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NO 'TRADE-OFF' ON VP SARA IMPEACHMENT – PROSECUTION

MANILA – The House prosecution will press ahead with Vice President Sara Duterte's impeachment trial regardless of reports of a supposed political trade-off involving her resignation and ability to run in the 2028 elections.

In a press briefing, House prosecution panel adviser and spokesperson Robert Ace Barbers made clear that any purported political negotiations are outside the prosecution's mandate.

"Well, as far as the prosecution panel is concerned, nandito tayo sa proseso ng pagpapalabas ng katotohanan and accountability (we are in the process of revealing the truth and accountability)," the former Surigao del Norte lawmaker said.

"So, kung mayroong mang usapin tungkol dyan sa mga trade-offs, yan po ay wala sa prosecution panel because ang task ay ipagpatuloy itong paglilitis, ipresenta ang mga ebidensya at siguruhin na naiintindihan ng ating mamamayan kung ano-ano itong mga ebidensyang ito (So, if there are matters regarding trade-offs, those are not within the prosecution panel because out task is to continue the trial, present the evidence and ensure that the people understand what the evidence stand for)," Barbers said.

Duterte announced in February that she intends to run for president in 2028, while conviction in the impeachment trial could lead to her removal and disqualification from public office, making the proceedings potentially decisive for her presidential ambitions.

Barbers was responding to questions about unverified reports that Duterte had privately reached out to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and was prepared to resign in exchange for being allowed to pursue the presidency in 2028.



House trial spokesperson and impeachment adviser Robert Ace Barbers (PNA file photo)

He emphasized that the prosecution's authority comes from the constitutional accountability process rather than from any political arrangement outside the Senate impeachment court.

"Sinusunod natin ang utos ng ating Saligang Batas na magkaroon ng isang accountability mechanism for certain higher officials of government na magkaroon ng pananagutan kung sila ay mayroong ginawang paglabag sa mga batas (We are obeying the order of the Constitution to have an accountability mechanism for higher government officials, for them to be accountable if they violate the law)," Barbers said.

House prosecutor and San Juan City Rep. Ysabel Maria "Bel" Zamora likewise cautioned against treating reports circulating online as fact.

"Well, actually I saw that in several Facebook posts, but of course we have no confirmation about that and with so many trolls now we don't know what is true, so hintayin na lang po natin kung totoo nga po yun (so, let's just wait if these are really true)," Zamora said. (PNA)

~ SOUL FOOD ~

"17"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 18For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends."

- 2 Corinthians 10:17-18 -

PBBM: Anti-corruption drive must continue beyond my term



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday said the government's anti-corruption efforts must continue beyond his administration to ensure that reforms and changes in government are sustained.

During the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines' (FOCAP) Presidential Luncheon at the Diamond Hotel Philippines in Manila, President Marcos Jr. said corruption has become deeply rooted in the country's political landscape, prompting his administration to pursue measures aimed at changing how public servants view their positions and responsibilities.

"There is corruption everywhere. What you want to do is to lessen and, if not eliminate, as much as possible," Marcos Jr. said, adding that reforms to promote transparency and reduce opportunities for abuse are being implemented.

He said the attention given to irregularities in government should continue to discourage

public officials and other parties from returning to old practices.

"This is not something that you can stop. Because if you do stop, then we're back to the old system, then we're back to all of these ridiculous contracts that you don't see any progress, you don't see that they're doubled,

they're charged over and over and over again after the same project," he said.

"All of these things that we have uncovered, that is an ongoing process. The government has to continue to do that, because corruption is not a Filipino problem. Corruption is a human problem," Marcos Jr. added.

The President said his administration is fixing government processes so that discretion is not abused or unnecessarily exercised, particularly in ways that result in illegal or wasteful activities.

He said the government has strengthened transparency and accountability measures in the Department of Public Works and Highways, including the creation of a transparency portal where the public can check specific infrastructure projects in their communities.

He said the portal allows the public to identify projects by district, town, and specific location and report concerns involving substandard or unfinished projects or questionable contracts. Similar dashboards and por-

tals are now being developed or maintained by other government departments to provide the public with more specific information on government projects.

"And should they find that those are not going well, or they are post-projects, or they are substandard, or the contract is questionable, then they can report it back to us," Marcos Jr. said.

The government is also implementing legal and administrative reforms and strengthening monitoring mechanisms to prevent irregularities from being repeated.

Marcos Jr. identified digitalization as one of the administration's most powerful tools in curbing corruption because it reduces human discretion where wastage and corruption can occur.

"Digitalization is our most powerful tool for that. Because we remove the human element where wastage, corruption can creep into," he said.

He said these measures are intended to make government spending and project implementation safer and more equitable.

"And that's where, I believe, this administration has focused and that is what we are continuing to focus to make, again, the process safer and more equitable in terms of our, in terms of our spending and the projects that we are undertaking," Marcos Jr. said.

Meanwhile, the Chief Executive stressed that accountability remains a priority as investigations into the flood control scandal continue, noting an urgent need to hold accountable those responsible for the anomalous implementation of government infrastructure projects.

"As I committed during my State of the Nation Address (SONA) last month, we will hold accountable all individuals responsible for the anomalous implementation of government infrastructure projects. This accountability goes hand in hand with ensuring that these projects deliver the services that our people need," Marcos Jr. said.

"That is what is getting the most interest amongst the public. Cases have been filed. People have already been put behind bars. There are continuing investigations into those who are going to be held accountable, who will have to be held accountable for any wrongdoing in terms of corruption, in terms of the flood control scandal," he added.

Asked about possible charges against his cousin, former House Speaker Martin Romualdez, Marcos said he is not privy to the Office of the Ombudsman's investigation or its timetable.

"I think you should be asking that question to the Ombudsman," he said.

In his fifth SONA on July 27, Marcos Jr. said Romualdez would face multiple cases in connection with the flood control scandal. (PTV NEWS - BJLC)

PBBM orders probe, tighter security after BARMM chief ambush

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has ordered intensified security and a thorough investigation into the strafing of the convoy of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Interim Chief Minister Abdulraof Macacua, stressing that violence will not derail the transition to democratic governance.

President Marcos Jr. condemned the attack and called on all concerned to remain calm and respect the rights and lives of Filipinos.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said in a statement Sunday, "Nananawagan si Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na maging mahinahon at pairalin ang pagiging makatao na may respeto sa karapatan lalong-lalo na sa buhay

ng bawat kababayan natin."

The President likewise directed concerned government agencies to further strengthen security in Bangsamoro communities and conduct a deeper investigation to identify those behind the attack and ensure they are held accountable.

Castro added, "Ang naganap na karahasan na ginawa kina BARMM Interim Chief Minister Abdulraof Macacua at mga kasamahan niya ay kinokondena ng Pangulo."

Macacua was unharmed when gunmen strafed his convoy at around 4:45 p.m. Saturday along the national highway in Barangay Bitu, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte.

His armored vehicle was hit by several



BARMM Interim Chief Minister Abdulraof Macacua. (Photo courtesy: Abdulraof Macacua/FB)

bullets, including one on the driver's side. Two other armored vehicles in the convoy were also hit.

Castro said the incident would not weaken the administration's efforts to establish democratic governance in BARMM, "Sinisiguro naman na hindi ito magpapahina sa naisin ng gobyerno para sa BARMM communities na magkaroon ng

maayos na paglipat o pagbabago patungo sa pamamahalang demokratiko."

The attack occurred less than a month before the first elections for the Bangsamoro Parliament on Sept. 14.

Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have vowed to pursue the perpetrators and intensify security operations in vulner-

able areas and along major routes, in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Commission on Elections (Comelec).

The Chief Executive has repeatedly underscored

the importance of a peaceful, credible and transparent election in sustaining the Bangsamoro peace process and giving the region's people a greater role in determining its political future. (PNA)

2-year suspension of law on property valuation, assessment sought

MANILA – Marikina 2nd District Rep. Miro Quimbo on Monday filed a measure seeking a two-year suspension of the implementation of key provisions of the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Reform Act (RPVARA) to shield taxpayers from sudden increases in taxes and other government charges.

According to Quimbo, House Bill No. 10808 suspends the adoption of new or updated Schedules of Market Values (SMVs) and the general property assessments as a direct response to prevailing economic conditions.

The bill, however, does not abandon the reforms under RPVARA. Preparatory activities, including data collection, consultations and capacity-building, may continue while government agencies assess the economic and fiscal impact of the new valuation system, the veteran legislator pointed out.

“This is not a rejection of reform; it is about getting the timing right,” Quimbo said in a statement.

“What may constitute sound policy under normal conditions may impose unintended hardship when introduced during a period of extraordinary economic and natural disruption,” he added.

Under the proposal, existing SMVs, zonal values, assessed values and other valuation bases will continue to apply during the two-year suspension for purposes of national and local taxation, assessment, fees, charges and government transactions.

The measure also ensures that no taxpayer will pay higher national or local taxes or fees based on the new or updated SMVs.

“We can modernize our property valuation sys-



Marikina 2nd District Rep. Miro Quimbo (Photo courtesy of Rep. Quimbo's office)

tem without imposing sudden and excessive burdens on Filipino families, property owners, and businesses,” Quimbo said.

The proposed measure was among the tax and economic measures discussed in the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) meeting presided over by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Aug. 6.

Quimbo said the measure forms part of the broader tax reform agenda being pursued in Congress, which seeks to balance revenue reforms with meaningful protection and relief for taxpayers.

“Tax reform must not simply be about raising revenues. It must also be about making sure that government policy does not place an unreasonable burden on ordinary Filipinos,” Quimbo said.

“As we pursue broader reforms in our tax system, our objective is clear: to build a system that is fairer, more responsive, and one that protects taxpayers while ensuring the government has the resources to serve our people,” he added. (PNA)

BI bars British sex offender from entering PH



PASAY, Philippines—In line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to strengthen border security and protect vulnerable sectors from transnational crimes, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) has denied entry to a convicted British sex offender upon his arrival at the Clark International Airport (CIA).

Immigration Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado identified the passenger as 50-year-old Lee Alan Hargrave, a United Kingdom national, who arrived on August 3 aboard a Qatar Airways flight from Doha.

Hargrave was referred to members of the Immigration Protection and Border Enforcement Section (I-PROBES) after immigration records showed that he was the subject of an alert in the BI's system.

Records from the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA) showed that Hargrave was convicted by a court in the United Kingdom in 2024 for making indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children and was subsequently placed on the UK's Sex Offenders Register. The BI said the derogatory information was made available through its coordination with foreign counterparts, allowing immigration officers to identify and intercept high-risk foreign nationals attempting to enter the country. Hargrave was immediately denied admission and placed on the next available flight back to his port of origin.

“This case demonstrates the importance of international intelligence-sharing in keeping our borders secure,” said Viado. “Through our close cooperation with the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency and the vigilance of our immigration officers, we are able to stop convicted sex offenders before they can enter the country. We will continue to strengthen our #Shield-Kids campaign to protect children and other vulnerable sectors from sexual exploitation and prevent the Philippines from becoming a destination for sex tourism,” he stated.

As a consequence of the exclusion, Hargrave's name has been included in the BI's blacklist, perpetually barring him from re-entering the country. (BI)

Ex-OVP special disbursing officer declared hostile witness

MANILA – The Senate impeachment court on Monday declared Gina Acosta, Vice President Sara Duterte's former special disbursing officer at the Office of the Vice President, a hostile witness in the trial over the alleged misuse of confidential funds.

Presiding Officer Senator Francis Escudero granted the prosecution's motion after questioning Acosta about her current position at the OVP and her employment relationship with Duterte.

Acosta confirmed that Duterte is her boss and that she currently holds a coterminous position as Vice Presidential Staff Officer VI.

Asked by Escudero whether she would lose her OVP post if Duterte were impeached or removed from office, Acosta replied: “Wala na po akong trabaho sa OVP (I no longer have a job at the OVP).”

Escudero then for-

mally declared Acosta a hostile witness, citing both her employment circumstances and the position she took in a counter-affidavit filed before the Office of the Ombudsman.

“In addition to the ground raised by Attorney (Amando Virgil) Ligutan that the witness has taken a position by virtue of her counter-affidavit filed before the Office of the Ombudsman, the court hereby declares the witness to be a hostile witness under and in accordance with Rule 132, Section 13,” Escudero ruled.

The ruling allows private prosecutor Ligutan to ask Acosta leading questions during her examination.

Escudero stressed, however, that misleading questions remain prohibited.

Acosta is the first witness formally declared hostile in Duterte's impeachment trial.

Ligutan sought the declaration after



HOSTILE WITNESS. Gina Acosta, former special disbursing officer at the Office of the Vice President, testifies before the Senate impeachment court on Monday (Aug. 17, 2026). Acosta was declared a “hostile witness” in the impeachment trial of Vice President Sara Duterte. (Screengrab from Senate livestream)

presenting Acosta's counter-affidavit in a complaint involving the alleged misuse of confidential funds.

He argued that Acosta's position in the counter-affidavit was directly “adverse” to the prosecution's case against Duterte.

According to Ligutan, Acosta maintained in her counter-affidavit that Duterte complied with the rules governing confidential funds and should not be held liable for their alleged misuse.

The defense opposed the prosecution's motion, arguing

that Acosta's adverse interest should first be established through her examination and that the pendency of a complaint against her did not by itself make her hostile to the prosecution.

Escudero rejected the defense's argument and allowed Ligutan to proceed with Acosta as a hostile witness.

In offering her testimony, Ligutan said the prosecution intends to establish that Duterte instructed Acosta to encash PHP500 million in OVP confidential funds in

four tranches from December 2022 to July 2023 and turn over the cash to an OVP security officer.

The prosecution also intends to establish that the PHP500 million was not properly liquidated and that its disbursement was riddled with violations of Joint Circular No. 2015-01, governing the use of confidential and intelligence funds.

These assertions remain part of the prosecution's of-

fer and are subject to Acosta's testimony and the defense's cross-examination.

The PHP500 million is part of the PHP612.5 million in confidential funds at the center of Article I of the impeachment complaint. The amount comprises PHP500 million released to the OVP and PHP112.5 million allocated to the Department of Education while Duterte was education secretary. (PNA)

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that **OVERTURE MNL-SVS INC.** (the “Corporation”), a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with registered office at **6795 Level 40 PBCOM Tower, Ayala Ave. Cor. V.A. Rufino St., Bel-Air, Makati City, 1226, Philippines**, has shortened its corporate term and is in the process of closing its business and dissolving the Corporation effective **14 August 2026**, subject to the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the completion of the necessary requirements with all relevant government authorities.

The foregoing action was approved by the Corporation’s Board of Directors and Stockholders at their Joint Meeting held on **4 May 2026**, pursuant to which the Corporation was authorized to amend its Articles of Incorporation to provide that its corporate term shall be until **14 August 2026**, and to undertake all necessary acts for its closure and dissolution.

This announcement serves as notice to all concerned of the business closure and dissolution of the Corporation.

(Sgd.)
JEFERY UMALI INANDAN
President

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BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies Corp. Clinches Gold & Silver Honors at Silicon Valley International Invention Festival

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — August 16, 2026 — Bauertek Pharmaceutical Technologies, a proudly Filipino pharmaceutical innovation firm, has earned two Gold Medals and one Silver Medal — a total of three prestigious honors — at the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) Awards Ceremony, held in California, USA. The event, themed “The Heartbeat of Invention and Innovation,” is one of the world’s leading gatherings of inventors, scientists, and innovators, organized in partnership with the International Inventors Federation (IIFIA), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the United Inventors Association.

Three Awards for Filipino Innovation

Bauertek’s groundbreaking patented inventions each earned Gold or Silver Medals and official SVIIF Diplomas, recognizing their scientific merit, originality, and potential global impact:

- TRIHERBGI — A specialized formulation developed for the effective management and treatment of digestive tract disorders, offering a novel, plant-based therapeutic approach.
- JAMPERINE — A breakthrough formulation targeting pancreatic function, engineered to help activate the pancreas to naturally produce insulin, offering new hope in diabetes care.
- ProNitroLite or PNL— An innovative metabolic wellness solution designed to support healthy fat metabolism and energy utilization,



with the core concept: “Turning Fat Into Fitness.”

The inventions are patented under the names of Inventors Richard Nixon Gomez and Rigel Gomez, whose research and development work represents years of rigorous scientific study and clinical refinement.

Bauertek’s booth prominently displayed the Philippine flag, standing as a symbol of national pride and reinforcing the country’s growing role in global pharmaceutical research and invention.

SVIIF judges evaluated thousands of entries from across the globe, assessing novelty, inventive step, utility, and societal impact. Bauertek’s haul of two Gold and two Silver awards underscores the world-class quality and originality of Filipino-led pharmaceutical innovation.

Moving forward, the company aims to advance clinical development, secure broader international intellectual property protection, and partner with global healthcare distributors to make these life-enhancing products available to patients worldwide — starting with communities across the Philippines.

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Las Piñas City

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AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

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MORTGAGEE OF PNB SAVINGS
BANK,

FORECLOSURE NO. F-26-088
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. FERDINAND C. EUSEBIO
AND RUSSELYN C. EUSEBIO
AND LOUIE FRANCIS C. EUSEBIO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee/s PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, IN ITS CAPACITY AS ASSIGNEE- MORTGAGEE OF PNB SAVINGS BANK, with office/business/residence address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, against the Mortgagor/s/Debtor/s SPS. FERDINAND C. EUSEBIO AND RUSSELYN C. EUSEBIO AND LOUIE FRANCIS C. EUSEBIO, with residence/postal/office address at (1) Blk. 1, Lot 12, Banawe (Banaue) Street, Bermuda Country Subd., Brgy. Pampuna, Las Piñas City (2) Unit 1203 (With Balcony), 12th Floor 2, South Residences, Alabang Zapote Road, Brgy. Almanza Uno, Las Piñas City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 31, 2026 amounts to Php1,521,849.74 including/excluding interests, penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned OIC/Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Las Piñas City or any of the Deputy Sheriffs will sell at public auction on September 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice of Las Piñas 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:

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UNIT DESCRIPTION: 1 BR WITH BALCONY
APPROX. AREA: 23.27 SQUARE METERS

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 October 20, 2026 without further notice.

Las Piñas City, this 31st day of July 2026.

(Sgd.)
LEAMOR BATILES GARCIA
Officer-In-Charge

(Sgd.)
DON LYNWEN ARON L. RAMOS
Deputy Sheriff

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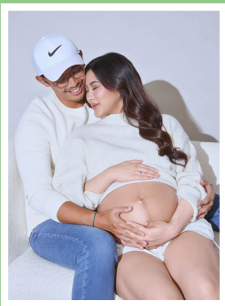
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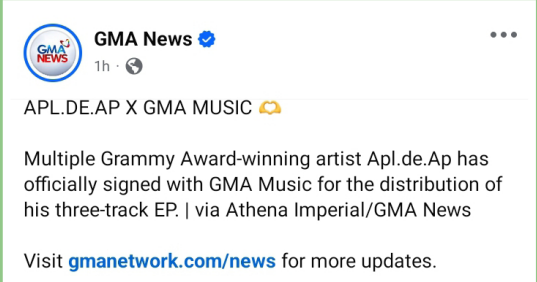
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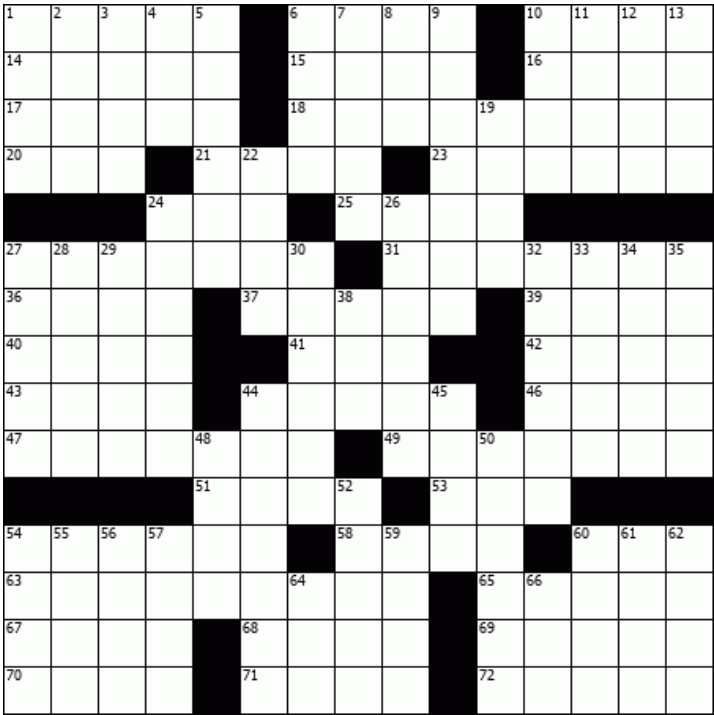


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Road guide
- 6. Profit and ____
- 10. Sandwich shop
- 14. Asian country
- 15. Assist a crook
- 16. Surrounded by
- 17. Molar, e.g.
- 18. Open to ideas
- 20. Earth's star
- 21. Actor ____ Griffith
- 23. Makes very happy
- 24. "We ____ Family"
- 25. Discount event
- 27. Cost of a plane ticket
- 31. Without expression
- 36. Finished
- 37. Academy Award
- 39. Moreover
- 40. Paddy product
- 41. Harbor vessel
- 42. Naturalist John ____
- 43. Afternoon parties
- 44. Devourer
- 46. Amtrak terminals (abbr.)
- 47. Driveway material
- 49. Unspecified person
- 51. Juvenile
- 53. Director ____ Brooks

- 54. Hebrew greeting
- 58. Yachting
- 60. ____ moment's notice (2 wds.)
- 63. Ambulance worker
- 65. Not as old
- 67. Greedy
- 68. Flaring star
- 69. Happening
- 70. Lipstick shades
- 71. Abound
- 72. Takes it easy

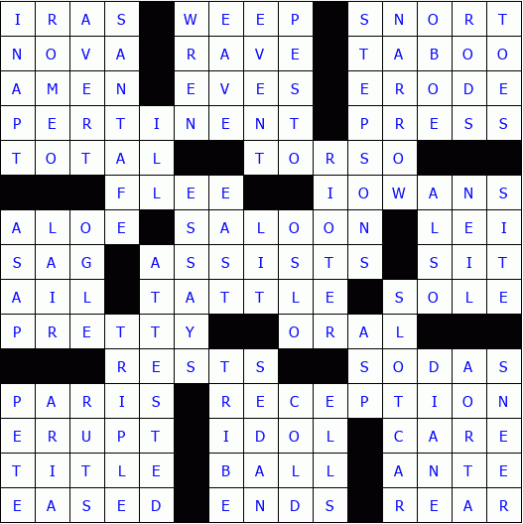


Down

- 1. Play divisions
- 2. Biblical "you"
- 3. MGM's symbol
- 4. Picnic intruder
- 5. African desert
- 6. Cooking fat
- 7. Follows orders
- 8. 1/60th of a minute (abbr.)
- 9. Pittsburgh player
- 10. Information
- 11. Radiate
- 12. Exist
- 13. "Beware the ____ of March"
- 19. Earnest request
- 22. Notorious emperor
- 24. Again
- 26. Old sayings
- 27. Major artery
- 28. Climbing vines
- 29. Brief review
- 30. Manor
- 32. ____ in distress
- 33. Small planet

- 34. Thai, e.g.
- 35. Norwegian
- 38. Slice
- 44. Helium, e.g.
- 45. Italian city
- 48. Tiny particle
- 50. Nastier
- 52. Innocent
- 54. Mast
- 55. Possess
- 56. Like the Sahara
- 57. Chaps
- 59. Sting
- 60. Astounds
- 61. Camp shelter
- 62. Humanities
- 64. Fawn's mom
- 66. Eden dweller

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:



SUDOKU

TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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Alas Pilipinas Girls finishes 15th in FIVB U17 World Championship



ON A HIGH NOTE. Some members of the Alas Pilipinas Girls in an undated photo. The Philippines ended its campaign in the FIVB Volleyball Girls' U17 World Championship on a high note Sunday (Aug. 16, 2026) after beating Czechia, 21-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-22, at the Parque Estadio Nacional in Santiago, Chile. (Photo from Volleyball World)

MANILA – The Philippines ended its campaign in the FIVB Volleyball Girls' U17 World Championship on a high note Sunday, beating Czechia, 21-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-22, at the Parque Estadio Nacional in Santiago, Chile.

The Alas Pilipinas Girls, bannered by Caera Celis, Xyz Rayco, Jhayna Bulandres, Irish Mahinay and Khaira Manzano, placed 15th, which is the country's best performance in any volleyball world championship.

The Philippines finished 19th at the 2025 FIVB Men's World Championship, and 18th at the 1974 FIVB Women's Volleyball World Championship in Mexico.

Celis noted that while every moment of the tournament was special, nothing beats the feeling of winning.

"We learned a lot from every game, even when we made mistakes. But the victories were for sure the most fun we had here," Celis, who scored 25 against Czechia, said in a news release.

She averaged 18 points per game, matching the tournament's third-highest total score of 162 and was fourth in total attack points at 141. Rayni Merab Mondesi Arias

of the Dominican Republic topped both departments with 217 attack points and 235 total.

Rayco, meanwhile, matched the ninth-best total in the tournament for successful receives at 38, while averaging 9.33 points.

Nadeth Herbon matched the 14th-best total at 33. Chinese Taipei's Ting-yi Chen had the highest total of 88.

Herbon, who played outside hitter twice while taking the role of libero in the other matches, was 11th in the digs department with 95. Peru's libero Vannia Giordana Adrianzen Ocrospoma led the field with 166.

Mahinay had 15 aces to match the sixth-highest total. Italy's Beatrice Scalzotto topped the list with 23.

Alas Pilipinas Girls, which also feature Madele Gale, Megan Hernandez, Sharina Rhyza Lleses, Resty Olaguir, Frances Ramos, Jello Mauricio, Jhenica Sadia and Taj Arkhea Teves, made it to the Round of 16 with a 2-3 record, beating world No. 8 Mexico in four sets and sweeping past No. 20 Tunisia.

The USA won the gold medal after prevailing over Turkiye, 25-23, 25-11, 25-23, in the final. (PNA)

UE, UP TRIUMPH IN UAAP VALORANT TOURNAMENT OPENER

MANILA – University of the East and University of the Philippines beat their rivals in the 2026 UAAP VALORANT tournament Sunday night at the MVP Studios in Mandaluyong City.

The Red Warriors, without head coach Vincent Paul Lubio who was hospitalized due to dengue, scored a 2-0 victory over two-time bronze medalist Ateneo de Manila University.

"We are happy to have had a strong start this season, unlike the previous two seasons where we were at the bottom of the pack. We started strong, and we intend to keep it up," said UE stalwart Francis Andrei De Guzman, adding that Lubio's absence also motivated them to win.

He credited sixth man Robin Sevilla for playing a crucial role as the team's stand-in coach.

"Earlier, it was our sixth man who was motivating us and analyzing where we were making mistakes or what we were lacking," De Guzman said.

In the other game, Adamson University won Game 1 and last season's runner-up University of Santo Tomas took Game 2. UE now leads Group A with three points, while Adamson and UST share second place with one point apiece. In Group B, UP triumphed over Far Eastern University, 2-0.

National University held defending champion De La Salle University to a 1-1 split, forcing a tie for second place. (PNA)



FE Nagoya beats UST to win NSAC World Invitational



Fighting Eagles Nagoya rules the National Student Athletes Championship (NSAC) World Invitational championship at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City on Sunday night (Aug. 16, 2026).

MANILA – Japan B.League One team Fighting Eagles Nagoya reigned supreme in the National Student Athletes Championship (NSAC) World Invitational, ruling the three-day event with a 92-91 win against the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in the championship game on Sunday night at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig.

As the lone professional club in the eight-team tournament that pitted its opponent and three other Philippine collegiate squads against representatives from Japan, Taiwan, and Australia, Nagoya capitalized on late UST turnovers to preserve the win just as the latter was closing in on a huge upset.

The Growling Tigers were on the cusp of scoring probably their biggest win against an international opponent when Landyn Jumawan hit a go-ahead three for an 85-84 lead with exactly two minutes left in the game.

However, after forcing a stop on the other end, Amiel Acido, who assisted on Jumawan's clutch shot, turned the ball over to Nelson Phillips, setting up Tres Tinkle's three-point play that put the Fighting Eagles back up 87-85 with 1:14 remaining.

Phillips then forced another steal from Jumawan, leading to Ryoto Yasuoka's dagger triple from the Philippine Basketball Association's four-point distance with 48.4 seconds to go.

Jumawan still put up one last fight, hitting back-to-back threes, including one of his own from beyond 27 feet at the final buzzer, but his efforts came a bit too late.

Tinkle led Nagoya, which beat Far Eastern University and San Beda earlier in the weekend before completing the 3-0 sweep of the tournament, with 24 points on 9-for-12 shooting, two rebounds, two assists, one steal, and one block.

Filipino reinforcement Francis Lopez came alive just in time in the final, contributing 22 points, also on 9-for-12 field goals, seven rebounds, three assists, and one block en route to Final Most Valuable Player (MVP) honors.

Jumawan and Collins Akowe each tallied 20 markers for UST, which first downed Tenri Uni-

versity and Jose Rizal University (JRU) to set up the grudge match against Nagoya.

Akowe, who was named the tournament MVP before the final, also grabbed 12 boards, while Jumawan finished 5-for-7 from beyond 22 feet.

On the other hand, the Red Lions withstood a gallant fight from the undermanned Heavy Bombers for a 70-69 win to capture the bronze.

Despite giving four players, including key guys Allan Laurenaria and Mythical Team member Lawrence Mangubat, a rest, JRU came close to scoring a repeat of its FilOil EcoOil Preseason Cup Finals win against San Beda.

However, time ran out on the Heavy Bombers' chances to steal the win from the Red Lions, who somehow made good use of the lessons they got from their recent training camp in Malaga.

Aldous Torculas led San Beda with 15 points on 6-for-8 field goals, four rebounds, two assists, one steal, and one block, while Jimmy Reyes added 12 points, two rebounds, and four assists.

Jhun Peñaverde put up 18 points on 6-for-12 shooting, five rebounds, and one steal for JRU.

Northern Formosa University took down Tenri 80-75 to capture fifth place, while FEU averted a winless run with an 87-72 rout against Elite Stacks to finish seventh. (PNA)



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