May 12 polls voter turnout at 'historic' 82.20%

MANILA – More than 57 million of the country's close to 70 million registered voters participated in the May 12

midterm elections, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) said Friday.

In a press briefing, Come-

lec Chairperson George Garcia said 57,350,968 or 82.20 percent out of the 69,673,653 registered participated on election day. "This is historic and

the Commission is glad that we were able to deliv-

er, of course, with the help of other government agencies, citizens' arm and other stakeholders," Garcia said.

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Garcia gave the Comelec an 85-percent grade for their perfor-

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Dynasties dominate but democracy lies in the people, DLSU professor reminds voters

Elected seats may be taken up by those who share the same surname, but the power to usher change remains in the people, according to a professor from the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).



Dr. Rommel Mazo of the DLSU-D's School of Governance, Public Service and Corporate Leadership emphasized that the people usher development in democracies through the political actors they vote for.

"The power to change doesn't reside solely in government officials or political actors, but in the people. Sovereignty resides in them. Whoever is in government, whether it's a dynasty or not, and the people remain the same in their thinking—not critically aware of what's happening—we can't expect anything. It goes in two ways: change should happen both in the government and the people."

Mazo said political families continue to dominate the elections due to the continuity of leadership where local government-backed programs and projects continue.

On the other hand, fundamental democratic processes such as checks and balances and concentration of powers tend to be overlooked due to the prevalence of political dynasties.

"The principle of checks and balances, the principle of equal opportunity for public service, and the principle of meritocracy can be undermined when we have a political dynasty, and when we say political dynasty, it's almost equivalent to a concentration of power."

Mazo emphasized the importance of political maturity among the electorate, wherein candidates are placed elected based on their qualifications and not on their affiliations.

"It's always two things: those who are running and those who are voting. Now, if the people are politically aware, they won't vote for individuals running simply based on their affiliation with families or political dynasties. If they know who is qualified, despite their affiliations, they will vote for the qualified ones."

The 2019 National and Local Elections placed a spotlight on political families



where 80 percent of elected candidates were related to incumbent officials, and 67 percent of members of the Congress had family members who were already in government.

Political maturity, or the ability to take an informed approach when participating in political activities such as elections, also contributes to the survival of political dynasties.

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For the Center for Civic Education, a non-profit organization based in the United States, democracies like the Philippines place the ultimate authority in the people from which the government derives its right to government from their consent through

won't vote for individuals elections. Government powers are limited by law and a written or unwritten constitution in which those in power obey.

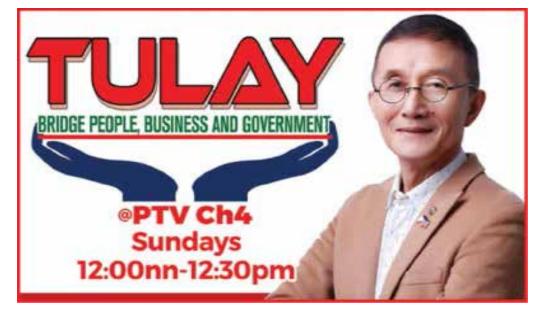
"Political dynasties prevail because we allow them to prevail. The choice is ours because the people are sovereign, and it's the people who have the power to change the political landscape of the country."

Mazo further noted that public service requires competence, principles, and values among its workers-regardless if they are continuing a dynasty or challenging one. (PB/PIA4A)



FREE STUDENT DRIVER'S LICENSES: A BACOOR CITY INITIATIVE

Bacoor City, May 15-16, 2025 - The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, partnered with the Sangguniang Panglungsod, SK Federation Bacoor (headed by SK President Palm Angel Buncio), the Liga ng mga Barangay, and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to provide free student driver's license training to 130 Cavite State University (CAVSU) students. The two-day program, held May 15-16, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the 3rd Floor of the New Legislative Building, featured LTO trainers Mr. Jonathan Medina and Mr. Patrick Añasco. Ms. Khei Sanchez represented Mayor Revilla. This initiative promotes road safety and responsible driving habits among young people. The successful program reflects a collaborative effort to ensure future drivers are well-prepared and knowledgeable about road rules and regulations.





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Let's go, Bacooreños! □

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preskong hangin at mas tahimik na kalsada. □

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At hindi dito nagtatapos — abangan pa ang iba't ibang physical activities sa mga susunod na Linggo!

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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

CYREL B. LABRADOR,

-versus-

Debtor / Mortgagor.

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 Financial 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, Burol 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 investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovestated 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.

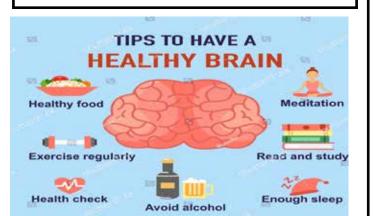
(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS Sheriff IV

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

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

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



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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,

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 under 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 legal 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 Registry 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 SEVEN-TY 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 property 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 Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, more particularly 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, Cabilang 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.; bearings 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 Registration 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

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CAVITE MONDAY TIMES MAY 5, 12, 19, 2025



MASS WEDDING | Mga Bacooreño sa darating na June 25, 2025 ay magkakaroon

ng Mass Wedding na gaganapin sa Strike Gym na pangungunahan ng ama ng Lungsod Mayor Strike B. Revilla.Unang 200 na magka-pareha lamang ang maaring makapasok sa programa ng Pamahalaang Lungsod na LIBRENG KASAL. Tingnan at basahin ang mga kinakailangang dokumento para makasama sa Libreng Kasal. Maari na kayong pumunta sa City Civil Registrar Office para magsubmit ng inyong mga dokumento.

Calabarzon Kadiwa Centers to sell P20 rice

At least eight local government-run Kadiwa Centers in Calabarzon have joined other local government units (LGUs) nationwide in offering affordable rice at ₱20 per kilo under the Department of Agriculture's (DA) "Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!" program.

Among the LGUs participating in this initiative are Dasmariñas City and Naic in Cavite; and Antipolo City, Rodriguez, and Binangonan in Rizal. These areas are scheduled to sell the affordable rice every Thursday and Friday at designated Kadiwa Centers.

Meanwhile, Kadiwa Centers in Santa Rosa City and Kalayaan in Laguna; and San Mateo, Rizal will offer the subsidized rice every Friday.

The program rollout will begin on May 16, following the delivery of rice stocks from the National Food Authority (NFA).

In Dasmariñas City, the City Agriculture Office will deploy mobile Kadiwa rolling stores to reach more barangays and communities, especially those with limited access to public



According to DA, the expansion of the program to regions like Calabarzon was made possible after a comprehensive review of the agency's budget and available NFA stockpiles.

"The program not only aims to provide affordable rice to Filipino consumers but also seeks to ease the burden on the National Food Authority's ware-

houses, enabling the agency to buy more palay from farmers at higher prices," the DA said in a statement.

the pilot test, LGUs will share the ₱13-per-kilo subsidy with the DA's Food Terminal Inc. Beneficiary eligibility will be determined by the LGUs.

According to the DA, vulnerable groups—including solo

parents, persons with disabilities. senior citizens, and beneficiaries of the government's 4Ps program-will have access to the The agency added that under ₱20-per-kilo rice at Kadiwa Cen-

> The "Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!" initiative is part of the Marcos administration's commitment to ensure food affordability and strengthen local food systems under the Bagong Pilipinas governance agenda. (CCM, PIA4A)

TO summons driver, owner of car in Cavite multiple road crashes



Land Transportation Office chief Assistant Secretary Vigor Mendoza II (File photo)

sequent crashes in Noveleta, Cavite on Thursday.

In a statement on Friday, LTO chief Assistant Secretary Vigor

MANILA - The Land Trans- Mendoza II said a show cause portation Office (LTO) has order (SCO) has been issued summoned the driver and reg- to the male owner of the sedan istered owner of a Toyota Vios and the female driver of the veinvolved in multiple and sub- hicle at the time of the incident.

> "We were informed that the female driver lost her consciousness as a result of this incident. We want to know what hap

pened, and in the meantime that investigation is being conducted, her driver's license is preventively suspended for 90 days," Mendoza said.

An initial investigation by the LTO showed that the vehicle was heading towards Cavite City when it suddenly accelerated and collided with a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

"After the incident, the driver appeared to have put the vehicle in reverse and accelerated anew, hitting pedestrians and a light post," he said.

The driver then made a turn toward Noveleta town proper, where she crashed into a parked tricycle.

At least five people were reported to have been injured,

including the driver who lost consciousness, and were taken to different hospitals for treatment.

The LTO directed the driver of the vehicle to explain in notarized writing why her driver's license should not be revoked for reckless driving and for being an improper person to operate a motor vehicle.

The registered owner of the vehicle was also asked to appear with the driver to the LTO for investigation, and the female driver was asked to surrender her driver's license "in the soonest possible time."

To date, both the license of the driver and the vehicle have been placed under alarm to prevent any transactions while the investigation is ongoing.

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mance, including their preparations for the midterm polls.

"At least 85 percent. We can say that our preparations have been good from the registration of voters, from the preparatory preparations for the election and after the election," he said.

Garcia added that areas that need to be improved include the training of electoral board members, venue for online voting and the technology

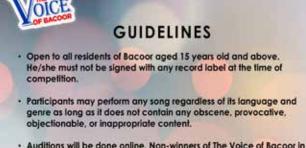
"The technology needs to

be improved. The voting process must always be enhanced by technology. We cannot stick to old technology. The new ones are changing," he

The Commission en banc, sitting as the National Board of Canvassers, completed the canvassing of all 175 certificates of canvass, both local and overseas, on Thursday.

It is set to proclaim the 12 winning senators on Saturday and party-list groups on Monday. (PNA)





- previous years may still join the contest.
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- Submissions may contain video transitions. However, voice alteration (autotune and the like) is not allowed











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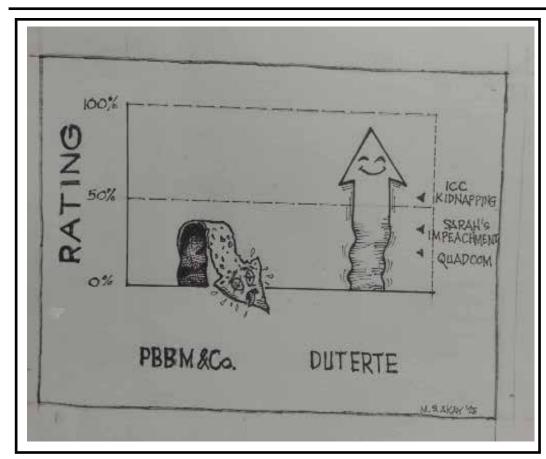
In celebration of Bacoor's 13th Cityhood Anniversary this June, Bacoor City Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs brings back its annual singing competition to discover new talents who can manifest the true Bacooreño vocal prowess!

The Voice of Bacoor opens its virtual stage for submission of audition videos until June 7, 2025 Check the guidelines below to know more.

Witness the LIVE Finals on June 14, 2025! Like and follow this page to get updated with our latest announcements.



Mula sa kampanya hanggang sa Malinis na Bacoor, ang City Environment Service Department o CESD ay Nagsagawa ng Post Election Cleanup Operation o "Operation Baklas" ng mga election campaign materials sa Lungsod ng Bacoor. Ito ay alinsunod sa programang Greening and Beautification Activity dito sa ating Lungsod. Ang nakolekta ay i-rerecycle upang magamit at upang maging kapaki-pakinabang muli.



EDITORIAL

We're in trouble

Consequently, from consistent upward trust rating since assuming the Presidency, PBMM'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



MAY 19-25, 2025

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 is 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 peaceloving 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 Muntinglupa, 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.



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 P20rice 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 tov4.5B 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

The cost to the government will be huge. Sec Laurel of Agriculture said that the Marcos administration is ready to spend ₱10 billion to ₱12 billion to subsidize the upcoming pilot run of its ₱20-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 ₱5 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.

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Qualified gov't employees get midyear bonus starting May 15



MANILA - Qualified government employees across the country will begin receiving their midyear bonus starting Thursday, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) announced.

The midyear bonus is equivalent to one month of an employee's basic salary and is mandated under DBM Budget Circular No. 2017-2.

The incentive is part of the government's regular compensation package for qualified personnel.

To be eligible, employees must have rendered at least four months of service from July 1 of the preceding year up to May 15 of the current year.

They must still be in government service as of May 15 and must have received at least a satisfactory performance rating in the most recent applicable performance evaluation period.

Part-time employees will re-

basis, depending on the actual Position Classification System. services rendered.

Those detailed to other government agencies will be paid by their parent agency, while employees who have transferred to a new agency will receive the bonus from their current office.

Employees with pending administrative or criminal cases will remain entitled to the bonus unless found guilty by final and executory judgment. Those found guilty will be required to return the bonus received in Meanwhile, the Philippine the year the decision becomes final, except when the penalty is limited to a reprimand.

The incentive covers all civilian personnel, including those in regular, casual, and contractual positions, whether appointive or elective.

This includes employees in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches; Constitutional Commissions and Offices; State Universities and Colleges; and Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations cov-

ceive the bonus on a pro-rata ered by the Compensation and

Uniformed personnel are also covered by the incentive.

For employees of local government units, the granting of the mid-year bonus will be subject to the decision of their respective sanggunian (local councils) and the availability of funds, in compliance with relevant provisions of the Local Government Code and DBM Circular No. 2017-2.

National Police (PNP) has released the bonus to about 230,925 uniformed and nonuniformed personnel.

"The midyear bonus is a recognition of the dedication and faithful service of our police officers and non-uniformed personnel. Under the leadership of our President, this is a concrete step in boosting their morale and supporting their continued commitment to public service," PNP Chief Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil said. (with Lloyd Caliwan/PNA

Proclamation of 12 winning senators set May 17 – Comelec

MANILA - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is set to proclaim the 12 winning senators on Saturday, five days after the May 12 midterm elections.

In a press briefing on Friday, Comelec Chairperson George Garcia said the proclamation is scheduled at 3 p.m. at the Tent City of the Manila Hotel.

"We are just waiting for the formal recommendation of the supervisory committee. We were informed they will recommend the proclamation of 12 winning senatorial candidates based on yesterday's (Thursday) ranking. We will have the proclamation by 3 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday)," he said.

Each member of the Commission en banc will be given the chance to proclaim the winning senators starting from 12th place down to the one who got the highest votes.

"Each commissioner will be reading the certificate of proclamation of each and every candidate," Garcia said.

The Comelec chief added that each senator-elect is allowed to bring along 10 to 15 guests and are given five minutes each to deliver their speeches.

"We will start distributing the invitations to the winning senatorial candidates. And maybe 10 to 15 guests will be allowed to each winning senatorial candidate. This is more compared to the past. It used to be only five. This is their moment," Garcia said.



CANVASSING. Staff members of the Commission on Elections check the ballot box they received for vote canvassing at the Manila Hotel Tent City on Thursday (May 15, 2025). With the canvassing of votes in the May 12 elections already over, the poll body is set to proclaim the 12 winning senators on Saturday afternoon (May 17) and party-list organizations on Monday (May 19). (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

Based on the National Certificate of Canvass (NCOC), the senatorial candidates who made it to the "Magic 12" are:

1. Sen. Bong Go - 27,121,073

2. Former senator Bam Aquino -20,971,899 votes

3. Sen. Ronald dela Rosa -20,773,946 votes

4. ACT-CIS party-list Rep. Erwin Tulfo – 17,118,881 votes 5. Former senator Francis Pan-

gilinan - 15,343,229 6. SAGIP party-list Rep. Rodante Marcoleta – 15,250,723 7. Former senator Panfilo Lac-

son – 15,106,111 8. Former Senate president Vicente Sotto III – 14,832,996 9. Sen. Pia Cayetano -14,573,430

10. Las Piñas City Rep. Camille Villar – 13,651,274 11. Sen. Lito Lapid -13,394,102

12. Sen. Imee Marcos -13,339,227

On the other hand, the Comelec is looking at proclaiming the winning party-list groups on May 19.

Based on the NCOC, the top five party-list groups are Akbayan (2,779,621), Duterte Youth (2,338,564), Tingog (1,822,708), 4Ps (1,469,571), ACT-CIS (1,239,930), and Ako Bicol (1,073,119).

"We will come up with [a] resolution regarding allocation of seats for the party-list. That will be read in the proclamation of the party-list this coming Monday," Garcia said.

The Commission en banc, sitting as the National Board of Canvassers, completed the canvassing of all 175 certificates of canvass, both local and overseas, on Thursday. (PNA)

SSS, DICT partner to boost services in remote areas via e-Wheels



More enhanced Social Security System (SSS) services now await grassroots communities as the SSS and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) team up for the SSS e-Wheels program.

Through this partnership, the DICT has equipped the SSS e-Wheels with free high-speed internet, enabling the delivery of SSS services to far-flung areas.

SSS Lucena Branch Head Frederick D. Isip explained that the partnership will strengthen the SSS e-Wheels program by ensuring seamless online services in areas with limited or no internet connectivity.

"This satellite internet technology directly addresses the challenges in remote locations, significantly improving system uptime and reducing client waiting time. This is a game-changer for SSS Lucena, as it allows us to bring our digital services closer to members," Isip said.

Covering 29 municipalities and two cities in Quezon Province, including geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), Isip added that SSS Lucena is now better equipped to provide uninterrupted digital services to its members.

SSS Lucena can now offer faster access to the My.SSS portal and SSS Mobile App, real-time processing of contri-

butions (RTPC), membership applications, online registration, verification, and benefit consultations in last-mile communities.

"This initiative reflects our commitment to innovation and excellent public service, ensuring that no member is left behind due to connectivity challenges. We can now efficiently bring essential transactions closer to the people, making our services more accessible and reliable. In fact, we are set to conduct e-Wheels visits in the majority of towns and municipalities under the jurisdiction of SSS Lucena," Isip said.

He added that the partnership serves as great example of how interagency collaboration can truly make a difference.

"We thank the agency for their continued support, and we look forward to exploring more ways to work together to bring social security services closer to every Filipino," Isip



DEMOCRACY FRONTLINERS. Teachers serving as electoral board inspectors conduct a mock voting session during final testing of automated counting machines at Baliok Elementary School in Davao City on May 6, 2025. Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Tuesday (May 13) commended public school teachers, non-teaching staff and other poll watchers for the success of the May 12 midterm polls.(PNA photo by Robinson Niñal Jr.)

DepEd: Teachers, other staff frontliners of democracy

MANILA - Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara on Tuesday commended public school teachers, non-teaching staff and other poll watchers for the success of the 2025 national and local elections.

In a statement, Angara said DepEd personnel's commitment to service helped ensure the orderly conduct of polls nationwide.

"These are not just public servants. They are frontliners of democracy," Angara said.

"Saludo po kami. Dahil sa while, logged 603 electioninyo, naging maayos at safe ang proseso. Kayo ang tunay na ka-team sa Bagong Pilipinas -- laging handa, laging para sa bayan (We salute you. Because of you, the process has been orderly and safe. You are the true teammates of the New Philippines, always ready, always for the nation)."

According to the DepEd, more than 660,000 personnel served in Monday's midterm polls. Overall, 758,549 poll workers were deployed nationwide.

The DepEd Task Force, mean-ment agencies. (PNA)

related issues through its 24/7 command center.

The reports included malfunctioning automated counting machines, irregularities in ballots and receipts, and voters' list concerns, with the majority of reports coming from Metro Manila and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The DepEd earlier said prompt responses were given in coordination with the Commission on Elections and other govern-

ITCZ, easterlies to bring rains over Mindanao, parts of PH

MANILA - The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and the easterlies will bring rains over several parts of the country, the weather bureau said Saturday.

In its 4 a.m. bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PA-GASA) said the ITCZ will bring cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorms over Mindanao, Eastern Visayas and Palawan.

Moderate to at times heavy rains in those areas could result in flash floods or landslides, PAGASA warned.

The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms due to the easterlies.

The whole archipelago will experience light to moderate winds and slight to moderate

Meanwhile, PAGASA warned of dangerous heat index levels in 28 areas.

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Zamboanga City, Zamboanga Davao City, Davao del Sur -

Butuan City, Agusan del Norte

 $-43^{\circ}C$

PAGASA said heat index is what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air temperature.

The weather bureau advised the public to limit the time spent outdoors, especially at noon, and drink plenty of water.

People going outdoors are reminded to use umbrellas, or wear hats and sleeved clothing. (PNA)

Upsets and continuity: Gubernatorial election results in **CALABARZON** proclaimed



The 2025 National and Local elections promised to bring a new direction of governance in the Philippines.

In the Calabarzon region, the gubernatorial elections saw switch-ups, where husband and wife and mother and son tandems were replaced by other familiar names.

Batangas, Rizal and Cavite: where bailiwicks formed Batangas, Rizal and Cavite provinces have been known to be strongholds of political families for decades.

The Rectos of Batangas is an old political family whose generations stemmed from former Senator Claro M. Recto who played a key role in drafting the 1935 constitution.

Decades later, former actress Vilma Santos-Recto-wife of Claro's grandson and Finance Secretary Ralph—is leading the charge as the new governorelect. Her son, Ryan Christian, is joining the House of Representatives as the newly-minted sixth district representative.

The Remullas, Bautistas, and

Revillas of Cavite are also stronghold with Abeng Remulla and Ram Bautista-Revilla as Governor and Vice Governor-elect, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Ynareses of Rizal remained undefeated with Governor Nina continuing her duties at the Capitol alongside Pining Gatbalayan as Vice Governor.

Quezon: undefeated

rid of its very own dynasty through the triumph of Angelina Tan in 2022. Three years later, the physician-turnedpolitician is continuing her duties as the province's chief executive alongside Third Alcala as vice governor.

Tan, who won over the Suarezes in the previous election, remained unchallenged thanks to her health programs in the for the Lagunense women. province. Meanwhile, Allegislation as Vice Governor.

Laguna: a tale of two women It may have been wrong to pit

women against women, but forming their impenetrable Laguna province was promised with a very different leadership style in Sol Aragones, a former journalist and outgoing Laguna Third District Representative, after winning against Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, outgoing Second District Representative and wife of outgoing governor-nowturned Congressman Ramil Hernandez.

Both Aragones and Mariano-Quezon Province has long Hernandez were members of the House of Representatives and have built respective networks of their own right. Aragones has found strong support in the 3rd district where she started the Alagang Sol program, while Mariano-Hernandez, who also shared popularity with her governor husband in the second district, kickstarted the Serbisyong Tama Kababaihan-a program

Barely a day after the eleccala-whose political ties can tions, but the electorate of be traced to the father and son CALABARZON is seeing tandem in the Capital, Luce- clear winners who will be na-will continue to lead local sworn into office by June 30. The only question that stands: will the (relatively) new faces live up to the expectations that go with their names? (PB/PIA



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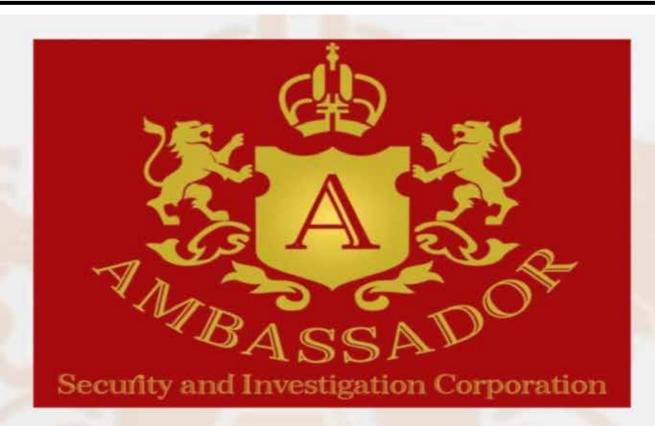
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