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Day celebration

IN the celebration of 88th Iloilo City Charter Day, the city government recognized the top ten outstanding Ilonggos for their contributions and achievements in the field of film, medicine, literature, business, fashion, academics,

With this year's theme, "Celebrating 88 Years of Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Empowerment", the recognition was held during the annual Mayor's Dinner at Diversion 21 Hotel in Mandurriao district

This was led by Mayor

The top ten outstanding Ilonggo awardees this year

were Dr. Anjuli May P. Jaen, 10 OUTSTANDING / page 2

Raisa Treñas and was joined by some of the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

By Mary Joy Cavañas

among others.

on August 25, 2025.

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Iloilo City officials led by Mayor Raisa Treñas with the Ten Outstanding Ilonggos during the 88th Iloilo City Charter Day celebration. (Jade Dequiña/CMO)

'CITY'S TOP TAXPAYERS

Iloilo City gov't recognizes top taxpayers for 2024

By Mary Joy Cavañas

IN LINE with the celebration of 88th Charter Day, the Iloilo City Government represented by Mayor Raisa Treñas, recognized the top taxpayers for 2024 which contributed to the city's development and economic growth.

The awarding ceremony categories composed of Top Business Individual, Corporate, and Real Property Corporation, and Individual Taxpayers.

The following are the awardees:

Top Real Property Individual Taxpayers

- * SPS. Romeo and Jill Go
- * SPS. Lynn and James Kho
- * SPS. Tomas and Sonita Cheng Chua
- * Vicky Yu Yap and SPS. Winston Vincent and Genivie
- * Roberto U. Po

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Alimodian's '7 cities' gain boost with new bridge, gym

Cabacanan Proper and nearby barangays in the

RESIDENTS of Brgy. 'Seven Cities' in Alimodian welcomed a brighter future on August 26, 2025, as the

Provincial Government of Iloilo formally turned over and inaugurated two vital

infrastructures: the 60linear meter pre-stressed ALIMODIAN'S / page 2



Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. with other provincial officials and municipal officials of Alimodian graced the blessing and inauguration of the 60-linear meter pre-stressed concrete girder Cabacanan Bridge in Brgy. Cabacanan, Alimodian on August 26, 2025. (Capitol News)

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Warning system to ensure animal safety, prevent road accidents urged

ILOILO CITY -

Councilor Sedfrey Cabaluna is rallying his colleagues at the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) for the passage of a resolution calling for the installation of warning signage in strategic areas to ensure the safety of stray animals and prevent road accidents.

The strategic areas include national roads, highways, highly-populated barangays or residential areas, public

markets, plazas and other identified locations where stray animals are commonly present or pose potential hazards to motorists and pedestrians.

"While no official tally is being maintained by the Office of the City Veterinarian on the number of stray animals killed or injured in road accidents, it has been observed that carcasses are routinely collected and disposed of

at the Calahunan dumpsite," he said in his resolution on Wednesday.

He added that some are even left uncollected due to decomposition.

In a follow-up interview, he said that most often, signages always put animals in a negative light.

This time, he said they wanted to position that Iloilo City is serious about its advocacy.

"We researched some standard signages that are being implemented abroad and even here locally," he

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WARNING SIGNAGE. City Councilor Sedfrey Cabaluna explains to members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) the significance of having warning signage in strategic areas in Iloilo City to ensure the safety of stray animals and prevent road accidents. The Council approved the resolution during their regular session on Wednesday (Aug. 27, 2025). (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

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- * SPS. Theodore and Eufemia Wilmett Valderrama
- * SPS. Emilio and Gina D. Diez
- * Teodoro B. Pison M/TO Rosalina Luna Pison
- * Wu Bing Huai
- * SPS. Marcelino, Jr. and Susan C. Florete Top Real Property Corporation Taxpayers
- * Panay Energy Development Corporation
- * Megaworld Corporation
- * SM Prime Holdings Corporation
- * Heva Management Dev't Corporation
- * Panay Power Corporation
- * Philippine Foremost Milling Corporation
- * Avida Land Corporation
- * AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System; Sta. Lucia Realty & Development Inc.
 - * SM Mega Holdings, Inc.
 - * More Electric and Power Corporation
 - * Adauge Commercial Corporation
 - * Robinsons Land Corporation
 - * TTK Realty & Dev't Corporation
 - * Juan Jamora Jr. Ent. Inc.
 - * Travelers International Hotel Group, Inc.
 - * Avon River Power Holdings Corporation
 - * Dasa Realty Corporation
- * Sta. Lucia Realty and Development, Inc.
- * Henber Realty Dev't Corporation
- * La Filipina Uygongco Corporation Top Individual Business Taxpayers
- * Gilbert F. Falcis
- * Noemi Borgonia Gevera
- * Theodore M. Valderrama
- * George O. Que
- * Roberto J. Garcia
- * Alvin Hilario de Guzman Uy
- * Paul O. Que
- * John Alexander Castro Que
- * Nancy Penit
- * Bennett Y. Chua
- **Top Corporate Taxpayers**
- * Panay Energy Development Corporation
- * More Electric and Power Corporation
- * SM Prime Holdings, Inc.
- * SYL Hermanos Industrial Sales, Inc.
- * Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation
- * Mandurriao Star, Inc.
- * Avida Land Corporation
- * JT International (Philippines) Inc.
- * Philippine Foremost Milling Corporation
- * Suy Sing Commercial Corporation
- * Supervalue, Inc.
- * University of Iloilo
- * Metro Pacific Iloilo Water Inc.
- * Panay Power Corporation
- * Haier Electrical Appliances Philippines, Inc.
- * Asec Development & Construction Corporation
- * Mercury Drug Corporation
- * IBC International Builders Corporation
- * Carlos Uy Corporation

Mayor Treñas expressed gratitude and acknowledged the awardees for their vital role and steadfast commitment in sustaining public services for Iloilo City's progress.

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concrete girder Cabacanan Bridge and a newly completed multi-purpose covered gym.

The bridge, undertaken through the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) in partnership with the Iloilo Provincial Government and the Municipality of Alimodian, promise to significantly improve mobility, access, and quality of life for over 3,500 residents living within the area, including Indigenous Peoples (IP) communities.

For Alimodian, known as the "Vegetable Capital of Iloilo," the P52.7-million Cabacanan Bridge is more than a structure. It is a lifeline that will connect farmers, including IP growers, to wider markets, ensuring their fresh produce reaches consumers faster and in better condition.

The bridge spans 60 meters with concrete carriageways, linking barangays across agricultural zones totaling 345

Mayor Ian Kenneth Alfeche of Alimodian underscored the bridge's deeper meaning for the community.

"This bridge symbolizes love and cooperation among the community and our leaders," said Mayor Alfeche, who recalled that this is a dream come true for many residents of the Seven Cities.

Provincial Engineer Romeo Andig revealed that although the bridge was completed in December 2024, revisions and corrections in the finishing phase extended construction until May 2025.

But the impact of the bridge is already felt by local residents.

Meanwhile, the P3.3-million multi-purpose covered gym provides a safe, spacious venue for community gatherings, sports, and disaster response operations. It is expected to serve as a central hub for civic activities and emergency shelter during calamities, further strengthening community resilience.

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., together with Vice Governor Lee Ann Debuque, 2nd District Representative Chief of Staff Mike Gorriceta, Mayor Ian Kenneth Alfeche, Vice Mayor Geefre Alonsabe, and local officials, led the ceremonies attended by provincial government department heads and employees, PRDP representatives, and beneficiaries.

Governor Defensor thanked the local government and residents for helping in the realization of the projects. He also noted that the "Seven Cities" is an attractive place, highlighting its tourism and agricultural potential for further development.

The term "Seven Cities" refers to a cluster of mountainous barangays in Alimodian - Brgy. Cabacanan Proper, Tabug, Uminggan, Dao, Lico, Manasa and Cabacanan Rizal - that are known for their production of organic vegetables, lush vegetation, and waterfalls.

Cabacanan Barangay Captain Jonel Calambro, speaking on behalf of the community, expressed gratitude for the projects.

"We are very grateful for these projects," said Brgy. Capt. Calambro, emphasizing how these infrastructures uplift daily life in the barangay and the entire town.

With these new facilities, Alimodian strengthens its position as Iloilo's prime vegetable hub, ensuring that the hard work of its farmers, including IP communities, translates into greater income, more opportunities, and sustained growth for generations to come. (Capitol

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Ralph Lauren Torre Figueroa, Dr. Brian Gul S. Sarinas, Dante Villanueva Aguilar, Winston Conrad B. Padojinog, Ernesto A. Borromeo Jr., Nicolas "Nick" Deocampo, Engr. Fulbert Woo, Dr. Joselito F. Villaruz, and Ramonito "Ram" Bearneza Silva.

In addition, the city also recognized some individuals with the Lifetime Achievement Award, including Ma. Luisa Segovia, Dr. Mary Lou Lacson Arcelo, and Ma. Teresa Nene Chan.

A Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Gil Lopez Kabayao and Magdalena Jalandoni, while the city also gave Diamond Achievement Award to Samuel Po, Felipe Uygongco and Marian Beatriz "Patis" P. Tesoro.

In her message, Mayor Treñas cited the city's recent programs and achievements benefiting the welfare of Ilonggos.

She outlined initiatives under the RISE-to-Action pillars Rising Health and Social Services, Rising Economy, and Rising Liveability — that aim to deliver lasting impact to the lives of Ilonggos.

These include the opening of the Uswag Atipan Center near the Mayor's Office, a one-stop hub for essential services such as assistance, health, education, and livelihood support, in which it has served hundreds of residents in just a few days.

Over 700 individuals have also availed services during the launching of Atipan Fair in the Plaza of Jaro, Arevalo, and Molo last August 25.

She also outlined the established Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Recruitment Center at City Hall which aims for accessible job opportunities for Ilonggos.

Mayor Treñas also highlighted operations of nine USWAG Pharmacies—the first in Western Visayas providing 75 essential medicines for free with licensed pharmacists in our health centers.

She also cited Project TRANSFORM, in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other partner stakeholders. The said project is a united, inclusive, science-based path to resilience and sustainable urban development, reaching every barangay, every household, every Ilonggo.

Moreover, Mayor Treñas also acknowledged the significant individuals for their invaluable contributions to the city, which brought pride, motivation, and inspiration to their fellow Ilonggos and Filipinos in taking action and uplifting lives and community for the city's continuous progress.

Meanwhile, the event was also joined by Former Mayor Jerry Treñas and other key figures within the City Government.

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Liga Day 2025 successfully kicked off at the Iloilo Sports Complex in district of La Paz on August 24. It was led by Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Iloilo Provincial President and Ex-officio Board Member Kap. Amalia Victoria Debuque. (MJ Cavañas)

Iloilo Liga Day 2025 Successfully kicked off

By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Liga Day 2025 successfully kicked off at the Iloilo Sports Complex in district of La Paz on August 24.

It was led by Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Iloilo Provincial President and Ex-officio Board Member Kap. Amalia Victoria Debuque.

In her message, Kap. Debuque welcomed all attendees who participated in the gathering all the way from the first to fifth district municipalities of Iloilo Province. She also expressed gratitude for the success of the event to other Liga Presidents who supported and trust her.

She also acknowledged the barangay chairmen, councilors, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), treasurers, secretaries, Liga coordinators for their participation and support in the program.

Debuque outlined the program, "Barangay Aid on Wheels", in partnership with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Iloilo Chapter and DILG - Iloilo, aiming to provide legal assistance within the barangays in the

province. She also added the launching of "Kaibigan Mo Ang Liga", which provides burial, medical, and hospital assistance for the barangay officials.

This year, the event was well-prepared and filled with various activities including commitment signing of support to Iloilo Provincial Government's educational initiative which is the "Bulig Eswela sang Probinsya" (BES Probins), raffle, band performance, and awarding of Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) for the year 2024

The SGLGB 2024 awardees composed of the following:

- Brgy. San Juan Crisostomo (Anilao)
- Brgy. Agboy Norte (Leon)
- Brgy. Binolbog (Leon)
- Brgy. Igcadios (Leon)
- Brgy. Pagsanga-an (Pavia)
- Brgy. Ungka II (Pavia)
- Brgy. Gines Nuevo (San Enrique)

Philippines - Iloilo Chapter and DILG - Iloilo, aiming to provide legal assistance within the barangays in the Jr., Vice Mayor Nathalie Ann Debuque, LnB National

President Maria Katrina Jessica Dy, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Iloilo Provincial Director Engr. Carmelo Orbista, Anilao Mayor Ma. Teresa Debuque, Fifth District Board Member Nielito "Doc Darl" Tupas, among others.

LnB President Dy expressed gratitude to everyone who supported the term adjustment that was recently signed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., postponing the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) this year.

She also called for everyone's support to the bill, "Magna Carta of Barangay Officials", aiming to address the welfare, concerns, and benefits of barangay officials within the community.

Governor Defensor and Vice Governor Debuque also showed their respective support for the event during their messages. Defensor emphasized the role of barangay officials in the development of the province in terms of education and tourism programs within their respective barangays. He also called for their support to the upcoming projects of the Iloilo Provincial Government.

About 13,300 participants composed of barangay

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Torre walks the plank

Yesterday, a friend asked me to be his sounding board to bounce things off regarding a conversation he just had with the recently removed PNP chief Nic Torre.

My friend reached out to General Torre to extend his sympathy for the shocking and embarrassing manner by which General Torre was removed as chief of the Philippine National Police.

I told my friend that the case has been connected to the issue of Torre recalling promotions of PNP officers and reassigning several. My friend strongly opposed the claim, saying General Torre had advised and asked PBBM's permission regarding the issue.

Then he shared that upon being informed of his removal as Chief PNP, General Torre was given two directives and his response, both requiring compliance by noon today.

The first was to accept the position of czar or chief investigator of a Commission to be formed regarding the flood control projects anomalies. The second was to submit a letter stating Torre's desire for early retirement instead of in 2027. I suppose the "retirement letter" is needed to clear the deck for the incoming PNP head.

Word is already out in the grapevine regarding the offer to make Torre the czar of the Commission, but only Torre or Jonvic Remulla can confirm or deny if Torre was indeed asked to submit the request for early retirement.

My friend advised General Torre to "accept the position of czar for the meantime until something better is available," and asked me how I viewed the whole matter, given that General Torre was not the most popular and humble man in town.

I told my friend he should not have given the advice to General Torre. I was reminded of a scene in the Tolkien Trilogy (The Hobbit, etc.) where the elves told their human counterpart: "We cannot tell you how to decide, because it is you who will have to live with the

consequences of your decision."

As far as the offer to make Torre the czar to investigate flood control anomalies, I called it "consuelo de bobo" or, in English, "consolation prize for fools." After being unceremoniously removed from office, what would Torre have to gain by accepting a non-existent position?

If anything, the offer becomes a "two for one" solution for what to do with Torre and to start the process for the long-delayed formation of an investigating body. Torre's audacity and bravado would play into the idea, little knowing he would be the deodorizer to his own fall.

I pointed out to my friend that the optics is already bad from many angles. Whether friend or foe, the dismissal or removal of Torre as Chief PNP was shocking and suggested something serious behind the lines.

Malacañang should have talked with Torre first, announce his appointment as czar, then replaced him with General Nartatez. That would have been good optics, but some people were in a hurry.

Outside the political circles, people wondered if Torre was found guilty of something, a crime perhaps, something scandalous, or did he become a threat to some people in the administration?

Inside the administration and the community of supporters, Torre's removal was evidence that no matter how loyal, committed or willing you are to serve the administration, anyone is expendable or disposable. This also confirms the belief that decisions in Malacañang are based on who reaches the President

As far as becoming czar of the investigating body is concerned, it would be like picking a rock and hitting yourself in the head and saying "Thank you."

It is bad enough that Torre might soon become a powerless ex-cop who has a target on his back for "deporting" former president Rodrigo Duterte to the ICC

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in The Hague. But in "appointing" Nic Torre as czar to investigate the biggest syndicated acts of plunder in the Philippines, he is basically being thrown to the lions, then fed to the dogs after being kicked out of office!

The current list of suspects in the flood control anomalies are big time contractors, congressmen, governors, mayors and DPWH officials. That does not even include brokers, suppliers and maybe even banks.

The Cong. Tractors and contractors ran off with billions of pesos, making them guilty of plunder. If the suspects have billions of pesos, it means that they have clout in the halls of power and among the best law offices as well as in the judiciary.

Depending on the extent of those involved, the formation of an investigating commission can be delayed, diluted or misdirected. I would guess that it would take at least three months, unless people are "voluntold" to sign up.

How confident can Gen. Nic Torre be that he has the full support and approval of the President to go after any "Kamag-anak," "Ka-partido," "Kabarkada" or those who gave hundreds of millions towards PBBM's election?

It is one thing to "ambush" a sickly person wanted by the Interpol and put him on a plane with the approval of Malacañang, but that is nothing compared to declaring war with criminal billionaires, crooked politicians and high-priced law firms.

In the end, Gen. Nic Torre "walked the plank" for PBBM et. al. Little did he realize his shipmates would actually push him into the abyss. Swim to shore and enjoy your early retirement. Why work with people who also feed you to the sharks?

Political will

And just like that, a public works district engineer is under arrest on charges of bribery, while two other DEs are on floating status.

Contractors are reportedly in a mad scramble to cover their tracks, or else are contemplating to turn state witness.

Lawmakers are being identified and linked to anomalous flood control projects. Since a mere blanket denial can spell the end of the story, people are waiting for formal indictments, speedy trial and punishment.

Coming up, we hope, are the names of accomplices in the Commission on Audit and bids and awards committees.

So it can be done, if so desired. Kaya naman pala, kung gugustuhin.

This is a common observation as Ferdinand Marcos Jr. wields the vast powers of the presidency to carry out an unprecedented crackdown on the long-running kalakaran or standard operating procedure that has bled public coffers of billions meant for flood control.

It's called political will, which in our plundered nation entails readiness to break political alliances and damn the torpedoes.

Because of what people perceive to be BBM's strong support for his crackdown, and seeing quick action on tips sent anonymously to the website he has rolled out, there's public enthusiasm for this campaign.

Doubts will be dispelled if he goes after allies linked to substandard and ghost projects. He must start with the big fish; any catch smaller than a lawmaker will earn him yawns for a vapid zarzuela.

And residual doubts will be eliminated once rules on speedy trial are applied, and a big fish is convicted and lands behind bars.

Contractors who believe they are not the most guilty should consider the suggestion of Sen. Panfilo Lacson to turn state witness.

The same goes for officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), who might want to identify their political patrons. Depending on the level of participation in the crime, their testimony could spell the difference between a life term or shorter years in prison. Their families might even get to keep some of their ill-gotten wealth.

Stories of corruption in the DPWH have circulated for a long time, and were routinely condemned by a succession of presidents.

Over the years I have talked to several top DPWH officials, who lamented that they were helpless in the face of lawmakers not only earmarking projects for DPWH implementation, but also imposing their favored contractors to undertake the projects. These included contractors who had not met the qualifications for DPWH accreditation, the officials

At the same time, I've also talked to some players in the construction industry, who sighed that to bag government deals, they had no choice but to compete with rivals by giving kickbacks at every step of the process.

While the corruption kalakaran is widely discussed, pinning down the perpetrators is hampered by the same factors that make anti-graft efforts challenging in this country.

Foremost of these factors is that signatures or even thumbprints are rarely affixed to incriminating documents. This allows layers of deniability to be designed at every step of the distribution of dirty money, as detailed in Lacson's privilege speech.

Payoffs are typically in cash, to muddle the money trail, even if it means delivering the cash in sacks in several tranches.

Incidentally, this is also the practice in votebuying. For some time, digital technology facilitated the payments, but now the vote buyers and sellers are reportedly rethinking their trust in ATMs and e-wallets, which leave an incriminating digital trail.

Bank transactions by the payer of kickbacks can provide the money trail. Lifting bank secrecy laws will require that the depositor faces a formal investigation or indictment.

Sketches Ana Marie



But this will require incriminating documents or a credible whistleblower.

As for the periodic inspection of state-funded projects throughout the various stages of construction, a typical comment from government officials and personnel is that they presume regularity in the implementation of projects, whether by national or local agencies, with state auditors expected to assess the judicious use of public

These days, there's presumption of thievery at every step of project implementation.

It's unfortunate that lawmakers, DPWH personnel and contractors must be closely watched like bratty children – or worse, like incorrigible thieves – in the implementation of state-funded projects.

What political will did was to encourage the public to keep a close watch, fueled by trust that the vigilance and reporting of wrongdoing will bear

President Marcos has overpromised in his government reorganization, and much earlier, in his "aspiration" for rice at P20 a kilo, now rolled out through heavy subsidies at taxpayers' expense.

He seems to get these reformist sparks, only for them to be doused by a reality check. Yesterday he vanked out Nicolas Torre III, the first Philippine National Police Academy graduate to head the PNP, and replaced him with a member of the last batch of Philippine Military Academy graduates allowed to enter the police service.

This time, in BBM's "mahiya naman kayo" campaign, he must not disappoint. Failure will guarantee impunity; the ranks of the shameless or walang hiya will expand.

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Expo to showcase life-saving knowledge, ILOILO CITY - The local government here is saving up for a two-day 2025 KABALAKA Expo, showcase of life saving browledge and ability. Skills, innovations on DRRM

gearing up for a two-day 2025 KABALAKA Expo, a showcase of life-saving knowledge and skills and innovations in risk reduction and resilience, in partnership with the Office of the Civil Defense Western Visayas (OCD6) and other resilience partners on Aug. 29 to 30.

Darwin Joemil Papa, head of the Quick Response Division of the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), said it was supposed to be part of the celebration for National Disaster Resilience Month in July but was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

KABALAKA (KAhublagan sa BArangay para sa LApnagon nga KAhandaan sa KAlamidad) or Movement for Community-Based Disaster Preparedness is the city government's banner program to reduce risks, prevent and mitigate the impact of climate change, disasters and hazards in the community, resource mobilization, and volunteerism, among others.

The expo will feature informative and interactive exhibits designed to engage a diverse audience, such as exhibition booths, interactive and creative resilience activities, and response assets exhibition.

"One of the highlights of the event will be a round of 10 to 15-minute talks or K-talk where they will have impactful briefings on DRRM," he said in a press conference on Wednesday.

OCD6 Operations Section head lawyer Melissa Banias said they want to let people know that Iloilo City has the equipment, capacity and DRRM materials they can share with them.

"One of the things that we really want to showcase is how prepared we are, not only the Iloilo City government but other stakeholders, the school, the academe. DRRM is everybody's business," she said.

Banias said the expo is the first in Iloilo City and they hope to hold it annually. (PNA)

KALIBO, Aklan (PIA) — Twenty-four former rebels have applied for the government's Amnesty Program during the acceptance of applications held in Barangay Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan.

Particularly, the applicants were former members of the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-P/RPA/ABB).

Mainly, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) led this significant step towards peace and reconciliation, in partnership with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), and the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) VI, which aims to offer a new beginning for former rebels, who once took up arms against the government.

The Amnesty Program provides a second chance for members of breakaway communist groups to reintegrate into society and live free from the burdens of their past.

Prosecutor Flosemer Chris Gonzales, spokesperson of the RTF-ELCAC VI, said the 24 applicants, hailing



KABALAKA EXPO. Office of the Civil Defense Western Visayas Operations Section head Melissa Banias (third from left) talks about what they would like to achieve in the 2025 KABALAKA Expo in a press conference on Wednesday (Aug. 27, 2025). The two-day event to be held Aug, 29 to 30 will showcase life-saving knowledge and skills and innovations in risk reduction and resilience. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

Amnesty program opens doors to former rebels in Aklan and Antique

from Aklan and Antique, face criminal charges primarily linked to politically motivated armed struggles such as murder, frustrated murder, arson, extortion, and other violent acts.

"These crimes were committed in pursuit of political beliefs, but with this amnesty, they are given a chance to change and live normal lives," Gonzales noted.

During the event, the applicants underwent a thorough orientation that detailed the obligations and implications of the amnesty program. Each applicant then took an oath before Gonzales, signifying their commitment to peace and the legitimacy of their application.

Gonzales explained that once the oath is taken, the amnesty process begins.

Applications are validated and submitted to several agencies, including the 301st Infantry Brigade, Police Regional Office 6, Department of Justice – Office of the Regional Prosecutor, OPAPRU, and other relevant government offices.

He further revealed that Western Visayas has received over 200 amnesty applications, some of which have already been forwarded to the Office of the President, for final approval. The President signs the Amnesty Resolution after careful review.

While waiting for the resolution, applicants are granted Safe Conduct Passes—documents that prevent the serving of arrest warrants and allow safe movement.

These former rebels are also entitled to benefits under the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), including

livelihood assistance packages, monetary incentives for surrendered firearms, socio-economic packages from DSWD, TUPAD program access from DOLE, skills training from TESDA, agricultural and livelihood support from DA and DENR, and educational assistance from various government units.

Gonzales emphasized that while no one has yet received full amnesty, many have benefited from the program's protection and livelihood support.

He underscored that the amnesty application period will only run until March 2026, warning that no applications will be accepted after the deadline.

"Walang sisihan kapag ang ibang kasama ninyo ay mabigyan ng amnestiya at kayo ay mananatiling nasa kulungan. Dito sa programang amnestiya ng gobyerno walang sugal dito. We are not gambling on your future; we are trying to tell you that you will have a bright future if you avail the amnesty program," Gonzales said.

(No blaming if your comrades will be given amnesty and you will be left behind bars. There is no gamble in this program.)

He also noted that during interactions, many applicants shared their reasons for joining the armed movement—poverty, broken promises, land reform issues, and disenchantment with the government.

One former rebel, who spent 37 years with the armed group stated:

"Hindi talaga kayang baguhin ang sistema sa pamamagitan ng armadong pakikipaglaban sa gobyerno. Mas corrupt pa sa loob ng CPP-NPA-NDF."

According to Gonzales, over 900 affidavits have been collected from former rebels, many of whom admitted to being deceived by flowery promises that were never materialized.

"When they applied for amnesty, the overwhelming response was gratitude. They realized that their fears of being killed upon surrender were nothing but lies. Instead, they were met with open arms and opportunities," he shared

On behalf of the Local Amnesty Board for Panay Island and RTF-ELCAC for Western Visayas, Prosecutor Gonzales extended an invitation to current members of

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HOW bad is the brouhaha over botched flood control projects in the country?

Stinking to high heavens, it would seem, that in his 2025 State of the Nation Address, President Marcos Jr. lashed out at those responsible for wasting precious government funds on ill-conceived, half-baked and even ghost projects.

He pointed out that despite a massive budget allocation of P545 billion for flood control projects from July 2022 to May 2025, many areas remain vulnerable to flooding, raising questions about project effectiveness.

He revealed that only 15 out of 2,409 accredited contractors received 18 percent (P100 billion) of the total budget, and some firms were linked to political families and had projects across multiple regions.

The Chief Executive also disclosed that 64 percent of flood control projects lacked clear descriptions or had identical costs despite being in different locations.

In view of all this, he said he had launched a transparency website (sumbongsapangulo.ph) to allow public access and reporting.

He ended his SONA with a vow to hold corrupt



Flood control fiasco

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officials and contractors accountable: "Mahiya naman kayo" ("Have some shame").

A month later, to show that he meant business, the President, along with local government and DPWH officials, inspected on Aug. 24 the rock shed project at Purok Millsite Sitio Camp 6 in Barangay Camp 4, on Kennon Road, a major thoroughfare connecting the mountain city of Baguio to the lowland town of Rosario in La Union, which has since been closed to motorists due to risks of rockfalls and landslides.

According to the President, the slope protection of the project disintegrated, causing boulders from the mountains to fall and damaging the road.

"Here is the problem: This P260 million project [is] useless. It's like the government threw money into the river. Useless," the President said.

"To correct this will cost double. That's my top of the head estimate, P500 million to fix this," he added.

According to the DPWH, the national government allocated P274 million from its 2022 budget for the construction of a 152-meter, two-lane rock shed along Kennon Road to serve as a protective structure to safeguard motorists from rock falls and landslides.

The contract amounting to P264 million was awarded to a company whose owner ran for congressman under the President's Partido Federal ng Pilipinas but lost in the 2025 midterm elections.

But the Chief Executive has vowed there would be no sacred cows in his latest crackdown against corrupt officials and private contractors involved in anomalous flood control projects of the government.

As in his previous inspections of flood control projects in different parts of the country, the President warned those involved in anomalous flood control projects that they would be charged with economic sabotage, a nonbailable offense whose penalties include a life sentence.

That's what our people expect from this administration, and that's what President Marcos Jr. should do if he really means business.

Fixing the flood control mess

country's flood control budget and projects is not just understandable but justified, given the rotten system that has allowed corruption and incompetence to thrive for years, while Filipinos endured knee- to neck-deep floods every rainy season.

Following his revelation on the concentration of flood control contracts among a select few firms, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said his government is eyeing filing economic sabotage cases against contractors of ghost flood control projects. This comes after field inspections of major flood control projects tagged as "completed" in official records but turned out to be either unfinished, substandard or worse – non-existent.

The recent revelations are only a concrete confirmation of what we all know has been going on: that much of the money meant to serve and benefit our communities are going into the pockets of a select few.

Contractors who pocket public funds without fulfilling their contracts should not only be named and shamed they must be fined, blacklisted, and prosecuted. Likewise, government officials who approved, tolerated, or failed to monitor these projects must also be held accountable and must face a heavier penalty. Corruption is never a one-sided affair. Every contractor who pocketed public funds had a government counterpart who enabled it – whether by incompetence, negligence, or outright collusion.

What makes this scandal more infuriating is the irony

Public outrage sparked by revelations on the that billions have been funneled into non-existent flood control projects while other essential social services and sectors make do with limited budgets. Senior Citizens Party-List Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" Ordanes perfectly described it when he lamented difficulties in requesting funds for programs that will benefit millions of Filipino elderly and yet billions are easily pocketed by a select

> Accountability is non-negotiable but while we demand a full investigation into the country's flood control mess, we must be vigilant against turning this scandal into a mere witch hunt.

> We must demand that the investigations on this do not only identify and punish the culprits but also pave the way for systemic reforms. Unless we go beyond witch hunts and actually fix the broken system, we will be having this same conversation again in a few years wondering why we're still knee-deep in water and where our taxes went.

> Addressing the problem should be rooted in three pillars: complete transparency, procurement reform, and rethinking flood control.

> First is complete transparency: as I have previously mentioned, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) must launch an open-access digital platform or website where every project is logged --complete with contractor names, budgets, timelines, and progress reports verified by independent third-party inspectors. This way, the public can see the actual status

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By Joe Zaldarriaga

of these projects – whether they are real or not.

Second, procurement reform. With only a handful of contractors cornering nearly PHP100 billion in flood control projects, there is clearly a problem with the bidding system. Procurement must be broadened and strengthened to allow more credible contractors to participate and to prohibit dubious, substandard ones from winning contracts. Blacklisting violators should be strictly enforced.

Last is a call to rethink flood control. We cannot just keep on building dikes or clearing out drainage. Flood control must be integrated with urban planning and should be holistically developed with not just engineering standards in mind, but also long-term viability, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability.

President Marcos Jr. was right to call out the mess, but his administration must ensure this does not end as another political spectacle.

Contractors who pocketed public funds must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. But equally, systems must be reformed to ensure that such abuses do not happen again. Accountability without reform is hollow. Reform without accountability is meaningless.

At the end of the day, Filipinos are not demanding miracles. They are demanding results - and rightly so, because it is the people's money they are plundering.

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Cincinnatus and dynasties

Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus was a statesman and military leader of the early Roman Republic. At one time, he was an absolute ruler and dictator of Rome. When he finished his term and achieved his goals, he gave it all up and retired to a simple life on a farm. When Rome needed him again, he gave up his plough and exchanged it for a sword to lead the Roman army and defeated the Aequi in three weeks of battle. After such a stunning victory, he could have returned to power and become Rome's absolute ruler again, but instead, he gave it all up to return to his farm, claiming he had done his duty already.

The tale of Cincinnatus is often used as a model for civic virtue and selfless public service. Twice granted absolute political power, Cincinnatus held on to that power only up to the time it was needed and not a day longer. Some leaders have tried to follow the example of Cincinnatus. George Washington, the father of American democracy, was said to have refused a third term or even greater powers to return to his farm after his term as President.

It is said that it is almost impossible to resist the urge to maintain power. Once tasted, the allure of power is quite intoxicating and addictive. As such, politicians often find ways to extend their hold on power, including, but not limited to, drafting their immediate family into the world of politics.

Last week, three senators filed separate antidynasty bills that propose varying restrictions on relatives of incumbent officials. The senators cite political dynasties as the main cause for underdevelopment in some provinces and the weakening of checks and balances and political competition. Party-lists, too, have been seemingly taken over by political families. In light of the foregoing, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) has recently urged the Senate to harmonize the aforesaid anti-dynasty bills to make their passage more viable. PIDS has warned that unchecked dynasties "perpetuate inequalities." According to PIDS, 87 percent of governors and 80 percent of district representatives come from so-called dynastic families. Among these families, there are 18 families with five or more family members holding multiple elective posts at the same time.

Some experts opine that it will be difficult to dislodge dynasties through legislative measures. In this light, perhaps an alternative approach

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

can be taken. Perhaps, we can mobilize existing popular but qualified persons to run for office with no intention of setting up a dynasty. We have the example of Mayor Vico Sotto of Pasig, whose rise to power included dismantling an age-old hold on the mayoralty of Pasig. He has already indicated he will not run for office, and he has neither a spouse nor children who could be potential heirs

We need to develop and support the new model politician. Celebrities or their kin can be a shortcut. They need, however, to be programmed to follow the example of Cincinnatus. Perhaps, with a synchronized effort of many, including pragmatic down on the ground political experts, we can achieve a modicum of success.

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From ghost month to ghost projects

In Chinese tradition, Ghost Month falls on the seventh month of the lunar calendar, with the 2025 observance taking place from August 17 to September 14. It is believed that during this period, the spirits of ancestors and departed loved ones return to the realm of the living. Because of this, many Chinese avoid major undertakings—such as traveling, launching a business, or relocating to a new home—for fear that such actions might displease wandering spirits.

During the Ghost Month, many Filipinos are not only reminded of wandering spirits but are now discovering "ghost projects" that continue to haunt the nation. This became especially evident after widespread flooding exposed the futility of certain flood control projects. In his State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. strongly rebuked contractors and their patrons for wasting public funds on such fraudulent undertakings, declaring with frustration, "Mahiya naman kayo."

After his State of the Nation Address, the President exposed alarming irregularities in the use of public funds for flood control. Out of the PHP545 billion released for these projects since July 2022, roughly PHP100 billion—or about 20 percent—was funneled to just 15 contractors, with five firms cornering projects nationwide. The President announced that a full audit would be conducted to investigate these questionable allocations, citing an initial review of data from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). It was later revealed that from 2022 to 2025, flood control projects were allocated an enormous budget exceeding PHP1 trillion.

As revelations of ghost projects continue to surface, the media-joined by vigilant netizens—have taken on the role of "ghost hunters," exposing the breadth of corruption in flood control projects.

The issue extends beyond mere ghost projects. Many flood control works are either poorly built or deliberately left unfinished, yet astonishingly declared as "completed" on paper. This is not mere incompetence—it reeks of a well-entrenched racket, a collusion among agencies and contractors that thrives on siphoning off public funds. Such systemic corruption turns supposed safeguards against

disaster into disasters themselves.

In various parts of the country where flood control projects were implemented, this has become a source of flooding, inundating areas such as farms and houses, and creating havoc in the lives, livelihoods, and properties of residents. Some localities that are not even flood-prone have nonetheless received flood control projects worth billions of pesos, raising serious questions about misplaced priorities and corruption. The President's discovery of this massive corruption highlights the pervasive nature of corruption.

One positive outcome of the President's exposé is that communities are now openly discussing unfinished or even non-existent flood control projects in their areas. Once ignored or whispered, these topics are now part of a national conversation on accountability. Local government units (LGUs), many of which were never consulted by the DPWH, are beginning to push back—especially as they witness firsthand how uncoordinated projects have worsened flooding in their jurisdictions. This renewed vigilance from both citizens and LGUs marks an important step in reclaiming transparency and ensuring that public funds are used for genuine, would remain silent while they plundered public effective flood mitigation.

In Quezon City, Mayor Joy Belmonte disclosed that more than 141 flood control projects undertaken by the DPWH were implemented without coordination with the local government. Residents have even reported that the construction of these projects has exacerbated flooding in certain areas. To address this, the city government has begun reviewing the scope of work for each project to determine whether the infrastructure meets quality standards and complies with contract provisions and the city master plan. Beyond the initial report of 141 questionable projects, the local government—working with District Action Officers and barangay leaders—is now verifying additional projects. The active involvement of barangays is crucial, as they are in the best position to confirm whether these flood control structures are truly completed, properly built, and capable of protecting communities from the worsening floods.

The Quezon City government is now replicating its initiative nationwide, with a

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By Brian James Lu

focus on identifying abandoned, unfinished, and substandard flood control projects. President Marcos has called on the public to take an active role in exposing massive corruption, urging citizens to hold accountable the contractors and officials behind these fraudulent schemes.

This nationwide mobilization marks a significant shift, transforming communities from passive victims of flooding into active watchdogs against those who profit from their suffering.

It is astounding how contractors have been able to successfully complete projects without any oversight. How can an infrastructure project, supposedly backed by complete documents, pass unnoticed by both the community and the government's auditing system? Such brazenness suggests a culture of impunity contractors so confident in their scheme that they assumed the government and the people

There must be accountability for the irregularities exposed by the president and now brought to light by the people themselves. While some politicians are attempting to distance themselves from these anomalies, public pressure is mounting. Citizens and advocacy groups are calling for a fraud audit or the creation of an independent investigative body to uncover the truth and ensure that those responsible are held to account.

Justice cannot be selective—both contractors and public officials who enabled these schemes must face consequences.

I am reminded of a decade ago, when largescale livelihood projects—later revealed to be nonexistent—shook the government and implicated several legislators and government officials. That scandal triggered a nationwide outcry, and many of those involved were eventually found guilty. The present situation demands the same, if not greater, resolve: to confront corruption head-on and ensure that history does not simply repeat itself.

News Express September 1 - 7, 2025

SRA conducts tests on content of canes affected by RSSI infestation

BACOLOD CITY – The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) is conducting tests on the sugar content of harvestable sugarcanes in Negros Occidental to determine loss due to the red-striped soft scale insect (RSSI) infestation.

Data from the SRA on Wednesday showed tests on harvested canes, aged at least nine to 10 months, started last week in Cadiz City and Manapla in northern Negros.

"Production data will be collected. This directive will guide the SRA in making projection of production figures for the coming crop year," a statement from the office of SRA Administrator Pablo Luis Azcona said.

RSSI could reduce the sugar content of infested canes by almost 50 percent.

According to data from SRA Visayas as of Aug. 19, the infestation has affected 3,656.69 hectares of sugarcane areas since the start of monitoring on May 22.

Negros Occidental recorded 3,509.83 hectares of infested sugarcane fields in 24 local government units, affecting 1,913 farmers in 162 barangays.

Negros Oriental reported infestation in 24.8 hectares of farmlands; Iloilo 82.19 hectares; Capiz, 27.7 hectares; and Leyte, 12.17 hectares.

A total of 291.98 hectares of affected areas have recovered, mostly in Negros Occidental, the highest of which is in Manapla, spanning 136.64 hectares; followed by Bago City, 42.51 hectares; EB Magalona, 38.62 hectares; Murcia, 26.76 hectares; and Victorias City, 22.25 hectares.

The rest of the recovering areas were reported in Mabinay, Negros Oriental; Anilao, Iloilo; and Sigma and Panit-an, Capiz, all at 10 hectares and below.

In the report, the SRA-Visayas said procurement of additional pesticide assistance worth PHP10 million is underway through the Department of Agriculture - Negros Island Region.

"With the existing 'quick response to pest outbreak project,' we continue to utilize and exhaust our current available pesticide supplies, which is carried through our mill district development councils," it added.

Researchers at the SRA-La Granja Agricultural Research and Extension Center in La Carlota City, Negros Occidental are also conducting further field trials for the mass production of entomo-pathogenic fungi against RSSI, the report said. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11282-25

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

BDO UNBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

JAYREN B. RAYMUNDO married to RICHARD L. RAYMUNDO

Debtors/Mortgagors.

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 principal office at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against SPS. JAYREN B. RAYMUNDO AND RICHARD L. RAYMUNDO ("Debtors/Mortgagors"), of legal age, Filipinos and with postal addresses at (1) MJ Herelo Water Refilling Station, F. Gorriceta Ave., Balabag Pavia, 5000 Iloilo; and (2) Lot 33, Blk. 11, Phase 11, Montecillo Villas Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, amounted to ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PESOS & 04/100 (Php1,662,285.04) Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, other charges besides the attorney's fees and incidental expenses incurred for the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his duly authorized deputy will sell at Public Auction on 23 OCTOBER 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 Bldg.. Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK to the highest bidder and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged real property/ies with all the improvements found thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021003511

BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 33, BLOCK NO: 11,
PLAN NO: PCS-06-006280
PORTION OF: LOTS 1914-A; 1914-B,
PSD-29731, LOT 2054-C,;
(LRC) PSD-7937 & LOT 1730;
1919; 1920, AGONOA
CADASTRE 8
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALABAG,
MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO,

ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	ROAD LOT 23, PCS-06-006280
2-3	NW	LOT 32, BLOCK 11, PCS-06-006280
3-4	NE	LOT 57, BLOCK 11, PCS-06-006280
4-1	SE	LOT 34, BLOCK 11 PCS-06-006280

TIE POINT: MON 26, JARO CADASTRE

LINE **BEARING** DISTANCE TO CORNER 1 N. 88° 33' E 1030.89 M. N. 54° 02' W 1-2 5.00 M. 2-3 N. 35° 58' E 9.00 M. S. 54° 02' E 5.00 M. S. 35° 58' W 9.00 M.

AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), MORE OR LESS

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

In event the Public Auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on <u>06 November 2025</u> at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 13 AUGUST 2025.

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO

Sheriff-in-Charge 09283358725

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

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INFESTED. A sugarcane farm in northern Negros Occidental is among the initial affected areas of red-striped soft scale insects (RSSI) infestation in April this year. The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) said Wednesday (Aug. 27, 2025) it is conducting tests on the sugar content of harvestable sugarcanes in Negros Occidental to determine loss due to the RSSI infestation. (Photo courtesy of SRA-Visayas)



Negros Island police heighten drive to eliminate loose firearms

BACOLOD CITY – The Police Regional Office - Negros Island Region (PRO-NIR) has intensified its campaign to eliminate illegal firearms amid continued violations that led to the recent recovery of unlicensed guns in Negros Occidental.

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PRO-NIR Director, Brig. Gen. Arnold Thomas Ibay, said in a statement on Tuesday that they are committed to ensuring a safer, more peaceful region by curbing the proliferation of loose firearms.

"We are taking decisive and proactive measures to eliminate illegal firearms from our communities, which are often the root of violence and lawlessness," he said.

On Monday, police operatives arrested Alfredo Castro, 38, in Barangay Tampalon, Kabankalan City for violating Republic Act 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

By virtue of a search warrant, they recovered from the man's possession a Smith & Wesson caliber .357 revolver, with serial number 130184, loaded with three live rounds of ammunition.

Data from the Negros Occidental Police showed that from Jan. 1 to July 31, its personnel confiscated 179 firearms and arrested 155 persons in 161 operations.

Across the province, the police stations recorded 209 surrendered, deposited, and abandoned firearms.

"The crackdown sends a strong message to individuals involved in the illegal possession, manufacture, or trafficking of firearms that PRO-NIR remains relentless in its mandate to uphold the rule of law," Ibay said. (PNA)

City mayor supports LGU consultation for nat'l gov't-funded projects

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Treñas has welcomed the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for projects funded by the national government to secure approval from local government units before their implementation.

"Local government units must never be bypassed in planning and implementation. We, as local officials, are directly accountable to our people and are in the best position to determine urgent, relevant, and safe solutions," she said in a statement released on Sunday.

She said the local government has long raised

concerns over projects carried out by the Iloilo City District Engineering Office (ICDEO) without proper coordination.

"While some were well-intentioned, many were poorly planned and disconnected from our city's priorities. These projects disrupted traffic, duplicated existing programs, or created substandard outputs," she said.

On Monday, the city mayor said she formally conveyed her intent to join the Mayors for Good Governance initiative in line with her administration's commitment "to uphold

transparency, accountability, and integrity in public service."

"Joining this alliance of reform-oriented local leaders will allow Iloilo City to further strengthen its governance practices, share our best initiatives, and learn from the experiences of other cities and municipalities across the country," she added.

President Marcos, during his inspection of a slope protection road at Kennon Road in Benguet, said he wanted the involvement of local government units in the implementation of projects funded by the national government in their area. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11397-25

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

MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) BANATE BRANCH,

Mortgagee,

versus

ERNESTO B. CANITAN and ANELYN CANITAN,

Borrowers/Mortgagors,

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-Judicial petition for foreclosure and sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) - BANATE BRANCH, a banking institution duly organized under Philippine laws and with office address at Rizal Street, Poblacion, Banate, Iloilo, Philippines, represented by its Legal Assistant, Jonathan Deocampo, against Borrowers/ Mortgagors, ERNESTO B. CANITAN and ANELYN CANITAN, both of legal age/s, Filipino/s and a residents of Block 6, Lot 35, Eon Centennial, Barangay Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of JUNE 4, 2025, amounts to TWO MILLION FIVE **HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY** and 81/100 Pesos (P2,500,370.81), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest 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 OCTOBER 14, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, 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 the improvements found thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-232941) 090-2018010205

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 35, BLOCK 6, PCS-06-003782, BEING A CONS-SUBD. OF LOTS 7, 30 & 27, portion, BCS-06-000045 (OLT), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINES 1-2-3 BY ROAD LOT 6 (6.50 M. WIDE): ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 34; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 19. BCS-06-000045 (OLT); ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 36 (PARKS & PLAYGROUND)......CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS.

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

In the event the public auction could not take place on said date and time, it shall be held on <u>October 28, 2025</u> 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 provision of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, August 11, 2025,

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

> (SGD.) ROBERTO D. GARILVA Sheriff-in-Charge

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DTI pushes Capiz MSMEs to explore export market

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Export Marketing Bureau (EMB), is encouraging micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Capiz to capitalize on opportunities in the global export market.

This call to action was underscored during the forum "Usapang Exports: The Capiz Economic Outlook, Unlocking Potential in the Visayas," organized by the Office of Capiz First District Representative Ivan Howard Guintu.

The event, attended by 75 MSMEs and indirect exporters, aimed to position Capiz as a leading trade and investment hub in the Visayas region.

"The potential for export in our province is immense. As your district representative, one of my priorities is to help you maximize this potential by bringing in more partners to guide you in elevating your products for the global market," said Guintu.

He emphasized that entering the export market can generate more livelihood and employment opportunities for Capiceños while helping establish the province as a recognized source of high-quality products.

The forum served as a platform for sharing insights on global trade trends, export-readiness strategies, and available government support.

DTI Western Visayas OIC Director Ma. Dinda Tamayo highlighted that the export market is now at the fingertips of the Capiz MSMEs.

She expressed her full support for Capiz MSMEs, (AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)

emphasizing exports as a priority and urging businesses to find their niche, comply with regulations, adopt global standards, and embrace their key economic role.

Tamayo also acknowledged that the current market is as demanding as ever, becoming increasingly dynamic and craving new, artisanal, and unique products.

"We can do niching and deliver what we can offer. This strategy can start the ball rolling to court angel investors. All we have to do is prepare our company and get our products ready. There would be debacles along the way, as your strength is in the food industry. But that should not stifle the spirit that you have started. Let us now work full throttle; we have no time to lose. We start this day and end it with a big bang," Tamayo added.

DTI Capiz information officer Marjorie Tendras said the forum gathered top-performing MSMEs in aquaculture, bamboo, cacao, coffee, ICT, processed food, and wearables and homestyles to provide direct, indirect, and aspiring exporters with up-to-date insights on global market trends and export competitiveness.

A plenary session featured in-depth discussions on EMB programs, export procedures, and a wide range of available financing options during the forum.

She also added that the MSMEs explored financing options and consulted experts on a one-on-one basis to better understand how to access capital, manage risks, and align their business strategies with current market demands. (AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)

Capiz reigns in 2025 W. Visayas 'Rescuelympics'

ILOILO CITY – The Capiz Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) bested their counterparts in Western Visayas and Negros Occidental, bagging the championship during the two-day 2025 Regional "Rescuelympics" organized by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) that ended on Monday.

"Last year, they also won. Actually, we can say that Capiz was superior because the disciplines this year were different from last year," OCD Western Visayas spokesperson Maria Cristina Mayor said in an interview on Tuesday.

Capiz secured the championship crown after



bagging the Excellence Awards for water search and rescue, vehicle extrication, and basic life support and standard first aid.

Aklan won the air-to-

ground support to bag first runner-up, while Antique won the collapsed structure search and rescue and landed as second runner-up.

Antique also won the

special award for best in static display of response capabilities.

Meanwhile, Iloilo and Negros Occidental received

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11386-25

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-

JENNY G. PATINGO, as represented by her Attorney-In-Fact, JENIEL J. AZUELO, Debtor/Mortgagor.

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 JENNY G. PATINGO, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City (2) Lot 17, Block 18, Montecillo Villas II, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 30, 2025, amounted to ONE MILLION THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE PESOS & 89/100 (P1,033,651.89), 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 OCTOBER 7, 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. 090-2022005185

"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:

PLAN NO: PCS-06-006280

BLOCK NO: 18

LOT NO: 17

PORTION OF: LOTS 1914-A; 1914-B,
PSD-29731; LOT 2054-C (LRC) PSD-7937 &
LOT 1730; 1919; 1920, AGONOA CADASTRE 8
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: JENNY G. PATINGO, SINGLE,
FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE
Address: CUBAY, JARO, ILOLO CITY
XXXXX
AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS
(45), 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 **OCTOBER 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.

lloilo City, Philippines, August 4, 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. Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. 9048 & R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that <u>JERALD RAY MAULIT</u> has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from <u>"MABEL"</u> to <u>"MAYBELLE"</u> and Correction of Clerical Error (Date of Birth) from <u>"AUG. 3, 1957"</u> to <u>"AUGUST 1, 1957"</u> in the birth certificate of <u>MABEL BOTAVARRA</u> who was born on <u>August 3, 1957</u> at <u>Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.</u>

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this office.

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/August 25, 2025 & September 1, 2025

WARNING ... (from page 2)

said.

In his resolution, he cited, among others, warning signs such as "Slow Down: Stray Animals Ahead," "Paghalong: Mga Hayop sa Karsada" (Beware: Animals on the Road), or "Brake for Animals."

He added that reminders could at least instill in the minds of drivers the need to be careful.

"It is also important to emphasize how important our pets and our stray animals are until we can get them off the street," Cabaluna added.

The resolution, directed to the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Iloilo City Engineer's Office, was approved by the City Council. (PNA)

ILOILO LIGA ... (from page 3)

officials from different municipalities in the province of Iloilo have participated to the said event, higher than last year's participants which only reached about 11,400 attendees

ILOILO TO HOST ... (from page 3)

the vegetable industry through innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

The Panay Organization for Progressive Agriculture (POPA Agriculture Cooperative) in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA), is organizing this year's event to be held on November 5 to 7, 2025 carries the theme, "Innovative. Resilient. Sustainable. Market-Ready: Revitalizing the Vegetable Industry for a Food-Secure Bagong Pilipinas."

Held annually and rotating across regions since 2015, the Congress highlights local best practices and provides a national platform for strategic collaboration. For 2025, Western Visayas steps into the spotlight as a rising hub for vegetable production, regional logistics, and climate-smart agriculture.

The full program was unveiled by POPA leadership, outlining a comprehensive three-day agenda centered on farmer empowerment, technology showcases, and policy reform dialogues. The Congress aims to support the development of the vegetable industry through hands-on learning, innovation sharing, and collaborative planning.

The opening day will feature a high-level program to reinforce national commitment to agricultural modernization and food security. On Day 2, delegates will take part in a Regional Action Planning Workshop, leading to the creation of a unified Vegetable Industry Roadmap, which will be formally presented during a plenary session and adopted as part of the Congress Declaration.

The final day will focus on field visits to selected partner farms in Iloilo. Participants will experience live demonstrations of seedling production, mechanized land preparation, transplanting techniques, and postharvest handling. Sessions will be led by experts from ATI, BPI, PhilGAP, and other DA-accredited trainers. These activities are designed to promote farmer-to-farmer exchanges and practical learning through interactions with model farms and cooperatives.

POPA emphasized that the 2025 National Vegetable Congress is poised to drive momentum toward a more modern, resilient, and market-ready vegetable industry—contributing to a more food-secure and progressive country. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FLOREEN JOY CONDINO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the birth certificate of **FLOREEN JOY B. CONDINO** who was born on **January 29, 1984** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this office.

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/August 25, 2025 & September 1, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses MARINO R. VELASCO and NIELA Q. VELASCO consisting of the following parcels of land: (1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49929 - Lot 2, Plan Psu-77277, with improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six (263,746) square meters, more or less; (2) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49928 - Lot 8, Plan Psu-100614, with improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Four Hundred Sixty Seven (467) square meters, more or less; (3) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49927 - Lot 6, Plan Psu-100614, with the improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Nineteen Thousand and Four Hundred Sixty Seven (19,467) square meters, more or less; and (4) ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-119 - Lot **3-B, Psu-105705-Amd**, with the improvements thereon, located in Sara, Iloilo with an area of Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand and Three Hundred Nineteen (837,319) square meters, more or less are adjudicated to heirs, namely, Heirs of VALENTINO Q. VELASCO: Imelda Calvo-Velasco, Val Ian C. Velasco, Ivan Joseph C. Velasco, and Annabelle Valesco-Candelario; Cristeta Velasco-Salcedo; Maria Marina Velasco-Violeta; Jose Roque Q. Velasco; Heirs of ROMULO Q. VELASCO: Allen Puada Velasco, Tresha Velasco-Basa, Nielo P. Velasco, and Tyrone P. Velasco; Heirs of MARINO Q. VELASCO JR.: Leilani A. Velasco, Marniel A. Velasco, Marino A. Velasco III, and Ma. Gisela V. Salvacion; Maria Sandra Catherine Velasco-Flores; Epifania Velasco-Portal; Lioba Velasco-Clar; Maria Josefa Velasco-Aquino; Maria Rosario Velasco-Alon; and Bernadette Q. Velasco, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. ROBERTO F. CASTILLON per Doc. No. 114, Page No. 24, Book No. I, Series of 2023 with Supplemental Affidavit to the Deed of Extra-judicial Adjudication per Doc. No. 25, Page No. 32, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

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consolation prizes.

Last year, the competencies included bucket relay, firefighting and medical assistance relay.

"In capabilities and response assets, we can say that they are on equal footing. Capiz has only a slight advantage," Mayor said.

"This is a yearly initiative, which started under Director Raul Fernandez, not only to promote the spirit of competition, but also to promote interoperability among the provinces."

Mayor said the second day of the event was focused on competition, while the first day was dedicated to knowledge sharing. (PNA)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** 6TH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice

Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph (033) 3353190 -000-

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11247-25

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 MAY ANN BORJA GRAJO and DEOGRACIAS SALVINO GRAJO, Debtors/Mortgagors.

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 MAY ANN BORJA GRAJO and DEOGRACIAS SALVINO GRAJO, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal addresses at (1) Lot 6, Block 4, Glades B Savannah, Oton, Iloilo Province 5020 (2) Lot 31, Block 1, Courtyards of the Crest within Savannah Crest Subdivision Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, amounted to FIVE MILLION FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX PESOS & 61/100 (5,043,776.61), 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 OCTOBER 7, 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 of MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

AMNESTY ... (from page 5)

the CPP-NPA-NDF and their families.

"Magbalik-loob na ho kayo sa pamahalaan. Kung NE/ September 1, 8 & 15, 2025 meron man kayong kinakaharap na kaso, maari kayong mag-aaply ng amnesty, tutulungan namin kayo sa buong proseso ng amnestiya. Magkakaroon po tayo ng makahulugang paglalakbay para sa kapayapaan, para sa pagbabagong buhay ninyo. Take advantage of the program of the government and we will help you rebuild your lives and we will reintegrate you into your communities," Gonzales added.

(We urge you to return to the folds of the law. If you are facing cases, we will guide you throughout the process. We will have a meaningful journey for peace and changing your lives.)

For those interested in applying for the amnesty, Gonzales urged families and community leaders to go to the local government units, PNP, RTF-ELCAC, and other national government agencies to initiate the surrender process.

Within 15 days of notification, a Provisional Safe Conduct Pass will be issued.

Meanwhile, Aklan Second District Representative Florencio Miraflores also graced the event, highlighting the government's support from national to local levels.

He emphasized that the program reflects the administration's readiness to accept and assist those who sincerely wish to rejoin society.

"This is a crucial step in helping former rebels truly feel the presence of the government, not just in words, but in action," Miraflores said. (AGP/SQP/PIA Aklan)

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo **Transfer Certificate of Title** No. 090-2021009774

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 31, BLK 1, PCS-06-006274, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1-33 BLK. 1, LOT 1-9 BLK. 2, LOT I-24 BLK. 3, LOT 1-19 BLK. 4, LOT 1-12 BLK. 5, LOT 1-8 BLK. 6, LOT 1-7 BLK. 7, BLOCK 8 & ROAD LOT 1 TO 10, ALL OF PCS-06-005986) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 3779-A, PSD-72733; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 30, BLK I; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 6 (10.00 M. WIDE) AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 32, BLK 1 ALL OF THE CONS-SUBD. SURVEY.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES MAY ANN BORJA **GRAJO AND DEOGRACIAS**

SALVINO GRAJO, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINOS

Address: BLOCK 4 LOT 6 GLADES B SAVANNAH SUBDIVISION,

OTON, ILOILO

X X AREA: TWO HUNDRED FORTY ONE (241) 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 OCTOBER 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 21, 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:

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ILOILO CITY – The University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) and the local government here on Tuesday signed an agreement for a research project that will monitor the water quality and factors affecting the Iloilo-Batiano River System.

UPV Chancellor Clement Camposano and Mayor Raisa Treñas signed the agreement, witnessed by UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (CIDS) Director Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall and City Environment and Natural

Republic of the Philippines Municipal Civil Registry Office Province: ILOILO Municipality: MINA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on RA No. 10172), Notice is hereby serve to the public that HELEN GUTIERREZ MADERO - SUBTENIENTE 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 HERMINIA AME GUTIERREZ who was born on JULY 7, 1941 at Mina, Iloilo and whose parents are AGUSTIN LIBO-ON GUTIERREZ and EUSTAQUIA PACTILIA AME.

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

> (SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 1, 2025 & Sept. 8, 2025

Republic of the Philippines **Municipal Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of San Miguel**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that VICTORIA S. ALBANCIA has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from PERPETUA to VICTORIA in the birth certificate of PERPETUA A.

(new first name to be adopted) (complete name of document owner) SAMONTANES who was born on March 6, 1962 at San Miguel, Iloilo and whose parents are Carlos S. Samontanes and Susana R. Arceo.

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

> (SGD.) ADA S. GUELOS Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 1, 2025 & Sept. 8, 2025

City gov't, UP Visayas ink pact for Iloilo-Batiano River study

Resources Office (CENRO) head Janis Sy.

"The study is very important as we are also looking into the water quality of the river to ensure its sustainability and biodiversity," Treñas said.

The "Revitalizing an Urban River: Stakeholders' Engagement in Improving the Water Quality of the Iloilo-Batiano River Basin" will cover the Iloilo-Batiano River, including 29 barangays along its area of influence.

The UPV-funded study will document the social status of riverine communities; review national legislations, ordinances, administrative orders, and guidelines related to the body of water; and update the socio-cultural profile

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PACT SIGNING. University of the Philippines Visayas Chancellor Clement Camposano and Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Treñas (second and third from left, respectively) lead the signing of an agreement on Tuesday (Aug. 26, 2025). The agreement is for a research project that will monitor the water quality and factors affecting the Iloilo-Batiano River System. (Photo courtesy of Mayor Raisa Treñas)

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over the **HEDGE**

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



PATA HUMBA (BRAISED PORK HOCKS)

Slow braised pork hocks in pineapple soy sauce with star anise, salted black beans, banana blossoms, and peanuts, finished with savory seasoning for a tender and glossy dish.



INGREDIENTS

□4.5 LBS PORK HOCKS SLICED INTO SERVING PIECES 3 TABLESPOONS COOKING

2 PIECES YELLOW ONIONS MINCED

□4 PIECES STAR ANISE 3 PIECES DRIED BAY

BLACK BEANS RINSED

□2 TEASPOONS WHOLE

PEPPERCORNS 1/2 CUP SOY SAUCE

3 TABLESPOONS VINEGAR

2 TABLESPOONS SALTED

□3 CUPS PINEAPPLE JUICE □1 CUP WATER

1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR 1/4 CUP DRIED BANANA

BLOSSOMS OPTIONAL 1/4 CUP PEANUTS

5 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC SARAP

INSTRUCTIONS

Boil the pork hocks for 10 minutes. Rinse thoroughly under cold water to remove impurities. Pat dry with paper towels. 4.5 lbs pork hocks

Heat the cooking oil in a wok. Fry the pork hocks for 2 minutes per side until golden brown. Remove from the wok and set aside 3 tablespoons cooking oil, 4.5 lbs pork hocks Using the remaining oil, sauté the garlic until it starts to brown and becomes fragrant, about 1-2 minutes 8 cloves garlic

Add the onions. Continue sautéing until they soften and become translucent, about 3-4 minutes.

2 pieces yellow onions

Add the salted black beans. Mash them using your cooking spoon to release their

flavor into the oil. 2 tablespoons salted black beans Add the star anise, dried bay leaves, and

whole peppercorns. Sauté for 30 seconds until fragrant and the spices bloom 4 pieces star anise, 3 pieces dried bay leaves, 2 teaspoons whole peppercorns Pour in the soy sauce, vinegar, pineapple

juice, and water. Stir to combine all 1/2 cup soy sauce, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 3 cups pineapple juice, 1 cup water Add the pork hocks back to the wok. Cover and simmer on low heat until the pork is

completely tender and falls off the bone, about 1½ to 2 hours. Add water as needed to prevent burning. 4.5 lbs pork hocks
Add the brown sugar, banana blossoms

rice for the best experience

(if using), and peanuts. Continue cooking for 10 minutes to allow the sauce to reduce slightly and flavors to meld. 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup dried banana blossoms, 1/4 cup peanuts

Season with Maggi Magic Sarap. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed 5 grams Maggi Magic Sarap Transfer to a serving plate. Serve hot with steamed rice. Spoon the rich sauce over the

OIL

ARIES March 21 - April 19

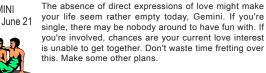


Have you invited some friends over for a celebration tonight, Aries? If so, your guests are going to keep you hopping! That's all right. The day is filled with love and joy. Entertaining them is your way of expressing your appreciation. If you're romantically involved, you and your partner can celebrate privately after all your visitors are gone. Relax, let go, and enjoy your party!

Other responsibilities might keep you away from your loved one today, Taurus. If you have plans for tonight - or even if you don't - you might find this rather depressing. Where is April 20 - May 20 the one you love? Is your partner out carousing and having a good old time while you're working like crazy? Don't torture yourself with thoughts like this.



GFMINI May 21 - June 21



You may decide to duck out of extra responsibilities today, Cancer, perhaps to have a private celebration at home with your love partner! The fun might be delayed if your beloved is unexpectedly called away for a while. Just remember that quality is better than quantity!



CANCER

I FO July 23 - August 22

You may feel neglected and unloved today, Leo. If you're single, you may feel worse. Cheer up. If you're running around with such a depressed and dramatic expression on your face, nobody will feel like asking you out. Try to make yourself happy by doing things you like to do. If you smile, you'll be a magnet for someone who has love to give.

Are you worried that your romantic partner doesn't love you as much as you love him or her, Virgo? Love has many facets. Not everybody can verbally express love or feel comfortable with public displays of affection. If someone loves you, there are ways you can tell. It might be the way they look at you, how they touch you, or little favors. If you're uncertain, why not ask?





If you're single, Libra, you might feel a little down today. All Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 your friends who are in relationships may have plans while you go home alone. Relax. Many people in relationships aren't necessarily happy. They have their own problems and sometimes feel lonely and frustrated. There are certain advantages to being single. Make the best of it today and enjoy yourself!

Today you may substitute chocolate for a lack of love because you feel tempted to treat yourself to something good. This is fine, but confine yourself to a small amount. Overindulgence in sweets could have you regretting it when you get a stomachache, not to mention step on the scale! Remember, moderation is the kev.





If you're not married or engaged, Sagittarius, you may feel SAGITTARIUS that your current love interest is avoiding you. However, this Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 is just your imagination. Relationships always go through ups and downs, so don't worry. If you have serious doubts



whether there's something wrong, ask your partner.

You may be a bit depressed today if you and your partner are going through a difficult time. Maybe there's something unspoken that brings tension and awkwardness into your life together. Try to find the root of the problem. It will only get worse if you don't talk about it. Don't get too emotional when you bring it up. Just ask if your partner is bothered by something.





AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

A short trip might be necessary today, Aquarius. This could be disheartening, as it takes you away from your current love interest, but perhaps it's just as well. A phone call on this emotionally charged day might advance your relationship more than a forced evening together. Acknowledge that you're looking forward to seeing your friend again and then get on with the job!

The strange behavior of a romantic interest may have you confused, Pisces. Is your partner avoiding you? Do phone calls go unanswered? Forget it. Sometimes people see too much intimacy as a threat to their independence and Feb. 19 - March 20 choose to ignore it. The best way to deal with this is to not press any sensitive issues. Just go out for dinner and act like a friend. Keep romance out of the equation for now!



KEYHOLE

sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom(C) Suduko is an addictive brain teasing puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking alone and has been taking the world by storm.

The rules of the game are simple: You simply fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9 without repeats or omissions.

Billed as the next crossword, Suduko's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Suduko requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.

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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including

> diagonally. ASSIST BASKET

BLOCKING BREAK

CLEAR OUT DEAD BALL

DOUBLE TEAM DRIBBLE

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FAKE FLOOR

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IN BOUNDS

PIVOT POSSESSION RELEASE ROOKIE ROSTER

LAYUP OPEN PASS

SHOOTER



Basketball

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- 1. Roxas Avenue, Roxas City Tel. No.: 09479990994
- 2. Salgado Bldg., Legaspi St., Roxas City Tel. No.: 09479991915
- 3. Dale Bernas Bldg., Burgos St., Brgy Inzo Arnaldo Village, Roxas City Tel. No.: 09479990995
- 4. Brgy VIII, San Roque Extension, Roxas City Tel. No.: 0947999956
- 5. LG40 Gaisano Roxas, Arnaldo blvd., Roxas City Tel. No.: 09479991143
- 6. Poblacion Ilaya, Panay, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479992044
- 7. Poblacion Ilawod, Panitan, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991142
- 8. Isagani St., Pontevedra, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479990978
- 9. Poblacion Swa, Pres. Roxas, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479990853
- 10. Poblacion Norte, Sigma, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991027
- Roxas Street, Poblacion, Jamindan, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991144

- 12. Taft St., Poblacion, Dumalag, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479990712
- 13. San Geronimo St., Poblacion, Tapaz, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991813
- 14. Poblacion Sur., Ivisan, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479992906
- 15. Poblacion Tabuc, Mambusao, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479990878
- 16. Pob. Tacas, Cuartero, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479990680
- 17. Poblacion Ilaya, Dumarao, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479994445
- 18. Masagana Street Poblacion, Sapian, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479999505
- 19. Dao Public Market Brgy. Balucuan Dao, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479999763
- 20. Poblacion Tabuc, Maayon, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479999253
- 21. Ground level Unit 1015 SM City Roxas, Arnaldo Blvd., Brgy Baybay Roxas City, Capiz Tel. No. 09479999493
- National Highway, Brgy Banica Roxas City, Capiz Tel. No. 09189387293

ILOILO AREA

- 1. Roxas St., Pob. Centro, Calinog, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479990640
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 Tel. No.: 09479990641
- 3. Calle Canal Brgy. Capuling, Duenas, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992029
- 4. Aquino Nobleza St. Janiuay, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479990776
- 5. Ladrido Street Poblacion Ilaya,Lambunao, Iloilo
- Tel. No.: 09479990821 6. Pob. Ilawod, Lambunao, Iloilo
- Tel. No.: 09479999175 7. Dorillo St., Passi City, Iloilo
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- 10. Del Rosario St., Pob. Norte, Balasan, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992218
- 11. Real St. Pob. Banate, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992540
- 12. Zamora St. Pob. Ilawod, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992541
- 13. Tupas St. Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
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- 16. Buenaflor St., Dumangas, IloiloTel. No.: 0947999071417. M.H. Del Pilar St. Dumangas, Illoilo
- 17. M.H. Del Pilar St. Dumangas, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992020
- E. Reyes Avenue Pob Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo
 Tel. No.: 09479990719

- 19. Recto St., Pob. Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992751
- 20. C. Castor St. Sara, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479991019
- 21. R.Y Ladrido St., Pototan, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479990981
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- 28. Roxas Blvd Street, Poblacion, San Rafael, Iloilo
- Tel. No.: 09479999628
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 Anilao, Iloilo
 Tel. No.: 0947999709
- 30. F. Parcon Street, Pototan, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999644
- Rizal Street, Brgy Poblacion, San Dionisio, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999518
- 32. Don Victorino Salcedo St.
 Poblacion Market, Sara, Iloilo
 Tel. No.: 09479999806
- 33. Crispin Salazar St., Janiuay, Iloilo Tel No. 09992204460
- 34. Rizal Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo Tel No. 09479999605
- 35. Cartagena Street Brgy Ilaud Poblacion Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo Tel No. 09479991739

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

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

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

THE MANAGEMENT

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN

1 killed, 1 injured in encounter with NPA remnants in Capiz town

ILOILO CITY – A series of encounters between government forces and remnants of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) in Tapaz, Capiz, on Monday left one member of the Philippine Army's 12th Infantry Battalion (12IB) of the 3rd Infantry Division (3ID) dead and another injured.

A statement released by the 3ID on Tuesday said Sergeant Jhon Ray Coopera was killed in action after sustaining a fatal gunshot wound on his lower abdomen during the second encounter at Barangay Agpalali around 10:28 a.m.

Meanwhile, another sergeant who was wounded in action is now in stable condition in a hospital.

The first encounter happened around 7:45 a.m. in the same barangay against around 10 remnants of the dismantled Central Front and Regional Sentro de Grabidad, Komiteng Rehiyon–Panay (KR-P) of the New People's Army.

Government troops were on pursuit operations following a series of clashes in the tri-boundary of Barangays Agpalali, Artuz, and Tabon in Tapaz on Aug. 22.

3ID commander, Maj. Gen. Michael Samson, assured full support to the families of Coopera and the wounded soldier.

"We will provide all necessary assistance to Sergeant Coopera's family and ensure that our wounded soldier receives the best possible care and support during his recovery. We will honor their sacrifices not only with words but also with concrete actions," Samson said as he expressed his profound respect for the courage and dedication of the slain soldier.

He added Coopera's death will strengthen their unwavering resolve to totally eliminate the remaining CTG remnants and end their terroristic acts.

"The fight for peace continues, and we will carry Sergeant Coopera's legacy forward with steadfast determination," he said.

Meanwhile, on Aug. 22, government troops recovered five high-powered firearms, including two M14 assault rifles, an M16 assault rifle, one AK-47 assault rifle, and one Garand rifle in Barangay Agpalali. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

6th Judicial Region

Office of the Clerk of Court Hall of Justice Building

Iloilo City
E-mail Add: rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11384-25

Tel. No. (033) 335-3190

Real Estate Mortgage Under ACT 3125 as Amended

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

- versus -

SPS. ELMER F. JAMOLO and JOSIE Z. JAMOLO,

Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under ACT 3135 as Amended, filed by BDO UNIBANK INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Philippine Laws, with principal office at BDO Corporate Center, No. 7899, Makati Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein referred to as Mortgagee, against SPS. ELMER F. JAMOLO and JOSIE Z. JAMOLO, both of legal age, Filipinos and with postal address at (1) Brgy. Bonifacio, Tanza, Iloilo City and (2) Lot 7, Blk. 6, Lesandra Heights Annex, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, herein referred to as Mortgagor/s, to satisfy the outstanding obligation which as of June 30, 2025, amounted to EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINETY TWO PESOS & 18/100 (Php828,092.18), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty charges and other charges but exclusive of incidental expenses incurred in the foreclosure and sale, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ex-Officio Sheriff of lloilo or his lawful deputy will SELL at Public Auction on 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 at TEN (10:00) o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, CJ 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 mortgage real property/ies, including all improvements thereon, described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021009632

Lot No.: 7 Block No.: 6 Plan No.: Psd-06-085434 Portion of: LOT 1850, AGONOA CAD. 8

Location: BRGY. JIBAO-AN, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA,

PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY
Owner: SPS. JOSIE Z. JAMOLO and ELMER F. JAMOLO
Area: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS

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 <u>18 SEPTEMEER 2025</u> at the same time and place above-described without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, 22 JULY 2025.

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

(SGD.) BOBBY ANTHONY L. BESA Sheriff IV/RTO-OCC Iloilo City Tel. No. (033)335-3190/09062804560

Note: it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law. (Rule 39, sec. 15)

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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 **Sept. 16**, **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 March 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Setyembre 16, 2025** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ugto 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 Marso 1-31, 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 **Sept. 17, 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 March 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Setyembre 17, 2025** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ugto 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 Marso 1-31, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

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

Commencing **Sept. 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 March 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Setyembre 18, 2025** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ugto 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 Marso 1-31, 2025 madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on <u>SEPTEMBER 5</u>, <u>2025</u>, an AUCTION SALE will be held at <u>9:00 A.M.</u> for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa <u>SETYEMBRE 5</u>, <u>2025 alas 9:00</u> sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on <u>SEPTEMBER 6</u>, **2025** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **SETYEMBRE 6**, **2025** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **SEPTEMBER 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 **SETYEMBRE 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.

Ang Tagdumalahan

DOH-NIR establishes regional blood services network

BACOLOD CITY – The Department of Health (DOH) is engaging key stakeholders and partner-facilities in establishing a strong and sustainable blood program network for the Negros Island Region (NIR).

Data on Monday showed 26,337 total blood units have been collected from January to June this year across the region, comprising Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, and highly-urbanized Bacolod City.

There were 13,396 units of blood collection in the first quarter and 12,941 units in the second quarter.

In a report, the DOH-NIR said the establishment of the blood program services in the NIR was discussed during the initial interregional integrative meeting held in Dumaguete City earlier this month.

"This initiative is a vital step in strengthening blood services and ensuring a safe, reliable and sufficient blood supply for the people of the Negros Island Region," it added.

To achieve a strong and sustainable blood program network for the region, the DOH-NIR said key stakeholders in blood services were gathered.

They are the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital and the Negros First Provincial Blood Center, both based in Bacolod City and their respective blood services networks in this city and Negros Occidental; and the Sub-National Blood Center for Visayas and its partner-facilities.

The meeting, co-facilitated by the DOH Disease Prevention and Control Bureau-National Voluntary Blood Services Program, was held in collaboration with the DOH Western Visayas and Central Visayas regional health offices. (PNA)

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Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, and Project Leader Rhodella Ibabao said through their research with CENRO, they will revisit and update the master plan of the river system, which was drafted in 2002.

"The result will be used for the updating of the river master plan, and hopefully. for the development control regulations of the river. This will be the first time that we will be updating the master plan," Ibabao said.

Camposano said the study is just a continuation of their engagement with the city government.

"Although this is a new research project, we have always been engaged with Iloilo City, and we have been supporting the local government through projects, especially if it has something to do with sustainability or eco-tourism, food safety," Camposano in an interview. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** 6th Judicial Region **BRANCH 70**

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo Email: rtc1brv070@judiciary.gov.ph (CP#) 0951-6556807 Landline: (033) 320-7685

> SPECIAL PROCEEDING **CASE NO. 2025-1599**

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CIVIL REGISTRY UNDER RULE 108. **REVISED RULES OF COURT**

> **RENITA ADO BOCALID.** Petitioner,

> > -versus-

MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CARLES, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY.

Respondents.

ORDER

In a verified petition filed by the petitioner, through her counsel, it is prayed that a judgment be rendered ordering the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo and the Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the information supplied in the petitioner's year of birth from 1971 to

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, this petition is hereby set for hearing on 21 October 2025 at 8:30 in the morning before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 70, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, at which time, date and place, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo, the Philippine Statistics Authority or any person who may have interest in entries sought to be corrected may, before the date set for hearing, file their opposition thereto.

This Order shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo accredited by this Court at the expense of the petitioner.

The Clerk of Court is directed to furnish copies of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo the Philippine Statistics Authority - Region VI, the petitioner and her counsel.

Petitioner is ordered to furnish copies of the Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General and the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo and submit compliance thereto within ten (10) days from receipt of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. 21 July 2025.

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA

NE/September 1, 8 & 15, 2025



CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY FREE COMPUTERIZE MACHINE CHECK-UP

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Nahamtang sa CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY dira mabakal ang tanan klase sang HEALTH FOOD COMBINATION, ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE kag Food Supplement available man ang mga Health Combination"EDUKASYON PARA SA IKAAYONG

RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER Ang Masalig

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Cell # 0910-126-4595

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses** DOROTEO R. BACAS and ALEJANDRA V. BACAS known as a parcel of land located at Cauayan Solod, Cauayan, Carles, Iloilo with an area of NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO (9,392) SQUARE METERS covered by ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-4609 (Free Patent No. 320392) Plan Psu-191820 is adjudicated to heirs NIMRODE VILLANUEVA BACAS. NOEL VILLANUEVA BACAS, JULIE BACAS ALMIRANES, NIEL VILLANUEVA BACAS, JOY VILLANUEVA BACAS, JELLY BACAS BAJADA, and NILO VILLANUEVA BACAS as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RAUL ILANGA BETITA per Doc. No. 2642, Page No. 524, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses JOSE SANDOVAL-DIGOMON and NINFA GRABATO-DIGOMON known as a parcel of land Lot 9835-A, Psd-06-057607, being a portion of Lot 9835-A, (LRC) Psd-41227, situated in Pototan, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-203029 with an area of SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY (780) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heirs MA. JONI DIGOMON-DICHOSA, JOVIL GRABATO-DIGOMON, MA. JOJI ANN DIGOMON-PAGTOLON-AN, JOSE RONNEL GRABATO-DIGOMON, MARY JAY DIGOMON-ALVAREZ, and JOFRI GRABATO-DIGOMON as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. KAZPER VIC V. BERMEJO per Doc. No. 467, Page No. 95, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

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THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

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ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JO-ANN D. DEL ROSARIO known as one-half (1/2) share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-213013, Lot 25, Block 4, pcs-06-004226, being a portion of cons-subd. of Blk. 15, Lot 3, Blk. 12, pcs-06-004007 & Lot 3807-A,B,C & D, Cad-06-001351 (OLT), situated at Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton with improvements thereon and with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (121) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR** LESS is adjudicated to heirs PEDRO J. DEL ROSARIO (widower), MARC NATHANIEL D. DEL ROSARIO, MARC LAURENCE D. DEL ROSARIO and YZA JOANNA D. DEL ROSARIO. That, MARC NATHANIEL D. DEL ROSARIO, MARC LAURENCE D. DEL ROSARIO and YZA JOANNA D. DEL ROSARIO waived their rights, interests, and participation over the above-said parcel of land in favor of their father PEDRO J. DEL ROSARIO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. NIEL C. ROSALES per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 65, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

NE/Sept. 1, 8 & 15, 2025



DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH RENUNCIATION of RIGHTS and DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late CONSUELO LOPEZ CARIÑO consisting of one-fifth (1/5) share of a parcel of land known as Lot 2410-B-1, PSD-063022-024869, being a portion of Lot 2410-B, PSD-11167, located at Barangay Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (101025) 095-2023002403 with an area of TWENTY SIX **THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (26,821)** SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS is adjudicated to heirs RAMON E. CARIÑO, SR., PERCVAL E. CARIÑO, MONINA CARIÑO CANDELARIO, DANIEL HICO CARIÑO, JR., TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO, JOSIE FAITH CARIÑO OLVIDO, EDITH CARIÑO HECHANOVA, and ELIZABETH ALIMPOLO ALVARAN, all herein represented by their attorney-in-fact GARRICK JOHN GONZALES REYES. TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO renounced, waiver and relinquished her rights, interests or title over whatever shares, participation or inheritance from her late husband JOSE LOPEZ CARIÑO estate pertaining only to the abovedescribed parcel of land. Moreover, TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO WAIVED, RENOUNCED, RELINQUISHED and QUITCLAIM all her rights, interests and participation over her CONJUGAL SHARE from the above-said estate unto JOSIE FAITH CARIÑO OLVIDO as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. ALVIN G. DELGADO per Doc. No. 321, Page No. 66, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARTHA BUNDA GUANCO (also known as MARTHA BUNDA) and TESALONICA BUNDA known as a parcel of land Lot No. 2746 of the Cadastral Survey of Dingle, Iloilo with the improvements thereon, covered by ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-117825 with an area of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE (22,741) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heir CEASAR B. GUANCO as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RALF OWEN F. DELA CRUZ per Doc. No. 213, Page No. 44, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept, 1, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SPOUSES GERMAN M. LOPEZ and PACITA J. LOPEZ consisting of a ONE-FIFTH (1/5) SHARE of a parcel of land known Lot 2410-B-1, PSD-063022-024869, being a portion of Lot 2410-B, PSD-11167, situated at Barangay Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 101025 (095-2023002403) with an area of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (26,821) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS is adjudicated to heirs ANTONIO J. LOPEZ, JOSE ANDREW J. LOPEZ, BERNADETTE L. CARBONELL and SOCORRO L. GENATO, herein all represented by their Attorney-in-fact GARRICK JOHN GONZALES REYES, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. ALVIN G. DELGADO per Doc. No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. I, Series of 2025

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MA. MILAGROS SORONGON BUGNA COO known as a residential home at LJ Ledesma Subdivision, Phase I, Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by Tax Declaration No. **24-03-006-01487** with an area of **268.10 square meters** is adjudicated to heirs WILLIAM KING COO (widower). MARY JACQUELINE BUGNA COO, MA. MELISSA BUGNA COO, STEPHANIE BUGNA COO, and JOHN KENNETH BUGNA COO. That, WILLIAM KING COO waived his rights, interests, and participation over the said property in favor of his children MARY JACQUELINE BUGNA COO, MA. MELISSA BUGNA COO, STEPHANIE BUGNA COO, and JOHN KENNETH BUGNA COO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RIZA ANN T. TOLEDO per Doc. No. 294, Page No. 60, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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