petition and accordingly, an Order be issued directing the Register of Deeds of Pasay City to re-issue an owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 003-2020000032 under the same terms and conditions as the original thereof.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby set the same for hearing on **24 September 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** at the 34 Floor, No. 105 JGG Building, Pasadeña St., Pasay City.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, to be selected by raffle pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1079, and posted by the Branch Sheriff in three (3) conspicuous places in Pasay City.

The Sheriff / Process Server of this Court is directed to furnish the Registry of Deeds for Pasay City and Land Registration Authority with a copy of this Order and the Petition with annexes.

SO ORDERED.

16 July 2026, Pasay City.

(Sgd.)  
RONALD AUGUST L. TAN  
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PAALALA SA PUBLIKO

WALANG ACCREDITED BROKERS o AHENTE na maaaring mag-alok o magbenta ng mga Pag-IBIG Acquired Assets.

Ang mga transaksyon patungkol sa pagbid o pagbili ng Pag-IBIG Acquired Assets ay maaari lamang gawin sa loob ng aming mga tanggapan.

Maging maingat at mapanuri. Ipagbigay alam po nila sa amin kung sakaling may lumapit sa inyong indibidwal o grupo na nagpapakilala bilang taga Pag-IBIG Fund at nag-aalok ng aming Acquired Assets, upang agad naming magawan ito ng nararapat na hakbang.

DOH habagat response



Katuwang ang mga lokal na pamahalaan, patuloy na tumutugon ang Department of Health (DOH) sa mga komunidad na apektado ng Habagat sa National Capital Region.

Tuloy-tuloy ang paghahatid sa mga evacuation center at apektadong komunidad ng mga serbisyong pangkalusugan gaya ng:

- Mga gamot para sa ubo at lagnat
- Pamamahagi ng Vitamin A supplements sa mga bata
- First aid supplies
- Pagrereseta at pabibigay ng prophylaxis para sa mga lumusong sa baha

Alerto rin at nasa Code White alert ang DOH Operations Center para tumugon sa mga apektadong komunidad. Patuloy naman ang koordinasyon ng DOH-MMCHD sa mga lokal na pamahalaan at DRMMH para sa mabilis na pagtukoy at pagtugon sa mga pangangailang pangkalusugan sa kanilang nasasakupan.

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IN RE: PETITION UNDER  
SEC.107 OF PD 1529 FOR  
THE SURRENDER OF THE  
OWNER'S DUPLICATE OF  
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE  
OF TITLE (TCT) NO. (184803)  
085616

ALMA EMPALMADO  
NAVARRO,  
Petitioner,  
LRC CASE NO. 26-046

-versus-

REBECCA DERIQUITO,  
Respondent.  
x ----- x

ORDER

Before the Court is a petition for the Surrender of the Owner's Duplicate of Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (184803) 085616 under Sec. 107 of the Property Registration Decree filed by petitioner Alma Empalmado Navarro, through counsel.

Petitioner Alma Empalmado Navarro, alleged among others: that petitioner is the widow of the late Aguedo Navarro, who was the registered owner of the real property denominated as Lot 157-A-2-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-13-019335, 157 square meters situated in Alabang, Muntinlupa and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (184803) 085616 registered with the Registry of Deeds of Muntinlupa City; that in 1996, petitioner contracted a loan worth Php250,000.00 from Roel D. Jimena with an agreed annual interest of Php22,831.00 and the said title as a guarantee that petitioner will pay her obligation. Their agreement, however, was not reduced to writing. It was the TCT itself and not the property that Jimena demanded. As such, no real estate mortgage agreement was executed; that in 2000, Jimena informed the petitioner that the property will be mortgaged to a certain Daniel Terrago, who will be collecting petitioner's payment on Jimena's behalf; that on October 16, 2000, petitioner started paying to Terrago monthly installment of Php2,000.00. However, on February 2002, Terrago's son, Daniel Terrago Jr., who collected payment and by then, petitioner had already paid around Php100,000.00; that subsequently, petitioner was no longer able to locate Terrago and her title. It was only in 2018 that petitioner learned from a certain David Genove where Terrago could be found; that petitioner and Genove went to Terrago's place, but the petitioner was not able to talk to Terrago, instead Genove told her that she should just apply for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate of the TCT; that on January 2023, petitioner learned from her friend Marina Graviador that the TCT was in Deriquito's possession. Upon meeting Deriquito on January 21, 2023, petitioner demanded that the TCT be turned over to her, however, Deriquito refused to return the same until petitioner pays her Php500,000.00; that despite such demand and without authority, respondent failed to return and kept in her custody the Owner's Duplicate Certificate of Title of the subject property; and that on December 16, 2025, petitioner and her

children, executed an Extradjudicial Settlement of Estate of the late Aguendo Aquino Navarro, with the intention of transferring the registration of the property to their names as heirs. However, they could not complete the transfer as the TCT is still in the possession of the respondent. Petitioner thus prays that the respondent be directed to surrender the owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. (184803) 085616 to the petitioner.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on September 10, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning before this Court sitting at Room 302, 3rd Floor, Hall of Justice, National Road, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City where all interested parties are directed to appear and to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks. For this purpose, petitioner is directed to coordinate with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Muntinlupa City. Likewise, let a copy of this Order be posted by the Sheriff of the Court at the Bulletin Boards where this Court is situated, in the City Hall, Muntinlupa City and the Barangay where the property is located.

Furnish with copies of this Order together with the petition and its annexes the Land Registration Authority and the Registry of Deeds of Muntinlupa City for their information and comment.

SO ORDERED.

Muntinlupa City  
July 15, 2026

(Sgd.)  
**MYRA B. QUIAMBAO**  
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**THE SENTINEL POST**  
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Gov't UPLIFT program expands PUV fuel discount to Php12 per liter starting August 15

QUEZON CITY — Public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers will soon receive enhanced financial relief at the pump after the government announced that the fuel discount rate will increase to Php12 per liter starting August 15.

The enhanced assistance, approved under directives from President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., raises the subsidy from the Php10-per-liter discount framework introduced in April to cushion public transport workers against ongoing global oil market volatility.

Under the updated rate, eligible jeepney and UV Express drivers can save up to Php1,800 per week based on the 150-liter weekly fuel cap—an increase from the previous Php1,500 maximum weekly savings.

In a recent DOE briefing, officials confirmed that cumulative disbursements under the program officially surpassed Php403 million, prompting econom-

ic managers and Malacañang to remove the original budget cap and transition the initiative into a continuous, month-on-month review model.

"The initial budget approved when we started this at Php400 million was breached, and we have gone over it," said DOE Oil Industry Management Bureau Director Rino Abad during the briefing. "As of the last meeting, the assessment is that there is no longer a specific expiration date for this program. Our arrangement with LTRFB, Landbank, DOE, and the Office of the Executive Secretary will now have a monthly review. In short, this is in response to the still volatile situation in the Persian Gulf."

Participation in the scheme continues to expand nationwide. Official DOE records indicate that more than 3,100 accredited gas stations are actively granting the subsidy, benefiting over 93,000 unique PUV

plate numbers.

Department of Energy Secretary Sharon Garin emphasized that maintaining and expanding the subsidy provides essential relief for transport workers who shoulder the daily burden of fluctuating fuel prices.

"If you exhaust that 150 liters, that is a subsidy for our jeepney drivers," Garin stated during the briefing. "It means a little more room in the family budget, a little less pressure on our drivers, farmers, and small businesses who move this economy every single day."

Jointly managed by the DOE, Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTRFB), and Landbank, program funding will be continuously replenished based on joint monthly evaluations between the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), DOTr, and Malacañang. **(JLN/PIA-NCR)**

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**MERCEDES FAMA S. BALUYOT,**  
*Plaintiff,*

- versus -

**JIEJUN NIU,**  
*Defendant.*

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**CIVIL CASE NO.**  
**M-MKT-25-05281-CV**  
*For: Damages arising from*  
*quasi-delict under Art. 2176*  
*of the Civil Code of the*  
*Philippines*

**DECISION**

This case for Damages arising from Quasi-Delict under Article 2176 of the Civil Code of the Philippines was filed by Mercedes Fama S. Baluyot [**“plaintiff”**] against Jiejun Niu [**“defendant”**].

The plaintiff alleges that she is the registered owner and resident of Unit 31P, Shang Salcedo Place Condominium located at 147 H.V. Dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City covered by Condominium Certificate of Title (“CCT”) No. 006-2018009331. On the other hand, defendant is the owner of Unit 31N, Shang Salcedo Place Condominium likewise located 147 H.V. Dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City.

In the verified Complaint, plaintiff further alleges that:

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- [Her] condominium unit and defendant’s condominium unit are adjacent to each other and share a common wall. At all times material, plaintiff and defendant were the lawful owners and possessors of their respective condominium units.
- Sometime in late August 2021, defendant left her condominium unit’s air-conditioning system running for several days. This resulted in the flooding of defendant’s unit and a water leak that seeped into plaintiff’s condominium unit.
- On August 27 and 28, 2021, Shang Salcedo Place’s Property Management Office conducted an investigation on the incident. The PMO confirmed that the aforementioned water leak came from defendant’s condominium unit. The investigation also revealed that the water leaked caused, among others: (a) toxic molds to form on the adjoining wall between plaintiff’s and defendant’s condominium units and the paintings that hung on the plaintiff’s side of the wall; (b) the floorboards in plaintiff’s condominium unit to warp; and (c) the paint works in plaintiff’s condominium unit to distend.
- Plaintiff habitually resides in her condominium unit. However, at the time of the incident, she was in her home province [in] Bohol recovering from Covid-19.
- Plaintiff became aware of the damage only in September 2021, when the PMO informed plaintiff of the water leak and its other findings through a Letter of Findings dated September 06, 2021. Plaintiff immediately flew to Manila to inspect the damage to her property and oversee its repairs.
- Due to the incident, plaintiff suffered the following injuries:
  - Expenses for major repairs on her condominium unit (including repair and waterproofing of the damaged wall, repainting, installation of floor planks and baseboard, etc.) temporary lodging, transportation, cleaning, storage, and other miscellaneous expenses amounting to P141,764.95; and
  - Physical suffering, mental anguish, fright, serious anxiety, and other similar injury in overseeing said major repairs during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, all while recovering from an infection herself.
- On November 29, 2021, plaintiff sent an email to defendant’s counsel, Atty. Ishmael Z. Viñas demanding reimbursement for her then-expenses in the amount of P136,059.95 within five days from receipt of the email, or until December 04, 2021. Notably, at the time, plaintiff demanded reimbursement only for expenses incurred for the major repairs on her condominium unit. She extended this concession to defendant in an effort to amicably settle the incident as neighbors. Despite this, defendant failed to pay the amount demanded.
- Thus, on December 23, 2021, plaintiff sent a Demand Letter dated December 22, 2021 to defendant, demanding payment of P500,000.00 as reimbursement for:
  - Costs incurred to come back to Manila and repair the damage to her property;
  - Rental fees to store her belongings during the period;
  - Cleaning and disinfection costs; and
  - Mental anguish and serious anxiety arising from defendant’s grossly negligent omission that forced plaintiff to personally oversee repairs to her unit at a time when (i) Covid-19 cases were at their peak and therefore, she was exposed to increased health risks; and (ii) she herself was recovering from Covid-19’s pernicious effects.

11. Plaintiff’s demand fell on deaf ears, prompting her to initiate the necessary barangay conciliation proceedings in compliance with Section 412 of Republic Act No. 7160, in relation to A.M. No. 08-8-7-SC. Thus, on August 25, 2022, plaintiff filed a complaint for damages with Barangay Bel-Air, Makati City. The complaint was docketed as Barangay Case No. 22-0049.

12. The first barangay conciliation hearing was set on October 11, 2022. Plaintiff personally attended the hearing, but defendant was absent. Defendant likewise failed to attend the second and the third hearings set on October 20, 2022, and October 27, 2022, respectively.

13. Given that it was clear that defendant had no intention to amicably settle with plaintiff, the punong barangay of Barangay Bel-Air, Makati City issued a Certification to File Action in Court dated November 02, 2022. However, plaintiff received the Certification only on January 26, 2024, as shown by the receiving stamp.

xxx” (Footnote omitted)

Plaintiff therefore prays that judgment be rendered in her favor by ordering the defendant to pay: (i) P141,764.95 as actual damages, with interest at 6% per annum from the date of first extrajudicial demand on December 22, 2021 until fully paid; (ii) incidental expenses arising from the damage which was caused by defendant’s negligence such as transportation to and from her condominium unit and lodging, meals, telephone calls, boxes and plastic containers for items in plaintiff’s condominium unit, bubble wrap for breakables, tape, and plastic wrapping for all surfaces of the unit, meals for tips to workers, damage to paintings, time away from work, sheer inconvenience, and health risks; (iii) at least P300,000.00 as moral damages; (iv) P200,000.00 as exemplary damages; and (v) P300,000.00 as attorney’s fees and costs of suit, as well as expenses of litigation.

To substantiate her allegations in the Complaint, the plaintiff stated in her Judicial Affidavit that she is a Senior Partner at Castillo Laman Tan Pantaleon & San Jose Law Offices. She resides at Unit 31P, Shang Salcedo Place Condominium, located at 147 H.V. Dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City [**“Shang Salcedo Place”**] as evidenced by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 006-2018009331.<sup>1</sup> The defendant is her neighbor, who owns and lives at Unit 31N of Shang Salcedo Place, which is the condominium unit right beside her unit.

According to the plaintiff, sometime in late August 2021, there was a water leak that originated from Unit 31N, because the defendant left her air-conditioning system running unattended for several days. The water leak seeped into several condominium units, including plaintiff’s condominium unit, which damaged her floors, walls, and the paintings that hung on it. While recovering for Covid-19 infection in her hometown in Bohol, Shang Salcedo Place’s Property Management Office [**“PMO” for brevity**], sent plaintiff a Letter of Findings dated September 06, 2021 via email.<sup>2</sup> Based on the said letter, on August 27 and 28, 2021, Shang Salcedo Place’s PMO had conducted an investigation on the water leak. The PMO confirmed that the water leak came from the defendant’s condominium unit. The investigation likewise revealed that the water leak caused, among others, (a) toxic molds to form on the adjoining wall between plaintiff and defendant’s condominium units and the paintings that hung on plaintiff’s side of the wall; (b) the floorboards in plaintiff’s condominium unit to warp; and (c) the paint works in plaintiff’s condominium unit to distend.

Upon learning of such fact, plaintiff purchased a plane ticket and flew to Manila on September 27, 2021,<sup>3</sup> as soon as her health condition permitted. The plaintiff inspected her condominium unit and saw the extent of the damage caused by the water leak from defendant’s unit,<sup>4</sup> which was consistent with the damage described in the PMO’s Letter of Findings. During her inspection on September 30, 2021 and October 28, 2021, plaintiff took videos of the damage using the video camera on her cellular phone. While she was in Bohol, and on September 22, 2021, her attorney-in-fact, Atty. Maria Guillermina G. Totañes, also took photographs of the damage using the camera on her cellular phone. Atty. Maria Guillermina G. Totañes sent all the photos and videos to the plaintiff, showing the molds on the common wall and the water distension on the ceiling and floorboards. The videos and photographs were saved in a USB flash drive.<sup>5</sup>

Prior to the water leak, the paintings that were hung in plaintiff’s condominium unit were dry and free of molds, the floor boards were straight, and the paint works were flat.

To facilitate the repairs on the condominium unit,<sup>6</sup> the plaintiff purchased the materials and engaged the following services:

| Date                              | Nature/Description                                                                                                                    | Amount                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| September 22, 2021                | Cebu Pacific Air Ticket                                                                                                               | P5,041.40<br>(Exhibit “C”) |
| September 30, 2021                | Happy Helpers Ph<br>Cleaning of Unit and<br>Packing of Items<br>(Pre- Repairs)                                                        | P4,800.00 <sup>7</sup>     |
| October 04 to<br>October 08, 2021 | Fast Solutions Enterprises<br>(Supplier and Initial Works)<br><br>(Laminated Floor, Planks,<br>Moulding, Liquid Nail,<br>Paint, etc.) | P47,442.65 <sup>8</sup>    |

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| October 08, 2021                      | Mr. Julius Legaspi<br><br>Partial Restoration and Re-Framing of Four Damaged Paintings                                                                                 | P16,000.00 <sup>9</sup>  |
| October 13, 2021 to November 30, 2021 | Rctech Construction (Contractor)<br><br>(Repair and Waterproofing of Damaged Wall, Repainting, Installation of Floor Planks and Baseboard, Hauling and Disposal, etc.) | P55,005.00 <sup>10</sup> |
| October 21, 2021                      | Loc&Stor 24/7<br><br>Storage of Items                                                                                                                                  | P9,875.90 <sup>11</sup>  |
| November 02, 2021                     | Happy Helpers PH<br><br>Cleaning of Unit (Post-Repairs)                                                                                                                | P3,600.00 <sup>12</sup>  |
| <b>TOTAL (At Cost)</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>P141,764.95</b>       |

The cost of the materials and services amounted to P141,764.95, excluding of other incidental expenses arising from the damage to property caused by defendant's negligence, such as, **(a)** transportation to and from her condominium unit and current lodging, **(b)** lodging, **(c)** meals, **(d)** telephone calls, **(e)** boxes and plastic containers for items in her condominium unit, bubble wrap for breakables, tape, and plastic wrapping for all surfaces of the unit, **(f)** meals for and tips to workers, **(g)** damage to paintings, **(h)** time away from work, **(i)** sheer inconvenience, and **(j)** health risks. The plaintiff prepared an itemized list of expenses and receipts for the incidental expenses.

After the condominium unit was repaired, on November 29, 2021, plaintiff demanded the defendant, through her counsel, Atty. Ishmael Z. Viñas, to reimburse her expenses in repairing and cleaning the condominium unit in the amount of P136,059.95 (as of November 08, 2021) on or before December 04, 2021.<sup>13</sup> Unfortunately, Atty. Ishmael Z. Viñas did not respond. Plaintiff then sent another demand letter dated December 22, 2021 to the defendant, reiterating her demand for reimbursement for the damages that she suffered due to defendant's negligence.<sup>14</sup> Specifically, plaintiff demanded payment of P500,000.00 as reimbursement for: **(a)** costs incurred to come back to Manila and repair the damage to her property; **(b)** rental fees to store her belongings during the period of repair; **(c)** cleaning and disinfection costs; and **(d)** mental anguish and serious anxiety arising from defendant's grossly negligent omission that forced her to personally oversee repairs to her unit at a time when: **(i)** Covid-19 cases were at their peak and therefore plaintiff was exposed to increased health risks and **(ii)** plaintiff was recovering from Covid-19's pernicious effects. Again, the defendant did not heed nor respond to plaintiff's demand.

Plaintiff then filed a complaint with Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City in compliance with the required barangay conciliation proceedings.<sup>15</sup> Three hearings were set on October 11, 2022, October 20, 2022, and October 27, 2022, but the defendant did not attend.<sup>16</sup> As a result, the Punong Barangay issued a Certificate to File Action dated November 22, 2025.<sup>17</sup>

Shang Salcedo Place's House Rules,<sup>18</sup> particularly the section on Maintenance of Units, provide:

- a. The upkeep and repair of each Unit shall be for the sole account of the Resident. Residents are enjoined to conduct regular maintenance and upkeep of their Units, including the water, plumbing and electrical fixtures found thereat, whether the Unit is occupied or unoccupied.

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- b. In the event of any damage or injury is caused to any person, to other Units and/or any portion of the Common Areas, resulting from failure to execute the required maintenance and repairs of his Unit, the Resident concerned shall be responsible therefor, consonant with the Master Deed, and compensate the affected person and/or the Condominium Corporation therefor. If the Unit is leased, the obligation to compensate shall rest upon the Owner without prejudice to his right of recourse against the Lessor. At no time shall compensation be made dependent on prior recourse to the Lessee.

As a result of defendant's negligence, plaintiff suffered physical suffering, mental anguish, serious anxiety, wounded feelings, and other similar injuries. Additionally, plaintiff was forced to fly from Bohol to Manila to inspect her damaged property and oversee its repairs. Moreover, the water leak had damaged plaintiff's real and personal properties with significant sentimental value, such as paintings she received from loved ones. Worse, defendant never apologized to the plaintiff for the damage caused by her negligence. In order to set example or correction for the public good, and to prevent others from committing the same omissions, defendant should be held liable for exemplary damages. The defendant should likewise be held liable for attorney's fees and expenses of litigation.

**Paula Bianca A. Gersalia** [**"Gersalia"**] likewise executed a Judicial Affidavit to support plaintiff's claim for attorney's fees and expenses of litigation.

Gersalia stated in her Judicial Affidavit that she is the Billing Assistant of the law firm of Castillo Laman Tan Pantaleon & San Jose [**"CLTPS" for brevity**] since June 2009. One of her main duties is to prepare and to release billing documents, official receipts, and acknowledgment receipts to clients who engage the services of CLTPSJ. The billing documents refer to Billing Data Sheets and Time Service Ledgers for legal service fees and statements of account and invoices for out-of-pocket expenses (**"OPEs"**), including their supporting documents, among others.

Gersalia revealed that plaintiff is a Senior Partner at CLTPSJ and at the same time a client of the firm. In the course of checking CLTPSJ's files, she came across plaintiff's account with the firm. Internally, the instant case was assigned the Client Engagement Memo (**"CEM"**) No. 007151.10.210001. Based on records, the plaintiff's engagement with the firm with regard to the instant case began on December 21, 2021. CLTPSJ billed the plaintiff for services rendered using the regular time rates of its lawyers. These time rates are multiplied by the number of hours rendered by each lawyer in performing a particular professional service for plaintiff in relation to this engagement. In addition, plaintiff shouldered incidental OPEs and disbursements such as filing fees, photocopying expenses, transportation expenses, and expenses for telephone calls, binding and photocopying, printing, postage and special delivery fees, and other similar items, which were billed separately. From December 21, 2021 to September 3, 2025, plaintiff has incurred unbilled legal service fees of P289,363.20 in relation to this engagement.<sup>19</sup> CLTPSJ will bill plaintiff these legal service fees in due course. Gersalia prepared a Billing Date Sheet for Service Fees and a Time Service Ledger summarizing the legal services that CLTPSJ had rendered for the plaintiff in this engagement. CLTPSJ will continue to bill the plaintiff for legal services fees and OPEs until CLTPSJ's engagement in this case is terminated.

Summons, together with a copy of the Complaint and its annexes, were served to the defendant at her known addresses at Unit 31N, Shang Salcedo Place Condominium, 147 H.V. Dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City but she is not residing at the said address. However, Kim Sarimo, Assistant Manager of Shang Salcedo Place Condominium, has confirmed that the defendant is the owner of the said condominium unit.<sup>20</sup> Likewise, the copy of the summons, together with a copy of the complaint and its annexes, were served to the defendant at Unit 9E, Laguna Tower, The Residences at Greenbelt, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, but failed because she is unknown and not residing at the given address.<sup>21</sup> Diligent efforts to locate the whereabouts of the defendant proved futile. Thus, upon motion of the plaintiff, with leave of court, the summons, together with a copy of the complaint and its annexes, were served to the defendant by publication pursuant to Section 16, Rule 14 of the 2019 Amendments to the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure. The same were also sent to the last known addresses of the defendant but they were returned to the court with the notations **"no one to receive"** and **"unknown at the given address"**. Despite the period given, the defendant did not file an answer. Pursuant to Section 9, Rule III (A) of the Rules on Expedited Procedures in the First Level Courts,<sup>22</sup> the instant case was submitted for decision as may be warranted by the facts alleged in the complaint and its attachments, limited to what is prayed for therein.

After a meticulous evaluation of the evidence submitted by the plaintiff, this Court finds that plaintiff has sufficiently established a preponderance of evidence to warrant a judgment in her favor. Considering that the allegations in the complaint were not specifically denied by defendant Jiejun Niu by filing her answer, she was deemed to have admitted the allegations made by the plaintiff.<sup>23</sup>

By alleging that damage was caused to her property by virtue of defendant's fault and/or negligence, plaintiff's cause of action is anchored on quasi-delict.

Article 2176 of the Civil Code provides that:

Whoever by act or omission causes damage to another, there being fault or negligence, is obliged to pay for the damage done. Such fault or negligence, if there is no pre-existing contractual relation between the parties, is called a quasi-delict and is governed by the provisions of this Chapter.

**Negligence is defined as "the failure to observe for the protection of the interests of another person, that degree of care, precaution and vigilance which the circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person suffers injury." It is the "omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided by those considerations which ordinarily regulate the conduct of human affairs, would do, or the doing of something which a prudent and reasonable man would not do."**<sup>24</sup> Jurisprudence is replete with the elements of quasi-delicts, to wit: **a) the damage suffered by the plaintiff; b) the act or omission of the defendant supposedly constituting fault or negligence; and c) the causal connection between the act and the damage sustained by the plaintiff, or proximate cause.**<sup>25</sup>

All the elements are present in the instant case.

**First**, the plaintiff was able to show the damages on her condominium unit as supported by photographs and videos which she personally took when she arrived from Bohol. As can be gleaned from the photographs, there were molds on the common wall and water distension on the ceiling and floorboards. There were also molds and water marks on the paintings that were hung on the wall. As a result, the plaintiff caused the repairs on her condominium unit as also shown by photographs and videos. The plaintiff also paid for the repairs on her condominium unit as shown by official receipts.

**Second**, to prove that the damage was caused by defendant's fault or negligence, the plaintiff presented the Letter of Findings dated September 6, 2021 from Shang Salcedo Place's PMO, through Miltz Cañafranca-Operations Manager, stating, among others, that they had conducted an investigation on August 27-28, 2021 on the water leak. The PMO confirmed that the water leak came from the defendant's condominium unit. The investigation likewise revealed that the water leak caused, among others, **(a)** toxic molds to form on the adjoining wall between plaintiff and defendant's condominium units and the paintings that hung on plaintiff's side of the wall; **(b)** the floorboards in plaintiff's condominium unit to warp; **(c)** and the paint works in plaintiff's condominium unit to distend. According to plaintiff, defendant left her air conditioning unit running continuously in her unit for several days.

Despite demand to reimburse plaintiff of the cost of the repairs on her condominium

unit, the defendant and her counsel both fell on deaf ears. Furthermore, despite three (3) scheduled meetings before the Punong Barangay of Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City, the defendant did not appear.

**Lastly**, there is a causal connection between the negligence of the defendant and the damage suffered by the plaintiff. **Proximate cause is that cause which, in natural and continuous sequence, unbroken by any efficient intervening cause, produces the injury and without which the result would not have occurred.**<sup>26</sup> The facts are undisputed. Were it not for defendant's negligence by leaving her air conditioning unit continuously running for several days, plaintiff's condominium unit could not have been damaged, and plaintiff would not incur expenses for the repairs. The water leak that came from defendant's condominium unit seeped into plaintiff's condominium unit which caused: **(a)** toxic molds to form on the adjoining wall between plaintiff and defendant's condominium units and the paintings that hung on plaintiff's side of the wall; **(b)** the floorboards in plaintiff's condominium unit to warp; and **(c)** the paint works in plaintiff's condominium unit to distend.

Pursuant to Shang Salcedo Place's House Rules and Regulations under Maintenance of Units Item VI (a) and (c):

a. The upkeep and repair of each Unit shall be for the sole account of the Resident. Residents are enjoined to conduct regular maintenance and upkeep of their Units, including the water, plumbing and electrical fixtures found thereat, whether the Unit is occupied or unoccupied.

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c. In the event of any damage or injury is caused to any person, to other Units and/or any portion of the Common Areas, resulting from his failure to execute the required maintenance and repairs of his Unit, the Resident concerned shall be responsible therefor, consonant with the Master Deed, and compensate the affected person and/or the Condominium Corporation therefor. If the Unit is leased, the obligation to compensate shall rest upon the Owner, without prejudice to his right of recourse against the Lessee. At no time shall compensation be made dependent on prior recourse to the Lessee.

Clearly, it is within the defendant's responsibility to maintain and use all reasonable care so that she cannot be dangerous to adjoining owners and can stand the usual and unexpected harm or injury. Plaintiff can therefore claim indemnification for the damages suffered under Article 2176 of the Civil Code.

In the long line of decided case of the Supreme Court, one is entitled to an adequate compensation only for such pecuniary loss suffered by him/her as he/she has duly proved. Such compensation is referred to as actual or compensatory damages.<sup>27</sup> Under Article 2199 of the Civil Code, actual damages are those awarded in satisfaction of, or in recompense for, loss or injury sustained. They proceed from a sense of natural justice and are designed to repair the wrong that has been done, to compensate for the injury inflicted and not to impose a penalty.<sup>28</sup> *In Republic vs. Looyuko, et al.*,<sup>29</sup> it was held that "(a)ctual damages are such compensation or damages for an injury that will put the injured party in the position in which he had been before he was injured. They pertain to such injuries or losses that are actually sustained and susceptible of measurement." To be recoverable, actual damages must not only be capable of proof, but must actually be proved with reasonable degree of certainty. To justify an award of actual damages, there must be competent proof of the actual amount of loss. Credence can be given only to claims which are duly supported by receipts.<sup>30</sup>

In this case, the plaintiff was able to substantiate her claim that she spent P141,764.95 for the repair of her condominium unit as borne by several official receipts. Notwithstanding, while it may be true that the plaintiff likewise incurred incidental expenses during the repair of her condominium unit, she failed, however, to substantiate her claim by presenting official receipts to prove the same. Hence, the court cannot consider her claim for incidental expenses.

In the award of moral damages, the plaintiff in this case delved that she suffered physical suffering, mental anguish, serious anxiety, wounded feelings, and other similar injuries. None, however, was sufficiently established. Neither has there been any evidence of wounded feelings nor moral trauma revealed. In the case of *Sps. Estrada vs. Philippine Rabbit Bus Lines, Inc., et al.*,<sup>31</sup> the Supreme Court ruled that moral damages under Article 2220 of the Civil Code are never presumed considering that they are serious accusations that can be so conveniently and casually invoked. And unless convincingly substantiated by whoever is alleging them, they amount to mere slogans or mudslinging. It imports a dishonest purpose or some moral obliquity and conscious doing of a wrong, a breach of a known duty through some motive or interest or ill will that partakes of the nature of fraud. Furthermore, in a long line of decided cases, in prayers for moral damages, recovery is more an exception rather than the rule. Moral damages are not meant to be punitive but are designed to compensate and alleviate the physical suffering, mental anguish, fright, serious anxiety, besmirched reputation, wounded feelings, moral shock, social humiliation, and similar harm unjustly caused to a person. To be entitled to such an award, the claimant must satisfactorily prove that he/she has suffered damages and that the injury causing it has sprung from any of the cases listed in Articles 2219 and 2220 of the Civil Code. Moreover, the damages must be shown to be the proximate result of a wrongful act or omission. The claimant must thus establish the factual basis of the damages and its causal tie with the acts of the defendants.<sup>32</sup> In *Kierulf vs. CA*,<sup>33</sup> the Supreme Court stressed that in order that moral damages may be awarded, there must be pleading and proof of moral suffering, mental anguish, fright and the like. Citing *Francisco vs. GSIS*,<sup>34</sup> the Supreme Court likewise held that there must be clear testimony on the anguish and other forms of mental suffering. In *Philippine National Bank vs. The Honorable Court of Appeals, et al.*,<sup>35</sup> the Supreme Court nonetheless held that "*in order that a person may be made liable to the payment of moral damages, the law requires that his act be wrongful. The adverse result of an action does not per se make the act wrongful and subject the actor to the payment of moral damages. The law could not have meant to impose a penalty on the right to litigate such right is so precious that moral damages may not be charged on those who may exercise it erroneously. For these the law taxes costs.*" Here, the plaintiff failed to substantiate her allegation that she suffered anxiety, wounded feelings, sleepless nights, and similar injuries. For lack of factual basis, therefore, plaintiff cannot claim moral damages.

Moreover, it has been held under Articles 2229, 2233 and 2234 of the New Civil Code that exemplary damages may be imposed by way of example or correction *only in addition*, among others, to compensatory damages, but they cannot be recovered as a matter of right, their determination depending upon the discretion of the court. Hence, in the absence of any claim and proof of moral damages, the award of exemplary damages has no leg to stand on.<sup>36</sup>

Anent plaintiff's claim for attorney's fees, even though Paula Bianca A. Gersalla testified that plaintiff would be billed the amount of P289,363.20 as attorney's fees, the court finds said claim to be excessive and unconscionable. Attorney's fees are recoverable not as a matter of right. It is the import of Article 2208 of the New Civil Code that the award of attorney's fees is an exception and that the decision must contain an express finding of fact to bring the case within the exception and justify the grant of attorney's fees.<sup>37</sup> The power of a court to award attorney's fees and expenses for litigation under Article 2208 of the New Civil Code demands factual, legal, and equitable justification. Even when a claimant is compelled to litigate with third persons or to incur expenses to protect his/her rights, the general rule is that the same cannot be recovered as part of damages because of the policy that no premium should be placed on the right to litigate. They are not to be awarded every time a party wins a suit.<sup>38</sup>

Nonetheless, Article 1229 of the same Code provides that "[t]he judge shall equitably reduce the penalty when the principal obligation has been partly or irregularly complied with by the debtor. Even if there was no compliance, the penalty may also be reduced by the courts if it is iniquitous or unconscionable." Moreover, paragraph 2, Section 9, Rule III of the Rules on Expedited Procedures in the First Level Courts (*A.M. No. 08-8-07-SC*), states that the "[t]he court may reduce the amount of damages and attorney's fees claimed for being excessive or otherwise unconscionable." Since plaintiff was constrained to engage the services of counsel in filing this case, the claim for attorney's fees is granted, but the court deems it reasonable that the amount of P30,000.00 is just and equitable under the circumstance.<sup>39</sup> Defendant shall likewise pay P18,329.60 for the costs of the suit.<sup>40</sup> Additionally, the defendant is liable to pay the expenses for publication.

**IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING**, judgment is hereby rendered in favor of plaintiff **Mercedes Fama S. Baluyot** and against defendant **Jiejun Niu** ordering her to **PAY** the following:

- 1) **One Hundred Forty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Pesos and 95/100 (P141,764.95)** as actual damages;
- 2) **Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00)** as attorney's fees; and
- 3) **Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Pesos and 60/100 (P18,329.60)** as the costs of the suit; and
- 4) The expenses for publication.

All the monetary award shall earn legal interest of 6% per annum from date of finality of this decision until full payment.

Pursuant to Section 13, Rule 13 of the 2019 Amendments to the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure,<sup>41</sup> the plaintiff is **DIRECTED** to publish a copy of this decision in a newspaper of general circulation **once** to be determined through a raffle by the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Makati City. Likewise, let a copy of the decision be sent to the defendant by registered mail at her last known addresses.

**SO ORDERED.**

City of Makati, July 22, 2026.

(Sgd.)  
**MAUREEN L. RUBIO-MARQUEZ**  
Presiding Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit "A"  
<sup>2</sup> Exhibit "B"  
<sup>3</sup> Exhibit "C"  
<sup>4</sup> Exhibits "D-1"-"D-3"  
<sup>5</sup> Exhibit "D"  
<sup>6</sup> Exhibits "D-7" to "D-15"  
<sup>7</sup> Exhibit "E-2"  
<sup>8</sup> Exhibit "E-3"



# OVER 800 EVACUATED IN MANILA AS HABAGAT RAINS PERSIST INTO MONDAY



More than 850 individuals from 243 families have sought shelter in evacuation centers across Manila, as the city continued to grapple with days of persistent rain brought by the enhanced South-west Monsoon or Hanging Habagat, according to the Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW).

The Barangay 101 evacuation center of the city's first district recorded the highest number of evacuees, with 150 families and 471 individuals taking shelter at the Brgy. 101-OVP Building, according to the report of Manila City Social Welfare Officer Jay R. Dela Fuente as of 8:00 a.m.

In District 5, Dela Fuente said 35 families

and 155 individuals from Barangays 738 and 800 near Tripa de Galina, San Andres Manila, have evacuated to the evacuation center at District Welfare Office V.

The Baseco Evacuation Center housed 54 families and 211 individuals, while District 6's Likha Court sheltered four families and 18 individuals from Barangay 598.

Dela Fuente said evacuees are receiving hot meals such as champorado, porridge, and noodles, along with snacks, lunch and dinner, and ready-to-eat meals and bottled water.

Evacuees also received clothes, modular tents, sleeping mats. **(Manila Public Information Office)**

## Pamahalaan, nananatiling may halos 5M food packs na pangresponde sa kalamidad

May sapat na suplay ng food packs at iba pang relief items ang pamahalaan na handang ipamahagi agad sa mga pamilyang naapektuhan ng Bagyong Maymay at Habagat, bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagpapalakas ng kahandaan ng bansa sa mga kalamidad.

Sa isang press briefing sa Malacañang, sinabi ni Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary

Rex Gatchalian na patuloy na dinaragdan ng pamahalaan ang mga nakaimbak na relief supplies alinsunod sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na magpaunang magimbak ng mga ayuda bago pa man tumama ang mga bagyo, lindol, pagputok ng bulkan, at iba pang kalamidad.

Ayon kay Gatchalian, hanggang Agosto 9 ay may halos limang milyong family food packs ang DSWD na nakaimbak sa hu-

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SP. PROC. NO.  
R-MNL-26-04306-SP

IN THE MATTER OF THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTHS OF JANNAH CATHALIA ASUNCION DAVID, AS REPRESENTED BY HER MOTHER JOSEPHINE ASUNCION DAVID:

- 1) IN ENTRY NO. 01 OF HER CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH, BY CHANGING HER MIDDLE NAME FROM "PRUDENCIO" TO "ASUNCION";
- 2) IN ENTRY NO. 06 OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JANNAH, BY CHANGING HER MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: MIDDLE NAME FROM "ASUNCION" TO BLANK; LAST NAME FROM "PRUDENCIO" TO ASUNCION";

JANNAH CATHALIA PRUDENCIO DAVID  
a.k.a. JANNAH CATHALIA ASUNCION DAVID, AS REPRESENTED BY HER MOTHER JOSEPHINE ASUNCION DAVID,

Petitioners,

-versus-

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Respondents.

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### AMENDED ORDER

Upon perusal of the records of this case, it appears that a portion of the case caption was inadvertently omitted from the previous Order dated July 16, 2026. As such, the said Order is hereby amended as follows:

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### ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition filed by Jannah Cathalia Prudencio David a.k.a. Jannah Cathalia Asuncion David, represented by her mother, Josephine Asuncion David praying for the correction of entries in her Certificate of Live Birth. Specifically, she prays that: a) in Entry No.1, her middle name be changed from "Prudencio" to "Asuncion"; and b) in Entry No. 7, her mother's middle name be changed from "Asuncion" to Blank and the last name be changed from "Prudencio" to "Asuncion".

Finding the verified petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing on the instant petition be set on **October 15, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, Branch 10, 4th Floor, City Hall, Manila, at which date, time and place, any interested party may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation to be chosen by raffle, to be conducted by the Executive Judge of this Court, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of petitioner.<sup>1</sup>

Likewise, petitioner is directed to furnish a copy of this Order together with copies of the petition and its annexes to respondents Jomar Añover David, the Local Civil Registrar of Manila, the Civil Registrar General, the National Statistics Office, the Office of the Solicitor General and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.  
Manila, Philippines. July 16, 2026.

SO ORDERED.  
Manila, Philippines. July 22, 2026.

(Sgd.)  
**LADY ROCHELLE S. SAYMO-LLABRES**  
Presiding Judge

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migit-kumulang 1,000 bodega sa buong bansa upang matiyak ang agarang pagtugon sa mga komunidad na maaapektuhan ng mga bagyo at iba pang sakuna.

"This (five million) is the largest stockpile the country has had since we started implementing this system," ani Gatchalian.

(Ito ang pinakamalaking stockpile na naipon ng bansa mula nang simulan natining ipatupad ang sistemang ito.)

Bukod sa mga food pack, may kabuuang 245,474 non-food

items din na nakahan-dang ipadala agad sa mga apektadong komunidad.

Sinabi ni Gatchalian na ang patuloy na paglalagay ng mga relief supplies sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa ay para matiyak na mabilis na makararating ang tulong sa mga pamilyang naapektuhan ng kalamidad, bukod pa sa tulong pinansyal na ipinagkakaloob sa mga biktima ng bagyo.

"To date, we've released 54,370 family food packs. We expect that number to go up kasi right now we're

processing more requests from local government units who are asking for augmentation," the DSWD chief noted.

(Sa ngayon, nakapagpalabas na kami ng 54,370 family food packs. Inaasahan naming madaragdan pa ang bilang na ito dahil kasalukuyan naming pinoproseso ang mas marami pang kahilingan mula sa mga local government unit na humihiling ng karagdagang tulong.)

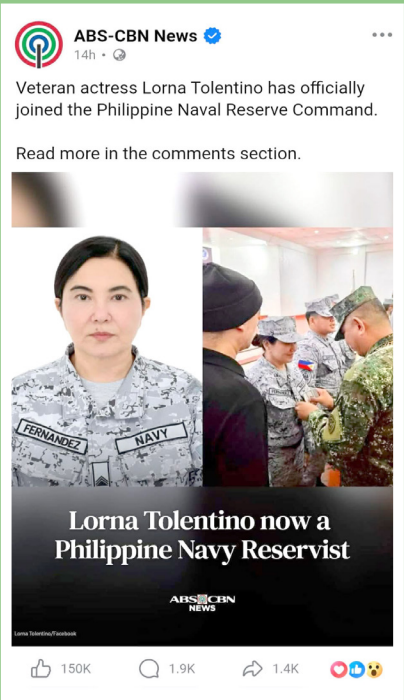
Family food packs, ready-to-eat family food packs, stand at around 2,722. And

then we've already processed around close to one million pesos worth of financial assistance, lalong-lalo na dun sa mga namatayan because of landslides up north in Cordillera," ayon kay Gatchalian.

(Mayroon ding humigit-kumulang 2,722 ready-to-eat family food packs. Bukod dito, nakapagproseso na rin kami ng halos isang milyong pisong tulong-pinansyal, lalo na para sa mga pamilyang namatayan dahil sa mga pagguho ng lupa sa Hilagang Cordillera.) **(PND)**

TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

LORNA TOLENTINO  
JOINED THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL RESERVE COMMAND



Images courtesy of Facebook: ABS-CBN News

ROMNICK SARMENTA  
STANDS AGAINST PAX SILICA



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ALDEN RICHARDS  
WILL HOST GMS 7'S  
'REBUILDING BROKEN ROOMS'

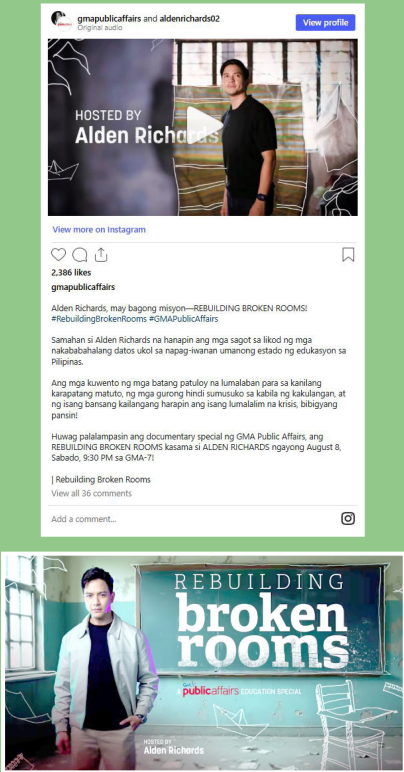


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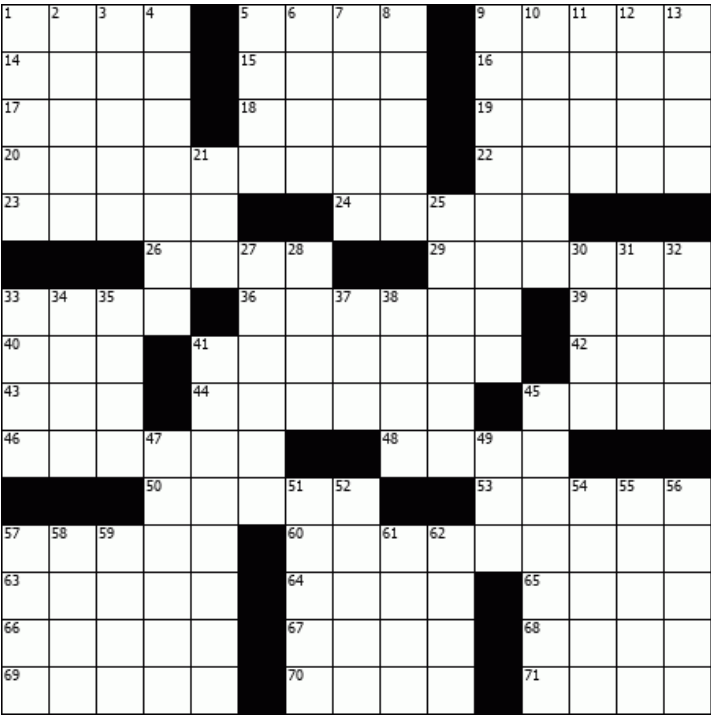
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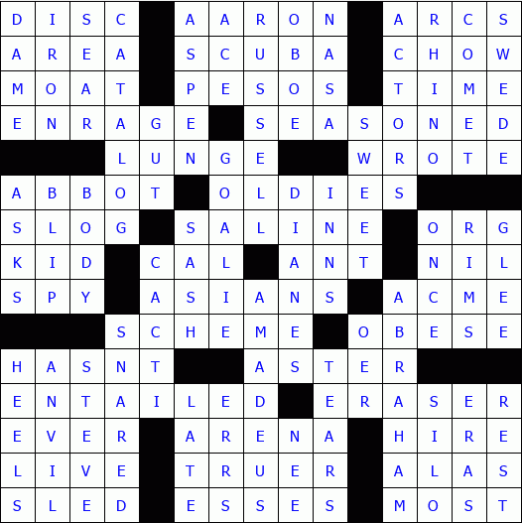
- 1. Retirees' accts.
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- 18. Preceding nights
- 19. Corrode
- 20. Relevant
- 22. Printing machine
- 23. Sum
- 24. Trunk
- 26. Escape
- 29. Des Moines natives
- 33. Lotion ingredient
- 36. Western bar
- 39. Hawaiian wreath
- 40. Droop
- 41. Helps
- 42. Occupy a chair
- 43. Be sick
- 44. Tell secrets
- 45. Flounder's kin
- 46. "\_\_\_\_\_ in Pink"
- 48. Voiced
- 50. Relaxes
- 53. Fizzy drinks
- 57. France's capital
- 60. Party after a wedding
- 63. Burst forth
- 64. Adored one
- 65. Show concern
- 66. Owner's proof
- 67. Formal dance
- 68. Opening bet
- 69. Relieved
- 70. Abolishes
- 71. Aft

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- 1. Not fitting
- 2. Juliet's love
- 3. Ward off
- 4. Capital of New Mexico (2 wds.)
- 5. Songbird
- 6. Roof part
- 7. Happening
- 8. Basil sauce
- 9. New spouse's boys
- 10. Not wide
- 11. Band instrument
- 12. Metal bars
- 13. Baby's "piggies"
- 21. Unwell
- 25. Mob scene participant
- 27. School compositions
- 28. "\_\_\_\_\_ of Eden"
- 30. Moreover
- 31. Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond
- 32. Spot
- 33. Memo letters
- 34. Hideout
- 35. Gawk
- 37. Illuminated
- 38. Norwegian port
- 41. Vouched for
- 45. Toy racer (2 wds.)
- 47. Three-base hit
- 49. Poisonous snake
- 51. Apache, e.g.
- 52. Family car
- 54. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Keaton
- 55. Main artery
- 56. Show contempt
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# Peralta wins 5 medals in Asian weightlifting

**GOLDEN GIRL:** Jhodie Peralta of Zamboanga City (right) wins three golds and two silver medals in the women 53kg division of the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on Sunday night (Aug. 9, 2026). At left is national coach Allen Jayfrus Diaz. (Contributed photo)

MANILA – The Philippines grabbed five more medals Sunday night at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Zamboanga City pride Jhodie Peralta ruled the snatch (86kgs), placed second in clean and jerk (102kgs) and had the best total of 188kgs in the Youth women’s 53kg division. She also took the gold in snatch (86kgs) and the silver in total (188kgs) in the Junior category.

The Philippines now has 26 medals (13 golds, six silvers and seven bronzes) after three days of competition.

“This is the future of Philippine weightlifting. Some of these young lifters are on their way to the Olympics. The future looks bright,” said

Samahang Weightlifting ng Pilipinas (SWP) president Monico Puentevella in an interview Monday.

“I thank the coaches and their parents and our sponsors, Philippine Sports Commission, MVPSF, ICTSI, Alphaland, and Sy Group. With more training and international exposure, they will win more medals. Nowhere to go but up. We have gained the world’s respect,” he added.

The other medalists are Alexandra Ann Diaz ( 3 golds, 2 bronzes), Jerick Icon Castro ( 3 golds), Kirby Kent Alas-as (2 bronzes), Prince Keil Delos Santos (1 gold, 2 bronzes), Angeline Colonia (1 gold, 2 silvers), Althea Bacaro (2 golds), and Jay-r Colonia (2 silvers, 1 bronze). (PNA)

## PH beats Tunisia for 2nd win in FIVB Girls’ U17 tourney

MANILA – The Philippines banked on Xyz Rayco and Resty Jane Olaguir to sweep Tunisia, 27-25, 25-19, 25-16, Saturday in the FIVB Girls’ U17 World Championship at Liceo Particular Mixto San Felipe in Chile.

Rayco scored 13 points on 12 attacks and a block as Alas Pilipinas Girls improved to a 2-1 record.

The world No. 25 Philippines took the second spot in Pool B, trailing defending champion China, with two playdates remaining in the preliminaries. The top four advance to the Round of 16.

The Alas Pilipinas Girls earned the berth to the world meet through a fifth-place finish in the Asian Women’s U16 Championship last year in Jordan.

“It feels different when she sets the ball. It feels like I can really kill it. Of course, I’ll work hard to be able to play my best whoever I share the court with,” the 16-year-old Rayco said in a news release Sunday.

Rayco credited teamwork for the victory and felt fulfilled after overcoming her mistakes.

“The past two days, I didn’t feel like I was playing the right way. I felt like I played poorly. My teammates said it was fine, but I wasn’t satisfied, so today I really wanted

to bounce back. I’ll keep this going,” she added.

Although she did not expect to be fielded while Irish Mahinay was running the offense, Olaguir quickly settled in when Alas hit a shaky stretch in the opening set.

“I’m happy I got in and contributed. I think I’m slowly getting back to the way I really play. There are still a lot of things I need to work on. I hope this continues and that I don’t let my emotions get the better of me,” Olaguir said.

Caera Celis topscored for the Philippines for the third straight match, delivering 15 points on 13 attacks and two blocks. Sharina Rhyza Lleses chipped in 10 points, all from attacks.

After the tournament break on Sunday, the Philippines will face world No. 6 Peru on Tuesday, 5 a.m., and will end pool play against No. 12 Venezuela on Wednesday at 2 a.m. (both PH time). (PNA)



Resty Jane Olaguir (Volleyball World photo)



## Bad weather postpones PBA Sunday games



MANILA – As monsoon rains continued to pound the National Capital Region on Sunday, the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) called off its scheduled Governors’ Cup doubleheader at Ninoy Aquino Stadium (NAS) in Manila.

The league first announced the postponement of the games between Phoenix and Rain or Shine and Ginebra and Blackwater.

Later, the PBA moved the Tuesday twinbill, which features Converge-TerraFirma at 5:15 p.m. and NLEX-TNT at 7:30 p.m., from NAS to Ynares Center in Antipolo City, Rizal.

The NAS roof leaked after the third quarter of the Magnolia-Meralco match on Friday, delaying the game for about an hour. The Hotshots won, 105-88, to rise to 3-3 in Group A, while the Bolts occupy the cellar at 2-5.

The week before, stormy weather also flooded the NAS grounds and Adriatico Street, leaving fans and team personnel stranded for a while.

Tickets purchased online for the Sunday and Tuesday games will be automatically refunded. For box office and outlets purchases, physical ticket must be presented at the TicketNet Box Office at Smart Araneta

Coliseum in Quezon City from Aug. 23 until Sept. 20.

With the postponement, the Elasto Painters and Bossing will be on an extended break due to Gilas Pilipinas’ campaign in the FIBA World Cup Asian Qualifiers on Aug. 27 to 31 at Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay and the Japan Asian Games on Sept. 19 to Oct. 4.

Meanwhile, the Fuel Masters will play the Hotshots on Wednesday night at Ynares Antipolo in their last game before the Gilas break, which is also timely since head coach Charles Tiu will join Strong Group Athletics in Taiwan for the Jones Cup two nights

after.

The Gin Kings are down to a Friday night meeting against the Bolts at Araneta Coliseum before head coach Tim Cone shifts his attention to Gilas.

The University Athletic Association of the Philippines, meanwhile, also postponed its Mobile Legends Bang Bang Tournament in Mandaluyong.

Ateneo was supposed to play La Salle in the third match of the scheduled quadruple-header, which would have been the first time a Blue Eagle varsity team will play in a UAAP game since the league cleared the men’s basketball squad and imposed a permanent ban on former head coach Tab Baldwin following the drowning incident in Aurora province on June 8.

To make up for the postponed games, all eight teams will have to play two matches on the same day on back-to-back nights.

Ateneo, La Salle, University of the East and Adamson will play twice on Monday, while University of Santo Tomas, National University, University of the Philippines and Far Eastern University will do the same on Tuesday. (PNA)

