

Mayor Ross Rizal Leads Social Pension Distribution for Calamba Senior Citizens



Calamba City Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal personally led the distribution of social pensions to senior citizens, reaffirming the city government’s commitment to support the elderly sector.

Mayor Rizal visited Barangay Lecheria to check on the condition of beneficiaries and ensure that assistance was being properly delivered. He emphasized that the program

serves as recognition of the contributions made by senior citizens to society.

“Patuloy ang ating pamahalaang lungsod sa pagbibigay ng Social Pension para sa lahat ng Senior Citizens ng Calamba. Walang maiiwan, lalo na ang ating mga mahal na nakatatanda,” Rizal said.

The distribution

also covers other barangays, including Sucol, Masili, Puting Lupa, Turbina, Saimsim, Mapagong, Milagrosa, Majada Out, and Palingon.

According to Mayor Rizal, the initiative highlights Calamba City’s deep gratitude and commitment to uplift the welfare of its senior citizens.

(Edjun Mariposque)



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CAVITE MARKS LINGGO NG KABATAAN WITH PROVINCIAL CELEBRATION



The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), spearheaded the Linggo ng Kabataan Provincial Celebration on September 24, 2025, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The event gathered members of the Pagasa Youth Association of the Philippines – Cavite (PYAP-Cavite), alongside youth leaders and organizations, with the goal of fostering inclusivity, strengthening camaraderie, and promoting awareness on pressing

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PH, MASUSING NAKAMANMAN SA MGA AKSIYON NG CHINA KASUNOD NG PLANONG PAGTATATAG NG NATURE RESERVE SA SCARBOROUGH

Editorial

NBI FILES 70 CASES VS ALICE GUO, KIN

Bamban, Tarlac Mayor Alice Guo in this May 7, 2024

MANILA, Philippines — The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has filed 70 criminal complaints against dismissed Bamban mayor Alice Guo and members of her family for allegedly falsifying the documents of their property and businesses in Marilao, Bulacan.

Guo, her sister Shiela Leal, brother Seimen and her father's partner Lin Wen Yi were charged with 30 counts of falsification of public documents for allegedly submitting false articles of incorporation, secretary's certificate and the general information sheet for six companies.

According to the NBI, Guo and her family are incorporators of QJJ Group of Companies Inc., QSeed Genetics Inc., QJJ Meat Shop Inc., QJJ Slaughter House Inc., QJJ Smelting Plant Inc. and QJJ Embroidery Center Inc. These are all located in Barangay Patubig, Marilao, Bulacan.

The NBI said the Guos presented themselves as Filipino citizens in the articles of incorporation of these companies, despite evidence proving that they are Chinese nationals.

Overall, the NBI's Bulacan South District Office filed 70 charges against the respondents, who figured prominently in the investigation into Philippine offshore gaming operators that facilitated crimes, including scams and human trafficking.

An additional four counts of falsification of public documents were filed against Guo and her relatives for supposed misrepresentations in the firms' business, occupancy and building permits.

Another 30 counts of violation of the Anti-Dummy Law were filed against the respondents.

Guo is also facing six counts of falsification of public documents for allegedly falsifying the deed of sale and documentary stamp of a 4,636-square-meter property in Bulacan that she bought for P2 million on Oct. 5, 2010.

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SENATE...

The Philippine Senate has adopted Senate Resolution No. 144 formally urging the International Criminal Court (ICC) to consider placing former President Rodrigo Duterte under house arrest due to humanitarian concerns.

The resolution, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri and Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano, cited Duterte's advanced age and deteriorating health as grounds for the appeal. It calls on the ICC to designate a physician to assess Duterte's medical condition and fitness for continued detention.

The measure references Article 10(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which mandates

humane treatment of detained individuals.

It also stipulates that any house arrest arrangement should remain subject to ICC-imposed restrictions to safeguard the integrity of ongoing proceedings.

Voting results showed 15 senators in favor, including Zubiri, Cayetano, Imee Marcos, Robin Padilla, Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa, Jinggoy Estrada, Bong Go, Chiz Escudero, Sherwin Gatchalian, Loren Legarda, Erwin Tulfo, JV Ejercito, Panfilo Lacson, Mark Villar, and Rodante Marcoleta.

Three senators — Risa Hontiveros, Bam Aquino, and Francis Pangilinan — opposed the resolution, while Senate President Tito Sotto and Raffy Tulfo abstained.

Budget...

PBBM administration allocates P256.5 billion for Agriculture sector in 2026

In its bid to revitalize and modernize the country's Agriculture sector, the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. allocates a total of Php256.5 billion under the National Expenditure Program (NEP) 2026.

The proposed budget for prioritizing the Agriculture sector remains anchored on one of the pillars of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, specifically in Transforming Production Sectors to Generate More Quality Jobs and Competitive Products.

"A total of Php 256.5 billion will be used to strengthen our Agriculture sector in 2026. Of this amount, Php 153.9 billion will finance the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies; Php 45.1 billion for the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), and Php 17.4 billion for the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), among others," the President said in his Budget Message.

Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman highlighted that the proposed budget for the industry in 2026 will support the administration's continuous push to ensure food security and promote inclusive growth, as directed by the President, especially in the wake of a series of natural calamities this year, including the 6.9 magnitude quake felt in Cebu and nearby provinces.

"Sa likod ng bawat programa, may buhay, may kwento, at may

Duterte remains in ICC custody in The Hague, where he faces charges linked to alleged human rights violations during his administration's war on drugs.

While largely symbolic, the resolution highlights a divided stance within the Philippine legislature on balancing hu-

pangarap. At sa pamamagitan ng 2026 National Budget, sama-sama nating tutuparin ito sa Bagong Pilipinas-- isang Bagong Pilipinas kung saan ang mga magsasaka ay may sapat na suporta at kung saan ang bigas ay maaaring bilhin sa abot-kayang halaga, dahil #Bawat-ButilMahalaga," Secretary Amenah said.

Rice Sufficiency For 2026, DA's National Rice Program (NRP) has been increased to Php 29.9 billion, up by 38.0 percent from the Php 21.7 billion budget in 2025. The NRP, aimed at strengthening farm productivity, provides fertilizers with quality inbred and hybrid rice seeds that will help local farmers boost their crop yields.

Meanwhile, the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, which supports rice competitiveness and income of rice farmers, will receive Php 30.0 billion to fund the modernization of farm machinery and equipment; development, propagation, and promotion of rice seeds; and other priority programs, activities, and projects that will most effectively promote farmers' productivity, supply resiliency, and address food security emergency situations on rice due to supply shortage or extraordinary increase in prices.

The Rice for All Program of the DA, which includes the Benteng Bigas Meron Na program, will be given Php 10.0 billion to further expand access to affordable rice at public markets and KADIWA sites, to be procured from various sources including, but not limited to: (I) accredited individual

manitarian considerations with international accountability.



farmers' cooperatives and associations, government agencies such as the National Food Authority and the National Irrigation Administration; (ii) from local rice suppliers; or (iii) strategic importation, provided that importation shall be allowed when the necessity arises.

The Buffer Stocking Program will be allotted Php 11.2 billion. Of this amount, P9 billion will be used to procure 300,000 metric tons of palay to be used during crises, such as emergencies and disasters. Meanwhile, the amount of P2.177 billion is intended to cover the direct costs related to the palay procurement such as conversion of palay to rice (milling), the transfer of palay or rice (dispersal), and the distribution of rice to intended users/beneficiaries.

Other Agricultural Programs

The National Livestock Program will receive Php 3.8 billion, while the National Fisheries Program will receive Php 9.3 billion.

The Sugarcane Industry Development Program will be allotted Php 1.0 billion to enhance sugar production beyond more than 2 million metric tons of sugar annually.

Other national programs of the DA to receive continuous funding next year include the National Corn Program with Php 6.7 billion; National High Value Crops Development Program with Php 2.1 billion; National Organic Agriculture Program with Php 1.0 billion; and National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program with Php 391 million.

Agricultural Hubs & Infrastructure

To expand access to affordable agricultural products and provide a direct link between farmers and consumers, the Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Program has been allocated Php 250 million.

Meanwhile, the President also stated that a total of Php 2.1 billion will be invested to pioneer a national agricultural food hub in Clark, Pampanga, which will serve as a storage and processing center for farmers and traders.

A total of Php 16.0 billion will also go to the construction of 1,067 kilometers of Farm-to-Market Roads to reduce the transportation and logistics costs needed to transport agricultural products to and from farms, production areas, and markets.



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PROGRAMANG YFC NG DA-4A, IPINAKILALA SA MGA ESTUDYANTE NG CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY



Ipinakilala sa labing-pitong estudyante ng Cavite State University sa pamamagitan ng isang oryentasyon ang programang Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) ng #DA-Calabarzon Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division noong ika-8 ng Setyembre sa Indang,-Cavite.

Inilahad sa mga kabataang kumukuha ng kursong agrikultura ang kabuoan ng programa kabilang ang tatlong kategorya na Start-Up sa Provincial Level at Up-scale at Intercollegiate naman sa Regional Level na maaari nilang salihan.

Tinalakay din ang mga kinakailangan at kwalipikasyon sa pagsali at ang kaukulang premyo na maaaring matanggap ng mga mananal.

Ang YFC ay programa ng Kagawaran para sa mga kabataang naganais magtayo ng negosyong pang-agrikultura na magbibigay suporta sa pamamagitan ng financial grant sa mga mananal.

Binigyang-diin ni Agricultural Programs Coordinating Officer, Ruben Perlas ang malaking parte ng mga Kabataan sa pagpapaunlad ng sektor ng agrikultura. Aniya, ang kanilang pagtahak sa larangan ng agrikultura ay isang mahalagang hakbang na para rito.

Hinikayat din nya

ang mga estudyante na palawakin pa ito sa pamamagitan ng pagsubok na maging mga agri-pre-neurs.

Na g p a h a y a g naman ng interes si Jay-Ron A. Bosito na isa sa mga dumalo. Aniya, handa syang ibahagi sa kapwa nya mag-aaral ang magandang oportunidad na YFC Program para sa kanila.

Para sa mga nais sumali, maaaring makita ang detalye at kinakailangang dokumento sa link <https://tinyurl.com/YFC2025Requirements>at magpasa ng aplikasyon hanggang ika-23 ng Setyembre 2025 sa amad4a.yfc@gmail.com. PR



The Senate recognized and commended Padel Pilipinas following its landmark victory at the 2025 Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC) in Selangor, Malaysia. The national team swept through the tournament with an impressive record, defeating powerhouse teams from Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Pakistan, Singapore, and India, to emerge as champions of the region. Senator Pia Cayetano, founder of Padel Pilipinas, delivered an omnibus sponsorship speech commending the athletes and coaches, and recognizing standout players Joanna Tao Yee Tan and Johnny Arcilla, who were named Female and Male MVPs of the APPC. The Senate also adopted resolutions congratulating Tan and LA Cañizares for their Mixed Pro title at the APPT Kuala Lumpur Open, as well as Tan for her Pro Female championship at the APPT Bali Open. "I have seen our team grow from a hopeful beginning to a glorious triumph, and to witness their victory, to see our flag raised on the international stage, is to see that vision fulfilled," Cayetano said. "Our athletes have carried our flag with pride, inspired the next generation, and made history for Philippine sports."

Cavite takes Spotlight in MPTC's Biyaheng South Experiential Tour 2025

Cavite took the spotlight in the recently concluded Biyaheng South Experiential Tour 2025, featuring top destinations made more accessible through Metro Pacific Tollway Corporation's (MPTC) expressways—CAVITEX and CALAX. Successfully hosted by MPT South, a subsidiary of MPTC, in partnership with the Department of Tourism Region IV-A (DOT IV-A) and the Cavite Tourism Office, the tour highlighted the province's rich blend of history, culture, and culinary delights. Co-presented by mWell (by Metro Pacific Health Tech Corporation), the tour also highlighted wellness on the road, with participants wearing mWell watches to track their health and activity throughout the journey.

Next on the list was the Geronimo Berenguer De Los Reyes (GBR) Museum in General Trias, a cultural gem dedicated to preserving and promoting the country's rich history and heritage. Upon entering, the group was immediately immersed in a powerful display of the Cavite Mutiny of 1872, one of the most relevant events in Philippine history. Among the museum's exhibits, the World Aviation History Exhibit stood out, featuring remarkable replicas such as the Wright Brothers' "Flying Machine" and NASA's Lunar Roving Vehicle. Afterward, Ka-Biyaheros enjoyed lunch at Cabezera Ridge View Restaurant in Tagaytay City, a dining spot that pairs Cavite flavors with sweeping views of Taal Lake.

Fun and excitement awaited the Ka-Biyaheros at Sky Ranch Tagaytay, one of the city's most popular leisure destinations. Participants enjoyed a mix of thrilling rides and family-friendly attractions like the Sky-Eye Ferris Wheel, Drop Tower, and Cartoonville, Sky Ranch's newest attraction. The day closed with a comforting hotpot dinner at Nabe Hotspot, a local favorite for its warm flavors and cozy vibe. The participants then went to check in at Quest Hotel, a top choice for travelers seeking accessibility and convenience in the city. The group settled into modern,

are beef salpicao, salted egg chicken, and fish and chips, paired with their signature drinks.

Following the hearty breakfast, the participants then had the opportunity to have a special look at CALAX Governor's Drive Interchange in General Trias, Cavite, which is set to open this 2025. This new segment will expand CALAX's operating section all the way to General Trias, providing motorists with faster, more convenient routes, easing congestion on Cavite's major roads.

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cozy rooms before indulging in treats at Baker J Café, the hotel's signature French-inspired bakery known for its pastries and artisanal breads, before unwinding in the outdoor pool. With its modern facilities, panoramic views, and exceptional service, the hotel offered a warm and relaxing stay for the Ka-Biyaheros.

Discovering Tagaytay's Natural and Cultural Charm

The second day opened with breakfast at Quest Hotel. Energized for the day ahead, the group's first stop was People's Park in the Sky, one of Tagaytay's most iconic landmarks. Perched at the highest point in the city, the park offered a sweeping 360-degree view of Taal Lake and Laguna de Bay. Lunch was served at Siglo Modern Filipino, a restaurant that pays homage to the country's rich culinary traditions with unique takes on classic Filipino dishes.

In the afternoon, the tour shifted to a different kind of discovery with a one-of-a-kind Lancaster Community tour by Profriends. Participants were given closer look at key landmarks inside the township. These include St. Edward School, showcasing the academic and sports achievements of its youth, and where the Galing LNC youth volunteers are nurtured. The community tour included the site where Westwind is being constructed, the commercial hub which is The Square, and the spiritual hub, the Parish of the Holy Family.

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PGC HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS IN 2025 PROVINCIAL ELDERLY WEEK CELEBATION

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), in partnership with the Provincial Council for the Elderly, successfully held the Provincial Elderly Week Celebration 2025 on September 30, 2025, at the Upper Ground Floor of the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

With the theme centered on recognizing and empowering senior citizens, the event gathered nearly 300 participants, composed of Officers and Members of the Provincial Federation and Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), the Military Retirees Association, and various focal persons from different Cavite localities.

The program aimed to highlight successful and innovative programs of the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) and local government units (LGUs) that uphold the rights, welfare, and active participation of senior citizens.

The program also featured presentations from partner agencies and resource speakers. Ms. Lynn Andrea P. Escobar of the OPSWDO discussed the various programs and services available for Caviteño elders, while Ms. Levita S. Aderez, Focal Person of the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), provided updates on national programs and services for Filipino senior citizens. Meanwhile, Ms. Edelyn V. Rodil, Social Insurance Officer II, shared

insights on PhilHealth Yakap, highlighting program updates and service enhancements designed to further support the needs of the elderly sector. To further promote the health and well-being of senior citizens, a Health Services Caravan was conducted, offering free medical consultations, maintenance medicines, vitamins, and pneumococcal vaccines to participants.

The Provincial Elderly Week Celebration reaffirmed the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to honoring and supporting the elderly sector by promoting inclusive programs, recognizing exemplary initiatives, and ensuring their continued well-being and active participation in community development. — A. Cabre-ra

SMC RESTARTS CLEANUP OF TULLAHAN RIVER TO EASE FLOODING IN METRO MANILA



SMC's river cleanup initiative has returned to Tullahan River to restore its depth and carrying capacity for floodwater.

San Miguel Corp. (SMC) is restarting cleanup of the Tullahan River, three years after it completed the P1-billion effort.

The company said its regular LIDAR monitoring, which uses laser technology to map river depth, showed that silt and waste had again accumulated, limiting the river's ability to drain floodwaters into Manila Bay.

The 27-kilometer river, which runs through Quezon City, Caloocan, Valenzuela, Malabon and Navotas, was the first focus of SMC's Better Rivers PH program that was launched in 2020. By 2022, the company had cleared 1.12 million metric tons of waste and silt from a 10.9-kilometer stretch near the North Luzon Expressway.

SMC Chairman Ramon S. Ang said the return to Tullahan reflects the company's long-term commitment to mitigating flooding through river

cleanups. "It is not unexpected that silt and garbage have re-accumulated. Heavy rains have brought more erosion, and waste dumping continues. That's why we really need to go back," he said.

Since 2020, Better Rivers PH has removed 8.6 million metric tons of silt and waste from 165 kilometers of waterways at no cost to government. Beyond the Tullahan, SMC has undertaken cleanups in the Pasig, San Juan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Parañaque and Laguna river systems, and recently began work on the Alabang and Las Piñas rivers.

In Quezon City, SMC is working with the local government under a memorandum of agreement to clear obstructions along the river's easements and restore its natural width. Mayor Joy Belmonte said the initiative complements the city's flood-control and

waste-management programs.

Meanwhile, Valenzuela City Mayor Wes Gatchalian and Navotas City Mayor John Rey Tiangco have also asked SMC to extend cleanup to their sections of the Tullahan and its tributaries.

Initial work has started at the river's mouth in Manila Bay and shallow channels in Valenzuela and Malabon. SMC also plans to extend cleanup upstream to La Mesa Dam and widen sections of the San Juan River and its tributaries.

"For five years now, we have been cleaning rivers because flooding disrupts lives and the economy," Ang said. "This is our way of contributing to long-term solutions that affect millions of Filipinos."

This coincides with World Rivers Day, observed by more than 100 countries to promote protection of natural waterways. PR

TAGAYTAY TOURISM COUNCIL JOINS CLEAN-UP DRIVE AT PEOPLE'S PARK IN THE SKY

Earlier today, the Tagaytay Tourism Council took part in a community clean-up drive at the iconic People's Park in the Sky, one of the city's most visited landmarks. The activity brought together council members, volunteers, and partners who share the same commitment to keeping Tagaytay clean, green, and welcoming for both tourists and locals.

The clean-up drive focused on proper waste collection, segregation,

and clearing of areas to ensure the park remains safe and enjoyable for visitors.

Tagaytay Tourism Council highlighted the importance of sustainability in tourism, emphasizing that keeping destinations clean is a shared responsibility.

By taking small steps such as reducing litter and participating in activities like these, everyone contributes to preserving the charm and

cleanliness of the city.

The council encourages residents, business owners, and tourists alike to practice responsible tourism by disposing of waste properly and supporting eco-friendly initiatives.

This clean-up drive is just one of many efforts aligned with the city's vision to make Tagaytay not only a premier travel destination but also a model for sustainable and responsible tourism.



Pointer

Pau Dela Cruz

Biñan City Develops First-Ever Barangay Information Officers to Improve Communication at the Local Level

The Biñan People's Center hosted the groundbreaking Biñan City Barangay Information Officers (BIOs) Training Program, which has given the city's 24 barangays the tools they need to guarantee responsible, accurate, and timely information sharing. "Isiguro natin na ang tamang impormasyon sa tamang panahon ay made-deliver natin hanggang dulo. #Pag tamang impormasyon ang binigay natin, ito rin ang tamang SOLusyon." said City Information Officer Roman Carenacia, highlighting the crucial role that BIOs play in integrating communities and government.

The show emphasized the value of social media etiquette, data protection, and responsible communication, particularly in the battle against false information and fake news. The establishment of BIOs will open the door for efficient lines of communication from the local level to the city and provincial levels, stressed Lenie Bautista, CLGOO.

Doland Castro, acting on behalf of Laguna Governor Sol Aragon, strongly endorsed the plan. He revealed that as a former broadcast journalist, Governor Aragon is aware of the duty that information officers bear. Castro reminded attendees that timely and accurate reporting enhances government credibility, whereas subpar public service and false information can damage public trust. Along with emphasizing the impor-

ance of creating compelling stories that pique public interest, he urged BIOs to be more than just fact-reporters; they should also be storytellers who have the ability to uplift, inform, and inspire communities

Danilo Lucas, Head of the Provincial Information Office, emphasized the historic significance of Biñan City's initiative in institutionalizing Barangay Information Officers, saying, "Kayo ay magiging bahagi ng kasaysayan." He noted that the establishment of BIOs represents a structural shift in the way information is disseminated, starting at the local level and continuing through provincial and national governance. Lucas claims that BIOs are now on the front lines of making sure that the public not only receives information but also comprehends it and acts upon it.

The seminar featured presentations by Charmaine Odong and Christopher Hedreya of the Philippine Information Agency-Cala-barzon and Laguna on social media etiquette, data protection, and dispelling fake news. While April Pineda, CIO, and Mc Aliluran, YASDO, led a practical workshop on writing and photo layout, John Cedrick Ellazo led a session on fundamental photography. Through these initiatives, Biñan City has strengthened public service, accountability, and trust while setting a powerful example of information dissemination from the bottom up.

PH...

Masusing kamanman ang Pilipinas sa mga aksiyon ng China sa pinagtatalunang Scarborough Shoal, ayon kay Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff General Romeo Brawner Jr.

Ito ay kasunod ng kamakailang anunsyo ng China sa plano nitong pagtatatag ng Huangyan Island National Nature Reserve sa naturang disputed water.

Nauna ng sinabi ng China noong Setyem-

bre ng kasalukuyang taon na inaprubahan na nito ang paglikha ng isang national nature reserve sa naturang shoal.

Subalit, binatikos naman ito ng panig ng Pilipinas at tinawag ang plano ng China bilang isang malinaw na panimula para sa pag-okupa sa lugar.

Naghain na rin ang Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) ng diplomatic protest laban sa plano ng China na tinawag nitong ilegal, hindi makatarungan at isang panghihi-

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masok sa ating soberaniya. Kaugnay nito, sinabi ng AFP chief na mahalagang mapigilan na maulit ang nangyari sa Mischief Reef na tinatawag din ng Pilipinas bilang Pangani-ban Reef.

Matatandaan, inokupa ng China ang Mischief noong 1990s at mula noon ay nagtayo ng military base doon, kahit pa ito ay nasa loob ng exclusive economic zone ng Pilipinas sa pinagtatalunang karagatan.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

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RETIRED OFFICERS URGED COUP VS MARCOS, BUT MILITARY STOOD FIRM – BRAWNER

Philippine military chief General Romeo Brawner speaks during a forum with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (FOCAP) at the military headquarters in Manila on October

The Philippine military chief said Friday he rejected calls for the armed forces to topple President Ferdinand Marcos as Manila was rocked by street protests last month against government corruption.

General Romeo Brawner said some retired officers from the Philippine military reached out to him and some younger officers, but their calls were rebuffed.

During last month's protests, "there were posters and speeches calling for the Armed Forces of the Philippines to be the lead. Some of them were saying that maybe we should withdraw our support for the president," Brawner told a news forum.

There were

"several calls for us to intervene, and in fact there was some recruitment so to speak, sad to say some of them retired officers," he said.

Plotting denied

The would-be plotters were "trying to reach out to the younger officers, trying to reach out to our commanders, reaching out to me even, and convincing us to intervene."

Brawner said

they suggested a "coup d'etat, a military junta, in order to come up with a reset of the entire Philippine society, or withdraw our support -- so several forms of military intervention".

At one point he said he and his military "battle staff" even met with a group of retired military officers led by ex-general Romeo Poquiz, a vocal Marcos critic, who aired their grievances -- mainly alleged corruption in the incumbent government.

Brawner said some of those pushing for military intervention insisted that "somebody else deserves to be president, but they did not mention



who that is".

Brawner said he told the Poquiz group the military institution was "solid" in support of the Philippine constitution.

"We were very clear in our mandate," he added.

Firm stance

Brawner said he told Marcos about the plotting and recruitment.

The military withdrew its support to Marcos' namesake father and dictator 20 years into his rule in 1986, leading to a bloodless popular revolt that chased the Marcos family into US exile.

However, the military action later ushered in a series of bloody coup attempts that rocked the newly restored Philippine democracy led by Marcos Senior's rival and successor Corazon Aquino between 1986-1991.

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Search and rescue efforts have mostly concluded, while humanitarian needs—particularly food, clean water, and shelter—remain urgent. Hospitals in northern Cebu continue to be overwhelmed with patients.

A tsunami alert was briefly raised but lifted after PHIVOLCS confirmed no abnormal waves occurred. The earthquake struck just days after the region suffered heavy damage from a severe storm, compounding the challenges faced by disaster response teams.

Relief operations are ongoing as authorities and humanitarian groups work to provide immediate aid and long-term recovery for the tens of thousands affected.

(Edjun Mariposque)



COMMITTED LEADERSHIP: MAYOR ROSS RIZAL FULFILLS DUTIES DESPITE HEALTH CHALLENGES



Calamba City Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal showed his unwavering commitment to public service as he continued fulfilling his duties from home despite his doctor's recommendation to take a full rest due to overfatigue.

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, Mayor Rizal remained active in various city programs and official functions while working remotely.

In the morning, the Mayor extended his support as a principal sponsor in the Kasalang Bayan at Brgy. Banlic where 11 couples were wed, represented by EA June Montano. His office also ensured Calamba's participation in the meeting called by the Office of the Governor to discuss DENR-related issues at the Provincial Administrator's Conference Hall.

At mid-morning, the distribution of financial assistance to 300 beneficiaries pushed through at the MOPAC Ground Floor, while Auditor Becca met with local officials at the Jose Rizal Coliseum.

In the afternoon, Mayor Rizal, represented by EA Roy Ramos, delivered an inspirational message at the 2025 Division Service Awards Ceremony organized by SDO Calamba City.

Around the same time, EA June Montano oversaw the allowance distribution for BPSO, Lupon, and VAWC members at the Coliseum.

The day ended with Calamba's participation in the celebration of the National Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea at the Grand Hyatt Manila, Taguig City, where COS Gen.



Jospicio Jaurigue represented the Mayor.

Despite his doctor's advice to rest, Mayor Ross Rizal continues to prioritize his duties and ensure uninterrupted delivery of programs and services for Calambeños — a testament to his steadfast leadership and dedication.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Magkapatid na Seth at Steph Curry, magka-teammate na sa Golden State Warriors



Magkasama nang maglalaro ang magkapatid na NBA players na sina Seth Curry at Stephen Curry matapos pumirma si Seth bilang free agent sa Golden State Warriors.

Ngayong taon ay ika-16 season na ni Stephen Curry sa GSW mula nang ma-draft siya noong 2009, kung saan nakamit na niya ang 4 na championships, 1 Finals MVP, at 2 Season MVP awards.

Samantala, ito naman ang ika-11 season ni Seth Curry, na huling naglaro para sa Charlotte Hornets kung saan nagtala siya ng average na 6.5 points, 1.7 rebounds, at 45.6% shooting mula sa 3-point line.

Ito na ang ika-23 pagkakataon sa NBA na may maglalarong magkapatid sa iisang koponan.

Para sa 2025–26 season, ang magkapatid na Curry ang magiging ikatlong tandem kasunod nina Giannis at Thanasis Antetokounmpo ng Milwaukee Bucks, at Franz at Moritz Wagner ng Orlando Magic.

CAYETANO: 'JUSTICE, NOT VENGEANCE' SA PAGPASA NG SENADO NG RESOLUSYON SA ICC

Ipinaliwanag ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Miyerkules ang kanyang boto pabor sa Senate Resolution No. 144 na humihiling sa International Criminal Court (ICC) na ilagay sa house arrest si dating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte para sa humanitarian reasons.

Ang resolusyon, na inaprubahan nitong October 1, ay pinasa sa boto ng 15 senador na pabor, tatlong tumutol, at dalawa ang nag-abstain.

Isa si Cayetano sa mga orihinal na may-akda ng katulad na panukala, at ayon sa kanya, nakabatay ang kanyang pagsuporta sa prinsipyo ng hustisya at makataong pagtrato.

"Iba ang vengeance sa justice. Ang vengeance is an emotional impulse of someone who is a victim of injustice. In Tagalog, gusto niyang gantihan. Ang justice, hustisya, ay well-defined sa international community and I know that as a former Secretary of Foreign Affairs," wika ni Cayetano.

Binigyang diin niya na hindi ito tungkol sa muling pagbubukas ng usapin sa war on drugs kundi para tiyakin na mayroong patas na proseso para sa lahat, alinsunod sa mga kasunduang pangkarapantang pantao na nilagdaan ng Pilipinas.

Ayon kay Cayetano, mahalagang bahagi ng hustisya ang makataong pagtrato at due process. "Ang hustisya po ay bulag. Nakatakip po yung mata para nga walang makita [at maging patas,]" dagdag pa niya.

Nilinaw din ni Cayetano na bagama't maaaring magpatuloy ang mga debate sa war on drugs, ang resolusyon ay nakatuon sa pagrespeto sa hustisya at pagpapantili ng mga pamantayang pandaigdig.

"I vote yes Mr. President and I thank our colleagues for putting this on the floor," wika ng senador.

DRUG DEN NALANSAG NG PDEA AT PNP. APAT ARESTADO



Isang drug den ang nabuwag ng pinagsamang operatiba ng PDEA Laguna Provincial Office at PDEU Laguna Police Provincial Office sa isinagawang buy-bust ioperation na nagresulta ng pagkakaaresto ng apat na suspek sa Barangay Timbao, Biñan City, Laguna sa ganap na 5:33 ng hapon nitong Oktubre 1, 2025.

Ang mga suspek ay nakilalang sina alias Justin/Tatin, alias Tin-tin, alias Kamandag, alias Intong, habang si alias Kakay ay nakatakas at nananatiling pinaghahanap ng mga otoridad.

Nakompiska ng mga operatiba ang humigit kumulang na 6 gramo ng pinaghihinalaang sha-

bu na may halagang Php40,800.00, buy-bust money at iba't ibang klase ng drug paraphernalia.

Kasong paglabag sa Republic 9165 o ng Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 ang isasampala sa mga kadi-kip na nagyon ay nakapiit pansamantala sa Custodial Facility ng PDEA Region 4A sa Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

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issues such as the rising cases of HIV among the youth sector. Ms. Ekeiko Paola Haidah P. Sadang, Social Welfare Officer III, warmly welcomes the participants, she expressed her gratitude for the unwavering support of the youth, emphasizing that the success of the event was a testament to their commitment and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the program was an informative talk of Ms. Haydelisa De Taza Maderazo, HIV-AIDS Provincial Coordinator, from Office of the Provincial Health Officer, provided insights on the current HIV situation among the youth and shared practical prevention strategies and health measures to empower young people in making informed decisions about their well-being.

The program also celebrated the contributions of outgoing Provincial Federation officers and welcomed a new set of leaders through a formal oath-taking ceremony.

Followed by an impressive showcase of talents of the participants.

The Linggo ng Kabataan Provincial Celebration reflected Cavite's continuing commitment to empowering its young leaders and strengthening their role in building a healthy, proactive, and united community.— R. Tanael

