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FIRST LADY LEADS RICE AID DISTRIBUTION TO JEEPNEY, TODA DRIVERS

QUEZON CITY — First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos led the distribution of rice to some 1,000 traditional jeepney and tricycle drivers held at the Land Transportation Office (LTO) on Tuesday as part of the government's Rice Distribution Program.

This initiative follows the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to ease the burden faced by the most affected sectors, including public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers.

"Hindi biro ang trabaho ninyo. So itong ginagawa namin, konting bagay lang ito pero galing sa puso namin," said the First Lady, recognizing the daily struggles of PUV drivers.

Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez expressed gratitude to the President and the First Lady for their support to the transport sector.

"Ramdam ng Pangulo ang paghihirap ng mga tsuper kaya lahat ng puwedeng tulong ay pinabibigay niya. Nagpapasalamat din po tayo sa Unang Ginang dahil personal siyang namahagi ng bigas at iba pang tulong sa mga jeepney at tricycle driver," said Lopez.

LTO chief Assistant Secretary Marcus Lacanilao outlined the assistance the drivers received during the program. "May bigas na ipamamahagi, may libreng check-up at gamot. Para naman sa mga magre-renew ng driver's license, libre rin ang medical examination. At nariyan ang ating e-patrol kung saan puwede na rin kayo mag-renew ng inyong mga lisensya."



Meanwhile, Pasang Masda National President Roberto "Ka Obet" Martin commended the program, noting that their members are deeply grateful.

"Malaking tulong 'yang 10 kilo na 'yan. Kung ang pamilya ay lima, siguro mga limang araw 'yun bago maubos kaya malaking tulong po itong bigas na ito sa aming hanay," said Ka Obet.

Lady driver Mary Ann also expressed her gratitude to the President and First Lady for the rice aid.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako kay PBBM, kay President Marcos, Jr. at kay First Lady Liza Marcos. Maraming salamat po sa blessing na pinagkaloob n'yo sa amin."

The initiative is part of the rice assistance programs dubbed, "Mula sa Puso, para sa Pamilya" and "Bawat Bayan Makikinaabang," which aim to reach millions of Filipinos nationwide. (JEG/PIA-NCR) —Photos courtesy of DOTr

~ SOUL FOOD ~

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

- Proverbs 27:1 -

300,000 FARMERS, FISHERFOLK, TRUCKERS TO GET P3B FUEL SUBSIDY FROM UPLIFT



Some 300,000 farmers, fisherfolk and drivers hauling agricultural produce will get P3 billion in fuel subsidy starting this month as part of a package of assistance directed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to help the agriculture sector cope with the effects of El Niño and the lingering high prices of fuel.

Agriculture Undersecretary Arrey Perez said the fuel subsidy will be distributed by the Department of Agriculture as part of the Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food and Transport framework initiated by the administration in March to address the impact of the sharp rise in oil prices on account of the Middle East war.

Perez said the DA is working with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for ways to further speed up the release and distribution of the fuel subsidy through the bank's network of branches and automated teller machines.

Farmers and fisherfolk will receive a one-time fuel subsidy of P5,000 for their agricultural machineries such as tractors and motorized bancas.

Delivery-truck drivers will receive a weekly fuel subsidy of P2,000 to help them sustain frequent delivery trips from farms to markets in Metro Manila and other parts of the country.

Perez said the Toll Regulatory Board is also discussing with tollway operators the possibility of exempting agri-delivery trucks from tolls until December 31.

"Dagdag sa fuel subsidy, mayroon po kaming inaayos na toll holiday or discount para rin sa agri truckers (In addition to fuel subsidy we are also working on toll holiday or discount for agri truckers)," said Perez.

Perez said the DA hopes to reach an agreement with the tollway operators soon so the toll holiday can be implemented within the month.

"Mayroon na pong sulat ang Toll Regulatory Board para sa ating mga tollway operator. Hiningan na sila ng komento. Kasi ang hinihingi po natin ay ituloy na iyan hanggang katapusan ng taong ito. Hanggang Dec. 31.

Ito po iyong pinag-uusapan ngayon. Sana mapagbigyan tayo," the DA official said.

The new round of fuel assistance under the UPLIFT will provide relief to vulnerable sectors as the benchmark Brent oil hit \$100 per barrel on September 9, the first time since July amid renewed US-Iran tension.

Farmers and fisherfolk are the first targets of the fresh UPLIFT assistance, as a big chunk of their expenses goes to fuel for their palay harvesters and motorized bancas. **(PND)**

Malacañang 'impartial' on Baste Duterte's testimony before Senate Impeachment Court

Malacañang maintained a neutral position in response to the testimony made by Davao City Mayor Sebastian "Baste" Duterte before the Senate Impeachment Court on Tuesday.

This, as Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro deferred the verdict on the credibility of the statements made by Mayor Duterte to for the senator-judges and the citizenry to decide on.

Usec. Castro, however, underscored the importance of having personal knowledge on matters concerning one's area of jurisdiction, and called on other local chief executives to not turn a blind eye to what's happening within

their localities.

"Pero ang isang mayor o kahit sinumang leader o pinuno—kapag ikaw ay may sakop sa isang ahensiya o sa isang organisasyon, masabi na natin, pati mga areas or bansa mismo, hindi po maaaring basta masabi na walang alam, hindi inaalam o walang pakialam."

She also urged Filipinos to refrain from jumping to conclusions and judging the Vice President's younger brother based on his own statements—instead encouraging them to let the justice system do the work.

Last week, Mayor Duterte was subpoenaed to testify in the hearing of Article II of the Articles of Impeachment, which



Davao City Mayor Sebastian "Baste" Duterte. (Photo courtesy: Wendell Alinea, Senate Social Media Unit)

aims to probe into the unexplained wealth accumulated by Sara Duterte that dates back to her tenure as mayor of Davao City.

During Tuesday's session, he denied having personal knowledge of her sister's connections with GenCorp., but confirmed having business ties with entre-

preneur Jaime Cruz.

Usec. Castro concluded, "Kung may liability si Mayor Baste Duterte, hindi tayo ang maghuhusga dito, maybe taong bayan dahil ang pinuno ay hindi dapat na manatili na laging walang alam or laging walang pakialam." **(with report from Vel Custodio | PTV News)**

PCG drives away Chinese vessel conducting illegal activities off Batanes

After initially expressing concerns about the unwelcome presence of a Chinese vessel in the country's northern maritime corridor, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) hatched a plan to uphold the law and enforce Philippine sovereignty.

This action took place on Thursday, as BRP Teresa Magbanua (MRRV-9701) and the PCG Islander aircraft (tail number 251) were deployed to disrupt the activities of research vessel Jia Hai Ke 7 and drive it away from the country's northernmost aquatic domain.

BRP Teresa Magbanua then launched a rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) that circled Jia Hai Ke 7 as the mothership issued continuous radio challenges—but was met with radio silence and evasive maneuvers from the research vessel.

The arrival of China Coast Guard vessel CCG-2503 escalated the situation, but did not startle the PCG personnel who were determined to drive away Jia Hai Ke 7.

PCG Spokesperson for the West Philippine Sea Rear Admiral Jay Tarriela noted that based on open-source documents, Jia Hai Ke 7 is a privately owned vessel, and as such remains exempt from sovereign immunity.

"Kung hindi talaga concerned ang China dito sa Chinese research vessel na ito, why would they even send a China Coast Guard vessel, right? So, it goes to show na this Chinese research vessel is not doing things on their own privately. This must be sanctioned by the Chinese government."

RAdm. Tarriela questioned the CCG vessel's attempt to shield a private research vessel, raising questions about who Jia Hai Ke 7 is working for and how significant the data collected by the vessel over the country's undersea cable corridors in the Luzon Strait in the past four days.

The 2,000-ton, 70-meter vessel has remained stationary since being spotted 38 nautical miles northwest of Itbayat, Batanes—a clear indication that the ship is conducting marine scientific research.



ENFORCING THE LAW. A rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) deployed by BRP Teresa Magbanua repeatedly circled the Chinese research vessel Jia Hai Ke 7 as part of the Coast Guard's efforts to disrupt its activities and drive it away from the waters of Batanes on Thursday, October 1, 2026. (Photo screengrab from video of Jay Tarriela/X)

After a standoff that lasted a few hours, Jia Hai Ke 7 eventually left the area, with BRP Teresa Magbanua tailing the vessel until it left the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone.

RAdm. Tarriela concluded his statement with calls for the Chinese embassy to explain other related acts, "Para sa akin, dapat mahabol natin sa China what was the real objective of this Chinese research vessel na pumunta dito sa Batanes. The other day, they were even claiming they have jurisdiction over these waters. These are the things that the Chinese embassy has to explain." **(with report from Patrick de Jesus | PTV News)**



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DOJ: PH-Indonesia agreement made
Mary Jane Veloso's pardon possible

Citing close international cooperation on cross-border crimes, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s pardon of Mary Jane Veloso falls within the agreement between the Philippines and Indonesia.

In a press conference on Thursday, DOJ Undersecretary Nicolas Ty shared the various challenges faced by the Philippine legal team in bringing Veloso home.

Teary-eyed Veloso expressed her heartfelt gratitude for her newfound freedom, "Nagpapasalamat po ako sa Poong Maykapal, na nagbigay pa po sa akin ng pangalawang buhay. Pangalawa po, nagpapasalamat po ako sa lahat ng tao na gumawa ng paraan para po mabigyan po ako ng absolute pardon ni President."

After more than a decade of diplomatic exchanges between Jakarta and Manila, she was finally able to be brought back

to the Philippines through a prison transfer agreement made by President Marcos Jr. and his Indonesian counterpart, President Prabowo Subianto.

Justice Secretary Frederick Vida expounded, "Nakita natin na sa pamamagitan ng kasunduan ng Pilipinas at Indonesia sa pag-transfer kay Mary Jane dito, kasama dito yung prerogative ng ating minamahal na Pangulo na mag-pardon."

The pardon granted to the former OFW by President Marcos Jr. aligns with the no-punishment principles for human-trafficking victims stipulated under Republic Act No. 10364 (Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012).

Section 17 reads, "Trafficked persons shall be recognized as victims of the act or acts of trafficking and as such, shall not be penalized for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of, or as an incident or in relation to, being trafficked



WORDS OF WISDOM. Former OFW and drug-trafficking victim Mary Jane Veloso urged Filipinos seeking jobs abroad to follow legal processes and be cautious of seemingly easy-to-get employment offers, saying she hopes her experience can serve as a warning to others. (Photo courtesy: Yancy Lim, PNA)

based on the acts of trafficking enumerated in this Act or in obedience to the order made by the trafficker in relation thereto."

Apart from Veloso, the DOJ and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) are also helping out other overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) victimized by trafficking in other countries through close diplomatic engagement with their respective international counterparts.

For their part, Coordinating Ministry for Legal, Human Rights, Immigration, and Cor-

rection Minister Yusril Ihza Mahendra respected President Marcos Jr.'s absolute pardon of Mary Jane Veloso.

Secretary Vida concluded the press conference with a stern warning to aspiring migrant workers to remain vigilant against illegal recruiters and only transact with the right, legal agencies. Meanwhile, Veloso is set to testify against her illegal recruiters in the Nueva Ecija Regional Trial Court soon. (with report from Sheila Natividad | PTV News)

Gov't to give subsidy to
SMEs to make sure workers
get wage hike



To make sure that minimum-wage workers in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) get mandated wage increases in full, the government will provide subsidy to help SMEs comply with wage orders without laying off employees or scaling down operations.

The subsidy, equivalent to three months wage increase, will be given to qualified SMEs through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)'s Sagip-Trabaho Program.

The DOLE said the program is part of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s responsive-governance framework, ensuring timely and effective government responses to the needs of different sectors.

Sagip-Trabaho is part of the administration's Unified Package for Livelihood, Industry, Food and Transport (UPLIFT) response to the Middle East crisis, which has sent oil prices rising, necessitating adjustments in wages and transport fares.

Implementation begins in Metro Manila following the recent P60-wage hike that took effect in September. From October to December, the DOLE will cover the wage increase for workers in MSMEs—up to P180 per employee for up to 35 employees.

For other regions, implementation will depend on the adoption of wage increases by the regional wage boards. The subsidy will match the exact amount of the salary increase.

To qualify, SMEs must submit proof of legitimate business using a DOLE-formatted Job Preservation and Business Continuity Plan (JPBCP), sign an agreement with DOLE and their workers, and send all requirements to a local DOLE Regional or Field Office for assessment.

Employers must continue to pay contributions to SSS, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG, and ECC. They must also ensure job stability and follow all standard labor laws.

Integrated into DOLE's 2026 Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) program, Sagip-Trabaho aims to sustain employment and prevent layoffs, business scale-downs or shutdowns. (UPLIFT.gov.ph)

- P45.67 billion for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund
- P46.35 billion for NIA (P30.47 billion allocated for irrigation restoration and development)
- P11.18 billion for NFA rice buffer stocking
- P9.88 billion Quick Response Fund for frontline agencies
- P4.5 billion for crop insurance

The Malacañang official addressed Filipinos, "Kung nakaraan ay nakalagpas tayo, nalampasan natin at hindi naman tayo natakot na hindi tayo makakainom ng tubig sa araw-araw, ganun din po ang dapat nila isipin." (PTV4 News)

Malacañang discourages hoarding,
assuages fears over water scarcity amid
looming super El Niño

"Hindi po kinakailangang mag-panic, kailangan lang po ng tamang pag-prepara."

This sentence encapsulates the messaging that the government wants to extend to its citizens, after receiving reports of some Filipinos beginning to hoard bottled water in reaction to the super El Niño phenomenon that they heard about in the news.

In a briefing on Thursday, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro warned that hoarding potable water may lead to artificial supply shortages and drive up prices of the essential liquid commodity.

Instead of panic-buying, Usec. Castro advised Filipinos to do their part in water conservation efforts by sharing tips such as fixing leaking faucets or water pipes in their respective households, thus ensuring that no drop goes to waste.

"Ang kailangan po ng mga kababayan natin ay magprepara, maging ready po. Kung ano man po ang mangyayari kailangan pa rin natin paghandaan."

Meanwhile, she pivoted the focus to the government's El Niño Task Force, which continues to be hard at work in ensuring that various sectors are protected from the effects of this severe weather phenomenon.

Concerned agencies such as the Department



of Agriculture (D.A.), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) are already in active coordination with the Climate Change Commission to ensure a coordinated response to super El Niño.

Usec. Castro went on to share that P6.2 billion is set to be released to the D.A. for farmer and fisherfolk subsidies, along with P39.82 billion in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund under the 2026 General Appropriations Act.

With the phenomenon set to last until the first quarter of 2027, the proposed budgets for certain items in next year's budget are as follows:

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
National Capital Judicial Region
Branch 12, Manila

IN THE MATTER OF
CANCELLATION AND/OR
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN
THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE
BIRTH OF JENNY LYN
MIRAFLOR YOUNG,

Petitioner,

Spec. Proc. R-MNL-26-05270-SP

- versus -

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
THE CITY OF MANILA, AND ALL
PERSONS IN INTERES WHO
MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

In her verified Petition, Jenny Lyn Miraflor Young prays that after due notice, publication and hearing judgment be rendered ordering the Civil Registrar of the City of Manila to correct the following entries in her Certificate of Live Birth, specifically:

- a. Petitioner's Middle Name from "Rodriguez" to "Tilanas";
- b. the name of Petitioner's biological mother from "Nenita Herrera Rodriguez" to "Nenita Basiclaon Tilanas"
- c. the middle name of Petitioner's biological father from "Pareño" to "Parreño".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on **December 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.** before this Court located at the 6th Floor, PPL Building, U.N. Avenue corner San Marcelino Street, Paco, Manila.

Let a copy of this Order be published, at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila to which the same may be raffled.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and oppose the Petition and show cause why it should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.

(Sgd.)
CIRILE MADURO FOJA
Acting Presiding Judge

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights," executed by **E JAY SAPLALA VERGARA, RALPH SIMEON SAPLALA VERGARA, EDRAKE RILEY SAPLALA VERGARA, and JANNICA VERGARA MAGRIMBAO**, the heirs of **EDWIN JOSUE VERGARA** and **REVELACION SAPLALA VERGARA**, the parties declared the following:

- (i) **EDWIN JOSUE VERGARA** and **REVELACION SAPLALA VERGARA** died on **June 19, 2026** and **February 1, 2020**, respectively, and died intestate;
- (ii) The parties are the legitimate and surviving heirs of the deceased;
- (iii) The deceased left property at **LOYOLA MEMORIAL PARK**, particularly described as **Garden of Peace, Block 0374, Sec. E, Lot A**;
- (iv) Pursuant to **Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court of the Philippines**, the heirs agreed to adjudicate the above-mentioned property in **pro-indiviso equal shares**, subject to the liabilities imposed in favor of any other possible heirs, creditors, and other persons who might be deprived of their lawful participation in the estate for a period of two (2) years; and
- (v) The heirs likewise **waived all their rights, interests, and participation** over the above-mentioned property in favor of the person designated in the instrument.

The **Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights** was executed in **Quezon City** on **September 22, 2026** and notarized before **Atty. Bryan D. Pekas**, Notary Public for Quezon City, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 107; Page No. 10; Book No. VIII; Series of 2026**.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
OF THE LATE KOK CHAN Y. DY

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the Late Kok Chan Y. Dy," executed by **JERRY U. DY, JEFFERSON U. DY, JACKSON U. DY, and JACOB U. DY** (collectively, the "Heirs"), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

- (i) **KOK CHAN Y. DY** died intestate on **December 5, 2025**, without leaving any last will and testament, and was a resident of **No. 97 Sta. Catalina St., Brgy. Sienna, Quezon City**;
- (ii) The Heirs are the legitimate children and heirs of the Decedent;
- (iii) The Decedent left a **6/10 pro-indiviso share** in a parcel of land with improvement located at **No. 97 Sta. Catalina St., Brgy. Sienna, Quezon City**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. N-274883**, with Tax Declaration Nos. **F-106-00056** and **D-106-02653**, containing an area of **Four Hundred Twenty (420) square meters, more or less**;
- (iv) The Decedent likewise left a **sole proprietorship business** duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry under the business name "**APEX MILL SUPPLY**," with business address at **97 Sta. Catalina St., Brgy. Sienna, Quezon City**, including its assets consisting of **cash in bank, inventories, prepayments and other current assets, and one (1) 1993 Toyota Tamaraw with Plate No. TJT-248**;
- (v) To the best knowledge and information of the Heirs, no other properties are involved in the extrajudicial settlement; and
- (vi) Pursuant to **Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs agreed to divide the estate of the Decedent **equally among themselves**.

The Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the Late Kok Chan Y. Dy was executed in Makati City and notarized before Atty. Pepito G. Po, Notary Public, and entered in his notarial register as Doc. No. 73; Page No. 13; Book No. XII; Series of 2026.

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BABALA NG DSWD SA MGA MIYEMBRO NG 4PS:

HUWAG

MAG-ONLINE GAMBLING

Ang mga benepisaryong mapapatunayang sangkot sa online gambling ay bibigyan ng kaukulang parusa alinsunod sa 4Ps Act:

- UNANG PAGLABAG** – Counseling mula sa City/Municipal Link at written warning mula sa Provincial Operations Office
- IKALAWANG PAGLABAG** – Karagdagang counseling mula sa Social Welfare Officer, ikalawang written reminder, at suspensyon ng ayuda sa loob ng isang payout period (dalawang buwan)
- IKATLONG PAGLABAG** – Pag-alis sa programang 4Ps.

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LARGEST POGO BUST OF 2026: 244 FOREIGN NATIONALS ARRESTED BY BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION IN MASSIVE ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY POGO CRACKDOWN

MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Immigration (BI) Intelligence Division, with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), apprehended 244 foreign nationals—mostly Chinese—during simultaneous operations targeting suspected POGO-related activities in two municipalities in Zamboanga Sibugay on October 2, 2026.

The operations were conducted in Barangay Kimos, Siay and Barangay Tandiong Muslim, Alicia, pursuant to separate mission orders issued by the BI.

The operations form part of the BI’s continuing enforcement of Executive Order No. 74, series of 2024, which ordered the immediate ban on POGO operations in the Philippines, and Republic Act No. 12312 or the Anti-POGO Act of 2025, which prohibits its offshore gaming operations and the establishment or operation of POGO sites in the country.

At the Siay operation, BI teams apprehended 113 foreign nationals, consisting of 110 Chinese nationals, two Cambodians, and one Hong Kong national. At the Alicia operation, another 131 foreign nationals were apprehended, mostly Chinese, along with nationals from Malaysia, Indonesia, and

Myanmar. The identities and nationalities of those apprehended remain subject to verification by the BI Alien Registration Division.

The foreign nationals are being investigated for alleged immigration violations, including working without the proper work visa in violation of the terms and conditions of their admission under Section 37(a)(7) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended; for undesirability due to their alleged involvement in illegal POGO-related online activities; being undocumented; and, in some cases, illegal entry.

BI operatives and their law enforcement counterparts recovered large quantities of computer equipment, including 78 computer monitors, roughly 3,000 mobile phones, laptops, and cellular SIM cards from the Casa de Coco Pension House compound. Raiding agencies also seized a significant number of technical devices believed to have



been utilized for online scams, revealing an organized illegal online operation at the site.

The operations were conducted by the BI Regional Intelligence Operations Units in Mindanao and BI Intelligence Division personnel, in coordination with the NBI and the AFP.

The operations were reported to BI Commissioner Joel Anthony M. Viado by Fortunato S. Manahan Jr., Chief of the BI Intelligence Division, and Melody Gonzales, Deputy Chief for Operations and Administration of the BI Intelligence Division-Mindanao.

Commissioner Viado commended the operating teams and their law enforcement partners for the coordinated operations, emphasizing the Bureau’s continuing enforcement of immigration laws and the government’s prohibition against illegal POGO activities.

“The Bureau of Immigration is firmly implementing the government’s policy against illegal POGO operations. We will continue to enforce our immigration laws against foreign nationals who violate the conditions of their stay and ensure that the Philippines is not used as a base for illegal activities,” Viado said.

The BI is also coordinating with other law enforcement agencies regarding possible human trafficking-related violations arising from the operations. Any determination of trafficking offenses remains subject to investigation by the appropriate authorities.

The apprehended foreign nationals will undergo appropriate deportation proceedings for their alleged violations of Philippine immigration laws. Upon the issuance of a deportation order, their names will be placed on the Bureau’s blacklist, barring them from re-entering the country. (BI)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MANILA
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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure No. 26-5126
- versus -

BON LEANDER LUZON BANDAYREL,
CHERIS ANN LUZON BANDAYREL,
AND LEILEN JOY LUZON BANDAYREL,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed on August 12, 2026, against the mortgagors, BON LEANDER LUZON BANDAYREL, CHERIS ANN LUZON BANDAYREL AND LEILEN JOY LUZON BANDAYREL, with postal addresses at (1) # 3C (Old), #2058 Lsd Building, Ligaya St., Brgy. 426, Zone 43, Sampaloc East, Manila 1008; and, (2) Unit 2717, 27th Floor, Tower 1, Amaia Skies Sta. Mesa, V. Mapa corner Valenzuela St., Sta. Mesa, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of July 20, 2026, amounts to **PESOS: SIX MILLION FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 14/100(Php6,005,999.14)¹**, pursuant to the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement², the undersigned Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, through her deputy, **Sheriff ARVIN M. GRANADO**, will sell at public auction on **October 16, 2026**, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Manila, Room 400, 4th floor, Manila City Hall, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies with all its improvements, more particularly described as follows:



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

In the event, that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 23,

2026, without further notice.

City of Manila, Philippines, August 26, 2026.

(Sgd.)
SHAIRA A. QUERUBIN
Acting Clerk of Court³ & Ex-Officio Sheriff

by:

(Sgd.)
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Weaving has long been closely associated with Filipino women, but across the country, Filipino men are also helping to preserve the craft, carry forward indigenous traditions, and build livelihoods through local handloom weaving.

According to the Department of Science and Technology Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) DigitELAzation's SalinHabi Mobile App, an online registry of local weavers and authentic indigenous textiles, men account for 14 percent, or 179, of registered weavers nationwide as of 18 September 2026.

Through its #WeMenWeave program, DOST-PTRI, seeks to recognize and support Filipino men in the weaving sector while challenging stereotypes that associate weaving exclusively with women. The initiative highlights a simple truth, weaving is a cultural tradition and livelihood that knows no gender.

Among those carrying this message is 43-year-old Abra weaver Norman Humpay Venus of LPZ Handloom Woven Products.

Venus entered the weaving industry in 2013. Before becoming a weaver, he was a rice farmer, but the seasonal nature of farming left him with limited sources of income between planting periods. With ample time on his hands, he decided to learn weaving and help his wife, who was already engaged in the craft. He began weaving Kantarines, a traditional handloom textile from Abra and Ilocos Norte, and later learned to weave Binakol, a more intricate Ilocano weaving tradition.

Starting was not easy. Venus encountered comments from people who believed weaving was work meant only for women. Instead of letting the stigma discourage him, he continued learning the craft, determined to contribute to his family's livelihood.

"Nung una po challenge po talaga sa akin. Mostly po kasi babae ang naghahabi. Kaya nung nakikita ng mga tao na naghahabi ako sabi nila trabaho ng babae 'yan bakit mo sinusubukan, sabi ko gusto ko lang makatulong sa pamilya ko, hanggang sa mag-success po kami. Hanggang sa lumaki na po yung business namin nakapagpaa-aral

na kami ng mga anak namin." Venus shared.

Venus has since expanded his skills through DOST-PTRI interventions. In September 2025, he trained in the use of a four-pedal handloom weaving machine, a technology introduced by the Textile Institute to improve the weavers' efficiency and create a wider range of weaving patterns.

DOST-PTRI has also supported weavers and local entrepreneurs through the deployment of cotton-based yarns through its Philippine Cotton Weaving Movement, creating locally woven fabrics that have found their way into products developed by designers and showcased in local fashion events which Venus personally experienced.

For Venus, weaving has grown beyond a source of income. His perseverance has inspired others in his community to take up the craft, with some husbands now working alongside their wives and families continuing the tradition across generations.

His children, Louise and Philip, after whom LPZ Handloom Woven Products was named, are also learning the craft. At just 17 and 15 years old and still in senior high school, they are already weaving alongside their parents.

The story of the Venus family reflects how weaving can become more than a livelihood. It can become a bridge between generations, a source of family strength, and a way of keeping Filipino heritage alive.

This year, Venus is also taking part for the first time in the Philippine Handloom Weaving Festival, giving more Filipinos the opportunity to discover and purchase their products. The festival also features the Hinabi Textile Bazaar, showcasing local handwoven products and the rich culture, stories, and creativity behind Philippine handloom weaving.

Like Norman's story, #WeMenWeave continues to amplify the stories of Filipino men who help preserve and advance the country's rich textile traditions while promoting inclusivity in keeping the weaving heritage alive, highlighting that weaving knows no gender and goes beyond social norms.

For more information and inquiries about #WeMenWeave or the projects, programs, and services of DOST-PTRI, you may contact PTRI at ptri@ptri.dost.gov.ph or reach out through their official social media accounts at DOST-PTRI on Facebook. **(DOST)**

CFO TO FILIPINOS ABROAD: VERIFY CARGO FORWARDERS BEFORE SENDING BALIKBAYAN BOXES



MANILA — The Commission on Filipinos Overseas is urging the more than 10 million Filipinos living abroad to verify the accreditation of cargo forwarders before sending balikbayan boxes this Christmas season, as reports of undelivered shipments and Bureau of Customs enforcement actions against erring forwarding companies continue to mount.

CFO Chairperson Dante "Klink" Ang II said overseas Filipinos should check the BOC's official List of Accredited Cargo Forwarders for Consolidated Shipments of Balikbayan Boxes before entrusting their packages to any forwarding company, and review BOC advisories on firms with recorded incidents of abandoned boxes.

"For many Filipinos overseas, a balikbayan box is more than a shipment. It represents months of hard work and is one of the ways they share the fruits of their labor with their families back home," Ang said. "A few minutes spent checking official government information before shipping can help prevent months of problems later."

The warning follows recent BOC enforcement actions that exposed the scale of the problem. In May 2026, the BOC filed criminal complaints against Makati Express Cargo Inc. and several of its officers over approximately 36,826 balikbayan boxes left unclaimed at ports in Manila, Cebu and Davao.

A month later, the BOC filed another batch of complaints against five cargo forwarding firms involving 3,176 abandoned boxes, with alleged violations including unauthorized deconsolidation and fraudulent declaration.

Ang said cases of undelivered balikbayan boxes result not only in financial losses for overseas Filipinos who have already paid for their shipments, but also in deep disappointment for families in the Philippines who wait for packages from their loved ones.

The CFO advises non-resident

Filipinos to take the following precautions before shipping:

- verify the identity and accreditation status of both the overseas cargo forwarder and its Philippine counterpart;
- keep receipts, tracking numbers, bills of lading and other proof of transaction;
- be cautious of unusually low shipping rates, unauthorized agents or unexplained additional charges; and
- regularly monitor shipments and immediately report irregularities to the appropriate authorities.

The CFO and BOC recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement to improve public awareness among overseas Filipinos about balikbayan box procedures, customs regulations and other matters affecting shipments to the Philippines.

The partnership aims to make official government information more accessible to non-resident Filipinos, including permanent and long-term migrants, expatriates, dual citizens, marriage migrants and their descendants.

Public information materials developed under the CFO-BOC partnership will be disseminated through official government channels to help overseas Filipinos make informed decisions when sending balikbayan boxes, donations and other shipments home.

The accredited cargo forwarder list and BOC advisories are available at the Bureau of Customs' official website.

Overseas Filipinos with concerns may also contact the CFO through the Office of the Executive Director at jcquiamco@cfo.gov.ph.

Officials said the initiative reflects the Marcos Jr. administration's commitment to protecting the welfare and hard-earned resources of overseas Filipinos, who collectively remit billions of dollars annually and whose balikbayan boxes represent a deeply personal tradition of caring for families left behind in the Philippines. **(JCO/PIA-NCR)**

TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

ALEX GONZAGA
SHARES FAMILY PHOTOS WITH MIKEY & ISAAC



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KRISTEL FULGAR
HAS GOOD WORDS FOR
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PRAISES PAOLO BALLESTEROS



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Napakabuti ni Mama Pao. 'Pag may kailangan kami ng mga kasama niya, staff or queens, inaaasikaso at inuuna niya kami. 'Pag may pagkain siya lahat din kami bibigyan niya. Kumbaga isusubo niya na lang ibibigay pa niya sa iba



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Si Mama Pao ang laging nauuna sa set. 5 AM pa lang nagsisimula na siyang mag-ayos! Sa studio na siya halos nakatira kapag Drag Race filming season. And sorry Mama Pao, ichichika ko na. Yung sahod niya every finale, pinapa raffle sa staff. Ganyan siya ka generous

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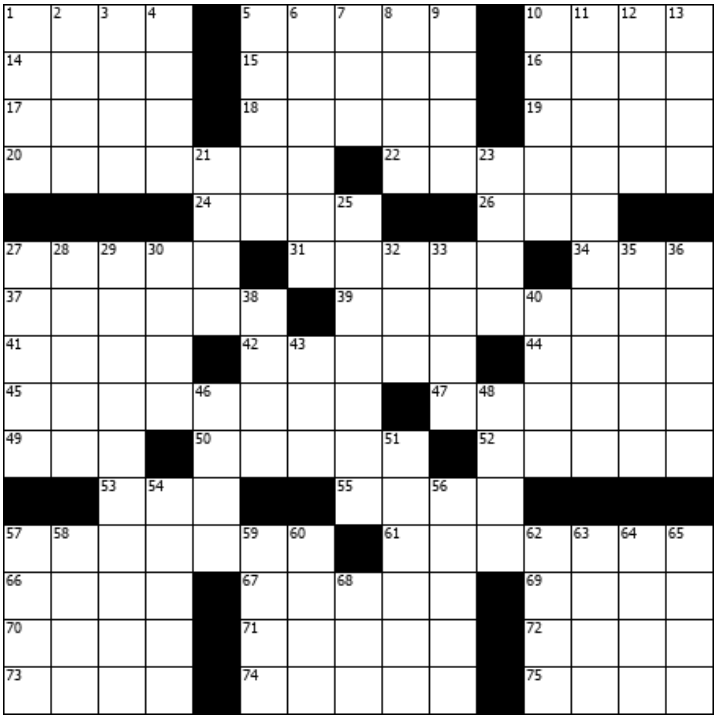
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1. Ditty
- 5. Engraved gem
- 10. Drove too fast
- 14. Revered one
- 15. Laker Shaquille
- 16. Stable female
- 17. Great affection
- 18. Rent contract
- 19. Opera highlight
- 20. Window above a door
- 22. Breakfast appliance
- 24. Clip neatly
- 26. Greek letter
- 27. Breathing
- 31. Hidden supply
- 34. Baseball hat
- 37. Extends (a subscription)
- 39. Restore confidence
- 41. Created
- 42. More wan
- 44. Much (2 wds.)
- 45. Catch up with and pass
- 47. Canal country
- 49. TKO caller
- 50. Ridiculous
- 52. Wild
- 53. Bond creator _____ Fleming
- 55. Singer _____ Fitzgerald
- 57. Indulgent
- 61. Made of clay
- 66. Desertlike
- 67. Upright
- 69. Brave one
- 70. Tiny insect
- 71. Molars
- 72. Wyatt _____
- 73. Passed effort-lessly
- 74. Feel
- 75. More

Down

- 1. Fine sand
- 2. Scent
- 3. Bossa _____
- 4. Narrow valley
- 5. Pigment
- 6. Lacking iron
- 7. _____ culpa
- 8. West's opposite
- 9. Toast topping
- 10. Hit show
- 11. Specific
- 12. Huron's neighbor
- 13. Precious
- 21. Brood
- 23. Imitates
- 25. Actress _____ Dietrich
- 27. Knight's suit
- 28. Depart
- 29. Uncertain
- 30. Change direction
- 32. So-so grade
- 33. Angel's instrument
- 35. Scent
- 36. Flower part
- 38. Extend over
- 40. Rational
- 43. Alias initials
- 46. Fork point
- 48. Remote
- 51. Votes in
- 54. Assisted
- 56. Woodturning machine
- 57. Dalai _____
- 58. Actor _____ Idle
- 59. Seines
- 60. Dogwood or palm
- 62. Biblical pronoun
- 63. Make well
- 64. Messes up
- 65. Yep's opposite
- 68. Yet, poetically



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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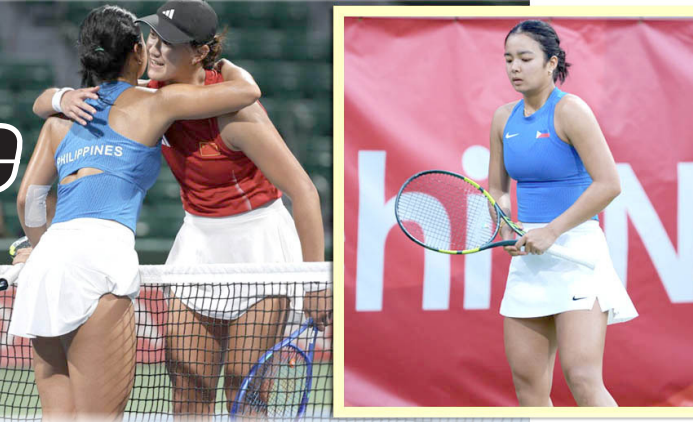
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Eala,
bronze
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Asiad



NAGOYA, JAPAN — Alex Eala’s campaign ended with a bronze medal after she was edged out by China’s Wang Xiyu, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, in the semifinals of the women’s singles tennis event at the 20th Asian Games.

Eala quickly broke away in the first set and built a large 5-0 lead. However, Wang gradually recovered and, despite mounting a comeback, the Filipina maintained her advantage to take the first set, 6-3.

The momentum of the match shifted in the second set when Wang took control of the rallies. The Chinese player’s defense became

steadier and she leveled the match following a 6-3 win.

In the deciding set, Wang turned aggressive again while Eala struggled to find answers. The Chinese player completely pulled away and closed out the match at 6-2.

Due to her semifinal finish, Eala secured a bronze medal for the Philippines after a strong campaign in the singles event of the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

Although she fell short of the finals, Eala once again added a medal for the country in Asia’s largest multi-sport event. **(POC Media Pool/HNT/ Henry Vargas)**

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This magnificent vision is carried by the teamwork and dedication of PSC Chairman John Patrick C. Grego-



rio and PhilTA SecGen and Navotas Mayor John Rey Tiangco, who are working tirelessly to lift Philippine tennis to new heights.

“When we host sports tourism events, we make sure that we upgrade the facilities. We upgrade and we make it better for WTA 250 & 125,” shared PSC Chairman Gregorio.

Let’s continue to show our full support for the future of Philippine tennis! **(PSC)**

SILVER MEDAL WIN FOR PH!

Alexandria Luz Enriquez settles for a silver finish at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan!

Enriquez delivered the silver medal in the match against Thailand’s Orapa Senatham in the jiu jitsu women’s -63kg final.

Mabuhay ka, Alex! Congratulations at maraming salamat sa iyong laban para sa bayan!



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ALEXANDRIA LUZ ENRIQUEZ
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