

'PREVENTION PUSH'

Iloilo AIDS Council toughens preventive, control measures vs. HIV



Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Trefias with First Vice President for Panay Site Operations of Panay Energy Development Corporation (PEDC) Mr. Antonio Cabalhug Jr. and One Meralco Foundation Inc. President Jeffrey O. Tarayao lead the lighting ceremony of the Php 17.3 Million La Paz Plaza Standard International Football Lighting Project on November 12, 2025. (Photo by Mary Joy Cavañas)

THE Iloilo Provincial Local AIDS Council convened on Tuesday to tackle pressing issues surrounding the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevention and control measures in the province, particularly on poor health-seeking behavior, low HIV testing coverage, limited diagnosis coverage, and minimal testing uptake among the youth.

Data from the Provincial Health Office showed a low diagnosis and treatment coverage of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the province of Iloilo from 2022 to 2025. The province also did not meet the 95-95-95 HIV testing, treatment, and viral suppression targets for four years.

Of the 4,800 estimated PLHIV as of June 2025, only 1,988 were diagnosed (41%). Of the total diagnosis coverage, 1583 were treated (80%), of which 1,065 or 67% have a suppressed viral load.

Moreover, there is a low rate of voluntary testing among young people aged 15 to 24 due to stigma, lack of information on available medical services, and lack of access to youth-friendly testing centers.

Data from the Department of Health VI revealed that majority of the PLHIV belong to the working age group (67%) followed by the young population (31%). Majority of the victims (97%) are male.

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Maria Socorro Quiñon said there is a need to strengthen the advocacy and education campaign, with focus on the preventive measures against

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Iloilo City unveils Php17.3-M int'l standard football lighting at La Paz Plaza

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo City Government, in partnership with Meralco PowerGen Corporation (MGen), Panay Energy Development Corporation (PEDC), and One Meralco Foundation Inc. launched the lighting ceremony of the Php 17.3 Million La Paz Plaza Standard International Football Lighting Project on November 12, 2025.

Entitled "Paskwa sa La Paz Plaza", the event was led by

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Manny Pacquiao's Manny Pay partners with Primelectric for Digital Bill Payments

National boxing icon and former Senator Manny Pacquiao, owner of the Manny Pay digital wallet, has officially signed an agreement with Primelectric President Roel Castro to include Manny Pay among the Third-Party

Collection Agents for Primelectric's utility services.

The signing took place at Shangri-La Makati on October 30, 2025, right after Manny Pay's launch. Primelectric is the

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the spread of HIV.

One intervention is the use of PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), a preventive medication that reduces the risk of HIV infection. PrEP, typically taken daily, has a proven 98 protective coverage against HIV infection.

Dr. Quiñon also appealed to people at higher risk of HIV exposure to submit themselves to testing at the established HIV Clinics in the district hospitals and rural health units in the province namely:

RISE CLINIC - Rep. Pedro G. Trono Memorial Hospital (Guimbal)

SHINE CLINIC - Aleosan District Hospital (Alimodian)

PINK CLINIC - Janiuay Rural Health Unit

CARE CLINIC - Concepcion Rural Health Unit

JUST CLINIC - Jesus M. Colmenares Memorial District Hospital (Balasan)

MOCHA CLINIC- Calinog Rural Health Unit

I HEART CLINIC - Ramon Tabiana Memorial District Hospital (Cabatuan)

IWAG CLINIC - Iloilo Provincial Hospital (Pototan)

Free HIV testing and PrEP are also available at Gorgeous Beauty and Wellness Center in Janiuay, Pavia Rural Health Unit, Merry Mart Building (in front of Oton RHU), Concepcion Care Clinic, and Highway Inn Pension House in Calinog. (Capitol News)

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Mayor Raisa Treñas, in the presence of First Vice President for Panay Site Operations of Panay Energy Development Corporation (PEDC) Mr. Antonio Cabalhug Jr., and One Meralco Foundation Inc. President Jeffrey O. Tarayao.

It was also attended by some City councilors, representatives from La Paz Football Club, La Paz District Brgy. Captains, City Government department heads, among others.

Cabalhug, in behalf of Mr. Felino “Lino” Bernardo, President and CEO of MGen Thermal, delivered his message commending the Ilonggo's remarkable spirit despite challenges they faced during recent earthquakes and typhoons.

Additionally, Cabalhug expressed honor to former MThermal President Jaime Azurin and former Mayor Jerry Treñas, in continuing their work. He highlighted Iloilo's passion for football, emphasizing the city's role as a cradle for many Filipino football players.

He emphasized that this initiative is not just about infrastructure but also nurturing the dreams of young Ilonggo athletes and creating lasting family memories.

“We are not just providing electricity, we are illuminating possibilities for young athletes and families, to one's safe spaces, to gather here at La Paz Plaza,” Cabalhug said.

Coinciding with the football field's lighting ceremony, lanterns also adorned La Paz Plaza in celebration of Christmas.

Cabalhug also emphasized the shift from being simple power providers to becoming active community partners, providing the needs of the community. He also cited that the lighting ceremony of the La Paz Plaza Football Field—first plaza-based football lighting facility—marks as a special day.

“This is what powering a better tomorrow looks like. Making our community brighter, safer, and more vibrant through real action that touches real lives,” Cabalhug added.

Meralco Foundation Inc. President Jeffrey O. Tarayao expressed gratitude for the collaboration with MGen and the City Government, emphasizing the alignment of purpose and partnership.

“The La Paz Football Field is not just a venue for playing, it is a training ground for discipline, teamwork and it's for young Ilonggos that hone their talents, build their character, and change their goals regardless of the time of day,” Tarayao said.

“To the youth of Iloilo, this is for you, we have contributed to something that will benefit generations. We have lit up not just a football field but the dreams of Ilonggo young people and athletes who will now have a safe dwelling space to grow, compete, and thrive,” he noted.

Philippine Sports Commission Chairman John Patrick 'Pato' Gregorio also conveyed his message of support for Iloilo City's project milestone.

In her message, Mayor Raisa Treñas expressed gratitude to MGen, PEDC, One Meralco Foundation, Global Business Power (GBP), and other stakeholders for their

City gov't opens second outdoor mobile library at Molo plaza

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

The Iloilo City Government, in partnership with the private sector, inaugurated its second outdoor mobile library—an initiative that aims to provide accessible reading hubs for Ilonggos, especially children—at Molo Plaza on November 11, 2025.

The opening of the event was led by Mayor Raisa Treñas, who emphasized the importance of early childhood literacy.

“If children develop a love for reading early on, they will not struggle with their studies. That's why we ensure

reading sessions in our Day Care Centers,” Treñas said.

She added that establishing district and mobile libraries is a significant step in improving the city's literacy rate.

Treñas also expressed gratitude to the government and private sectors who supported the project, including Technical Institute of Iloilo City (TIIC), General Services Office (GSO), barangay captains of Molo District, and to Segovia and Salas families for their book donations.

Meanwhile, the first outdoor mobile library—a joint project of Iloilo City Public Library and TIIC—was launched at Plaza Libertad last June 23, 2025 which was prior to the end of the term of former Mayor Jerry Treñas.



Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Treñas led the opening of the second outdoor mobile library at Molo Plaza on November 11, 2025 where she emphasized the importance of early childhood literacy.

PAGCOR to donate 500 computer tablets to Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR) is set to turn over 500 units of computer tablets to Iloilo City next week, a local official said Wednesday.

“This is a generous donation from PAGCOR of 500 tablets for our learners, especially right now that we are encountering natural calamities, such as typhoons and earthquakes. As the Department of Education adopts the alternative mode of learning, we really need tablets for our learners, primarily for our ICC

support in the city's projects throughout the years.

She emphasized the football field lighting project's significance, highlighting that it sets a new standard as it makes Iloilo City the first local government unit (LGU) to have a well-lit football field in a plaza that meets the international standard.

“This project is part of our broader vision—to transform La Paz Plaza into more than just a park, but a vibrant living space that celebrates life, community, and identity,” Treñas said.

“Each plaza in our city has a story to tell, and we want every Ilonggo and every visitor to feel that story. We call it placemaking—creating spaces that reflect who we are and what we aspire to be,” she added.

Meanwhile, MGen through GBP also previously collaborated with the City Government through few projects, such as the La Paz Plaza's Butterfly Garden and Koi Pond which opened last year, and the revamped La Paz Plaza Tennis Court that was inaugurated last February 2017 during the term of former Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog.

(Iloilo City Community College) students,” City Local Housing Office head Jason Millare said during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council).

He said the donation has no cost to the local government, but it has a timeline to follow, otherwise, it will be donated to other local governments.

“They intend to donate on Nov. 17,” he said, as he convinced the council to approve a resolution for the city government to sign the deed of donation.

Reinhart Pahila from the City Mayor's Office said they have yet to secure from the administrator of the ICC the guidelines for the distribution of the gadgets.

“Mayor Raisa Treñas will publish the necessary guidelines for the public to know the qualifications to avail of the donation,” he said.

The transfer of the tablets to the students will also be provided in the guidelines.

The council granted Treñas the authority to sign the deed of donation and acceptance. (PNA)

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parent company of MORE Power in Iloilo, Negros Power in Central Negros, and Bohol Light in Tagbilaran City, which serve a combined total of nearly 400,000 consumers.

Once integrated into the system, customers will be able to pay their monthly utility bills online through the Manny Pay mobile app, benefiting from lower service fees and a more convenient payment experience.

Iloilo top 3 finalist sa Rafael M. Salas Kaunlarang Pantao National Award

SYUDAD SANG ILOILO (PIA) – Isa naman ka daku nga pagkilala ang nabaton sang Probinsya sang Iloilo matapos ini malakip sa top 3 national finalist para sa Rafael M. Salas Kaunlarang Pantao National Award nga ginahatag sang Commission on Population and Development (CPD).

Ang ini nga pasidungog ginahatag sa mga local government units (LGUs) nga may manami kag epektibo nga mga programa nga nagapasanyog sang inclusive kag sustainable development, labi na sa pagpatuman sang mga population and development initiatives nga nagapabakod sang katawhan kag komunidad.

Ang Iloilo, nga nagakompitir sa provincial category, ginakabig subong isa sa mga nagapanguna nga LGU sa pungsod sa pagpaabot sang mga programa nga nakasentro sa katawhan. Ang pagpasidungog pagahiwaton sa Nobyembre 26, 2025 sa Eastwood Richmond Hotel sa Quezon City.

Ang Iloilo Provincial Population Office (PPO), nga ginapangunahan ni Atty. Ruel Von Superio, amo ang nagdala sang kandidatura sang probinsya sa pasidungog. Nakilala ang PPO sa ila makabag-o nga mga programa kag padayon nga inisyatibo sa pagpanguna sa mga adbokasiya nga nagatuho sa responsableng pagpamilya, kabuhi sang mga pamatan-on, gender equality, kag pagpauswag sang kabuhi sang pamilya.

“This recognition is a testament to our shared commitment to improving the quality of life of every Ilonggo family,” siling sang PPO sa isa ka statement.

Dugang pa, ginpabutyag sang opisina nga ang nominasyon kag pagkilala halin sa CPD isa ka ebidensya nga ang Iloilo nagapadayon sa pagpasanyog sang programa para sa human capital development, nga amo ang kabangdanan sang malinong kag padayon nga pag-uswag sang probinsya.

Ang Rafael M. Salas Kaunlarang Pantao Award ginapangalan sa kay Rafael M. Salas, una nga Executive Director sang United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) kag isa sa mga ginakilala nga modelo nga public servant nga Pilipino. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)

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Passi City Mayor Stephen A. Palmares recently inspected the improvements at the Passi City Sports Complex to ensure a safe and inspiring venue for our young athletes. For the first time, the City of Passi will host the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet in March 2026. (Passi City LGU)

Anteco fully restores power in 537 barangays of Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Power has been restored in the franchise area of the Antique Electric Cooperative (Anteco), covering 537 barangays in the province, after the onslaught of two typhoons.

“We had quite a difficulty in accessing remote barangays because of the landslides and floods, especially during Tropical Cyclone Tino,” Anteco general manager Neal Peter Veñegas said in an interview on Wednesday.

Anteco troubleshooters immediately began the restoration on Nov. 4 and brought back power in the town proper and nearby barangays of the 18 municipalities.

The electric utility, based on assessment, incurred about PHP2 million in damage after several of its posts were hit by fallen trees, and the wiring was cut by the strong wind.

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Heart breaker

As I stepped out of the hospital's main lobby, a young father in his late 20's walked by pushing a rundown stroller where his almost lifeless daughter sat limp, unconscious or asleep.

Given their circumstance, it was clear that the father had no choice but to flag a taxi to bring his daughter home or he would have to carry her all the way out and to the bus stop.

Once inside the cab, the sick girl lay limp while the father got some help from the guard to fold the stroller, and I held the taxi door open while asking what was wrong with the girl. Almost zombie-like he said, "Hydrocephalus."

As my heart broke watching them, all I could do was give him cash. I did not want to stall or delay them given the condition of the child, but it was a scene you know will eat at you for a couple of days.

The father thanked me and looked with disbelief that a total stranger would give help without being asked. The father's "look back" really stayed with me all day.

In the Philippines, we all know that half the battle for cure is in the commitment of parents and doctors, the other half is in the availability of money to travel, buy medicines and provide proper nutrition.

As far as the hospital, the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC), is concerned, they are the best in the country among government hospitals specializing in children's diseases and medicine.

I can confidently say they are "the best" because in spite of the volume of patients they get in relation to their very limited resources, their track record and dedication is so good that people go to them even for miracles.

I have also had a prolonged personal experience with the hospital and staff while assisting a young girl who had an adverse reaction post school vaccination.

I wrote about it in a column titled "One in a million"

about an unlucky child who had a "one in a million" serious side effect. Over a period of several years, I witnessed the dedication of PCMC doctors, nurses and technicians in caring for "Charlotte."

By God's grace, "Charlotte" managed to partially regain her mobility, overcame choking and oxygen deprivation and almost 10 years after, now walks short distances or gets around in a wheelchair.

Two weeks ago, she told "Tito Cito" that she had graduated magna cum laude and was hired by a company to do IT-related duties even before graduating. All that, thanks to God and PCMC.

So why "Heart Breaker?" Well, there are the hundreds if not thousands of babies, toddlers, infants, adolescent kids that go in and out of the Philippine Children's Medical Center, each and every one of them sick and financially challenged.

You might be able to turn away from "seeing" adult patients, but sick or ill toddlers and children have a way of grabbing your attention, wrenching your heart and searing your conscience.

Their absolute helplessness translates to a message that tells us: "Lucky you! You're healthy and well off. But me, I'm sick, my mother is rubbing her knees raw praying to God for help, flooding our bed with tears while living in fear 24/7."

I do what I can as a human being and as a journalist, what I am burdened to do is call out ALL our national leaders, in Malacañang, in Congress, the Senate, local government and the private sector to go to the PCMC and other government hospitals unannounced and see the situation.

When I went there last Wednesday to give a talk, I was glad that so much construction was going on. As we drove around, I did notice that there was no hum of machinery, workers buzzing around or any sort of construction noise to be heard.

Later on, I had a chance to look out a window and

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saw concrete pillars half built, concrete poured and compliant with the required steels bars for the purpose. Then I noticed the RUST. Not new rust but old rust and no workers!

I asked around on what the situation was with so many buildings going up. One person said some were recent, while some were on hold because of delays getting power connections and occupancy permits from the LGU.

For the other projects, PCMC had to get rid of contractors who ended up short on operating funds or failed to deliver on commitments. With so many patients and medical challenges, the hospital administration should not have to play project manager.

Making matters worse is that the PCMC is currently led by an OIC or officer-in-charge who, as in many government offices, is responsible for all the problems but has very limited powers to decide.

On top of that, there is the issue of who should head such a hospital, a doctor or a hospital manager? Maybe Congress should create two positions: medical director and director for hospital management. One heals, the other manages.

On his last birthday, BBM visited the PCMC, even gave financial assistance to the hospital while having PR photo ops but did not realize the desperation and urgent need for buildings to be finished!

Sadly, the PCMC is not an isolated case. The PGH, the East Avenue Medical Center, the Batangas Regional Medical Center and many others, all have similar situations.

Birthday visits don't mean a thing to a child who knows he or she won't make it to their next birthday! Let us be Healers, not Stealers!

Sins of the father

Civil forfeiture is supposed to be easier than securing a criminal conviction. Confiscating ill-gotten assets in the still widening infrastructure corruption mess is seen as one of the low-hanging fruits in assuaging public outrage.

The Independent Commission for Infrastructure is working with several agencies to hasten such forfeiture proceedings. Assets of several of those implicated in the scandal have been frozen.

Those behind the efforts must ensure that any adult children used in the thievery must also suffer the consequences.

The forfeiture must be genuine and thorough instead of what we have seen in the past years, which was often token and allowed thieves to keep a considerable amount of ill-gotten wealth.

A case in point is that of retired military comptroller Carlos Flores Garcia. The former Army major general was accused of pocketing P303 million from 1993 to 2005. But under a plea bargain agreement he struck with the Office of the State Prosecutor, the original plunder complaint against him was downgraded to direct bribery and facilitating money laundering.

In exchange, he surrendered P135,433,387.84 in various assets to the state, and was freed on P60,000 bail on Dec. 16, 2010, just in time for the Christmas holidays.

Also as part of the plea bargain, Garcia's accused co-conspirators – his wife Clarita and adult sons Ian Carl, Juan Paulo and Timothy Mark – were dropped from the case.

Garcia's woes started when Clarita, in an attempt to save her sons from a criminal indictment for failing to declare \$100,000 upon entry to the US, had blabbed to US customs authorities that there was more where the cash came from, since her husband was the comptroller of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Former state auditor Heidi Mendoza presented bank documents to back up the detailed findings of a six-member team of the Commission on Audit (COA) that plunder was committed by Garcia. Yet the plea bargain was endorsed by then special prosecutor Wendell Sulit ostensibly because the evidence was insufficient to prove plunder.

Mendoza would later disclose pressure to go easy on the special COA probe, which was conducted amid military unrest over corruption in the AFP. Garcia

was believed to be enjoying the protection of higher-ups during the administration of Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. In 2006, with the audit team's findings ignored, Mendoza quit the COA in disgust.

The ombudsman at the time, Merceditas Gutierrez, gave the plea bargain her blessing. Gutierrez would later be impeached, but she resigned before the case could go to trial and possibly cause her to lose her fat retirement benefits and pension.

Anti-corruption crusader Bongbong Marcos recycled Gutierrez, naming her to the board of the Government Service Insurance System. Following a recent run-in with its president/GM Arnulfo Veloso, Gutierrez quit the GSIS. But BBM quickly recycled her as chair of the National Commission of Senior Citizens.

In August last year, the Sandiganbayan issued a writ of execution, compelling Garcia to pay P406.3 million as fine for his bribery conviction and another P1.5 million for facilitating money laundering. The anti-graft court junked Garcia's appeal to deduct the P135.4 million from the fine.

We don't know if the court order has been executed, and if penalties are being imposed for failure to carry it out. Garcia, who was released from the New Bilibid Prison in August 2023 after 17 years behind bars, is claiming insolvency.

Perhaps the state can go after his family's assets, especially since they all escaped accountability in the theft of public funds. Garcia's son Timothy Mark used to be a publicist for Marc by Marc Jacobs. At age 25 when his father was arrested, Timothy lived in a one-room apartment at the posh Trump Plaza in Manhattan, reportedly bought by his mother in 2004 for a cool \$765,000.

To remind you of the sordid details of this story, you can check out this link:

https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2009/10/01/509782/pity-tim-stylish-son-gen-garcia-ny

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Looters pass on their illegally amassed wealth to their children, who then claim that they didn't do the looting, and that the sins of the father must not be visited on the children.

This mindset encourages the large-scale corruption that has plagued our plundered country for decades now. Public officials pocket state funds not only for

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Ana Marie Pamintuan



themselves, but also for their children – to send them to the best and

most expensive schools in the US and UK, to buy them all the baubles that they want, from Patek Philippe wristwatches to condos in Manhattan and seven luxury cars, one for every day of the week even when there's no number coding. Such parents don't want their kids to ever struggle to make a name in life.

And such parents are willing to suffer the consequences of amassing dirty money – even life in prison – in exchange for seeing their children set up for life.

I know even a former freedom fighter who built a reputation for integrity. In the twilight of his years when he earned high office, he was reprimanded by a colleague for engaging in corruption. The colleague, in disgust, later disclosed the ex-freedom fighter's reaction: Papano naman ang mga anak ko?

He was getting on in years, he reportedly said, and he had to provide for his children.

I fear this mindset is the rule rather than the exception among our officials. Especially when they think there's a reasonable chance of getting away with the thievery.

In stealing from the people, the thieves spread their loot among family members – spouses, children, mistresses and their children – and occasionally, even loyal, trusted aides.

Laundered funds are not just parked in the bank accounts of children, but are also invested in the kids' start-up enterprises. Ill-gotten wealth is also used by the younger generations to finance their election campaigns and entry into politics, to redeem the names of disgraced parents and perpetuate the dynasty.

If the current anti-corruption crackdown is sincere and meant to impart indelible lessons, it must proceed with the idea that anyone who profits from dirty money must suffer the consequences.

Garcia got to keep nearly P167.6 million of the P303 million he was accused of stealing. Timothy probably kept his Manhattan condo.

There are many parents who would willingly rot in prison to leave even half of P167.6 million to their children. There must be no reward in any form for stealing public funds.



MGen Michael Samson, Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, Philippine Army, congratulates PCol Bayani Razalan, Iloilo Police Provincial Office (IPPO) Provincial Director, for having been conferred a Military Merit during the Monday Flag-Raising and Awarding Ceremony at Police Regional Office (PRO) 6 Headquarters, Camp Martin Delgado, Iloilo City. (PRO-6 photo)

IPPO’S outstanding performance recognized

The Iloilo Police Provincial Office (IPPO) was recognized during the Monday Flag-Raising and Awarding Ceremony led by PBGen Josefino Ligan, Regional Director of Police Regional Office (PRO) 6.

The event was held on November 10, 2025, at the PRO6 Grandstand, with MGen Michael Samson, Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, Philippine Army, as Guest of Honor and Speaker.

Military Merit Medals were conferred to PCol Bayani Razalan, IPPO Provincial Director, and PEMS Reggie Copia of the Iloilo Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, for their significant contributions in neutralizing Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) personalities, including the arrest of alias “Mayok,” former Secretary of KR-Panay, on November 3, 2025, in Brgy. Buntatala, Jaro, Iloilo City.

PCpt. Marlon Perez and PSMS Jessie C Caro, both assigned to the Janiuay Municipal

Police Station, received the Medalya ng Kagalingan for their exemplary efforts in the arrest of a high-value individual and the recovery of 59.4342 grams of suspected shabu and one (1) unit twelve-gauge homemade shotgun on October 21, 2025, in Brgy. Bongol, Janiuay, Iloilo.

Additionally, PLtCol Fernand Limbungan, Chief of the Provincial Intelligence Unit and PSSg Kenneth Palmes of Lambunao MPS, were recognized for the successful joint law enforcement operations with the 82nd Infantry (Bantay Laya) Battalion that led to the neutralization of alias “Ted/William” and alias “Badong” on October 5, 2025, in Brgy. Coto, Lambunao, Iloilo.

The IPPO continues to collaborate closely with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in Western Visayas, demonstrating its steadfast commitment to public safety, law enforcement, and counter-insurgency efforts in protecting the people of Iloilo.



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Antique is 143.77% rice sufficient

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Antique is 143.77 percent sufficient in rice, with an available supply that could meet local consumption for 131 days.

Chirstian Dubria, Agricultural Technician II at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, said in an interview on Wednesday that the province is joining the

celebration of National Rice Awareness Month (NRAM) this November, highlighting Antique’s significant role in ensuring the country’s self-sufficiency and food resilience.

“The province of Antique is joining the NRAM through setting up a Rice-Based Exhibit Booth that would promote rice and value-added rice products,”

Dubria said.

He said the booth would be set up at the New Antique Capitol lobby on Nov. 18-20, where a rice cluster or rice farmers will display and, at the same time, sell rice and other value-added rice products.

He also said that the booth would be Antique’s entry to the NRAM regional contest to be judged by officials of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the agri-business sector.

Antique also advocates for rice self-sufficiency, with the province having a sufficiency level of 143.77 percent, based on the OPA rice supply and demand analysis for the Jan.1 to Oct. 31 period.

“The province had a total palay production of 195,936.84 metric tons from Jan.1 to Oct. 31,” he said.

He further said that the province has a sufficient supply of 1,833,968.85 bags for the next 131 days.

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Higher Ancillary Services push November 2025 transmission rates

Power consumers will see a slight increase in transmission rates in their November 2025 bills due to higher Ancillary Services (AS) rates, according to NGCP.

AS rates -- pass-through costs for power supplied by power generators who are AS providers during supply-demand imbalance -- rose by PhP0.0997/kWh, from PhP0.6546/kWh in September to PhP0.7542/kWh in October, representing a 15.23% increase.

NGCP emphasized that it does not earn from AS and does not benefit from any change in AS prices, as these are remitted directly to generation companies with bilateral contracts with NGCP, and to the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP) for AS sourced from the



Reserve Market.

Meanwhile, NGCP’s transmission wheeling rate, or the fee for delivering power through its grid, increased by just PhP0.0034/kWh, from PhP0.5920/kWh in September to PhP0.5953/kWh in October, equivalent to a 0.57% increase.

“The increase in transmission wheeling rates has no effect on NGCP’s

revenue as its income is cap-limited by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC),” NGCP clarified.

Overall, the equivalent average transmission rate for the October 2025 billing period to be billed by distribution utilities and electric cooperatives increased by 7.91% to PhP1.5105/kWh, up from September’s PhP1.3998/kWh.

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Meanwhile, Veñegas reminded households in Antique to minimize their use of power as the holidays are fast approaching.

“Christmas lights may be switched off when no longer needed,” he said.

Air-conditioning units may also be minimized since it is already cold, and other unnecessary appliances switched off.

He said that the power demand usually increases during Christmastime, reaching up to 30 megawatts for Antique.

With the increased demand from other electric cooperatives, it is expected to affect the prices of power at the wholesale electricity spot market (WESM).

“The cost of power could increase to as much as PHP10 to PHP15 per kilowatt hour at the WESM if there is a high demand,” he said, adding that such hike would result in Anteco adjusting its electricity rate. (PNA)



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ICI ramps up anti-corruption probe

Editorial

For an ad hoc body tasked with the monumental task of unearthing the truth behind the thievery of hundreds of billions of pesos in public funds that ended up instead in private pockets, the Independent Commission for Infrastructure has been producing tangible results since its establishment in September.

The ICI investigation of anomalous, substandard and ghost flood control projects throughout the country has already led to four reports recommending the filing of charges against lawmakers, private contractors and government functionaries.

In September, the ICI filed its first report recommending the filing of appropriate charges against 18 public officials, including resigned Ako Bicol party-list Rep. Elizaldy “Zaldy” Co, in connection with alleged irregularities surrounding the P289.5-million flood control project in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

A month later, the commission recommended that criminal and administrative cases be filed against

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, Sen. Joel Villanueva, Co, and three other individuals linked to suspected “ghost” flood control projects.

On Nov. 4, the ICI submitted its third report, recommending the filing of criminal and administrative cases against several former DPWH officials due to potential irregularities in a P72-million flood control project in Plaridel, Bulacan.

Last week, the ICI submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman its fourth report urging the filing of charges against former Department of Public Works and Highways chief Manuel Bonoan and several other officials over irregularities in the P95-million flood control project in Bocaue, Bulacan.

The ICI’s successive reports demonstrate a vigorous, methodical effort to expose systemic corruption in public infrastructure.

Four separate reports in as many months, covering projects worth hundreds of millions of pesos, indicate that the commission has diligently scrutinized long-neglected areas of graft within the DPWH, one of

the country’s most historically corruption-prone agencies.

The ICI’s recommendation to prosecute not just mid-level engineers but also high-ranking officials like Bonoan and two former undersecretaries suggests that it is not shying away from politically sensitive targets.

This is a most welcome development.

However, the credibility of the administration’s anti-corruption campaign will ultimately depend on what happens next—specifically, whether the Office of the Ombudsman acts decisively on these recommendations and whether the Department of Justice and Malacañang demonstrate political will to allow cases to proceed without interference.

After all, the trend in Philippine governance has too often been that exposés and investigations end in paper reports, with accountability evaporating into thin air once the news cycle moves on and public interest wanes. We hope that this time, this will not be the case. (manilastandard.net)

Recovery and readiness

Super Typhoon Uwan (international name Fung-Wong) tore through Luzon with howling winds and heavy rains just days after Typhoon Tino (international name Kalmaegi) triggered landslides and flooded parts of the Visayas, leaving behind over 200 people dead.

While we have yet to see the full extent of damage left behind by these back-to-back storms as communities still struggle to recover from the devastation, news reports and social media posts already expose a heartbreaking yet recurring picture of vulnerability of our country: dozens dead, flattened homes, submerged farmlands, washed-out roads, and livelihoods swept away by floods and landslides.

One thought that comes to mind upon seeing the magnitude of the damage left by Uwan and Tino is: Why is it that year after year, despite decades of experience with monster typhoons, our country remains pitifully unprepared?

This is simply not just about climate change. It’s a governance and planning problem. The devastation Filipinos endure year after year demands accountability.

For over two decades, the Philippines has remained the world’s most disaster-prone nation, topping the 2025 World Risk Index again, which measures disaster risks for 193 countries based on exposure to climate-related hazards; susceptibility of the population; and coping and adaptive capacities

of communities.

The impact of natural disasters, whether typhoons or earthquakes, is not just disruption but has long-lasting consequences to our nation’s economy and development.

Behind the numbers on economic losses are human stories—Filipinos who lose their loved ones and homes to floods and landslides, families forced to flee every time there is a storm, farmers watching entire harvests get washed away by floodwaters, and small businesses closing indefinitely.

While resilience and solidarity during crises are admirable, these should not be normalized as solutions. Recovery must go beyond rebuilding what was lost. Structural and systemic solutions must be put in place to ensure that public funds are used properly to help our communities withstand severe weather events—not drown them in corruption.

The storms will keep coming, and in the coming years, these will probably be more frequent and stronger. The question is, how do we adapt to finally put an end to what seems to be an unending cycle of recovery and rebuilding?

Readiness must be a mindset that is reflected in our education system, public infrastructure, policies, and government spending.

Disaster literacy should be taught to children in schools as early as kindergarten and in communities by local government units (LGUs). Urban planning

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

should reflect climate readiness with infrastructure designed to withstand severe weather events. Government spending should be scrutinized and watched like a hawk to ensure that the budget for flood control projects and disaster readiness is spent properly. We must demand accountability from national agencies down to local officials. Disaster funds must be transparent, and infrastructure projects must meet climate-resilient standards.

Further, as the most disaster-prone country, our government should allocate more funds to greatly advance our national weather monitoring system for more accurate impact-based forecasting. Investing in readiness will not only mitigate losses, but it will help communities anticipate risks better, not just respond faster.

It is time to shift our mindset as a nation and start viewing storms not as seasonal disruptions but as a constant part of life in the Philippines. This way, we can embrace disaster readiness, rebuild smarter communities, and protect what we have built as a nation.

Readiness is not a luxury; it is a necessity. We owe it to ourselves and to the future generation of Filipinos to build a future where a typhoon is no longer synonymous with devastation.

Forcing employees to work during natural disasters

A few days ago, the BPO Industry Employees Network (BIEN) called on the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to act upon reports on business process outsourcing (BPO) companies forcing their employees to work during the height of typhoons despite the danger to life and limb. In response to the call, DOLE Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma has ordered the investigation of several BPO companies that allegedly forced employees to report to work during the typhoons and issued Notice to Explain memos or NTEs to those who skipped work during the said time. BIEN reported that many employees were penalized or forced to use

their leave credits when they were unable to go to work due to the typhoon.

BIEN also cited the example of 30 call center companies that allegedly forced their agents to report for work or return to the onsite facilities during the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that killed at least 79 people in Bogo City, Cebu last Sept. 30.

BPO companies, on the other hand, cite their need to continue operations as their clients are normally in another country. They defend themselves by alleging that they provide lodging, transportation, and other facilities to lessen danger and inconvenience to the employees.

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

Whatever the reason, BPO companies cannot compel employees to work in unsafe situations. Not only is this against the law, it would not be good HR practice. Employees will probably suffer some trauma and be less motivated to work. Admittedly, there will be some shirkers who will refuse to work even if the danger is not that great. What is needed is a balanced approach to handling these situations. It is never a bad idea to be humane when dealing with these situations.

With the tail-end typhoon season still approaching and the possibility of other disasters, this issue must be resolved.

Philippines corruption: Erosion of a nation

The Philippines was initially named the “Filipinas” in 1542 by Spanish explorer Ruy Lopez de Villalobos in honor of the Prince of Asturias, who later became King Philip II of Spain. Historically, the archipelago that we now know as the Philippines was referred to by various names, until the Spanish named it “Las Islas Filipinas” and became widely used.

In 1751, Spanish Jesuit priest Juan Jose Delgado first dubbed the Philippines, and specifically Manila, the “Perla del Oriente” in his book “Historia general, sacroprofana, politica y natural; ode las Islas del Pointe llamadas Filipinas”. He used the name to describe the city’s importance as a center of trade. In 1896, the name gained more widespread recognition when national hero Dr. Jose Rizal used the term “Perla del Mar de Oriente” in his valedictory poem, “Mi Ultimo Adios”, written on the eve of his execution.

While it is not the official name of the country, “Pearl of the Orient Seas” remains a widely used nickname and symbol of the Philippines rich endowment and natural beauty.

The Philippines, is an archipelago of 7,641 islands with rich natural endowment - aboveground, underground, below the ocean and beneath the seabed. This is primarily because of its unique geological location in the Pacific Ring of Fire and as a large archipelago in a tropical region.

Aboveground, the country is near the equator thus, it has a favorable tropical climate with abundant rainfall, which supports rainforest and fertile agricultural lands. In terms of biodiversity, the environment combined with the isolation of the various islands from the Asian mainland, has led to a high degree biodiversity with many species of flora and fauna being endemic and found nowhere else. Thus, it is considered as one of the world’s “megadiverse”.

In terms of agricultural resources, the fertile volcanic soil resulting from volcanic activity is excellent for agricultural support of a wide range of crops because it is rich in essential minerals that have a slow-release effect, leading to higher crop yields and better plant health.

Underground, the Philippines is the fifth most mineral endowed country in the world, Its location along The Pacific Ring of Fire, where tectonic plates converge and volcanic eruptions occur has led to the formation of abundant metallic mineral deposits. It has the third largest deposits of gold, fourth for copper and fifth nickel and sixth for chromite globally. Other minerals included iron ore, zinc, silver and non-metallic minerals like limestone, marble, and gypsum. The high volcanic activity makes the country rich in geothermal energy potential and major source of renewable power.

The Philippines is a part of the Coral Triangle a marine region of incredible biodiversity that spans from Papua New Guinea and includes the waters around Indonesia, Malaysia, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste. Its location makes it an epicenter of marine biodiversity containing over 600 coral

species or (about 76% of all known species) and more than 2,000 fish species and coral species. The Philippine area of the Coral Triangle encompassing waters and coasts around Luzon, Palawan, Bohol, Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago is particularly rich. Areas like Verde Island Passage are often called the “center of center” of marine biodiversity.

The Philippines, particularly the central region, is considered to be the apex or the “heart” of the Coral Triangle, known for exceptionally high marine biodiversity and endemism. The Philippines estimated coral reef area is around 26,000 square kilometers, making it the second largest in Southeast Asia (after Indonesia). The total marine area is approximately 300,000 square kilometers, and its extensive coastline of over 36,000 kilometers provides abundant fishing grounds.

In terms of hydrocarbon deposits, significant deposits of petroleum and natural gas are found in the areas of Palawan basin, and the potentially resource-rich West Palawan Sea/Red Bank. The Philippine Rise (Benham Rise) and the Philippine Trench areas are potential sources of deep-sea mineral resources such as manganese nodules and cobalt-rich crusts which contains metals for modern technologies like electric batteries. In essence, the Philippines position at the convergence of tectonic plates and in tropical marine biodiversity hotspots are the primary drivers of its vast natural wealth.

Aside from Its natural wealth, the Philippines is a strategic geopolitical crossroad for Asian security and world peace primarily because of its geographic location along vital maritime trade routes. Its position as a key part of the so-called “First Island Chain” (a strategically important contiguous series of islands that runs from Japan South through Taiwan and the Philippines to Borneo, along the East Asian continental mainland. It acts as a primary barrier in the Pacific Ocean, limiting access to the open sea for the Chinese navy and serving as key component of the US military strategy in the region) which is central to the geopolitical competition between the United States and China.

Moreover, the Philippines sits at the eastern boundary of the South China Sea, through which an estimated 30 percent of global maritime trade passes. This makes it a crucial location for controlling or contesting access to those essential sea lanes.

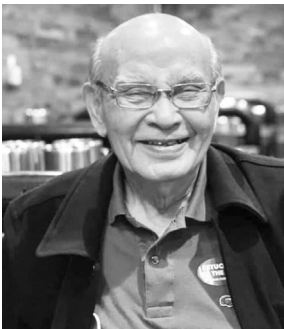
Likewise, the Philippine archipelago is adjacent to several critical maritime checkpoints, including the Luzon Strait, which is a key passage for the Chinese navy and its nuclear submarines to access the broader Pacific Ocean.

Furthermore, the northernmost islands of the Philippines are less than 200 kilometers from Taiwan, making the country a potential strategic hub for allied forces in the event of a conflict in the Taiwan Strait. This proximity has made the Philippines a nexus for allied defense integration efforts aimed at maintaining

The Question: WHY?

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peace and stability in the strait.

As a long standing democratic ally of the United States, the Philippines is a critical piece in the U.S. alliance network in the Indo-Pacific, which also includes Japan and South Korea. Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreements (EDCA) allow US forces greater access to Philippine military bases, enabling power projection and rapid response capabilities in the region.

The Philippines’ strategic location and its strengthened partnerships with like-minded countries (including Japan, Australia, and the EU) serve as counterbalance to China’s assertive territorial expansion in the South China Sea, which many nations view as a threat to regional stability and the rules-based International order.

The Philippines also plays a key role in advocating for rules-based international order by using diplomatic and legal means to address disputes, such as, assist successful 2016 arbitral tribunal case against China’s expanding claims in the South China Sea. Furthermore, the Philippines is an active participants in regional organizations like ASEAN, and pursues permanent membership in the UN Security Council, using these platforms to promote dialogue, de escalate tensions, and build regional solidarity and cooperation.

By strengthening its military capabilities and engaging in joint military exercises and patrols with allies, the Philippines contributes to regional deterrence against potential aggression which helps prevents miscalculations and the outbreak of major power conflicts in one of the world’s most critical geopolitical flashpoints.

The Philippines views itself as a “ bridge builder” between different powers and regions (e.g., between the Pacific and the rest of Asia, aiming to foster mutual understanding end ensure that the Indo-Pacific remains peaceful and stable for global commerce and security.

Ironically, after its golden years during the 1950’s and early1960s under President Ramon Magsaysay, and from 1965 to 1972 under President Ferdinand Marcos Sr.’s first term, and after a period of stability and significant economic reform and growth characterized by the program “Philippines 2000” during the administration of President Fidel V. Ramos from 1992-1998; the Philippines was mired in the quagmire of complex and cascading crises aggravated by endemic corruption. Consequently, the country struggled with interlocking socio-economic, cultural and political problems including poverty and inequality, political instability and cultural erosion, which resulted to the weakening of the nation’s governmental control and influence. .

Today, the Philippines, once widely regarded



CARD MBA receives the Three Golden Arrows Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance

CARD MBA Chief Executive Officer Ms. Jocelyn D. Dequito beams with pride as she receives the Three Golden Arrow Award at Okada Manila.

CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), Inc. received the Three Golden Arrows Award from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) on October 23, 2025, held at Okada Manila.

CARD MBA, one of the leading mutual benefit associations in the Philippines, received the awards in recognition of its firm adherence to the principles of good governance and continued efforts to deliver excellent service to its members.

"This recognition is not just for us as an organization, but also for every Ka-Seguro who has entrusted us with their future. It is a reflection of our shared commitment to transparency, excellence, and service that truly makes a difference in the lives of our members," said CARD MBA Chief Executive Officer Ms. Jocelyn D. Dequito.

Reaching this milestone represents CARD MBA's commitment to good governance and transparency.

Its independent Board meetings, integrated sustainability reporting, and open disclosure of performance assessments show that CARD MBA is upholding the values of integrity, accountability, and sustainable development.

The Three Golden Arrows Award highlights CARD MBA's longstanding commitment to delivering reliable and efficient mutual benefit services, ensuring the security and well-being of its members. This prestigious recognition affirms the association's leadership in promoting good governance and strengthening the trust of its members, which include microentrepreneurs and low-income families nationwide.

For CARD MBA, this award represents the heart of its mission to serve with integrity, excellence, and compassion. It is a significant step forward in their journey toward being a leading example of corporate responsibility in the financial sector.

"We are committed to serving with honesty, dedication, and compassion," added Dequito. She also shared that they look forward to continuing their mission

to uplift and empower the lives of their members.

The Golden Arrows Award, a symbol of excellence in corporate governance, is conferred on organizations that have demonstrated exceptional adherence to the principles of transparency, accountability, and efficiency in their operations. These standards are based on the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS), a benchmark that evaluates companies on their commitment to good corporate governance practices.

With this recognition, CARD MBA continues to inspire the country's cooperative sector and remains steadfast in its mission to provide financial security, uplift lives, and build a sustainable future for its members.

As of August 31, 2025, CARD MBA operates 95 offices nationwide, serving over 8.1 million members and 24.7 million insured individuals. It has paid PHP 1.2 billion in Basic Life Insurance claims, PHP 254 million in Loan Redemption benefits, PHP 293 million in retirement funds, and extended PHP 37 million in donated benefits.

DTI Iloilo, LGU Janiway Strengthen Partnership for OTOP Hub Development

Janiway, Iloilo — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Iloilo continues to push forward its mission of empowering local enterprises through the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Philippines Program as it paid a courtesy visit to the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Janiway to present the

provisions of Republic Act No. 11960, otherwise known as the OTOP Philippines Act.

The courtesy visit aimed to raise awareness on the key features of the law, which institutionalizes OTOP as a government strategy to promote inclusive local economic growth by supporting micro, small,

and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Discussions centered on the program's comprehensive package of assistance, including product development, marketing support, capacity building, and access to financing opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

A key highlight of the

meeting was the proposal to establish an OTOP Hub in Janiway—a dedicated space envisioned to showcase homegrown products, provide a venue for capacity-building activities, and serve as a one-stop shop for locally made goods. Once established, the OTOP Hub will not only promote local craftsmanship and innovation but will also strengthen market access for MSMEs within and beyond the municipality.

Representing DTI Iloilo were Ms. Florenda C. Abian, Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist and Ms. Shayne J. Taganao, Trade

and Industry Development Specialist, and they were joined by Mr. Albert Mabuhay, Business Counselor from the DTI Negosyo Center Janiway, who continues to assist entrepreneurs in developing and expanding their businesses at the local level.

During the discussion, Mayor Paulino M. Parian expressed his full support for the proposed OTOP Hub and reiterated the LGU's commitment to working closely with DTI to realize the initiative. He emphasized that the project aligns with the municipality's vision

of strengthening the local economy and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities for its people.

Through this collaboration, DTI Iloilo and the LGU of Janiway reaffirm their shared goal of fostering innovation, encouraging entrepreneurship, and ensuring that local industries thrive under the OTOP framework. The partnership highlights the continuing efforts of DTI to promote regional development and inclusive economic growth by empowering MSMEs as vital contributors to the community's progress.



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FORECLOSURE NO. 527

IN RE: PETITION FO EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118,

RURAL BANK OF MIAGAO (ILOILO), INC.,
MIAGAO, ILOILO MAIN OFFICE, REPRESENTED
BY ITS PRESIDENT, REY N. FLORES,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-- versus --

JOSE M. VILLASIS, REPRESENTED BY HIS
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, DIANA S. VILLASIS,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended BY Act 4118 filed by the *Petitioner-Mortgagee*, **RURAL BANK OF MIAGAO (ILOILO), INC., MIAGAO, ILOILO MAIN OFFICE**, represented by its President **REY N. FLORES** of legal age, Filipino and with principal office address at **Noble Street, Miagao, Iloilo** against the *Respondent-Mortgagor* **JOSE M. VILLASIS**, represented by his Attorney-in-Fact **Diana S. Villasis**, of legal age, Filipino with address at **Brgy. Kirayan Norte, Miagao, Iloilo** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 31, 2025** amounts to **EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TEN & 96/100 (P847,110.96)** Philippine Currency, exclusive of all legal fees, charges, and expenses relative to or in connection with the foreclosure proceeding that may be due for the services rendered. The undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 4, 2025** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter at **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT - OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT GUIMBAL, ILOILO** to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in Philippine Currency specifically the property/properties with all its improvements, to wit:

Tax Declaration No. 27-0064-00419
PIN 041-27-0064-010-42

*“A parcel of Land (Residential) identified as Lot No. 17595-B, Miagao Cad., Assessor’s Lot No. 179 PT., situated at Brgy. Kirayan Norte, Miagao, Iloilo. Bounded on the North by Lot No. 17596; on the East by Lot Nos. 17592, 17593, and 17591; on the South by Lot No. 17595-A; and on the West by Lot No. 17585, containing an area of **Six Hundred Forty-Two (642) square meters, more or less.***

Tax Declaration No. 27-0064-00420
PIN 041-27-0064-010-42-1001

*“A one-storey building (residential) situated on Lot No. 17595-B, with a total floor area of **Thirty-Two (32) square meters, more or less.**”*

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **December 11, 2025** at the time and date without further notice.

Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines, this 23rd day of October, 2025.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO
PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF GUIMBAL:

(SGD.) **RANDY D. GEOLAMIN**
Sheriff IV
RTC-OCC, Guimbal, Iloilo

NOTED BY:

(SGD.) **ATTY. JAHZIEL P. FANTILANAN-SILVESTRE**
Clerk of Court VI
RTC-OCC, Guimbal, Iloilo

NE/November 3, 10 & 17, 2025

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Leganes

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSEMARIE J. ENCARNACION** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from “**ROSE MARY**” to “**ROSEMARIE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSE MARY SOMODIVILLA JINO-O** who was born on **October 12, 1963** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **FAUSTINO J. JINO-O** and **PIOSICIMA D. SOMODIVILLA**.

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

(SGD.) **JAY-R G. MATUTINA**
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

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Municipality: **Maasin**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 R.A. Act No. 9048 & 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELSAS. TUGBO** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Correction of Clerical Error on the child’s date of birth** from **SEPTEMBER 30, 1968** to **SEPTEMBER 22, 1968** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ELSA MACAYA SOTOMIL** who was born on **September 30, 1968** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **AGAPITO SUAYA SOTOMIL** and **ADELINA ARELLANO MACAYA**.

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

(SGD.) **REENA MARIEL M. LIMOSO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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City gov't requests P50M aid for classroom building construction

ILOILO CITY – The Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) here on Wednesday approved a resolution requesting PHP50 million in assistance for the construction of a classroom building in the Mandurriao district.

The resolution will serve as an accompanying document to the request sent by Mayor Raisa Treñas to the office of Senator Bam Aquino on Aug. 26.

The fund is intended for the construction of a four-story 12-classroom building at the Mandurriao National High School.

"At present, the school is experiencing serious shortages in classrooms due to the increasing number of enrollees. Some classes are being held in makeshift rooms or under temporary structures, which are not conducive to learning and become unsafe during heavy rains and typhoons," Treñas said in her letter to Aquino, furnished to the city council.

She added that the new classrooms will "greatly help decongest existing classrooms and provide a safe and comfortable environment for learning," not only for the current students but also for future generations.

The school currently has a population of 3,349.

Acting Majority Floor Leader Frances Grace Parcon-Torres rallied her colleagues at the council for the unanimous approval of the resolution.

"This is only a request. It would still depend on the office of Senator Bam if he grants the request," she said. (PNA)



REQUEST FOR AID. The Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) of Iloilo City passes a resolution requesting financial assistance from the office of Senator Bam Aquino on Wednesday (Nov. 12, 2025). The fund will be used to construct a four-story 12-classroom building at the Mandurriao National High School. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)



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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **JANNELYN ARAÑA APOSAGA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH** from **SEPTEMBER 18, 974** to “**SEPTEMBER 19, 1974**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JANNELYN CAÑONERO ARAÑA** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 19, 1974** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ISIDRO P. ARAÑA** and **MILAGROS A. CAÑONERO**.

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

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

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Municipality of Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LELANE A. GARIBAY** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “**MA. LELANE**” to “**LELANE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LELANE PEÑAFIEL ANIVERSARIO** who was born on **MARCH 2, 1969** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ALBERTO ANIVERSARIO** and **NELIDA PEÑAFIEL**.

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

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

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NE/November 3, 10 & 17, 2025

Hidilyn Diaz banners PH weightlifting team to Thailand SEA Games

MANILA – Nine weightlifters, led by Olympian Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, will compete in the Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) in Thailand next month.

Diaz-Naranjo, who delivered the country's first gold medal (55kg) at the Tokyo Olympics, will see action in the 58kg category.

Others in the roster are Rosegie Ramos (W 48kg), Jhodie Peralta (W 53kg), Elreen Ann Ando (W 63kg), Kristel Macrohon (W 69kg), Fernando Agad Jr. (M 60kg), Dave Lloyd Pacaldo (M 65 kg), Albert Ian Delos Santos (M 71kg) and John Dexter Tabique (M 94kg).

Naranjo-Diaz won back-to-back gold medals in the SEAG held in the Philippines (2019) and Vietnam (2021), but skipped the Cambodia edition (2023) to focus on the Asian Championships, one of the qualifying events for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Peralta pocketed two medals, a gold (snatch) and bronze (clean and jerk), at the 3rd Asian Youth Games in Bahrain last month, while Ando, a two-time Olympian, won the bronze medal at the 2025 IWF World Championships in Forde, Norway.

Macrohon, a gold medalist at the 2019 SEAG, tallied 236 kg. (105-131) to win three bronze medals at the Asian Weightlifting Championships in Zhejiang, China last May. The Philippines also secured seven silver medals -- three each from Ando and Ramos, and one from Agad.

Delos Santos is optimistic about his debut in the SEAG, scheduled from Dec. 9 to 22.

"It's a dream to win the gold medal in the SEA Games. I will do my best to make it happen," the second year financial management student from Universidad de Zamboanga said in an interview Thursday.

Despite missing the podium at the World Youth and Junior Championships in Forde, Norway last Oct. 6, Delos Santos registered a world junior record of 185kgs on his third attempt in the clean and jerk, finishing eighth in the men's 71kg category.

At the World Youth and Junior Championships in Lima, Peru last May, he pocketed the Juniors 67kg title with a total of 309kgs (134-175).

The 5-foot-8 son of former national lifters Alvin and Diwa also captured the gold (clean and jerk) and silver (total) medals in the Junior division of the 2025 Asian Youth



and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. In 2023, he won two golds and two silvers in the Youth and Junior men's 61kg divisions in the same tournament held in India.

"As has always been our plan, the SEA Games and the Asian Games are just stepping stones for us. Win or lose, our goal is the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, so the lifters have to prove us they are capable or they will miss the boat," Samahang Weightlifting ng Pilipinas (SWP) President Monico Puentevella said.

Puentevella, who was inducted into the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Hall of Fame in 2022, will also join the Thailand trip along with coaches Antonio Agustin Jr., Ramon Solis, Samuel Alegada, Diwa Delos Santos and Julius Irvin Hikaru Naranjo. (PNA)

Heavy Bombers beat Generals in NCAA basketball

MANILA – The Jose Rizal University (JRU) relied on Sean Salvador to prevail over Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC), 69-66, in the NCAA Season 101 men's basketball tournament at the San Juan Arena on Wednesday.

Salvador fired six triples to finish with a game-high 24 points. He also had seven rebounds, two assists, and a steal.

"I told Sean earlier, he should adjust because he's throwing away a lot of balls," JRU head coach Nani Epondulan said of Salvador's five turnovers.

"Maybe with these kinds of games, he will learn and mature early."

Allan Laurenaria chipped in 15 points while Shawn Argente added 12 points as



ROOKIE SENSATION. Sean Salvador (center) leads the Jose Rizal University to a 69-66 victory over Emilio Aguinaldo College in the NCAA Season 101 men's basketball tournament at the San Juan Arena on Wednesday (Nov. 12, 2025). He finished with 24 points, including six triples. (NCAA photo)



Transwomen to be banned from all female Olympic events – report

ISTANBUL – The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is preparing to ban transgender women from competing in female categories across all Olympic sports following a “scientific review” on physical advantages linked to male puberty, The Times reported Monday.

According to the British daily, the new policy, expected to be announced early next year under IOC President Kirsty Coventry, follows findings that the physical benefits of being born male “remain even after testosterone suppression.”

The review was presented last week in Lausanne, Switzerland, by Dr. Jane Thornton, a Canadian sports medicine physician, the IOC’s medical and scientific director and a former Olympic rower.

“It was a very scientific, factual, and unemotional presentation which quite clearly laid out the evidence,” one source familiar with the meeting told The Times, adding that feedback from IOC members was “hugely positive.”

The upcoming rules would replace the IOC’s previous guidance, allowing transgender athletes to compete with reduced testosterone levels, a framework that left eligibility decisions to individual sports.

Coventry, a former Olympic swimmer from Zimbabwe who took office this year, has said the committee’s approach aims to “place emphasis on the protection of the female category” while maintaining a “scientific approach” in coordination with international federations.

The policy is also expected to address athletes with differences of sexual development (DSD) following debates surrounding competitors such as Algeria’s Imane Khelif and Taiwan’s Lin Yu-Ting, who won gold medals at the Paris 2024 Olympics despite prior eligibility disputes.

An announcement could come as early as February, during an IOC session before the Milan-Cortina Winter Games, pending final legal review of the new rules. (Anadolu)



ILOILO CITY

HERITAGE

HOUSE

TOUR



CASA MARUJA

Casa Maruja is a mansion built in 1920 by Dr. Eugenio Kilayko and was later purchased by Doña Maria Pacheco-Yulo after World War II. Today, it has been repurposed as a vibrant resto bar named Casa Maruja in honor of Doña Maria Pacheco-Yulo. It is open for dine-in, take-out, and catering, and also features Montejo's antique collections and fine craftsmanship.



BALAY REMEDIOS

Known as Eusebio Villanueva Mansion, it was built in 1917 by Julio Ledesma, and later gifted to a Spaniard. Remedios Sian-Villanueva and Eusebio C. Villanueva bought the house in 1928, which was used as an office by the Japanese military during the war. It now houses Balay Remedios, a restaurant that features classic Filipino, Native Ilonggo, and Spanish dishes.



LOPEZ BOAT HOUSE

The Boat House in La Paz, Iloilo City owned by Don Eugenio Hofileña Lopez Sr. was designed by Architect Fernando H. Ocampo and built in 1935, is known for its nautical Art Moderne style with round, porthole-style windows and an expansive upper story deck. It was recently refurbished by Pandot, son of the original architect.



CASA GAMBOA

Casa Gamboa is named after Patrocino Gamboa, a revolutionary heroine from Jaro. She was one of the first to join the revolution against Spain in Panay Island and helped form the Comite Central Revolucionario Visayas.



TINUKIB

Tinukib is a unique spot that offers a wide range of experiences, from indulging in delicious Ilonggo delicacies to browsing through a variety of unique souvenirs. You can also sip on some locally brewed coffee while admiring the intricate handcrafted bags, shirts, and hablon products that are on display.

Iloilo City is a treasure trove of rich history and breathtaking architecture that echoes the grandeur of its affluent past. The city's robust economy once earned it the prestigious title of Royal City, paving the way for the construction of awe-inspiring schools, majestic churches, numerous banks, and bustling commercial establishments. But what truly sets Iloilo apart are its magnificent heritage houses, each one a masterpiece that exudes elegance and charm. These timeless structures are a testament to the city's fascinating legacy and are a must-see for anyone who wants to experience the grandeur of the past!

ILOILO CITY
DIGITAL FLIPBOOK



HERITAGE HOUSES
LOCATIONS



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Ker and Co. Bldg. Iloilo City Hall Complex, Ortiz St., Iloilo City
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MOLO MANSION

The Molo Mansion, also known as the Yusay-Consing Mansion, is a heritage house located in Molo District, Iloilo City. It has high ceilings, Neoclassical balustrades, and decorative carvings. Constructed in the 1920s, it was first occupied by Doña Petra Lacson and her husband.



CAMIÑA BALAY NGA BATO

Camiña Balay nga Bato (Stone House), formerly known as Avanceña House is a famous tourist spot in Iloilo City. Built in the 1865, it was once the home of Fernando Avanceña and his wife Eulalia Abaja. The ground floor has looms and the second floor is a dining area serving local delicacies like Pancit Molo and Tsokolate de Batirol.



AGATONA 1927 MUSEUM CAFE

Iloilo City is famous for its heritage houses from the World War II era. One of the notable examples is the Jalandoni-Montinola Ancestral Home, constructed in 1927. Partially destroyed in 1944, it was later reconstructed and now it has been transformed into the Agatona 1927 Museum Cafe, which also offers guided tours.



NELLY GARDEN

The Lopez Heritage House, also known as Mansion de Lopez, is a heritage house in Jaro, Iloilo City. Built in 1928 by Don Vicente Lopez and Doña Elena Hofileña, it is regarded as the "Queen of Heritage Houses in Iloilo". The mansion and its 4-hectare property are open for public tours and events.



BALAY SUEÑO

Another ancestral and heritage house in Iloilo City turned into cafe and cookie shop is the Balay Sueño. It was built by Don Modesto Ledesma who served as mayor of Jaro, Iloilo from 1920 to 1931. Guests can dine in any wide spot – in the living room or sala and by the patio or the back terrace bringing a unique nostalgia to anyone who wants to dine here.



LIZARES MANSION

The Lizares Mansion in Iloilo City is a beautiful heritage mansion that was founded in 1937 by sugar baron Don Emiliano Lizares. It has a combination of American and Spanish architectural designs and is a testament to Iloilo's thriving sugar industry at the time. The mansion was sold to the Dominicans in 1962 and has been used as the school chapel of Angelicum School Iloilo since 1978.

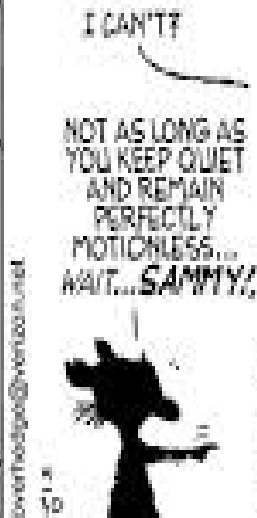


CASA MARIQUIT

Considered as the "oldest heritage house in Iloilo City", Casa Mariquit is a two-story ancestral house built in 1803 by Ramon Javellana as a bank and residence. It was later occupied by his granddaughter, Maria "Mariquit" Javellana, and her husband, Fernando Lopez, Sr., who served as Vice President of the Philippines from 1949 - 1953.

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



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INGREDIENTS
2 LBS. BEEF SIRLOIN SLICED

THINLY
8 OUNCES
BUTTON MUSHROOMS
62 GRAMS
KNORR CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
1 HEAD GARLIC SLICED
1 ONION DICED
2 CUPS WATER
3 TABLESPOONS BUTTER
1 TABLESPOON COOKING OIL
1 TABLESPOON PARSLEY CHOPPED
SALT AND GROUND BLACK PEPPER TO TASTE

INSTRUCTIONS

2 lbs. beef sirloin sliced thinly
8 ounces button mushrooms
62 grams Knorr Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 head garlic sliced
1 onion diced
2 cups water
3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 tablespoon parsley chopped
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Your competitive side may be a strong force in today's activities. Before you get too emotional about any situation, use logic and cold, hard facts to defend your position. Well thought out arguments presented clearly and concisely will be more effective than an emotional explosion full of tears and harsh words.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

Finding the answers you seek is easier when you take a more adamant position about where you stand now and where you want to be later. If you continue to be uncertain and relaxed about which way to proceed, others may take advantage of you. You have the strength and power to fuel your desires. It's time to put these into effect.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

You've almost reached an important finish line. Don't give up. This is the time to kick into high gear and get moving even more quickly than before. Your emotions may remain out in left field as they merge with your most active fantasies. Do your best to stay on track by looking forward instead of behind you. You can always change course after you reach this finish line.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22

This is a good time to make decisions that bring together your need for practicality as well as desire for emotional freedom. It's important for your mental health to have faith in your fantasies and your ability to see them through to fruition. There's a special portal open for you today with your name on it.

LEO
July 23 - August 22

You're apt to feel support, though it might be hidden in unexpected places. Don't discount anyone. Even the most caustic remarks have a touch of sensitivity and progressive thought that can help you a great deal. There's strength in emotional truth even if you don't want to hear it. Bitter pills may be hard to swallow, but they can be good for you.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

It may be hard for anything to hold your attention today. Your mind may drift easily, and you may not have the patience to deal with situations that come your way. Do your best to wait until someone is finished talking before you jump in with your two cents. Be polite and respectful of others and they'll be more respectful of yours.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're trying to protect and shelter a certain part of yourself from others. This special spot in your soul that you hide from others is probably the most beautiful, since you nurture it so carefully. Don't give up this piece of yourself too easily. Save this pristine, delicate place for someone most deserving.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Although some people may think of you as a space cadet when it comes to decisions and commitments, they may see a different side of you today. Don't be surprised if others come around to your camp once they hear your side of the story. Somehow all the pieces are fitting into place just like you knew they would. Those who doubted you will be pleasantly surprised.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It may be hard to find your mental and physical home base. Your mind could be wrapped in a cloud or some sort of imaginative time warp, so be careful how you proceed. Your head is in another dimension and you aren't paying nearly enough attention to the road ahead of you. Get off the highway and let your mind wander in a place where it's safe to do so.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You like to recycle in your home and your workplace. Be a part of the solution instead of the problem by picking up after yourself and making sure that you aren't leaving a mess wherever you go. The state of the environment is more of a concern every day. It's up to each individual to make a difference.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The source of your frustration may be people who seem to be sensitive and honest yet act abrasively and speak aggressively. Try not to be fooled by those who continuously offer one image while delivering another. Keep your guard up. Don't waste your time giving people more chances than they deserve.

PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20

Have fun with people today. Talk about the fantasies you dream about coming to fruition in the coming years. Your emotions are strongly tied to your imagination. You could become defensive when someone starts to poke holes in your dreams. Use your intellect to defend yourself and the ideals you wish to live by in the future.

WORD SEARCH

FALL

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AUTUMN
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CHESTNUT
CIDER
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY
CRISP

FESTIVAL
FOLIAGE
FOOTBALL
GOURD
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MAPLE

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ORANGE
ORCHARD
PUMPKIN
RAKE
SCARECROW
SQUASH
SUNFLOWER
SWEATER

sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom©
Sudoku 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, Sudoku's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Sudoku requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.

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Republic of the Philippines
6th Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11437-25

For:

Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
Under Act No. 3135 as amended

BDO Unibank Inc.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

Nick Carlson Solijon Tai, Goldentop
Marketing International Corporation,
Debtor/

Mortgagor,

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Petition for Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage Act 3135 as amended filed by **BDO Unibank Inc.**, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines with principal business address at BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Salcedo Village, 1226 Makati City, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against **Nick Carlson Solijon Tai** (“MORTGAGOR/DEBTOR TAI”), referred to as the Mortgagor, with residence and principal office address at No. 35 Atok Street, Barangay Sto. Domingo, Gintong Silahis, Quezon City 1114, over a parcel of land, including all the improvements erected thereon covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 090-2023013886** (the “Mortgaged Property”) located at Lot 9, Block 20, Brgy. Inangayan, Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the amount of **FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS AND 36/100 (P4,136,971.36)** computed as of **July 31, 2025** and all other charges including the fees that may be due to you for services rendered, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on **January 13, 2026** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in the Philippine Currency, the real property herein described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 090-2023013886

LOT NO: 9 BLOCK NO: 20 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006593
PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION
OF BLK 17, PSD-06-083158; LOT-5248-R-2-D-3,
PSD-06-066757; LOTS-5348-L, 5248-P, 5248-Q,
BSD-06- 000202 (OLT); LOTS-876 & 604,
STA. BARBARA CAD. 7
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF INANGAYAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY.
AREA: TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240)
SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 20, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice and publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 23, 2025.

(SGD.) SIDNEY D. SOLAS
Sheriff-in-Charge

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

WARNING:

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

Iloilo City allows sidewalk vending for holiday season

ILOILO CITY – The city government will temporarily allow sidewalk vending this holiday season and provide guidelines to ensure order and safety starting this weekend.

"It is expected that as part of Filipino tradition, vendors set up stalls along the allowed and identified streets of the metro and customers would swamp to purchase their needs, especially during the holiday rush, providing the vendors their source of livelihood and another platform for economic recovery," Mayor Raisa Trefñas said in Executive Order No. 139 released on Wednesday.

The EO provides that open sidewalk vending is allowed on all Saturdays and Sundays of November, starting Nov. 15, and the whole month of December.

The areas identified include portions of Iznart, JM Basa, Ledesma, and Valeria to Delgado Streets and Jaro, Molo and Mandurriao plazas.

"Only these identified



MAKING A LIVING. Sidewalk vendors along JM Basa Street in Iloilo City on Wednesday (Nov. 12, 2025). The city government has allowed sidewalk vending in select streets this holiday season. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

areas are being allowed for open sidewalk vending. Other than these areas, sidewalk vending is strictly prohibited and shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Joint Task Force on Road Clearing," the EO said.

Vendors are also advised to secure the necessary permit from the Investment Services Business Permits/

Licenses Division of the City Mayor's Office.

City Mayor's Office spokesperson Joy Fantilaga-Gorzal, in a video statement, encouraged vendors to abide by the requirements and secure a permit.

"We also ask shoppers to cooperate. This initiative is one way to help our local economy," she said. (PNA)

THE SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENT

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SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

WHAT IS R.A. 9293?

Philippine Clean Water Act

If you have Problem of Waste Water or STP

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KONSTRUCT, INC.

DESIGNER, CONSULTANT, CONTRACTOR

ENGR. JOMARIE A. ARIB, Ph.D., PME, ASEAN

General Manager / Inventor

LEYRETANA . . . (from page 5)

having significant potential, has now fallen like what was once a robust, strong, hardworking, and resilient carabao. The Filipino nation now lies prostrate in the sun with the stench from its carcass attracting the relentless circling scavengers like crocodiles, monitor lizards, vampire bats and other opportunistic predators fighting each other to take a bite of the hide, the bones, and sinews of public funds for personal gain.

How and why did this happen to the Philippines? Is this the consequence of the colonial systems of Spain and America which created institutions favoring the elite and prioritizing the interests of the colonizers over the welfare of the people? Is this because of the colonial legacy perpetuated by pre-colonial “pinuno” (leader) and “sakup” (wards) relationships, where local elites used their position to enrich themselves and their families through the new colonial power structures, or a system that persists today in the form of political patronage, nepotism and or, the “padrino” and the “kumpare” or sponsorship system? Or, is this the outcome of the elite consolidation after the country gained its independence?

To say that colonization is the reason for the entrenchment of corruption in the Philippines is tantamount to admitting that the Philippines is a country without memory of its past - lacking in identity, unable to learn from its mistakes and, like a driftwood is without a cultural compass.

To reason why we are what we are today is because of our colonizers is admitting that we Filipinos never learned an iota of lessons from 337 years of Spanish colonization from 1565 to 1898; 48 years of American rule from 1898 to 1946; and 3 years of Japanese occupation of the country from 1942 to 1945 following its invasion that began in December 1941?

Can today’s situation in the Philippines be attributed to a breakdown in the character and values, principles and philosophies of Filipinos? Have Filipinos lost their conscience? What happened to the Filipinos core values of Maka-Diyos, Maka-Tao, Maka-Bayan, and

Maka-Kalikasan or faith and spirituality, humanity and compassion, patriotism and civic duty, and environmental stewardship? These core values are central to Filipino culture and enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution’s Preamble. Furthermore, these values are officially recognized as the national motto of the Philippines, and officially adopted by Republic Act No. 8491. Has these Filipino core values been overtaken by the mores of times and circumstances?

Metaphorically, “an infant is born with clenched fist signifying he wants to grab everything - as if to say the whole world is mine. But when a man dies, he does so with his open hands, because he can’t take anything with him to another world - emphasizing that that all worldly possessions must be left behind after death.”

If the perpetrators of corruption are aware that they cannot bring even a shred of their loot to another world, what compulsion prompted them to violate their oath of office and betray the trust of the people who voted them, or those who appointed them to their positions? What drove them to commit fraud to quench their unquenchable thirst for power, and to satisfy their insatiable, selfish, and morally depraved lust for wealth? How much really does a man need to live a life of comfort?

Are those accused of graft callous and oblivious to the ramifications of their malfeasance to their families, to Filipinos and to the country? Don’t they have any delicadeza? Have they lost their conscience or has there been a breakdown in their characters?

Is the current situation a manifestation of political corruption, systemic corruption, erosion of political ethics within governance, decline in public integrity among officials of government, moral decay, and depravity or degeneracy of the country’s political leaders and government officials? What can Filipinos do to end this betrayal of people’s trust, abuse of power, and fraudulent siphoning of the government treasury for personal gain? Will the ongoing investigations finally end these kleptocracy? ORA PRO NO BIS!

NegOcc fetes environmental health, sanitation champions

BACOLOD CITY – The Negros Occidental provincial government on Wednesday feted barangays, local government units (LGUs), and other environmental health and sanitation services champions who have particularly strengthened the province’s zero open defecation (ZOD) campaign.

At the awarding ceremony held at Negros Residences here, Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said the committed efforts of the awardees will serve as an inspiration to other cities and municipalities to remain committed to the goal of having basic toilet facilities in every Negrense household.

“Let us continue to help and empower Negrense families by helping them find solutions to their sanitation problems,” he said.

A total of 94 awards and recognitions were given to those who have significantly contributed to the implementation of the public health programs of the Provincial Health Office (PHO).

Among these are Talisay City, which received a special award for its innovative initiatives and outstanding commitment to promoting and sustaining environmentally friendly practices that contribute to a cleaner, greener and healthier community.

The municipalities of Pulupandan and Valladolid were awarded for having the highest number of ZOD declared

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AWARD. Representatives of Talisay City are feted during the Negrense Pillars of Health awarding ceremony held at the Negrense Residences in Bacolod City on Wednesday (Nov. 12, 2025). Giving the award are Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Lacson (center, back row), together with First District Board Member Laurence Marlen de la Cruz (second from right) and officials of the Department of Health and Provincial Health Office. (Photo courtesy of Negros Occidental PHO)

DSWD delivers P2.7 M worth of food packs to Guimaras

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Food assistance provided by the government for the families affected by Typhoon Tino in the province of Guimaras has reached a total amount of P2,741,000, according to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Western Visayas.

Of the total amount, as indicated in the agency’s report as of 4 a.m. on November 6, 2025, the agency has distributed 2,552 Family Food Packs worth P1,750,010, while the local government units extended P991,000.

The same report indicated that some 15,099 families, or equivalent to 47,335 individuals from 92 barangays of the island province, were affected by the typhoon. Around 2,496 families composed of 8,396 persons have taken refuge inside evacuation centers.

In addition, typhoon Tino damaged 586 houses—25 have been totally damaged, while 561 incurred partial damage—in the province.

Meanwhile, to ensure that assistance and support have reached those impacted, Governor Ma. Lucille Nava, together with Congressman JC Rahman Nava, visited

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Bayanihan spirit shines in Capiz’ KALINISAN initiative

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The bayanihan spirit of the barangays that took part in the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) KALINISAN sa Bagong Pilipinas program, shines in the province.

DILG’s Kalinga at Inisayatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) sa Bagong Pilipinas Program is a weekly cleanup activity in the country, joined by a thousand participants.

For October, four barangays in Capiz were selected to participate in the regional showcase.

Barangay Capagao in Panitan takes pride in being one of the barangays selected to showcase its cleanliness efforts under the program.

“Isa siguro ina ka pamatuod nga diri sa aton nabuhi ang ginatawag nga bayanihan ang mga nadula sang-una, subong nagbalik na sang naghiwat kita sang clean up drive sa barangay,” said Angelyn Valentino Barangay Kagawad of Capagao, Panitan.

(This serves as proof that the spirit of bayanihan, which seemed to have been lost before, has now returned to their community during the cleanup drive in their barangay.)

Valentino added that Brgy. Capagao conducts a weekly cleanup drive in every sitio, where residents work together to maintain cleanliness.

She also expressed pride and gratitude for their barangay’s unity, saying that the visible results of their barangay spirit are evident as soon as one enters their clean and orderly barangay.

Moreover, Punong Barangay Maria Shellane Palomar of Poblacion Sur, Sigma, expressed gratitude to the volunteers who joined their cleanup.

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The cleanup drive showcases unity in the community and highlights the importance of cleanliness not only in their barangay but throughout the province, she added.

In addition, DILG Local Government Operations Officer Peter John Licuran said that the program aims to strengthen the ecological solid waste management program of the local government units through community participation and reward systems to help prevent outbreaks caused by unmanaged waste. (AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RODRIGO V. NAVAL** consisting of 5/8 share in each of the following parcels of land: (1.) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 195 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-1** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Two Hundred Forty-One (241) square meters, more or less;** (2.) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 196 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-2** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Two Hundred Fifty-Five (255) square meters, more or less;** (3.) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 197 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-3** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Seventy-Five (75 square meters, more or less;** (4.) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 002 002 – Lot 54** situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of **Three Hundred Sixty Three (363) square meters, more or less;** (5.) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019002005 – Lot 2, PCS-06-000162** situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of **Seven Hundred Fifty (750) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **NEVADA S. NAVAL, NOLLAN S. NAVAL, and NOVO JOHN S. NAVAL**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. GEOBELYN L. BERAYE** per Doc. No. 285, Page No. 58, Book No. I, Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARCELO H. FAJARDO, FELICITAS F. TOMAS, PELAGIA H. FAJARDO, and CATALINA F. ALCALDE** known as a parcel of land **Lot 3713** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, Cadastral Case No. 74, L.R.C. Cadastral Record No. 1313, situated in Barangay Tupol, Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-909** with an area of **Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine (18,329) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **CATALINA FAJARDO ALCALDE, heirs of FELICITAS FAJARDO TOMAS, namely: CEFERINO FAJARDO TOMAS, JR., SHIRLEY FAJARDO TOMAS, CONRADO FAJARDO TOMAS; and heirs of MARCELO HANSE FAJARDO, namely: CORAZON VELARGA FAJARDO, VIOLETA V. FAJARDO, ROSARIO FAJARDO GUARTIZO, LUISA FAJARDO BULANON and REX V. FAJARDO, SR.** Entered in the following notarial registers: **ATTY. WILLIAM M. AY-AY, CPA** under Doc. No. 184, Page No. 37, Book No. IV, Series of 2025 and Doc. No. 185, Page No. 37, Book No. IV, Series of 2025; **ATTY. THEODORE BANDERADO** under Doc. No. 237, Page No. 49, Book No. VII, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONCEPCION MARIN-DEFENSOR** consisting of two parcels of land **Lot 1905** of the Cadastral Survey of Pototan, with all the buildings and improvements thereon covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 126,353** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO SQUARE METERS (1,972), more or less** and **Lot 9865-A**, PSD-06-071796, being a portion of Lot 9865, Pototan Cad. 222, situated in Barangay Bangac, Mina, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010007344** with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (18,168) Square Meters, more or less** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **MARIDE DEFENSOR-PEREZ, EMOLYN DEFENSOR-HUSSAINI, JOSETTE DEFENSOR-MAUSISA and ARACELI DEFENSOR.** That, the heirs **SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED** all their rights, shares and interests over **Lot 9865-A** unto **LEONIDA P. DE LA PEÑA.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HECTOR P. TEODOSIO** per Doc. No. 81, Page No. 18, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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Antique drill tests site of strong 1948 earthquake

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The last quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) in Western Visayas on Nov. 20 will test the readiness of Anini-y town, the epicenter of the 8.2 magnitude quake in 1948.

“An 8.2 magnitude earthquake had happened in Anini-y, and the area still has a high susceptibility, being near the Negros Trench,” Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office chief Broderick Train said in an interview on Tuesday.

The earthquake with tsunami drill will test the operational system of Antique in terms of rescue and retrieval.

The drill will be attended by the Office of Civil Defense Western Visayas and local government officials.

“Through the drill, the people participating will know what to do in case there is an earthquake and a tsunami,” Train said.

The coastal community of San Jose de Buenavista also participated in an earthquake and tsunami-induced drill at the Evelio B. Javier Park here on Oct. 22. (PNA)



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The daily demand of its 643,173 population is pegged at 4,252 bags.

“We are assured that we have enough supply of rice for our local consumption for the next 131 days,” Dubria said. (PNA)

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. VICTORIA JAENA NONATO** known as a bank deposit with **Philippine National Bank, Iloilo-Passi City Branch** under **Savings Account No. 311410105970** is adjudicated to sole heir **ESTEBAN NONATO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. SAMILLE JAN ABADA AGRAVANTE** per Doc. No. 27, Page No. 7, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

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NOTICE

The public is informed that on **NOVEMBER 22, 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 **NOBYEMBRE 22, 2025** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

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barangays for 2025.

Also honored were the sanitary inspection services from 27 cities and municipalities.

Citing data from the United Nations, Lacson pointed out that between 2015 and 2020, population with safely managed sanitation increased from 47 percent to 54 percent.

Although the rate of basic services is increasing, he noted that it would still need to quadruple for universal coverage to be reached by 2030.

“It is for this reason that the province of Negros Occidental will continuously and diligently pursue the goal of ZOD, in line with the Provincial Integrated Safe Water Program,” he said.

Lacson said the province’s commitment aligns with its dedication to addressing the United Nations' 6th Sustainable Goal of Clean Water and Sanitation.

In her message, Department of Health-Negros Island Region (DOH-NIR) Director Razel Nikka Hao said they commit to supporting Negros Occidental through working under the strategic pillars of Align, Access, Achieve.

“Align refers to systems and direction across LGUs, facilities, and programs. We will plan earlier, together, so we start the year with clarity rather than catching up,” she said.

The DOH-NIR will help Negros Occidental access to easier and friendlier processes to make sure people get the right care, at the right level, without unnecessary delays, she added.

“Achieve means we sustain and scale gains, using data not only to monitor, but to improve. So, improvements are felt in communities, not just in reports,” Hao said. (PNA)

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the affected municipalities of San Lorenzo, Buenavista, and Nueva Valencia on Nov. 5,6udururudidrir

As reported by the provincial Information Office. They met with the local chief executives of the said towns and checked on the conditions of evacuees, particularly from the island barangays of Guiwanon, Panobolon, and Sitio Unisan, all in Nueva Valencia.

Tino made its 4th landfall in San Lorenzo town at 11:10 a.m. on Nov. 4, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration. (AAL/LAF/PIA6 Iloilo)

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **EDNA CORDOVA** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from **“ADELINA”** to **“EDNA”** in the birth certificate of **ADELINA CORDOVA** who was born on **January 9, 1953** 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/Nov. 17, 2025 & Nov. 24, 2025

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **MARK ANTHONY B. BOLIVAR** with business address at Lantangan, Gigante Sur, Carles has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **JAYSON YANSON** to **MARK ANTHONY B. BOLIVAR** and for the **Change of Vessel Name from FBCA “JELLY ANN” to FBCA “MARK - 4”**. Notarized by Atty. Alain Ross B. Sumile, a Notary Public in the Province of Estancia docketed as Doc. No. 227, Page No. 47, Book No. 115 Series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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