

Calamba City Lights Up the Season with Grand Christmas Tree Illumination



Calamba City, Laguna welcomed the first night of December with dazzling brilliance as the simultaneous lighting of its Giant Christmas Trees took place at The Plaza in front of Calamba City Hall, led by Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal.

The event, themed "Sama-samang Pag-iilaw, Sama-samang Pag-asa," drew families, local officials, and residents who gathered to witness one of the city's most awaited holiday traditions.

As the countdown began, Mayor Ross Rizal delivered a heartfelt message highlighting unity and renewed hope for the Calambefios.

"Tonight, our city shines once again as we light up the Giant Christmas Trees—symbols of hope, unity, and our unwavering service to the people," the Mayor said.

("Ngayong gabi, muling nagninging ang ating lungsod sa pag-iilaw ng mga Giant Christmas Tree—mga simbolo ng

pag-asa, pagkakaiba, at walang sawang paglilingkod sa ating mga kababayan.")

He added that every light glowing across the city serves as a reminder of resilience and community spirit.

"As each bulb flickers to life, it reminds us that despite the challenges, we continue to rise and celebrate as a loving, helping community."

("Habang unti-unting sumisindi ang bawat ilaw, paalala ito na

sa kabila ng mga hamon, patuloy ang ating pagbangon at pagdiriwang bilang isang komunidad na nagmamahalan at nagtutulungan.")

The ceremony culminated in a festive burst of colors as the massive Christmas tree illuminated the night sky, signaling the beginning of a joyful and meaningful holiday season in Calamba.

"Merry Christmas, Calamba! Light, joy, and love to all."

(Edjun Mariposque)



Bucana Bridge Opens Before Christmas, Delivers New Era of Mobility for Davaoeños



Philippines — Davaoeños will enjoy smoother travel and improved access across the city's coastal areas as the P3.1-billion Bucana Bridge is now completed and set to open before Christmas, following an inspection by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Thursday.

The newly built four-lane, six-span extradosed bridge—stretching 480.20 meters with an additional 1,340 meters of approach roads—forms a major link between the eastern and western coastal zones of Davao City. The project aims to

ease congestion, reduce travel time, and expand economic opportunities by providing alternative routes toward business districts, tourism hubs, and essential services.

Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon said the President ordered the acceleration of the project, ensuring that construction adhered to the highest standards of quality and structural integrity. The bridge also features a shared-use path and pedestrian walkway to ensure safe mobility for non-motorized travelers.

Funded through

China's Official Development Assistance (ODA), the Davao River Bridge—popularly known as Bucana Bridge—is expected to significantly enhance regional connectivity and support long-term economic growth.

During the event, President Marcos apologized to the public for the challenges brought about by the ongoing flood control scandal, likening the issue to an illness that must be addressed head-on. He emphasized that investigations were necessary to "remove the cancer" affecting public trust

and governance.

The President's appearance in Davao, considered the political stronghold of the Duterte family, also drew attention, signaling that key infrastructure projects will continue despite political tensions.

The Bucana Bridge stands as a major infrastructure milestone for Mindanao, with its opening anticipated to bring a more convenient, safe, and progressive travel experience for thousands of motorists and commuters daily.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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Calamba Rep. Cha Hernandez-Alcantara Pushes Classroom Acceleration Bill to End Nationwide Shortage



Calamba City, Laguna — Representative Charisse Anne "Cha" Hernandez-Alcantara of the lone district of Calamba City proudly announced her sponsorship of House Bill 5211, also known as the Classroom-Acceleration-Program (CAP) Bill, during discussions before the House Committee on Basic Education.

"We're proud to sponsor HB 5211 or the Classroom-Acceleration-Program Bill before the Committee on Basic Education," Hernandez-Alcantara said, emphasizing the urgency of addressing the country's longstanding classroom shortage.

She noted that empowering more sectors to participate in classroom construction will significantly speed up efforts to close gaps in public school infrastructure. "Naniniwala tayong mas maraming kayang magpatayo ng classroom, mas bibilis ang pagresolba sa classroom

shortage," she added. The Calamba lawmaker also highlighted that the measure complements the Senate version filed by Senator Bam Aquino. "Tayo ang nag-file nito sa House bilang suportanatin sa CAP Bill na inihain na ni Sen. Bam Aquino sa Senado. It's time na magkaisa tayo to end the classroom shortage and provide quality education for all of our children."

Ending her statement with a reminder of her advocacy, she said: "Lagi't laging para sa mga bata!"

(Edjun Mariposque)

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EDITORIAL:

MANILA, Philippines — Former Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio warned Thursday that China may turn Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal into a "monitoring station," following a pattern Beijing has used to establish manned facilities on other features in the South China Sea.

"China is saying [they] are putting up a nature reserve. Now, to operate a nature reserve, you must monitor it, and it can be armed," Carpio told reporters on the sidelines of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Leadership Summit in Quezon City.

Carpio noted that in 1987, China built a weather station on Fiery Cross Reef, which it initially said was for oceanic research with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization or Unesco. Fiery Cross has since become one of Beijing's largest military outposts in the Spratly Islands.

He pointed out that a similar approach was used at Mischief Reef, where Beijing initially claimed it was constructing only a shelter for fishermen.

READ: Carpio fears PH pact on Ayungin Shoal may expand China's reach

Pattern "They have a playbook. We've seen this before, and we must be wiser this time. Let's prepare for it. How? Let's expose them ... You can see all the maps, historical maps, documents, and everything. So, we have to counter disinformation," he added.

Panatag lies about 220 kilometers west of Zambales, within the Philippines' 370-kilometer exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

The shoal has been under Chinese control

CARPIO: LET'S BE WISE TO CHINA'S 'PLAYBOOK'

since 2012, a situation that continues to heighten tensions in the West Philippine Sea.

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Carpio was part of the Philippine delegation involved in the case before The Hague, whose landmark 2016 ruling invalidated China's "nine-dash line" claim over the South China Sea, including areas within the Philippine EEZ.

READ: Año, Carpio warn of China's next move after 'nature reserve' ploy

BrahMos missiles Carpio also said the Philippines should respond not only through legal channels but also by boosting military deterrence, particularly with additional BrahMos cruise missiles.

"I leave it to the military. But my suggestion is to acquire more BrahMos missiles because they are mobile. When you can strike your enemy at any time, and your enemy cannot strike you, you control your enemy," he said.

Carpio added that the BrahMos missiles could be concealed behind natural terrain, while Panatag's fixed location meant that missiles could be programmed to strike it, giving the Philippines a strategic advantage.

The BrahMos system can travel at speeds up to Mach 2.8 and has a range of 290 to 400 kilometers. It can be launched from ships, aircraft, submarines, or land platforms.

The Philippines received its first batch of BrahMos missiles in April 2024, followed by a second delivery in April 2025.

Under a 2022 agreement with India, the country will acquire three missile batteries worth P18.9 billion.

Second arbitration case Carpio urged the government to anticipate Beijing's strategy, citing China's "three warfares": shaping public opinion through disinformation, advancing a legal narrative, and maneuvering diplomatically.

He also renewed calls for a second arbitration case against China, expressing hope that the Marcos administration will act before the end of its term.

Meanwhile, Philippine Navy spokesperson for the West Philippine Sea Rear Adm. Roy Vincent Trinidad said the military has prepared contingency measures should China take any escalatory steps.

"The government has been very clear that all our actions will ensure the integrity of the national territory," Trinidad told reporters in a chance interview on the sidelines of the same summit.

"In the event that actions from the other side are deemed escalatory, we have appropriate contingency plans to ensure that not one square inch of our territory will be lost," he said.

Trinidad added that acquiring additional missile systems has long been part of the military's modernization program

"Part of the modernization plans of the Armed Forces includes looking at other missile systems, or rather, more missile systems," he said, noting that specific details fall under the Department of National Defense.

SENATOR...

Sinabi ni dating Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno na maaaring akuin ni Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa ang pagiging utak sa umano'y crimes against humanity sa war on drugs upang mailigtas si dating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte mula sa International Criminal Court.

Ayon kay Sereno, maaari umanong mag-ingon testigo si Dela Rosa at kung magiging kapani-paniwala ang kanyang pahayag, posibleng mapalaya ang dating pangulo.

Dagdag pa niya, kung tunay na mahal ng senador si Duterte, dapat nitong akuin ang buong responsibilidad sa mga nangyaring pagpatay sa kampanya kontra droga. Si Dela Rosa ang hepe ng Philippine National Police sa unang bahagi ng administrasyong Duterte at pangunahing nagpapa-

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tupad ng madugong drug war.

Binigyang-diin ni Sereno na dapat pag-nilayan ng senador kung nagdulot ba ng tamang resulta ang kanyang mga naging aksyon, lalo't hindi naman nasugpo ang ilegal na droga at panandalian lamang ang naging epekto ng takot

Nananatiling kontrobersyal ang drug war matapos kilalanin ng pamahalaan ang mahigit 7,000 nasawi, habang tinatayang umaabot sa 12,000 ang bilang ayon sa human rights groups.

Samantala, hindi pa pumapasok sa Senado si Dela Rosa mula nang mabalitang may arrest warrant umano mula sa ICC, at nabigo rin siyang makakuha ng temporary restraining order mula sa Korte Suprema laban sa pagpapatupad nito.

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MAYOR ROSS...

Calamba City Mayor Rosseller "Ross" H. Rizal emerged as one of the most distinguished local chief executives in the country after Calamba successfully passed the 2025 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA), placing the city among the national awardees recognized for excellence in child welfare programs.

Mayor Rizal emphasized that the recognition is "more than an award — it reflects the city's effective policies and programs for child protection, development, and participation."

"Karanagalan ko pong ibalita sa inyo na kasama po tayon sa matagumpay na pagkapasa sa CFLGA 2025... Patunay ito ng ating dedikasyon na isulong ang karapatan at proteksyon ng mga kabataan sa bawat barangay," Mayor Rizal said.

While many LGUs across the country earned their spot on the national list, Calamba

stood out for its sustained investments in child-focused initiatives, including education support, health programs, safe public spaces, and strengthened barangay-level protection mechanisms.

The recognition follows a series of governance achievements under Rizal's leadership, further solidifying Calamba's reputation as one of the most progressive and child-centered cities in the Philippines.

The CFLGA, conducted annually by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and partner agencies, measures how effectively local governments uphold the rights and welfare of children.

Only LGUs that meet stringent standards across survival, development, protection, and participation indicators qualify for the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance.

Mayor Rizal dedicated the achievement to the people of Calamba,

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saying, "Ang pagkilalang ito ay iniaalay ko sa bawat isang Calambeño. Congratulations po sa ating lahat."

As the 2025 awardees receive national attention, Mayor Ross Rizal stands prominently among them, positioning

Calamba City as a model of inclusive, child-centered governance and reaffirming the administration's commitment to building a city where children thrive safely, healthily, and with greater opportunities for the future.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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VITA CARES CARAVAN SA BARANGAY



NAGCARLAN, Laguna — Mas pinaaging pa ng Pamahalaang Lokal ng Nagcarlan ang pagbibigay-serbisyo sa mga residente matapos pangunahan ni Mayor Ark. Elmor Vita ang Vita Cares Caravan na ginanap sa San Francisco Elementary School.

Dinala ng caravan ang iba't ibang pangunahing serbisyo ng munisipyo at mga partner agencies upang mabigyan ang mga mamamayan ng mabilis at direktang tulong. Kabilang dito ang medical services, konsultasyon at paunang screening; agricultural at veterinary assistance para sa mga magsasaka at pet owners; at frontline services ng SSS at Pag-IBIG para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso ng benepisyo at mga dokumento.

Nagbigay rin ng serbisyo ang PhilSys para sa National ID registration, habang tumulong ang Municipal Civil Registry sa pagpaproceso ng mga birth, marriage at death certificates. Naging abala rin ang mga kinatawan ng TESDA sa onsite registration para sa mga nais mag-enroll sa skills training programs.

Dagdag pa rito, tampok din sa caravan ang libreng gugupit, AICS application para sa agarang tulong pinansyal, assistance sa LTO renewal, Theoretical at Practical Driving Courses (TDC/PDC), at blood donation activity katuwang ang health sector ng bayan.

Kasama ring naghatid ng impormasyon at serbisyo ang MPDO, BPLO, Assessor's Office, at iba pang tanggapan upang matulungan ang mga residente sa kani-kanilang pangangailangan.

Ayon kay Mayor Vita, mahalaga ang pagdadala ng mga programang tulad ng Vita Cares Caravan sa mga komunidad lalo na sa malalayong barangay.

"Habang ako ay kailangan ng mga tao dito ay tuloy-tuloy tayong mag-sisilbi. Walang katapusan ito hanggang mapaganda natin ang kalagayan ng bayan ng Nagcarlan," ani ng alkalde, na iginiit din ang layunin ng programa na gawing mas abot-kamay at mas episyente ang serbisyo-publiko.

Patuloy namang hinihikayat ng LGU ang mga residente na samantalahin ang ganitong mga inisyatiba upang mas mapadali ang pagkuha nila ng tulong at impormasyon mula sa lokal na pamahalaan.

(Shekinah Esteban)

DBM...

MANILA — Inaprubahan ng Department of Budget and Management (DBM) ang pagpapalabas ng P1.684 bilyon para i-replenish ang Quick Response Fund (QRF) ng Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), at Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Ang hakbang na ito ay alinsunod sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na pabilisin ang recovery at rehabilitation efforts sa mga lugar na tinamaan ng mga nagdaang kalamidad sa bansa.

Mula sa kabuuang halaga, P1 bilyon ang inilaan para sa DA upang mapalakas ang kanilang mga recovery at rehabilitation programs sa mga rehiyong apektado ng African Swine Fever at ng mga nagdaang bagyo.

Magiging stand-by fund din ito para sa mga agricultural recovery programs sakaling magkaroon pa ng mga kalamidad, kabilang ang posibleng epekto ng Super Typhoon Uwan.

"Malaki ang damage ng mga bagyo at sakuna sa ating agrikultura, at ang numero uno pong biktima n'yan ay 'yung ating mga magsasaka at mangingisda," ayon kay DBM Secretary Amen-

ah Pangandaman. "Kaya noong nag-request po ang DA na i-replenish 'yung kanilang QRF, agad po nating inaprubahan 'yan, in anticipation din of other weather disturbances this year, lalo na at may paparating tayong super typhoon," dagdag pa niya.

Ayon sa Special Provision ng FY 2025 General Appropriations Act, gagamitin ng DA ang QRF para sa mga proyektong tulad ng pamimigay ng inputs para sa crops, livestock, poultry, at fisheries; pagkukumpuni ng mga pasilidad sa produksyon at post-production; at pagbibigay ng cash aid o kagamitan sa mga naapektuhang magsasaka at mangingisda.

Samantala, P631.023 milyon naman ang ibinigay sa DSWD para dagdagan ang kanilang 2025 QRF.

Gagamitin ang pondong ito sa pagbili ng Family Food Packs at Non-Food Items, pag-iimbak ng mga relief goods, at pagbibigay ng emergency cash transfer sa 58,962 pamilyang naapektuhan ng lindol at bagyo sa iba't ibang lalawigan.

Sasaklawin din nito ang warehouse rentals, administrative costs, at mga stand-by funds para sa mga DSWD re-

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gional offices. "Ang replenishment ng QRF para sa DSWD ay tiyak na tuloy-tuloy na makatatanggap ng tulong pinansyal, relief goods, at kabuhayan ang ating mga kababayan naapektuhan ng kalamidad," sabi ni Secretary Pangandaman.

"Ang pakiusap po natin sa DSWD, agad din po sana 'yang makaratang sa mga kababayan nasalanta para makabalik sa normal ang kanilang pamumuhay," dagdag pa niya.

Bukod sa P631.023 milyon, nauna nang naglabas ang DBM ng P1.982 bilyon noong Oktubre para rin sa QRF replenishment ng DSWD.

Nagpalabas din ang DBM ng P53.007 milyon para sa Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) upang masuportahan ang kanilang relief, rehabilitation, at search and rescue operations tuwing may kalamidad.

"Alam naman natin na sa oras ng sakuna, nandiyan palagi ang ating Philippine Coast Guard—handang magligtas ng buhay ng marami nating kababayang nasa peligro," ani Secretary Pangandaman.

"During these times, mas kailangan nila ng ating tulong at suporta," dagdag pa niya. (ND)

BONG REVILLA...

Inanunsyo ni Prosecutor General Richard Fadullon na sina dating senador Bong Revilla at dating kongresista Zaldy Co ay kabilang na sa mga bagong respondents sa mga reklamong may kinalaman sa umano'y ghost flood control projects sa Bulacan.

Ayon kay Fadullon, nagsumite na ang National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) ng karagdagang ebidensiya na tumutukoy kina Revilla at Co bilang mga proponent ng mga iniimbestigahang proyekto.

Nabatid na may limang reklamong nakabinbin sa DOJ: tatlo ay nakasumite na para sa resolusyon, habang dalawang kaso ang nasa preliminary investigation pa matapos idagdag sina Revilla at Co bilang respondents.

Humiling ang dalawa ng extension para isumite ang kanilang counter-affidavits, at binigyan sila ng DOJ ng limang araw para tumugon.

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DISNEYLAND...

LAGUNA- Mistulang nasa Disneyland at Keelung Taiwan ang inyo ngayon masasaksihan sa bahagi ng Night Market Area sa Calauan Laguna. Dahil sa nakapangilabot, na kagandahan at karanasan ang makikita ninyo dito.

Matapos buksan sa publiko kabagi ang giganteng Christmas tree na may taas na 90 talampakan.At dito nga umalingawngaw ang malakas na palakpakan na may kasamang sigawan.

Ito umano ang pinaka mataas ng Christmas Tree sa buong Laguna. Kasabay nga nito ang pagbubukas din ng Hologram na siya naman labis na inabangan ng lahat. Ayon Kay Mayor "Osel" Caratihan siya mismo ang gumawa ng kanilangim-provise na Hologram. Dahil napaka mahal nito kung sila ay bibili pa.

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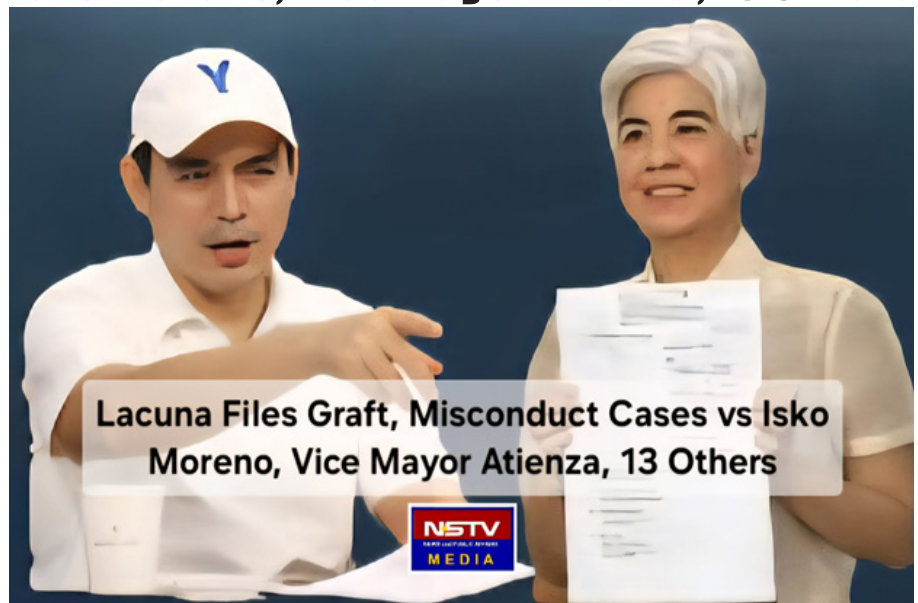
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Magical Lighted Float Parade marks the 16th Cityhood Anniversary of Dasmariñas and the grand finale of the three-day Paruparo Festival celebration



CITY OF DASMARIÑAS — The city sparkled with vibrant colors as the much-awaited Lighted Float Parade illuminated the streets, remaining one of the most anticipated highlights of the Paruparo Festival. This year, eighteen (18) spectacular lighted floats crafted by various businesses and organizations in the City of Dasmariñas proudly paraded through the route, showcasing creativity, craftsmanship, and the city's festive spirit. The celebration concluded with a grand fireworks display and the ceremonial lighting of the giant Christmas tree, marking a magical end to the festivities.

Ex-Liga ng mga Barangay President Leilani Lacuna Files Graft, Misconduct Charges vs Isko Moreno, Vice Mayor Atienza, 13 Others



Former Liga ng mga Barangay Manila president Leilani Lacuna, sister of former Manila mayor Honey Lacuna, has filed complaints before the Office of the Ombudsman against former Manila City Mayor Isko Moreno, incumbent Vice Mayor Chi Atienza, and 13 other officials.

Lacuna accused the officials of graft, grave misconduct, abuse of authority, and usurpation of official functions in connection with what she described as the "illegal" replacement of her as Liga ng mga Barangay Manila president.

According to the

LTO HALTS...

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) has announced the temporary suspension of impounding light electric vehicles (LEVs)—including e-bikes and e-trikes—caught operating along national roads, starting Monday, December 1, 2025.

LTO Chief Markus Lacanilao said the agency will postpone the "strict enforcement" of the impounding policy until January 2, 2026, to give the public ample time to adjust to the regulations.

"Bilang tugon sa mga hinaing publiko, nais kong linawin, narinig ng ating Pangulong Bongbong Marcos at ni Secretary Giovanni Lopez ang inyong concern. Kaya pansamantalang walang impounding operation habang nagpapatupad muna kami ng malawakang information drive upang bigyan ng sapat na panahon ang lahat na maunawaan at makasunod sa umiiral na regulasyon."



Barzaga Suspended for 60 Days Over 'Disorderly Conduct' Linked to Social Media Posts



The House of Representatives has imposed a 60-day suspension without pay on Cavite 4th District Rep. Francisco "Kiko" Barzaga, following the Ethics Committee's finding that he committed disorderly conduct over a series of social-media posts deemed offensive and damaging to the integrity of the chamber.

fitting public officials. Under the suspension, Barzaga will be barred from attending House sessions, participating in committee hearings, and receiving salary and allowances for two months.

Barzaga has publicly accepted the penalty but maintained that he will continue to voice his criticisms of the administration. He also questioned what he described as selective accountability, noting that similar complaints against other lawmakers have not moved as swiftly.

Meanwhile, several legislators who opposed the suspension argued that the action sets a "dangerous precedent" for freedom of expression, while supporters insisted it was necessary to uphold institutional discipline.

The suspension will take effect immediately upon formal issuance of the House order.

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NILILINIS NG ICI ANG PANGALAN NI CHIZ PARA SA KAKULANGAN NG KATIBAYAN



Ang Independent Commission for Infrastructure (ICI) ay tinanggal ang Senador Francis "Chiz" Escudero at dating Senador na sina Grace Poe at Nancy Binay ng anumang pananagutan na may kaugnayan sa gulo ng kontrol sa baha matapos itong walang sapat na ebidensya upang ma-warrant ang pagsampa ng kaso. Ang ombudsman para sa kanilang papel sa multibillionpeso wala at substandard na mga proyekto sa imprastruktura, karamihan sa mga proyekto ng kontrol sa baha ng multo. Inatasan ng panel na suriin ang gulo ng kontrol sa baha.

Ang ICI ay hindi nakatagpo ng anumang pagkakasala o pananagutan sa bahagi ng Escudero, Poe, at Binay na inirekumenda ang pagsampa ng mga singil laban sa kanila dahil sa hindi sapat na katibayan upang suportahan ang mga pag-aangkin ng mga dating pampublikong gawa na undersecretary na si Roberto Bernardo na nag-uugnay sa kanila sa mga materyal na kontrol sa mga kontrobersya. Lumitaw sa harap ng Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, na nanguna sa ICI na i-sidestep ang pag-file ng mga kaso laban sa tatlong hindi katulad ng iba pang dating at incumbent na mga opisyal na inirekumenda na sisingilin. MGA Katulong, Kusinera, Butler, Kalihim, Accountant. Mga Undersecretaries Maria Catalina Cabral at Roberto Bernardo, at ang komisyon sa komisyoner ng audit na si Mario Lipana.

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sinabi ni Escudero na ang mga rekomendasyon ng ICI ay "batay sa ebidensya, tinimbang para sa kanilang merito at ang mga saksi ay hinuhusgahan batay sa kanilang kredensyal." na ginagawa natin at magpapatuloy na maglingkod nang may integridad at pananagutan. Palaging isinasagawa ang aking sarili na may lubos na integridad, "sabi ni Poe. Ayon kay Binay, ngayon ang pag-upo ng Mayor ng Makati City, ang mga paratang laban sa kanya ay lahat ng bahagi ng pagtatangka na ilihis ang pansin sa mga tao na talagang nasa likod ng mga anomalya sa kontrol ng baha.

CARD RIZAL BANK CELEBRATES 13 YEARS OF EMPOWERING FAMILIES



CARD RBI heads, staff, and clients, along with CARD MRI Senior Advisers, unite to commemorate the institution's 13th founding anniversary.

CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI), a microfinance-oriented rural bank under the CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), celebrated its 13 years of strengthening banking through innovative technology and a commitment to a sustainable future in Sta. Cruz, Laguna, on October 11, 2025.

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Pau Dela Cruz

Gov. Sol Aragonese Oversees Her First Capitol Christmas Lighting Ceremony in a Vibrant and Touching Event

The Provincial Capitol Grounds lit up in dazzling color on Friday night, December 5, as Governor Sol Aragonese led her first Christmas Lighting Ceremony since assuming office.

The event transformed Laguna's seat of government into a vibrant holiday spectacle filled with lights, music, and community spirit. Hundreds of Lagunenses—joined by board members, mayors, department heads, and Capitol employees—gathered to welcome the Christmas season in a show of unity.

A countdown signaled the illumination of the giant Christmas tree, lanterns, and festive installations across the Capitol, followed by a grand fireworks display that lit up the night sky.

An emotional Governor Aragonese reflected on the significance of the evening, calling it a long-awaited moment.

"Anim na taon ko pong inantay ang paskong ito. Ito ang unang Pasko ni Governor Sol Aragonese sa Kapitolyo," she said, describing the ceremony as the fulfillment of her dream to serve the province.

She also emphasized the true spirit of the season, urging the public to choose kindness and solutions over blame.

"Mas pinipili kong hanapin ang SOLusyon sa problema kaysa manisi ng kapwa... At sana sa bawat araw mas piliin nating magmahal dahil ito ang diwa ng Pasko," she added.

Festivities were made even more cheerful with 60,000 free hotdog sandwiches donated by Ramon Ang of San Miguel Corporation.

The Provincial Government also treated attendees to traditional Christmas favorites such as puto bumbong and bibingka.

Students from Laguna Senior High School joined the celebration, expressing delight over the brighter and more colorful decorations. "Sobrang makulay po at sobrang ganda... Nakakaakit po siya sa mga tao," one student shared, adding gratitude for the Governor's service and the free snacks.

As the evening ended, Gov. Aragonese expressed her Christmas wish to celebrate many more holidays at the Capitol alongside the people of Laguna. She hoped the season's message of unity, compassion, and good governance would continue to shine—much like the lights and fireworks that illuminated the night.



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MAYOR ROSS RIZAL LEADS URGENT MULTI-AGENCY ACTION TO EASE CALAMBA HOLIDAY TRAFFIC



Calamba City, Laguna — Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal convened an urgent multi-agency meeting to address the worsening traffic congestion in Calamba, particularly along the stretch of the National Highway from Crossing to Bagong Kalsada, as the Christmas and New Year rush begins.

The meeting brought together key city officials, including City Administrator Johnny Pamusmusan, Calamba PNP Chief PLTCOL Dennis De Guzman, City Planning Head Dennis Lanzanas, ABC President Eduardo R. Silva, City Engineer Erwin Pacada, and officers of the Public Order and Safety Office

(POSO) led by P/LT COL Conrado Masongsong. Traffic Officer IV Christopher presented the major causes of congestion and proposed both short-term and long-term solutions.

Following extensive discussions, Mayor Rizal ordered the immediate implementation of several measures aimed at easing holiday traffic pressure. These include:

Strict enforcement of No Parking zones along major highways
Deployment of additional traffic enforcers during peak hours
Clear and organized loading and unloading zones

Synchronization of traffic lights across key intersections

Sidewalk clearing operations and removal of illegal structures

Implementation of one-way traffic schemes in select inner roads

Mayor Rizal emphasized that these interventions are designed to improve travel efficiency for Calambeños and ensure safer, faster mobility throughout the holiday season. He also directed concerned departments to coordinate closely for swift execution and continuous monitoring.

The dialogue concluded on a productive note, with agencies committing to work together in delivering immediate solutions to Calamba’s traffic issues.

(Edjun Mariposque)



Pagdal sa Year-end Assembly at Get Together ng United Oldies Citizen of Calamba City, Inc., ating ipinaabot ang ating pagbati at ang ating pahayag ng suportang sa adhikain ng grupo para sa mga kapwa Seniors ng

lungsod ng Calamba. Sa kanyang talumpati, kanyang inihayag na ang sentimyento nila bilang Seniors ay kanyang sentimyento bilang isang senior na din. Kaya’t kasama nila ang Papa P ng Calamba

upang mas itaguyod pa ang samahan ng mga nakakatanda dito sa lungsod.

Bilang isang senior, adbokasiya din ni Papa P ang kapakanan ng bawat isang senior citizen na nasasakupan.

“Tanglaw sa Paskong Imuseño”



The Imus LGU formally recently launched the vibrant “Tanglaw sa Paskong Imuseño” celebration led by Mayor Alex “AA” Advincula and his son, Rep. Adrian Jay Advincula, and Vice Mayor Homer T. Saquilayan and other officials at the Imus City Plaza in Barangay Poblacion. Attended by thousands of Imuseños gathered for the festive kickoff, which also featured colorful lanterns lining the city’s main roads and looks like its beginning to look a lot like Christmas now in Imus City.

BIG-TIME CRIME GROUP MEMBER KILLED, FOUR ACCOMPLICES ARRESTED IN BACOR POLICE OPERATION



A high-value member of a big-time crime group operating across Regions 2, 3, CALABARZON, and Metro Manila was killed while four of his companions were arrested during an anti-illegal drugs operation conducted by the Bacoor Component City Police Station on December 4, 2025.

According to the report, the Intelligence Section and Drug Enforcement Unit of Bacoor CCPS, under the supervision of PLTCOL Alexie A. Desamito, Chief of Police, launched a buy-bust operation around 7:15 p.m. in Brgy. San Nicolas 3, Bacoor, Cavite, following verified information from a confidential informant.

Five individuals — identified only by their aliases “Bos,” John, Christian, Percival, and Sheena — all residents of Nueva Ecija and Santiago City, Isabela, were apprehended.

At about 8:55 p.m., while officers were conducting the inventory of seized evidence and preparing the suspects for transport, alias “Bos” complained about tight handcuffs and requested for them to be loosened. However, while PCPl Medino was adjusting his restraints, the suspect reportedly grabbed the officer’s firearm and opened fire. PCPl Yap immediately retaliated to prevent further harm to police personnel and civilians.

The suspect was rushed by the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office to a nearby hospital but was declared dead on arrival.

Police records revealed that the deceased suspect had been involved in various criminal activities, including robbery, swindling, homicide, carnapping, and violations related to illegal drugs. The group is likewise believed to be responsible for multiple robbery-hold-up incidents, gun-for-hire operations, carnapping activities, and the sale and use of illegal drugs across several regions.

Recovered from the suspects were ₱1,000 in buy-bust money; six sachets of suspected shabu weighing approximately 25 grams valued at ₱170,000; three firearms (cal. .45 pistol, 9mm UZI, and cal. .22 firearm) with ammunition; a grenade; three unregistered vehicles; assorted LTO plates; various keys; cellphones; bags; balaclavas; jackets; helmets; clothes; and several IDs, ATM cards, and a Toyota card believed to belong to potential victims. The seized illegal drugs and weapons were brought to the Cavite Provincial Forensic Unit for examination.

SOCO investigators processed the scene, confirming the suspect’s extensive criminal background based on PNP records.

The four arrested suspects are now undergoing documentation for inquest proceedings before the Office of the City Prosecutor for violations of RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act), RA 10591 (Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act), RA 9516 (Illegal Possession of Explosives), and Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code (Resistance and Disobedience to a Person in Authority).

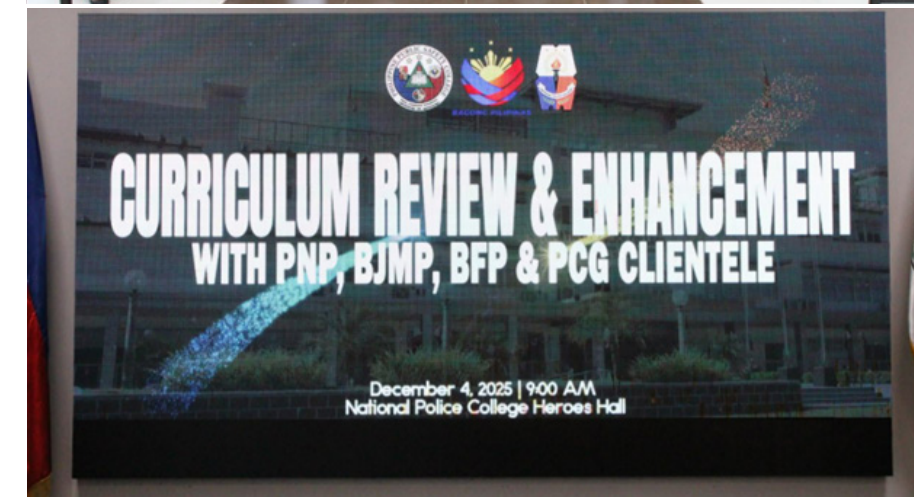
Cavite police are also coordinating with other police units in the province and nearby areas as part of an expanded investigation into recent robbery-holdup cases believed to be linked to the arrested group.

“This successful operation demonstrates the unwavering dedication of the Cavite Police in maintaining peace and security in our communities, especially as the Christmas season approaches. We will continue to intensify our campaign against criminality and illegal drugs to keep Cavite safe and progressive,” said PCOL Ariel R. Red, Acting Provincial Director of Cavite PPO.

The Cavite Police Provincial Office reaffirmed its commitment to combat crime and illegal drugs while ensuring the safety of both law enforcement personnel and the public.

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NPC Makes History With Full Multi-Agency Participation in Phase 4 Curriculum Review



The National Police College (NPC) successfully concluded its Phase 4 Curriculum Review and Enhancement Workshop on December 4, 2025, marking a historic milestone with the full participation of all major public safety agencies — the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

This year’s session showcased strengthened collaboration, innovation, and interoperability across key institutions tasked with safeguarding the nation. A major highlight was the dynamic “World Café” workshop facilitated by NPC Subject Matter Expert Dr. Cecilia D. Noble. Using the START–STOP–SUSTAIN–SHIFT framework, participants rotated through four stations to collectively evaluate and refine the Points of Instruction (POIs) for the



mandatory courses: Public Safety Officers Basic Course (PSOBC), Public Safety Officers Advance Course (PSOAC), and Public Safety Officers Senior Executive Course (PSOSEC).

Participants praised the methodology for its clarity and inclusiveness, noting that the process effectively surfaced practical insights grounded in frontline operational experience. The activity created a productive environment where best practices, shared challenges, and strategic directions were openly discussed, strengthening curriculum alignment and enhancing inter-agency readiness.

NPC leadership expressed gratitude for the

agencies’ active involvement, emphasizing that the unprecedented unified representation signals a strong commitment to developing a more adaptive and future-ready public safety education system. The workshop concluded with the presentation of tokens to partner agency representatives in recognition of their significant contributions.

The NPC reaffirmed its dedication to cultivating a unified, competent, and responsive corps of public safety officers who can meet the demands of an evolving security landscape.

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