



PNP INTENSIFIES DRIVE VS. 8 FOCUS CRIMES; STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS IN CALABARZON

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is intensifying its campaign against eight (8) focus crimes while strengthening community-based programs to sustain peace, order, and public safety across the CALABARZON region.

These focus crimes include murder, homicide, physical injury, robbery, theft, carnapping of motor vehicles and motorcycles, and rape.

In an interview during the Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program, PLTCOL Milany E. Martirez,

Chief of the Regional Public Information Office of Police Regional Office (PRO) CALABARZON, emphasized the importance of closely monitoring these crimes to further improve police operations and crime prevention strategies.

"These eight focus crimes are closely monitored by the PNP because these directly affect the safety and

security of our communities. This is where we concentrate our operational and preventive efforts."

Martirez added that PRO CALABARZON programs are aligned with the PNP's

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Trece Martires Kicks Off Women's Month with Walk for Women and Zumbabae Year 4

Women's Month officially began in Trece Martires with the successful staging of the annual Walk for Women and Zumbabae Year 4.

Pag-IBIG yields record P64B in dividends for Filipino workers

MANILA (PIA) — Pag-IBIG Fund has declared a historic P64.34 billion in dividends for 2025, marking the highest payout in the agency's 45-year history.

The record-breaking distribution was announced

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According to City Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan, the event brought together various sectors, including city officials, barangay officials,

the TMC Women's Council, national government agencies, and different departments of the city government. The strong turnout highlighted the community's collective commitment to promoting women's empowerment.

The celebration started at City Hall, where participants marched together toward People's Park. Upon arrival, they took part in a series of activities, including the energetic Zumbabae session, the

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Banal na tungkulin...

Patuloy na nagsasagawa ng puspusang tax information campaign ang Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) sa buong bansa upang mabigyan ng wasto at sapat na kaalaman ang mga tao ukol sa mga batas na sumasaklaw sa pamuwisan, sa mga programa ng ahensya, at sa kahalagahan ng kanilang pakikiisa at pagbabayad ng tamang buwis.

Regular ang pakikipag-ugnayan ng BIR sa ibat ibang sector upang mabigyan sila, particular ang mga taxpayers, ng wastong kasalanan nang sa ganoon ay maunawaan nila ang kanilang tungkuling magbayad ng tamang buwis sa gobyerno at matulungan din sila na mapataas ang kanilang performance.

Nagsisikap ang BIR sa buong bansa upang higit na maging maayos ang implementasyon at pagpapasunod sa mga tax requirements. Sa CALABARZON, Region IV-A, ang nasabing ahensya ay nagsisikap na mapaglingkuran ang lahat sapagkat naniniwala itong dapat pangalagaan ang mga magbubuwis. Sa kabilang panig naman, dapat lagging tandan ng mga taxpayers na ang pagbabayad ng tamang sa tamang panahon ay isang BANAL NA TUNGKULIN para makatulong sa pagpapaulad ng bayan, at sa huli, ibabalik iyan ng DIYOS na siya naming tutulong sa lahat. SA DIYOS, WALANG IMPOSIBLE...



20 AEWs Undergo "OA LEVEL UP" Training to Strengthen Organic Agriculture Programs



Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of DA-ATI CALABARZON

20 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) are currently undergoing "OA LEVEL UP: Capability Building for Local Government on Organic Agriculture" to further expand their knowledge and skills in efficient and effective implementation of organic agriculture programs.

The training will specifically focus on "Women and Youth for Health, Nature, and Livelihood (5Ks)", a Communal Organic Gar-



dening and Educational Program for women and youth. The programme aims to support and strengthen the organization and capacity of women and youth, encourage their active participation in organic farming in the community, and further improve their contribu-

tion to the society. The training of Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of DA-ATI CALABARZON, formally opened with a message. G is also included in the program. Arnaldo Gonzales, DA-RFO IV-A representative; G. Gabriel Arubio,

delegate of National Organic Agriculture Board; and Dir. Bernadette San Juan of National Organic Agriculture Program, who also served as panelists.

Participants in the training are expected to complete by March 6, this year.

CALABARZON NEWS

Mendez Ipinagdiwang ang National Women's Month; Mga Bagong Kawani, Nanumpa sa Mas Mataas na Pananagutan



Mayor Cocoy Mendoza

Sa lingguhang pagtaas ng watawat nitong unang Lunes ng Marso, binigyang-diin ni Mayor Cocoy Mendoza na kasabay ng pagtaas ng watawat ay ang pag-angat din ng pagkilala sa dangal at mahalagang ambag ng kababaihan sa lipunan.

Ayon sa alkalde ng Mendez, ang kick-off celebration ng National Women's Month ay isang panawagan para sa pagkakaisa tungo

sa isang bayang may respeto, malasakit, at pantay na oportunidad para sa kababaihan.

Inisagawa rin sa programa ang panunumpa ng mga bagong na-promote na kawani bilang pagkilala sa kanilang sipag at dedikasyon sa serbisyo publiko. Kalakip nito ang kanilang panata na gampanan ang mas mataas na antas ng pananagutan at propesyonalismo sa pagtupad

DILG, PCW Move to Strengthen Bawal Bastos Law vs Digital Sexual Harassment

The Department of the Interior and Local Government, together with the Philippine Commission on Women, is pushing for amendments to Republic Act No. 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act, also known as the Bawal Bastos Law, to close existing gaps and strengthen protection against emerging forms of gender-based sexual harassment, particularly those facilitated by technology.

During the

DILG Kapihan on Friday, PCW emphasized that abuse is evolving, with many cases now occurring through digital platforms. These realities, the Commission said, require clearer and more comprehensive legal provisions. The proposed amendments aim to explicitly address technology-facilitated gender-based violence and expand coverage to groups not clearly protected under the current law, including student in-

terns and trainees.

Republic Act No. 11313 significantly expanded protection against sexual harassment by covering acts committed not only by persons in authority, but also by peers, colleagues, and strangers. It recognized that harassment can occur in public spaces, transportation systems, workplaces, schools, and online platforms.

PCW confirmed that the proposed amendments to RA 11313 have been included in the Women's Priority Legislative Agenda for the 20th and 21st Congresses, signaling

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PhilHealth GAMOT, Matagumpay na Inilunsad sa Region 4A

LUCENA CITY – Isang mahalagang bahagi ng pagpapalawak ng Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) ang GAMOT o Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment upang makumpleto ang mga serbisyo sa ilalim ng YAKAP at maseguro ang pangangalaga sa kalusugan ng bawat pamilyang Pilipino habang binabawasan ang gastusing medikal.

Pinangunahan ni DOH Seretary Ted Herbosa, kasama si PhilHealth President and CEO, Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, Quezon Governor Helen Tan at PhilHealth Regional Office IVA Acting RVP, Dr. Edwin M. Oriña ang PhilHealth GAMOT launching sa Region 4A noong Pebrero 27, 2026 sa Quezon Convention Center upang maisakatuparan ang pangako sa ilalim ng Universal Health Care.

Nagsilbing Key-

note Speaker si Secretary Herbosa sa naturang launching kung saan sinabi niya na ang naturang launching ay kaugnay sa direktiba ni President Bongbong Marcos na gawing accessible ang gamot sa lahat ng Pilipino. Ayon pa sa kanya, "no Filipino should be denied treatment due to high cost of medicines". And that the "PhilHealth GAMOT addresses this gap, ensuring that treatment is not delayed or even stopped."

Binigyang diin din ni PhilHealth President at CEO, Dr. Edwin M. Mercado na "patuloy pang pinaiigting ang sistema at implementasyon ng YAKAP at GAMOT upang bigyang prayoridad ang agarang pagpapatingin, aktibong pag-iwas sa karamdaman at walang patid na pangangalaga sa kalusugan para ang bawat Pilipino ay malayo sa sakit. Ibig sabihin, hindi na kakailanganin pang ma-ospital upang



maramdaman ang alaga ng pamahalaan."

Sa ilalim ng PhilHealth GAMOT, ang mga miyembro at kanilang mga dependent ay maaari nang makakuha ng hanggang P20,000 halaga ng outpatient medicines kada taon. Kabilang dito ang 54 na uri ng specialized medicines para sa mga kondisyon tulad ng diabetes, hypertension, at asthma. Saman-

tala, mananatili namang available ang 21 essential medicines sa ilalim ng YAKAP sa mga akreditadong YAKAP clinics sa buong bansa.

Patuloy naman ang suporta ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Quezon sa YAKAP, na ayon kay Governor Tan na kasagutan sa "Pangarap natin sa Pilipino, nasaan man sila na lugar dito sa

ating bansa, sa panahon ng pangangailangan, mayroon silang masusulingan, especially on health, anumang estado ng buhay. At ito na po yung bahagi ng katuparan ng pangarap natin ng Universal Health Care Law na kahit mahirap ka, kinakalinga ka ng Gobyerno."

Upang maipakita kung paano magagamit ng miyembro ang PhilHealth

YAKAP, nagkaroon din ng walkthrough sa proseso ng YAKAP hanggang sa dispensing ng GAMOT sa tulong ng QPHN-QMC at St. Hildegard Pharmacy.

Sa kasalukuyan, mayroong 256 YAKAP providers sa Region 4A, kung saan 187 dito ay YAKAP-ready facilities at nakapag-comply sa readiness requirements ng PhilHealth. Samantala, mayroong 129 PhilHealth GAMOT pharmacies sa rehiyon na handang mag-dispense ng gamot sa mga miyembro.

Ipinaaalala ng PhilHealth na ang pagpili ng YAKAP provider ay maaaring gawin sa eGovPH mobile app o sa alinmang PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office. Ang pagpili ng klinika ay magbibigay ng agarang access sa mga serbisyong pangkalusugan at benepisyo ng GAMOT, upang ang bawat pamilya ay manatiliing "malayo sa sakit.###"

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-024-26

-versus-

SPS. STEPHEN D. OGUILLA
AND KARLA V. OGUILLA,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtors/Mortgagors, SPS. STEPHEN D. OGUILLA AND KARLA V. OGUILLA, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Purok Pechay, Tao-angan, Brgy. Gil Montilla, Sipalay, Negros Occidental (occupied by third party) and (2) Block 05, Lot 08, Woodcress Phase 1, Brgy. Tapia, Gen. Trias, Cavite (currently occupied by Mortgagors), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 12, 2026 amounts to ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PESOS and 37/100 (Php1,917,578.37), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on MARCH 25, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
057-2022034744

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
(SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY
SAVINGS BANK, INC.)
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-013-26

-versus-

FRITZIE G. RAMOS, A.K.A FRITZIE
GONES RAMOS
Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrowers.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor, BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.), with business address at Bank of the Philippine Islands, 28/F, Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 2, Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati

Lot No. 8 Block: 5 Plan No. Pcs-04-032466
Portion of: Blk. 34, Pcs-04-032361; Lots 1896-A, 1896-C & 1896-D, Pcs-04-045819; Lots 1886 (FRS-04-006238); 1894 (FRS-04-005694), San Francisco de Malabon Estate, LRC Rec. No. 5964, Decree No. 4270
Location: Barangay of Tapia, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 SE Road Lot 19, Pcs-04-032466
2-3 SW Lot 9, Block 5, Pcs-04-032466
3-4 NW Lot 1884, SFDM Estate
4-1 NE Lot 7, Block 5, Pcs-04-032466
Area: SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on APRIL 8, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, February 27, 2026.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

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(1) Purok Pechay, Tao-angan, Brgy. Gil Montilla, Sipalay, Negros Occidental
(2) Block 05, Lot 08, Woodcress Phase 1, Brgy. Tapia, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE.

Avenue, Bel-Air, Makati City, against the Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s, FRITZIE G. RAMOS, A.K.A FRITZIE GONES RAMOS, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 041 San Juan St., Poblacion I, Tanza, Cavite; and (2) Lot 10, Blk. 65, Swan St., Grand Catalina, Antel Grand Village, Brgy. Bacao II, City of General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of JANUARY 19, 2026 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT PESOS and 89/100 (P1,715,788.89), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on MARCH 25, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
057-2018057661

Lot No.10 Block No. 65 Plan No. Pcs-04-030104
Portion of: the consolidation and subdivision of Lots 1, Blk. 61; 5, Blk. 60; 3, Blk. 59; 4, Blk. 58; 4, Blk. 57; 4, Blk. 56; 22, Blk. 53; 7-9, Blk. 5; 5 & 6, Blk. 6, all of Pcs-04-017881; 23, Blk. 66; 9 & 20, Blk. 71; (9 & 20, Blk. 70, all of Pcs-04-026735; 1567; (FRS-04-005500), 1568 (FRS-04-005505), 1569 (FRS-04-003739) & 1577 (RS-04-005100), San Francisco de Malabon Estate, LRC Record No. 5964
Location: Barangay of Bacao II, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite

ERRATUM

In the Notice of ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SHARE OF STOCK with MERALCO described as MER-0729105 # OF SHARES-1,490 the name of the deceased RICARDO GARCIA RAFAEL was erroneously omitted as published in the issues of Cavite Weekly Chronicle Publishing and Printing dated Feb. 4, 11 & 18,2026. Our Apology

CWC: March 4-10, 2026

ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SHARE OF STOCK

Notice is hereby given that there is an additional share of stock with MERALCO described as MER-0729105 # OF SHARES-1,490 left by the deceased RICARDO GARCIA RAFAEL that has been the subject of an Addendum to the Extra-Judicial Settlement of Share of Stock by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 179, Page No. 36, Book No. V, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava. Sgd. By all the heirs

CWC: Feb. 4, 11 & 18, 2026

Boundaries:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NE Lot 9, Block 65, Pcs-04-030104
2-3 SE Road Lot 69, (12.00 m wide) Pcs-04-030104
3-4 SW Lot 11, Block 65, Pcs-04-030104
4-5 NW Lot 10, Block 54, Pcs-04-030104
5-1 NW Lot 9, Block 54, Pcs-04-030104
Area: ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on April 8, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, February 27, 2026.

ANDRES B. ESPINA
Sheriff IV

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Pag-IBIG...page1

nounced Friday during the Chairman's Report at the Philippine International Convention Center, highlighting a dividend rate of 6.62% for Regular Savings and 7.12% for the Modified Pag-IBIG 2 (MP2) Savings.

The move aligns with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s "Bagong Pilipinas" vision of economic upliftment, ensuring that the financial gains of government institutions are felt directly by Filipino laborers.

"This past year, we reaffirmed Pag-IBIG Fund's role as the country's leading institution for housing finance and savings," said Jose Ramon P. Aliling, Secretary of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD).

Aliling, who chairs the Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, emphasized that the 98.6% payout ratio far exceeds the 70% minimum required by law.

He noted that the agency's strong performance supports the administration's Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program by keeping housing loans affordable while maximizing member returns.

The 2025 performance was bolstered by a net income of P65.28 billion, driven by record-high membership savings collections of P160.41 billion and robust investment earnings.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta said the fund's growth allows for a unique balance of high returns and social service. In 2025, the agency released a record P140.54 billion in housing loans, benefiting 90,727 families.

"When Pag-IBIG performs well, our members benefit the most," Acosta said. "Our members deserve nothing less than the highest level of public service and the most responsible management of their hard-earned savings."

Members can expect dividend credits to reflect in their accounts in the coming days. The agency encouraged contributors to check their updated balances through the Virtual Pag-IBIG platform. (JCO/PIA-NCR)

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passers
P10,000 – Iba pang board passers (Engineer, LPT, atbp.)

Requirements:
Certificate of Residency mula sa Barangay
Original o Certified True Copy ng Examination Result
Valid ID ng passer

Maaaring magsumite ng aplikasyon sa loob ng anim (6) na buwan mula sa paglabas ng resulta sa Office of the City Mayor. Layunin ng programa na kilalanin at suportahan ang tagumpay ng mga kabataang Tagaytay.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ADELAIDA ARAGON-PASCUAL BY THE SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased ADELAIDA ARAGON-PASCUAL consisting of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. 057-T-12867 situated at Bo. San Nicolas, Bacoor, Cavite has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement executed by the sole heir FAUSTINO E. PASCUAL as per Doc. No. 311, Page No. 63, Book No. I, Series of 2026 of Notary Public Atty. Daniel Q. Lacuata. Sgd. By the sole heir

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formed, at confident sa kanilang tax responsibilities (It is our goal to guide taxpayers so they become properly educated, well-informed, and confident in dealing with their tax responsibilities)," he said.

"I have to ensure that, in this region that stands as one of the strongest industrial and production corridors of the Philippines attracting Filipino enterprises, multinational corporations, and key industries driving national output our tax administration upholds standards that are

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on teachers, and embed structured recovery blocks, while maintaining the current curriculum and total number of school days.

Aquino said the

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focus agenda, particularly in strengthening campaigns against crime and terrorism while enhancing public safety through prevention and community-based initiatives.

Among the key initiatives is the Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay program, which deploys dedicated police officers in every barangay to enhance police visibility and ensure faster response to incidents.

The program promotes proactive policing by strengthening coordination between police officers, barangay officials, barangay tanods, and community members to prevent crimes before they occur. Through community familiarization, officers are able to identify potential problem areas and implement focused interventions.

"Our stance must always be proactive. If the community sees that police are always present and alert, it discourages criminal activity. Prevention is always our priority."

To address cases involving women and children, PRO CALABARZON is implementing Project LAKAS (Labanan, Aksyunan, Kausapin ang buong pamilya, Abu-

clear, consistent, professional, and anchored in integrity."

During the launch, Mendoza also outlined the BIR's digital transformation initiatives to make tax compliance easier and more transparent, including a Digital Interactive Tax Calendar, QR code verification tools, and the planned rollout of an integrated Taxpayer Portal, where individuals and businesses can access their registration, filing and payment records in one place.

review would determine readiness for implementation and whether the shift would support literacy recovery and overall learning continuity. source: (PNA)

sadong Rapist Sama-samang pigilin).

The program involves house-to-house information drives conducted by police officers, including Women and Children Protection Desk Officers, in coordination with barangay counterparts.

Through Project LAKAS, police educate families on rape prevention, proper case reporting, and ways communities can support investigation and prosecution of offenders. Martirez said the program adopts a holistic approach that covers prevention, reporting, and prosecution support.

Another initiative is the Upland Ronda CALABARZON, which strengthens patrol operations in upland and high-risk areas and is supported by neighborhood watch programs.

"We continue to strengthen patrol operations and community watch systems to prevent crimes, reduce public safety incidents, and ensure safer roads and communities," she said.

At present, authorities consider the overall peace and order situation in the region generally peaceful based on comparative crime data.

He also cited the BIR's audit and enforcement reforms meant to protect compliant businesses, citing tighter action against illicit vape products and the continued filing of cases under the Run After Tax Evaders program.

The South Lu-

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renewed urgency to update the landmark law enacted in 2019. The Commission underscored the need for Congress to prioritize measures that respond to present-day threats faced by women and girls.

Alongside legislative reforms, PCW also recommended that any dedicated Bawal Bastos Awareness Month be observed in April instead of March, to align with the enactment of RA 11313 on April 17, 2019.

The DILG stressed that strengthening the Safe Spaces Act is part of the government's broader commitment to gender equality and inclusive governance. By updating the law to reflect current realities, the government aims to ensure that protection against sexual harassment remains effective, enforceable, and accessible in every space, whether physical or digital.

police are always present and accessible, even before incidents occur.

PRO CALABARZON underscored that crime prevention is a shared responsibility that requires active participation from families, barangays, local government units, and the community.

"Peace and order is not the responsibility of the police alone. We need the cooperation of the entire community to sustain safe and secure communities."

Through continuous information campaigns, enhanced police visibility, and strengthened partnerships, the PNP aims to sustain peace and order in the region and across the country. (CCM/PIA CALABARZON)

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awarding of outstanding Treceño women, and an inspiring message emphasizing equality, empowerment, and the vital role of women in community development.

The event served as a reminder that supporting and celebrating women should extend beyond Women's Month. By fostering inclusive participation and equal opportunities, Trece Martires continues to work toward building a more progressive and inclusive city for all.

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Free Derma Mission para sa mga Kababaihan, Isasagawa a Carmona sa Marso 10

Sa pangunguna ng Pagamutang Bayan ng Carmona, ay magsasagawa ng Free Derma Mission sa MARCH 10, 2026, TUESDAY, 8:00 AM - 12:00 NN sa nasabing tanggapan. Dito ay magsasagawa ng libreng consultation

ang Group of Dermatologists mula sa Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) para sa mga pasyente sa City of Carmona na may karam-daman sa balat.

Ang programang ito ay eksklusibong inilaan para sa mga kaba-

baihan bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month.

Para sa kat-anungan sa nasabing Derma Mission, hanapin lamang sina Ms. Ruffa C. Labita o si Ms. Alexis Magdasoc at tumawag sa (046) 430-1644.

CASH INCENTIVES PARA SA MGA BOARD PASSER SA TAGAYTAY, APRUBADO NI MAYOR BRENT

Nilagdaan ni Mayor Brent Tolentino kamakailan ang Executive Order No. 529 (Series of 2026) na nagbibigay ng cash incentives sa mga residen-

te ng Tagaytay na pumasa sa Bar at iba pang Board Examinations.

Cash Incentives: ₱20,000 – Bar at Physician Licensure Exam

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Mayor Brent Tolentino



Sen. Bam Aquino

SENATE REVIEWS DEPED PLAN TO SHIFT TO 3-TERM SCHOOL YEAR

MANILA – The Senate on Tuesday looked into the Department of Education's (DepEd) proposal to shift the basic education calendar from quarterly to a three-term structure beginning School Year 2026-2027, amid concerns over declining literacy and student proficiency.

Sen. Bam Aquino, chair of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, said the inquiry aims to assess whether the structural reform would help address learning gaps and improve proficiency outcomes.

He cited the latest EDCOM II report showing that proficiency drops from 30.5 percent in Grade 3 to less than 1 percent by Grade 12, with only four out of every 1,000 senior high school graduates considered proficient.

“Sa bawat taon na naantala ang mga interbensyong ito, mayroong isang buong heneryasyon na posibleng hindi makakamit ang oportunidad na iangat ang buhay nila at ng kanilang pamilya (For every year that these interventions are delayed, an entire generation may lose the opportunity to uplift their lives and those of their families),” Aquino said.

DepEd Learning Systems Bureau Assistant Secretary Jerome Buenviaje told the panel

that the proposed rollout remains subject to consultation.

“The proposal [to implement] is [School Year] 2026-2027 but we are finishing the consultations. Kung ano po ang kalalabasan ng konsultasyon (Whatever the outcome of the consultations), we will have the decision,” Buenviaje said.

The proposed three-term model seeks to lengthen uninterrupted instructional time, reduce administrative pressure

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BIR launches South Luzon tax campaign

MANILA – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) launched on Friday the South Luzon leg of its 2026 Regional Tax Campaign as part of the agency's efforts to improve tax compliance ahead of the April filing season.

The event, held at the Jose Rizal Coliseum in Calamba City, La-

guna, gathered officials and employees from Cavite, Batangas, Mindoro, and Romblon, Laguna, Quezon, and Marinduque, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon.

“Comply correctly. File on time. Pay what is due,” BIR Commissioner Charlito Men-

doza said in his keynote speech.

Mendoza said the campaign aims to help taxpayers better understand their obligations and navigate compliance requirements.

“Layunin natin gabayan ang mga taxpayers na maging properly educated, well-in-

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