

AFP, COMELEC, and PNP intensify security measures for 2025 Midterm Elections with MOA signing

By AFP

CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City— The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and the Philippine National Police (PNP) heightened their commitment to ensuring a safe, secure, and orderly election process for the upcoming 2025 Midterm Elections with the Memorandum of Agreement signing on April 4 at the Chairman's Hall, Palacio del Gobernador, Intramuros, Manila.

The event was led by COMELEC Chairperson George Erwin Garcia; LtGen Jimmy D Larida, Vice Chief of Staff of the AFP, representing AFP Chief of Staff, General Romeo S Brawner Jr.; and Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, PGen Rommel D Marbil. Together, they outlined the government's comprehensive security measures to safeguard the electoral

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SERBISYO PARA SA MAHIHIRAP, TULOY AT PALALAKASIN NI SEN. BONG GO

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite- Nangako si Senador Bong Go sa mga Caviteño na itutuloy niya at palalakasin pang lalo ang kanyang mga programa at serbisyo para sa mga mahihirap na mamamayan.

Taos- pusong nagpahayag ng pasasalamat sa mga residente ng Dasmariñas nang bumisita ito at kanyang team noong Lunes



Senador Bong Go

at nangakong pag- iibayuhin ang kanyang mga programa na ang layunin ay itaas ang kalidad ng mga serbisyo para sa mga mahihirap partikular sa kalusugan, edukasyon at pag- papaunlad ng mga kabataan.

Dinala ng senador, kasama ang kanyang team, ang "Masakit at Serbisyo" campaign sa Dasmariñas at

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Inclusive leadership bridges gap for women

Gender-responsive budgeting practices have paved the way for more inclusive programs and services in the City of General Trias, Cavite.

Ann Ferrer, head of the General Trias City Women's Development Council and founding chairperson of the Cavite Council of Women, highlighted the role of local government units in creating programs to address women's issues such as health services and economic opportunities.

"It became my priority to focus on women's [welfare] because, as a woman and a wife, I am aware of their concerns. Part of our advocacy in working on behalf of our spouses is helping our kababayans and forwarding their concerns to the local government," Ferrer shared.

According to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), empowering women and girls to partic-



Ann Ferrer, head of the General Trias City WDC

ipate in policymaking and decision-making provides an avenue for women's groups and civil society actors to participate in governance and perform gender-responsive budgeting and monitoring the outcomes of such budgets.

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Healthcare facilities told to observe lifting of 45-day benefit limit

MANILA - The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Thursday reminded healthcare facilities that implementation of the lifting of the 45-day benefit limit starts on Friday.

In a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview, PhilHealth Senior Vice President for Health and Finance Policy Sector Israel Francis Pargas said the move allows members to use their benefits for the whole year without a 45-day coverage limit

He said this is in accordance with the Universal Healthcare Act, which states that every Filipino must re-

ceive immediate healthcare services, and the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the national health insurance program to cover healthcare needs of its members.

Last month, PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Edwin Mercado said the 45-day benefit limit is an outdated cost-containment strategy, emphasizing that certain health conditions need to cover more than 45 days of treatment.

Healthcare facilities are advised to observe the standards of care, treatment protocols, and clinical or pathological guidelines.

"Kase po meron din pong posibilidad for probable abuse kase wala na pong limos it ang paggamit sa benepisyo, so, sana po ay sinisigurado ng ating mga ospital na sumusunod sila sa (There is a possibility for probable abuse because there is no benefit limit, so hopefully the hospitals ensure that they follow the) necessity and treatment guidelines," he said.

Major step toward universal health care

Agri Party-list Rep. Wilbert Lee said the lifting of limit is a significant advancement toward achieving comprehensive universal healthcare.

"This development ensures that all Filipinos, regardless of their medical conditions, have continuous access to necessary health services without the fear of exceeding arbitrary limits," Lee said in a news release.

"We want to ensure that all Filipinos, particularly those with chronic or severe health conditions, receive the necessary care without the added worry of financial constraints."

The state insurer uses a healthcare provider assessment system to monitor the performance of hospitals and issues warning letters to concerned healthcare facilities or healthcare providers with violations against standards of care following a due process.

A healthcare facility may receive up to three warning letters.

"After the third due process of warning letters, we will file appropriate action as a violation for their performance commitment during accreditation," Pargas said.

He added patients may submit their complaints against violating healthcare facilities through email to actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph. They may also contact the 24/7 hotline 0286222588 or approach the PhilHealth employees assigned in hospitals. source: (PNA)



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BARangay at KAlinisan Day at Pledge of Commitment sa Cavite City



Isang hakbang para sa mas malinis at maayos na Lungsod ng Cavite! Sa programa ng DILG na BARangay at KAlinisan Day (BARKADA) nag tipon tipon ang mahigit 800 na mga Caviteño mula sa iba't ibang organization at institution sa lungsod sa pangunguna ni Mayor Denver Chua upang maglinis sa ating kapaligiran na ginanap nitong Abril 5, 2025.

Nag simula ang programa ng 5AM at sa loob lamang ng mahigit 2 oras ay umabot na ng 1,535.35 kilograms ang basurang nakulekta ng ating mga volunteers.

Lumagda rin ang lahat sa isang commitment wall na nagsasabing magiging bahagi ng pagpapanatili ng kalinisan at kaayusan ng ating lungsod. Always remember that Cleanliness starts within you — if you want to keep our planet green, then keep your place clean, ani Mayor Chua

EDITORIAL

PATAAS NANG PATAAS

Mga pangunahing balita sa telebisyon, radio at mga dyaryo nitong nakalipas lang na ilang araw:

Dagdag singil sa tubig.
Taas pasahe sa LRT.
Taas presyo sa gasolina.
Taas singil sa kuryente.
Taas presyo sa isda,

karneng baboy, gulay, kamatis, bawang, sibuyas, at iba pa.

Ayon kina Juan at Juana, hindi na sila makahinga sa araw-araw na pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin.

Kaya ang mahihirap na Pilipino ay patuloy na naghihirap dahil sa hindi makontrol ang pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan .

Hindi naman umano tumaas ang kanilang kita o sweldo kaya tiis- tiis- lang sa patuloy na kakapusin, kawalan, gutom at ibayong kahirapan.

Ang gobyerno nga ay hindi naman nagpapabaya at may mga programa itong ipinatutupad tulad ng pagkakaloob ng ayuda, subalit hindi ito makasapat dahil nga sa araw- araw na pagtaas na halaga ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan.

Ang mga ahensya ng gobyerno tulad ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Department of Agriculture (DA) ay magkatuwang na at nagpapatupad ng Maximum Suggested Retail Price para makontrol ang sobrang pag- taas ng presyo, subalit hindi naman umano ito sinusunod ng mga magtitinda o negosyante.

Katuwiran ng mga negosyante, wala silang kikitain o titigil na lang sa pagtitinda kapag hindi sila nagtaas ng presyo.

Mabuti ang mga mayayaman at walang problema, pero ang mga mahihirap, paano na?

"Tiis- tiis na lang kami. Walang magagawa kundi magdasal na lang at sa Diyos humingi ng tulong, " sabi ng isang kaminerong may tatlong anak.

Sama, ang mga susunod na magiging opisyal ng mga lokal na pamamahalaan na manunungkulan pagkatapos ng eleksyon sa Mayo ay gumawa ng hakbang para masolusyunan ang problemang ito.

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"BLOWBAGETS" ay isang paalala ng mga bagay na dapat i-check bago magmaneho ng kotse:

B - Battery

L - Lights

O - Oil

W - Water

B - Brakes

A - Air

G - Gas

E - Engine

T - Tires

S - Self

Groundbreaking ng Wilcon Depot sa may Barangay 8 Rosario



Ayon kay Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola nitong nakaraang Abril 4, 2025 ay dinaluhan ni Cong. Roy M. Loyola ang isinagawang Groundbreaking Ceremony para sa itatayang Wilcon Depot sa may Barangay 8 Rosario. Dito ay nakasama ang ating City Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Officer na si Mr. Dave Peñaño bilang pagpapakita ng suporta sa itatayang establisyimento na isa sa mga leading home improvement and constructions supplies retailer sa ating bansa.

Your Blood, Their Second Chance: Voluntary Blood Donation Activity, matagumpay na dinaos sa Carmona City



Matagumpay na idinaos ng City Government ng Carmona, sa pamamagitan ng Office of the City Health Officer at sa pakikipagtulungan ng DOH CALABARZON, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, Philippine General Hospital, Alpha Phi Omega, Hinirang South Eagles Club, at TV5 Alagang Kapatid Foundation, ang Your Blood, Their

Second Chance: Voluntary Blood Donation Activity sa Carmona Community Center.

Nasa total of 318 units of blood ang nakuha sa mga volunteer blood donors na mga community members, industrial employees, at mga organisasyon sa Carmona. Maraming salamat sa ating mga sponsors gaya ng Alpha Phi Omega at Hinirang

South Eagles Club. Lahat ng dumalo ay nakatanggap ng freebies at tokens, advocacy t-shirt, vitamin C, at libreng flu immunization mula sa Lokal na Pamahalaan.

Mabuhay ang lahat ng mga blood donors na buong-pusong tumugon sa ating panawagan para makasagip ng buhay. Tunay na kayo ang mga makabagong bayani.

Agrikultura

“Cultivating Gardens and Pollinators for a Healthier Ecosystem” training



In celebration of Filipino Food Month, 26 communal garden cooperators from Cavite completed the “Cultivating Gardens and Pollinators for a Healthier Ecosystem” training. The session focused on sustainable urban agriculture and edible landscaping. Participants visited Los Pepes Farm in Indang, Cavite, where they learned beekeeping techniques and harvested stingless bee honey. They also designed their own edible landscapes based on the UrbanATIn'To Garden model. Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, DA-ATI CALABARZON Center Director, encouraged participants to share their newfound knowledge for a more sustainable and productive future.

Lihim ng Kubli Farm, Garden and Events Place

Purok 7, Ilaya, Guyam Malaki, Indang, Cavite, Indang, Philippines
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- ✔ Dip pool
- ✔ Mini Farm
- ✔ Garden
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DA-ATI CALABARZON



Pagpapalaganap ng GAP sa Pagniniyugan: Isinusulong ang Kaunlaran ng mga Magsasaka sa Lobo, Batangas
30 magniniyog ang nagsipagtapos sa tatlong araw na Training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Coconut ngayong ika-4 ng Abril 2025 sa Lobo, Batangas. Sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, Office of the Municipal Agriculturist - Lobo, Batangas, at Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region IV-A, matagumpay na sumailalim ang mga kalahok sa pagsasanay na nakatuon sa mga angkop na pamamaraan at pamamahala sa pagniniyugan, upang mapabuti ang kalidad at kita ng kanilang mga sakahan. Nagbigay ng mensahe ng pagbati at inspirasyon sa mga kalahok si Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, at nagpasalamat sa kanilang patuloy na pagsusumikap upang itaguyod ang kaunlaran ng sektor ng niyog.

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Those interested to apply may refer to the following DMW announcement webpage: <https://dmw.gov.ph/resources/dsms/DMW/Externals/2025/RSF-250003-A-2025.pdf> (PR)

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ter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group (NAIA-IA-DITG) seized abandoned inbound parcels containing dried leaves suspected to be marijuana kush weighing 7,703 grams with standard price of PHP8.55 million at Central Mail Exchange Center in Domestic Road, Pasay City on April 2. The PDEA said the abandoned parcels were declared as rice TH, pillows, dried fruits, tea, and toys. The shipper and receiver involved are subject to investigation and the filing of appropriate charges in violation of Republic Act 9165. Drug evidence will be submitted to the PDEA Laboratory Service for further laboratory examination. (PNA)

GUN BAN

FOR INCOMING 2025 NATIONAL & LOCAL ELECTION

MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA CALLS FOR COLLABORATION ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND CHILD PROTECTION MEASURES IN BACCOOR

Bacoor City, April 4, 2025 - Mayor Strike B. Revilla, known for his dedication to the well-being of Bacoor's residents, convened a meeting today at the Revilla Hall to discuss school safety and child protection measures in Bacoor City. The meeting emphasized the need for a collaborative approach involving schools, barangays, and the Bacoor PNP.

City Administrator, headed by Atty. Aimee Torrefranca-Neri, was attended by key stakeholders, including Dr. Babylyn Pambid, Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), PLt. Col. John Paolo Carracedo, Bacoor PNP Chief, and representatives from barangays and schools. Mayor Strike expressed his deep concern for the safety of children in and around schools, highlighting the recent incident in Parañaque involving a student who killed a fellow student.



He stressed the importance of proactive measures to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in Bacoor. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration between schools, barangays, and the Bacoor PNP to implement comprehensive

safety protocols and child protection measures. The meeting also included the announcement of a new Sport Development and Wellness Department, which will focus on promoting sports and wellness programs for all ages, particularly youth. The City Government of Bacoor remains committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all children, ensuring their well-being and providing opportunities for their development.

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Since its establishment in 2011, the Cavite Council of Women has become a platform for women to deliver gender-responsive government programs, ranging from livelihood training to health caravans. Its primary goal is to provide health services for women in the province's eight cities and 16 municipalities, providing their expertise in advising local government units in utilizing their funds for creating gender-responsive programs and services. The Cavite Council of Women also launched the Buntis Congress in General Trias City, which provides health check-ups to expectant mothers with no financial capacity to seek pre-natal consultations.

“Most of them are young girls who are not yet ready to become mothers. So we give them seminars and free health services, like ultrasound and free medicines and vitamins for the mommies.” Through the Council, Caviteño women are lobbying for the provincial government to allocate funds for gender-responsive livelihood programs. The Women's Budget, a Gender and Development (GAD) policy introduced through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) in 1995, aimed to support gender-focused programs and projects by directing government agencies and local government units to allocate a minimum of five percent (5%) of its annual budget for GAD programs, projects,

and activities. “We get our allocation as part of the Gender and Development [fund]. Not all five percent, but we are included. When our proposed projects which are part of the Programs, Projects, and Activities under

the GAD fund are approved by the city government, we can create more programs for women.” A homemaker herself, Ferrer understood women's dedication to becoming nurturing mothers and wives for their families. “We do so much that we neglect ourselves. We come last in our own priorities that we neglect ourselves because we want to provide everything

to our family, to our husband. Those are our priorities as women.” As the basic unit of governance, the Women's Development Council mobilized the barangays to extend their services to the grassroots communities by designating coordinators for each barangay to represent their communities in meetings and discussions on the city's much-needed GAD programs.

“We also conduct monthly meetings to discuss the projects we can share with our neighbors [cities and municipalities] that they can replicate. Those that brought positive changes in their municipalities can be replicated in other areas.” Local government units are instrumental in providing women with access to economic opportunities, regardless if they are careerwomen or homemakers. With ample legislation and support from civil society groups, women can make their voices heard, opening doors to opportunities and services they need. (PB/ RBF/PIA4A)

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nagsagawa ng isang motorcade kasama ang iba pang kandidato sa pagka- senador na mayroong adbokasiya na tulad ng kanyang pinaniniwalaan at isinasagawa. Si Senador Bong Go ay kilala sa kanyang proyektong Malasakit Center na sa kasalukuyan ay umabot na sa bilang na 167

na operational sa iba't ibang hospital sa buong bansa. Ang mga centers na ito ay nakakatulong sa mahihirap na pasyente na mapababa ang kanilang bayarin sa lowest amount possible. Ayon mismo sa Department of Health (DOH), ang Malasakit Center Program ni Senador Bong Go ay

nakapagka loob na ng tulong sa mahigit na 17 milyong Pilipino. Siya ang principal author at sponsor at Republic Act 11463 na tinatawag na Malasakit Center Act of 2019 na siyang nagtakda at nag- institutionalized ng Malasakit Center Program./ LLE

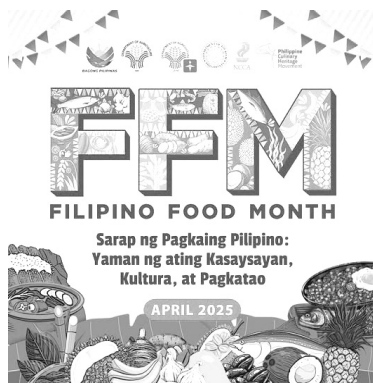
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process and ensure the integrity of the elections. In his address, Lt-Gen Larida emphasized the AFP's commitment as it stands ready to carry out its mandate with dedication, impartiality, and unwavering adherence to the Constitution in support to the integrity of the electoral process. “Today, we reaffirm the strong partnership between the AFP and COMELEC in safeguarding the sanctity of our democratic process,” Lt-Gen Larida said. “As stipulated in this agreement, the AFP is committed to ensuring that the 2025 national and local elections are conducted in a free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible manner in adherence to the Constitution.”

The celebration brings together key government agencies, culinary experts and industry stakeholders in a unified effort to promote Filipino cuisine as a vital aspect of national identity and cultural pride.

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tion No. 469, series of 2018, FFM is observed every April to preserve and promote Filipino culinary traditions. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2021 by the DA, DOT, NCCA and PCHM reinforces their continued collaboration in organizing this annual event.



Lucena City, Quezon Province

2025 Filipino Food Month Nationwide Kick-off Celebration



Pres. Ferdinand
"Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr.

Officially marking the start of the country's annual festivity of its rich culinary heritage, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the 2025 Filipino Food Month (FFM) Nationwide Kick-off Celebration at the Quezon Provincial Capitol in Lucena City on April 4, 2025.

Organized by the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Tourism (DOT), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and Philippine Culinary Heritage Movement (PCHM), this year's celebration carries the theme 'Sarap ng Pagkaing Pilipino, Yaman ng Ating Kasaysayan, Kultura at Pagkatao.' The event highlights the importance of local agricultural produce in Filipino cuisine while strengthening partnerships between the public and private sectors.

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P26.3-M illegal drugs seized in Cavite, Pampanga, Pasay

MANILA — Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) operatives have confiscated PHP26.3 million worth of illegal drugs in separate operations in the provinces of Cavite and Pampanga, and in Pasay City.

In a statement on Friday, the PDEA said a suspect, identified as alias Sian, 30, was arrested in the buy-bust operation in Dasmarinas, Cavite, and seized

from him around 1.5 kilos of shabu worth PHP10.2 million.

In Clark, Pampanga, the PDEA Clark Interdiction unit confiscated 4,491 pieces of party drug tablets, known as ecstasy, worth PHP7.6 million in an operation on April 2.

The illegal drugs were found in a shipment that arrived at the Port of Clark on March 29 from Belgium.

"PDEA International Cooperation and Foreign Affairs Service (ICFAS) received information that a certain parcel from Belgium will arrive at Port of Clark. The said information was relayed by PDEA Intelligence Service to PDEA Regional Office 3, which led to the successful interdiction operation," the PDEA said.

In Pasay City, the PDEA and the NAIA In-

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Application deadline for nurses, careworkers in Japan extended

MANILA — The deadline of application for nurses and certified careworkers under the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) has been extended.

A media release from the Japanese Embassy on Friday said the recruitment is extended to April 25.

The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) of the Philippines, in cooperation with the Japan In-

ternational Corporation of Welfare Services, is receiving applications to fill in the 50 nurse (Kangoshi) and 300 careworker (Kaigofukushishi) positions bound for Japan.

Accepted candidates will undergo Japanese language training for six months in the Philippines and six months in Japan, prior to their three to four years of work term at Japanese hospitals and caregiving fa-

cilities.

Japanese language training fee is free of charge and daily living allowance will be provided for the whole duration of the language training.

Candidates are encouraged to eventually obtain the Japanese license for Kangoshi and Kaigofukushishi to give them the opportunity for longer employment term in Japan.

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