

State of
calamity
declared in
Iloilo City

'PWD-FRIENDLY LGU'

Municipality of Pototan bags Iloilo's Most PWD-friendly title

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

ILOILO CITY has been declared under the state of calamity as approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) during their regular session on July 30, 2025 due to the impact of Southwest Monsoon, enhanced by typhoons Crising, Dante, and Emong recently.

This was declared following the recommendation of Mayor Raisa Trefias along with the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) to put the city under such a state during their emergency meeting last July 29, 2025.

Some data were presented by the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) wherein there are a total of 240, 304 which are the number of exposed population due to flooding and storm surge based on the 2024 data of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

The forecasted affected population is 38,062 which is 15%, but based on the situation report of July 28, STATE / page 2



The municipality of Pototan bagged the championship crown in the Search for PWD-friendly local government units during the 47th National Disability Rights Week. Mayor Rafael Enrique Lazaro received the award from Provincial Administrator Raul Bantias, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office Acting Provincial Government Department Head Rani Melvi Cuarte, Social Welfare Officer IV and Persons with Disability Officer Designate Ann Rapunzel Ganson, and PSWDO PWD Focal Person Ma. Christine Roa. (Capitol photo)

THE Iloilo provincial government celebrated the 47th National Disability Rights Week by recognizing the innovation and best practices of local government units in advancing the welfare of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

The municipality of Pototan bagged the championship crown and received a cash prize of P50,000. The towns of New Lucena and Leganes won as first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively, with a cash prize of P30,000 and P20,000.

The awarding was led by Provincial Administrator Raul Bantias, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office Acting Provincial Government

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4 DOH hospitals in W. Visayas, NIR offer 'zero balance billing'

Residents of Western Visayas and the Negros Island Region (NIR) can now look forward to improved access to healthcare, as patients admitted to four

Department of Health (DOH)-run hospitals are entitled to free admission and medical treatment through the Zero Balance Billing (ZBB) program.

This development followed President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s announcement during his fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 28,

2025, in which he declared that the ZBB policy would be implemented in all 87 DOH hospitals nationwide.

Among those included in Western Visayas are Don

Jose S. Monfort Medical Center in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo; Western Visayas Sanitarium and General Hospital in Santa Barbara,

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PBBM delivers gov't achievements in SONA 2025

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

PRESIDENT Ferdinand Marcos Jr. delivered his speech regarding the milestones and achievements of the government during his State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 28, 2025.

Key achievements include lower inflation of 1.4% on June 2025, a stronger Philippine economic growth by 5.7% in 2024, and employment growth wherein 1.95 million more jobs were provided for Filipinos.

Marcos outlined the affordable Php20 kilo of rice program which was utilized in 45 Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) sites, 13 public markets, and 43 local government units (LGUs). A total of 441.46 metric tons of rice was sold which benefited 51, 697 households,

generating sales of Php8.83 million.

PBBM also highlighted support for farmers and fisherfolks wherein over 8.5 million received assistance and support. He mentioned progress of infrastructure such as the completion of 2,050 kilometers of new farm-to-market roads and 1,568 meters of bridges, while 69,283 km of roads were built by May 2025 which is 52.72% of the target.

The irrigation expansion in collaborative efforts of

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Department Head Rani Melvi Cuarte, Social Welfare Officer IV and Persons with Disability Officer Designate Ann Rapunzel Ganzon, and PSWDO PWD Focal Person Ma. Christine Roa.

Ganzon highlighted the importance of the involvement of various stakeholders, particularly of the local chief executives, in pushing for initiatives that will ensure the protection of PWDs.

“To the seven municipalities that made it to the finals, saludo guid ako sa inyo. And to all the municipalities that participated in this year’s search, panginbulahan kag pagpasidungog para sa inyon tanan,” Ganzon said.

Cuarte emphasized the need for inclusive governance and the implementation of educational assistance for persons with disabilities. “We are reminded of our collective commitment to promote, protect, and fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities. This is more than just a celebration; it is a reaffirmation of our duty to build society where inclusion is not a privilege,” Cuarte said.

The PSWDO also recognized the finalist LGUs namely Leon, Concepcion, Sara, and Barotac Viejo.

The event emphasized the ongoing support for PWDs of the Iloilo provincial government through scholarships and other program promoting inclusivity. (*Capitol News*)

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a total of 44,773 were affected by flooding, while 12, 158 were affected by the storm surge, making it to a total of 56,881 affected individuals.

The said data aligns with the criteria under the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, authorizing the declaration of State of Calamity once there are significant impacts on the life, work, infrastructure, and mobility of people.

Upon the declaration, the City Government will utilize P21.5 million instead of P31.5 million from the Quick Response Fund (QRF) to address the impact of the typhoons.

This is composed of the following:

- * Php 20 million — Proposed uses include site development of relocation areas in Brgy. West Haboghabog and San Juan, Molo

- * Php 1.4 million — food assistance to displaced families

- Php100,000 — procurement of vegetable seeds. (*via Iloilo City Government*)

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Iloilo; Western Visayas Medical Center in Mandurriao, Iloilo City; and Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital in Bacolod City.

“Uulitin ko, wala nang kailangan bayaran ang pasyente basta sa DOH hospital dahil bayad na po ang bill ninyo,” President Marcos emphasized in his speech.

Meanwhile, Francisco Mata, a resident of Iloilo province, expressed his gratitude to the government, through the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), for the initiative, as he received full financial coverage for a major surgical operation that cost P650,000.

Mata, who visited the Western Visayas Medical Center for check-ups, expressed how PhilHealth’s assistance changed his life and relieved his family of a potentially devastating financial burden.

“Thank You, Lord, for PhilHealth. They were there for us when we needed them the most. From medical consultations to ECG, X-ray, ultrasound, 2D echo, and even open-heart surgery—every expense was fully covered. My family and I are deeply grateful that PhilHealth never forgot us,” he said in Hiligaynon.

According to PhilHealth-Western Visayas, the Zero Balance Billing policy ensures that patients, particularly those availing of basic or ward accommodations, will no longer incur out-of-pocket expenses upon discharge.

The initiative is funded through the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) program, as well as contributions from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), and allocations from DOH hospitals themselves.

This assistance is in addition to benefits provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

Further enhancing accessibility, the processing of MAIFIP benefits will soon be integrated into the eGov app, streamlining the application process for indigent and financially incapable patients.

“Mga kababayan: asahan po ninyo, ginagawa nating lahat para matulungan kayo na makapagpagaling at lumakas,” President Marcos assured public. (JNH/PIA Iloilo)

Senate elects officers and committee chairs

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

SENATORS of the 20th Congress elected their leaders and committee chairs during the first two regular sessions.

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero was elected Senate President during the 20th Congress's first plenary session on Monday, July 28.

Receiving 19 votes, Escudero retained the position and took his oath of office for a second term before Senator Pia Cayetano. Senator Jinggoy Estrada, on the other hand, has been elected as Senate President Pro Tempore.

Senator Joel Villanueva was elected Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Majority Floor Leader, while Senator Vicente “Tito” Sotto III was elected Minority Floor Leader.

In addition, Atty. Renato Bantug was chosen as Senate Secretary, and Retired Major General Mao Aplasca was elected Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Committee Chairs of the 20th Congress were also announced on July 29 during the Senate's second regular session, led by Senate Majority

Floor Leader Joel Villanueva. The committee chairs are as follows: Sen. Rodante Marcoleta - Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, Trade and Commerce; Sen. Allan Cayetano – Accounts, Higher Education, Justice and Human Rights, Science and Technology; Sen. Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan – Agriculture; Sen. Benigno “Bam” Aquino - Basic Education; Sen. Robinhood “Robin” Padilla - Constitutional Amendments, Public Information and Mass Media, Cultural Heritage and Muslim Affairs; Sen. Imelda “Imee” Marcos – Cooperatives, Foreign relations, Labor and employment; Sen. Pilar Juliana “Pia” Cayetano – Energy, Sustainable Development, Ways and Means; Sen. Camille Villar – Environment; Sen. Sherwin “Win” Gatchalian – Finance; Sen. Erwin Tulfo - Games and Amusement, Social Services; Sen. Christopher “Bong” Go - Health, Sports, Youth; Sen. Joseph Victor “JV” Ejercito - Local Gov’t, Tourism; Sen. Rafael “Raffy” Tulfo - Migrant Workers, Public Services; Sen. Jose “Jinggoy” Estrada - Defense and security; Sen. Ronald “Bato” de la Rosa - Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Sen. Mark Villar - Public Works



PBGen. Josefino D. Ligan, Police Regional Office 6's top cop together together with other PRO-6 officials conducted close monitoring of the 4th State of the Nation Address (SONA) of President Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. at the Integrated Command and Control Center, Caseñas Hall, Camp Gen. Martin Teofilo B Delgado, Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City on July 28, 2025. (*PRO-6 photo*)

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Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), and National Irrigation Authority (NIA) from July 2022 to March 2025, 1.27 million farmers have benefited from 63, 359 hectares of new irrigated areas and 44,160 hectares of restored areas.

In agricultural mechanization, 37,085 farm machines were distributed to 7,338 farmer groups while 12,445 farm machinery and equipment were given to 6,869 farmer cooperatives and associations.

The said initiative resulted to a drop of Php2 per kilogram in the costs of palay production. In addition, 109 out of 151 targeted rice processing system (RPS) facilities were established by May 2025, with 101 operational while eight are undergoing testing.

Marcos presented the progress of agrarian reform from July 2022 to May 2025, featuring the distribution of Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), debt cancellation for farmers (COCROM), and the issuance of e-titles under the SPLIT project.

The President also mentioned various government programs which benefited people in terms of healthcare including PhilHealth programs and Zero Balance Billing from the basic accommodation services of DOH hospitals. He also cited education such as vocational and agricultural scholarships. Some initiatives such as connectivity, and solar power housing systems were also mentioned. Marcos

also emphasized support given to OFWs in terms of pardon cases, while he also outlined bloodless fight against drugs in the country and called for intensified anti-drug operations.

On the other hand, Marcos also strongly condemned corruption, in which he directly addressed it to the ones who are involved in kickbacks and schemes using the public funds. He urged them to be show shame for their actions and the consequences for their fellow Filipinos.

Moreover, he also ordered a full investigation into flood control projects nationwide after allegations of widespread failures and “ghost projects”. Thus, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) will submit a list of all the projects from the past three years to be reviewed. The findings will be made public and those found responsible, including implicated contractors nationwide, will be prosecuted.

PBBM pledged to veto any 2026 misaligned budget with the National Expenditure Program, even at the cost of a reenacted budget, ensuring a responsible fiscal planning for Filipinos.

In terms of foreign policy, Marcos stressed that is still the same, citing that the Philippines is a friend to all, and an enemy to none.

Marcos expressed that the lessons he has learned from the Filipinos fueled his renewed commitment to public service. He also commended the braveness, hardwork, resilience, and goodness of Filipinos, urging them not to lose hope. *arcos/FB*



Food packs distributed by Antique Provincial Police Office (AnPPO) Provincial Director PCol. Lea Rose B. Peña.

Antique Police and PNP Press Corps join forces for IP Outreach Program

SAN JOSE, Antique – A collaborative effort between the Antique Police Provincial Office (AnPPO) and the Antique PNP Press Corps resulted in a heartwarming community engagement initiative during the 30th Police Community Relations (PCR) Month.

On July 26th, 2025, a supplemental feeding and gift-giving activity brought together police officers, members of the press corps, local officials, and the Indigenous Peoples (IP) community of Barangay Badiang, San Jose, Antique, in a powerful display of unity and cooperation.

The event was a resounding success, showcasing the AnPPO's commitment to serving all sectors of society and highlighting the vital role of the PNP Press Corps in supporting community outreach programs.

Provincial Director PCol. Lea Rose B. Peña led the initiative, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and bridging the gap between law enforcement and marginalized communities. She highlighted the PNP's role as partners and friends to all citizens, regardless of background.

This sentiment was shared by other attendees, including the personnel Provincial Community Affairs and Development Unit and representatives from the 1st Antique Provincial Mobile Force Company, and the members of the Antique PNP Press Corps, led by its President, Mr. Edwin L. Galedo.

The event was further enhanced by the presence of key local officials: Municipal Mayor Elmer "PJ" N. Untaran, a representative from the Office of Governor Paolo Everardo S. Javier, and

Congressman Antonio "AA" Legarda, whose personal attendance underscored the importance of this collaborative effort. Their participation reinforced the shared commitment to uplifting the IP community.

The day's activities included the distribution of vital supplies to 80 IP students—school supplies, slippers, and food packs—along with used clothing. An additional 90 IP families received food packs, providing much-needed sustenance.

The generosity extended beyond material aid; it fostered a sense of belonging and strengthened the bond between the police, the press corps, and the community. The event's success is a testament to the power of collaborative efforts. The joint AnPPO and Antique PNP Press Corps initiative

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Eon Realty and Development Corporation** (Developer) has filed with the Department an amendment of Registration of their project, **Bernwood Centrale** located at Graciano Lopez-Jaena St., Jaro, Iloilo City formerly described as portion of **Lot 1034**, Cadastral Survey of Jaro of **TCT No. 095-2018000814** now described as **TCT No. 095-2022001156** and **Lot 1035**, Cadastral Survey of Jaro of **TCT No. 095-2018000815** now described as **Lot TCT No. 095-2022001155**.

All papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 17, 2025

(SGD.) CRISTIE Y. REYES, EnP.
Regional Director

NE/July 28 & August 4, 2025

Leon town gets more than P11M worth of agri projects

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Various agri-based projects amounting to P11,597,700 were turned over to the local government of Leon courtesy of the Iloilo provincial government in a bid to harness local agriculture and rural development.

The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of 12 units of solar-powered irrigation pumps worth P1.464 million, aimed at boosting sustainable and energy-efficient farming in upland communities.

The program forms part of the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) under the MorProGRes Iloilo initiative of Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., designed to promote resilient and modern agricultural practices in the countryside.

MorProGRes Iloilo stands for a "Movement for a Robust, Progressive and Globally competitive and Resilient Province of Iloilo".

Other agricultural assistance packages were also given such as cold storage facility, agricultural and forestry equipment, irrigation pipes, 358 piglets, rice threshers, Hand Tractors, Pump and Engine, and Cultivators

"These projects underscore the synergy among the Iloilo provincial government, the Department of Agriculture, and the local government units, and also demonstrate the ongoing commitment to empowering farmers, enhancing productivity, and ensuring long-term agricultural sustainability in Iloilo," according to the Iloilo Provincial Agriculture Office. (AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo/ Provincial Agriculture Office)



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SONA: Hopeful, with correction

The fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA) delivered by President Bongbong Marcos gives hope, but only if he delivers.

Compared to what transpired last year, it was encouraging to hear the President talk about the many corrections and improvements in the coverage and services of PhilHealth, after the agency was nearly “defunded” and crucified.

In the SONA, the President actually touched on the little known struggles of transplant patients who spend approximately P50,000 a month for anti-rejection medicines, while cancer patients spend even more. But now PhilHealth will cover much of it.

PBBM did a much better job informing the public of the new case rates and services available through PhilHealth in the SONA than the agency itself. PhilHealth has to be more visible and louder, so the people know!

There is no doubt that the DOH and all its agencies and hospitals have been doing a great job in spite of its limited resources and news that more hospitals, facilities and manpower will be added is welcomed.

However, the government is spending, almost wasting, too much money on preventable diseases, giving the lion’s share for “the poor” but fails to give something back to productive taxpayers in the private sector.

Instead of “curing and caring for the sick,” government should invest in preventing disease through education. It was good that PBBM talked about the current trend of obesity among Filipinos, but opening the limited public parks to Zumba sessions will not save lives and billions of pesos.

Instead, the Food and Drug Administration should start checking on the products being sold as “food” when in fact much of it is synthetic, artificial or processed materials loaded with sugar mixed with taste enhancers and additives, all contributing to obesity and disease.

The DOH and DepEd and the DILG need to work together on a serious public information and education

campaign to teach Filipinos what to eat, how to eat and have healthy lives.

The idea of revitalizing school level sports programs will surely help but in a country where athletics often come later in life, PBBM should have called for the nationwide activation of PE or Physical Education instead.

The country has an “AIDS epidemic.” Diabetes is being blamed as the cause for thousands of dialysis centers popping up like mushrooms all over the country. It is no longer a remedy but a racket in several LGUs.

There are very few campaigners, even fewer events, aimed at public awareness of obesity, diabetes, renal failure and AIDS. DOLE should make it necessary for companies to conduct awareness seminars in all companies.

Government service has become too politicized, presumes that anyone in the private sector who is not poor is rich and should therefore seek medical services in private hospitals. The truth is only the very rich can now afford private hospitals.

While politicians, government and media have kept a watchful eye on all forms of abuse in all government hospitals, who is watching over private hospitals, private sector doctors, etc., in terms of over pricing, unnecessary tests and procedures and prices many can no longer afford?

Somewhat related to health is the ever-increasing demand for teachers, school rooms, etc. But the President failed to point out our limited government resources versus the annual growth of population accompanied by sick, unhealthy, unproductive or aging people.

PBBM has to talk about the elephant in the room called “family planning,” especially because teen pregnancy, AIDS and unplanned pregnancies have been pushing the numbers up every year. Yes, it is good to have a young population, but let’s make sure they can be taken cared of.

In terms of peace and order, I personally attest

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to improved police presence, particularly in Barrio Kapitolyo where we now see pairs of police officers on stand-by with their motorcycles or patrol car and not chilling inside air-conditioned outposts.

It was also encouraging to hear PBBM honestly talk about the public impression that drug pushers and drug users have once again been seen or felt in different areas. That I hope will challenge PNP officials to once again clean up barangays and send the criminals to the detention facility in Nueva Ecija.

Speaking of law enforcement and peace and order, the President is obviously spared the noise pollution of loud mufflers from just about every jeepney nowadays. Even once peaceful barangays are now disturbed by scooters and tricycles using loud exhaust pipes.

While the LTO can brag about removing the backlog in vehicle license plates, they clearly forgot about motorcycle riders not wearing helmets or using double or triple high intensity headlights.

It was great to hear the President promote the use of solar power to bring affordable electricity to Filipino households, if only PBBM would grant tax free/VAT free status for residential units using solar.

Unfortunately, the one item so many people were waiting and expecting the President to talk about was the very thing the President missed: the online gambling issue. His silence makes people suspect he approves of it, and this will be his red flag in the next year.

As for the President’s public shaming of people who have been stealing money from flood control projects, I can only say that the President’s call “Mahiya naman kayo” was the wrong approach.

How can you tell them “Mahiya naman kayo” knowing that “walang hiya sila?” Perhaps PBBM should “ipahiya sila” by keeping his promise to expose the guilty!

Shame campaign

Loud applause greeted President Marcos’ mention of “palpak” and “guni-guni” or defective and imagined flood control projects. His call for shame – “mahiya naman kayo” – among those who steal people’s money is the most memorable line in his fourth State of the Nation Address.

A probe has been set, he said in the SONA, and a list being drawn up of all the flood control projects funded under his watch, complete with audit and implementation reports, which will be made public for the scrutiny of all.

But among those watching the live coverage of the SONA at the joint session of Congress, dismay quickly replaced jubilation as it became clear that some of the loudest applause was coming from those who are being asked to show shame.

BBM focused on flood control in recognition of the issues that pulled down his slate in the midterm elections last May.

Along this line, he warned Congress that he would no longer stand for a repeat of the mangling of the national budget.

He vowed to reject any funding bill that is not aligned with the National Expenditure Program of the executive. As in the part about flood control, the thieves who did the mangling in the 2024 and 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) were among those who lustily applauded his warning and later expressed support for it.

Maybe the real message to BBM in his avowed crackdown on shameless crooks was, “Let’s see you do it.”

If those who institutionalized thievery in the GAA had any sense of shame to begin with, the budget mangling would not have happened.

BBM’s allies are among those being linked to multibillion-peso anomalies in flood control. Is he ready to go after these politicians?

In his SONA last year, BBM had touted the completion of 5,500 flood control projects nationwide, at a cost of P244.57 billion.

Anyone? Last week, people got stuck for hours in floods all over Mega Manila and classes and

government work had to be suspended for four to five days.

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As in the past, the issues not mentioned are as noteworthy as those that were touched in the SONA.

A much awaited announcement was BBM’s stand on online gambling. He mentioned the missing e-sabungeros and promised accountability, but it did not put to rest concerns of the gaming industry that he might impose a total ban on online gambling.

There was also no mention of his stand on the Konektadong Pinoy bill. He did not enumerate his priority legislation.

As expected, there was no mention of his ill-advised pilgrimage last week to Washington, wherein his team managed to bring down tariffs slapped by Donald Trump on Philippine exports from the planned 20 percent to an unimpressive 19 percent.

The Duterte relatives reportedly walked out of the Batasang Pambansa following Martin Romualdez’s no-surprise election as Speaker. BBM’s Ate Imee also joined the Duterte camp in boycotting the SONA.

BBM himself, in keeping with his non-confrontational persona, steered clear of hot-button issues involving the Dutertes, such as Vice President Sara Duterte’s impeachment and the chances of the country rejoining the International Criminal Court.

But he did draw applause when he mentioned the aboveboard procurement of laptops for public school teachers, and his administration’s track record in addressing the illegal drug problem in the past three years, which he said topped the six-year record of his predecessor.

Without mentioning China, BBM also doubled down on his foreign policy, which he said had raised world esteem for the Philippines and won the

country more allies in times of need.

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While not confrontational, BBM did not indulge in kumbaya moments; he knows his ties with the Dutertes have reached the point of no return. And he was not beyond throwing jabs at his opponents.

He drew laughter and applause when he mentioned the new boxing star, Nicolas Torre III. The Philippine National Police chief won his match with acting Davao City Mayor Sebastian Duterte by default (and in the court of public opinion, going by the proliferation of jokes on chickens and hot air).

The SONA was clearly directed at the masses, starting with the choice of the language. Except for the parts related to foreign governments, the speech was almost entirely in Filipino. He reported what his government is doing for the people – something that BBM reportedly thinks his previous communication teams failed to do adequately.

It was in keeping with BBM’s acknowledgment of the outcome of the midterm polls, which he said reflected dissatisfaction with the government.

Along this line, he promised a list of additional social safety nets for the poor – in health care and nutrition, public transport, livelihood support, and more heavily subsidized P20-a-kilo rice.

Left unsaid was where he intended to get the revenue for all those additional subsidies.

His budget chief has already expressed concern about new subsidy programs being proposed by lawmakers who are so generous in giving away tax money. Merely fulfilling BBM’s campaign promise of rice at P20 a kilo – not through normal market forces but through heavy subsidies – is already costing billions in public funds.

The use of ayuda programs for personal purposes is something that has also reached shameless proportions. The 2026 GAA will indicate if the shame campaign has worked.

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



LTO-6 imposes driving ban vs. foreigner for traffic violations

ILOILO CITY – A German national has been slapped with a one-year ban from securing a driver's license or operating any motor vehicle in the Philippines due to seatbelt and license violations.

Land Transportation Office Western Visayas (LTO-6) regional director, lawyer Gaudioso Geduspan II, approved the driving ban against Andreas Lothar Koch on Wednesday.

Koch was flagged down by an LTO-6 apprehending officer somewhere in Cabatuan, Iloilo on July 3 for not wearing a seatbelt and was issued a temporary operator's permit.

"A video from the law enforcer's body camera showed the German's failure to buckle up and his inability to produce a passport or valid local license, prompting the enforcer to issue a Temporary Operator's Permit and confiscate the driver's Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR) to verify his identity," said the LTO-6 in a statement.

The foreigner, through a counsel, filed a formal complaint against the traffic enforcer for misconduct on July 18, which was dismissed by the Intelligence and Investigation Unit for lack of sufficient basis.

Koch was later found to have exceeded the 90-day validity period for using his foreign driver's license under Philippine law.

"Under Republic Act No. 4136 (Land Transportation and Traffic Code), foreign drivers are only allowed to operate motor vehicles in the Philippines using a valid foreign license for up to 90 days from their date of arrival," added LTO-6.

Koch entered the Philippines on Feb. 25.

In addition to the one-year driving disqualification, the German was ordered to pay fines for violation of RA 8750 (not wearing a seatbelt) and RA 4136 (driving without a valid license).

"This resolution upholds both road safety and due process. Drivers must comply with mandatory seatbelt laws and secure the proper license for their entire stay," Geduspan said.

He also directed the LTO-6 Traffic Adjudication Board to return the German's ACR once he pays the required penalties. (PNA)



BANNED. An enforcer flags down a German national for not wearing a seatbelt in Cabatuan, Iloilo, on July 3, 2025. The Land Transportation Office in Western Visayas on Wednesday (July 30) slapped the erring foreigner with a one-year ban on securing a driver's license or operating any motor vehicle in the Philippines. (Screengrab from LTO-6 body camera)



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ARCADIO HITALIA GORRICETA** known as a **condominium unit** under **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 006-2025004277, UNIT 34C** - located at Level 34 of Garden Towers (Tower 2), A 1 bedroom residence unit with an approximate floor area of **69 Square Meters** with appurtenant parking slot(s): **B4-130** with an area of **12.5 Square Meters** is adjudicated to heirs **SUZETTE G. BARRIDO - GORRICETA, JOYCE ANNE B. GORRICETA - CERTEZA, and MICHAEL B. GORRICETA**. That, **SUZETTE G. BARRIDO - GORRICETA** waived and renounced her rights and interests over the said estate in favor of her children **JOYCE ANNE B. GORRICETA - CERTEZA and MICHAEL B. GORRICETA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IAN THOMAS M. BESANA** per Doc. No. 192, Page No. 40, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

(ADDENDUM) DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE MSGR. SERGIO UMADHAY JAMOYOT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MSGR. SERGIO UMADHAY JAMOYOT** consisting of bank deposits with **BDO - SM City Iloilo, Mandurriao, Iloilo City** under **Account No. 000780535219 (PESO ACCOUNT)** and **Account No. 100780582845 (DOLLAR ACCOUNT)** are adjudicated to his surviving heirs **RODOLFO UMADHAY JAMOYOT, FLORDELIZA S. JAMOYOT, FELIPE SENCIO JAMOYOT, FAITH JAMOYOT BACHOCO, and FATIMA JAMOYOT SOBREVIVA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DEO VIRGIL REQUINTINA TAN** per Doc. No. 12, Page No. 5, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FACUNDO UY TAN** known as **Lot 1493-B-1**, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-67269, being a portion of Lot 1493-B, (LRC) Psd-63887, LRC Cad. Record No. 9740, situated in Molo, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-21546** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (526) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **TERESITA LIM TAN, JOSEPH LIM TAN, WILLY LIM TAN, JOWIL LIM TAN, and MA. TERESA LIM TAN – DEL ROSARIO**. That, the adjudicatees **SOLD, TRANSFERRED, CONVEYED and DELIVERED** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** the abovesaid property in favor of **SPOUSES JULFORT T. TIRADOR AND KATHERINE L. TIRADOR** herein represented by their attorney-in-fact **LEOFRED IAN T. LEDESMA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EDGAR JANINE L. PESTAÑO** per Doc. No. 297, Page No. 61, Book No. IX, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses FRANCISCO GUANZON and ANDREA BIGNAYAN GUANZON** known as **Lot No. 243** of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, situated at Brgy. Tubungan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-32359** with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (4,621) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to surviving heir **LORD MORTIMER CHAVEZ TICAR** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 401, Page No. 82, Book No. XIX, Series of 2025.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE. Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julianne Baronda (right) takes a selfie with fellow lawmakers and President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr. after the latter delivered his State of the Nation Address at the Batasang Pambansa in Quezon City on Monday (July 28, 2025). Baronda lauded the President for ordering the comprehensive audit of flood-control projects implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways. (Photo from Jam Baronda Facebook)

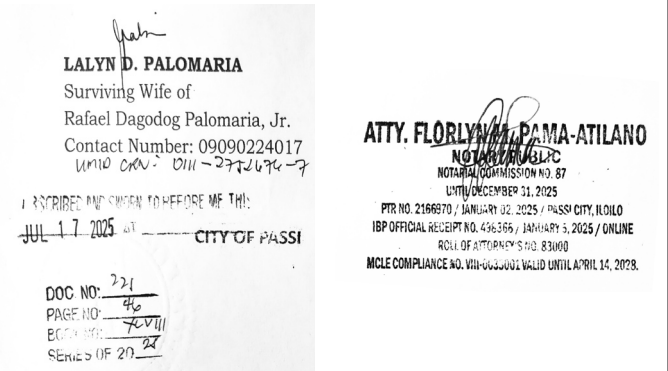


PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Lalyn Divinagracia Palomaria**, of Brgy. Poblacion Ilaya, Passi City, the legal wife of the late **Rafael Dagodog Palomaria, Jr.**, is currently processing a claim with the **Pag-IBIG Fund** for the benefits due to my late husband.

My husband had a previous marriage to **Ma. Sheryl Verdeflor Servidad** as per issued PSA CRS form 5-A dated September 20, 2017. Despite all efforts, we have not been able to find her or contact her, and no one knows her current whereabouts.

Through this notice, I am kindly requesting **Ma. Sheryl Verdeflor Servidad**, or anyone who may have information about her, to please get in touch with me or the nearest **Pag-IBIG Fund** branch within 30 days from the date this notice is published. If no response is received within that period, it will be understood that there are no objections to the processing of the Pag-IBIG benefits.



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Iloilo City lawmaker lauds PBBM's drive vs. corruption

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julianne Baronda lauded President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for ordering the comprehensive audit of flood-control projects implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) during his State of the Nation Address (SONA) on Monday.

"His reiteration of the proscription against graft and corruption involving infrastructure projects is a great move. You know that if you have nothing to hide and do not engage in graft, you would welcome this type of anti-corruption measure. Accountability in infrastructure is a welcome development," she said in a statement on Tuesday.

She also labeled as "wonderful news" for Ilonggos the order of the President for the Local Water Utilities Administration to improve water access and services.

She said Iloilo City shares the same problem – 70 percent of the city has no water supply.

"Your lawmaker is pleased that President Bongbong Marcos Jr. addressed most, if not all, of the concerns close to our hearts in his SONA 2025," she said.

Baronda said there is also a need to build more evacuation centers.

Just this month, Iloilo City inaugurated its PHP80 million evacuation center in Barangay San Isidro.

She expressed hope that Iloilo City would benefit from the President's plan to improve industries, providing more employment opportunities.

She also welcomed the education reforms and health

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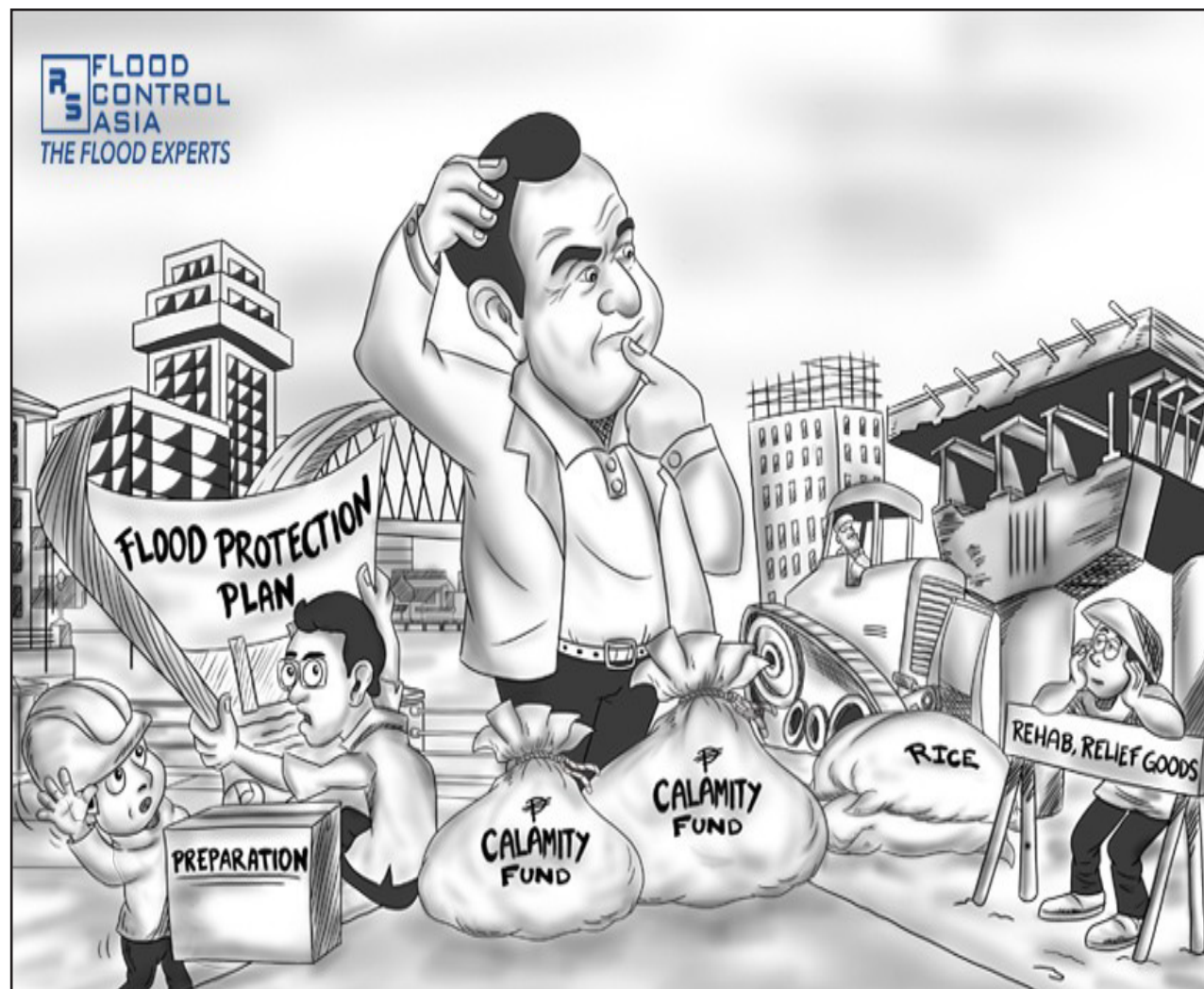
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In President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s fourth State of the Nation Address before Congress last Monday (July 28), legislators and top national and local officials present greeted with a standing ovation his announcement to go hammer and tongs after those responsible for flood control projects that failed to prevent widespread flooding.

The president's announcement must have been no less than a punch in the gut for the lawmakers who allotted funds for flood control projects and public works officials who implemented these projects.

The question now is whether we can expect honest-to-goodness flood control projects that really work, and not projects that serve only to fatten the bank accounts of the unscrupulous and the hopelessly corrupt.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson is therefore on the right track in calling for a review of the government's flood control projects.

What he is saying is that almost half of almost P2 trillion allocated for flood control since 2011 may have been lost to corruption.

"Isn't it absurd," he pointed out, "that the rise of

floodwaters in our country is directly proportional to the increase in the annual budget for the national government's flood management program?

"For 15 years since 2011, the DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) is supposed to have spent almost 2 trillion pesos... We also cannot discount the fact that of the P2 trillion in allocations, P1 trillion may have ended up in some people's pockets."

Climate change has been tagged as a factor in the flooding problem but

he government really needs to improve the preparation, planning and implementation of flood control projects.

The senator explained that two trillion pesos means an average daily expense of almost P350 million for the past 15 years. If a midsize cutter suction dredger costs anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$8 million at \$5 million or P285 million with the current peso-dollar exchange rate, the government

can actually buy one dredging machine every day and use part of the excess of P65 million for operating expenses and maintenance.

The lawmaker has also bared inequitable and distorted allocation of funds for flood-control projects in some areas in the 2025 budget, such as a small barangay in Oriental Mindoro that received P1.9 billion and a small town in the same province that received P10 billion.

Sen. Bam Aquino has also indicated he wants to take part in a thorough probe of flood control projects to determine which ones have worked and those that have failed miserably, so this can be a double-barreled attack on a problem that has persisted for so long.

The Senate probe is timely and appropriate since we can expect more weather disturbances in the country amid global climate change that can exact a heavy toll on lives and properties in the years to come. (manilastandard.net)

Flood control projects

Editorial

Floods and déjà vu

The recent floods triggered by the series of storms that intensified the southwest monsoon (habagat) – have once again put the spotlight on a painful and frustrating truth: we are dangerously unprepared and ill-equipped to confront the worsening impact of climate change.

Last week, we saw entire communities in different parts of Luzon submerged in up to chest-deep floods, which claimed at least 30 lives, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

Lives were upended, roads were impassable, livelihoods lost, and classes and economic activities were largely disrupted by the weeklong severe weather disturbance. What makes the severity of the impact of the floods more frustrating is the fact that this is not new at all. In fact, this has been a recurring problem for as long as I can remember, worsening each passing year. I remember my first experience of floodwaters was back in 1972, when I was 8 years old. I vividly remember the fear I felt as we experienced prolonged flooding in our home in San Isidro, Makati, which at the time was still part of Rizal province.

Damage to infrastructure as of July 27, according to the NDRRMC, has reached over PHP5 billion – with Central Luzon taking the largest beating with PHP3.17 billion worth of damage followed by the Southern Tagalog Region with P855 million, and the Ilocos region with around PHP631 million. The agriculture sector also sustained significant damage amounting to PHP484 million.

At 61, I have seen how floods destroy years of progress. The difference now is, as a senior citizen, I personally feel

the greater vulnerability of the elderly. Senior Citizens Party-List Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" Ordanes in a recent statement emphasized the higher risk that faces the elderly when he called for the greater inclusion of their welfare in the legislative priorities and economic agenda of the government.

This is especially true given that we're only halfway through the year, which means that more storms are still expected to hit the country and as a result, more floods, as well.

How many more times must we watch families wade through waist-deep floods, lose their homes to landslides and strong winds, and be praised for their "resilience" – as if survival were a choice, not a necessity?

It's as if we have accustomed ourselves to expect a tragic déjà vu every rainy season.

Filipinos shouldn't have to be resilient if real, systemic solutions were in place. What we need is accountability in flood control efforts. Today, flood management efforts are scattered across agencies and local government units – often designed with only one area in mind instead of a holistic solution. While we commend the grit and dedication of local officials, emergency responders and volunteers, we cannot rely solely on local efforts and heroism to solve a national problem.

We need a flood czar – a high-level government official with a strong technical background that has the knowledge, experience, and accountability to lead a unified, science-drive, and efficient response to the country's worsening flood problems.

This person's main responsibility is to ensure efficient

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

and effective delivery of projects that solve perennial flooding. This person must have clear authority to cut through bureaucracy, align local efforts with national goals, enforce climate-resilient standards, and properly manage funding for modern flood control and urban planning.

Of course, this is easier said than done, which is why such a herculean task requires government support across all levels. Iloilo Rep. Janette Garin highlighted the importance of cutting red tape when she recently called on the administration to work on making government services faster and more responsive to address the "everyday struggles" of the people.

It's time we stop treating flooding as a seasonal inconvenience and start addressing it as a long-term crisis that requires coordinated, centralized leadership. Climate change is no longer a looming threat. It is an existing major problem that is flooding our homes, destroying our livelihood, and claiming lives.

May the recent floods be the wake-up call we need to push all of us to finally act and address this decades-old problem.

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SONA positive takeaways and steps forward

Last Monday, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivered his 4th State of the Nation Address (SONA). As of today, the usual bevy of analysts both real and self-made, have already given their take or analysis on the said SONA. There were many who were looking for things left unsaid. There were some who were looking for so-called “bombshells.” Some have called it a mundane speech. Admittedly, the SONA is a speech meant to be dissected and scrutinized as it is very important for all. However, I believe that many have missed the quiet but concrete takeaways from the SONA.

As context, it must be remembered that the SONA is both a duty and tradition. The SONA's main objectives are to give a report on the status of efforts of the administration on several matters; to give an overview of events or issues that may affect our country; and to lay out the policy agenda of the government on both its executive plan and the corresponding legislative actions needed for the said plan. It is the duty of our legislators, government executives, businessmen and even us ordinary citizens to listen to these points to allow us to align some of our plans for the future.

As a people, we often look for the drama and the emotional exhortations in many things. Putting it in basketball terms, which many Filipinos seem to understand, we focus on the slam dunks but not the lay ups. SONAs, however, for me do not require

overtly dramatic exhortations or ambitious over reaching statements. In today's world where the tech savvy youth can refer to the Internet to remember every word of a speech, giving positive concrete and doable steps would be the prudent thing to do.

Given the foregoing, the tone and the content of the SONA can be seen as one of pragmatism and data driven. It must be noted that the first part of the speech contained a humble admission that there has been a wake-up call for the administration and that there is a need to do better. This part alone should tell us that there will be an effort to admit problems and look for solutions.

This has been the cornerstone of many of our government executives' efforts and plans. For example, in terms of infrastructures one of the main stumbling blocks to development is the issue of right of way. For the new rail project, there are several areas where informal settler, private land owners, and various structures impede the project. In an effort to synch right of way processes, the ARROW or the Accelerated and Reformed Right of Way Act, was enacted to answer these issues. There are many examples of these unheralded and what many might deem as “boring” or undramatic efforts, which when put together have laid the framework for the eventual solution of many of our problems.

Insofar as the report on accomplishments and

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

current situations are concerned, it must be noted that these were based on facts and data given by various agencies. There were no exaggerations or gloss. This might seem too simple for some communications experts but then there will be ample opportunity for government communications to make it relatable and understandable to the ordinary person.

Lastly, the plans laid out were indeed pragmatic and doable. The priorities have been laid out for our government executives. Our legislators can now align their legislative agenda. Our businessmen now know which sectors will be supported by the administration and act accordingly.

These then are what I think are the takeaways from Monday's SONA. We have been given a short no-frills, data-driven, pragmatic, and specific guide moving forward. It is now up to everyone to pitch in and do what we can.

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A significant step backward for children's rights

While the rest of the country reeled from the devastation brought by recent storms and the southwest monsoon (habagat)—causing widespread flooding, landslides, and displacement—a senator chose this moment to file a bill that would inflict further harm on countless Filipino children by lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility to just 10 years old.

It is strikingly ironic that Senator Robin Padilla, who knows firsthand the harsh realities of incarceration from his years in prison for illegal possession of multiple firearms, would now push to impose criminal liability on children as young as 10 years old who commit “heinous crimes.” Heinous crimes include murder, infanticide, kidnapping and serious illegal detention resulting in death or rape, robbery with homicide or rape, destructive arson, rape, and carnapping where the driver or passenger is killed or raped. It is difficult to imagine a 10-year-old child committing such horrific acts independently. And if they do, it is almost certainly under the influence, coercion, or instruction of an adult.

—Anyone who has spent time with a 10-year-old knows that children at this age are still making sense of their surroundings, gradually learning right from wrong, and heavily dependent on the guidance of adults in their families and communities. It is therefore absurd to treat children in conflict with the law (CICL) the same way as adult criminals who deliberately prey on unsuspecting victims.

Child rights advocates have repeatedly emphasized that the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act already holds CICL accountable. The Child Rights Network (CRN), a civil society organization that has consistently championed children's rights, underscored the real issue—not the age of criminal responsibility, but the poor implementation of Republic Act 9344, or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act (JJWA) of 2006.

To begin with, the JJWA provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the needs of children at risk and those in conflict with the law. It emphasizes prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, and reintegration—prioritizing the protection of children's rights and their overall well-being. This law reflects the Philippines' commitment as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Nineteen years after the enactment of the JJWA, child rights advocates continue to lament implementation gaps and inadequate resources that hinder the effective rehabilitation and reintegration of CICL in society.

Since the enactment of the JJWA, numerous documents, studies, protocols, guidelines, circulars, and memorandums—including its Implementing Rules and Regulations—have been issued to support its effective implementation. Despite this, only a limited number of national and local government officials and staff have fully understood the law and are actively working to uphold and protect children's rights. In fact, there is a barangay-level protocol for handling cases involving CICL and children at risk (CAR), recognizing that barangays serve as the first responders in addressing these issues.

Countless trainings and seminars have also been conducted for police officers, LGU personnel, NGO workers, and community members—those directly involved in the front-lines of JJWA implementation. Yet, significant gaps in implementation remain. The handling of CICL and CAR continues to fall short, despite the existence of detailed procedures meant to guide their treatment from start to finish.

The Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act (JJWA) created the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), composed of key government agencies—including the Department of Justice, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Commission on Human Rights and the National Youth Commission—and two representatives from non-government organizations. Notably, none of these agencies have recommended lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility. On the contrary, they strongly opposed previous attempts to reduce it to 12 years old, standing firm in their commitment to protect the rights and welfare of children. We can be certain that the JJWC, together with child rights advocates, will once again stand firmly against this harmful and regressive attempt to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 10.

A quick visit to the JJWC website reveals the real situation of CICL and CAR and makes it clear why lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 is both unnecessary and unjust. The JJWC highlights that these children are often victims of circumstances beyond their control—such as abuse, neglect, dysfunctional families, and indifferent communities. Rather than punishment, what they need is compassion, support, and access to appropriate services that uphold their rights to survival, development, and meaningful participation.

FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

BY BRIAN JAMES LU

The Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), on the other hand, has consistently emphasized, based on extensive scientific research, that children and adolescents are fundamentally different from adults—particularly in areas such as decision-making, impulse control, risk-taking behavior, identity formation, and overall psychological maturity.

Responding effectively to the needs of CICL and CAR requires more than the standard whole-of-government approach. It demands the active cooperation of communities, civil society organizations, concerned individuals, and international partners. Laws, ordinances, and official policies alone cannot dismantle the deep-seated bias that views children as criminals rather than as victims of systemic failures. What is urgently needed is sustained advocacy that promotes children's rights and fosters a deeper understanding of their circumstances.

It is therefore imperative for government officials, law enforcers, local leaders, and community members to fully understand the JJWA, its implementing rules and regulations, and the various guidelines that govern the proper handling of CICL and CAR cases. The current push to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility will not be the last. Unless we fully embrace and implement the core intent of the law—to protect, rehabilitate, and reintegrate children—such proposals will continue to surface.

Blaming the minimum age of criminal responsibility for the rise in criminality has become a tired and recurring excuse. At one point, there was even a proposal to jail the parents of juvenile offenders. Worse, there was a vicious attempt—echoed even by the country's highest official—to blame the principal author of the JJWA, rather than address the root causes of youth offending.

It is far easier to label children as criminals, delinquents, or social problems than to confront the deeper issues. Few are willing to hold society accountable for creating the conditions that breed these challenges—poverty, homelessness, and communities that fail to nurture, protect, and support their children.

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Spl. Civil Action No. 23-35236

For:

Expropriation with Urgent
Prayer for Issuance of Writ
of Possession

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

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and Whereabouts; and

All Other Persons who may have
any claim or interest over Lot
No. PSU-06-001502, Located in
Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City,
Defendants.

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ORDER

The Manifestation with Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, through counsel, is **NOTED**.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of Gayle U. Sobuda stating that despite the diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team, they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot No. PSU-06-001502, located in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is hereby **GRANTED**.

The plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: a) Heirs of Spouses Lina I. Gallardo and Florentino J. Gallardo; and b) All persons who may have claim or interest over Lot No. PSU-06-001502, situated in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, and to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

Pursuant to Sec. 22, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court, the plaintiff is further directed that copies of the summons and the Complaint, as well as this Order, be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the above-mentioned defendants and submit proof of compliance thereof.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 7, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
Acting Presiding Judge

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SUMMONS

TO:

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and all persons who may claim or interest over Lot No. PSU-06-001502
situated in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required, within **sixty (60) days** after publication, exclusive of the day of service, to file with this Court, and Serve on the plaintiff/s your **ANSWER** to the Complaint and its annexes, copy of which is hereto attached. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002, **to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead alleged grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer**. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default against you and this Court may grant the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND under the seal of this Court, this 10th day of July, 2025.

(SGD.) KAREN S. FORMOSO-GONZALES
COURT LEGAL RESEARCHER II/OIC

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Defendants.

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AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by counsel, respectfully states:

1. NGCP is a private corporation created and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It may be served with notices and other court processes through its Right-of-Way Department – Visayas Division, Banilad Power Complex, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City, and copy furnished the afore-mentioned principal office.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9511, NGCP was granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system and to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines.

3. Under Section 4 of the same law, NGCP was granted the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws, viz:

“SEC. 4. Right of Eminent Domain. — Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, the Grantee is authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain insofar as it may be reasonably necessary for the construction, expansion, and efficient maintenance and operation of the transmission system and grid and the efficient operation and maintenance of the subtransmission systems which have not yet been disposed by TRANSCO. The Grantee may acquire such private property as is actually necessary for the realization of the purposes for which this franchise is granted: Provided, That the applicable law on eminent domain shall be observed, particularly, the prerequisites of taking of possession and the determination and payment of just compensation.”

4. NGCP's basic critical mandate is to transmit high voltage electricity generated by the generating plants of power producers to the various distribution companies and electric cooperatives across the country. This crucial mandate plays a vital role in ensuring the steady and reliable delivery of electricity to the public. Given the indispensable nature of its operations, NGCP's mandate is imbued with public interest.

5. Spouses Lina I. Gallardo and Florentino J. Gallardo (both reportedly deceased), reportedly left two (2) known children, namely: Marie Jean G. Salcedo and Noel Gallardo, married to Flor D'lyn Betita, who are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of 34 Lopez Jaena St., La Paz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and court processes.

5.1. NGCP cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of the other heirs of Spouses Lina I. Gallardo and Florentino J. Gallardo despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

6. NGCP likewise cannot ascertain the existence, identities and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any claim or interest over the property subject of this Amended Complaint, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

7. The above-mentioned unknown claimants and interest-holders are impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1.¹ Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and Section 14.² Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, because NGCP cannot determine with certainty the identities of all persons who have the exclusive ownership of the property herein sought to be expropriated, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. NGCP undertakes to cause, by way of motion for leave of court, the service of summons to them, as well as to the named defendants above whose whereabouts are unknown, by publication pursuant to Section 16.³ Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. In order to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras and to support the continuing growth and development in the area, there is a need for NGCP to construct a new transmission system that will suit the present and future power requirements therein. Without this new transmission system, the power requirements in the aforementioned region will not be supplied, leading to power outages.

9. Owing to this necessity, NGCP must immediately construct the transmission line, substations and other facilities that will transmit uninterrupted power to the distributors of electricity in the aforesaid area. This undertaking is for the use and benefit of the public and is known as the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project (the Project).

1 Section 1. *The complaint.* — The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philippines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.
2 Section 14. *Unknown identity or name of defendant.* — Whenever the identity or name of a defendant is unknown, he may be sued as the unknown owner, heir, devisee, or by such other designation as the case may require: when his identity or true name is discovered, the pleading must be amended accordingly.
3 Section 16. *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown.* — In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

10. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a Notice of Resolution,⁴ promulgated on 17 April 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

“Notice is hereby given that the Commission, after due deliberation and evaluation, in a Regular Commission Meeting held on 17 April 2024, **RESOLVED** the following matters:

“1. NGCP's proposed Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project in the instant Application amounting to Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos and Seventy-Six Centavos (Php2,320,645,725.76) is hereby APPROVED, subject to optimization based on its actual use and verified expenses incurred during the reset process for the subsequent regulatory period, following the procedures stated in the Rules in Setting the Transmission Wheeling Rates (RTWR), as amended, and other relevant issuances of the Commission. The project cost indicated herein is solely for the purpose of determining the permit fee;

“x x x”

11. Given the foregoing, there is genuine necessity and urgency to immediately construct and implement the Project which is intended to accommodate the entry of the 40 MW Sibunag Wind Power Plant which will result in increased power supply and transmission towards Panay and reliability and flexibility of the grid in the area. Hence, the immediate completion and energization of the said project are critically important.

12. The Project’s route commences at NGCP’s existing Iloilo Substation in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards the Ingore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. It then proceeds via submarine cables towards the Sawang Cable Terminal Station in Brgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projected Zaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

13. The determination of the areas to be affected by the construction of the Project, which includes the property subject of this Amended Complaint, was the result of an in-depth study by the engineering group of the NGCP. It included the survey and re-survey of the areas to be affected and spot mapping thereof to determine the terrain, suitability of the soil, tower deflections, and other technical and social factors. The choice of the areas to be affected as well as of the path of the transmission lines is neither arbitrary nor whimsical. Varying factors are always considered, such as, but not limited to the integrity of the line and the grid, the cost, and the ease of maintenance of the transmission lines.

4 **ANNEX “A”** – ERC Notice of Resolution.

14. The route of the Project was established by NGCP in good faith, taking into account all the mentioned paramount technical considerations, to cause the least possible damage to the affected localities, avoiding as far as practicable urbanized, commercial and public areas, thereby making it the least burdensome to the general public and all the landowners in the area, taken as a whole. The selection of the route and the taking of the properties affected by it, including the property subject of this Amended Complaint, are in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of **Sumulong vs. Guerrero, G.R. No. 48685, September 30, 1987**, wherein it was held:

“x x x Absent a clear showing of fraud, bad faith, or gross abuse of discretion, which petitioners herein failed to demonstrate, the Court will give due weight to and leave undisturbed the [expropriator]’s choice and the size of the site for the project. The property owner may not interpose objections merely because in their judgment some other property would have been more suitable, or just as suitable, for the purpose. The right to the use, enjoyment and disposal of private property is tempered by and has to yield to the demands of the common good. x x x.” (Bracketing and replacement supplied.)

15. To fully implement and complete the project, NGCP needs to immediately take, by voluntary acquisition or expropriation, properties, or portions thereof, that are affected or traversed by the Project. It is genuinely necessary to take the properties traversed by the transmission line project because the transmission line would physically occupy the affected properties, through its construction and through its operation and maintenance after it is energized. The high voltage of electricity that would be transmitted by the transmission line requires that its transmission/power line corridor be cleared of occupants and of both natural and man-made obstacles for its proper operation and maintenance, and for the safety of people, properties and the transmission line itself. This public use of the affected properties necessitates their taking.

16. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,⁵ and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,⁶ and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009**.⁷

17. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCP intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. PSU-06-001502**, situated in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,⁸ the said portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502 is within the route and site of the project.

18. Per research and inquiries at the Registry of Deeds of Iloilo City, **Lot No. PSU-06-001502** is unregistered. However, the property is declared in the name of Lina I. Gallardo, under **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-037-00710**.⁹ The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **359 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the attached Sketch Plan¹⁰ and Narrative Technical Description,¹¹ and is more particularly described below, to wit:

Lot No.	PSU-06-001502
TD No.	15-04-037-00710
Declared Owner	Lina I. Gallardo
Total Area	6,168 sq.m.
Affected Area	<u>359</u> sq.m.
Classification of Land	Residential ¹²
Market Value of Affected Area (Php18.20/sq.m.)	(Php6,533.94)
Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php2.84/sq.m.)	(Php1,019.15)
BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php1,325.00/sq.m.) ¹³	Php475,675.00
Total Amount of Compensation	Php475,675.00

5 “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x x x.”
6 “x x x Without a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”
7 “x x x there is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy; it is a national concern.”
8 **ANNEX “B”** – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. PSU-06-001502.
9 **ANNEX “C”** – Tax Declaration No. 15-04-037-00710.
10 **ANNEX “D”** – Sketch Plan.
11 **ANNEX “E”**– Narrative Technical Description
12 **ANNEX “F”** – Certification of Zoning Classification.
13 **ANNEX “G”** – BIR Certification.

19. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Transmission Line Project**, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation, the above-described affected portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502, upon payment of just compensation, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

20. NGCP’s personnel conducted negotiations with the defendants for the acquisition of the above-described affected portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502. They went to the site of the affected property and inquired from people living near the subject property regarding its ownership. They were told that the land is owned by a certain “Inayan” and is managed by the caretaker named “Butoy.” NCGP’s personnel then contacted Mr. Florenio Gubatanga, who is also known as “Butoy,” to discuss NGCP’s Project and to conduct negotiations. He confirmed that he is the caretaker of the subject property and identified defendant Marie Jean D. Salcedo as the proper contact person, being the daughter of Lina I. Gallardo, the declared owner of the subject property, who is reportedly deceased. On October 11, 2021, NGCP’s personnel negotiated with defendant Marie Jean Salcedo in behalf of the defendants. However, no settlement was reached between the parties. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, NGCP has no other recourse but to file the instant case.

21. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502 sought to be expropriated, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, applicable estate taxes, and all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

22. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined

judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects), commercial - and economic-impact cases.

23. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,¹⁴ jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

24. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**,¹⁵ the Supreme Court held that:

“[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, **jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court**, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*.”

25. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**,¹⁶ the Supreme Court held:

“Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. **Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action.** The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process.” [Emphasis supplied]

**ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE
ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION**

26. Section 13 of R.A. 11361¹⁷ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs plaintiff’s expropriation cases. Under Section 2 of the said rule, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,¹⁸ thus:

“SEC. 2. Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, **the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property** for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary.” [Emphasis supplied].

14 **Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority**, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.
15 G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011
16 G. R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013
17 Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that “Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the **power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court.**”
18 **National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.**, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

27. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Amended Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession¹⁹ upon the defendants.

28. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated. NGCP has already deposited the amount of **Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (Php233,200.00)** in this case. Furthermore, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of the Honorable Court in favor of the defendants, the additional amount of **Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Pesos (Php242,475.00)**, to complete the total provisional deposit of **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five (Php475,675.00)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

29. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the subject property, plaintiff would have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

30. In a long line of cases²⁰ and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the plaintiff an order to take possession of the subject properties and start the implementation of the Project.

19 **ANNEX “H”** – Notice to Take Possession.
20 **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G. R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

31. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,²¹ the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. “No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x x x x. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.”

32. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28²² of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

33. NGCP intends to present at least three (3) witnesses, namely:

a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP’s project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “I.”**

21 “Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016
22 “28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only upon compliance of the following conditions:
a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice.”

b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being presented to establish the areas and sites necessary for the construction of plaintiff’s project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “J.”** and

c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented

to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “K.”**

37. NGCP intends to introduce the following as documentary evidence:

Exhibit Marking	Description
“A”	ERC Notice of Resolution
“B”	Sketch Plan
“C”	Narrative Technical Description
“D”	Portion of Index Map
“E”	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-037-00710
“F”	Certification of Zoning Classification
“G”	BIR Certification

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and documentary as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, plaintiff most respectfully prays for this Honorable Court to:

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP’s favor:

- a) Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502, subject of this Amended Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Transmission Line Project, as described in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
- b) Ordering the demolition of the affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;
- c) Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;
- d) Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and
- e) If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the areas subject of the Amended Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going.

2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take and condemn to public use the portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 359 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 of this Amended Complaint;

3. After the determination of just compensation, **ISSUE a Judgment:**

- a. Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the properties in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;
- b. Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 359 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
- c. Directing the Registry of Deeds for the City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on its Registry Day Book and/or any certificate of title that may be issued over the subject property, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502 sought to be expropriated herein; and
- d. Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo City to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-037-00710, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP with respect to the portion of Lot No. PSU-06-001502 sought to be expropriated herein.

NGCP prays for other reliefs just and equitable under the premises

Quezon City for Iloilo City, **January 16, 2025.**

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1. I am the Regional Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary’s Certificate, dated 22 July 2021, hereto attached as **Annex “L,”**

3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Amended Complaint. I have read the foregoing Amended Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

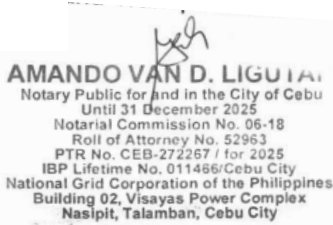
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 16th day of **January 2025**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 16th day of **January 2025**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver’s License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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Republic of the Philippines
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NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

HEIRS OF SPOUSES LINA I. GALLARDO AND FLORENTINO J. GALLARDO, ET AL.,
Defendants.

X- -----/

Special Civil Action
No. 23-35236
For: Expropriation
With Urgent Prayer for Issuance
of Writ of Possession

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

Marie Jean G. Salcedo
Spouses Noel I. Gallardo and Flor D’lyn Betita
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All other heirs of Spouses Lina I. Gallardo and Florentino J. Gallardo of unknown identities and whereabouts, and all other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. PSU-06-001502, located in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over the affected portion of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. PSU-06-001502**, situated in Brgy. Ticud, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is unregistered but is declared for taxation purposes in the name of Lina I. Gallardo, who is reportedly deceased, under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-037-00710**.

The portion of the subject property consisting of 359 square meters, which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Amended Complaint, and it will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP’s **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Transmission Line Project**.

NGCP has already deposited with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court the amount of **Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (Php233,200.00)**, and shall deposit the additional amount of **Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Pesos (Php242,475.00)** to complete the provisional amount of **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five (Php475,675.00)** equivalent to 100% of the current BIR zonal value of the subject property sought to be expropriated.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the portion of the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

January 16, 2025, Cebu City for Iloilo City, Philippines.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES TITA J. CANDIDO and JOSE CANDIDO SR.**, known as **Lot 1, BCS-06-000013 (OLT)**, situated at Brgy. Kinalkalan, Balasan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-1919** with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIVE (4,905) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **JOSSETTE C. BUENAVISTA and JOSE J. CANDIDO, JR.** That, the heirs/adjudicatees **SOLD, CEDED**, and **CONVEYED** by way of Sale the abovesaid property unto **RANDY C. OLDIMO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MANDELVIN B. DADIVAS** per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses LUCIO TORECHILLA GANANCIAL and ROSITA GALVEZ MARAVILLA** consisting of a parcel of land (**Lot No. 3813, Psc-40, Case-4**) covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (F-23216) 2014000685** situated in Barangay Bugnay, Jordan, Guimaras with an area of **THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (3,424) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to compulsory heirs **JAIME M. GANANCIAL and EDILBERTO M. GANANCIAL**. That the heirs/adjudicatees **WAIVED, RELINQUISHED**, and **RENOUNCED VOLUNTARILY** all their **RIGHTS, SHARE, OWNERSHIP** and **INTERESTS** over the said parcel of land in favor of **JAY GUMBAN GANANCIAL and CHERRY GANANCIAL BAMA**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JOZZYL T. GENESELA** per Doc. No. 465, Book No. 94, Page No. IV, Series of 2025.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **GRACIANO LOOT LUCERO** consisting of parcels of land, namely, **(1) (Lot 2 Block 20** of consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-5612, being a portion of Lots 2125, 2129, 2130, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2142 and 2144, Iloilo Cadastre, Lot 2157-B, Psd-45346, L.R.C. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No.), situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 88055** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS, more or less** and **(2) KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BILANG CARP 2014000049** situated in Cayan Oeste, Lambunao, Iloilo with an area of **TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE (10,551) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **GRACIANITO LARA LUCERO and SALVACION LARA LUCERO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LINGELU F. PEDREGOSA** per Doc. No. 269, Page No. 55, Book No. I, Series 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses AMADO J. MONTAÑO and MARIA C. MONTAÑO** known as **Lot 905, PLS-811-D** covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-7982** situated in Brgy. Palaypay, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four (12,674) Square Meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **RESURRECION A. MONTAÑO, JOSE HERO A. MONTAÑO, ARNOLFO C. MONTAÑO, CORAZON M. BUENAFE, and SAGRARIO M. CAUSING**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees **WAIVED, CEDED**, and **TRANSFERRED** their rights and interests over the said parcel of land in favor of **ARNOLFO C. MONTAÑO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. KEVIN ANGELO J. BUYCO** per Doc. No. 305, Page No. 61, Book No. I, Series 2025.

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not only provided immediate relief to the IP community but also laid the groundwork for future projects aimed at fostering stronger, more trusting relationships.

This commitment to inclusivity and community engagement serves as a shining example of effective policing and a model for other communities to emulate. The event showcased the "bayanihan" spirit—the Filipino spirit of communal unity and cooperation—in action. This successful project paves the way for more meaningful collaborations between the police, the press corps, and the IP community in the future.

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11260-25

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under
Act No. 3135, as amended

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES MACARIA MAGBANUA ALVAREZ and JOSELITO RAMON PARANPAN ALVAREZ
Debtors/Mortgagors,

ARMANI PARANPAN ALVAREZ
Co-Debtor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure and Sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, (*"Mortgagee"*) a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila against **SPOUSES MACARIA MAGBANUA ALVAREZ and JOSELITO RAMON PARANPAN ALVAREZ**, (*"Debtors/Mortgagors"*), and **ARMANI PARANPAN ALVAREZ**, (*"Co-Debtor"*), all of legal age, Filipinos and with postal address/es at: **(1) No. 44B Ames Circle Sur, Q. Abeto, Mandurriao, Iloilo City 5000, Iloilo Province; and (2) Lot 43, Block 11, Phase 1, Avida Village, Iloilo Angela Avenue, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo**, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of **February 14, 2025**, in the amount of **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS & 27/100 (Php2,586,811.27)** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, incidental thereto besides the attorney's fees incurred for the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his duly authorized deputy will sell at Public Auction on **14 AUGUST 2025**, at TEN (10:00) o'clock in the morning at the Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice Building, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK to the highest bidder and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged real properties with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses AIDA S. UMADHAY and ISMAEL UMADHAY** known as **Lot 3002-A-7, Bsd-06-000010 (OLT) AMD.**, situated at Brgy. Buntatala, Leganes, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-5367** containing an area of **TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO (2,122) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **MARIE FE S. UMADHAY** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ALFONSO D. DEBUQUE** per Doc. No. 956, Page No. 187, Book No. III, Series of 2021. **A Special Power of Attorney** designating **NESTOR M. MORALLOS JR.** as Attorney-in-fact of **MARIE FE S. UMADHAY** was entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PARADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 264, Page No. 54, Book No. VI, Series of 2021.

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programs mentioned by Marcos in his SONA.

"PBBM discussed other matters that have positive impacts, and I wish his administration to build on what has been accomplished in the next three years," she said.

On the other hand, Lambunao, Iloilo Vice Mayor Arvin Losaria admired the President's "courage and stand on graft and corruption."

"Amidst setbacks, the clear message of the priorities for the budget in terms of education, health, and infrastructures speaks the brand of service towards good governance," said Losaria, who is also the president of the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines, Iloilo chapter.

He added that clearly, the 4th SONA of President Marcos enunciated the reality of the times. (PNA)

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023007955

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BALABAG MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 43, BLOCK NO: 11, PLAN NO: PCS-06-005457, PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION/SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 567-F-4-B-1, 567-F-4-B-2, 567-F-4-B-4, 567-F-4-B-6 ALL OF (LRC) PSD-223306, LOTS 567-F-4-B-5-A, 567-F-4-B-5-B BOTH OF PSD-06-001862, LOT 567-R-2, (LRC) PSD-50959 LOT 559, ILOILO CADASTRE LOTS 567-F-4-B-3-C- 1, 567-F-4-B-3-C-2, 567-F-4-B-3-C-3 ALL OF BSD-06-002922 (AR);

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 42, BLOCK 11, PCS-06-005457
2-3	NW	LOT 36, BLOCK 11, PCS-06-005-457
3-4	NW	LOT 38, BLOCK 11, PCS-06-005457
4-5	NE	LOT 44, BLOCK 11, PCS 06-005457
5-1	SE	ROAD LOT 23, PCS-06-005457

TIE POINT: BBM # 29, ILOILO CAD. 25

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 51° 37' E	705.45 M.
1-2	N. 56° 51' W	13.00 M.
2-3	N. 33 09' E	7.00 M.
3-4	N. 33° 09' E	3.00 M.
4-5	S. 56° 51' E	13.00 M.
5-1	S. 33° 09' W	10.00 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SQUARE METERS (130), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned date and time.

In the event the Public Auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **28 AUGUST 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **02 JUNE 2025.**

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO
Sheriff in-Charge
09283358725

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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PDEA: Only 3.51% of barangays in W. Visayas are drug-affected

ILOILO CITY – Only 3.51 percent of barangays in Western Visayas are drug-affected, with only 119 villages yet to be deliberated for the Barangay Drug Clearing Program, data from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) showed on Wednesday.

The latest data showed that 3,389 barangays in the region, or 96.49 percent, are cleared of illegal drugs. Of these, 1,963 were declared cleared, while 1,307 others are already drug-free.

Aklan, Antique, and Guimaras have 100 percent drug-cleared barangays.

Capiz is still left with 30 drug-affected barangays, six in Iloilo province, and 83 in Iloilo City.

PDEA 6 (Western Visayas) Director II Ralph Rommel Torres, in a media interview on Tuesday afternoon, said he ordered the revalidation of previously cleared barangays if they are still drug-cleared.

During their last deliberation, 230 barangays retained their drug-cleared status; however, 11 were each issued a Certificate of Identified Drug Personalities (CIDP).

Barangays with a resurgence of such personalities will have 60 days to take appropriate action, otherwise, their status will revert to being drug-affected.

"We will give attention to the barangay drug clearing program. This program is effective in our fight against illegal drugs," Torres said.

To further strengthen the campaign, PDEA has coordinated with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for the orientation of fisherfolk on identifying

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SPEC. PROC. NO. **934**

IN THE MATTER FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JOENLIE ENDENCIO EMOLAGA, PERTAINING TO HIS MIDDLE NAME FROM “EDISAN” TO “ENDENCIO”,

JOENLIE ENDENCIO EMOLAGA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF IGBARAS, ILOILO AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTCIS AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

This is a verified petition filed by petitioner **JOENLIE ENDENCIO EMOLAGA**, of legal age, single, Filipino, and a resident of Barangay Mantangon, Igbaras, Iloilo, Philippines praying among others, that after due notice, publication and hearing, a judgment be issued, directing the respondent Municipal Civil Registrar of Igbaras, Iloilo, Philippines to correct the above-stated erroneous entry in the record of birth of petitioner by correcting petitioner’s Middle Name from “Edisan” to “Endencio”.

WHEREFORE, it appearing that the petition is sufficient in form and substance, let the same be as it is hereby set for hearing on the **JURISDICTIONAL FACTS** on **September 17, 2025** at **10:00 o’clock in the morning**, at which date and time all interested parties are enjoined to appear and show cause, if any, why the petition shall not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo at the expense of the petitioner. Likewise, let copy of this Order be posted in the Bulletin Board of this Court and at conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall of Igbaras, Iloilo, at the expense of the petitioner. The Petitioner is likewise directed to **submit a LIST OF EXHIBITS** on or before the scheduled date of hearing, and to submit proof that the Office of the Solicitor General was furnished a copy of the instant petition.

Let copy of this Order be sent via registered mail and/ or email to the Civil Registrar General, National Statistics Office, Quezon City; the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of Igbaras, Iloilo, the petitioner and his counsel

SO ORDERED.
July 8, 2025.
Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
IRENE B. BANZUELA-DIDULO
Presiding Judge

(SGD.) ATTY. KENNETH JUN G. DIAMANTE
Clerk of Court V
RTC, Branch 67, Guimbal, Iloilo
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Office of the Local Civil Registrar
Province: Iloilo
City/Municipality: Maasin

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. No. 9048 & 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **IMMACULADA M. OBERIO** has filed with this Office, a petition for **correction of clerical error (child’s sex)**, from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **IMMACULADA SIOSANA MALCO** who was born on **DECEMBER 05, 1951** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **FRANCISCO OBERIO MALCO** and **SILVERIA PAJA SIOSANA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARISSA M. MAGALLANES
OIC-MCR Office

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FORECLOSURE NO. **F-11324-25**

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

NORIE C. ABEJO, as represented by his
Attorney-in-Fact, NENIA ROSE C. ABEJO,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

NILROSE C. ABEJO,
Co-Debtor.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.),** a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor NORIE C. ABEJO and co-debtor NILROSE C. ABEJO**, both of legal ages, Filipinos, with postal addresses at (1) Capuling, Dueñas, Iloilo (2) Lot 20, Block 4 Parc Regency Residences G, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo Province duly represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, **NENIA ROSE C. ABEJO** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 15, 2025, amounted to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE PESOS & 72/100 (P4,258,123.72)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney’s fees, publication costs, Sheriff’s legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, **the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 02, 2025** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021002882

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 20 BLOCK NO. 4 PLAN NO: PCS-06-005392

PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 142-D-2, (LRC) PSD-108623; BLOCK 3; LOT 71, & ROAD LOT 1 ALL OF PCS-06-005391, L.R.C. NO. LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: NORIE C ABEJO, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: CAPULING, DUEÑAS, ILOILO
X X X
AREA: ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR SQUARE METERS (164), MORE OR LESS”

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **July 14, 2025.**

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII and
Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:

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

NE/August 4, 11 & 18, 2025

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Municipality of Janiuy

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CHONA RAMIREZ ABORDO** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **“JESUSA”** to **“ROSEMARIE”** in the Birth Certificate of **JESUSA RAMIREZ ABORDO** who was born on **December 25, 1960** at **Janiuy, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Juan Damasco Abordo and Cristita Quiñon Ramirez**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 28, 2025 & August 4, 2025

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Province: **Iloilo**
Municipality: **Maasin**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 9048 & 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CORAZON MARPAGA ALSON** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name and correction of clerical error.

The child’s name **FIRST NAME** from **MARIA CORAZON** to **CORAZON** and the Child’s **DATE OF BIRTH** from **JUNE 81, 1957** to **JUNE 8, 1957** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA CORAZON TUAZON MARPAGA** who was born on **JUNE 81, 1957** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **CARLOS MARPAGA** and **FELESA TUAZON**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARISSA M. MAGALLANES
Officer-In-Charge - MCR Office

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ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.

Owner



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Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Pototan

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **CHARIE SERVANIA PERSEVERANCIA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD’S SEX** from **MALE** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CHARMIL SERVANIA PERSEVERANCIA** who was born on **JANUARY 31, 2009** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE RAMIL R. PERSEVERANCIA** and **CHARIE T. SERVANIA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/August 4, 2025 & August 11, 2025

DepEd exec throws full support to PBBM’s education agenda

ILOILO CITY – The chief of the Department of Education - Schools Division of Iloilo expressed full support for the education agenda presented by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. in his fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA).

Division Superintendent Dr. Ernesto Servillon Jr. cited the “transformative potential” of the initiatives to improve education in the province.

“These align perfectly with our division's commitment to equipping Ilonggo learners with the skills needed for tomorrow's challenges,” he said in a statement on Tuesday.

“Of particular importance is the planned increase in guidance counselors, which will significantly strengthen our student support systems by enhancing mental health services, anti-bullying programs, and career guidance across Iloilo's school districts.”

Servillon said the commitments to education infrastructure and teacher development are welcome.

“The nationwide classroom construction program will directly benefit Iloilo's 1,200-plus schools by addressing facility shortages and reducing classroom congestion. The creation of 60,000 new teaching positions will improve teacher-student ratios and enhance learning environments throughout our province,” he added.

Servillon said the division acknowledged and appreciated the President's commitment to education through concrete policy implementations, significant budget allocations, and streamlined support systems for teachers.

He said they are ready to implement national initiatives at the local level through close coordination with their Central Office, partnerships with local government units and stakeholders, and customized programs tailored to the needs of Ilonggo learners. (PNA)

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SPL. PROC. NO. 25-16027

IN THE MATTER OF: PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME FROM
MICHELLE GALABO GALIMBA TO
MICHELLE GALIMBA TANGOG

MICHELLE GALIMBA TANGOG a.k.a.
MICHELLE GALABO GALIMBA,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
CAINTA, OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
GENERAL, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

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ORDER

In a verified Petition filed by the petitioner through counsel, petitioner prays to the Honorable Court that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the Office of the Civil Registrar General, and the Office of the Municipal Registrar of Cainta, Rizal: 1) To change the middle name of the petitioner under entry number 1 from “GALABO” to “GALIMBA” in her Certificate of Live Birth under Registry Number 2000-1210; and 2) To change the surname of the Petitioner under entry number 1 from “GALIMBA” to “TANGOG” in her Certificate of Live Birth under Registry Number 2000-1210.

The petition states among others:

The petitioner is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Ilawod Barangay Salvacion, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras, Philippines but is temporarily residing at Barangay Jalandoni Wilson, City Proper, Iloilo City, Philippines where she may be served with orders and other processes of the Honorable Court. Petitioner has been residing at Barangay Jalandoni Wilson, City Proper, Iloilo City for almost six (6) years prior to the filing of this Petition in compliance with the 3-year residency requirement under Section 2, Rule 103 of the Rules of Court. This Petition is filed pursuant to Section 16-D, Chapter 5, Title III, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, as amended by Republic Act No. 9406, exempting the clients of the PAO from the payment of docket fees and costs of the suit.

The respondents Municipal Civil Registrar of Cainta, Rizal, Philippine Statistics Authority and the Office of the Civil Registrar General are hereby impleaded being the persons/agencies in custody of the records of birth with office addresses at 73 A Bonifacio, Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal Proper, J. Villanueva Bldg., Iznart Street, Iloilo City and 8/F CRS Building, PSA Complex East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, respectively, where summons, orders and other processes of the Honorable Court may be served. Respondents Kristele Joy Galimba Tangog and Avelina Dadap Tangog are hereby impleaded being the petitioner's sibling and paternal grandmother, respectively. They are residents of Ilawod Barangay Salvacion, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras, Philippines and Purok Rose, Calag-itan, Hinunangan, Southern Leyte, Philippines, respectively, where they may be served with summons, orders and other processes of the Honorable Court.

The petitioner was born on May 16, 2000 at Cainta, Rizal to common law spouses Arlen Galabo Galimba and Emie Dadap Tangog. Petitioner's father acknowledged her as his daughter by executing an Affidavit of Acknowledgment/ Admission of Paternity which is attached to her Certificate of Live Birth. Moreover, her parents at the time of her birth had no legal impediment to marry. The fact of petitioner's birth was duly recorded with the municipal Civil Registrar of Cainta under Local Civil Registry Number 2000-1210 issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Title	Entry Number	Erroneous Entry	Should be indicated
Middle Name	1	Galabo	Galimba
Surname	1	Galimba	Tangog

Despite being acknowledged by her father who had no

legal impediment to marry at the time of her birth, petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth under Registry No. 2000-1210 contains erroneous entries, as indicated below:

Subsequently, petitioner's family relocated to Salvacion, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras, the place of her mother's family and where her parents decided to stay permanently. Eventually, petitioner's parents decided to get married. As support for the celebration of their marriage and in order to exempt them from securing a marriage license, petitioner's parents, Arlen Galabo Galimba and Emie Dadap Tangog executed a Joint Declaration on November 22, 2004 stating therein that they were living together as husband and wife without the benefit of marriage since 1995. In the said Joint Declaration, they also declared petitioner as one of their children. On the same date, November 22, 2004, Arlen Galabo Galimba and Emie Dadap Tangog married each other before the then Municipal Mayor of Nueva Valencia, Guimaras.

Petitioner has the right to bear the surname of her father. Firstly, she had been acknowledged by her father as his daughter at the time of her birth. Secondly, petitioner had been legitimated as a result of the subsequent valid marriage between her parents.

Petitioner has been using continuously the middle name “Galimba” and the surname “Tangog” in all her official records.

The following documents show that petitioner's true and correct middle name as “Galimba” and her true and correct surname is “Tangog”;

- a. Certificate of Residency issued by Punong Barangay Roger Simon D. Naldoza;
- b. Certification issued by the Public Attorney's Office;
- C. Barangay Certification of Indigency issued by the Office of the Barangay;
- d. Baptismal Certificate of petitioner;
- e. Elementary School Permanent Record of the petitioner;
- f. Secondary Student's Permanent Record of the petitioner;
- g. Senior High School Student Permanent Record of the petitioner;
- h. Philippine Identification Card of the petitioner; and,
- i. The PHINMA EDUCATION Identification Card of the petitioner.

The petitioner has the right to use the surname “**Tangog**” considering that the petitioner is legitimated by subsequent marriage of her parents. In addition, to avoid confusion in the future and to put in order the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner, it is necessary that the name reflected in her Certificate of Live Birth with registry number 2000-1210 be changed from “MICHELLE GALABO GALIMBA” to “**MICHELLE GALIMBA TANGOG**”. Both parents of the petitioner are already deceased. Her mother died on March 6, 2014 while her father died on November 15, 2021.

No third persons will be prejudiced by the correction of the erroneous entries in the Certificate of Live Birth and the change of name of the petitioner as stated above. The petitioner has no pending criminal case and has no intention to elude government authorities with respect to this change of her middle name and surname. The purpose of this petition is to correct her record of birth.”

Set the initial hearing of this petition on **11 November 2025 at 8:30 in the Morning**, so that any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in **NEWS EXPRESS** a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo.

Further, let copies of this Order be posted in the bulletin boards of the City Hall of Iloilo City, the Iloilo Terminal Market, Iloilo City, and the Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City.

Furnish copy of this Order to petitioner through his counsel, the Office of the Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, the Office of the Civil Registrar General, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Cainta, Rizal, the Philippine Statistics Authority, Iloilo City, Kristele Joy Galimba Tangog, Avelina Dadap Tangog, Michelle Galimba Tangog a.k.a. Michelle Galabo Galimba.

SO ORDERED.

City of Iloilo, 11 June 2025.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
LARNIE FLEUR B. PALMA-KIM
Presiding Judge

Benteng Bigas program expands in Guimaras



ILOILO CITY (PIA)—More Guimarasnons have availed the Benteng Bigas program as it continues to expand in the countryside, making quality rice budget-friendly for all Filipinos.

This initiative is part of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s flagship program to stabilize rice prices through a subsidy scheme involving the Department of Agriculture (DA), National Food Authority (NFA), Food Terminal Incorporated (FTI), and local government units.

According to the Provincial Office for Agricultural Services (POAS), a total of 4,276 residents have benefitted the program as of July 22, 2025.

Of the figure, there were 1,113 beneficiaries from Buenavista, 1,259 from Jordan, 721 from Nueva Valencia, 58

from San Lorenzo, and 1,125 from Sibunag.

In his Fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Marcos mentioned Guimaras as one of the provinces that implemented the Benteng Bigas Program.

“Napatunayan na natin na kaya na natin ang bente pesos sa bawat kilo ng bigas, nang hindi malulugi ang ating mga magsasaka. Kamakailan lamang ay matagumpay nating nailunsad ito sa Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao kagaya sa San Juan, Pangasinan, Cavite, Occidental Mindoro, sa Cebu, sa Bacolod, sa Guimaras, Siquijor, at Davao Del Sur, ” President Marcos said.



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San Rafael, Iloilo
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San Dionisio, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999518

32. Don Victorino Salcedo St.
Poblacion Market, Sara, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999806

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Tel No. 09992204460

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Tel No. 09479999605

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NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Wish to announce their
monthly Auction Sale to be
held on August 15, 2025 at
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at
the office address stated
above.

THE MANAGEMENT

Nagapahibalo sang ila
bulanan nga subasta nga
Pagahiwaton sa Agosto 15,
2025 alas 9:00 sa aga (9:00 AM)
asta alas 12:00 sa ucto (12:00
Noon) sa nahinambitan nga
mga opisina.

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN

BENTENG BIGAS

... (from page 13)

President Marcos further conveyed that the government will allocate P113 billion to strengthen the programs of DA, paving the way to the launching of Benteng Bigas Program through hundreds of KADIWA stores and centers in various areas.

Meanwhile, Guimaras Lone District Representative JC Rahman Nava, in a recent Benteng Bigas program distribution in Sibunag, shared the program’s continuity as part of the government’s efforts to help families cope with the rising food prices.

“Tinguhaan naton nga paano isustenir, kay ginaplano-planohan namon kung puwede ayhan bulan-bulan ma sustinir ta ini, or basi madugang-dugangan ta pa guid nga duhaon ta ka beses sa isa ka bulan, ” according to Nava.

(We will try to sustain it, because we are planning if we can sustain it monthly, or maybe we can increase it to twice a month.)

Nava also expressed gratitude to the constituents for supporting the program and hoped that this initiative has been meaningful to them.

To note, Guimaras was among the first provinces to contribute an additional P6.50 subsidy to further lower the rice price to P20.00 per kilo for the public. (AAL/ LMLE/PIA Iloilo)

PDEA ... (from page 11)

illegal drugs.

"Considering that we are an archipelago, our coastline is long and our borders are porous. Hence, we asked for the cooperation of everyone, including our fisherfolk," Torres said.

The ongoing initiative has already engaged fisherfolk from Capiz, Aklan, and Antique.

The prevention education lectures covered topics, such as drug classification, focusing on identifying shabu, marijuana, and ecstasy.

They were also oriented on what to do when they happen to see drugs floating in coastal waters and possible violations when they keep or sell the recovered illegal substance.

Torres said they are not discounting the possibility of drugs floating in the waters, like in Luzon.

Meanwhile, he said that they are happy that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr has recognized their efforts when he mentioned the PDEA’s accomplishments during his State of the Nation Address on Monday. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11349-25

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly)
BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES MELAHI V. BAYLAS
and ARNEL B. BAYLAS,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the *mortgagee* BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.), a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at **33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines** against *debtors/ mortgagors* SPOUSES MELAHI V. BAYLAS and ARNEL B. BAYLAS, both of legal ages, Filipinos, with postal addresses at (1) Lagubang, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo (2) Lot 03, Block 9 Parc Regency Residences H, Brgy. Ungka II, Pavia, Iloilo Province to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 30, 2025, amounted to **THREE MILLION THIRTY THOUSAND SIXTY EIGHT PESOS & 74/100 (P3,030,068.74)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney’s fees, publication cost, Sheriff’s legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 02, 2025** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court**, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2023014196

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF UNGKA II, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO ,ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 63 BLOCK NO: 09 PLAN NO: PCS-06-005393
PORTION OF: LOTS 139-A, PSD-06-010187, 139-B-4, PSD-06-013944, 139-C- 2, PSD-06-013942; PCS-06-005312; 144-11-1, PSD-06-068209, 133, CAD-25, ILOILO CADASTRE & 39 BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005392.

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF UNGKA II, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY
is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: MELAHI V. BAYLAS, MARRIED TO ARNEL B. BAYLAS, OF LEGAL AGES, BOTH FILIPINOS
Address: LAGUBANG, BAROTAC NUEVO, ILOILO
X X X
AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS”

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 14, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII and
Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:

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

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE ON REMATADOS OF M. LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS Iloilo and Guimaras Branches at

Molo, Avancena, Villa, Guanco, Rizal, Mandurriao 1, De Leon, Mandurriao 2, Guzman, Ledesma, San Agustin, SM Jewellers, Ilonga, Iznart, Lapaz 1, Lapaz 2, Bo. Obrero, Jaro 1, Jaro 2, Jaro 3, Jaro 4, Jaro 5, Jaro 6, Tagbak, Ungka, Burgos Lapaz, Rotunda, JM Basa.

Commencing **August 18, 2025** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to Feb. 1-28, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Agosto 18, 2025** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Pebrero 1-28, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

Mohon, Oton, San Jose San Miguel, Tigbauan, Guimbal, Tubungan, Igbaras, Miag ao, San Joaquin, Alimodian, Leon, San Miguel, Jibao an, Pavia, Sta Barbara, New Lucena, Cabatuan, Ayaman, Maasin, Arroyo, Leganes, Zarraga, Jalaud, Bolong Oeste.

Commencing **August 19, 2025** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to Feb. 1-28, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

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TAGDUMALAHAN

Jordan, Jordan Pier, Calingao, Guimaras, Nueva Valencia, San Lorenzo, Sibunag, Cabalagnan, San Miguel Jordan.

Commencing **August 20, 2025** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to Feb. 1-28, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Agosto 20, 2025** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Pebrero 1-28, 2025 madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN



IMPROVED PRODUCTION. Iloilo’s provincial government is set to implement the System Enhancement for Rice to Booster, Increase and Sustain Yields Onwards (SERBISYO) program to sustain the government’s PHP20-per-kg. rice program, an agriculture official said Tuesday (July 29, 2025). SERBISYO is a component of the “SiPag at TiyaGa for MoRProGRes sa Bagong Pilipinas,” a convergence program of the government aimed at sustaining the agriculture sector and addressing malnutrition in the province. (PNA file photo by Perla G. Lena)

Iloilo province to implement ‘SERBISYO’ to boost rice production

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo’s provincial government will implement the System Enhancement for Rice to Booster, Increase and Sustain Gains Onwards (SERBISYO) starting in the second cropping this year to sustain the government’s PHP20-per-kg. rice program.

SERBISYO is a component of the “SiPag at TiyaGa for MoRProGRes sa Bagong Pilipinas,” a convergence program of the government aimed at sustaining the agriculture sector and addressing malnutrition in the province.

In an interview on Tuesday, Geron Magbanua, chief of the crops division of the Provincial Agriculture’s Office, said under SERBISYO, they would

provide an input subsidy to farmers, which they have to repay with their produce.

"The long-term plan of the government is to establish a sustainable system to support production. Any assistance that we give, like seeds, fertilizer, and machinery support from the provincial government, will have a recovery cost," he said.

Whatever the amount of subsidy, they will pay in the form of palay that will go directly to the Iloilo Rice Processing Center in Pototan town.

One-third of the rice will be sold at PHP20 per kg., while two-thirds will be sold at a regular price.

The profit from the regular price will cover the subsidy for the PHP20-per-kg. rice, he said.

"The production will

pay for the subsidy and not the provincial government. What we will give is sort of seed capital," he said.

The second cropping will be in the last quarter of this year, and harvest is expected from January to February next year.

It will be piloted in the municipalities of Pototan, Zarraga, Dingle, Mina, and Cabatuan, covering roughly 3,000 to 4,000 hectares with a target production of 6 tons per hectare.

The Department of Agriculture will provide the hybrid seeds, but 150 to 350 hectares will be subsidized by the provincial government.

Magbanua said their next move is to encourage and negotiate with the Department of Agriculture if they can also recover a portion of their subsidy and use it as seed capital.

Meanwhile, he said the provincial government would launch the PHP20-per-kg. rice program in August, targeting 9,534 households with malnourished children.

Even with the national subsidy next year, he said, they would continue with SERBISYO because the target is for zero malnourished children in the province.

"We want it to be institutionalized in agriculture. And it can even be replicated by the national government," he said.

In his State of the Nation Address on Monday, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said the government has proven that the PHP20-per-kg. rice is possible without compromising the income of farmers.

He also mentioned the various support provided to farmers to improve their productivity. (PNA)

AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **AUGUST 15, 2025**, an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 – 10:00 AM for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

The Management

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **AGOSTO 15, 2025** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay mga alas 9:00 – 10:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

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