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## DSWD's aid for Carina, habagat-hit families hits P200-M mark

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) humanitarian aid to residents affected by Typhoon Carina and enhanced southwest monsoon or "habagat" has reached the PHP200-million mark, an official said on Monday.

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**AID DISTRIBUTION.** Personnel of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) distribute assistance to the victims of Super Typhoon Carina and enhanced southwest monsoon in this undated photo. The DSWD on Monday (July 29, 2024) said distributed humanitarian aid has reached the PHP200-million mark. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

# DepEd to boost early procurement to address classroom backlog

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) is set to work with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to hasten the construction of more classroom buildings.

In an ambush interview on Monday during his visit to Carmona National High School, Education

Secretary Sonny Angara admitted that one of the challenges in the current procurement system of the agency is the validation process.

"Hindi nakaka-construct dahil 'di nava-validate yung ibang school sites, may mga problema 'dun sa kung may titulo na 'yung lupa, may problema

kung hindi pala kayang lupain 'yung multi-story building, so 'yung tinatawag na (We can't construct because other schools sites are not being validated, like if it has a land title, problem with the land being incapable of a multi-story building in it, what they call the) soil test," Angara explained.

The DepEd chief is looking forward to addressing the problem before the year ends and start constructing more classroom buildings by January next year.

"Kailangan magbago 'yung current system na 'yun at nakikita ko 'yung early procurement activities na tinatawag. Ginaga-

wa ho yan sa Department of Public Works. Sana gawin din namin (We need to change the current system and I am eyeing the so-called early procurement activities. It is being done in the Department of Public Works. I hope we can also do it) through coordination between DepEd and DPWH," Angara said.

Angara earlier report-

ed that the country still needs to build 159,000 classrooms, which increases by 12,000 per year.

Last year, DepEd proposed to spend PHP397 billion to build the needed classrooms which will cost PHP2 million each.

Meanwhile, Angara assured that DepEd can now access the

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## DOJ, law schools boost free legal services to more Filipinos

MANILA – The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Monday signed an agreement with the Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS) that would expand access to free legal services.

Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla and PALS president Teodoro Pastran signed the memorandum of agreement.

"This momentous

occasion is testament to the unwavering efforts of PBBM's Bagong Pilipinas (New Philippines) political slogan that no Filipino shall be left behind as the country moves forward to progress," Remulla said in a news release. "With this initiative, we unconditionally open the doors of justice for the welfare of more Filipinos, regardless of their

social status."

Under the memorandum of agreement, the DOJ Action Center (DOJAC) will endorse to law schools with legal aid clinics clients who cannot be considered indigents or are disqualified from availing its services or of the Public Attorney's Office.

The DOJAC shall foster and boost its internship/externship

programs and conduct capacity building trainings to provide practical skills and knowledge to law students assigned to the DOJ.

PALS, for its part, would agree to accept endorsements from DOJAC. If unable to accommodate the same, it shall endorse to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines or (Turn to p. 2)



**FREE LEGAL AID.** Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla (right) and Philippine Association of Law Schools president Teodoro Pastran lead the signing of a memorandum of agreement at the DOJ building in Ermita, Manila on Monday (July 29, 2024). The agreement seeks to provide free legal services to more Filipinos. (DOJ photo)

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lawyers.

Moreover, PALS shall promote the DOJ internship program among its member schools and actively participate in the trainings formulated by the agency.

Meanwhile, both parties assume the responsibility of advo-

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“This is a reflection of the agency’s commitment to help the rightful beneficiaries of government resources, in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure that no one is left behind in times of emergencies,” DSWD spokesperson Irene Dumlao said in a news release.

DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian earlier directed the Disaster Response and Management Group (DRMG) and the National Resource and Logistics Management Bureau (NRLMB) to continue assisting all flood-hit and habagat-affected families until they have fully recovered from the disaster.

The PHP200 million worth of aid covers food, non-food and financial assistance provided to the affected population in the National Capital Region (NCR), Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, the Bicol Region, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and the Cor-

ating jail decongestion activities centered on providing convicts with better access to legal services.

The agreement shall be in effect unless revoked through a mutual deal and shall be subjected to review six months from the date of execution. (PNA)

dillera Administrative Region.

Based on the monitoring of the impact of the twin weather disturbance, the DSWD has so far recorded 1,892 damaged houses, with 168 totally and 1,724 partially damaged.

In the Bicol Region, the DSWD Field Office 5 continued its distribution of cash aid through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) on Sunday intended for families in Sipocot, Camarines Sur who were affected by flooding from the disasters.

Three families in the area with totally damaged houses received PHP10,000 each, while two families with partially damaged houses were granted PHP5,000 each.

“Our Field Offices also continue to coordinate with concerned local government units to identify the other needs of the affected families vital to their recovery,” Dumlao, assistant secretary for DRMG, added. (PNA)

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funds for the repair of school buildings that were damaged by Typhoon Carina.

**Marred by lack of classrooms**

In Dumaguete City, the school opening was marred by a lack of classrooms.

However, Dr. Juditha Mapue, chief of the curriculum implementation department of the City Schools Division, said additional classrooms are being constructed to accommodate all learners.

While the classrooms are being built, the DepEd is adopting a shifting schedule so that classes are not interrupted.

“The first shift begins at 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second shift will start at 12 p.m. and will end at 6 p.m.,” Mapue said.

“We are doing that because we lack classrooms in some elementary and high schools here,” she added.

The seven schools in need of additional classrooms are Junob National High School (12); Piapi High School (9); Batinguel Elementary School (14); Ramon Teves Pastor Memorial-Dumaguete Science High School (15); West City Elementary School (12); Cantile Elementary School (12); and Camanjac Elementary School (4).

Some PHP197.5 million is allocated for the classrooms to ad-

dress the shortage and to replace dilapidated school buildings.

Mapue said only 70 percent of last year’s enrollees have so far enrolled.

Records showed that in school year 2023-2024, a total of 15,387 elementary learners, 9,507 Junior High School, and 8,3396 Senior High school students were enrolled in public schools here.

As of 10 a.m. Monday, DepEd recorded 10,977 grade school learners, 4,600 Junior High, and 2,494 Senior High school students enrolled. She said the enrollment is expected to increase in the next two weeks.

**Effective implementation of MATATAG CURRICULUM**

Meanwhile, Angara’s former colleague, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, urged the DepEd to ensure the effective implementation of the MATATAG curriculum which entails teachers’ readiness and the availability of quality learning materials.

“Matagal nating hinintay ang paglunsad ng MATATAG curriculum at ngayong sisimulan na natin ang pagpapatupad nito, mahalagang ibigay natin sa ating mga guro ang suportang kinakailangan nila (We have waited long the launching of MATATAG curricu-

lum and now we started to implement this, it is important to give the support the teachers needed),” he said in a news release on Monday.

Gatchalian, chair of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, said MATATAG curriculum focuses on individual learners, strives to build globally literate and future-ready citizens, and seeks to address current and future educational concerns.

He said this year’s national budget allotted more than PHP700 million for the in-service training of public school teachers, administrators, and

education support personnel, and to support the implementation of the MATATAG curriculum.

MATATAG stands for MAke the curriculum relevant to produce job-ready, active, and responsible citizens; TAke steps to accelerate the delivery of basic education services and provision facilities; TAKE good care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusiveness learning, and positive learning environment; and Give support for teachers to teach better. (With a report from Leonel Abasola/PNA)

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For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real  
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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND),  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,  
-versus-

ROMEO S. MANALAYSAY,  
Respondent/Mortgagor,  
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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act. No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the respondent/mortgagor, ROMEO S. MANALAYSAY, with postal address at #32 J. Ramirez St., Dasmariñas City, Cavite; Lot 29 Blk. 11, Phase 2, Valle Verde Dasmariñas, Brgy. Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite 4114 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 25 June 2024 amounts to NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN PESOS & 99/100 (Php 956,917.99), exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **September 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, 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 the Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Langkaan II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

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## Economist: BSP rate cut still possible in August

MANILA – A 25 basis points (bps) interest rate cut next month is still possible despite the projected slight uptick in consumer prices due to the effects of Super Typhoon Carina and enhanced southwest monsoon, an economist said Monday.

“Realistically, there may be some temporary pick up in prices in hard hit areas until logistics normalize, also in view on some damage on agriculture that could lead to some temporary spike in vegetable [and] other produce prices that could lead to some transitory pick up in food prices,” Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort said in a statement.

Last week, Super Typhoon Carina and the enhanced southwest monsoon caused massive flooding in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

The Department of Agriculture earlier said the damage to the agriculture sector was estimated at PHP696.87 million as of July 28.

However, Ricafort said the prize freeze would temper price increases in areas declared under state of calamity.

Headline inflation already eased to 3.7 percent in June, from 3.9 percent in May.

Ricafort said there could be a temporary 0.5 percentage point to 1 percent increase in inflation in July to August due to Super Typhoon Carina, similar to the observed uptick during the Typhoon Ulysses in November 2020 and Typhoon Ondoy in September 2009.

“Though [this will be] offset by the effective 20 percent reduction in imported rice prices that could lead to lower local rice prices, which account for about 9 percent of the inflation index,” he said.

“The widely expected -0.25 (bps) local policy rate cut as early as August 15, 2024, or more than 2 weeks from now, remains possible, especially if inflation would stay well within the 2%-4% inflation target, especially in the coming month,” he added.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Eli Remolona Jr. earlier said interest rates could be cut by 25 bps as early as August this year.

“On the balance, inflation could still remain within the



**FLASH FLOOD.** A spillway is flooded in Pozorrubio town, Pangasinan on July 25, 2024. Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort on Monday (July 29, 2024) said a 25 basis points (bps) interest rate cut next month is still possible despite the projected slight hike in consumer prices due to the effects of Super Typhoon Carina and enhanced southwest monsoon. (Photo courtesy of Pozorrubio Councilor Dennis Uy's Facebook account)

2%-4% target for the coming months,” Ricafort said.

Meanwhile, Ricafort said remittances from overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and government spending might increase in the coming months due to the rehabilitation of areas hit by Super Typhoon Carina.

“Interestingly, there could also be some increase in OFW remittances and conversion to pesos, some borrowings, additional spending by businesses and

other institutions, and also increased government spending to help finance rehabilitation of homes, equipment, businesses, [and] other facilities, infrastructure, among others, in hard hit areas,” he said.

“Ironically, these would spur additional business and overall economic activities to offset disruptions and resulting damage at the height of the typhoon,” Ricafort added. (PNA)

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country's 18 major river basins and the communities surrounding them.

“Big dams for flood control, weirs, levy systems, irrigation canals, catch basins, relocation of vulnerable communities, respect for no-build zones, landslide preventions, alarm systems and safety protocols, reforestation, and no-nonsense management of all these must be in place soon,” he said.

Nepomuceno described engineering infrastructure and other scientific steps as “one stone hitting

two birds,” noting that these solutions to the water crisis also address massive floods.

Based on the latest advisory of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), the country is now on La Niña alert status, with a 70 percent chance of the phenomenon forming between August to October and is likely to persist until the first quarter of next year. (with report from Priam Nepomuceno/PNA)

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## Marcoleta Demands Strong Legal Protections for OFWs from DMW

In a session of interpellation, Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta, Representative of the House, rigorously questioned the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac regarding the department's plans to ensure the safety and welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). Marcoleta's probing centered on operationalizing Secretary Cacdac's advocacies, including providing legal, medical, and humanitarian assistance through the P1.2 billion AKSYON fund and establishing equitable bilateral arrangements with host countries.

Marcoleta pressed for detailed explanations on how these advocacies would translate into concrete actions, particularly focusing on legal protection for OFWs. He highlighted the severe vulnerabilities faced by OFWs, such as household service workers and semi-skilled laborers, who often endure various forms of abuse in host countries like Saudi Arabia. Marcoleta emphasized the need for robust legal frameworks to protect these workers effectively.

Secretary Cacdac responded by outlining the role of Migrant Workers Offices (MWOs), staffed with Labor Attachés and supported by 94 local hires knowledgeable in the language and culture of host countries. However, Marcoleta expressed



concerns about the adequacy of these measures, particularly the reliance on legal retainers, which he argued, is insufficient to address the volume and complexity of cases faced by OFWs. He advocated for employing in-house secular lawyers to provide continuous and dedicated legal support.

Marcoleta pointed out specific issues, such as the misuse of the Absher App in Saudi Arabia, which allows employers to arbitrarily report workers as "huroob" (absconding), stripping them of their legal rights. He criticized the One Repatriation Command Center as a quick-fix solution that fails to address the fundamental need for legal protection and the vindication of OFW rights.

Furthermore, Mar-

coleta highlighted the burden of legal and immigration-related penalties on OFWs, stressing the need for DMW to shoulder these costs and provide robust legal representation. He called for the establishment of a witness protection program and an increase in the number of in-house secular lawyers to ensure adequate legal defense for OFWs. Marcoleta emphasized that the solutions presented by Secretary Cacdac must go beyond palliative measures and offer comprehensive protection to the country's modern-day heroes.

Secretary Cacdac assured the committee of his commitment to enhancing the DMW's regulatory functions, cracking down on exploitative employment

## Senate to prioritize proposed DWR to address water shortage, floods

MANILA – The Senate leadership is determined to approve the bill establishing a Department of Water Resources (DWR) not only to address floods during the rainy season, but also the water shortage in times of El Niño.

In an interview with ANC on Monday, Senate President Francis "Chiz" Escudero said he hopes the measure, which is one of the priority bills of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., will be passed by the Senate within the year.

"Hopefully, within the year, we will be able to create the Department of Water that the administration is asking for, and hopefully, we will be able to integrate, and through convergence, be able to use water that we don't need during flooding, or water that we need during El Niño episodes in our country," Escudero said.

"We will try to set at the latest within the year, hopefully, fingers crossed before we go on recess in October, before October," he said.

agencies, and increasing the number of legal hires. He emphasized the department's ongoing efforts to complement local hires with regular personnel to strengthen the overall support system for OFWs.

Marcoleta's rigorous scrutiny underscores the urgent need for tangible and effective measures to safeguard



Senate Session Hall (PNA file photo)

He said the country needs to "rationalize water" by "being able to utilize it when it is needed, and take it from where it is in excess."

"We are patterning it after the transmission of the NGCP [National Grid Corporation of the Philippines] kung kaya na nating dalhin [ang kuryente] mula Luzon papuntang Visayas, mula Visayas papuntang Mindanao, at Mindanao papuntang Visayas, dapat sana 'yong tubig ganon din (if we can bring power from Luzon to Visayas, from Visayas to Mindanao, and Mindanao to Visayas, the water should also be like that)," he said.

Senator Grace Poe filed Senate Bill No. 102, or the National Water Resource Management Act, and was

the rights and well-being of OFWs. As the government continues to navigate the complexities of protecting its migrant workers, these discussions highlight the imperative for comprehensive and robust protection frameworks to support the nation's OFWs, who play a crucial role in the country's development.

already able to start discussion on it when she was still the chairperson of the Committee on Public Services.

With the creation of the DWR, Poe believes that the national government would "effectively manage" the country's 421 river basins; 59 natural lakes; 100,000 hectares of freshwater swamps; 50,000 square km. of groundwater reservoir; and 2,400 millimeters of average rainfall throughout the year.

### OCD: Comprehensive plans needed

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD) also stressed the importance of developing comprehensive plans to mitigate floods and address water scarcity.

"Unless we roll out the necessary engineering infrastructure that will contain the floods during the rainy season and provide water during droughts, we will read the same reports on massive damage and hear the same complaints from people who are adversely affected," OCD chief Ariel Nepomuceno said in a statement.

He said comprehensive plans, should be crafted and based on and inspired by science, must cover the

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## Djokovic ousts Nadal in 2nd round at Paris Olympics

PARIS – Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal bid adieu to the Paris Olympics after losing 6-1, 6-4 to his old rival and top seed Novak Djokovic in the men's singles second round on Monday.

The 38-year-old Spaniard, who has claimed 14 French Open titles at Roland Garros, has been dubbed the King of Clay since he first lifted the trophy here in 2005. He also took part in the torch relay at the Games' opening ceremony.

Monday's match marked the 60th clash between the two giants, with Serbian tennis great Djokovic leading the series 31-29.

### Nigeria beats Australia in basketball

In basketball, Nigeria claimed a historic 75-62 win over world No. 3 Australia in their first Group B women's basketball match at the Paris 2024 Olympics on Monday.

The opener victory was Nigeria's first Olympic win after their success 68-64 against South Korea in Athens 2004.

Ezinne Kalu led the way for Nigeria, producing 19 points to go along with five rebounds and five assists



**Novak Djokovic (Anadolu photo)**

at the Pierre-Mauroy Stadium in Lille.

Promise Amukamara scored 14 points and nine assists while Amy Okonkwo added 13 points and nine assists.

"It feels so good. We stuck together and we came together in adversity. This is what it is all about - you fight," Nigeria forward Amy Okonkwo said after the game.

Murjanatu Musa came off the bench to add 11 points and seven rebounds for the African champions, "D'Tigress."

Alanna Smith was the highest scorer of the Australian national team with 15 points and seven rebounds.

"We turned the ball over way too much

and we were not ready to step up to the physicality of the game. Turning the ball over though was the crux of the game," forward Smith after the defeat.

Sami Whitcomb scored 13 points and Jade Melbourne finished with 11 points.

Nigeria will play against hosts France in their second game and Aussies will face world No. 5 Canada in their next Group B match in the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament Paris 2024 on Thursday.

The knockout stage of the games will be held at the Bercy Arena in Paris with the final scheduled on Aug. 11. (Xinhua/Anadolu)

***Proverbs of Solomon.  
A wise son makes his father  
rejoice, But a foolish son is the  
grief of the mother.***

**Provers 10:1**

## Less than P1 oil price cut set Tuesday

MANILA – Local pump prices are set to decrease by less than PHP1 on Tuesday morning.

In separate advisories, Caltex, Cleanfuel, Petro Gazz, PTT, Seaoil, and Shell announced a 75-centavo per liter rollback on gasoline prices and an 85-centavo price cut per liter on diesel products.

Caltex, Seaoil, and Shell will also reduce kerosene prices by 80 centavos per liter.

Last week, oil firms implemented mixed price adjustments.

Data from the Department of Energy (DOE) showed that year-to-date prices of diesel, gasoline, and kerosene stood at a net increase of PHP10.35, PHP7.75, and PHP0.50 per liter.

Global oil prices



**GAS UP.** A gas station attendant fills up a motorcycle fuel tank in Paco, Manila on Monday (July 29, 2024). Local pump prices are set to decrease by less than PHP1 on Tuesday morning (July 30). (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

fell last week due to worries about demand from China, the world's largest crude importer, and as concerns about an escalation of the conflict between Iran and Israel eased.

DOE Oil Industry Management Bureau Director Rodela Romero told the Philippine News Agency that despite the price

freeze in place in areas under a state of calamity due to the onslaught of super typhoon Carina and the southwest monsoon, oil companies would implement a rollback on kerosene.

Under the Price Act, the price freeze covers household kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas for a period of 15 days. (PNA)

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