

Calamba Strengthens Grassroots Safety Efforts with BQRT Allowance Distribution



Sa gitna ng lumalalang krisis sa langis, naglabas tayo ng isang resolusyon sa ilalim ng Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry na pinamagatang "A Proposed Resolution Expressing the Sense of Sangguniang Panlungsod of Calamba to Ensure the Unimpeded Movement of Food and Essential Goods, and to Urge Concerned Agencies and Stakeholders to Adopt Measures that will Help Stabilize and Lower the Prices of Basic Commodities amid the Global Oil Crisis" na siyang inakda ni Konsehal Arvin Manguiat. Layunin ng resolusyong ito na masubay-

bayan ang galaw ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin tulad ng gulay, karne, at iba pang pagkain, at matiyak na hindi maaantala ang distribusyon ng mga ito sa ating lungsod.

Bilang Chairman ng Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry, patuloy nating isusulong ang mga hakbang na magpoprotekta sa kapakanan ng bawat mamimiling Calambeño at magbibigay ng konkretong solusyon sa epekto ng pagtaas ng presyo ng langis at mga bilihin.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA — The local government of Calamba City, under the leadership of Mayor Roseller 'Ross' H. Rizal, has reinforced its commitment to community safety through the distribution of allowances to members of the Barangay Quick Response Teams (BQRT).

The initiative recognizes the vital role played by barangay frontliners who serve on the frontlines of maintaining peace, order, and emergency response within their respective communities.

In a statement, Mayor Rizal emphasized the importance of acknowledging the dedication of these grassroots responders:

"Patuloy nating kinikilala at pinahahalagahan ang sakripisyo at dedikasyon ng ating mga frontliners sa barangay. Sa pamamagitan ng pamamahagi ng BQRT Allowance, nais nating ipabati

ang ating pasasalamat sa kanilang walang sawang paglilingkod para sa kailigtasan, kaayusan, at kapakanan ng ating komunidad."

He further highlighted that the financial assistance is more than just support—it is a symbol of the city's appreciation for their essential service:

"Ang bawat tulong na ating naipagkaka-loob ay simbolo ng ating suporta at pagkilala sa kanilang mahalagang papel sa ating bayan.

Sama-sama nating itaguyod ang mas ligtas at mas maayos na pamayanan."

The BQRT allowance distribution forms part of the city government's broader efforts to empower barangay-level responders and enhance public safety systems, ensuring that communities remain resilient and well-prepared in times of emergencies.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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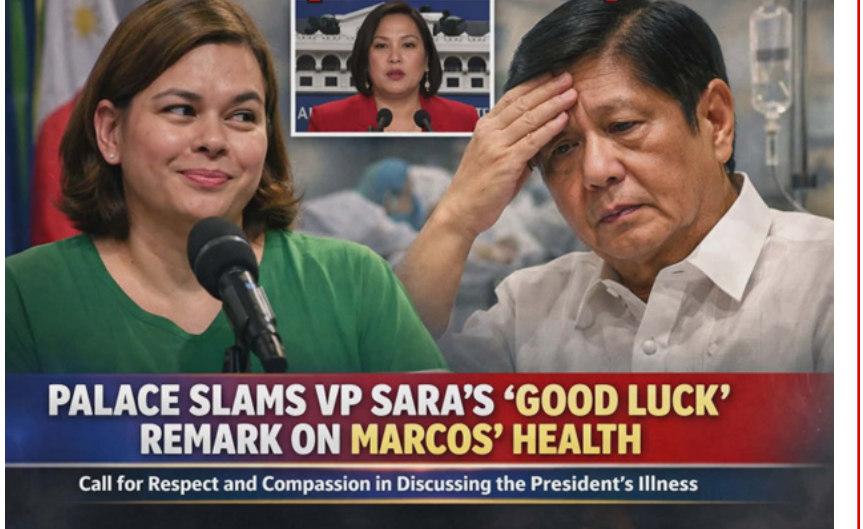
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Palace Rebukes VP Duterte's 'Good Luck' Remark on Marcos' Health, Calls for Respect and Compassion



MANILA, Philippines — Malacañang has strongly criticized Vice President Sara Duterte over her "irresponsible" and "sarcastic" response regarding the health of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., emphasizing that illness should never be treated as a subject of ridicule.

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EDITORIAL:

PAGSUNOD SA BAGONG PNP SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

LEVEL UP SA SOCIAL MEDIA COMPLI-
ANCE

Bilang pagtugon sa inilabas na memoran-
dum ng Philippine National Police (PNP) kaugnay
ng mas mahusay at de kalidad na pagpapatupad
ng social media policies, opisyal nang inilunsad ng
lyak pa mit ang bago nitong logo na sumasalamín
sa disiplina, propesyonismo, at tamang paggamit
ng social media bilang isang PNP content platform.

Ang hakbang na ito ay alinsunod sa
“Guidelines and Centralized Review Process for
Unit Vlogging and Content Creation,” na naglalay-
ong tiyakin na ang lahat ng nilalathalang content
na may kaugnayan sa PNP ay naaayon sa paman-
tayan ng organisasyon at nagpapalakas ng tiwala
ng publiko.

Bilang admin at content creator ng , ako
po ay buong paggalang at agarang tumugon sa
mga panuntunang inilabas ng Police Community
Affairs and Development Group (PCADG), alinsu-
nod sa direktiba ni Chief Director Staff ng PNP na
si PLTGEN VINCENT D IGNACIO.

Ang mabilis na pagtugon na ito ay hindi
lamang po pagsunod sa utos, kundi isang malinaw
na paninindigan na maging mabuting halimbawa
sa kapwa kapulisan—na ang bawat post, bawat
content, at bawat mensahe ay dapat sumasalamín
sa integridad, disiplina, at responsibilidad na hini-
hingi ng PNP Code of Ethics at PNP Social Media
Guidelines.

Kasabay nito, buong suporta ang ipinap-
ahayag sa pamunuan ng Philippine National Po-
lice sa ilalim ng liderato ni Chief PNP PGEN JOSE
MELENCIO C NARTATEZ JR., gayundin sa PNP
Focused Agenda na patuloy na nagpapalakas sa
serbisyo ng kapulisan para sa mamamayan.

Suportado rin nito ang pamunuan ng Na-
tional Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) sa
pamumuno ni Regional Director PMGEN ANTHO-
NY AABERIN, at ang policy framework nitong Able,
Active, Allied (AAA) na nagsisilbing gabay sa epek-
tibo at makataong pagpapatupad ng tungkulin.

Bilang bahagi ng adhikain, isinusulong
din ng Tambayan ng Pulis ang limang guiding prin-
ciples ng NCRPO:

Sa pamamagitan ng mga prinsipyong ito,
layunin ang patuloy na mapalakas ang ugnayan
ng pulis at mamamayan—isang mahalagang pun-
dasyon ng kapayapaan, kaayusan, at tiwala sa li-
punan.

Bukod dito, aktibong tumutulong sa iba’t
ibang yunit ng Philippine National Police sa pagsa-
sapubliko ng kanilang mga accomplishment, oper-
asyon, at good deeds ng kapulisan, upang maipa-
kita sa publiko ang tunay na serbisyo at sakripisyo
ng bawat pulis sa bansa.

Higit pa rito, magsisilbi itong plataporma
at halimbawa sa pagbibigay ng mahahalagang
impormasyon at inspirasyon tulad ng PNP Recruit-
ment para sa gustong mababiling sa hanay ng
PNP, public safety awareness, at mga positibong
kuwento ng kabutihan at serbisyo ng kapulisan, ka-
sabay ng pagbibigay ng inspirasyon at good vibes
sa bawat Pilipino.

Ang bagong logo ay hindi lamang simbo-
lo ng pagbabago—ito ay panata ng mas maingat,
mas responsable, at mas makabuluhang paggamit
ng social media bilang instrumento ng serbisyo
publiko.

Pinapaalalahanan din ang publiko na
facebook profile na ito ay isang PNP content plat-
form at hindi opisyal na page ng Philippine National
Police.

QCPD...

QUEZON CITY-
The Quezon City Police District (QCPD), under
the leadership of PBGEN Randy Glenn Silvio, suc-
cessfully apprehended a robbery suspect identified
as alias “Regin,” 37 years old and a resident of Brgy.
Commonwealth, during a follow-up operation relat-
ed to a robbery incident that took place at approx-
imately 4:00 PM on April 7, 2026 in San Bartolome,
Novaliches, Quezon City.

According to a report from Novaliches
Police Station 4, headed by PLTCOL Dave Anthony
Capurcos, the suspects executed a deceptive
scheme to gain entry into the victims’ residence. A
female suspect carrying a cake rang the doorbell and
claimed that the item was sent by the Mayor.

When the home-
owner opened the door, the suspect entered the
premises and was sub-sequently joined by four
male suspects and another female accomplice. The
group allegedly forced their way inside, restrained
the victims at gunpoint, tied them up, and covered
their faces with cloth before taking cash, vehicles,
gadgets, and various pieces of jewelry. The suspects
then fled the scene using a white Toyota Innova.

Among the stolen
items were two motor-

cycles—a Yamaha Aerox and Yamaha Nmax—a red
Mazda sedan, several mobile phones and laptops, a
CCTV digital video recorder (DVR), watches, assort-
ed gold jewelry, an iPhone 14 Pro Max, and cash
amounting to Php80,000.

After the sus-
pects left, the victims managed to free themselves
and immediately reported the incident to subdivision
security personnel, who coordinated with Barangay
San Bartolome authorities and Police Station 4.

Authorities promptly launched follow-up operations,
which included the review of CCTV footage that
revealed the plate number of the suspects’ getaway
vehicle. Verification with the Land Transportation
Office (LTO) showed that the Toyota Innova was
registered to an individual named Maureen. Further
investigation disclosed that suspect “Regin” had
rented the vehicle on April 5, 2026, allegedly for a
team-building activity, and later exchanged it the fol-
lowing day for a red Toyota Vios.

Fortunately, the
Toyota Vios was equipped with a GPS tracking de-
vice, which enabled au- thorities to locate the vehi-
cle along Commonwealth Avenue near Litex, Que-
zon City.

Responding op-
eratives immediately pro-ceeded to the area and
successfully intercepted the vehicle. Upon alight-
ing, the suspect was ob- served to be carrying a
handgun tucked into his waist, which led to his im-
mediate arrest at approxi- mately 7:01 PM on April 8,
2026.

Recovered from
his possession were a fire- arm loaded with five (5)
live rounds of ammunition, along with several person-
al belongings identified as property of the victims.

During the sub-
sequent custodial inves- tigation, authorities pre-
sented a rogues’ gallery to the victims, which re-
sulted in the identification of the suspect’s alleged
accomplices, known by their aliases as “Herbert,”
35, a resident of Sta. Cruz, Manila; “Crispin,” 48, from
Bocaue, Bulacan; “Chagibis,” 25, from Pampanga;
“Jeanalyn,” 42, from Caloocan City; and alias
“Jhen,” also a resident of Caloocan City.

Police records
revealed that several of the identified suspects
have previous criminal cases. Alias “Jhen” re-
portedly has multiple

prior cases of Swindling (Estafa) between 2018
and 2022. “Herbert” has previous cases involving
violations of Republic Act 9165, Alarms and Scand-
als, Theft and Robbery, and Republic Act 6539.
“Jeanalyn” has prior cases of Swindling (Estafa) and
Theft, while “Chagibis” also has a previous case
for Swindling (Estafa).

The arrested sus-
pect is set to face charges for Robbery, violation of
Republic Act 10883 (New Anti-Carnapping Act of
2016), and Republic Act 10591 (Comprehensive
Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act) before the
Quezon City Prosecutor’s Office.

“Through the
dedicated efforts of the QCPD Special Investi-
gation Team (SIT), one suspect has been suc-
cessfully apprehended, and intensified manhunt
operations are ongoing to capture the remaining
suspects. We encourage anyone who may have in-
formation regarding their whereabouts to immedi-
ately report to the nearest police station or contact
E911 or the QC Helpline 122,” said PBGEN Silvio.

(Pau Dela Cruz)



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Calamba...

CALAMBA CITY,
LAGUNA — In a move
aimed at accelerating
public service and easing
the burden on elderly res-
idents, Calamba City has
officially begun the early
release of the first-quarter
social pension for senior
citizens, with distribution
kicking off in Barangay
Canlubang.

Mayor Roseller
“Ross” H. Rizal personal-
ly led the rollout, ensuring
that the financial assis-
tance reaches beneficia-
ries efficiently and without
delay. The initiative forms
part of the city govern-
ment’s proactive response
to ongoing economic chal-
lenges affecting vulnera-
ble sectors.

“Mas pinaaga,
mas mabilis na serbisyo
para sa ating mga na-
katatanda | Early Release
ng 1st Quarter Social
Pension para sa lahat ng
Senior Citizen,” the mayor
announced.

“Opisyal nang
nagsimula ngayong araw
ang maagang release ng
First Quarter Social Pen-
sion para sa ating mga
Senior Citizen. Ngayon

araw, tayo ay nasa Ba-
rangay Canlubang upa-
ng tiyakin na maayos at
maipapamahagi agad ang
tulong na ito sa ating mga
benepisyaryo.”

“Ang hakbang na
ito ay bahagi ng ating aga-
rang pagtugon sa kasa-
lukuyang kinakaharap
na krisis, upang kahit pa-
paano ay maibsan ang
pangangailangan ng ating
mga lolo at lola. Patuloy
tayong magsusumikap na
maihatid ang serbisyong
may malasakit, lalo na
sa mga sektor na higit na
nangangailangan.”

Local officials
noted that the early dis-
bursement is designed to
provide immediate relief
to senior citizens, many
of whom rely on quar-
terly pensions to cover
essential needs such as
food, medicine, and daily
expenses. The city gov-
ernment reaffirmed its
commitment to prioritizing
social welfare programs,
particularly for the elderly,
as it continues to strength-
en responsive and com-
passionate governance at
the grassroots level.

(Edjun Mariposque)

SSS...

QUEZON CITY
(March 29, 2026) – The
Social Security System
(SSS) said today that it is
actively studying the fea-
sibility of offering a loan
moratorium for members
and a condonation pro-
gram for contribution pen-
alties for employers as
relief measures amid eco-
nomic challenges.

SSS President
and Chief Executive Offi-
cer Robert Joseph M. de
Claro said these measures
aim to provide immediate
relief to SSS members
and employers struggling
with financial difficulties,
ensuring they can contin-
ue to access vital benefits
without an added burden.

Additionally, SSS
is evaluating options for
extending contribution
payment deadlines for
employers and individual
paying members, provid-
ing greater flexibility amid
the current situation.

“We recognize
the hardships many Fil-

ipinos are enduring,” de
Claro said. “SSS remains
committed to protecting
the welfare of our over 40
million members. We are
expediting internal reviews
and consultations with
stakeholders to roll out
these support initiatives as
swiftly as possible, while
safeguarding the long-
term sustainability of the
SSS fund.”

De Claro added
that SSS is also actively
pursuing digital initiatives
to simplify administrative
and implementation pro-
cesses to reduce compli-
ance burden and ensure
the timely delivery of relief
measures and services.

SSS assures the
public that updates on
these programs will be
announced through official
channels once finalized.
Members and employers
are encouraged to visit
www.sss.gov.ph or its offi-
cial social media channels
for the latest information
on its programs. PR

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Pinarangalan
ang 40 natatanging in-
dibidwal at organisasyon
ng Department of Agricul-
ture IV- CALABARZON
(DA-4A) sa ginanap na
Regional Awarding Cer-
emony ng Gawad Saka
Awardees, Top-Perform-
ing Farmers’ Cooperatives
and Associations (FCAs),
at Agricultural Extension
Workers (AEWs) sa bawat
lalawigan sa rehiyon para
sa taong 2025.

Ang parangal
ay isinagawa sa buong
buwan ng Marso na may
layong kilalanin ang mga
tinaguriang huwaran sa
pagpapaunlad ng agrikul-
tura sa rehiyon na naging
bahagi ng suporta sa pag-
papalakas ng produksyon
ng pagsasaka at pagpa-
paigting sa seguridad ng
pagkain.

Dito ay 23 ang
mga ginawaran para sa
50th National Gawad Saka
kabilang na ang mga sum-
ali, na-endorso, na-short-
list, naging national final-
ist, at nanalo sa buong
bansa gaya ni Bb. Gemma
E. Chavez na tinaguriang
Outstanding Large Animal
Raiser Adopting Integrat-

ed Farming System.

Labing dalawang
samahan ng mga magsa-
saka naman ang tinukoy
na Top-Performing FCA
ng mga banner programs
na nakapasok sa kanil-
ang pamantayan gaya ng
pagiging akreditado sa
Civil Society Organization
(CSO), may malaking partisipasyon sa komunidad,
at iba pa.

Kasabay din dito
ang limang Outstanding
AEW sa buong CALA-
BARZON sa ilalim ng High
Value Crops Develop-
ment Program (HVCDP)
na nagpakita ng husay sa
serbisyo at aktibong paki-
kipag-ugnayan sa Kaga-
waran.

Ayon kay Bb. Ivy
Rose A. Diones mula sa
lalawigan ng Cavite, na
nakatanggap ng parangal
bilang Outstanding AEW
noong ika-23 ng Marso,
bonus na lamang ang
nasabing parangal dahil
ang makita nilang umuun-
lad ang mga ginagabayan
at tinutulunganang magsa-
saka ay isang panalo na
sa bawat kawani na nasa
larangan ng agrikultura.

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BIR...

The Bureau of In-
ternal Revenue (BIR) has
issued Revenue Memo-
randum Circular (RMC)
No. 23-2026, providing
clearer guidelines to
streamline the availment
of tax incentives for private
sector partnerships in edu-
cation.

The circular clar-
ifies the implementation of
Revenue Regulations No.
13-2025, following con-
cerns from stakeholders
over compliance require-
ments and procedural
gaps.

Under the said
RMC, clearer rules are
prescribed for the sub-
mission of documentary
requirements for the avail-
ment of tax incentives, as
well as for compliance,
accreditation, certification,
and reporting processes,
to make it easier for the
private sector to access
tax incentives tied to ed-
ucation-related programs.

The tax incen-
tives cover initiatives under

laws such as the Adopt-a-
School Act of 1998, the
Enterprise-Based Educa-
tion and Training Frame-
work Act, and relevant pro-
visions of the Tax Code.

The BIR said the
issuance aims to reduce
administrative burden, re-
move ambiguities, and en-
sure more consistent ap-
plication of tax incentives.

It also aligns in-
centive rules with broad-
er efforts to strengthen
workforce development,
improve access to educa-
tion, and encourage indus-
try participation in training
and skills development.

The circular is
expected to support wider
private sector participation
in education programmes,
while ensuring proper
compliance and account-
ability in the use of tax in-
centives.

“With the issu-
ance of RMC No. 23-2026,
we are making it simpler
and faster for the private
sector to access the tax

Voucher...

A voucher pro-
gram proposed by Sen-
ate Minority Leader Alan
Peter Cayetano and other
senators to help more dis-
advantaged Filipino fam-
ilies send their children
to private K to 12 schools
advanced to the Senate
plenary floor on Monday,
March 16.

Under Senate
Bill No. 1981, learners
from overcrowded pub-
lic schools are eligible
for a government-funded
voucher which they can
use to enroll in a govern-
ment-recognized private
school of their choice, with
priority given to those from
low-income households.

The bill says
each recipient will get a
voucher in an amount
“sufficient to ensure rea-
sonable access to private
education” as set by the
Department of Education
(DepEd).

The measure is
a consolidation of eight
bills, including Cayetano’s
Senate Bill No. 422 or The
Learners Choice (TLC)
Act of 2025 which he filed
in July last year and was
inspired by Taguig City’s
successful voucher pro-
gram.

Senator Bam
Aquino, who sponsored
the committee report as
chairperson of the Basic
Education Committee,
thanked Cayetano and the
other co-authors during
his sponsorship speech.

“Karangalan po
na magkakasama tayo sa
laban para sa de-kalidad
na edukasyon para sa
ating bansa,” Aquino said.

Among the key
features carried over from
Cayetano’s bill was the
prioritization of learners
from public schools offi-
cially deemed congested,
particularly those from
low-income families, to
address overcrowding.

Penalty provi-
sions from the Minority
Leader’s bill were also

adopted to prevent ghost
learners, delays, and other
fraudulent practices.

Cayetano, a for-
mer co-chairperson of the
Second Congressional
Commission on Educa-
tion (EDCOM 2), said the
measure is a step toward
upholding every Filipino’s
constitutional right to ac-
cessible and quality basic
education.

“Basic education,
especially the early years
of a child’s instruction, is
important in shaping their
future,” the Minority Lead-
er said.

“So I’d like to see
the day na kapag pinan-
ganak ka sa Pilipinas, re-
gardless kung ano apeliyo-
do mo, kung mayaman ka
o hindi, if you want to go
to the best private school
sa inyong province or city,
you’ll have the opportunity
to do that,” he added.

Under SBN
1981, “disadvantaged
learners” such as persons
with disabilities, orphans,
and those living in isolated
areas are also automatic
voucher recipients.

Unlike existing
subsidies under the Ex-
panded Government As-
sistance to Students and
Teachers in Private Edu-
cation Act (E-GASTPE)
where assistance is tied
to participating schools
and allocated slots, the
proposed voucher would
be learner-held and por-
table, allowing families to
choose where their chil-
dren will study.

To help families
make informed choices,
the bill requires the DepEd
to publish a public data-
base of participating pri-
vate schools, including tu-
ition fees, program tracks,
and key performance indi-
cators.

SB No. 1981 is
now set for plenary de-
bates in the Senate, where
the Minority Leader plans
to interpellate and propose
amendments. PR

incentives they earn by
supporting Philippine edu-
cation,” said BIR Commis-
sioner Charlito Martin R.
Mendoza. “By streamlin-
ing these procedures, the
BIR reaffirms its commit-

ment to a transparent and
efficient tax system that
empowers our partners to
invest in the Filipino work-
force and contribute to our
national development,” he
added.



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New breed of politician with principled leadership
Councillor Titus "Bosseng" Bautista: A beacon of hope to Biñanenses!

Biñan City

First term (2025-2028) Councillor Joselle Titus V. Bautista, aka "Bosseng" (approachable leader), emerged as a refreshing symbol of integrity, compassion, purposeful governance, and embraced the people's call to serve in this city. For his constituents, councillor Titus is more than an elected city councillor – he is a beacon of hope.

Titus represents a new breed of politician with principled leadership who blends modern ideas with grounded values. Despite his being an elite-neophyte public servant, Bosseng's approach is always anchored on accessibility, transparency, and genuine concern for the welfare of his constituents in 24 barangays.



Councillor Titus "Bosseng" Bautista

Councillor Titus always stands as a steady light-guiding, inspiring, and uplifting.

He is one of the youngest and most impactful city councilors who harnesses his fresh, innovative perspectives to drive transformational change, ensuring the city's progress and future readiness through his committee chairmanship – **livelihood and employment**.

For this first term city councillor, Titus firmly believes that "Public office is a trust, and true leadership is measured by services that uplift every Biñanense!"

"Titus reflects a personality that's strong, honorable, steady, and naturally inclined toward leadership and service!"

A businessman turned politician, Councillor Titus V. Baustista was born on May 2, 1996, in Barangay San Antonio, Biñan City with parents Joselito (registered Electrical Engineer – Adamson University) and Ma. Teresa (Certified Public Accountant – UST) with 3 brothers Troy (Integrated Marketing Communication – UA&P), Jethro (Licensed Architect – UST), Toby (Industrial Engineering – Purdue University), and sister Tish (Business Administration – UA&P).

APAT NA NASAKBO BILANG PDEA AT PNP BINASAG ANG DRUG DEN SA CALAMBA CITY

Pinagsanib na operatiba ng PDEA Laguna Provincial Office, PDEA Quezon Provincial Office at PNP Regional Intelligence Unit 4A ang isang drug den at naaresto ang apat na drug suspect.

Noong Abril 9, 2026 bandang alas-3:24 ng hapon, matagumpay na isinagawa ang buybust operation na humantong sa pagkalansag sa isang drug den sa Purok 6, Barangay 2, Calamba City, Laguna at pagkakaaresto sa apat na drug suspect na kinilalang sina alyas Albert, 33; alyas JRon, 23; alyas Elmer, 45; at alyas Eddie, 34. Pawang mga residente ng Calamba City.

Nasamsam sa kanila ang humigit-kumulang pitong gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na nagkakahalaga ng Php48,300.00, iba't ibang drug paraphernalia, at buybust money.

Mga singil para sa paglabag sa Section 5 (Sale of Dangerous Drugs), Section 6 (Maintenance of a Den, Dive or Resort), Section 7 (Emp-



leyado at Bisita ng Den, Dive o Resort), Section 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs), Section 12 (Possession of a Dangerous Paraphernalia), Section

15 (U) Republic Act 15 (U) Republic o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 ang isasampa laban sa mga suspek.

(ND)

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The will to serve
Mayor Angelo B. Alonte sets standard of excellence!

Biñan City

With his strong and genuine will to serve in this city, Mayor Angelo B. Alonte (2025-2028) sets standards of excellence on good governance rooted in sincerity, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility to his constituents. He possesses this will to put public interest above personal gain and makes decisions that are fairly transparent and anchored on the rule of the law.

Mayor Alonte grew up with a father (Mayor Arthur) whose life had been dedicated to public service (1988-1998); mother Fe Erlinda whose religiosity conquered life's extreme circumstances and sister Marlyn (former Mayor and Congresswoman).

"I believe that the only purpose of the government is the welfare of the citizens", Mayor Alonte told us.

"This is the credo of this government – to serve and promote sustainable performance and stakeholders' trust."

"And to influence better decision-making – good governance is the key", Mayor Gel reiterated.

Known for his unwavering commitment to ethics and governance, Mayor Gel Alonte is a genuine public servant – councillor (2013-2016) and Vice Mayor (2016-2025).

Mayor Gel Alonte envisions the City of Biñan that is a sustainable, highly-developed, environmentally-balanced and progressive urban center whose residents have a sense of well-being and morally upright, educated, disciplined, and community oriented in 24 barangays.

He finished his basic education at Parents for Education Foundation (PAREF- Southridge, Muntinlupa – 2014), Master of Arts in Communication major in Integrated Marketing Communication (University of Asia and the Pacific – 2019), and Diploma in Exercise and Sports Service (UP Diliman – 2022).

Noteworthy, too, are his awards – Most Outstanding Student of the Year; Leadership and Service; Dragon Award for Achievement in Sports (2016 – 2017 - University of Asia and the Pacific), Dean's and President's lister (2014 – 2016 - UA&P).

Advance happy 30th birthday, Councillor Titus V. Bautista!



(From the left – Toby, Jet, Tes (mother), Troy, Tish, Joselito (father), and Councillor Titus Bautista)

Palace...

The controversy arose after Duterte reportedly responded with a brief "good luck" when asked to comment on the President's health, drawing swift reaction from Palace officials.

Palace Press Officer Undersecretary Claire Castro expressed disappointment over the remark, stressing the importance of empathy and decency, particularly when discussing someone's medical condition.

"Hindi ba dapat ang isang tao kapag may sakit, mas binibigyan natin ng atensiyon, at binibigyan natin ng dasal para mas maging maigi ang kalusugan? Hindi mo tatawanan at parang ikaw pa ay sarcastic sa iyong kasagutan," Castro said.

She further underscored that making light of a person's illness is inappropriate, especially if the issue is being used to discredit or malign the President.

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The Palace called on public officials to uphold professionalism and compassion in their statements, particularly on sensitive matters such as health, as tensions between top political figures continue to draw public attention.

The exchange adds to the growing political friction between Duterte and the Marcos administration, highlighting the need for restraint and respect in public discourse.

(Edjun Mariposque)

EXPLICIT

Madelaine Go
DSWD CALABARZON,
NAMAHAHI NG TULONG
PINANSIYAL PARA
SA MGA TSUPER NG
TRICYCLE.



Umatot sa kabuuang 22,881 tricycle driver mula sa 13 lungsod sa CALABARZON ang nakatanggap ng P114.4 milyong cash relief assistance mula sa Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) sa isinagawang sabayang payout noong Abril 8, 2026, alas-5:00 ng hapon.

Ang mga benepisyaryo ay pawang miyembro ng kani-kanilang Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODA) na isinumite ng mga lokal na pamahalaan sa DSWD.

Sa ilalim ng Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS), tumanggap ang bawat driver ng tig-P5,000 bilang ayuda upang maibsan ang epekto ng patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng produktong petrolyo dulot ng sigalot sa Middle East.

Ayon kay Ramon Barabara, 47-anyos na tricycle driver mula sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, malaking tulong ang natanggap na ayuda para sa pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan ng kanyang pamilya.

"Sa pagtaas ng gasolina, lumiit ang kita namin. Halos P300 na lang ang kinikita araw-araw dahil napunta na sa gas," ani Barabara, kasabay ng pasasalamat sa DSWD at lokal na pamahalaan sa maayos na pamamahagi ng tulong.

Bahagi ito ng mas malawak na programa ng DSWD sa rehiyon na naglalayong maabot ang target na 72,800 tricycle driver sa iba't ibang lungsod, kabilang ang Biñan at Sta. Rosa sa Laguna; Imus, Carmona, Cavite, at Bacoor sa Cavite; Batangas, Lipa, Calaca, Tanauan, at Sto. Tomas sa Batangas; Lucena sa Quezon; at Antipolo sa Rizal.

Pinapayuhan ang mga driver na hindi pa nakatatanggap ng kanilang ayuda na makipag-ugnayan sa kanilang TODA o sa lokal na pamahalaan upang malaman ang iskedyl ng payout.

Samantala, ipinaabot ng DSWD na ang distribusyon ng tulong sa iba pang lungsod at munisipalidad sa rehiyon ay ipapaalam sa pamamagitan ng kani-kanilang lokal na pamahalaan.

Provincial...

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The large-scale gathering brought together scholars from various cities and municipalities across the province, marking another milestone in the sustained rollout of the Iskolar ng Laguna Program under the leadership of Sol Aragones.

The initiative continues to expand educational opportunities for deserving youth, particularly those from under-

served communities.

The program is spearheaded by Carina Macalos, who serves as Provincial Assistant Administrator and Program Head. She oversees the effective implementation and coordination of scholarship services, ensuring that beneficiaries receive the support needed to pursue their academic goals. During the orientation, Doland Castro—a veteran

PUBLISHER CORNER

MALAKING PERSONALIDAD DAWIT SA FLOOD CONTROL, IBUBUNYAG NI EX-ILOCOS SUR GOV. CHAVIT SINGSON SA SENADO

Handang iswalat ni former Ilocos Sur Governor Chavit Singson ang kanyang nalalaman ukol sa natuklasang anomalya sa flood control projects ng pamahalaan.

Aniya'y mayroon malaking personalidad ang kanyang babanggitin sa oras na ito'y tumayo o humarap sa isasagawang pagdinig ng senado.

Sa naging pagtatanong ng Bombo Radyo sa dating gobernador, kanyang tiniyak na magbabanggit ito ng mga pangalan sangkot sa isyu ng flood control.

Subalit nang tanungin naman kung sino o anong partikular na posisyon ito, tumanggi na siyang ibahagi sapagkat giit niya'y sa senado na lamang niya ito sasagutin.

Ayaw aniyang pangunahan ang pagdinig ng Senate Blue Ribbon Committee ukol sa imbestigasyon sa naturang kontrobersyal na mga proyekto.

Gayunpaman, pagtitiyak pa niya'y dadalo at magpapakita ito saA magaganap na 'hearing' sakali man siya'y imbitahan o ipatawag ng komite ng senado.

Sa kabila nito, ipinagpaliban muna ng Senado ang nakatakda sanang muling pagbabalik ng komite para ipagpatuloy ang pagdinig sa imbestigasyon sa flood



control.

Dapat sana itong isasagawa sa ika-14 ng Abril ngunit hindi matutuloy sapagkat hinihintay pa na pormal isumite ni former Gov. Singson ang kanyang affidavit.

Pati pirma ng ilang mga senador at iba pang rason ay ikinunsidera din sa pagpaliban ng nakatakdang petsa.

Itinanggi naman ng dating gobernador na siya ang dahilan kung bakit hindi natuloy ang naturang pagdinig.

Aniya'y handa raw siya na dalhin sa senado ang kanyang salaysay anuman oras sakaling hingin ni Sen. Panfilo Lacson, nagsisilbi bilang Chairperson ng Senate Blue Ribbon Committee.

Tumanggi ng ibahagi pa ni former Gov. Singson ang nilalaman ng kanyang salaysay o 'affidavit' na planong isumite sa komite o tanggapan ng senado.

Binigyang diin niya na napirmahan at notaryado na rin ang naturang dokumento nabanggit.



IBINASURA: Nagkakaisang Pasya ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Laguna Laban sa Calauan Landfill

Nagkakaisang nagpahayag ng pagtutol ang Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Laguna sa operasyon ng kontrobersyal na Calauan landfill matapos ang isinagawang espesyal na sesyon noong Miyerkules,

April 8.

Sa naturang sesyon, walang miyembro ng tumutol sa committee report na naglalayong ipawalang-bisa ang permit na ipinagkaloo ng Sangguniang Bayan ng Calauan para sa development ng landfill.

Ang desisyong ito ay malinaw na sumasalin sa kolektibong paninindigan ng konseho na tutulan ang naturang proyekto.

Ang hakbang na ito ay bunga ng lumalakas na panawagan mula sa iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan, kabilang ang mga residente, environmental groups, at iba pang stakeholders na nagpahayag ng seryosong pangamba sa posibleng epekto ng landfill sa kalikasan, kalusugan ng mamamayan, at kabuhayan sa lalawigan.

Nauna nang nagpahayag ng kanyang matibay na pagtutol si Governor Sol Aragones sa planong pagtatayo ng landfill, bago pa man lumala ang mga protesta at pagtutol mula sa komunidad.

Sa isinagawang emergency meeting kasama ang mga lider ng grupong tutol sa proyekto at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan, mariin niyang iginii ang kanyang hindi pagsang-ayon sa 84-ektaryang landfill project sa bayan ng Calauan.

Ayon kay Governor Aragones, kinakailangang masusing timbangin ang pangmatagalang epekto ng proyekto, lalo na sa sektor ng agrikultura, kaligtasan ng mga komunidad, at sa patuloy na paglago ng eco-tourism sa Laguna.

Binigyang-diin niya na ang tunay na kaunlaran ay dapat nakatuon sa pangangalaga sa kalikasan at kapakanan ng mamamayan. Masusing sinuri ang isyu ng komiteng pinamumunuan nina Board Members Bong Bejasa at Tutti Caringal, kasama si Board Member Karla Adajar Lajara, bago ihain ang rekomendasyon na tuluyang nagresulta sa pagbabasura ng permit para sa proyekto.

Sa kasalukuyan, patuloy na inaabangan ng publiko ang mga susunod na hakbang ng pamahalaang panlalawigan upang matiyak ang balanseng pag-unlad na may kaakibat na responsableng pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at kaligtasan ng mamamayan.



DPWH CHIEF ORDERS URGENT FIX FOR LAGUNA HOSPITALS, VOWS COMPLETION OF LONG-STALLED MEDICAL CENTER



LAGUNA, Philip-pines — Public Works and Highways Secretary Vince Dizon conducted an on-site inspection of several public hospitals in Laguna following the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to assess the condition of healthcare fa-

cilities and infrastructure projects across the province.

Accompanied by Laguna Governor Sol Aragon, Dizon personally examined the long-delayed new building of the Laguna Medical Center, which has remained unin-

ished for over five years, as well as the deteriorating facilities of the Luisiana District Hospital.

The inspection aimed to address long-standing infrastructure gaps in Laguna's healthcare system, including the lack of adequate

hospital buildings, treatment facilities, and other essential services that have burdened residents for years.

During the visit, Governor Aragon, Mayor Jomapher Uy Alvarez brought the DPWH chief to the Luisiana Dis-

trict Hospital to witness firsthand its poor and worsening condition, underscoring the urgency of government intervention.

Secretary Dizon assured the public that rehabilitation efforts and construction works will commence within the year, including the long-overdue

completion of the Laguna Medical Center building.

The move signals a renewed push by the national government to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in Laguna and improve access to quality medical services for its growing population.

(Edjun Mariposque)

BAGONG MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PINASINAYAAN NI CONGRESSMAN AMBEN AMANTE SA BAYAN NG NAGCARLAN



Martes April 7, 2026 sa Barangay Bimbang, Bayan ng Nagcarlan, Laguna sa pamamagitan ng pagpapasinaya ng bagong Multipurpose Building.

Ang gusaling ito ay magsisilbing Day Care Center para sa maayos na

paghubog ng ating mga kabataan, gayundin bilang tanggapan ng Sangguniang Kabataan.

Upang higit na mapalakas ang partisipasyon ng kabataan sa mga gawaing pampamayanan.

Ang proyektong

ito ay bunga ng kahilingan ni Barangay Chairman Analyn Consebido at naisakatuparan sa tulong at suporta ni Congressman Loreto "Amben" S. Amante. ng ikatlong distrito ng Laguna.

Pawang dumalo sa pagtitipon sina Mayor

Elmor V. Vita, Councilor Peep Arcigal at Councilor Laurence Sombilla, Coun.Larry Dizon ng bayan ng Nagcaralan at mga kawani ng DPWH sa pamumuno ni Assistant District Engineer Shirley Samiano.

(Kevin Pamatmat)

Mula sa munting negosyo tungo sa mas higit pa



Tinitiyak ni Melca Ombion na ang kaniyang sari-sari store ay may sapat at iba't ibang uri ng mga produkto upang matugunan ang magkakabang pangangailangan ng mga mamimili.

"Hindi ka dapat umasa sa isang negosyo lang, para kung humina ang isa, may pagkukuhanan ka pa ng pang-araw-araw ninyo", saad ni Melca Ombion, isang 54 taong gulang na ina mula sa Palawan.

Ang karanasan ni Melca sa pagtatrabaho sa hardware at botika noong kaniyang kabataan ang nagsilbing pundasyon para sa kaniyang mga itinatayong negosyo.

Kapanapanabik na simula

Binuksan niya ang kaniyang sari-sari store noong 1999. Isa siya sa mga pinakaunang negosyante na nagbukas ng tindahan sa kanilang lugar kaya naman mabilis siyang nakakuha ng mga suki na naging dahilan ng mabilis na paglago ng kaniyang negosyo.

Sa paglipas ng panahon, marami man ang naging kakumpitensya, hindi siya nagpatinag at nanatiling pokus sa kaniyang negosyo. Kinalaunan, karamihan sa ibang tindahan ay nagsara habang ang kaniya ay patuloy na lumago, kaya't ito ay naging isa sa pinakamatagal at pinakamatagal na tindahan sa kanilang lugar.

Kilala si Melca sa pagiging masipag at matiyaga. Sa katunayan, ang pagiging abala ay nagbibigay sa kaniya ng sigla.

Sa halip na magpahinga, ang pagnanais na makapagpatayo ng mas marami pang negosyo ang nagsilbing inspirasyon upang lalo siyang magsumikap. Determinado, nabukas siya ng barbershop.

Habang namahala sa kaniyang mga negosyo, naglaan din siya ng oras sa pag-aalaga ng manok at baboy.

Ginawa ni Melca ang lahat ng ito upang masustentuhan ang kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan at para sa kaniyang anak na nag-aaral sa Iloilo. Hindi nagtagal, nagbunga ang lahat ng kaniyang pagod nang makatapos ang kaniyang anak sa kolehiyo.

Maraming tao ang nagpayo sa kaniya na huwag magmadali, lalo na at may trabaho naman na ang kaniyang anak. Ngunit para sa kanya, hangga't kaya niya, siya ay patuloy na kakayod. Naniniwala siya na habang bata pa at malakas ay kailangan mong mag-ipon at magpundar, para sa iyong pagtanda ay mayroon kang aanihin.

Marami mang tagumpay, may pagkakataon din na sinubok siya ng panahon. Noong pandemya taong 2020 ay napilitan siyang isara pansamantala ang kaniyang barbershop. Nang muli niya itong buksan, naging matumal ang

negosyo kaya napilitan siyang paupahan ito sa iba noong 2025.

Pagkakaroon ng karagdagang kapital

Upang madagdagan ang puhunan para sa kaniyang sari-sari store, humiram ng loan si Melca sa CARD SME Bank, isang thrift bank sa ilalim ng CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institution (CARD MRI). Taong 2014, nahikayat siyang sumali dahil sa mababang loan interes dito.

Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon siyang loan na nagkakahalaga ng PHP 500,000.00, na ginamit niya bilang kapital para sa kaniyang tindahan at para suportahan ang kaniyang gampanin bilang isang konek2CARD agent. Tungkulin niyang matulungan ang mga kliyente na mag-cash in, mag-cash out, at magbayad ng loan sa pamamagitan ng mobile banking application, na hindi na kinakailangang magpunta sa bangko.

Sa mga susunod pang taon, nais niyang palawakin ang kaniyang negosyo sa agrikultura. Pangarap din niyang magbukas ng botika, lalo na at isang pharmacist ang kaniyang anak sa Palawan. Patuloy na sinisikap ni Melca na masiguro na ang kaniyang oras at resources ay magamit niya nang maayos at hindi masyang. PR



PHILHEALTH LEARNER'S MATERIAL (PLM), ITINURO SA MGA PAARALAN SA LAGUNA

Isinagawa ang demo teaching ng PhilHealth Learner's Material (PLM) noong Marso 23, 2026 sa Col. Lauro D. Dizon National High School (San Pablo City) at Sta. Catalina Integrated National High School (Majayjay, Laguna) para sa Grade 8 students kung saan ipinakita ang epektibong integrasyon ng PLM sa pagtuturo sa loob ng silid-aralan.

Ipinamalas ang mga guro na sina Mr. Toru Q. Nishimura Jr. at Mrs. Rosie M. Rogado ang kanilang mga makabago at interaktibong pamamaraan ng pagtuturo gamit ang PLM, na tumalakay sa mahahalagang konsepto tulad ng Universal Health Care, mga benepisyo ng PhilHealth, at kahalagahan ng pagiging isang responsableng miyembro ng National Health Insurance Program.

Gayundin, bilang bahagi ng pagpapalawak ng kaalaman tungkol sa mga programa at patakaran ng PhilHealth, ipinamalas ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang husay at pagkamalikhain sa pamamagitan ng role-playing, paggawa ng poster, slogan, tula, jingle o kanta, at sawaw. Sa pamamagitan ng mga gawaing ito, higit na napapalalim ang kanilang pag-unawa habang sila ay aktibong nakikilahok at nag-eenjoy sa mga makabuluhang aktibidad.

Lubos ang pasasalamat ng PhilHealth sa mga school administrators, guro, at mga mag-aaral na naging bahagi ng matagumpay na gawaing ito upang palakasin ang kamalayan ng mga mag-aaral tungkol sa PhilHealth.



Pagpaparangal sa Pinakamakapal naAklat ng Wikang Kapampangan, Dinaluhan ng KWF

Nakiisa sa paglulunsad ng Dictionary of Capampangan Words with Chinese Roots noong 20 Pebrero 2026 sa Holy Angel University, Angeles City, Pampanga sina Dr. Benjamin M. Mendillo Jr., Komisyoner sa Pangasiwaan at Pananalapi at Kinatawan ng Wikang Ilokano, at si Dr. Reggie Cruz, Kinatawan ng Wikang Kapampangan.

Inisulat ng tubong Pampanga na si Oscar "Papa Osmubal" Bala-jadia ang diksiyonaryong kabilang sa mga pinakamakapal na diksiyonaryo ng Kapampangan.

Inilunsad ng Holy Angel University-Center for Kapampangan Studies (HAU-CKS), na kilala sa mga proyekto at pananaliksik na naglalayong pan-



galagaan at palakasin ang wika at kultura ng Kapampangan.

Kasalukuyang kinikilala ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino ang aklat bilang pinakamakapal na aklat sa wikang Kapampangan sa bansa na may kabuoang 2,852 pahina.

Inaasahang magsisilbi itong mahalagang sanggunian sa mga mananaliksik, guro, mag-aaral, at iba pang nagnanais na higit pang maunawaan ang ugnayan ng wikang Kapampangan at mga salitang may pinagmulan sa wikang Tsino.