



Some areas in Cavite to experience water interruptions this week

In Imus City, Cavite, Luma areas, Bukandala, numerous barangays Carsadang Bago, including Alapan, Malagasang, Medicion, Anabu clusters, Bayan

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Higher fuel costs result in lower fish catch for Cavite fisherfolk



Fisherfolk in Cavite are struggling with reduced catches as rising fuel costs limit how far they can travel at sea.

The fishermen said they can only sail up to three kilometers from shore, which results in minimal catch. He noted that fuel expenses often equal his earnings, leaving little for basic needs like food.

A fisherman reported returning from short trips with only a few crabs and fish, warning that continued fuel hikes could threaten their livelihood and food security.

Some fisherfolk have shifted to alternative jobs such as tricycle driving and construction work. Out of 10,000 members of a fisherfolk organization, about 5,000 have already stopped going to sea. Many are also selling their boats due to lack of income. Leaders of the group said transport costs have risen significantly, making operations unsustainable.

Fisherfolk groups continue to appeal for government assistance from the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Officials from the fisheries bureau said the country still has sufficient fish supply and that aid programs are ongoing, with priority given to residents of fifth-class municipalities. More than 10,000 fisherfolk have already received fuel subsidies this year. Additional funding

has been allocated to support thousands

of future inclusion, but many in areas like Cavite remain outside priority for assistance as they struggle with rising costs.

2,994 held for violating 'Safer Cities' anti-crime drive in Calabarzon

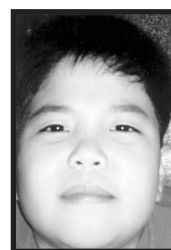
Authorities in Calabarzon recorded a total of 2,994 individuals apprehended for violating the "Safer Cities" anti-crime campaign, rising from 1,225 previously reported. Others were caught drinking and smoking in public areas, while some were found shirtless or using videoke beyond permitted hours.

The operation was carried out from 10 p.m. to midnight 1,769 more across Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon provinces.

Despite assurances

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DOE supports private E-Bus program to reduce fuel dependence

The Department of Energy has backed a private sector initiative that deploys electric buses nationwide as part of efforts to reduce fuel dependence and stabilize transport costs.

The program aims to shield commuters from rising fares caused by global oil price increases linked to geopolitical tensions.

Officials said the initiative supports the country's long-term electric vehicle roadmap and policies promoting cleaner transportation.

The DOE said electric vehicle adoption continues to rise, reaching over 60,000 registered units in

2025, more than double the previous year. The country now has hundreds of EV models, charging providers, and thousands of charging stations nationwide.

The agency is also working on policies to require charging stations in key establishments and improve integration into power planning systems.

Incentives such as tax breaks and import duty exemptions remain in place to encourage EV use.

Officials said the goal is to make transportation more sustainable while protecting consumers from fuel price volatility.

PEZA projects drop 22 percent in first quarter as investment climate weakens

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority is considering lowering its full-year investment target after recording a 22 percent decline in approved projects in the first quarter of the year.

From January to March, PEZA approved P45.53 billion in investments, down from P58.95 billion in the same period last year.

Despite the decline in value, the number of

approved projects rose to 78 from 66, covering new and expansion activities expected to generate export earnings and thousands of jobs.

Most investments went into manufacturing, followed by ecozone development, IT and business process services, and facilities projects.

Foreign investors from countries including South Korea, Indonesia,

Taiwan, Japan, and the British Virgin Islands led the commitments.

Officials said investor confidence remains stable despite global uncertainty caused by rising energy costs and geopolitical tensions.

However, March saw a sharp drop in approvals to P10.16 billion compared to February's P22.51 billion, reflecting the impact of the ongoing Middle East conflict.

PEZA leadership said they remain confident in meeting targets, though adjustments may be necessary if global tensions persist.

They noted that past crises have also affected investment sentiment but the country has historically recovered.

Authorities said the Philippines remains competitive due to strong fundamentals and continued reform efforts.

Fuel may no longer drop back to P60 per liter, says energy chief

Energy officials warned that fuel prices may no longer return to around P60 per liter due to lasting effects of conflict in the Middle East.

The Energy Secretary said oil facilities damaged in the ongoing conflict will take time to repair, which continues to affect global supply.

She added that if the conflict had been short, prices would have gone down, but structural damage has already affected production capacity.

She noted that while fuel prices may eventually decline, the pace of reduction will likely be slow and not comparable to the rapid increases seen recently.

Fuel prices have already risen since late February due to tensions involving Iran and disruptions in key supply routes such as the Strait of Hormuz.

Some fuel products in the Philippines are now priced significantly higher, reaching around P130 per liter.

BSP to maintain policy vigilance after S&P outlook revision

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said it will continue monitoring economic developments following S&P Global Ratings' decision to revise the country's outlook to stable from positive.

The central bank said it remains focused on ensuring price stability and financial system resilience amid global uncertainties.

S&P affirmed the Philippines' investment grade rating but lowered its outlook due

to external risks including geopolitical tensions.

Officials noted that the country's foreign reserves remain strong, providing a buffer against external shocks. They also highlighted stable inflation management and a resilient banking sector as key strengths.

The BSP said it will continue using available policy tools to respond to economic developments as needed.

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

UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
 Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-013
 FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of
 Real Estate Mortgage [Under Act No.
 3135, as amended]

-versus-

PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO,
 Mortgagor,

-and-

AMPLIFY MULTIMEDIA PROD INC.,
 Borrower/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by *Mortgagee*, **UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Philippines, with principal office address at the UnionBank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on May 30, 2017 by *Mortgagor*, **PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO**, widow, of legal age, Filipino, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 126 P. Sofia Bellevue Capitol Hills, Quezon City and (2) Lot 28 Block 9, Foggy Heights Village, Barangay Maitim (now Barangay San Jose), Tagaytay City Province of Cavite, to secure the loan obligation of **AMPLIFY MULTIMEDIA PROD INC.**, as the *Borrower/s*, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippine with residence and postal addresses at (1) 126 P. Sofia Bellevue Capitol Hills, Quezon City and (2) 15 A Strata, 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013001563** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtor/Mortgagor in the amount of **SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN PESOS AND 02/100 (Php7,716,247.02)** inclusive of accrued interest, as of January 12, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Ryan M. Genova, will sell at public auction on **May 14, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City**, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013001563
 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF MAITIM, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLOCK 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN (LRC) PCS-17138, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT B, LRC PCS-13118 AND LOTS 2, 3 AND 4, PSU-105196, LRC REC. NOS. 4 AND 5), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF MAITIM, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., POINTS 6 TO 1 BY LOT 29; ON THE SE., POINTS 1 TO 2 BY LOT (ALLEY), BOTH OF BLOCK 9; ON THE SW., POINTS 2 TO 5 BY ROAD LOT 10; AND ON THE NW., POINTS 5 TO 6 BY LOT 30, BLOCK 9, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 38 DEG. 58'E., 6918.48 M. FROM BLLM 2, MP OF AMADEO, CAVITE; THENCE S. 79 DEG. 21'W., 19.94 M. TO POINT 2, THENCE N. 44 DEG. 24'W., 2.74 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 21 DEG. 54'W., 2.74 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 10 DEG. 39' W., 8.22 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 79 DEG. 21'E., 22.00 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE S. 10 DEG. 39'E, 13.20 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (287) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CM.; BEARINGS TRUE; 0 DEG. 54'E; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, MAY 23, 1938 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY, EXECUTED BY RESTITUTO U. BAUTISTA, GEODETIC ENGINEER, ON JULY 20-24, 1973.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO, WIDOW, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
 Address: 126 P. SOFIA BELLEVUE CAPITOL HILLS, QUEZON CITY"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 21, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013001563**, the

encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, March 24, 2026.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**
 Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) **RYAN M. GENOVA**
 Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:

IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW

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UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
Mortgagee
 UnionBank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila

PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO
Mortgagor
 (1) 126 P. Sofia Bellevue Capitol Hills, Quezon City
 (2) Lot 28 Block 9, Foggy Heights Village, Barangay Maitim (now Barangay San Jose), Tagaytay City Province of Cavite

AMPLIFY MULTIMEDIA PROD INC.
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 (2) 15 A Strata, 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City

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Philippines moves to export mangoes, pineapples to United States

The Philippine government is working to expand agricultural exports by preparing mangoes and pineapples for shipment to the United States.

Officials said discussions are ongoing with US authorities to ensure that pineapple exports comply with updated plant health and safety standards. Pineapple shipments to the US were previously allowed but must now meet revised inspection and treatment requirements. These include pre-shipment inspections and irradiation procedures to ensure produce safety and prevent pests or diseases. Both countries have been working together to improve

trade cooperation and strengthen agricultural market access. Stakeholders from the mango and pineapple sectors also took part in consultations with US and Philippine plant health officials. The discussions focused on export requirements, technical standards, and ways to facilitate smoother trade. Recent data showed Philippine agricultural exports to the US declined slightly in January, while imports from the US also dropped.

Authorities said continued collaboration is aimed at improving competitiveness and expanding market opportunities for local farmers.

ADB lowers 2026 Philippines growth forecast to 4.4 percent

The Asian Development Bank has reduced its growth forecast for the Philippine economy this year due to uncertainties linked to global tensions, particularly the Middle East conflict.

It also raised its inflation forecast for 2026 to 4 percent from 3 percent due to higher global commodity prices. For 2027, inflation is expected to ease to 3.5 percent.

Officials said rising fuel costs and external risks remain major challenges for the Philippine economy, especially given its dependence on imported energy. They added that prolonged conflict could affect remittances, investments, and household spending, particularly since the Middle East accounts for more than 17 percent of overseas remittances.

The ADB also cited weather disruptions and delays in government projects as additional risks to growth. It stressed the need for reforms to improve workforce skills, investment efficiency, and the business environment to strengthen long-term resilience.

Officials said the forecast assumes that the Middle East conflict will be short-lived, lasting about two months or less. If realized, the projection would match last year's growth but fall short of the government's 5 to 6 percent target.

For next year, growth is expected to reach 5.5 percent, at the lower end of the government's target range. The ADB said domestic demand and investment will support growth, helped by earlier interest rate cuts, but these gains may be weakened by inflation and uncertainty.

Officials also noted uncertainty in the bank's lending program as the government reviews its borrowing plans. The ADB said it is prepared to support the Philippines in managing the impact of external shocks.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-2070-26
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

-versus-

JOHN PAUL C. BAYTAN,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against the respondent/mortgagor **JOHN PAUL C. BAYTAN** with postal addresses at Block 11 Lot 24 Villa Elena Subd., Langkaan 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Block 06 Lot 11 Camella Dasma 2 at the Islands, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 27 February 2026 amounts to **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS & 28/100 (Php1,753,970.28)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 21, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for **CASH** or **CERTIFIED CHECK**, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 057-2018012458

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 11 BLOCK NO: 6 PLAN NO: PCS-04-027972
PORTION OF: THE CONS. OF LOT 6161-NEW, FLS 2143-D (RS-04-005353) & LOT 6349-K, FLS-2006 (IDEN. TO LOT 6971, IMUS ESTATE); LRC RECORD NO. 8843

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: JOHN PAUL CORTEZ BAYTAN, SINGLE, FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9	NE, SE	ROAD 29, PCS-04- 027972
9-10	SW	LOT 10, BLOCK 6, PCS- 04-027972
10-1	NW	LOT 12, BLOCK 6, PCS- 04-027972

TIE POINT: MON NO. 163, IMUS ESTATE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 15° 10' W	1918.76 M.
1-2	S. 78° 59' E	2.20 M.
2-3	S. 67° 55' E	2.21 M.
3-4	S. 58° 56' E	2.21 M.
4-5	S. 47° 52' E	2.20 M.
5-6	S. 34° 23' E	1.54 M.
6-7	S. 12° 15' E	1.54 M.
7-8	S. 09° 54' W	1.54 M.
8-9	S. 20° 58' W	7.11 M.
9-10	N. 69° 02' W	11.00 M.
10-1	N. 20° 58' E	11.62 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (124) SQ. M.

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

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the 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 **June 04, 2026**, at the same time and place without further notice.

10 April 2026, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(Sgd.) **RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.**
Sheriff IV

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

Copy furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12
ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City.

JOHN PAUL C. BAYTAN
Block 11 Lot 24 Villa Elena Subd., Langkaan 1, Dasmariñas City,
Cavite and
Block 06 Lot 11 Camella Dasma 2 at the Islands, Brgy. Salawag,
Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Notice posted at:
1.The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court, Dasmariñas City, Cavite
2.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
3.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
4.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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Philippines pushes expanded ASEAN crisis financing

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas is advocating for stronger regional financial safety nets as rising oil prices driven by geopolitical tensions threaten ASEAN economies.

As ASEAN chair this year, the Philippines is pushing to expand the Chiang Mai Initiative, a regional system that provides emergency liquidity support through pooled reserves and currency swap arrangements.

Officials said discussions are underway to increase the size of these financial safety nets to strengthen regional resilience during crises.

While these mechanisms are intended as precautionary measures, authorities emphasized that they are not expected to be frequently used.

The BSP also highlighted efforts to deepen ASEAN capital markets through cross-border investments, equity listings, and improved access to corporate bonds. Plans include mutual recognition of credit ratings to widen investment opportunities and support domestic financial growth.

The central bank also promotes open finance to help ordinary citizens access investment opportunities through digital platforms.

Officials noted a significant gap between more developed and emerging ASEAN markets, including differences in stock market size relative to GDP.

The Philippines aims to narrow these disparities and achieve greater financial integration across the region.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ONE ARIEL PAKINGAN NATO WITH LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR NO. 11

ARIEL PAKINGAN NATO
Petitioner,

SP CASE NO. 2011-26

-versus-

THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

Respondent.

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ORDER

A verified petition has been filed by the petitioner, praying for the correction of the year of his birth as stated in his birth certificate on file with the Local Civil Registrar of Imus City, Cavite, from 'Aug. 8' to 'Aug. 8, 1964.'

Let the hearing of this petition be set on **August 6, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning**, before this court, on which date, hour and place, interested parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be endorsed to the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Multiple Sala, Imus, Cavite, for raffle among the accredited newspaper for the same to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the scheduled date of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation here in the Province of Cavite at the expense of the petitioner.

Send copies of this Order, together with copies of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Imus City, Cavite, Philippine Statistics Authority, and Office of the City Prosecutor.

Send a copy of this Order to petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

City of Imus, Cavite, March 13, 2026.

(Sgd.) **BARBRA S. EDORIA-GATCHALIAN**
Presiding Judge

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BSP allows delayed debt payments and relief measures amid energy crisis

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas approved regulatory relief measures to assist borrowers affected by the ongoing fuel crisis linked to tensions in the Middle East.

In a statement, the central bank said Monetary Board Resolution 296 was issued following the declaration of a State of National Energy Emergency.

The BSP said financial institutions must apply these measures carefully and ensure that only borrowers directly affected by the crisis benefit from the relief.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MIYONDAS P. MACATANONG** who died intestate on May 22, 2018 at Quiapo, Manila and whose residence at the time of his death was at Norzagaray St., Quiapo, Manila, consisting of a parcel of land together with the improvements existing therein located at Blk. 25 Lot 15 Datu Esmael, Bagong Bayan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite with an area of Seventy Seven (77) Square Meters which the deceased acquired on December 20, 2012 from Elizabeth L. Gapio and Samuel T. Gapio notarized before Notary Public Atty. Henry F. Berin and entered into his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 196; Page No. 44; Book No. XXII; Series of 2012 has been self-adjudicated by her sole heir **SHAHIBAH CASTRODES MACATANONG**; that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php150,000.00), Philippine Currency, she does hereby SELL, TRANSFER AND CONVEY all her rights, interest and participation over the aforesaid lot together with the improvements existing therein in favor of **GENELYN CABAÑING GORDORA**, her heirs, assigns and successors-in-interest free from all liens and encumbrances on July 25, 2018 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Miriam S. Clorina and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 17; Page No. 4; Book No. 280; Series of 2018.

(Sgd.) **Affiant/Vendor and Vendee**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **AMELIA AUREO** who died intestate on March 13, 2026 in City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a lawn lot situated at Providence Memorial Lot specifically designated as RL-2A-L22-C-Reg. has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among her heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest and participation in the above lawn lot in favor of **ABIGAIL FAYE AUREO FELDRIHAN** on March 16, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 413; Page No. 83; Book No. 171; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Transferors and Heir/Transferee**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **GILBERT P. AMADOR** who died intestate on August 20, 2012 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a property (house and lot) situated at Blk. 25, Lot 7, Area A-1 (Brgy. Sto. Niño 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150 sq.m.) square meters, by virtue of Deed of Sale with Transfer of Rights executed by the allocatee owner Inocencio Blanco Sr. and his wife Concepcion Blanco dated 16 May 2005, notarized before notary public Atty. Tomas P. Dulay, Jr. entered and registered in his notarial register as Doc. No. 300; Page No. 60; Book No. 7; Series of 2005 has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among his true lawful heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest, and participation in the said parcel of land including improvements erected therein in favor of **BERLYN B. AMADOR** and **MICHAEL JOHN B. AMADOR** and **MARK JOSEPH B. AMADOR** on March 30, 2026 at Dasmariñas City, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 496; Page No. 100; Book No. 171; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Transferors/Heirs and Transferees/Heirs**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SPS. PETRONILO L. TORRES AND GERTRUDIS DIOSOMITO TORRES AND WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **PETRONILO L. TORRES** married to **GERTRUDIS DIOSOMITO TORRES** who both died intestate on April 21, 1984 and on May 29, 1999 both at the Philippine Heart Center, Quezon City, respectively, consisting of several number of shares of stock of Ayala Corporation described hereunder as follows:

Date Issued	Stock Cert. No.	Number of Shares	Par Value
May 30, 2005	8238	9,693	P 484,650
June 18, 2007	63859	1,938	96,900
May 21, 2008	71594	2,326	116,300
July 29, 2011	80296	2,791	139,550
		16,748	P 837,400

That, on May 30, 2005, the total shareholding of **PETRONILO L. TORRES** totaling 484,665 was subjected to a declaration of stock split of 50:1, thus, his new number of shares was 9,693, covered by stock certificate #8238. Subsequently, three (3) more stock dividends of 20% each were declared making his total shares to 16,748.

That, all the above stock certificates are still in the possession of the Ayala Corporation's Stock Transfer Service, Inc.

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs in equal shares;

That, they, **ALEJANDRO D. TORRES**, married to Elizabeth Bautista-Torres, **CARIDAD TORRES-ALAMAN**, married to Alex U. Alaman, **CONSTANCIA TORRES- CASTRO**, married to Oscar M. Castro, **CRESENCIA TORRES-BALAUAG**, married to Proceso P. Balauag, Jr., and **SEVERINO D. TORRES**, married to Ronna Alegre-Torres, have **NAMED, CONSTITUTED, and APPOINTED**, and by these presents do hereby named, constituted, and appointed **PRESCILA TORRES-BAYLOSIS**, married to Reynaldo A. Baylosis and/or **NICASIO D. TORRES**, married to Julieta Bautista-Torresas their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact for them and in their name, place and steads, to perform the following acts and deed relative to the shares of stocks mentioned above:

1. To transact, negotiate, conclude, and enter into/ execute/ sign any contract, agreement, deed and other related documents in disposition of the above-named shares of stocks totaling 16,748;
2. To accept/ receive payment in our behalf specially checks issued by interested buyer/s representing cash/ installment payments for the sale of the aforementioned shares of stocks.
3. To endorse or encash the said checks.
4. To sign and execute all papers or instruments necessary in furtherance of these powers

on March 31, 2026 at Naic, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Jose A. Mendoza and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 418; Page No. 85; Book No. XXXIII; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **All Heirs with conformity of spouses**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF MONTANO REYES BARISO and LIGAYA PASCUAL-SASIS BARISO with WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES MONTANO REYES BARISO and LIGAYA PASCUAL-SASIS BARISO** who both died intestate on September 20, 2020 and on June 18, 2021 both at Imus City, Cavite, respectively, consisting of a parcel of land with improvement (house and lot), situated in the barrio ALAPAN, Municipality of IMUS, Prov. of CAVITE, Island of LUZON, covered by TCT No. T-580520 in the name of **MONTANO R. BARISO**, of legal age, Filipino, married to **LIGAYA P. BARISO**, containing an area of FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their surviving heirs with waiver of rights, interest and participation in the above-described real property (house and lot) in favor of **ARVIN JOSHUA S. BARISO** on April 6, 2026 at Imus City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. James M. Licayu and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 338; Page No. 69; Book No. LXXX; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Affiants**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ANSELMO C. GIRON

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANSELMO C. GIRON** married to **MARIGIL I. GIRON** who died intestate on December 7, 2025 at Medical Center Imus, Imus Diversion Road, Palico IV, Imus City, Cavite, consisting of a certain parcel of land with improvements which he is the registered owner, situated in the Barrio of Molino, City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1191658, containing an area of NINETY NINE (99) SQUARE METERS has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and between his heirs on April 6, 2026 at Bacoor City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Oliver P. Agustin and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 236; Page No. 49; Book No. 2; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Both Heirs**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE SPS. RODOLFO C. ENCINA AND LUCILA P. ENCINA

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **RODOLFO C. ENCINA** and **LUCILA P. ENCINA**, who both died intestate on December 17, 2015 at General Trias, Cavite, and on September 26, 2024 at City of General Trias, Cavite, respectively, consisting of a parcel of land including the improvement existing thereon the deceased owned in his lifetime, situated in the Bo. of Langcaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite with an area of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE (273) SQUARE METERS, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-337917 has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs equally on October 10, 2024 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, before Notary Public Atty. Reina M. Villa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 364; Page No. 73; Book No. 417; Series of 2024.

(Sgd.) **All Heirs**

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that **SPS. EDGARDO T. MEDRANO** and **EVELYN V. MEDRANO**, both of legal age, Filipinos, and with residence at Blk. 26 Lot 4 Malipuyo Street, Mt. Malarayat Residential Estate, Lipa City, Batangas, have executed an Affidavit of Loss, do hereby state and depose:

1. That sometime on June 1998, they bought a real property (fairway lot) at Eagle Ridge Golf & Country Club, General Trias City, Cavite, and it came with ONE (1) CLASS A SHARE of stock of the same club;
2. That after full payment on May 3, 1999, they were issued Stock Certificate No. 1294 representing their share and kept the same in their home;
3. That sometime in March 2026, the said certificate was missing in their home and despite diligent efforts to locate it, the same proved to be futile and is now considered lost for all legal intents and purposes;
4. That the Stock Certificate has not been sold, pledged, mortgaged, or in any way delivered to any person or entity in lieu of any obligation or to vest ownership to another;
5. That they are executing this affidavit to attest to the truth of the foregoing statements and to report such loss of the Stock Certificate No. 1294 to the Eagle Ridge Golf & Country Club and to request the same for the issuance of a new Stock Certificate in lieu of the lost one;
6. That they further commit to surrender the lost certificate to the Club if found and to hold the Club free and harmless from any liability or claim that may arise from the issuance of the new certificate

on April 7, 2026 at Carmona, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Marco Paulo E. Taruc and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 33; Page No. 7; Book No. III; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Both Affiants**

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Metro Pacific's mWell attracts strong investor interest

Metro Pacific interest in the platform Investments Corp. even during earlier said its digital health discussions involving platform mWell is Metro Pacific drawing strong interest Health. from both local and Some potential foreign investors. investors are Company officials evaluating mWell as said several investors a standalone digital have expressed health investment due

to its growing presence on improving and in telemedicine integrating its services. healthcare platforms, The company including combining said discussions are mWell with ongoing but no formal KonsultaMD. agreements have been The goal is to finalized yet. streamline operations, Metro Pacific is reduce costs, and currently focusing create a unified system

for both doctors and markets. patients. Officials said mWell The integration aims to help address process has been gaps in healthcare accelerated to about access, especially in a year and a half, areas with limited faster than originally medical services. planned. The platform is The company is also nearing profitability, exploring partnerships with expectations with foreign groups of breaking even in interested in adapting the near term after the platform for other integration efforts.

AUCTION SALE

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Head Office

Stall No.5, Pasillo G, Imus Public Market Tanzang Luma, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Trece Martirez City Branch

213 San Agustin St., Trece Martirez City (4109) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Gen. Trias Branch

Block 43-A, Lot 4C, Brookside Lane, San Francisco Gen. Trias, Cavite (4107) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Salawag Branch

Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite (4114) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Bayan Luma Branch

L 2, B 2 Dona Dionisia Subd., Bayan Luma II, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Imus Public Market Branch

Stall #14 & #16 Bakery Section, Imus Public Market Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Palico IV Branch

Palico IV, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Silang Branch

#007 Madlangasacay Street, Silang Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Golden City Branch

In Front of Golden City 3, 4, & 5 gate, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.- Area G Branch

B61 L 3, Area G-2, Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite (4114) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Alapan Branch

Unit D, Lot 1-E, Alapan 1-A, Imus City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Marycris Branch

Ph. 1 B57 Lot 7, Marycris Complex, Gen. Trias Cavite (4107) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Buhay na Tubig Branch

106 Buhay na Tubig, Imus City, Cavite (4103) April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bacoor Branch

Unit D, Navarrete Compound Aguinaldo Hi-way 17 Panapaan, Bacoor City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bayanan Branch

678 Terminal Express Stall #4 Bldg. D, Molino, Blvd. cor. Brgy. Mambog IV Rd. Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Manggahan Branch

343 Crisanto St. Manggahan, Gen. Trias, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Puregold Branch

Puregold Aguinaldo Hiway, Anabu Coastal, Imus City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bucandala Branch

Brgy. Bucandala, Imus City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Citihomes Branch

B15 L38 Citihomes Resortville, Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Malagasang Branch

104 Malagasang 1-C, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on April 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of November 2025.

Julio R. Peña - Auctioneer

Philippines boosts fuel buffer with new Malaysia diesel shipment

The Department of Energy has confirmed the arrival of a second government-secured diesel shipment from Malaysia as part of efforts to build a 900,000-barrel fuel reserve for April. The shipment contains 329,000 barrels of diesel, equivalent to about 52.311 million liters, and forms part of the government's Emergency Energy Security Program aimed at strengthening supply amid continued global oil market instability linked to tensions in the Middle East. Through the state-run Philippine National Oil Co.-Exploration Corp., the government has arranged staggered diesel deliveries to help ensure stable domestic fuel availability during periods of external uncertainty. This latest arrival follows an earlier shipment from Japan totaling 142,000 barrels, or 22.578 million liters, which arrived on March 26. Officials said these deliveries reflect coordinated government efforts to turn supply planning into actual fuel inflows that support national energy needs. With the new coordination with Malaysian shipment, authorities said the country's fuel buffer is being reinforced as global markets remain exposed to geopolitical risks. Energy officials said the arrival demonstrates ongoing efforts to stay ahead of possible supply disruptions and maintain fuel availability. They added that the government is continuing coordination with industry stakeholders to monitor fuel stocks and prevent shortages that could affect transport, logistics, and power generation.

Puregold allocates P8.8 billion for expansion in 2026

Retail company Puregold Price Club Inc. plans to spend P8.8 billion this year to expand its store network and support continued business growth. Of the total budget, P2.2 billion will be used to open 30 Puregold stores and 30 Puremart branches. Another P2.8 billion is allocated for three S&R warehouse outlets and 10 quick service restaurants. The company will also spend P800 million for logistics improvements nationwide, including Puregold branches, warehouse clubs, and food outlets. The company aims to grow revenues by 5 to 7 percent this year, after posting a 10.6 percent increase in the previous year. Net income also rose by 8.8 percent last year, supported by stronger sales and improved profit margins.

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Under the new policy, firms may implement up to 90 percent work-from-home setups, while investment agencies may set lower limits depending on operations. Companies will still retain their tax incentives despite the flexible work arrangements. Officials said the measure is meant to help businesses continue operating smoothly while addressing power supply challenges. The policy is supported by provisions under the CREATE MORE law, which allows Non-compliance with work requirements may lead to penalties, including standard income tax imposition on excess remote work. Companies are required to submit reports, asset inventories, and approvals for will remain effective for one year unless extended or lifted under the declared energy emergency. Officials said the goal is to balance business flexibility with accountability and government revenue protection.

FIRB allows up to 90 percent work from home for ecozone firms amid energy emergency

The Fiscal Incentives Review Board has approved temporary work-from-home arrangements for ecozone companies as

RE projects lead P6.43 trillion green lane list

The Board of Investments has reported that it has approved more than P6 trillion worth of projects for faster permit processing, while also reviewing its investment targets due to the ongoing Middle East conflict.

From February 2023 to March this year, a total of 244 projects worth about P6.43 trillion were granted green lane

certification under the government's streamlined approval system. The green lane policy under Executive Order 18 was created to speed up permits for key investments, particularly those considered strategic for national development.

Most of the approved projects are in renewable energy, infrastructure built through public-private partnerships, water systems, digital infrastructure, and food security sectors.

Trade officials said that with the ongoing crisis, there is a need to fast-track especially energy-related projects to support supply needs, stabilize costs, and maintain economic activity. They added that improving coordination between government

agencies remains important to ensure smoother project implementation.

Authorities also said they are reviewing investment approval and export targets for the year, as global tensions may affect investor confidence and trade flows.

Officials noted that several planned investment missions, including one to Europe, were cancelled

due to the crisis, as the government adopts cost-saving measures.

The BOI has set a P1 trillion investment approvals target for this year, lower than last year's P1.56 trillion.

Early-year approvals from January to February reached P47 billion, slightly lower than the same period last year.

Officials warned

that if the Middle East conflict continues, export growth may slow down, even as the country aims for exports of goods and services between \$116.1 billion and \$120.2 billion this year.

Data also showed merchandise exports reached \$14.47 billion from January to February, marking an 8.3 percent increase compared to last year.

SEC tightens audit rules to strengthen investor protection and anti-corruption measures

The Securities and Exchange Commission is moving to strengthen oversight of auditing firms and external auditors in an effort to protect investors and reduce corruption risks.

A draft circular has been released for public review, proposing stricter accreditation rules for auditors handling regulated entities.

The SEC said the reforms aim to improve evaluation standards, expand oversight of government contractors, and ensure

only qualified auditors are accredited. Auditors are classified into groups depending on the type and size of clients they serve, ranging from listed companies and financial institutions to financing and lending firms.

The proposed changes raise experience and client asset requirements for accreditation across all groups. Government contractors with large-scale projects will also be required to engage SEC-accredited auditors under stricter

reporting requirements. The draft also adds stricter grounds for denying accreditation, including misrepresentation, failure to maintain independence, and multiple material audit issues within financial statements. The SEC said the proposed rules aim to strengthen accountability, improve audit quality, and protect public interest in financial reporting.

Philippine economy warned: "Out of Fuel" as oil shock deepens risks

Economists warned that the Philippine economy is facing serious pressure from the ongoing oil crisis, which is exposing structural weaknesses and threatening growth prospects.

Reports from local and international analysts said the economy is highly vulnerable to energy shocks due to heavy dependence on imported fuel.

Some economists described growth momentum as weakening, saying the country may struggle to achieve its higher growth targets.

They maintained a forecast of about 4.2 percent growth for 2026,

below government projections, citing uncertainty from the Middle East conflict.

Even if tensions ease, they said growth is unlikely to rebound strongly in the near term.

Analysts also pointed to long-standing structural issues limiting the country's growth potential.

They added that corruption concerns and fiscal challenges may continue to weigh on economic performance.

Some reports noted that rising fuel costs are affecting transport prices, and supply chains, contributing to inflationary pressure. Others warned that

limited government fiscal space reduces its ability to cushion households from shocks.

Inflation is expected to rise further in the coming months before easing later in the year.

Economists also said that while temporary measures like subsidies help, they are not enough to address deeper vulnerabilities.

They stressed the need for long-term reforms, including energy diversification and improved public transport systems.

Overall, analysts said the country remains highly exposed to external shocks, particularly from global energy disruptions.

DA plans to expand import limits for pork and corn to stabilize prices

The Department of Agriculture is considering increasing the volume of imported pork and corn to help stabilize market prices amid rising shipping costs.

The proposal involves expanding the minimum access volume under the MAV Plus scheme, which allows additional imports without affecting local producers.

Consultations have been conducted with corn farmers, who expressed support for the proposal, while discussions with pork industry stakeholders

are still ongoing. Poultry producers were also consulted but opposed expanding import allocations due to concerns over oversupply and declining farmgate prices.

Authorities said the option to expand imports for chicken remains available but will only be used if necessary.

Farmer groups have raised concerns over proposals to reduce tariffs on agricultural imports, warning that such measures could negatively affect local producers.

The agriculture

department said it is considering industry recommendations to determine acceptable import volumes.

Officials said once an agreement is reached, the expanded import scheme could be implemented within three weeks.

Current import limits include 54,210 metric tons for pork with tariffs set at 15 percent within quota and 25 percent outside quota.

For corn, the limit stands at 216,940 metric tons, with tariffs of five percent within quota and 15 percent outside quota.

DOE requires oil firms to disclose storage capacity nationwide

The Department of Energy has directed all oil and gas companies to report their available storage capacity across depots and terminals nationwide.

The requirement applies to all downstream industry participants that own, lease, or operate storage facilities.

The move aims to allow the government to closely track fuel supply levels and respond

quickly to potential shortages.

The advisory also introduces a shared resource system that permits the Philippine National Oil Company and its exploration unit to use available private storage facilities to support national fuel requirements.

Companies are required to comply with such requests as long as they are technically

feasible, as part of a coordinated industry effort to protect national energy supply.

The DOE warned that failure to comply may lead to regulatory actions, including suspension or cancellation of permits.

The agency said the directive is part of broader efforts to ensure steady fuel supply and safeguard national energy interests.

Car brands show strong interest in Philippine EV program

The Department of Trade and Industry reported growing interest from global car manufacturers in the country's upcoming electric vehicle incentive program, which aims to position the Philippines as a regional EV production hub.

Trade officials said several international automotive firms have already expressed serious intent to participate in the Electric Vehicle Incentive Strategy program, although specific companies were not named.

One automaker is already in advanced discussions with the government regarding possible involvement.

Earlier, Mitsubishi Motors Corp. announced

plans to produce a hybrid electric vehicle model in its Laguna plant by 2028, pending approval under the incentive program.

Officials said the framework of the program is still being finalized and is expected to be issued within the first half of the year.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the level of incentives to be offered to manufacturers in exchange for local EV investments.

Authorities are also determining the number of participating firms and the scale

of government support.

Legal guidance from the Department of Justice stated that the program does not need to fully replicate previous automotive

incentive schemes, allowing flexibility in its design. The BOI may also use tax credit certificates instead of older tax payment mechanisms used in earlier programs.

The government previously considered an automotive revival program for internal combustion engine vehicles but has shifted focus entirely to EV development.

Officials said the shift aligns with rising EV adoption driven by higher fuel prices and global energy concerns.

The incentive program will also cover EV parts manufacturing, batteries, charging infrastructure, and testing facilities to support industry growth.

Philippine banks' bad loans rise to six-month high in February

The share of bad loans in the Philippine banking system rose to its highest level in six months in February as high borrowing costs continued to pressure repayment capacity.

Nonperforming loans reached 3.33 percent of total bank lending, up from the highest since August last year.

In peso terms, about P553.7 billion of loans were classified as nonperforming out of a total loan portfolio of

P16.6 trillion.

Despite the increase in bad loans, banks slightly reduced their loan loss provisions to a 15-month low, although coverage levels remained strong.

Analysts said the rise in nonperforming loans reflects a normalization of credit conditions rather than a major deterioration in banking health.

They attributed the increase to delayed effects of previous high interest rates and early-year financial pressures.

Some economists said banks remain well-capitalized and are relying on existing buffers rather than significantly increasing provisions.

Experts added that external risks, including the Middle East conflict and higher oil prices, could still affect borrowers' ability to repay.

However, they expect any increase in bad loans to remain gradual rather than sharp due to the sector's strong fundamentals.