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But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

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## Marcoleta Nanawagan ng Matibay na Legal na Proteksyon para sa OFWs mula sa DMW

Sa isang sesyon ng pagtatanong, mahigpit na kinuwestiyon ni Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta, Kinatawan ng Kamara, si Kalihim Hans Leo Caccad ng Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) hinggil sa mga plano ng ahensya na tiyakin ang kaligtasan at kapakanan ng mga Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). Tinukoy ni Marcoleta ang mga hakbang ni Kalihim Caccad, kabilang ang pagbibigay ng legal, medikal, at makataong tulong sa pamamagitan ng P1.2 bilyong AKSYON fund, at pagtatag ng makatarungang kasunduan sa mga bansang pinagtatrabahuhan ng mga OFW.

Hiniling ni Marcoleta ang detalyadong paliwanag kung paano maisasakatuparan ang mga hakbang na ito, lalo na sa aspeto ng legal na proteksyon para sa mga OFW. Binigyang-diin niya ang kahinaan ng mga OFW, lalo na ang mga household service workers at semi-skilled laborers, na kadalasang nakakaranas ng iba't ibang uri ng pang-aabuso sa mga bansang tulad ng Saudi Arabia. Iginiit ni Marcoleta ang pangangailangan ng matibay na legal na balangkas upang epektibong maprotektahan ang mga manggagawang ito.

Ipinahayag ni Kalihim Caccad ang papel ng Migrant Workers Offices (MWOs) na may mga Labor Attache at suportado ng 94 na lokal na tauhan na may kaalaman sa wika at kultura ng mga bansang pinagtatrabahuhan. Gayunpaman, ipinahayag ni Marcoleta ang alalahanin tungkol sa sapat ng mga hakbang na ito, partikular na ang pag-asa sa mga legal retainers na aniya ay hindi sapat upang matugunan ang dami at komplikadong mga kaso ng mga OFW. Nanawagan siya na kumuha ng mga in-house secular lawyers upang magbigay ng tuluy-tuloy at dedikadong legal na suporta.

Binanggit ni Marcoleta ang mga partikular na isyu, tulad ng maling paggamit ng Absher App sa Saudi Arabia, na nagpapahintulot sa mga employer na arbitraryong iulat ang mga manggagawa bilang "hurob" (absconding) na

nag-aalis sa kanila ng mga karapatang legal. Pinuna niya ang One Repatriation Command Center bilang isang mabilisang solusyon na hindi natutugunan ang pangunahing pangangailangan para sa legal na proteksyon at ang pagtatanggol sa mga karapatan ng OFW.

Bukod dito, binigyang-diin ni Marcoleta ang pasanin ng mga parusa sa legal at imigrasyon na binabayaran ng mga OFW, na pinananawagan ang DMW na akuin ang mga gastos na ito at magbigay ng matibay na representasyong legal. Nanawagan siya para sa pagtatatag ng isang witness protection program at pagdaragdag ng bilang ng mga in-house secular lawyers upang matiyak ang sapat na depensang legal para sa mga OFW. Binigyang-diin ni Marcoleta na ang mga solusyong imilahan ni Kalihim Caccad ay dapat lampas sa mga pansamantalang hakbang at magbigay ng komprehensibong proteksyon sa mga modernong bayani ng bansa.

Tiniyak ni Kalihim Caccad sa komite ang kanyang pangako na palakasin ang mga regulasyong tungkulin ng DMW, labanan ang mga mapang-abusong ahensya ng empleyo, at dagdagan ang bilang ng mga legal na tauhan. Binigyang-diin niya ang patuloy na pagsisikap ng ahensya na magdagdag ng mga regular na tauhan upang palakasin ang kabuuang sistema ng suporta para sa mga OFW.

Ang masusing pagsusuri ni Marcoleta ay naglalaman ng agarang pangangailangan para sa tunay at epektibong mga hakbang upang mapangalagaan ang mga karapatan at kapakanan ng mga OFW. Habang patuloy na hinaharap ng gobyerno ang mga komplikasyon ng proteksyon sa mga migranteng manggagawa nito, ang mga diskusiyon ito ay nagha-highlight sa imperative ng komprehensibo at matibay na mga balangkas ng proteksyon upang suportahan ang mga OFW ng bansa na may mahalagang papel sa pag-unlad ng bansa.

## DOST 2 PSTO Batanes Expands Tubho Tea Offerings with RTD Training



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### PSTO BATANES EXPANDS TUBHO TEA OFFERINGS WITH RTD TRAINING

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The Department of Science and Technology - Provincial Science and Technology Office (DOST PSTO) Batanes, represented by Science Research Specialist Joy Ann Mina-Horlina, conducted a specialized training session on Ready-To-Drink (RTD) Tubho Tea in Sabtang, Batanes.

The training was attended by members of the Tubho Processors Association, the Sabtang Food Processors Association, and other interested individuals. The main objective was to diversify the product offerings of tubho tea by introducing a convenient, ready-to-drink version, which could appeal to a broader market.

The training covered the entire process of making RTD Tubho Tea, from selecting quality tubho leaves to brewing and bottling.

Participants learned the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene throughout the production process to ensure the final product's safety and quality.

Engr. Horlina also discussed the application of citric acid as a natural preservative. This segment focused on its benefits in extending the shelf life of RTD Tubho Tea without compromising its taste and nutritional value. The discussion included the appropriate quantities to use and the proper incorporation methods to ensure product safety.

The introduction of RTD Tubho Tea adds value to the current lineup of tubho products. This variety can help local producers meet different consumer preferences and potentially expand their market reach. In addition to this, utilizing local resources such as tubho leaves supports sustainable agricultural practices. Producing value-added products like RTD Tubho Tea can lead to better utilization of agricultural produce, reducing waste and increasing income for local farmers.

The training on Ready-To-Drink (RTD) Tubho Tea is one of the initiatives of DOST PSTO Batanes as part of the Nutrition Month Celebration, which aligns with broader efforts to promote healthy living. Tubho tea is known for its health benefits, and offering it in a ready-to-drink format makes it more accessible to consumers who are seeking convenient yet nutritious beverage options.

## Inflation rate sa Hulyo, inaasahang maglalaro sa 4-4.8% – BSP

Inaasahan ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) na ang inflation para sa Hulyo 2024 ay maglalaro sa pagitan ng 4.0 hanggang 4.8%.

Ang mas mataas na singil sa kuryente kasama ang pagtaas ng presyo ng mga produktong agrikultural tulad ng gulay, karne, at prutas, pati na rin ang mas mataas na presyo ng langis sa loob ng

bansa, ang pangunahing mga pinagmumulan ng pagtaas ng presyo para sa buwan.

Ang mga dahilang ito ay inaasahang mababawasan ng mas mababag presyo ng bigas at prutas, pati na rin ang pag-appreciate ng piso.

Sa susunod na mga buwan, patuloy na susubaybayan ng BSP ang development growth na nakakaapekto

sa pananaw para sa inflation at paglago alinsunod sa kanilang data-dependent na pamamaraan sa pagbuo ng patakaran sa pananalapi.

Ang Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) ay inaasahang maglalabas ng kanilang official data ng inflation rate pagsapit ng unang linggo ng Agosto 2024.

## FDA, nagbabala sa publiko laban sa pekeng paracetamol tablet

Nagbabala ang Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sa publiko sa pagkakaroon ng mga pekeng Paracetamol 500 mg tablets sa mga lokal na pamilihan.

Batay sa Advisory No. 2024-1013 ng ahensya, pinaalalahanan nito ang lahat ng mga healthcare professionals at publiko hinggil sa presensya ng naturang pekeng produkto.

Pinapayuhan ng FDA ang publiko laban sa pagbili at paggamit ng pekeng bersyon ng nasabing produkto.

Ayon sa FDA, ang lot number, capsule, knurling, at print appearance ng mga pekeng tablet ay hindi maiha-

hambing sa mga standard na feature ng rehistradong produkto.

Binigyang-diin ng ahensya na ang mga pekeng produkto ay nagdudulot ng posibleng panganib sa kalusugan sa mga mamimili at nagbabala sa lahat ng mga establisyemento at mga outlet laban sa pagbebenta at/distribusyon ng mga ito.

Maaari rin aniyang mapatawan ng parusa ang sinumang mapapatunayang nagbebenta ng nasabing pekeng produkto ng gamot.

Hiniling din ng FDA sa lahat ng local government units at law enforcement agencies na tiyakin na ang mga nasabing produkto ay hindi ibebenta o magagamit sa kanilang mga lokalidad.



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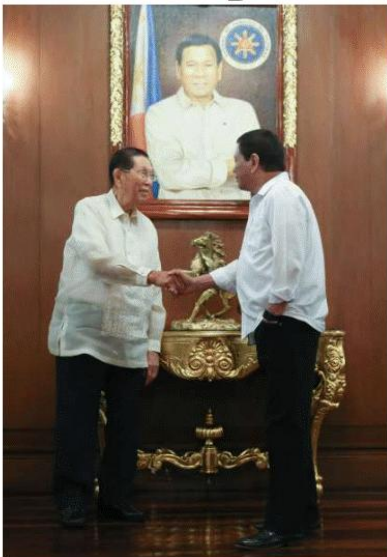
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# Enrile says former Pres. Duterte's order on POGOs 'ill-advised'



Former President Rodrigo Duterte's order on Philippine Off-shore Gaming Operators was "ill-advised," according to Chief Presidential Legal Counsel and former Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile.

## Oil spill from MT Terra Nova projected to reach Batangas: UP MSI

A new projection showed that the oil spill caused by MT Terra Nova, which sank in Manila Bay last week, may reach Batangas, experts said Tuesday.

In the third bulletin by the University of the Philippines - Marine Science Institute, the possible landfill time

of oil in Lian, Batangas is at August 11, 6:00 p.m.

It added that on August 2, 9:00 a.m., the oil may reach Calatagan, Batangas.

They reminded the public that the "models are generated to inform the public on the potential direction of transport of the oil spill and help



direct response efforts on the ground."

"However, models have some levels of uncertainty due to assumptions and limitations, and thus, should be used with caution," UP-MSI added.

Experts earlier projected that the oil spill will reach Bulacan, Cavite, and Metro Manila.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Space Agency also generated a map showing the extent of the possible oil spill in Manila Bay due to the sinking of MT Terra Nova and MTKR Jason Bradley.

The tanker sank in bad

weather off Manila early Thursday, killing one crew member and leaving the Philippines facing the possibility of its worst oil spill ever.

MT Terra Nova's insurer is now moving to pay for damages to those affected by the oil spill, including coastal fishermen who were forced to temporarily halt their livelihood.

Portavaga Ship Management Inc. has also submitted a salvage and recovery plan to the Philippine Coast Guard for a more detailed process for oil extraction and clean-up operations in the affected communities.

Duterte's Executive Order 13 states that nothing "shall prohibit the duly licensed online gambling operator from allowing the participation of persons physically located outside Philippine territory".

"It was ill advised. They did not study it well. My God! POGO was banned by Cambodia, banned by many countries in Central Asia, and we adopted it here," Enrile told reporters in an interview on Wednesday.

"Why is it that until now, you have POGOs in Bamban and Porac without being able to control them? Is that a wise decision?" he added.

Enrile refused to disclose whether President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. consulted him regarding the order to ban POGOs in the country. But the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel said he backs Marcos Jr.'s decision.

"If I were the president... I will kick out POGOs in this country. POGO is a money laundering operation," Enrile said.

He and his daughter, Cagayan Economic Zone Authority Administrator and Chief Executive Officer Katrina Ponce Enrile, attended on Wednesday

the continuation of the joint house panel hearing into the crimes being linked to illegal POGOs.

The CEZA administrator asserted that there are no POGOs in Cagayan's economic zone.

"Wala pong POGOs sa CEZA. There never was and there never will be. Unlike PAGCOR's POGO, CEZA doesn't have any hubs... There has not been a single instance of crimes associated with POGOs under CEZA's watch," she said.

Also present in Wednesday's House hearing was former Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, who admitted accompanying to PAGCOR Cassandra Li Ong, the representative of a company that provides services to POGOs like Lucky South 99. He clarified, however, that it was not to request for renewal of license, but to re-schedule the payments for arrears worth 500,000 dollars.

Roque also admitted having interest in the corporation that owns the house in Benguet, where two POGO-linked foreigners were arrested. But he denied knowing the two individuals arrested.

"With this development, we will include Former Spokesperson Harry Roque in our investigation,

but we need documents coming from all the agencies involved to prove the ownership of the property," PAOCC's Undersecretary Gilbert Cruz told the panel.

"It seems your name always crops up. Una kay Cassandra Li Ong, and then itong raid na bahay mo... Hindi natin maaalis sa madlang publiko at sa committee that you might be involved in these illegal activities," Surigao del Sur 2nd District Representative Johnny Pimentel told Roque.

"Hindi tama 'yun. I don't think there's any basis for saying that. Dahil sabihin na natin na ako ay nag-aabugado, ang pag-aabugado is not a basis for criminal liability unless you perform illegal acts," Roque replied.

The joint House panel turned over a list of illegal POGOs and their details to the League of Cities of the Philippines and the League of Municipalities of the Philippines to ensure they will be shutdown. The groups committed to process the documents and take action.

The joint committee also issued a subpoena for

## Duterte 'mastermind' ng pagpatay sa war on drugs - former Senator De Lima

Sa pagdinig ng House Committee on Human Rights sinabi ni De Lima na walang duda na si dating Pangulo Duterte ang mastermind dahil siya ang instigator at inducer sa drug war killings.

Si De Lima ay nakulong ng anim na taon matapos na sampahan ng kaso kaugnay ng ipinagbabawal na gamot. Napawalang-sala naman ito sa tatlong kasong isinampa sa kanya.

Ayon sa dating senador ang drug war ay isang opisyal na programa ng gobyerno ni Duterte na ipinatupad sa pamamagitan ng Oplan Double Barrel, isang dokumentadong plano ng Philippine National Police (PNP).

Ayon sa dating senador ang mga hakbang sa pagpapatupad ng planong ito ay isang sistematikong pag-atake sa mga sibilyan at dapat na ituring na crimes against humanity sa ilalim ng international humanitarian law.

Sinabi ni De Lima na ang drug war ay unang ipinatupad

ni Duterte noong ito ay mayor pa ng Davao City gamit ang Davao Death Squad (DDS).

Ayon kay De Lima inorganisa ang mga assassination squad na binubuo ng mga pulis at sibilyan upang magsagawa ng pagpatay.

Ang grupong ito umano ang tumutukoy sa kanilang pagpatayin gamit ang operasyon ng pulis o "riding-in-tandem" vigilantes.

Sinabi ni De Lima na ang mga dating miyembro ng DDS na sina Edgar Matobato at Arturo Lascañas ay nag-ugnay kay Duterte sa iligal na droga.

Ayon sa dating senador, ang kanyang mga hakbang upang mapagsalita si Matobato sa Senado noong 2016 ay nagresulta sa pagsibak sa kanya bilang chairperson ng Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights at sa pagsasampa ng kaso at pag-arresto sa kanya.

Si Lascañas ay isa na ngayong testigo sa imbestigasyon ng International Criminal Court's (ICC) kaugnay



Binigyang-diin ni dating Senator Leila De Lima na si dating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang mastermind ng umano'y extrajudicial killings (EJK) sa kampanya nito laban sa ipinagbabawal na gamot.

## Police escort ni Sen. Bong Go naibalik na

Kinumpirma ng Philippine National Police (PNP) na kanilang tinanggal at naibalik din agad ang police security na nakatalaga kay Senator Bong Go.

Sinabi ni PNP spokesperson Col. Jean Fajardo, na kanilang tinanggal ang mga police security ni Go at ilang mga authorized individuals dahil sa kautusan na rin ng director ng Police Security and Protection Group.

Noong unang linggo ng Hulyo ng pansamantalang inalis ang mga ito para sumailalim sa training.

May ilang kapulisan kasi ang nasasangkot sa moonlighting activities o may ilang ginagawang ibang trabaho bukod sa kanilang sinump-aang tungkulin kaya minabuti na isailalim sa mga ito sa re-training.

Matapos ang ilang linggo ay naibalik din ang police security ni Go at ilang mga otorisadong individual.

Magugunitang inamin ng senador na nauna pa siyang tinanggalan ng mga police escort bago kay Vice President Sara Duterte noong nakaraang mga linggo.

## DOH, planong magtayo ng mga first aid facilities sa mga pangunahing tourist spots

Lalagyan na ng mga first aid facilities ang mga pangunahing tourist destination sa iba't-ibang bahagi ng bansa, ayon sa Department of Health (DOH).

Ilang sa mga posibleng maunang tatayuan ng mga naturang pasilidad ay ang Boracay, Siargao, Panglao, La Union, Palawan, Puerto Galera, atbp, sa ilalim ng programang tatawagin bilang Tourist First Aid Facilities

program.

Ang mga naturang pasilidad ay magsisilbing emergency response center para sa mga turista na posibleng masangkot sa mga aksidente habang bumibisita sila sa mga naturang lugar.

Magsisilbing staff dito ang mga healthcare professional na dumaan sa akmang training.

Lalagyan din ang mga ito ng sapat na medical supplies

at mga medisina para matiyak na magiging epektibo ang pagtulong.

Ang mga itatayong building ay bubuun ng dalawang palapag. Ang ikalawang palapag ay magsisilbing lifeguard station o viewing deck para mabantayan ang seguridad ng mga turista.

Ang unang palapag naman ang magsisilbing first aid at emergency room.

Ang naturang plan ay sa pagtutulongan ng The Department of Tourism (DOT), DOH at ang Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).

Ang mga naturang ahen-siya ay una nang pumirma ng Memorandum of Understanding para isa-pormal ang naturang proyekto.





## Angara says better PISA performance an 'immediate goal'

Angara made the call during the launching of "Brigada Pagbasa Partners Network", an event that gathered private partner organizations such as World Vision Philippines, Philippine Business for Education, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Angat Buhay, among others.

"My immediate goal is to raise the PISA results which is in March. So tulungan niyo po sana kami doon dahil iyong Grades 7, 8 and 9 and 10 mga walong milyon lang naman iyan na kailangan natin tulungan," he said during his speech.

The 2022 PISA results showed that Filipino students, aged 15 years old, lagged in math, science, reading and creative thinking when compared to students from other countries.

The international assessment also revealed that hunger and malnutrition affected the performance of students, noting that "12 percent of 15-year-old learners in the Philippines were reported coming to school without eating every day or every other day."

"Iyongiba diyan walang computer, iyong iba diyan hindi nag-almusal, iyong iba diyan pagod na pagod maglakad, naka-tinela lang so these are things we have to deal with on the ground, but with you there is hope," Angara said. "I have read all the letters, I have seen all the pending memorandum on my desk, of people and companies and organizations who want to help," he said.

Angara said he was waiting for the approval of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on his recommendation to form a task force that will focus on improving the country's ranking in PISA.

The task force will be composed of high ranking officials of DepEd, education experts and members of the private sector.

"In the coming days, months, weeks, magsasama po tayo and we will do what we have neglected to do in the past few years," Angara said.

"Amid the misery, there is so much hope, there is so much action, and pretty soon there will be results," he also added.



Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Wednesday asked some education stakeholders to help government in its goal of improving the Filipino students' performance in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in March.

## Trash, insufficient drainage system to blame for Metro Manila floods

MMDA Chair Romando Artes said current efforts to address flooding include the rehabilitation and construction of pumping stations, installation of trash traps along waterways, dredging, desilting, and declogging of drainage systems, as well as removal of silts and solid wastes.

But Artes said improper disposal of waste contributed to the "vicious cycle" of perennial flooding.

Death toll due to Carina, Butchoy, habagat rises to 39: NDRRMC "Kahit po maglinis kami nang maglinis ng mga esteros kung tuloy-tuloy naman po ang pagtatapon ng basura, pabalik-balik lang po. Nagiging vicious cycle po sya, lilitin namin tatapunan, lilitin namin tatapunan," Artes said at the hearing of the House committee on Metro Manila Development.

MMDA's proposals include the formulation of a 50-year drainage master plan, construction of flood tunnels and small water impounding projects, construction of an additional Malabon Navotas floodgate, provision of a direct outlet of waters to Manila Bay for Valenzuela, and the relocation of informal settlers living along waterways and easements that "contribute to the accumulation of obstacles that disrupt the natural flow of water."

Artes said the repair of the Malabon Navotas river navigational gate that was damaged by a barge last June would take about one to two months.

Meanwhile, Quezon City Rep. Franz Pumaren complained to the DPWH about the poor quality and construction of retaining walls along creeks in various flood-prone districts. He said the walls

tightened the waterway and were easily damaged which consequently led to the overflow of flood water. DPWH-Metro Manila Maintenance Division OIC Josel Bolivar assured Pumaren that study was made and quality was ensured. The lawmaker told the DPWH to review the performance of the contractors concerned, and check and ensure the soundness of the construction.

"Yung pinakita kong mga retaining wall na ginawa natin sa creek, nakita niyo ba kung gaano kanipis? 'Di lang manipis, parang walang bakal, parang papel. So ano ang p'wede natin gawin natin dyan? Are we gonna review kung sino man ang mga contractor dyan? Tapos diin we really study 'yung creek na ganito kalaki, nilagyan mo ng retaining wall, ganito na kala-

ki yan, ang tendency is mag-overflow na yan," Pumaren said.

Bolivar replied: "Nag-aralan naman ng aming district engineering office 'yan kaya naglagay sila ng retaining wall to protect yung mga illegal settlers, parang mga bahay bahay doon para hindi sila makuwan ng baha."

bigay ko sayo ang list kung saan dapat tignan ang retaining walls sa District 5, sa sobrang nipis, ang bilis bumagsak... I think we should start reviewing 'yung mga ganyan na contractors na shino-shorcut. Ang point ko, nag-nenegosyo ka. Kung hindi mo kaya gawin yun sa tamang specification, huwag natin ipagawa sa ganooon because nagsa-sacrifice and quality of work. Ang mamomoblema na naman 'yung city," the lawmaker said.

## Over 2,500 flood-stricken families in Pasig City to receive cash aid

The city government of Pasig has started the distribution of cash assistance to families severely affected by the onslaught of the southwest monsoon enhanced by typhoon Carina.

Affected Pasigueno families will be receiving P5,000 as financial assistance. Evacuee-families from three evacuation centers in the city already received their cash aid Wednesday afternoon.

"Kung may makikita pa tayong paraan para tumulong pa, di po tayong magdadala-lawang isip. Ito po ay dagdag tulugan pinansyal para sa inyong pamilya, kung may kailangang bilhin o ipaayos ang tahanan, mula sa lokal na pamahalaan," Mayor Vico Sotto said during the distribution.

Death toll due to Carina, Butchoy, habagat rises to 39:

NDRRMC According to the city government, there were 2,800 evacuee-families in 25 evacuation center during the peak of the flooding in the city.

The distribution of financial assistance will continue until August 2 to cover the families from the remaining 22 evacuation centers.

At present, only one evacuation center, located in Barangay Santolan, remains open.

Meanwhile, those affected families who were not able to evacuate will be given food packs. The distribution of food packs started last Monday.

The city will also implement a cash-for-work scheme for the affected families. They will be tapped to help in the clearing operations in exchange for remuneration.

## DTI chief Alfredo Pascual resigns

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Alfredo Pascual has resigned from his post, Malacañang announced Wednesday, adding that the seasoned banker and former UP president was going back to private sector.

In a statement, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said Pascual personally handed his resignation letter to President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. in their meeting at the Palace.

Marcos has accepted Pascual's resignation, which is effective on Aug. 2.

In a statement, Pascual explained his decision to leave his post.

"After much reflection, I have decided it is time for me to return to the private sector. There, my roles will allow me to continue contributing my expertise and experience while being able to spend quality time with my family," Pascual said.

He also said serving in the Marcos cabinet was a privilege and honor, and that he was proud of their achievements at the DTI.

The PCO meanwhile said Marcos acknowledges Pascual's "invaluable service in guiding the restoration and transformation of the Philippine economy."

"His focus on MSMEs was absolutely correct, and we are beginning to see the fruits of that policy. We are sorry to lose him, but we respect his decision that this is the time for him to return to

the private sector," Marcos said.

The PCO said the search for the new DTI chief would "commence immediately to ensure a seamless transition and continuity in the Department's initiatives."

Before being appointed to the DTI in 2022, Pascual served in the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), University of the Philippines (UP), and Asian Institute of Management (AIM), the agency said.

His past board memberships include the Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS), the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the Institute for Solidarity in Asia, and the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX), among others.

From 2011 to 2017, he was President and Co-Chair of the University of the Philippines.



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IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF PRISCILLA PAYAWAN KA A.K.A. PRISCILLA PAYAWAN LI

PRISCILLA PAYAWAN KA  
A.K.A. PRISCILLA PAYAWAN LI,  
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, PACITA LI, ANTONIO LI, and all other persons having interest thereto.  
Respondents.

SP. PROC. NO. R-MNL-24-03595-SP

### ORDER

This is an adversarial proceeding for the correction of the entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of PRISCILLA PAYAWAN KA a.k.a. PRISCILLA PAYAWAN LI praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, a decision be rendered, ordering the respondents to reflect the necessary corrections on the petitioner's certificate of live birth by **correcting the surname of petitioner from "Ka" to "Li" and correcting her father's first name from "Li" to "Ka" and the last name from "Ka" to "Li"**, or in the alternative, the petitioner be allowed to use the surname "Li".

The hearing on the Petition is hereby set on **September 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation (to be chosen by the raffle panel of this Court).

Consequently, let a copy of this Order be furnished the Office of the Clerk of Court for raffling relative to the publication. The petitioner or her counsel is directed to coordinate with the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) regarding the publication within five (5) days from receipt of this Order and to manifest to the Court her compliance five (5) days thereafter.

The City Civil Registrar of Manila, through the Office of the Solicitor General, and any interested person may file their opposition within fifteen (15) days from the last day of the publication.

Let a copy of the verified Petition be furnished the City Civil Registrar of Manila, Philippine Statistics Authority, the Office of the Solicitor General and the interested parties.

SO ORDERED.

Given this 28th day of June 2024 in the City of Manila, Philippines.

(SIGNED)  
DINNAH C. AGUILA-TOPACIO  
Presiding Judge

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## Trillanes claims ICC asked Interpol to put Dela Rosa, others under 'blue notice'

"Bale kasabay nitong pagbigay ng dokumento na ito sa Philippine government ng ICC ay meron din silang request sa Interpol na isama ang 5 ito sa blue notice na tinatawag, kung saan maaari silang i-hold sa mga iba't ibang immigration counters kung saan man silang bansa lalabas," Trillanes said.

According to the Interpol's website, a "Blue Notice" seeks to "collect additional information about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a criminal investigation."

Trillanes last week posted on X a confidential ICC document tagging Dela Rosa, former Philippine National Police officials Oscar Albayalde, Edilberto Leonardo, Eleazar Mata, and former CIDG chief and current Northern Luzon commander Maj. Gen. Romeo Caramat Jr. as "suspects."

Solicitor General Menardo Guevarra confirmed the existence of the document, saying he also received the

same information.

Trillanes brushed aside criticisms that he was raising the ICC issue against Dela Rosa because of his impending re-election bid.

"Alam nyo po, nung finile ko ito noong 2017, PNP chief pa lang siya, hindi pa siya kandidato pagka-senador. Saka yung mga ganyang palusot eh hindi pinapansin iyan ng ICC ano, whether tumakbo siya, manalo siya, hindi siya manalo, they don't care and I don't care," Trillanes said.

"Ang importante dito, mapanagot siya dun sa kanyang rule sa mga EJK (extra-judicial killings) that (resulted to the thousands of deaths of Filipinos," he added.

Dela Rosa, who implemented former President Rodrigo Duterte's drug war, previously admitted that human rights violations were committed at the height of controversial anti-narcotics campaign.

Duterte's drug war, which killed thousands of al-



Former Sen. Antonio Trillanes claimed Wednesday that the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) had asked the International Police (Interpol) to put Sen. Ronald Dela Rosa and other former and current police officials on "blue notice" amid its probe into the drug war.

leged drug addicts according to human rights groups, is currently under probe by the ICC.

However, Dela Rosa urged critics of the drug war to just file cases against them in Philippine courts.

the facts agreed upon by the parties, issues to be tried and pieces of evidence marked.

Enrile again went to the Supreme Court and filed the petition for prohibition.

In the decision of the Supreme Court dismissing the petition, it said the prosecution should not be limited to what is stated in the bill of particulars. The court also noted that if the prosecution presented evidence that is inadmissible, Enrile could still avail of other remedies as he has the right to object against inadmissible evidence.

The Supreme Court said that the Sandiganbayan acted in accordance with law and jurisprudence and Enrile's claim that his constitutional rights were violated was without merit.

depende, I'll decide when I have to decide."

(As mayor, I can help our city. In the House, I can help with national policy.)

Villar's daughter Camille currently holds the congressional seat. But the senator's husband, former Senate President Manny Villar, recently announced that Camille would run for the Senate. Camille is in her second term as congresswoman.

Sen. Villar belongs to the Aguilar clan which has a long history of stewardship of Las Pinas.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE  
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF  
JERIC W. GENOBISA,  
TO CORRECT / CHANGE:  
Entry No. 1. of the Certificate of  
Live Birth from "JERIC W. GENOBISA"  
to "JERIC GENOBISA"  
Entry No. 6. Of the Certificate of  
Live Birth from "MARIA MARISTELLA  
W. GENOBISA" to "MARESTELLA  
WASQUIN GENOBISA"

-versus-  
CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE OF  
MANILA, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY, MARIA MARISTELLA W.  
GENOBISA a.k.a. MARESTELLA  
WASQUIN GENOBISA, and all other  
Persons having interest thereto.

Respondents.  
Special Proceedings Nos. R-MNL-24-02799-SP  
For: Correction of Entries in the  
Civil Registry

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### ORDER

A Verified Petition dated May 15, 2024 filed by Petitioner JERIC W. GENOBISA, assisted by the Public Attorney's Office, through Public Attorneys Jesus Laurel B. Ilagan and Ismael T. Serrano, Jr. states that: Petitioner is of legal age, Filipino, single, and with residence address at Purok 5, Kanapulo, Magsaysay, Davao del Sur, where he may be served with summons, notices, orders, decision and other processes of this Honorable Court. Respondent MARIA MARISTELLA W. GENOBISA a.k.a. MARESTELLA WASQUIN GENOBISA ("Marestella") is of legal age, Filipino, married, with residence address at Purok 5, Kanapulo, Magsaysay, Davao del Sur, where she may be served with summons, notices, orders, decisions, and other processes of this Honorable Court. She is an indispensable party being the biological mother of the Petitioner. Respondent CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE OF MANILA ("CCRO-Manila") is being sued in its official capacity with office address at the Manila City Hall, Ermita, Manila, where it can be served with summons, notices, orders, decisions, and other processes of this Honorable Court. Respondent PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY ("PSA") is being sued in its official capacity with office address at the PSA Complex East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila 1101, where it can be served with summons, notices, orders, decisions, and other processes of this Honorable Court. All other persons having interest in the instant Petition are being impleaded in accordance with the provisions of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court. Petitioner was born out of wedlock on 30 July 1999 in the City of Manila. The fact of his birth was registered with CCRO-Manila as evidenced by his Certificate of Live Birth. As Petitioner's mother, Respondent Marestella provided the details regarding the personal circumstances of Petitioner needed for the registration of the latter's Certificate of Live Birth. Respondent Marestella provided these pieces of information immediately after giving birth to Petitioner. When she was asked by the hospital staff regarding her first name, Respondent Marestella provided "MARIA MARISTELLA" since it is the name that she grew up with until she gave birth to Petitioner at the age of 17. Moreover, Respondent Marestella was asked by the hospital staff about her middle initial and not her middle name. As such, Respondent Marestella provided her middle initial which is "W" and the same was entered by the hospital staff as her middle name instead of "WASQUIN". At the age of 19, Respondent Marestella secured a copy of her own birth

certificate from the National Statistics Office (now PSA). Respondent Marestella was surprised to learn that the first name that was registered in her birth certificate was "MARESTELLA" instead of "MARIA MARISTELLA". To prove that the middle name of Respondent Marestella is "WASQUIN" and that her first name is "MARESTELLA", copies of her Certificate of Live Birth, Voter's Identification Card, PhilHealth Identification Card, Certificate of Marriage, Tax identification Card, another PhilHealth Identification Card, Driver's License, and Philippine Identification Card were presented. Considering that Respondent Marestella is not married at the time of Petitioner's birth, the latter should be considered as an illegitimate child and shall use the surname of his mother. Necessarily, Petitioner's middle name "W" should be cancelled and be left in blank. In filing the instant Petition, the Petitioner seeks not to correct the erroneous entries to evade any criminal liability. In fact, Petitioner has no derogatory record as evidenced by his NBI Clearance and National Police Clearance.

Petitioner prays that a judgment be rendered ORDERING the Local Civil Registrar of Manila and the Philippine Statistics Authority to effect the following corrections in the Certificate of Live Birth of JERIC W. GENOBISA, thus:  
"ENTRY NO. 1 of the Certificate of Live Birth from "JERIC W. GENOBISA" to "JERIC GENOBISA"  
"ENTRY NO. 6 of the Certificate of Live Birth from "MARIA MARISTELLA W. GENOBISA" to "MARESTELLA WASQUIN GENOBISA"

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the instant case be set for hearing on **November 19, 2024 at 8:30 in the morning** at which date and time, any interested person may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Likewise, the petitioner through her counsel, is hereby ordered to cause the publication of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation, to be determined by prior raffle at the Office of the Executive Judge, through the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Manila, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the last publication of which should not be later than **August 25, 2024**.

Petitioner is hereby directed to furnish the Office of the Solicitor General of a copy of the Petition, together with its annexes, immediately upon receipt of this Order.

Send a copy of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, Local Civil Registry of Manila, Philippine Statistics Authority, Petitioner, and his assisting counsel.

SO ORDERED.

City of Manila, Philippines, May 16, 2024  
(SIGNED)

CAROLINE L. TOBIAS  
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

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## 'Let them decide,' Enrile says after Supreme Court lets trial for plunder to proceed

This was the response of Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Juan Ponce Enrile on the Supreme Court decision allowing the Sandiganbayan to continue hearing the plunder case against him.

Enrile said the case has dragged on for years and the Sandiganbayan has yet to issue a ruling.

"Until now, they are not deciding. Mahigit 10 taon na 'yan, walang ebidensya na ipini-presenta sa akin," he told the media in an interview on Wednesday.

In a decision dated Feb. 24, 2024 and made public recently, the high court dismissed Enrile's petition for prohibition.

In 2014, the Office of the Ombudsman filed plun-

der charges against Enrile, his former chief of staff Gigi Reyes, businesswoman Janet Lim Napoles and others in connection with the controversial Priority Development Assistance Fund scam.

Enrile subsequently filed a motion for bill of particulars before the Sandiganbayan 3rd Division. This motion which allows an accused to request for specific details from the prosecution in order to prepare for trial.

The anti-graft court denied Enrile's motion but was overturned by the Supreme Court in an August 11, 2015 decision.

The prosecution complied with the order of the Supreme Court but Enrile then objected to the contents of the pre-trial order, which includes

lang ako," Villar told the Kapitan sa Manila Hotel forum when asked about running for mayor.

(I'm still figuring it out because I might lose.)

"Ok din sa akin yun," Villar said of running for the House.

(I'm also fine with that.)

Tackling the factors she is considering, Villar said: "Iba yung local, matutulungan ko yung bayan namin. Yung national naman I can help in policy making kasi mas magagawa mo yun sa House of Representatives. So

## Cynthia Villar eyes running for mayor or congressman in 2025

Sen. Cynthia Villar said Wednesday she was considering vying for a local position in the 2025 elections.

Villar is in her second consecutive term as senator. She is constitutionally barred from seeking re-election next year. Villar confirmed she was considering running for mayor or of her home turf of Las Pinas, but she is also open to returning to her old seat as the city's congressional representative in the House of Representatives.

"Tintignan ko pa kung mananalao ako baka matalo

A D V E R T I S I N G



# Robert Downey Jr. announces shock Marvel return at Comic-Con



Oscar-winner Robert Downey Jr. announced his return to the Marvel superhero films during a blockbuster Disney presentation at Comic-Con Saturday, as the company attempts to reinvigorate its all-time record-grossing movie franchise.

Harrison Ford and Pedro Pascal were also officially unveiled among a batch of new stars joining the movie franchise, which has grossed an unprecedented \$30 billion at the box office, but in recent years has suffered a number of high-profile flops.

Marvel film president Kevin Feige unveiled new details about multiple upcoming

superhero movies in front of a crowd of screaming devotees at the San Diego, California gathering on Saturday — but nobody drew a louder reaction than the returning Downey Jr.

The actor, who launched the entire Marvel movie universe with 2008's "Iron Man," will return as a totally different character — Doctor

Doom, a prominent villain in the Marvel comic books — it was revealed.

He appeared anonymously on stage among a group of hooded and masked figures, before stepping forward and revealing his much-rumored return.

"New mask. Same task. What'd I tell you? I like playing complicated characters,"

said Downey Jr., to the delight of the assembled Marvel obsessives.

Downey Jr. won an Oscar this year for his role in Christopher Nolan's "Oppenheimer," and had seemingly retired from the Marvel films in 2019.

The presentation was the hottest ticket of the four-day

pop culture extravaganza, with fans lining up for hours to get a coveted seat.

Marvel fans have complained in recent years about over-complicated plotlines and the departure of beloved characters, including Downey Jr.'s Iron Man, with some calling for a wholesale reboot of the movies.

The franchise was also rocked by domestic violence revelations about actor Jonathan Majors, who had been set to become the major new supervillain across multiple films.

Majors, who was convicted for assaulting and harassing his then-girlfriend, was dropped by Marvel.

The answer to who will fill that role was seemingly answered by Downey Jr.'s return as a villain.

Joe and Anthony Russo — the brothers who previously oversaw 2019's "Avengers: Endgame," which briefly became the highest-grossing film of all time at more than \$2.79 billion — will also return.

They will direct "Avengers: Doomsday," in May 2026, and "Avengers: Secret Wars" in May 2027.

'Piece of the action'

The Marvel event opened with dozens of singers and dancers dressed in the red and yellow of "Deadpool & Wolverine," the new R-rated superhero movie that is enjoying a record-breaking opening this weekend.

"But Hall H doesn't just look back... Hall H looks forward," said Feige, referring to the Comic-Con event's famous venue, before setting out Marvel's plans for the next three years.

Next year will see three films including February's "Captain America: Brave New World," with Harrison Ford as Thaddeus Ross, a US president who turns into a Red Hulk. "I wanted a piece of the action," said Ford, on joining the Marvel franchise.

Also due in 2025 are "Thunderbolts" in May starring Florence Pugh, and July's "The Fantastic 4: First Steps," starring Pedro Pascal and set in 1960s New York.

Earlier on Saturday at Comic-Con, Disney's rival studio Warner, which runs the DC superhero movies, offered a glimpse at "The Penguin," starring Colin Farrell.

Spun off from the 2022 film "The Batman," which starred Robert Pattinson as a grungy, noirish incarnation of the beloved superhero, "The Penguin" will hit HBO on September 19.

## Kim Chiu nagwagi sa Seoul International Drama Awards

Nagwagi ng award ang actress na si Kim Chiu sa Seoul International Drama Awards 2024.

Nakuha nito ang Outstanding Asian Star award dahil sa pagganap niya bilang si Juliana Lualhati sa drama serye na "Linlang".

Sa social media account nito ay ibinahagi nito ang imbitasyon na natanggap mula sa Korean-based awards-giving body.

Labis itong nagpasalamat sa mga fans at supporters na walang sawang tumatangkilik sa mga pelikula at drama serye.



ye nito. Bumuhos naman ng pagbati mula sa iba't-ibang kasamahan nito sa showbiz ng magpost ang actress

## Asawa ng dating child actor Elvis Gutierrez na si Alexa pumanaw na

ng 38-anyos na si Alexa ang kaniyang sakit na leukemia.

Sa social media account ng actress na labis ito ng nalulungkot dahil sa pagkamatay ng hipag kung saan isang mabuting ina, kapatid at kaibigan ang turing nito sa kaniya.

Isinilang bilang si Alexandra Joelle Uichico noong Hulyo 1, 1986 ay dating modelo bago naging negosyante.

Mayroon silang anak na dalawa na sina Aria at Ezra.

Bumuhos naman ang pakikiramay at pagdarasal mula sa kapwa artista mula ng kumalat ang balita.



## Celine Dion agaw eksena sa pagbubukas ng Olympics

Natapos ang magarbang opening ceremony ng 2024 Paris Olympics. Nagtaps ito sa pagdeklara ni French President Emmanuel Macron ang pagpagsimula ng Paris Olympics.

Kinanta ni French mezzo-soprano opera singer Axelle Saint-Cirel ang national anthem ng France na La Marseillaise ang national anthem ng France.

Nakasuot na kulay puti si Saint-Cirel habang bitbit ang malaking watawat ng France at siya ay nakatayo sa Grand Palais na nakatayo malapit sa makasaysayang Champs-Élysées. Ilan sa mga agaw eksena sa Paris Olympics ay ang pagbabalik sa pagkanta ni Celine Dion.

Kinanta nito ang "L'Hymne à l'amour" para sa pagtatapos ng opening ceremony. Ito ang unang pagkakataon na kumanta ang singer matapos na dumanas ng stiff person syndrome, a rare neurological condition.

Bukod sa nasabing singer ay ilang mga techno at Euro-pop music na may kasamang pagsayaw ang nagpakitang gilas. Ilan sa mga nagtanggap ay ang Gojira, French mezzo-soprano opera singer Axelle Saint-Cirel, at Lady Gaga, na kumanta ng "Montr' en plumes," mula sa original singer na si Zizi Jean-



maire. Agaw ang si 14-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal na siyang nagdala ng Olympic torch sa opening ceremony.

Ang nasabing torch ay ipinasa mula mga atleta na kinabibilangan nina Zinedine Zidane, Rafael Nadal, Serena Williams, Carl Lewis, Tony Parker at ilang mga French Olympians. Ang cauldron ay sinindihan ni French Olympians Teddy Riner at Marie-Josée Pérec. Agaw pansin din ang Team USA na sila ang huling pumarada kung saan naging flag bearer si NBA star LeBron James at tennis star Coco Gauff.

Kaya naging huli ang USA ay dahil sila ang susunod na magiging host pagkatapos ng dalawang taon sa Los Angeles.

## BINI nagtala ng kasaysayan sa pagtanggap sa KCON LA 2024 music Festival

Sila kasi ang unang Filipino group na nagtanggap sa nasabing event.

Maraming mga fans ang nasiyahan sa performance ng grupo kung saan kinanta nila ang "Cherry On Top" sa pre-show ng "M Countdown" stage.

Hindi lamang nakasama ang lider nila na si Jhoanna Robles dahil sa isyu ng kalusugan. Ilan sa mga nagperform sa Crypto Arena sa California

ay ang mga grupong ENHYPEN, NMIXX, STAYC, ZEROBASEONE, PIHARMONY at BOYNEXTDOOR.

Naging bahagi rin sila sa convention ng special "Meet the Rising Stars: BINI".

Bago nito ay inanunsyo ng grupo na ang kanilang BINIverse show sa Aranea Coliseum ay inilipat sa Nobyembre 16 at 17 na gaganapin pa rin sa parchas na lugar.



Itinuturing na isang makasaysayan ang ginawang pagtatanggap ng Pinay girl group na BINI sa KCON LA 2024 music festival.

## Actor Michael de Mesa ibinahagi ang pagka-stranded niya sa kalsada ng 22 oras

Ibinahagi ng actor na si Michael de Mesa na ito ay na-stranded sa kalsada ng mahigit 22 na oras. Sa kaniyang social ay ibinahagi nito ang ilang mga pangyayari.

Nitong Miyerkules dakong 2:30 ng hapon ng paalis na ito sa Cainta, Rizal.

Pagdating ng Huwebes ng umaga ay nagpost ulit ng larawan at sinabing nasa 17 oras na ito stranded galing sa taping. Dagdag pa nito na halos maiyak-iyak na siya at nakakaranas na siya ng anxiety attack. Nagpaabot naman

ng tulong ang ilang mga kasamahan niyang artista at mga fans para i-tow ang kaniyang sasakyan. Sa pinakahuling post niya ay nagpasalamat na lamang ang actor sa mga lahat ng mga tumulong sa kaniya.



## Actress Jennifer Aniston binatikos si Sen. JD Vance

Binatikos ng actress na si Jennifer Aniston si Ohio Senator JD Vance.

May kaugnayan ito sa naging nakaraan ng opisyal tungkol sa mga kababaihan at kababaihan.

Sa social media account ng actress ay nagpost ito ng batikos sa tumatakbong bise presidente ni dating US President Donald Trump.

Tinutukoy ng actress ang naging panayam kay Vance na binatikos ang mga kababaihan na walang mga anak na nabubuhay ng miserableng

buhay. Nakilala kasi ang actress sa pakikipaglaban sa reproductive health.







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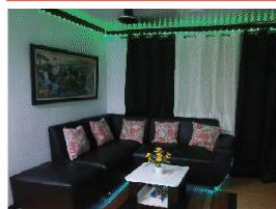
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# Three 9/11 suspects agree to plead guilty

The deal for the guilty pleas by Mohammed, Walid Bin Attash and Mustafa al-Hawasawi rather than a death penalty trial has been approved by a senior Pentagon official, the Times said.

All three men have been in custody since 2003. Mohammed is an al Qaeda militant accused by the U.S. of being the principal architect of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon outside Washington.

"In exchange for the removal of the death penalty as a possible punishment, these three accused have agreed to plead guilty to all of the charged offenses, including the murder of the 2,976 people listed in the charge sheet," the chief prosecutor, Rear Admiral Aaron Rugh, said in a letter to family members of Sept. 11 victims, according to the Times.

The letter said the men could submit their pleas in open court as early as next week, according to the Times. The Defense Department released a statement on Wednesday saying prosecutors had reached plea agreements with Mohammed, Bin Attash and al-Hawasawi, without disclosing the terms of those deals.



The man accused of plotting the Sept. 11 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and two of his accomplices held at the Guantanamo prison have agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy charges in exchange for a life sentence, the New York Times reported on Wednesday citing unidentified Pentagon officials.

## Taiwan President, nanawagan ng pagkakaisa ng mga bansa laban sa China



Nanawagan ng pagkakaisa si Taiwan President Lai Ching-te laban sa umano'y pagiging banta ng China.

Ginawa ng ni Pres. Lai ang apela sa Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China Summit na dinaluhan ng mga parliamentary mula sa iba't-ibang mga bansa katulad ng Uruguay, Canada, Japan, UK, at 19 na iba pang mga bansa. Isa sa mga pangunahing alalahanin ng grupo ay ang paraan ng pakikitungo ng China sa ibang mga bansa.

Sa naging mensahe ni Pres. Lai sa grupo ng mga mambabatas, binigyang-diin nito na ang banta ng China sa anumang mga bansa ay nagiging banta din sa buong mundo.

Gagawin niya ang Taiwan ang lahat upang pairalin ang prinsipyo ng demokrasya at makipagtulungan sa mga democratic partners nito.

## Nanawagan ang ibang mga world leaders sa Venezuela na ilabas ang tunay na resulta ng halalan

Nanawagan ang ilang mga lider ng bansa at mga electoral observers na dapat ilabas ng Venezuela ang kompletong resulta ng halalan sa pagkapangulo.

Kasunod ito sa kinukwestiyon ang pagdeklara ni President Nicolas Maduro na ito ay nananal sa pagkapangulo.

Hindi naman nagpatalo ang kampo ni opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez at nagmatigas na sila pa rin ang nanalo sa halalan.

Ayon sa inisyal na pahayag ng National Electoral Council (CNE) na nakakuha si Maduro ng 51 percent na panalo sa boto habang 44 percent lamang si Gonzalez.

Sa talumpati ng 61-anyos na si Maduro na handa na

Kasabay nito ay nagpasalamat si Lai sa mga bansang sumusuporta sa Taiwan, sa kabila ng banta na umano'y ipinupukol ng China sa Taiwan. Tiniyak naman ng bagong Taiwan leader na nakahanda ang kanyang administrasyon na makipag-diologo sa China upang maabot ang kapayapaan at stability sa pagitan ng China at Taiwan.

Si Lai ay tinatawag ng China bilang isang 'dangerous separatist' dahil sa kanyang paninindigan sa sariling soberanya at otoridad ng Taiwan, bagay na ikinagagalit ng mainland China.

Ilang araw matapos siyang manalo bilang pangulo, agad nagsagawa ang China ng war games sa palibot ng Taiwan at nagpadala ng fighter jets at naval vessel bilang 'punishment' umano sa paninindigan ng bagong presidente.



muli itong mamuno ng anim na taon mula 2025 hanggang 2031.

Nanawagan si United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres na dapat ilabas ang kompletong resulta para magkaroon ng transparency.

Taong 2013 ng unang mamuno si Maduro ng pumanaw ang pinalitan nitong pangulo na si Hugo Chavez.

## Leader ng Hamas na si Ismail Haniyeh, patay matapos ang 'Zionist strike' sa Tehran, Iran



Ismail Haniyeh matapos ang isang 'Zionist strike' sa Tehran, Iran.

Ayon sa grupo, nasawi ito habang nasa kanyang headquarters sa naturang lugar.

Napag-alaman na dumalo pa ito sa inagurasyon ng bagong halal na Iranian president at nakipagpulong sa Supreme Leader ng Iran na si Seyyed Ali Hosseini Khamenei.

Kabilang sa mga namatay ang isa sa kanyang bodyguards ayon sa Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Nagpaabot naman ng pakikiramay ang Iran sa pagkamatay ng nasabing Hamas leader.

## Israel inako ang pag-atake sa Beirut, Lebanon

Inako ng Israel ang naganap na air strike sa Beirut Lebanon.

Ayon sa Israel, na target nila ang Hezbollah commander na siyang responsable sa Majdal Shams attacks noong nakaraang Sabado.

Gumamit ang Israel Defense Forces ng drone na nagpakawala ng tatlong missiles.

Itinuturing ng Israel na isang pagganti ang ginawa nila.

Una ng nagbabala si Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah na kapag inatake ng Israel ang capital na Beirut ay hindi sila magdadalawang isip na umatake sa Tel Aviv.

Nagbabala naman ang White House na ang pagganti ng Israel ay hindi magtatapos sa nasabing kaguluhan sa lugar. Kinondina naman ng Iran ang nasabing insidente kung saan magdudulot ito ng mas matinding kaguluhan.



# Superstars Marchand and Ledecky light up Olympic pool



French superstar Leon Marchand added to his legend with a dazzling and historic performance in the Paris pool Wednesday as Katie Ledecky became the first woman swimmer to win gold at four Olympics.

On an action-packed evening in a pumping La Defense Arena, China's Pan Zhanle smashed his own 100m freestyle world record while Swedish veteran Sarah Sjöström won the women's title.

American great Ledecky again set new standards, cementing her reputation as the greatest distance swimmer the sport has known.

She flew to the wall in a new Olympic record 15mins 30.02secs to defend her 1,500m freestyle title, more than 10 seconds clear of second-placed Anastasia Kirpichnikova of France.

Pan was also on fire, clocking 46.40sec for the first swimming world record of the Games.

But the night belonged to Marchand who dethroned two defending champions to complete a historic feat.

He produced a sensational final lap to upset Hungarian

world record holder Kristof Milak to win the 200m butterfly, then suited up again to claim gold in the 200m breaststroke, roared on by a deafening home crowd.

No swimmer has ever won both at the same Olympics.

"I think it will take a while for me to realize," he said.

"I'm just trying to keep going. I really enjoyed every moment of those two finals. It was really amazing for me to swim those."

Marchand now has three golds after his 400m medley victory on Sunday -- France's first pool win in 12 years -- with the chance of another in the 200m medley.

Milak looked in control, but with the fans urging him on, Marchand made a dramatic late surge to get his hand on the wall first in an Olympic record 1:51.21, sending fans into a frenzy.

Milak was second, 0.54sec behind, with Canada's Ilya Kharun earning bronze.

The 22-year-old Frenchman then returned to dominate the breaststroke, touching in 2:05.85, an Olympic record and the second quickest ever behind China's Qin Haiyang who failed to make the final.

Australia's defending champion Zac Stubblety-Cook was second and Dutchman Caspar Corbeau third.

## - An honor -

Ledecky's result was never in doubt -- she has set the last six world records and now holds the fastest 20 times ever swum.

It was her eighth Olympic gold, and 12th medal overall, with the 27-year-old becoming the first woman swimmer to win titles at four Olympics after grabbing her first at London in 2012.

Among men, only fellow Americans Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte have achieved that feat.

"I just wanted to swim a time that I could be really happy with and that was one," she said.

"I try not to think about history much. I know those names, those people that I'm up with. It's an honor just to be named among them."

Ledecky, who took bronze in the 400m freestyle, will also dive in for the 800m this week as she guns for a fourth straight title.

Should she win, she will equal the most Olympic golds -- nine -- ever won by a woman athlete, matching former Soviet-era artistic gymnast Larisa Latynina.

Pan stole Australian veteran Kyle Chalmers' thunder in the 100m freestyle, smashing the record he set at the world championships in Doha this year. Chalmers, who won gold in Rio and silver in Tokyo, came second with former world record holder David Popovici of Romania third.

Sjöström was a surprise winner of the women's 100m freestyle, touching in 52.16 ahead of the United States' Torri Huske and Hong Kong's Siobhan Haughey.

Australia's Mollie O'Callaghan, the 200m champion, came fourth.

While the Swedish veteran holds the world record, she had never won gold in the 100m at a major meet until now despite owning four Olympic medals and 25 at world championships.

"I just felt like I had a really good race and I was so in my zone," she said. "This is unbelievable. I didn't think I would swim the 100 free, honestly."

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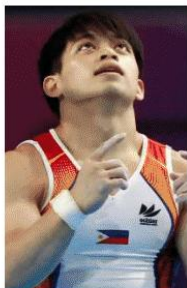
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### Carlos Yulo finishes 12th overall in men's individual all-around



Carlos Yulo overcame an early stumble to finish a respectable 12th in the individual all-around finals of men's artistic gymnastics in the 2024 Paris Olympics, Wednesday at the Bercy Arena (early Thursday in Manila).

The Filipino gymnast got off to a horror start as he stumbled upon his dismount from the pommel horse in the first rotation, leading to a score of only 11.900.

But he made up for it immediately in the second rotation, when he scored 13.933 in the rings followed by a strong 14.766 in the vault, one of his favorite apparatus.

Yulo then scored 14.500 in the parallel bars and a 13.600 in the horizontal bar, capped by a 14.333 in the floor exercise for a total of 83.032. His total score was 3.800 behind the total of eventual gold medalist Oka Shinnosuke of Japan, who totaled 86.832. China's Zhang Boheng (86.599) and Xiao Ruoteng (86.364) claimed silver and gold.

It was a thrilling finish, with Zhang having a chance to catch Oka at the top as he performed last on the horizontal bar. However, his score of 14.633 wasn't quite enough to dislodge the Japanese gymnast.

Oka's triumph made up for the subpar performance of defending champion Daiiki Hashimoto, who finished sixth. Though Yulo did not medal, he did gain momentum heading into the final of the floor exercise on August 3, and the vault on August 4.



### MJ Perez tows Signal HD past Petro Gazz for 4-0 start

Signal HD extended its unbeaten run to four in the 2024 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) Reinforced Conference.

The HD Spikers trounced Petro Gazz in straight sets, 25-19, 25-19, 25-22 for their fourth win in Pool B on Thursday at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City.

This was also their best start, tying their 4-0 opening start last 2022 Invitational Conference. Import MJ Perez was there for the Signal offense, tallying 20 points on 16 attacks, three blocks and an ace -- also the lone HD Spiker in double-digit territory.

But for Perez, team work paved the way for their victory.

"I'm very proud of my team because today, we all worked together as a team. Everything went well because we kept our focus. This win, we really worked for it," she said.

"We were very focused on our trainings and it showed today so I'm very proud of my team," Perez went on.

It was important to note that HD Spikers only had six errors in the match -- the lowest ever recorded in any PVL game.

All-Filipino Conference MVP Brooke Van Sickle paced the losing side with a game-high 28 points, while Perez's counterpart Wilma Salas only had 14 markers.

Shaq delos Santos' wards went on to take the final canto from a 22-all deadlock after Van Sickle's service went short, and then Perez followed it through with back-to-back hits which ended the 1-hour, 46-minute encounter.

"Siyempre sobrang proud sa team namin, especially our import sobrang all out talaga siya kanina. Sobrang happy kasi grabe 'yung naging effort talaga ng team sa three days namin na preparation. Good thing na lumabas talaga 'yung kung papaano kami nagkaroon ng game plan," delos Santos said.

The HD Spikers can make it five wins in a row against Akari next week, while Petro Gazz will face Choco Mucho next.

### Pinay judoka Watanabe natapos na ang kampanya sa Paris Olympics

Hindi nagtagumpay si Pinay judoka Kiyomi Watanabe sa women's judo competitions sa Paris Olympics.

Ito ay matapos na talunin siy ni Tang Jing ng China sa -63kg elimination round of 32. Umabot lamang sa 51 segundo ang inilabas na lakas ni Tang para tuluyang tapusin ang kampanya ni Watanabe.

Nasa ranked 92 si Watanabe habang si Tang ay nasa ranked 22.

Ito na ang panglawang talo ni Watanabe kung saan noong nakaraang Tokyo Olympics ay umabot lamang sa 38 segundo para matapos ang kampanya.



### Fil-Am fencer na naglalaro sa Team USA, back-to-back gold medalist sa Olympics

Muling nagbalsa ng gintong medalya ang Filipino-American fencer na si Lee Kiefer sa nagpapatuloy na Paris Olympics. Si Kiefer ay naglalaro sa ilalim ng Team USA at nagawa niyang mapanalo ang gintong medalya laban sa mas batang si Lauren Scruggs. Ang dalawa ay napilitang magharap sa gold medal fight sa kabilang pagiging mag-teammate sa ilalim ng Team USA. Ang paglalaban ng dalawang US athlete para sa gintong medalya sa fencing ay ang ikatlong pagkakataon pa lamang sa kasaysayan ng naturang Olympic sports. Una itong nangyari noong 1904 at sinundan noong 2008. Samantala, ito na ang pangalawang

gintong medalya ni Keifer sa Olympic fencing matapos ang ginto mapanalunan ang unang ginto noong Tokyo Olympics.

Siya ay isang medical student mula sa University of Kentucky. Ang kanyang nanay ay isang Pinay at nagtungo sa US habang bata pa.

