

PBBM says Alyansa Senate bets will sustain admin’s victories

MANILA – President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said Friday that the senatorial candidates under the administration-backed Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas coalition can be trusted to sustain the government’s achievements and continue programs aimed at improving the lives of Filipinos. Speaking before thousands of supporters at a campaign rally at Quezon Convention Center in Lucena City, Marcos said the Alyansa Senate slate has the experience and ability to build on the progress made in the almost three years of his presidency.

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LOLA NENA’S OPENS NEW BACOR BRANCH; MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA ATTENDS GRAND OPENING

Bacoar City, May 9, 2025 – Lola Nena’s Merienda Shop celebrated the grand opening of its newest branch in Barangay Molino 3 today, with Mayor Strike B. Revilla attending as a special guest. The event, organized by the Lola Nena’s team, drew a large crowd of customers eager to sample the shop’s popular merienda offerings. Mayor Strike joined Ms. Steffi Santana, Co-Founder of Lola Nena’s, and Mr. Horacio Brillantes for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the official launch of the new location. The opening signifies a significant expansion for the popular merienda shop and provides a new gathering place for the community to enjoy delicious treats. The Lola Nena’s team expressed their excitement to serve the residents of Bacoar City.

DLSU, DILG push for accountability in barangay leadership

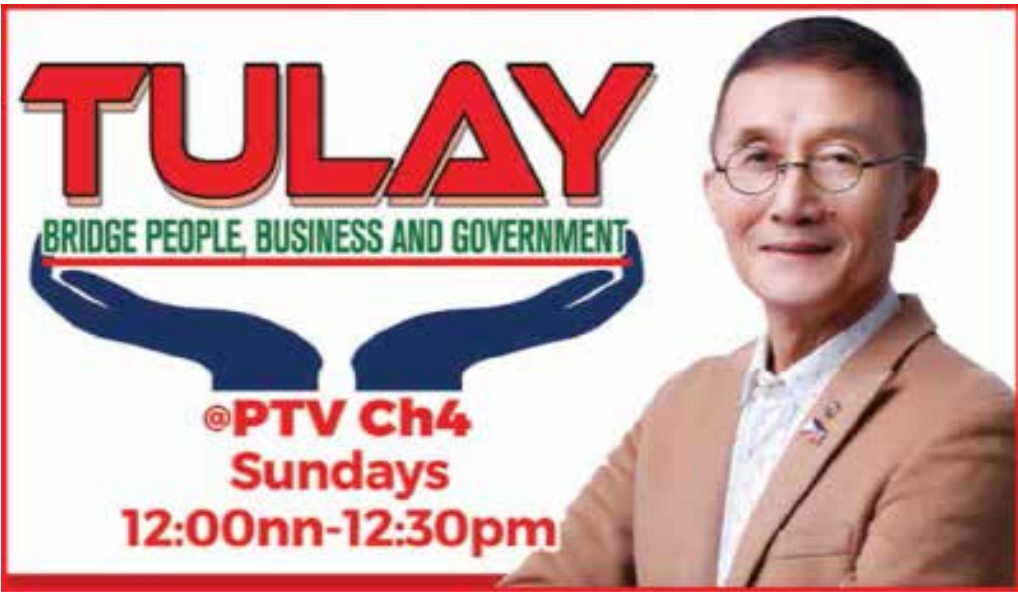
DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (A professor from the De La Salle University – Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) underscored the importance of upholding ethical and accountable leadership among public officials.

During the launch of the Executive Program on Barangay Leadership: Ethics, Accountability, and Development (B-LEAD) Dr. Rommel Mazo, Director of the School of Governance, Public Service, and Corporate Leadership, reminded elected officials to uphold accountability in public service. “Public office is a public trust. Our government officials are in their positions because the people trust them. People will trust them if these public officials govern with accountability and integrity,” he said. Taking off from the university’s Sustainable Barangay Leadership and Governance (BALAG) and the ongoing implementation of the Barangay Peace and Conflict Transformation (B-PACT) Executive Programs, B-LEAD provides barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials the skills and knowledge on the principles of ethical and sustainable governance and their role in upholding ethical and accountable public service. “[Government] Positions are public property. We run for office because we believe that we can contribute to national and local development. We

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. Dr. Jesse Atienza, LGA Executive Director Thelma Vecina, Prof. Marco Polo, and; Dr. Rommel Mazo, Director of DLSU-D School of Governance. (PB/PIA4A)



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IN RE: PETITION FOR NOTARIAL
COMMISSION FOR AND IN CITY OF
CAVITE MUNICIPALITIES OF
ROSARIO, NOVELETA, UNDER
THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF
THE HONORABLE COURT

Application No. 9-2025

ATTY. NORMA C. BERNAL-TAÑAG
Petitioner,
X-----X

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for No-
tarial Commission of ATTY. NORMA C. BERNAL – TAÑAG shall be
held on JUNE 10, 2025 at 8:30 AM before the sala of Branch 16,
Cavite City. Any person who has any cause or reason may file a veri-
fied written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the
date of the summary hearing.

Cavite City, May 7, 2025.

ETHEL R. ANDICO-MALABANAN
Executive Judge

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Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
In its capacity as assignee-mortgagee of
PNB Savings Bank.

Mortgagee / Creditor,

File No. FC-DC-1714-25
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act
No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

CYREL B. LABRADOR,
Debtor / Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135,
as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee,
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, with postal address at PNB Finan-
cial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City
against the debtor / mortgagor, CYREL B. LABRADOR, with postal
address at Block 3 Lot 66, Teachers Village, G.M.A., Cavite; Blk. 3
Lot 134, Phase 3A, Greenwood Heights, Greenwood Subdivision,
Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of
the mortgaged debt which as of 31 March 2025 amounts to FOUR
MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUN-
DRED FIFTY ONE PESOS & 94/100 (Php 4,664,451.94), exclusive
of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale,
the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on July 18, 2025 at
10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor,
Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional
Road, Buro 2, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest
bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency,
the following described real property together with all the buildings
and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017011534

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Barangay of
Paliparan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded
and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 134, Blk 3 of the cons. subd. plan PCS-04-
016424, being a portion of Lots 1-20, Blk. 1-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 2-B,
Lots 1-14, Blk. 3-B, Lots 1-28, Blk. 4-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 5-B, Lots
1-14, Blk. 6-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 7-B, Lots 1-21, Blk. 8-B, Lots 1-12, Blk.
9-B, Lots 1-12, Blk. 10-B, Lots 1-39, Blk. 11-B, Lots 1-10, Blk. 14-B,
Lots 1-B, Blk. 15-B, Lots 1-17, Blk. 16-B, Blk. 35-B, Blk. 37-B & Road
Lots 1-8 to 15-B, all of PCS-04-012474, LRC Rec. No.), situated
in the Brgy. of Paliparan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite.
Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 121, Blk. 3 of the cons./
subd. plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by existing road; on the SE.,
along line 3-4 by Lot 135 Blk. 3 of the cons./subd. plan; on the SW.,
along line 4-5 by Road Lot 16 (8.00 m. wide); along line 5-1 by Lot
133 Blk. 3 of the cons.subd. plan. Beginning at point marked "1" on
plan being N. 33 Deg. 45'E., 457.53 m. from MON. No. 79, Cavite;
Thence N. 70 Deg. 37'E., 11.39 m. to point 2; thence S. 23 Deg.
59'E., 14.05 m. to point 3; thence S. 70 Deg. 37'W., 6.86 m. to point
4; thence N. 64 Deg. 23'W., 8.00 m. to point 5; thence N. 19 Deg.
23'W., 8.34 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (151) SQ. METERS.
All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the
ground by P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS 15x40 cm; Bearings true; Date of
original survey July 27, 1905 – June 11, 1908 and that of the cons./
subd. survey, May 8-18, 2000 and was approved Dec. 11, 2000.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investi-
gate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encum-
brance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said
date and time, it shall be held on August 1, 2025 at the same time
and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, May 8, 2025.

(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS
Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK
PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pa-
say City

CYREL B. LABRADOR
Block 3 Lot 66, Teachers Village, G.M.A., Cavite;
Blk. 3 Lot 134, Phase 3A, Greenwood Heights, Greenwood Subdivi-
sion, Brgy. Paliparan 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite

Date: May 12, May 19 & May 26, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

EJF NO. TG-24-105

FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as
amended by Act 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ADONIS C. MONTEMAYOR,
Respondents/Mortgagors,
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SECOND NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as
Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, Home
Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
a government financial institution duly organized and existing un-
der and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at
The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,
Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and
Mortgage Agreement executed and notarized on June 13, 2008 by
Respondent/Mortgagor, ADONIS C. MONTEMAYOR, single, of leg-
al age, Filipino citizen with postal address/es at (1) 6126 Osias
Poblacion, Makati City; and (2) Lot 25 Blk 5, Gainesville Subd., Brgy.
Bulihan, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a
real estate property including improvements thereon, described in
and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-77154, of the Reg-
istry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding
loan obligation of the Respondents/Mortgagors in the amount of SIX
HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY
EIGHT PESOS & 21/100 (Php 642,378.21), inclusive of interest
and other charges, as of July 25, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of
Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru
her deputy, Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on June
10, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the
New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash
or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following prop-
erty with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-77154
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Muni-
cipality of Silang, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, more particu-
larly bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 25 Blk 5 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-018178
being a portion of the cons. of Lots 1, 2, & 3, Psd-59052 & Lot 4-C
Psd-04-042371 (LRA Rec. No. 20852), sit. in the Brgy. of Bulihan,
Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2
by Lot 27 Blk 5; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 6; on the SE.,
along line 3-4 by Lot 23; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 26 both of
Blk 5 all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on
the plan, being S. 49 deg. 28'W., 7,579.26 m. from BLBM No. 1, Bo,
Cablang Baybay, Mun. of Carmona; thence N. 25 deg. 07'E., 10.00
m. to point 2; thence S. 66 deg. 54'E., 6.00 m. to point 3; thence S.
23 deg. 06'W., 10.00 m. to point 4; thence N. 66 deg. 54'W., 6.00
m. to point of beginning, containing an area of SIXTY (60) SQUARE
METERS. All point referred to are indicated on the plan and are
marked on the ground by PS cyl., conc., mons., 15 x 40 cm.; bear-
ings true; date of original survey, June 7-15, 1943 and that of the
cons. subd. survey, July 2-4, Aug. 27-28, & Sept. 3-Nov. 30, 2001
and was approved on

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Reg-
istration Decree in the name of
ADONIS C. MONTEMAYOR, of legal age, Filipino citizen, single

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said
date, it shall be held on June 17, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate
and verify for themselves the Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-77154 the
encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, March 11, 2025.

ATTY. APRIL GRACE TENORIO
Clerk of Court V & OIC

RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO
Sheriff-in-Charge

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Pag-IBIG FUND)
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The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,
Makati City

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Attorney-in-Fact
Summit Collection & Allied Services, Inc. Suites 301-303 Summit
One Tower, 530 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

ADONIS C. MONTEMAYOR
Debtor/Mortgagor
(1) 6126 Osias Poblacion, Makati City
(2) Lot 25 Blk 5, Gainesville Subd., Brgy. Bulihan, Silang, Cavite

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Ngayong araw ay maaaring maramdaman ng init na aabot sa
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sibleng makaranas ng heat cramps at heat exhaustion na siyang
maaaring maging sanhi ng heat stroke kung ang tao ay mae-ex-
pose nang matagal sa init.

Maaari pa itong magbago sa mga susunod na oras kung kaya’t
hinihikayat ang lahat na uminom palagi ng tubig at iwasan ang
ma-expose ng matagal sa initan.

Stay safe and hydrated mga Bacooreño.

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are there because the people trust us. Remember that running for a position and occupying a position is always for public service, not personal interest.”

Thelma Vecina, executive director of the Local Government Academy (LGA), emphasized the shared responsibility of local government units in upholding accountability at the grassroots level.

“Governance should be shared. The barangay captain cannot do it alone, and the Sangguniang Barangay cannot manage the barangay by themselves. They need partners and allies in governance.”

Nencita Costelo, Local Government Operations Officer of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) emphasized the importance of ethical leadership in ushering in developments in barangays.

“When you serve the barangay with your heart, your compassion for the people naturally follows. You cannot truly serve the barangay and prioritize the welfare of the people if you do not have the heart for it.”


Costelo added that the DILG determines the level of ethical leadership by barangay officials through the effectiveness of services at the grassroots level.

“We have barangays that excel because of ethical leadership. The DILG has created parameters to determine how barangays perform,” Costelo added, citing the Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) as an example.

The B-LEAD Executive Program is aligned with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in ensuring transparent, inclusive, and sustainable governance, as well as the AmbisyonNation2040, the country’s long-term vision for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society by 2040. (PB/PIA4A)

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DBM OKs P2K across-the-board allowance hike for teachers, poll workers



MANILA – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has approved the PHP2,000 across-the-board increase in the compensation of teachers and other poll workers serving in the May 12 midterm elections.

In a statement on Friday, the DBM announced the new and higher honoraria rates for those in the Electoral Board.

The DBM said the chairperson will receive PHP12,000 instead of PHP10,000, while poll clerk and the third member will get PHP11,000 instead of PHP9,000.

Around PHP8,000 will be given to the support staff, higher

than the previous PHP6,000.

“This is a realization of the directive of President [Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.], who is truly committed to ensuring we provide needed support for the welfare of our teachers,” DBM Secretary Amenah Pangandaman said.

There are around 758,549 poll workers for the national and local elections, data from the Commission on Elections (Comelec) showed.

Based on the Election Service Reform Act and Comelec Resolution 10194, persons rendering election service shall be entitled to honoraria, travel allowance, communication al-

All set for Shopwise Bikefest on May 18 in Cavite

MANILA – All is set for the Shopwise Bikefest scheduled on May 18 at the Vermosa Sports Hub in Imus, Cavite with organizers eyeing at least 2,800 riders, surpassing last year’s turnout of 2,443.

The competition, which promotes a healthy lifestyle, is open to all ages and skill levels, from toddlers to corporate cyclists.

The race distances are 30 km., 45 km. and 60 km., while participants between 2 to 15 years old will enjoy specially tailored rides.

Shopwise general manager Kerwin Legarde has expressed their excitement to offer a platform “where people can bond, move and make memories together”.

Road closures and full race support will ensure the safety of the riders while strict bike rules -- excluding fixies and



HEALTHY EXPERIENCE. Last year’s Shopwise Bikefest has attracted 2,443 participants. The race is open to all ages and skill levels, from toddlers to corporate cyclists. (Contributed photo)

e-bikes -- keep the race fair and streamlined. Eligible bikes include road, BMX, mountain, gravel and foldable types.

Princess Galura of organizing partner Sunrise Events Philippines stressed that the scale and planning behind the cycling event reflect international standards.

“With this kind of response and community enthusiasm, the bike-fest is poised to become a staple in the Philippine sporting calendar,” she said in a statement. (PNA)

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nila itong magandang performance na ating ginagagawa, itong magagandang proyekto na binibigay natin sa ating taumbayan upang pagandahin ang kanilang buhay (As long as they are there, you can count on them to continue the good performance we’ve been delivering, the good projects we are providing to our people to improve their lives),” Marcos said.

Among the accomplishments he cited was the steady drop in unemployment, referring to the full-year 2024 average of 3.8 percent, the lowest recorded since 2005 according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

“Masaya po ako na ibalita sa inyo na itong nakaraang taon na-itala natin ang pinakamababa na unemployment rate dito sa Pilipinas mula noong taong 2005 (I’m happy to report that last year we recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the Philippines since 2005),” Marcos said.

He cited infrastructure developments such as the Light Rail Transit-1 Cavite Extension Project, and ongoing construction of roads, bridges, ports, flood control systems and irrigation dams nationwide as examples of the administration’s efforts to resolve long-standing issues in transportation, agriculture and employment.

As he looks ahead to the final three years of his term, Marcos said electing the right



senators is crucial to sustaining momentum beyond his presidency.

“Tinatanaw ko na isang katungkulan ko ay patuloy na ipaparami etong mga proyektong ganito na nagbibigay ng serbisyong tunay para sa ating mga kababayan (I see it as my duty to continue expanding these kinds of projects that deliver real services to our people),” Marcos said.

He said the public should feel the effect of good governance not just in statistics or economic data but in tangible improvements in their daily lives.

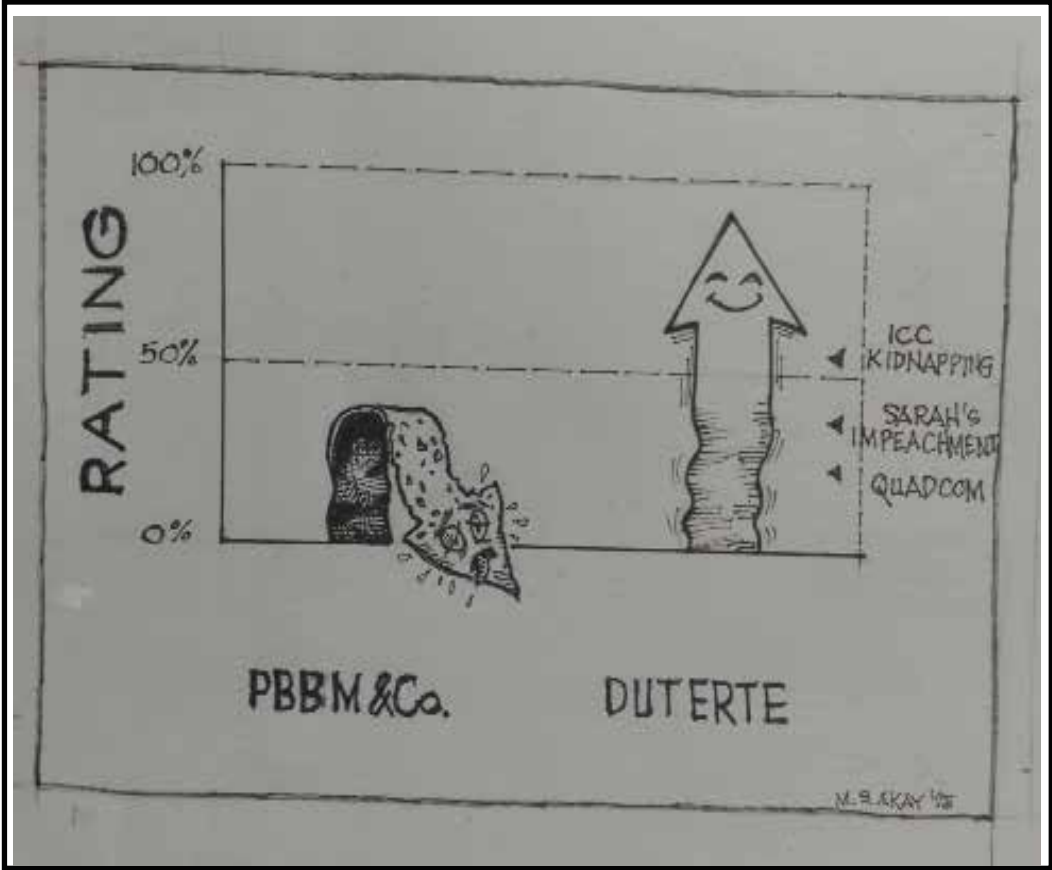
“Para sa amin... lahat ng ganoong klaseng tagumpay... ay tagumpay para sa taumbayan, tagumpay para sa Pilipinas (For us... all of those kinds of victories are victories for the people, victories for the Philippines),” Marcos said.

“Kailangan po ituloy. Kaya po ito po ang magtutuloy ng mga tagumpay, ng mga magagandang inisyatibo para sa ating bansa upang pagandahin ang buhay ng bawat Pilipino, upang pagandahin ang ating minamahal na Pilipinas (This must be continued. These candidates will carry forward the victories and the good initiatives for our country -- to improve the lives of every Filipino, to improve our beloved Philippines),” he added.

The senatorial candidates under the Alyansa coalition are former Interior secretary Benhur Abalos and Makati City Mayor Abby Binay; incumbent Senators Ramon Revilla Jr., Pia Cayetano, Lito Lapid and Francis Tolentino; former senators Panfilo Lacson, Manny Pacquiao and Vicente Sotto III; and House lawmakers Erwin Tulfo and Camille Villar.

The coalition is backed by five political parties: Partido Federal ng Pilipinas, Lakas-CMD, Nacionalista Party, National Unity Party, and the Nationalist People’s Coalition. (PNA)

Peace is the result of re-training your mind to process life as it is rather than you think it should be



EDITORIAL

We're in trouble

Consequently, from consistent upward trust rating since assuming the Presidency, PBBM's dropped at an unprecedented level recording the lowest survey rating in 3 years.

The survey, done 4 days after the "kidnapping" of Duterte led by that PNP's abusive idiot Gen Torre from March 15 to 20 conducted by PUBLiCUS Asia Inc., indicated a huge shift in public sentiment. The approval and trust ratings of most Administration officials notably, Speaker Martin Romualdez, Senate President Chiz Escudero and even Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo produced downward trend could possibly be attributed to the serious political divisions among the power elite, aside from the unresolved high prices of the basic goods, making most Filipinos believed they are more miserable than before. Most view the objective conditions as worsening and it's not getting any better indicated in PBBM approval

and trust ratings plunging to 19 percent and 14 percent, respectively. The public sentiment.

We've never wish for this precarious situation, preferred to support any government initiative which we believed would bring improvement in our people's lives. In fact, in many of our previous published materials, we've been trying to raise hope for this Administration to succeed in the thinking, of course, that its success would be beneficial to us Filipinos, majority of whom are mired in poverty.

Despite the harsh and unrelenting attacks by officials identified with the Administration and with the CPP, Vice President Sara Duterte, however, came out as the only high official where there's an improvement in approval ratings this quarter. The positive survey rating reversed the continuing slide of the Vice President prior to the delivery of FPRRD to the skin white pigs.

Obviously, the reversal from negative to positive of Inday Sara indicate that whatever maybe the wrong perception

of people attributed to black propaganda and untoward behavior of Rep. Castro, Flores, Manuel, Paduano, et al against her suggests that enough is enough. It exposed political persecution aided and sustained by dole outs, if not directly bribes from the Lower House leadership.

Filipinos, here and from all over the world expressed dismay and anger over the shabby treatment by the stupid abusive idiot General Torre on FPRRD. Sadly, Administration officials admitted coordination with the International Criminal Court. The incident generated the massive support which is unprecedented in world history. No person, a past leader at that, has ever been so adored and loved by his people that they took the initiative to show how indignant they are of those responsible for bringing the former President to the skin white pigs at ICC.

Of course, the drug dealers and syndicates supporters we hear and see from the legislative, legal profession, NGO/PO and individuals who see just one side of the coin, never relent in showing how unfair and evil they are against a previous leader who brought in peace and tranquility among the people, during his reign.

Well, we should keep up because this nation is in trouble.

Ang tulay mo

by Billy Andal



Incompetent village officials

The general impression of homeowners in any subdivision or village is that a new set of village officials will be better for that community. It's the ideal.

However, that isn't real in all new set officials of some. There are good and bad. Tulay who, personally has firsthand knowledge about two good homeowners association (HOA), Kingsville Subdivision in Antipolo City and Katarungan HOA's. These two among the many HOA where prominent police and military generals and officials and business leaders and employees of the justice and judiciary, respectively, reside. Their new set of officials are really up to the job and knows their responsibilities especially on the subject of security.

As we all know, a safe and secure community of peace-loving citizens is first and foremost in the order of priority in running a village association. An assurance of safety for all residents and their guests is ensured because the official or Chairman of the Committee on Security is assigned to the individual who is trained, licensed and, therefore, competent to do the critical job. Clearly, all other areas of responsibility are secondary in

nature. Although, of course, the village association head should also be competent in managing it's affairs, which we are seeing in Kingsville and recently at Katarungan Village, located in the City of Muntinlupa, The latter is beside the New Bilibid Prison and where residents have worked and retired although many are still employed with the judicial branch of our government.

TULAY cited the above in relation to the officials of one village HOA, where sources indicated many lapses or obvious wrongdoing, if not corruption of some officials. In essence, the officials doesn't know what they're doing and as a result, the residents of that village are sorry having elected these individuals. One of the Directors, not new in the HOA, sources tell us is more interested in having a take from the entrance gates fees being collected by the civilian volunteers, so some cash collected are not recorded. The CVO handles the job instead of the licensed security guards contracted by the said HOA. One thing more, the CVO are made to do security job which

is against the law. They are not even supposed to be manning gates if we consider SOSIA rules and regulations.

Some residents say they may complain with the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Calabarzon Regional Office (DHSUD).

This comes in the light of an alleged letter signed without authority for and in behalf of a HOA official. The alleged letter informs the agency concern that their services is being terminated. Surprisingly, the HOA President noted the letter which in addition was addressed to a non-existent human. Apparently, this is forgery.

TULAY takes note and monitors the activities and workings of the HOA's all over the land in support of DHSUD effort to ensure that HOA's are up to the job. What comes next, we will let our readers know.

But of course, we believed that HOA officials in the main would like to do good for the village residents and what makes them unable to do the job well, as mandated, is because, indeed, there are misfits in some HOA Board who has nothing but personal interests in joining their respective village association.

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Voices and Views:
The conversation continues

By MGen Delfin Lorenzana (Ret)

The P20/kilo rice (Un) Fulfilled Promise

Early in his administration PBBM promised to lower the price of rice to P20/kilo. The populace waited with bated breaths as rice is the staple food and constitute a major part of the daily food expense of the Filipino household.

On May 1st the Department of Agriculture finally rolled out this long-promised P20-rice by the President. With

much hoopla and hype this was finally done starting last May 2 thru the Kadiwa stores in Cebu. The LGUs in Cebu City and adjacent towns were likewise selling the P20 kilo rice subsidizing the P13 the difference from the market price of P33 pesos.

But immediately after it was started the COMELEC has cautioned that the scheme

cannot be done by LGUs as it violates the vote buying prohibition by the COMELEC. The Kadiwa Centers, however, could continue to sell the P20 per kilo rice.

This was hailed by the administration as a "promise fulfilled". But it was also criticized by many that it was for election purposes only. Many asked why was it done in Visayas only? And why near election day and

in vote-rich Cebu? Are the other regions not deserving of cheap rice? VP Duterte says it is not fit for human consumption which was belied by the DA.

There were official reasons why this was done at this time. DA says it needs to sell its stockpile to make way for new importation. The DA Likewise says it has allocated P3.5 to 4.5B pesos for this roll out.

Economists were quick to comment that funding will be a huge challenge for this roll out. According to them the Bureau of Treasury showed a P103B peso deficit for the first 2 months of 2025. Last year the budget deficit was 1.5T pesos. They warned that subsidies will only worsen

the government budget deficit.

One opinion writer termed this project as quack economics. "The economics driving the P20/kilo rice is just as unsound and unhinged as Trump's tariffs. There is no way the global trading system would survive those levies. The P20/kilo rice is a policy of utter desperation and craziness, with no basis in the real world and in agricultural economics. There is no circumstance or environment that would make the P20/kilo rice sustainable" he says.

The cost to the government will be huge. Sec Laurel of Agriculture said

that the Marcos administration is ready to spend P10 billion to P12 billion to subsidize the upcoming pilot run of its P20-per-kilo rice program in the Visayas region and Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) stores. In a briefing on Tuesday, April 29, Laurel said the government has authorized the redirection of P5 billion from the national government's contingency fund to the state-run Food Terminal Inc. (FTI).

How long will this P20/kilo rice last? My estimate is not very long due to the law of supply and demand- demand will outstrip supply. And more importantly the government cannot sustain the subsidy.

The P20/kilo rice may be a good optics but it is not sustainable and it will ruin the fiscal position of the country.

PHILHEALTH ACTING PRESIDENT AND CEO DR. EDWIN M. MERCADO MEETS WITH LAGUNA HOSPITALS

Collaborative partnership.

This sums up the meeting of PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado with the Chief Executive Officers, Medical Directors and Chief of Hospitals from 54 hospitals in Laguna. The meeting was held at the AMSI Doctors' Medical Center, Calamba City.

PhilHealth Regional Office IVA Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD was also present during the meeting to provide support on concerns raised by the hospitals during the Kapihan and Open Forum.

In his opening message, Dr. Domingo O. Omistad, President and CEO of the AMSI Doctors Medical Center and Calamba Doctors Hospital, pointed out his gratitude to Dr. Mercado by making hospitals feel that "true" partnership with PhilHealth does exist.

AMSI's dedicated efforts to respond to growing demands for comprehensive medical services and patient-centered care, while ensuring access for Calambeños without the need to travel to Manila for treatments, was highlighted with the blessing and inauguration of AMSI Doctors Medical Center's Neurode-



velopmental Center and Rehabilitation Center. This development will guarantee access to facilities and services not just for residents of Calamba City but also to its neighboring towns.

Meanwhile, PhilHealth Acting PCEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado's message emphasized PhilHealth's continuing efforts to improve its operational efficiency through optimizing processes to ensure that hospitals receive timely payments for their claims while bridging the communication gap with health facilities via PhilHealth's reconciliation dialogues.

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PhilHealth stands firm in its commitment in uplifting the healthcare system through its strengthened hospital engagement nationwide. This series of meetings is a testament to PhilHealth's dedication in improving efficiency and resolving issues affecting service delivery at the grassroots. ### (SMOC)



PhilHealth President and CEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado meets with the Chief Executive Officers, Medical Directors and Chief of Hospitals from 54 hospitals in Laguna

DepEd: CSC nod for high school grads in gov't opens doors for learners

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Friday lauded the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for allowing the hiring of Junior High School (JHS) and Senior High School (SHS) graduates in first-level positions in the government.

The CSC promulgated Resolution No. 2500229 on March 6, formally recognizing Grade 10 and Grade 12 graduates under the K to 12 (Kinder to Grade 12) curricula as eligible for first-level government positions.

This is in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure the employability of graduates of basic education and address job mismatch in the country.

"We thank the CSC for this landmark decision. It not only opens new doors for our learners but also boosts the government's talent pool with fresh, young professionals trained under our K-12 system," Edu-

cation Secretary Sonny Angara said in a statement.

In particular, the CSC revised qualification standards for entry-level positions in "clerical, trades, crafts, and custodial services."

These include structured and sub-professional work, which will be beneficial especially to graduates under the Technical-Vocational-Livelihood track.

Angara said the CSC's move sends a "powerful signal" to both K-12 graduates and their parents that the basic education curriculum delivers "real employment opportunities."

"For years, our SHS students have been trained to be work-ready, but policy gaps kept them from entering the public sector. This reform finally bridges that divide," he said.

With the new policy in place, JHS and SHS graduates may be hired in the public service once they secure relevant requirements, including experience, training and eligibility for purposes of appointment to said positions. (PNA)



PROVINCE-BOUND. Passengers bound for Southern Luzon provinces flock the JAC Liner bus terminal in Quezon City on Saturday (May 10, 2025). The midterm elections on Monday (May 12) is a non-working holiday. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

DOH emergency teams on alert as Filipinos travel to vote

MANILA – Road emergency teams have set up stations along expressways and other major thoroughfares as thousands of Filipinos travel to the provinces to vote for the midterm elections on May 12.

The Department of Health (DOH) on Saturday said health posts of various hospitals are set up at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) to respond to medical emergencies and accidents.

"Ngayong halalan, maging ligtas at mahinahon tayo sa daan. Siguraduhing nasa tamang kalagayan ang sarili at ang sakayan bago bumyahe (This coming elections, be safe and calm while on the road. Ensure that you and your vehicle are well conditioned before traveling)," DOH Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said in a news release.

"Sakaling magkaroon ng medical emergency, handang umakasyon ang DOH na nakatoka sa mga health posts ng expressways (Should there be any medical emergency, the DOH is ready to respond through its health posts stations along expressways)," he added.

In case of health emergencies, the public may reach out to Emergency 911 or the DOH Hotline 1555 (Press 2).

The DOH emergency team along NLEX and SLEX are responders from the East Avenue Medical Center, Dr. Jose Fabela Memorial Hospital, Quirino Memorial Medical Center, Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center, Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center, Batangas General Hospital, Joni Villanueva General Hospital, Jose B.

Lingad Memorial General Hospital, Las Piñas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center, Valenzuela Medical Center, Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, and Philippine Heart Center.

On Monday, the DOH will also put up health posts in polling centers to provide medical services and first aid to the voting public.

The DOH has raised Code White on May 11 to 14 for improved coordination among health facilities across the country.

Herbosa said these measures are in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ensure that emergency response is ready in all regions during the election season. (PNA)

DOLE partners with private sector to uphold workers' rights



The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Calabarzon has strengthened its partnership with key private sector players in an effort to promote and uphold workers' rights.

“DOLE Calabarzon is actively coordinating with private companies in various ways to ensure that our workers are given the correct and lawful benefits. This includes regular labor inspections and Technical and Advisory Visits where we assist micro-enterprise proprietors in understanding and properly implementing labor laws—covering correct wage computation, statutory benefits like SSS, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG, and compliance with Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) standards,” said DOLE Calabarzon Regional Director Erwin N. Aquino.

He emphasized that the Labor

department remains hands-on in ensuring that employees across the region receive fair wages, lawful benefits, and a safe working environment.

As part of these efforts, the agency marked the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28, bringing together over 200 representatives from labor and management sectors.

The event highlights the importance of a strong enforcement of occupational safety and health rules, not just as a legal obligation but as a vital element in building productive, safe, and sustainable work environments.

Aquino said that they continue to observe the Single Entry Approach (SENA) as a stand-out mechanism for dispute resolution and in addressing labor complaints without the need

for costly and time-consuming litigation.

“When there are complaints [from the workers], we immediately mediate or conciliate conferences to resolve issues quickly and properly through Single Entry Approach or SENA,” Aquino said.

“It can also be done online, before filing a case in court or with a labor arbiter, it is first discussed through a conciliation-mediation conference. The goal of SENA is to resolve issues within just 30 days, without the need for a long process and costs,” the director explained.

He added: “Through these programs, we ensure that workers' rights are protected, and at the same time we strengthen labor-management relations for a stronger industry.” (AM, CA/PIA-4A)



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Hope rises for Philippines' Cardinal Tagle as Pope Francis' successor

VATICAN – Among the massive crowds of people waiting for the first round of smoke to emanate from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, several Filipino Catholic pilgrims were hoping for the Church to be led by a pope who is one of their own: Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle.

Fr. Rey Matunog of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles said he believes that Cardinal Tagle possesses all the qualities needed to become the next pope.

He led a group of 46 Filipino Americans from Southern California in an annual pilgrimage to Rome and Switzerland. Matunog shared that their group made a special trip to the Vatican to show their support for Cardinal Tagle.

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“We believe in the power of

the Holy Spirit. I hope the cardinals will be touched by the Spirit when choosing the next pope. Our faith is important now more than ever,” Fr. Matunog told Inquirer.net.

“We pray that one of our Filipino cardinals, especially Cardinal Tagle, will be chosen as the new pope because it would be a blessing not only for the Church but also for Filipinos worldwide.”

The doors of the Sistine Chapel have closed after the cry of “extra omnes” — Latin for “all out” — and 133 red-robed cardinals – including Cardinals Tagle, Jose Advincula, and Pablo Virgilio David – began the secretive, centuries-old ritual of electing a new pope to lead the Catholic Church.

They entered the Sistine Chapel in pairs, chanting the meditative “Litany of the Saints” as Swiss Guards stood at attention. The hymn implores the saints to help the cardinals find a successor to Pope Francis



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle attends a mass at St Peter's basilica in The Vatican on April 30, 2025. PHOTO: AFP

to lead the 1.4 billion-strong Catholic Church.

If voting is ongoing and a pope has not yet been elected, black smoke will billow from the chapel's chimney.

White smoke will signify that one of the 133 cardinals has secured two-thirds of the votes to become the next pope.

It is unlikely that a new pope will be elected on the first day of voting.

There is no fixed schedule for how long the conclave will

Warm weather, rains to prevail across PH



MANILA – No low pressure area is being monitored, and the easterlies affecting the country will bring high chances of rains and thunderstorms over the eastern section of Central Luzon, a forecaster said on Friday.

“For the rest of the country, the easterlies will cause warm weather, especially at noon, and sudden rains and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening,” Grace Castañeda of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said. PAGASA predicted the easterlies to bring scattered rains and thunderstorms over Aurora.

“Take precautions against possible flooding and landslides,” Castañeda warned. Light to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas continue to prevail across the archipelago.

Meanwhile, up to 35°C temperature is forecast in Tuguegarao; up to 34°C in Metro Manila, Kalayaan Islands, Zamboanga and Davao.

Castañeda said the heat index, or the temperature felt by the human body when relative humidity is factored in with actual air temperature, could peak at 40°C to 42°C in Metro Manila.

“A danger level heat index of 42°C to 43°C in some areas in Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol Region, a huge part of the Visayas, and some areas in Caraga and Zamboanga Peninsula,” she said.

Under “danger” level conditions, which range from 42°C to 51°C, the public is warned of increased risks of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke with prolonged exposure. (PNA)

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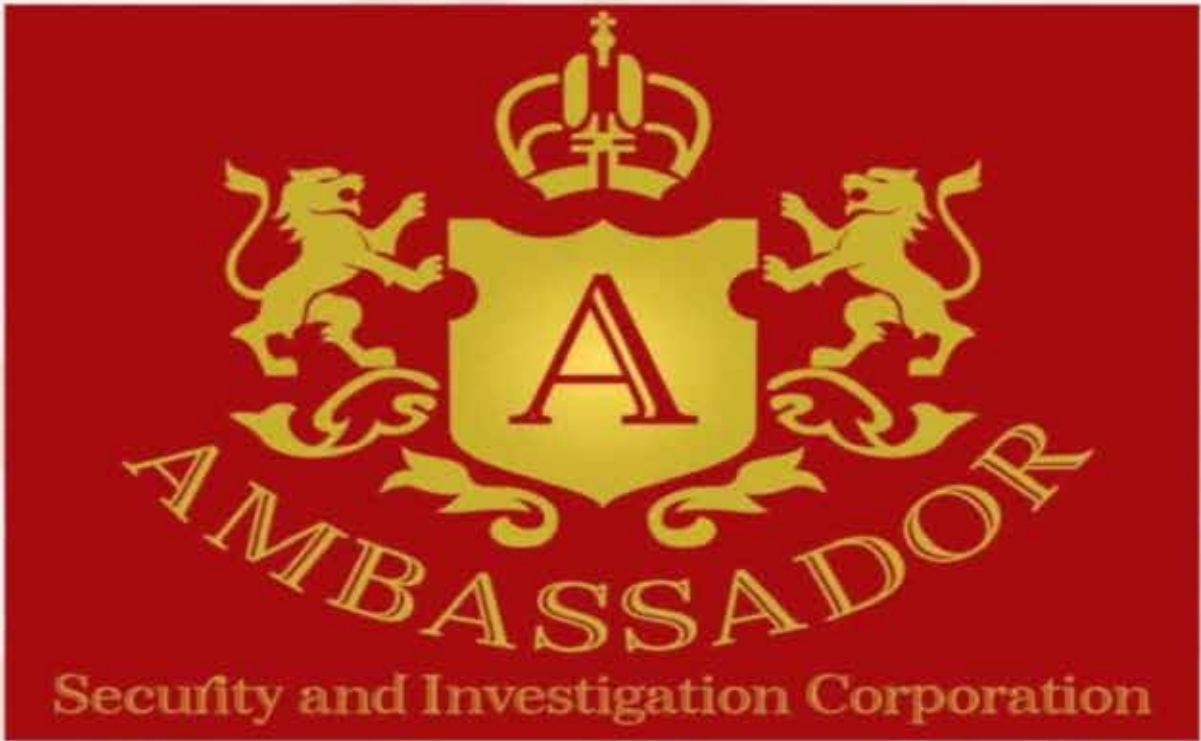
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