

Marcos creates TWG to fast-track Sangley airport project in Cavite

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos



AIRPORT PROJECT. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivers his speech during the 67th founding anniversary of the Naval Special Operations Command at Sangley Point in Cavite on Nov. 6, 2023. Through Administrative Order 44, signed June 3, 2026, Marcos created a joint technical working group to fast-track the development and completion of the Sangley Point International Airport Project. (Screengrab from RTVM)

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has created a joint technical working group (JTWG) to fast-track the development and completion of the Sangley Point

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Cavite declares state of calamity after 'Luis,' 'Maymay'



Bacoor LGU personnel remove a fallen tree along Daang Hari Road on Aug. 11, 2026 (Photo from the City Government of Bacoor/MANILA BULLETIN)

Cavite has been placed under a state of calamity following widespread flooding and other damage caused by heavy rains from the southwest monsoon, intensified by

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Mitsubishi opens new 3S dealership in Silang

By The Manila Times



MITSUBISHI Motors Philippines Corp. (MMPC) has expanded its dealership network in Cavite with the opening of Mitsubishi Motors Silang, a new full-service facility along E. Aguinaldo Highway in Barangay Lalaan 1st. Operated by Mizukawa Motors Corp. (MZM), the Silang dealership is its second Mitsubishi

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Silang highlights health programs in SOMA

By Patricia Bermudez

SILANG, Cavite (PIA) – With a stronger push for inclusive and affordable health services, the Municipal Government of Silang touted its policies and reforms that ensured equal access to healthcare.

In his very first State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) last August 17, Mayor Edward Carranza revealed that the passage of the Carranza Bill has been the highlight of this first year as local chief executive, which resulted to equitable access to healthcare

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PhilHealth, partners strengthen UHC reforms



The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), together with the Department of Health (DOH) and global and strategic partners, is strengthening efforts to advance Universal Health Care (UHC) through coordinated reforms under its RISE30 Mission.

More than 100 representatives from development partner organizations, financial institutions, academe, foundations, civil society groups, government oversight agencies, and other stakeholders gathered at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters for the 2026 PhilHealth Partners' Forum. The forum presented

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SSS to Explore Foreign Investments, Sustain Local Market Support

QUEZON CITY, 12 AUGUST 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) announced today its plan to expand its investment portfolio in foreign markets while continuing to actively

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PCSO donates medical aid to Cavite district

CAVITE — The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) provided wheelchairs, medical devices, and medicines to beneficiaries in the 5th District of Cavite during a turnover ceremony held on August 3 at the PCSO Main Office in Mandaluyong City.

PCSO Chairperson Retired Judge Felix P. Reyes formally turned over the assistance to Cavite 5th

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Senate OKs stronger safeguards for anti-hospital detention law

By Wilnard Bacelonia

With 18 affirmative votes, no negative vote and one abstention, the Senate on Monday approved a measure strengthening protection for patients and their families awgainst being kept in hospitals over unpaid medical bills.

Senate Bill No. 1511, or the proposed Enhanced Anti-Hospital Detention Act, expands the protection under Republic Act No. 9439 to relatives, representatives, caregivers and newborn babies, and strengthens rules requiring the release of deceased patients despite unpaid obligations.

Principal author and sponsor Sen. Risa Hontiveros said the measure rests on the principle that unpaid medical debt should never cost patients their liberty.

“Hindi dapat maging bilangguan ang ospital dahil lamang walang pambayad ang pasyente (A hospital should not become a ‘prison’ simply because a patient cannot pay),” Hontiveros said in a statement.

She clarified that the bill does not erase legitimate hospital debts, as financially incapable patients may still be required to execute a promissory note or avail of other mechanisms for settling their obligations.

“Ang utang ay maaaring singilin. Pero ang dignidad at kalayaan ng tao ay hindi maaaring gawing collateral (A debt may be collected, but a person's dignity and freedom cannot be made collateral),” she said.

Sen. Erwin Tulfo said cases of patients seeking help because they could not leave hospitals over unpaid

bills continue to reach his office, with some mothers even forced to leave their newborns behind.

“Ito pong hospital detention na tila hino-hostage po, ika nga, mga pasyente (This hospital detention is like holding patients hostage),” Tulfo said.

Sen. Joel Villanueva, a co-author, highlighted provisions requiring greater transparency in hospital charges so families can better prepare for medical expenses.

“Marami sa ating mga kababayan ang nabibigla at nao-overwhelm sa laki ng kanilang hospital bills (Many of our countrymen are shocked and overwhelmed by the hefty hospital bills),” Villanueva said.

Sen. Mark Villar said existing law has not completely stopped reports



of patients, relatives and even human remains being held because of unpaid hospital bills.

“Our fellow Filipinos should not be subjected to this inhumane and humiliating practice,” Villar said.

Sen. Christopher Lawrence “Bong” Go

likewise noted that keeping patients confined can worsen their financial burden because hospital charges continue accumulating for every additional day they remain in the facility.

“This has to stop or sana po'y mabigyan po ito ng solusyon (hopefully we can finally provide a solution),” Go said.

Under the bill, financially incapable patients who are medically ready for discharge may leave after executing a promissory note, while qualified indigent patients may use sufficient guarantee letters from the Department of Health or Department of Social Welfare and Development instead.

The measure also raises penalties against responsible hospital

officers or employees from PHP100,000 to PHP300,000 or imprisonment of up to two years and four months. Hospital directors or officers who implement an established policy of illegal detention could face fines of PHP500,000 to PHP1 million and imprisonment of four to six years.

Three repeated violations committed under such a hospital policy could lead to revocation of the facility's license to operate.

Sen. Panfilo “Ping” Lacson cast the chamber's lone abstention, citing his association with a hospital in Cavite.

“I just would like to change my vote to abstain with the disclosure that I am a founding member of a local hospital in Cavite,” Lacson said. (PNA)

PhilHealth, partners strengthen UHC

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a 16-month roadmap of reforms focused on improving access, equity, and efficiency in the delivery of UHC services nationwide.

Co-sponsored by the ADB through its Build Universal Health Coverage (BUHC) Project, the forum was led by DOH Acting Secretary Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, Acting PhilHealth President and CEO Dr. Beverly Lorraine C. Ho, and ADB Country Director Andrew Jeffries.

The event provided an avenue for partners to align their resources and technical expertise with the health

sector's Shared Agenda and PhilHealth's multi-year Technical Assistance (TA) Agenda. The forum also recognized the contributions of PhilHealth and its partners to UHC reforms over the past 18 months. Department of Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go expressed support for the agencies' shared agenda, while ADB Human and Social Development Sector Office Director and former PhilHealth President and CEO Dr. Eduardo Banzon commended PhilHealth's progress over the past year.

PhilHealth said the continued support of its

partners has been crucial in expanding the reach and impact of its programs across the country. Moving forward, PhilHealth and the DOH will continue strengthening their partnership, with primary care serving as a key foundation of UHC. The agency said its Technical

Assistance Agenda will further expand collaboration with partners to support long-term planning and ongoing health reforms.

PhilHealth also called on stakeholders to sustain their support and active participation in advancing coordinated reforms toward more accessible, equitable, and efficient health care for Filipinos. (Source: PhilHealth)

Silang highlights health programs

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services especially during emergencies. In an interview, Carranza noted that the Municipality of Silang is pushing for services where indigent patients no longer need to secure guarantee letters to receive care from healthcare facilities.

“Ang very proud ako is ‘yung Carranza Bill kung saan walang Silanguño na may emergency cases ang maiiwan at hindi magagamot. Hindi ‘nyo na

rin kailangang hanapin ang mga pulitiko para gamutin kayo sa pribadong ospital sa bayan ng Silang. Ayokong may mga kababayan tayong hindi ginagamot dahil sa kahirapan.” Since its passage in 2022, the Carranza Bill has provided Php 10,000 deposit in local hospitals as a subsidy for residents needing emergency treatment. Currently, this program is being patronized in Silang Specialist Medical Center,

Velazco Hospital, Estrella Hospital, and St. Mazenod Hospital.

“Sa ilaim ng programang ito, nagbibigay ang ating pamahalaan ng Php 10,000 hospital deposit assistance upang hindi maantala ang agarang pagpapaga mot ng ating mga kababayan sa oras ng emergency. Hindi natin kayang pigilan ang aksidente o karamdaman ngunit kaya nating tiyakin na walang mawawalan ng pag-asakang

mabuhay dahil lamang sa kakulangan ng perang pang-deposito.”

Aside from its services, the Municipality also provided training for Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars as part of their efforts towards a stronger community-based anti-dengue drive. In the coming years, the residents will also receive a wider range of services upon the completion of the Silang Public Hospital, which is currently in its third phase. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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participate in the domestic capital markets, as part of its strategy to diversify assets, enhance returns, and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the pension fund.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the SSS' improved financial position provides greater capacity to pursue investment opportunities while continuing to contribute to nation-building through investments in the domestic market.

“We are very conservative, but at the same time, we are also in a very good position now

because of our surplus, that for the first time, we have an opportunity to help in nation-building,” de Claro said.

As of 30 June 2026, SSS had ₱1.27 trillion in consolidated investments, distributed across various asset classes in the domestic market. These include ₱629.05 billion in government securities, ₱179.44 billion in equities, ₱154.56 billion in property, ₱151.90 billion in member loans, and ₱96.34 billion in corporate notes and bonds, among others.

The diversified portfolio generated ₱27.16 billion in actual investment income as of 30 June 2026, equivalent

to an annualized return on investment of 4.53 percent. The figures exclude realized gains from the sale of equity securities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI).

SSS remains an active institutional investor in the Philippine capital market through investments in equities, government securities, and other financial instruments allowed under its investment policies. Its exploration of international investments is intended to complement, not replace, its existing domestic investments, providing greater diversification across

markets and asset classes. The planned overseas expansion will allow SSS to explore additional investment opportunities while maintaining its role in supporting the local capital market. He emphasized that exploring overseas investments does not mean reducing SSS' participation in the Philippine market. Rather, the initiative is intended to complement its existing domestic investments by providing greater diversification across markets and asset classes.

SSS aims to grow its reserve fund to ₱2 trillion by 2030, supporting its capacity to provide meaningful and sustainable social security protection to current and future generations of members and pensioners.

Calabarzon police vow to protect investments, boost economic security

By Christopher Hedreyda

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Philippine National Police Regional Office in Calabarzon further commits to upholding peace and security in the region, particularly by protecting local and foreign investments, with the aim of fully realizing economic gains and providing more opportunities for the people.

Calabarzon, home to numerous industries and economic zones, is also becoming a hub for renewable energy plants and infrastructure that can generate more employment opportunities and economic activity for local communities.

Police Regional Office (PRO) Calabarzon Regional Director Police Brigadier General Dominic Baccay, during a press briefing at Camp Vicente Lim in Calamba City, Laguna on Tuesday, August 13, said he has instructed the police force to conduct thorough coordination and inspections in areas where investments are being established to ensure that they are safe from incidents of illegal activities and interference.

“Ang trabaho ni kapulisan ay siyempre i-che-check ang mga areas na iyan. Lahat po ‘yan ay may initial coordination sa atin. Most of the time, meron tayong kino-conduct na Security Survey and Inspection in all establishments,” Baccay said.



In Laguna Province, where solar power farms, windmill projects, and a hydroelectric power plant, among others, are being built, the Laguna Provincial Police Office is pushing for the creation of an inter-agency Investment Promotions and Protection Cluster. The cluster will be tasked with increasing law enforcement visibility and enhancing coordination with local government units and nearby residents in areas surrounding these projects.

As part of its efforts to protect economic security, Baccay reported the PNP’s accomplishments in July 2026, including five operations against smuggling and economic sabotage that led to the arrest of 27 individuals and the confiscation of P39.9 million worth of smuggled petroleum products.

The police force also conducted 154 operations

against cigarette smuggling, illegal logging, and illegal fishing, resulting in 165 arrests and the recovery of P4.6 million worth of smuggled items.

Baccay then reassured investors that the region remains relatively peaceful and conducive to economic activities, in line with the PNP’s 7-Point Agenda, which includes revisiting risk management plans at all levels and strengthening security measures for vital installations and other areas of concern.

“Wag pong mag-alala ang mga investors natin. Ang PRO CALABARZON ay ibibigay ang best service para sa kanilang kaligtasan para naman mas lalong umunlad ang area ng CALABARZON,” he said.

Aside from industrial companies and economic zones, Calabarzon also welcomes millions of tourists and visitors annually due to its proximity to Metro Manila. Baccay said

tourists can expect increased police visibility, particularly in areas of convergence and tourist destinations.

“Magdadagdag kami ng police assistance desks doon sa mga would-be tourist spots for the whole of Calabarzon. Paiitgingin din natin siyempre ang ating coordination with local government units and other stakeholders,” he added.

The police director added that they continue to utilize information, education, and communication initiatives to further inform visitors about key emergency numbers and reminders when traveling.

The Calabarzon police pledged to uphold its advocacy of being a business- and tourist-friendly police force, supported by an effective rapid-response framework to build investor confidence and ensure safe travel environments. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

Gov’t aid to Luis, Habagat-hit CALABARZON communities tops P77-M



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)— Government assistance extended to communities affected by the recent typhoons has reached to more than Php 77 million as recovery efforts in the CALABARZON region continue.

In its August 13 report, the CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) noted that its local government units have extended their resources to augment the aid from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Costs for the region’s response efforts in the affected communities have amounted to ₱77,555,295.12

Strong winds and rain battered the region due to the combined effects of the southwest monsoon, tropical cyclone Luis, and low pressure area.

Reports from local government units show that a total of 201,519 families composed of 741,460 in 779 barangays were affected by the continuous rains and flooding. Of this, 2,922 families with 11,745 individuals are currently staying in 86 evacuation centers. Meanwhile, 50,218 families composed of 187,773 individuals opted to stay with their relatives. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DSWD IV-A)

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International Airport (SPIA) Project in Cavite. In a statement, the Presidential Communications Office said Thursday that under Administrative Order (AO) 44, the JTWG will be co-chaired by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA).

Its members include the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of National Defense, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Justice, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), and the provincial government of Cavite.

Signed on June 3, AO 44 directs the JTWG to address issues that could delay the SPIA Project and ensure that reclamation activities comply with environmental and technical requirements under existing laws, rules, and regulations.

The group will submit quarterly progress

reports to the Office of the Executive Secretary, covering project milestones, compliance measures, issues encountered, and recommendations for presidential action.

It may also recommend policy directives to the President to keep the project on schedule and aligned with national development priorities.

“There is a need to enhance coordination of various government agencies, local government units (LGUs) in the province of Cavite, and private sector partners, and streamline regulatory and administrative processes, in order to ensure the timely completion of the SPIA,” AO 44 stated.

“The JTWG, in coordination with other concerned government agencies, is hereby directed to take all necessary actions to ensure that the Sangley Point land is available for the development and implementation of the SPIA,” it added.

The DOTr will provide overall policy direction on air transport and civil aviation and coordinate government actions for the airport’s development to support safe, reliable, efficient, and convenient air travel.

It will also oversee the integration of the SPIA into the Greater Capital Region Airport System and the country’s air transport network.

CAAP will provide technical and regulatory oversight of the airport’s planning, design, development, and operational readiness, including the issuance of required certifications and authorizations.

The PRA, meanwhile, will oversee the project’s reclamation component, including the review and approval of reclamation plans and enforcement of technical standards and compliance requirements.

It will also review applicable fees and charges for the project’s non-saleable

reclamation component. AO 44 requires strict compliance with the Environmental Impact Statement System, Environmental Compliance Certificate, conditions under Letters of No Objection and Area Clearance, and other applicable laws and regulations.

“Environmental monitoring mechanisms shall be established by the DENR and PRA to safeguard marine and coastal ecosystems affected by reclamation and construction activities,” the order read.

The AO takes effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

The SPIA is a flagship local public-private partnership project envisioned as an international logistics hub with a container port and airport complex.

In 2023, the Cavite government entered into a Joint Venture and Development Agreement with the SPIA Development Consortium to implement the project. (PNA)

Mitsubishi opens new

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facility in Cavite. The dealership occupies a 1,700-square-meter building on a 4,000-square-meter property. It has space for six vehicles in the showroom and six service bays, with sales, servicing and spare parts operations housed in the same facility.

MMPC said the new dealership is intended to improve its reach in Silang and surrounding areas, particularly as residential and commercial development continues to expand along the Cavite corridor.

“The opening of Mitsubishi Motors Silang dealership signifies our commitment to strengthen our network in areas with high growth potential to ensure that our customers have convenient access to Mitsubishi Motors latest vehicles and after-sales services,” MMPC President and CEO Ritsu Imaeda said.

Mitsubishi Motors Silang is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Cavite declares state of

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tropical cyclones “Luis” and “Maymay.”

The Provincial Board approved Resolution No. 5059-2026 during its regular session on August 10, authorizing Gov. Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” D. Remulla to use ₱10 million from the 2026 Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Quick Response Fund for disaster response and relief efforts.

Based on reports from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC), all 20 local government units (LGUs) in the province were affected by heavy rains and flooding, impacting 10,469 families or 34,952

individuals. Authorities recorded 97 incidents, including flooding, fallen trees, landslides and soil erosion, collapsed structures, fires, and vehicular accidents. Initial damage to the agricultural sector was estimated at ₱4.23 million.

The provincial government has continued monitoring conditions across affected LGUs and providing assistance to residents in need. Remulla urged Caviteños to remain vigilant, monitor official advisories, and prioritize the safety of their families as the province continues its disaster response efforts. (Source: Manila Bulletin / Carla Bauto Deña)

PCSO donates medical aid to Cavite

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District Representative Roy M. Loyola, who accepted the donations on behalf of district beneficiaries. The assistance included 30 units each of wheelchairs, blood pressure apparatuses,

nebulizers, and glucometers, along with medicines.

Loyola thanked the PCSO for the assistance, which will be distributed to senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs),

and indigent residents in the district. He said the wheelchairs will help improve the mobility and independence of beneficiaries, particularly those who have limited

access to essential assistive devices.

The donation is part of the PCSO’s Corporate Social Responsibility and Medicine Donation Program, which provides health and social assistance to underserved communities across the country. (Source: MS Spotlight)

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(DPWH),
Plaintiff,

Civil Case No. 7522-24
For: Expropriation

- versus –

JUANA MATRO, FELIX DEL ROSARIO,
REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CAVITE CITY,
MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR OF KAWIT,
CAVITE, AND REVENUE DISTRICT
OFFICER OF REVENUE DISTRICT OFFICE
NO. 54-B OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL
REVENUE,
Defendants.

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SUMMONS
(By Publication)

TO: JUANA MATRO and FELIX DEL ROSARIO

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, plaintiff, thru counsel, filed a Complaint which reads as follows:

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**, represented by the **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)**, through the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), respectfully states:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is a sovereign political entity with capacity to sue and is vested with power and authority to condemn private property for public use upon payment of just compensation. Plaintiff is represented herein by the DPWH, the construction arm of the government and the agency mandated to undertake the planning of infrastructure, such as national roads and bridges, flood control, water resources projects, and other public works, as well as the design, construction, and maintenance thereof.

2. Plaintiff may be served with court processes through its statutory counsel,the OSG, at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City. Pursuant to the 2019Revised Rules on Civil Procedure, Plaintiff likewise manifests its consent to be served through the OSG's official e-mail address: efile@osg.gov.ph. For this purpose, only pleadings, motions, notices, orders, judgments, and other court submissions transmitted to the official e-mail address until 5:00 p.m. of any working day will be considered officially served on said day, and any e-mail received beyond said time will be considered served only on the next working day.

3. Private defendants **Juana Matro** and **Felix del Rosario** are the purported owners of the subject land, crops and trees and are residing at Brgy. Toclong,Kawit, Cavite where they may be served with summons and other court processes.

4. Public defendant **Register of Deeds of Cavite City**, the officer charged with the duty, inter alia, of registering instruments dealing with or affecting real property, is impleaded herein as a nominal party. He/she holds office at Brgy 62-A, J.Ibanez St., Canacao Bay Samonte Park, Cavite City, where he/she may be served with summons and other court processes.

5. Public defendant **Municipal Assessor of Kawit**, Cavite, the officer charged with the duty of, among others, maintaining a system for real property identification and accounting for taxation purposes, is likewise impleaded as a nominal party. He/she holds office at the Municipal Hall of Kawit, Centennial Road, Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite, where he/she may be served with summons and other judicial processes.

6. Public defendant **Revenue District Officer of Revenue**

District Office (RDO) No. 54-B of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the officer charged with the duty to identify the appropriate zonal valuation of the affected properties as well as the timely collection of appropriate taxes due to the intended conveyance of the property, is likewise impleaded herein as a nominal party. He/she holds office at Ground Floor, Lokal Mall Centennial Road, Magdalo Potol, Kawit, Cavite,where he/she may be served with summons and other court processes.

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE/S OF THE ACTION

7. To provide an efficient, fast, and safe road network and to spur national economic development, particularly in the provinces of Cavite and Laguna,Plaintiff is implementing the construction of the **CAVITE-LAGUNA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT (CALAX PROJECT)** from Kawit, Cavite to Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

8. Pursuant to its rights under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10752, the DPWH is implementing the construction of the CALAX Project which runs through the provinces of Cavite and Laguna to provide faster and more comfortable travel to the motoring public.

8.1 The CALAX Project will serve as a necessary link between the Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) connecting the traffic-congested areas of Municipality of Kawit, Imus City, Dasmarinas City,and Municipality of Silang in Cavite to Santa Rosa and Binan Cities in Laguna.

8.2 The implementation of the CALAX Project will pave the way for further socio-economic development, particularly the improvement and streamlining of travel, transportation, and delivery of goods; alleviation of traffic congestion in the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna; and introduction of employment opportunities.

9. The construction of the CALAX Project necessitates the immediate acquisition of properties within the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna.

10. In this regard, an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) has been secured from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the CALAX Project.

11. The property sought to be expropriated consists of a parcel of land under the name of Juana Matro et al. stated in the Tax Declaration No.11-0012011745which referred to the subject land (subject land). It is particularly described as follows:

OWNER	TAX DEC. NO.	TOTAL LAND AREA	AFFECTED AREA	ZONAL VALUE PER SQM.	TOTAL ZONAL VALUE OF THE AFFECTED AREA
Juana Matro and Felix Del Rosario	11-0012-11745	30,212 sqm	3,156 sqm	Php11,000.00/sq.m	Php34,716,000.00

12. The subject land is identified as Lot No. 3864 and its location is indicated by the shaded portion of the parcellary plan.

13. The subject land contains several crops and trees tilled by Juana Matro,Felix Del Rosario who is also from Brgy. Toclong, Kawit, Cavite:

TCT NO.	PRODUC-TIVITY CLASSIFICA-TION / IMPROVE-MENTS	AREA AFFECTED (sqm) / NUMBER (per pc.)	REMARKS	UNIT COST OF IM-PROVE-MEN TS as per PAC, PAO and PSA	SUB-TOTAL (PHP)	TOTAL REPLACE-MENT COST (PHP)
O - 20140 0264	BANANA (NON-BEARING)	20.00		165.00	3,300.00	142,980.77
	CARABAO MANGO (50 YEARS)	1.00		38,000.00	38,000.00	
	CARABAO MANGO (40 YEARS)	1.00		31,750.42	31,750.42	
	CARABAO MANGO (25 YEARS)	1.00		23,000.00	23,000.00	
	CARABAO MANGO (5 YEARS)	1.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
	INDIAN MANGO (15 YEARS)	2.00		12,572.14	25,142.28	5,500.00
	INDIAN MANGO (20 YEARS)	1.00		15,786.07	15,786.07	
	DUHAT (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
	CALAMANSI (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		500.00	500.00	
	TAMA-RIND(EARLY BEARING)	2.00		1,000.00	2,000.00	
	GUAVA (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	

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14. Plaintiff seeks to expropriate 3,156 sq.m. of the subject land as it will be needed for the implementation of the CALAX Project.

15. The subject land has neither been devoted to nor expropriated for any public use and is indispensable in implementing the CALAX Project. It was selected by Plaintiff in a manner compatible with the greatest public good and with the least injury to private property.

16. Plaintiff, through Letters received on 02 June 2020 and 06 February 2020, offered to purchase the plants and trees and the subject lot for an amount based on their appraised value. However, as of date, private defendant failed to produce the relevant supporting documents that would warrant a negotiated sale.

17. Being a flagship and high-priority infrastructure project of the National Government, the issuance of a writ of possession to facilitate Plaintiff's immediate entry into the subject land to promptly begin the implementation of the CALAX Project is of utmost urgency.

18. The prompt implementation of the CALAX Project is significant and urgent as it will alleviate metro-traffic congestion, and,

in effect, boost the economy by improving trade and delivery of goods between the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna.

19. Thus, the National Government has allocated funds for the acquisition of the right-of-way of properties to facilitate the implementation of the CALAX Project.

ALLEGATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
A WRIT OF POSSESSION

20. For the issuance of a writ of possession, Plaintiff shall deposit a sum equivalent to the amount specified in Section 6 of R.A. No. 10752 and Section 7(a)of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), for the benefit of the person or entity entitled thereto as may be adjudged by the Honorable Court in the proceeding.

21. Section 6 of R.A. No. 10752 provides:

SECTION 6. Guidelines for Expropriation Proceedings. -Whenever it is necessary to acquire real property for the right-of-way site or location infrastructure for any national government infrastructure through expropriation, the appropriate implementing agency, through the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, or their deputized government or private legal counsel, shall immediately initiate the expropriation proceedings before the proper court under the following guidelines:

(a) Upon thefiling of the complaint or at any time thereafter,and after due notice to the defendant, the implementing agency shall immediately deposit to the court in favor of the owner the amount equivalent to the sum of:

(1) **One hundred percent (100%) of the value of the land based on the current relevant zonal valuation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued not more than three (3) years prior to the filing of the expropriation complaint subject to subparagraph (c) of this section;**

(2) The replacement cost at current market value of the improvements and structures as determined by:

(i) The implementing agency;
(ii) A government financial institution with adequate experience in property appraisal; and
(iii) An independent property appraiser accredited by the BSP.

(3) The current market value of crops and trees located within the property as determined by a government financial institution or an independent property appraiser to be selected as indicated in subparagraph (a) of Section 5 hereof.

Upon compliance with the guidelines shall abovementioned, the court shall immediately issue to the implementing agency an order to take possession of the property and start the implementation of the project.

If, within seven (7) working days after the deposit to the court of the amount equivalent to the sum under subparagraphs (a)(1) to (a)(3) of this section,the court has not issued to the implementing agency a writ of possession for the affected property, the counsel of the implementing agency shall immediately seek from the court the issuance of the writ of possession. The court shall issue the writ of possession ex parte; no hearing shall be required.

The court shall release the amount to the owner upon presentation of sufficient proofs of ownership. [...]

22. Relatedly, Office of the Court Administrator Circular No. 113-2019 clarified the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon deposit of the check, viz .:

2.Ministerial and immediate issuance of the writ of possession within seven (7) working days upon the deposit to the court of the amount equivalent to the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the land based on the current relevant zonal valuation of the BIR issued not more than three (3) years prior to the filing of the expropriation complaint[.]

23.In addition, Section 2, Rule 67 of the Rules of Courtstates:

Sec. 2. Entry of Plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depository.

[...]

After such deposit is made the court shall order the sheriff or other proper officer to forthwith place the Plaintiff in possession of the property involved and promptly submit a report thereof to the court with service of copies to the parties."

23. Apropos, pursuant to the foregoing guidelines, the DPWH will deposit to the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court in Imus City, the amount of Thirty-Four MillionSeven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Pesos (P34,716,000.00) as evidenced by Landbank Check No. 842826, whichn is equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the subject land based on the current relevant Zonal valuation of the BIR. The said treasury check will be issued in the name of the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court, Imus City, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

24. Pursuant to the same guidelines, Plaintiff also intends to deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court in Imus City the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Pesos and Seventyy Seven Centavos (P148,480.77) in the form of a treasury check to be duly issued by the Landbank of the Philippines which amount is equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the appraised value of the crops and trees. Said check will be issued in the name of the Office

of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court in Imus City, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

25. Verily, the Government's right to take immediate possession of the subject land, upon compliance with the above-quoted requirements, has long been settled in Robern Development Corporation v. Quitain, thus:

With the revision of the Rules, the trial court's issuance of the Writ of Possession becomes ministerial, once the provisional compensation mentioned in the 1997Rule is deposited. Thus, in the instant case, the trial court did not commit grave abuse of discretion when it granted the NPC's Motion for Issuance of the Writ,despite the absence of hearing on the amount of the provisional deposited.

26. In SMI Development Corporation v. Republic of the Philippines, the Supreme Court Reiterated the rule that the issuance of a writ of possession becomes ministerial once compliance with the requirements is made, thus:

Under the foregoing Section, **the Republic is entitled to a writ of possession, once the provisional compensation mentioned therein is deposited.** We refer again to Reborn for authority:

"With the revision of the Rules, the trial court's issuance of the Writ of Possession becomes ministerial once the provisional compensation mentioned in the 1997 Rules is deposited."

27. Further in the case of National Power Corporation v. Hon. E.T. Jocson, et al.,the Supreme Court held:

P.D. No. 42, however, effectively removes the discretion of the court in determining the provisional value. What is to be deposited is an amount equivalent to the assessed value for taxation purposes. No hearing is required for that purpose. All that is needed is notice to the owner of the property sought to be condemned.
[...]
In any event, petitioner deposited the provisional value fixed by the court. As a matter of right, it was entitled to be placed in possession of the property involved in the complaints at once, pursuant to both Section 2 of Rule 67 and P.D. No. 42. Respondent Court had the corresponding duty to forthwith place petitioner in such possession.

28. Furthermore, it is imperative for the protection of the Government's interest vis-à-vis its real rights over the subject land that the corresponding writ of possession be entered in the Primary Entry Book of the Registry of Deeds of Cavite and, thereafter, annotated in the space provided in its Registration Book,pursuant to Section 69 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1529, otherwise known as the Property Registration Decree, which states:

Section 69. Attachments. - An attachment, or a copy of any writ, order or process issued by a court of record, intended to create or preserve any lien, status, right, or attachment upon registered land, shall be filled and registered in the Registry of Deeds for the province or city in which the land lies, and, in addition to the particulars required in such papers for registration, shall contain a reference to the number of the certificate of title to be affected and the registered owner or owners thereof, and also if the attachment, order, process or lien is not claimed on all the land in any certificate of title a description sufficiently accurate for identification of the land or interest intended to be affected. A restraining order,injunction or mandamus issued by the court shall be entered and registered on the certificate of title affected, free of charge.

29. Finally, to ensure that the subject land is free from any statutory lien, it is necessary that whoever will be adjudged as

entitled to the amounts deposited by Plaintiff be required to present proof of payment of the corresponding realty and other taxes before the Honorable court orders its release.

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS

30. In compliance with Section 6, Rule 7 of the Amended Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby attaches the following documents:

EXHIBIT	DOCUMENT
A	Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-CO-1707-0012
B	Tax Declaration No.11-0012-11745
C	RDO Certification dated September 15,2022
D	Parcellary Plan
E	Subdivision Plan
F	Letter offer for the affected area of the subject lot
G	Letter offer for the affected area of the trees and crops
H	Special Allotment Release Order No. BMB-A-18-0009874 dated 25April 2018
I	OCA Circular No. 113-2019 dated 16 July 2019
J	Copy of Landbank South Harbor Check No. 842826 dated 04 June 2024
K	Judicial Affidavit of Engineer IV Cyrus Cesar A. Pasicolan

SUMMARY OF WITNESS' TESTIMONY

31. Further, attached is the Judicial Affidavit of Engineer IV Cyrus Cesar A.Pasicolan. Engineer Pasicolan will testify with respect to the overall project implementation and acquisition of the subject lot, as well as for the purpose of identifying relevant documents related to the planning, site identification, and status of the CALAX Project, among others.

32. Plaintiff reserves the right to present additional and/ or substitute documentary and testimonial evidence, as may be necessary, during the course of the proceedings.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that:

1. Plaintiff be **AUTHORIZED**, by proper order or writ, to take immediate possession, control, and disposition of the subject land and crops and trees, be allowed to implement the CALAX Project thereon upon deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Imus City, of the sums equivalent to the amount specified in Section 7(a) of the IRR of R.A. No. 10752, and in such case,the Office of the Clerk of Court be **ORDERED** to safekeep and release the same to whoever will be adjudged as entitled to the same, subject to clearance from the Plaintiff upon the satisfaction of its proof of ownership;

2. The Register of Deeds of Cavite City be likewise **DIRECTED** to enter the Writ of Possession in the Primary Entry Book and annotate the same in its Registration Book, pursuant to Section 69 of P.D. No. 1529;

3. After due notice and hearing, an Order of Expropriation be **ISSUED** declaring that Plaintiff has a lawful right to expropriate the subject land free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, for the public use and purpose described above, upon payment of just compensation;

4. Upon the issuance of the aforementioned Order of Expropriation, an Order be **ISSUED** appointing three (3) competent and disinterested persons as commissioners to ascertain the just compensation to be paid for the subject land and report the same to the Honorable Court;

5. A Judgment of Expropriation be **RENDERED**, condemning the subject land free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, for the public use and purpose herein set forth;

6. The BIR RDO No 54-B be **DIRECTED** to issue the necessary

documents to the Register of Deeds of Cavite City for the registration and transfer of the affected area of the subject land;

7. The Municipal Assessor of Kawit be **DIRECTED** to cancel **Tax Declaration No.11-0012-11745** issued over the subject land;

8. The Register of Deeds of Cavite City be **DIRECTED** issue new Certificate of Title covering the affected portion of the subject land in the name of Plaintiff.

9. Private defendant be **ORDERED** to return to Plaintiff whatever amount it may have received in excess of the just compensation finally determined by the Honorable Court.

Such further or other forms of relief as may be deemed just andequitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Makati City for Imus City, Cavite, 20 August 2024.

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WHEREAS, on June 22, 2026, plaintiff through the Office of the Solicitor General filed a Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publications which this Court granted in its Order dated July 15,2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, you are hereby required to file before this Court, within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this Summons, your Answer to the Complaint.

WITNESS the HONORABLE AMABEL B. ROBLES-BUENALUZ, Presiding Judge of this Court, this July 20, 2026 at Imus City, Cavite.

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Cavite cop faces dismissal over resort shooting

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

A police officer tagged in a deadly shooting at a resort in Maragondon, Cavite that killed a fellow cop and a civilian, will face dismissal proceedings after being arrested, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said on Thursday.

PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. directed the Cavite police to ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the incident and preserve all evidence that could determine the criminal and administrative liabilities of those involved.

“Law enforcers carry the heavy burden of public trust, and throwing caution to the wind through reckless behavior and alcohol abuse is completely unacceptable. Those sworn to protect lives chose instead to endanger them in a senseless, drunken

altercation,” Nartatez said in a statement.

The shooting occurred at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday (Aug. 12), where another police officer was injured. Two police officers allegedly engaged in a drunken shootout following the birthday celebration of the newly installed Maragondon police chief.

The altercation left one police officer and a civilian dead. Another police officer sustained wounds and is now in stable condition. An officer assigned to the Trece Martires Component City Police Station was arrested at the scene.

In a press briefing held in Camp Crame on Thursday, PNP spokesperson Col. Allen Rae Co said investigators are still working to establish what triggered the shooting.

“Meron kautusan to conduct a thorough investigation as well as

start the summary dismissal proceeding. Kailangan po naman ng due process lahat dito so inutos ng ating chief PNP na ang masusing imbestigasyon para malaman natin kung ano talaga ang nangyari at kung may kailangan managot ay mananagot (There is an order to conduct a thorough investigation as well as to start the summary dismissal proceeding. Everything here needs due process, so our PNP chief ordered a thorough investigation so we can find out what really happened and if anyone needs to be held accountable, they will be held accountable),” Co told reporters.

Investigators are likewise verifying who attended the gathering, whether the police personnel were authorized to be there while off duty, and the circumstances surrounding the presence of the civilian

who was killed. The firearms recovered from the scene will undergo examination, while the bullets and slugs recovered will be compared with the guns to establish which firearm was used in the shooting.

“All the firearms will be subject to paraffin examinations. We will compare it to the recovered slugs para malaman natin (so that we can know) who is who and which is which,” Co said.

Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla said that the suspect and victims had attended the birthday celebration at a resort before the shooting erupted past midnight Wednesday.

“All came from the birthday of the Chief of Police of Maragondon. All were drunk and carrying their service firearms with them. One thing led to another,” Remulla said in a



text message to reporters. Co said the PNP extends its condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and assures the public that the incident is being investigated thoroughly and objectively.

The Maragondon police chief was immediately relieved from his post and placed under the Cavite Police Holding and Administrative Support (PHAS) pending investigation. Nartatez said the incident was a serious breach of the discipline expected from police officers, whether on duty or off duty. “I remind all our personnel to exercise discipline, responsibility, and restraint at all times. We will not tolerate misconduct, regardless of rank or status. Being off duty does not exempt any police officer from following the law and PNP rules,” Nartatez said. (PNA)

LGSF project revives public libraries in Carmona City

By Patricia Bermudez

CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — At a time when spaces that promote reading are increasingly rare, the City Government of Carmona built its very own public library and resource center. A milestone project funded under the Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU), the four-storey Carmona City Public Library and Learning Resource Center serves as a hub for audio-visual presentations, community activities and exhibitions aimed at increasing the city’s literacy rate.

Completed in 2023, the LGSF-FALGU-funded project cost around P50 million and has served more than 3,026 residents, including students and remote workers.

Located directly across the Department of Education-Carmona’s Schools Division Office and Carmona Elementary School, the city library provides convenient access to all students. Given its



strategic location, the local government emphasizes that reading materials and learning resources should be readily available to every child in their city.

City Librarian Morena Arellano noted the DepEd’s support in driving a strong foot traffic, especially among students. “Most po ng aming clients ay nasa elementary and high school since dalawang schools sila na magkatabi. After nila mag-lunch, nagpupunta sila dito. Minsan nag-a-announce kami ng time para maiwasang ma-late sila dahil

sa library.” Jodi is one of the top borrowers of learning materials at the Carmona City Public Library. With her school just across the street, she considers a space where she and her classmates can stay and study during their free time a blessing. “Nakatulong po siya sa pagre-research ko po ng assignments at [sa pagbabasa ng] mga aklat na nakakalibang. Maganda po na mayroong ganitong public library na tahimik.”

Beyond promoting a love of reading among children, the public library

serves as a safe space for students outside of class hours, Arellano said. “Mayroon kaming collaboration since mayroon kaming program na Sa Likod ng mga Pahina library orientation. Bale library tour kung saan in-invite namin si SDO Carmona.” Through this collaboration, DepEd Carmona and the Carmona City Public Library launched the Sa Likod ng mga Pahina library orientation program which offered guided tours to help students visit and explore their collection. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

CHIZ: NATIONWIDE AD BAN ON ONLINE GAMBLING COVERS ALL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero is pushing for a nationwide ban on gambling advertisements across all media platforms to curb addiction and protect vulnerable Filipinos. In his “Chiz Wiz! Usapang May Laman” podcast aired on Sunday, Escudero discussed his proposed measure, Senate Bill No. 2347, which seeks to set firm, legally enforceable limits on how gambling platforms promote themselves. “Iyan ‘yung logic ng ating proposed legislation, huwag padaliin ... Paano ba pahirapan ‘to para hindi basta-basta makapaglaro,” he stressed, noting that online gaming has become pervasive and easily accessible to adults and minors alike. According to Escudero, there is a need to institutionalize the ban on gambling related advertising through legislation, to include the Ad Standards Council’s voluntary guidelines requiring members to remove gambling imagery and paraphernalia across all media platforms because they are not legally enforceable. This has prompted him to file SB 2347 to prohibit all forms of gambling sponsorships and advertisement across television, radio, print, online platforms, and social media, which he called the “first step in a broader effort to reduce gambling related harm.” “Ang kailangan ng batas ay itong sa advertisement dahil kailangan mong i-regulate dito ‘yung mga private companies,” he said. The Bicolano senator said the country is moving toward a regulatory path similar to the tobacco industry, which began with the passage of Republic Act 9211 that banned, among others, cigarette advertising and later expanded to include graphic health warnings. He noted that while many countries have long banned tobacco promotions, only a few impose strict prohibitions on gambling ads. Spain limits broadcast hours and bans welcome bonuses, Italy’s Dignity Decree prohibits gambling advertising across all media and sports sponsorships, New Zealand bans affiliate marketing for online gambling, while China prohibits advertising for any internet or real money gambling. According to Escudero, these examples show that full advertising bans remain rare globally, underscoring the significance of the Philippines’ move toward stronger industry regulation and consumer protection. Content creator and anti-gambling advocate Carlo Ople expressed support for the passage of SB 2347, saying online gambling apps are intentionally engineered to be addictive. “It was designed specifically to get you addicted ... painless, effortless, and addictive,” he told the senator during the podcast. Meanwhile, recovering compulsive gambler Darren Telan committed to advocate for the legislation as he admitted that gambling advertisements are direct triggers for individuals trying to recover. “Kapag kami nakakita ng ads, babalik or trigger sa amin ‘yun,” he said. Escudero said his proposed measure lays the groundwork for a more comprehensive regulatory framework for gambling in the Philippines. The bill prohibits gambling advertisements and promotions, bans the use of celebrity endorsers and influencers, disallows bonus incentives that encourage betting, and bars the placement of gambling content across online, electronic, and physical media.

Bacoor conducts first aid, life support training



BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacoor conducted a First Aid and Basic Life Support Training for employees of Circle Island Resort on August 13 at the resort along Daang Hari Road, Barangay Molino 4.

The whole-day training, held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., was organized under the directive of Mayor Strike B. Revilla through the Bacoor

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRMO), headed by Richard Quion.

BDRMO personnel from Team 915 facilitated the training, which focused on essential emergency response skills, including injury management, basic life support techniques, and proper emergency procedures. The activity aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills

needed to respond effectively during emergencies and help promote safety in the workplace.

The city government said it continues to strengthen public safety and emergency preparedness through regular training and capacity-building programs for communities and establishments across Bacoor. (Bacoor City Government)

Medical mission serves 573 residents in General Trias

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite brought essential healthcare services closer to residents through a medical and dental mission held on August 5, 2026, in Barangay Pasong Kawayan II, benefiting 573 residents.

The activity provided free medical consultations and dental services through doctors and healthcare professionals from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and the AMIGA District Hospital, with the assistance of barangay health workers (BHWs).

The mission gave residents convenient access to basic healthcare services within their community, sparing them the need to travel far for medical and dental consultations.

Board Member Kerby Salazar also attended the activity, showing his support for initiatives aimed at making healthcare services more accessible, responsive, and available to Caviteños. — OPIO

