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## Optimism, safer streets reasons why 44% of Pinoys 'very happy'

MANILA -- Malacañang on Tuesday hailed a survey which showed that 44 percent of Filipinos are "very happy" and 37 percent are "very satisfied" with their lives.

Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo credited the first

quarter Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey, which also showed that 49 percent of Filipinos are "fairly happy", to the 'meaningful change' that the government has achieved under President Rodrigo Duterte's administration.

"We attribute these

results to the optimistic and cheery disposition of Filipinos, and to the prevailing conditions of the country where streets are safe from crimes and drugs, cities are booming with massive infrastructure buildup, and the economy is on a

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# Minimal inflation rate increase temporary: Palace

MANILA -- Malacañang on Thursday said the minimal increase in the country's inflation rate is just temporary.

"We assure our countrymen that the minimal increase in the inflation rate is a circumstance that does not toll the alarm bells," said Presidential Spokesperson Salvador

Panelo in a statement.

Panelo echoed the economic managers' attribution of the slight price increase in agricultural food products like vegetables, fish and fruits, as well as housing, water, and utilities - to the hike in international oil prices and the El Niño.

"High spending in

food and alcoholic beverages during the preceding campaign period coupled with the rise of international prices of fuel which is beyond our control, and aggravated by the El Niño phenomenon in the peak summer month of May, resulting in food price inflation of fish and vegetable, spiked the

inflation rate," he said.

"Both factors are expected however to taper down," he added.

Panelo said lower rice prices can be expected once the rice tariffication law has made its impact.

"With rice prices falling down further, there will be a downtrend in the inflation rate. Current



rice and corn price index already showed a decline of 0.7 percent and 2.8

percent, respectively," he said.

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## 70K vacancies available at Independence Day job fairs

MANILA -- An initial 70,000 local and overseas jobs will be made available in 22 job fair sites in 16 regions across the country on June 12, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said on Wednesday.

In a statement, the department said the Trabaho, Negosyo, Kabuhayan (TNK) job and business fairs were organized in commemoration of the 121st anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine independence next week.

Based on the report

of the Bureau of Local Employment, a total of 560 participating employers (461 local, 99 overseas) will bring with them 68,893 local and overseas jobs.

The vacancies for local jobs are for production machine operators, production/factory workers, customer service representatives, call center agents, tailors, sales clerks, cashiers, delivery crew, service crew, and marketing officers.

For overseas employment, the top vacancies are for

cleaners, professional nurses (general), servers, service crew, company drivers, registered midwife, staff nurse, English teachers (Japan), janitress, barista, technicians (general), and nursing aides.

The job orders are for Germany, Japan, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

The 2019 Independence Day will have the theme, "Kalayaan 2019 Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan".

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III advised jobseekers to



visit any of the job and business fairs in their areas to facilitate their search for employment, as numerous employers are gathered in just one venue.

Bello advised jobseekers to be ready with several copies of their resume or

curriculum vitae; 2x2 ID pictures; certificate of employment for those formerly employed; diploma and/or transcript of records; and authenticated birth certificate.

The 2019 Independence Day job and business fairs will be

held in the following venues:

-National Capital Region: San Andres Sports Complex, Malate, Manila

-Cordillera region: Sky Zone, Porta Vaga Mall, Upper Session Road, Baguio City

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**MINIMAL INFLATION... FR. P. 1**

The Philippines posted a 3.2 percent inflation rate last month, marginally higher than the 3 percent in April.

The country's monetary officials called

the marginal rise in the country's inflation rate as "temporary" and does not indicate a turn-around from its downward trajectory in the last six months. (PNA)

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positive turnaround," said Panelo in a statement.

"There is genuine, visible and meaningful change under the administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as validated by public sentiment," he added.

Panelo said the Duterte administration is committed to continue bringing comfortable and peaceful lives to over 106 million Filipinos.

According to the survey conducted from March 28 to 31, the 44 percent of Filipinos who consider themselves "very happy" is a 5 percent higher compared

to the 39 percent recorded in December 2018.

Meanwhile, the 49 percent of Filipinos who consider themselves "very satisfied" is a three-point increase from 2018 fourth quarter's 34 percent.

Mindanao had the most number of "very happy" Filipinos at 58 percent and "very satisfied" at 49 percent.

The survey showed that only 7 percent of the 1,440 adult respondents have said they are "not very happy", while 1 percent are "not at all happy". (PNA)

## US vows action on rare earths supply

Washington - The United States says it will take "unprecedented actions" to ensure the supply of strategic elements and rare earths, as China mulls over possible export controls for materials that are critical to modern technology.

China is a major supplier of the resources which power today's digital lives, from smartphones to military hardware and as the trade conflict with Washington has escalated, Beijing has dangled a threat of cutting exports of rare earths as

a counter-strike to US tariffs.

US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Tuesday a new report designates 35 elements and compounds as "critical to the economic and national security" of America, including uranium, titanium, and rare earths needed for smartphones, computers, aircraft and GPS devices, among other uses.

"These critical minerals are often overlooked but modern life without them would be impossible," Ross said.

## Incoming senators to respect 'equity of incumbents' tradition

MANILA -- Newly-elected senators would respect seniority and tradition of "equity of incumbents" at the upper chamber in the 18th Congress, senator-elect Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go said Thursday.

Go made the statement following a dinner meeting with some incumbent and incoming senators at the residence of Senator Manny Pacquiao in Makati City, wherein they discussed possible committee chairmanships.

"We, as newly-elected senators, respect the tradition of 'equity of incumbents' and we appreciate how the senior senators have been very accommodating with our requests and concerns. The majority bloc will decide in the coming weeks on how to best lead these committees," he said.

Go said that while he has signified to lead four preferred Senate panels, the decision would still be up to the majority bloc.

"Sinabi ko na nais ko makatulong, and if possible, magkaroon ng leadership role sa committees on health, education, sports o urban

"Through the recommendations detailed in this report, the Federal government will take unprecedented action to ensure that the United States will not be cut off from these vital materials."

China's top economic planner Tuesday said it had discussed "possible



Senator-elect Christopher "Bong" Go

planning, housing, and resettlements. Pero depende pa rin naman ito sa sentimyento ng majority bloc (I expressed my interest, if possible, to have leadership roles in the committees on health, education, sports or urban planning, housing and resettlements. But it still depends upon the sentiment of the majority bloc)," he said.

Go, meanwhile, noted that the working relationship between the Senate and the executive department under the leadership of Senate President Vicente Sotto III has been good in the 17th Congress, as he expressed support for Sotto's continued leadership in the upcoming Congress.

"With his continued leadership, we can solidify the support of the Senate to the Legislative agenda of President Duterte," Go said. (PNA)

export controls" for rare earths at a symposium of industry experts.

"According to expert suggestions... We must strengthen export controls and establish a traceability and review mechanism for the entire process of rare earth exports," the National Development and

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-Region 1 (Ilocos): School; Lapu-Lapu City; Nepo Mall, Dagupan City; Candon Civic Center, Candon City, Ilocos Sur; Union Christian College, San Fernando City, La Union

-Region 2 (Cagayan Valley): People's Gymnasium, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

-Region 3 (Central Luzon): Ayala Malls, Harbor Point, Subic Freeport Zone, Zambales

-Region 4-A (Calabarzon): Pavilion Mall, Biñan City, Laguna; Liwasang Aguinaldo, Kawit, Cavite

-Region 4-B (Mimaropa): San Jose, Occidental Mindoro; Odiong, Romblon

-Region 5 (Bicol): Robinsons Place, Naga City

-Region 6 (Western Visayas): 888 Premier Mall, Bacolod City

-Region 7 (Central Visayas): Cebu City Sports Complex/ Abellana National

Lamberto L. Macias Sports and Cultural Center, Dumaguete City

-Region 8 (Eastern Visayas): Provincial Covered Court, Catbalogan City, Samar

-Region 9 (Zamboanga Peninsula): KCC Mall de Zamboanga, Gov. Camins Ave. Zamboanga City

-Region 10 (Northern Mindanao): Atrium, Limketkai Center, Cagayan de Oro City

-Region 11 (Davao region): NCCC Mall Buhangin, Km. 7, Tigatto Road, Buhangin, Davao City

-Region 12 (Soccsksargen): Trade Hall, SM City Gensan, General Santos City

-Caraga: PLGU Training Center, Capitol, Butuan City (PNA)

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**PGC CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK TO THE PEOPLE:** With the leadership of Barangay Captain Edgie Reyes, residents of Bayan Luma V in the City of Imus benefited from another medical and dental mission being sponsored by the provincial government of Cavite. The outreach program was held on June 6, 2019 at their multipurpose hall where hundreds of patients who need basic medical attention were treated and given medicines for free. Some residents underwent tooth extraction performed by volunteer dentists from the Provincial and City Health Office; while others were properly endorsed to the Ospital ng Imus for further health check-up. — (PICAD)



**TRECEÑOS GET FREE MEDICAL SERVICES:** As part of the provincial government's continuous and intensive effort to promote public health program, OPG-Extension in partnership with Provincial Health Office spearheaded the medical and dental mission on May 31, 2019 at Golden Horizon Subdivision, Hugo Perez, Trece Martires City. More than 600 Treceños were served by the medical and dental team of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and 15<sup>th</sup> Strike Wing-Philippine Airforce who volunteered their time and expertise to fellow Caviteños. 7<sup>th</sup> District Board Member-elect Ping Remulla requested the outreach event as his way of thanking his constituents. Also present were Board Member-elect Lito Langit, Trece Martires City Vice Mayor-elect Bobby Montehermoso and some Sangguniang Panglungsod Members. Barangay Captain Simeon Perdito together with other barangay officials assisted the mission team and expressed his unending appreciation to the provincial government for always giving priority on health care for the Caviteños.—PICAD



**PGC SUPPORTS PEZA'S MEDICAL MISSION:** The Provincial Government of Cavite also supports the humanitarian endeavors of stakeholders in the economic zones through medical and dental mission assistance. Recently, Governor Boying Remulla donated medicines to the Cavite Economic Zone's (CEZ) Medical and Dental Mission in celebration of their 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held on May 30, 2019. More than 300 zone workers and their dependents happily took home free vitamins and medicines after consultation and tooth extraction. Meanwhile, on behalf of all the beneficiaries and the CEZ management, Zone Administrator Atty. Norma Tañag sincerely thanked the governor and everyone who made the outreach event possible, especially the volunteer doctors, dentists and nurses from different companies inside PEZA, the Provincial Health Office, the Bureau of Fire Protection, the University of the East-College of Dentistry and the Municipal Health Office of Rosario. (PICAD)



**JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD:** Residents of Barangay Bagtas in the municipality of Tanza showed their appreciation to the provincial government of Cavite thru the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension as another leg of Operation Tuli was held in their vicinity on May 29, 2019. One hundred fifty-four boys were circumcised and bravely walked at the journey of adulthood as they happily passed the pain of circumcision. The operation was performed by medical professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) with Dr. Francis Nikolai Pacumio. Medical practitioners from the Municipal Health Office and barangay health workers were also present who assisted in the operation tuli. Likewise, Barangay Chairman Engr Manuel Clemente Mintu Jr thanked the team for conducting another health care services to the people of Tanza and providing medicines for their constituents. —(PICAD)



**STRENGTHENING KILATIS KUTIS CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS:** More than 170 residents of Pabahay in Barangay San Francisco in the City of General Trias have availed free skin consultation during the conduct of Kilatis Kutis Campaign on May 30, 2019. Barangay Chairman Eduardo Umali expressed his gratitude to the provincial government thru the Provincial Health Office with the support from the City Health Office of Gen. Trias for visiting their community and checking the health conditions of their constituents. During the event, Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, National Leprosy Control Program (NLCP) provincial coordinator facilitated a short lecture on leprosy awareness and how it could be treated. Together with Dr. Cherry Aspuria and Dr. Jonathan Euseco of the City Health Office, they patiently rendered free checkup and consultation to the residents who have skin disease problems. Patients who were treated were given free ointments to cure their skin disease and vitamins to enhance their immune system. The team have also conducted home visit to two locals who have leprosy and psoriasis problems. Nurses and some volunteer medical practitioners from the City Health Office with the barangay health workers were also present during the Kilatis Kutis Campaign. —(PICAD)



**SUPPORTING CAVITE YOUNG ENTREP LEADERS ADVOCACY PROGRAMS THRU ZUMBA:** The Cavite Young Leaders for Entrepreneurship, Inc. (CYLE) in collaboration with the Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Division Office led by Atty. Khervy Reyes spearheaded a dance fitness exercise dubbed as KULAYAN:Zumba-for-a-Cause held on May 31, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds in Trece Martires City to help fund future outreach projects of the organization. The project head of the activity, Mr. Timothy Manlangit expressed his appreciation to the ZBD Zumba Group and Friendship Club of Cavite, as well as the provincial government employees and fellow students who danced with them, making the event successful. Ms. Lourdes Lim from ZBD Group received a special award as the Best Zumba Mover; while Ms. Reena Panganiban of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) got the Most Colorful Mover Award. (PICAD)

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

FC No. 16759-19

PAG-IBIG FUND or HDMF,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARIA ELEJAG ELIGOYO  
herein represented by her Atty-in-fact  
SAMUEL D. ELIGOYO,  
Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **Pag-ibig Fund or HDMF**, mortgagee, with business address at 14th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Center, No. 409 Shaw Boulevard Mandaluyong City, against **MARIA ELEJAG ELIGOYO** is herein represented by her husband **SAMUEL D. ELIGOYO as her Atty-in-fact**, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens, with postal address at Lot 22, Block 391, F1, Dagat Dagatan, Caloocan City, Metro Manila and/or Lot 2, Block 22, Phase 2, Golden Villas, Carsadang Bago, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 19, 2019 amounts to **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVENTHOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY NINE PESOS and 89/100 (P357,349.89)**, Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **July 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-  
1301362

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 22 of the subd. plan Psd-04-178058, being a portion of Lot 1309, Imus Estate, (RS-04-004151), LRC Rec. No. 8843) situated in Brgy. Calsadang Bago, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Is. Of Luzon. Bounded on the West, along line 1-2 by Lot 1, Blk. 22, on the North, along line 2-3 by Road Lot 8, on the East, along line 3-4 by Lot 3 and on the South, along line 4-1 by Lot 5, both of Blk. 22, all of the subd. plan. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS. xxx

"All sealed bid 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, it shall be held on **July 9, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice."

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, May 10, 2019

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**PGC'S SANTACRUZAN 2019:** In observance of the religious Filipino tradition honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Workplace Organization Committee of the Provincial Government of Cavite led the annual celebration of Santacruzán on May 31, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol Compound in Trece Martires City. The parade which commemorates the finding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena was headed by eight little girls in white dresses, each of them holding a letter of the words "AVE MARIA". They were followed by muses from different offices clad in gowns and representing biblical Queens and their attributes. Ms. Jasmine S. Nacilla of Sangguniang Panlalawigan was this year's Reyna Elena while Ms. Nina Salazar of the Provincial Legal Office was the Hermana Mayor 2019. After the procession, offering of flowers and prayers to Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ was held at the Provincial Gymnasium. Ms. Yolanda Manganaan of the Office of the Provincial Governor was named as the next Hermana Mayor for the year 2020. — (PICAD)



**PGC OFFICES RECOGNIZED FOR HIGHEST RATINGS IN THE 1ST QUARTER WORKPLACE INSPECTION:** Several offices in the provincial government of Cavite were recognized for their exemplary commitment and compliance to work environment requirements and awarded the highest ratings for the 1st Quarter Workplace Inspection during the flag raising ceremony at the provincial gymnasium in Trece Martires City on June 3, 2019. Governor Boying Remulla granted certificates of recognition to offices who have garnered the highest ratings for Level I which include Provincial Population Office, Provincial Youth and Sports Development Office, Road Safety Division, Provincial Administrator's Office-Internal Affairs, Provincial Housing Development and Management Office, Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department, Provincial Public Employment Service Office, and Cavite Quality Management Office. Level II awardees were comprised of Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office, Provincial Budget Office, Provincial Assessor's Office, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Provincial Planning and Development Office. General Services Office got the Level III award. The PGC-QMS Workplace Organization Committee which was created to guarantee the consistent implementation of 5S programs ensured that all the offices in the provincial government has conformed with the requirements of the International Standards through conduct of regular workplace inspections. (PICAD with reports from CQMO)

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## Bayer Fund and Gawad Kalinga build feeding kitchens in Bulacan and Isabela

To help address the problem of hunger and malnutrition of a growing number of public school children in Norzagaray, Bulacan and Echague, Isabela, Bayer Fund partners with Gawad Kalinga to build feeding kitchens in the said areas. The central kitchens are expected to produce up to 3,000 vegetable-based meals daily which can help address the hunger and malnutrition of at least 3,000 students.

"It is important that our school children are not hungry when they attend school so that they can concentrate better on their studies," said Chat Garrido-Ocampo, Legacy Monsanto Corporate Affairs Head and acting focal person for Bayer Fund. "we expect that school attendance and performance will improve by doing this project and that's how we can sustainably support public school children to fare better in life.

The feeding kitchens will be built and operated close to the schools and will provide at least 3,000 meals for 220 days. The kitchen will also use locally produced

crops which will help local farmers and other small businesses.

"We are very pleased to do another project with Gawad Kalinga which not only helps local farmers but would also involve school officials and parent volunteers who are encouraged to attend values formation and food education sessions. It is very inspiring that we are able to create shared value among the members of the community which ensures the project's success and sustainability, Ocampo said.

Meantime, Mark Lawrence Cruz, GK Project Head, noted that GK usually gets support for producing meals but not for expanding or building kitchens to produce these meals. "We are happy that we are able to get support from Bayer Fund to build central kitchen facilities so we can expand and improve our operations and reach out to more school children who will exponentially benefit from this project," Cruz said.

Bayer Fund and Gawad Kalinga will launch the project soon after classes start in June.

## LTO Conducts Orientation and Deputation Seminar-Workshop for DTROs

An orientation and deputation training seminar-workshop for Deputized Transportation Regulation Officers (DTROs) which was conducted by the Land Transportation Office Region-IV-A gathered more than 100 participants from the Road Safety Division of the Office of the Provincial Governor and Tanza Municipal Government on May 30, 2019 at the RFC Mall, Molino, Bacoor City, Cavite. The activity aims to update traffic enforcers and support personnel on existing traffic code, related laws and implementing rules that are currently enforced and to qualify them to become deputized regulation officers.

Mr. Rolando D. Alvaran, OIC, OPG-RSD welcomed all the participants and encouraged everyone to participate for their advantage. An orientation about LTO's functions and mandate was conducted by Ms. Darlene P. Oabel, Regional Deputation and Evaluation Committee

(RDEC) Secretariat. Among the topics covered were: R.A. 4136 – Land Transportation and Traffic Code and Other Related Laws, Rules and Regulations; Traffic Signs, Signals and Pavement Markings; Understanding and Avoiding Road Rage which were delivered by Ms. Clarisa A. Sulit, Chief Operations Division – LTO IV-A. On the other hand, DOTC Joint Administrative Order (JAO) 2014-01 dated June 2, 2014, Driver's Licensing and Motor Vehicle Registration and Salient Features of Special Laws being implemented by LTO were discussed by Mr. Derwin E. Panganiban, Team Leader, Regional Patrol-Operations Division, LTO IV-A. Among the Special Laws were R.A. No. 8749 – The Philippine Clean Air Act; R.A. No. 8750 – Seat Belts Use Act of 1999, and R.A. No. 10913 Anti-Distracted Driving Act of 2013.

A Road Safety Scenario was initially given by Assistant Regional Director



Francisco P. Ranches Jr., CESO VI, RDEC Chairman before the participants were given information on R.A. NO. 10586 – Anti Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013; R.A. No. 10054 – Motorcycle Helmet Act of 1999 and R.A. No. 10666 – Children's Safety on Motorcycles Act of 2015; Road Safety, Courtesy and Discipline for TROs, Law Enforcement and its Types, Rights of the TROs and Drivers and Good Qualities of TROs. Lastly, the Filling up of

Temporary Operator's Permit (TOP) and related topics were communicated with the participants by Mr. Panganiban.

To assess the participants and be qualified as Deputized Transportation Regulation Officers (DTROs), a written examination was facilitated by Ms. Lovely P. Pesor, RDEC Secretariat. The awarding of certificates concluded the event. — (PICAD)

### US VOWS... FR. P.2

Reform Commission (NDRC) said in a report.

The measures are aimed at reducing unlicensed mining and smuggling of the critical materials and to help China's rare earth industry move up the value chain, the NDRC added.

President Donald Trump has ramped up his aggressive stance towards China in a bid to pressure Beijing to change its objectionable trade practices but the latest round of talks broke down and tensions flared up again.

In December 2017, Trump called on the

Department of Commerce and other US agencies to develop new sources of critical materials to reduce vulnerabilities to supply disruptions, especially from foreign sources.

The US report calls for improving supplies "through investment and trade with America's allies," while streamlining the issuance of permits for mining in the United States, including on federal lands.

It also lists a plan to improve mapping and data collection to promote domestic exploration.

MANILA -- Several senators on Wednesday extended their warm greetings to the Filipino Muslims as they celebrate Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Senator Loren Legarda, co-author of Republic Act 9177 also known as the Act Declaring Eid al-Fitr a National Holiday, expressed hope that the observance of this holiday would foster deeper understanding among Filipinos regardless of faith or religious belief.

"As a feast of great importance to Muslims, the Eid al-Fitr has become a familiar occasion even to our Catholic-dominated nation," Legarda said.

"Let us all reflect on the virtues of humility, patience and generosity that Eid al-Fitr signifies. To our Muslim brothers and sisters, I wish you a joyous and meaningful celebration," Legarda added.

Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri urged everyone to continue sustaining the gains of lasting peace for all Filipinos.

"May the teachings of the Holy Month for each and everyone to bear their respective and societal challenges in patience be observed while joining hands as a nation to realize the lofty promise of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

(BARMM)," Zubiri said.

Senator Grace Poe said the month of daily fasting is not only a "sacred duty, but a powerful teaching to remind us of our shared obligation with all faiths to aid those who live in suffering and poverty."

"Let's work together to build a more humane world," Poe added.

Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, meanwhile, highlighted that aside from the festivities marking the end of Ramadan, it is also worth noting to celebrate the passage of the Islamic Banking Act in the Senate.

Gatchalian said this landmark legislation reinforces the

government's efforts to enable and empower the BARMM, as it provides the legal and regulatory framework for the development of Islamic financing in the country for Filipino Muslims to have access to inclusive and responsive banking and financial services that are compliant with the principles of Shariah or Islamic law.

"I am pleased that this year's festivities of the most important of Muslim holidays has become a twin celebration as we also usher in a new era of equality and inclusivity in banking and finance for our Muslim brothers and sisters," Gatchalian said. (PNA)

## Senators greet Filipino Muslims on Eid al-Fitr

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## DILG urges local execs: Support 'Oplan Balik Eskwela'

Oakland—Injury-hit Golden State will not have Kevin Durant or Kevon Looney for Wednesday's third game of the NBA Finals while guard Klay Thompson remains questionable for the defending champion Warriors.

Durant still out, Klay doubtful in Game 3

Warriors coach Steve Kerr updated the injury list Tuesday ahead of the matchup at Oracle Arena, which comes with the best-of-seven title showdown against Toronto deadlocked at 1-1.

The Warriors seek a third consecutive NBA crown and their fourth in five seasons while the Raptors are in the finals for the first time in their 24-season history.

Thompson, averaging 19.5 points in the playoffs, is listed as day-to-day for game three after an MRI exam Monday showed him with a mild left hamstring strain.

"From the progress I've made these last two days, I'm very encouraged that I'll be able to go out there tomorrow night," Thompson said.

"It will be a game-time decision. For me personally, it would be



**Head Coach Steve Kerr and Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors during practice and media availability as part of the 2019 NBA Finals at Oracle Arena in Oakland, California. AFP**

hard to see me not playing.

Hopefully I'll feel much better tomorrow and be a go for tip-off."

Thompson left Golden State's 109-104 victory Sunday at Toronto with 7:59 to play with hamstring tightness.

"He says he's feeling well and a lot better than yesterday and thinks he'll be ready to go," Kerr said.

"What we'll have to determine is if that's a risk. If there's a risk we'd rather you have the next couple days."

Thompson is content to leave the decision in the hands of trainers and medical staff, not wanting to risk an injury that could take him out for the remainder of the finals.

"I would do anything

I can to be out there, but it's all in their hands. If there's any pain, it will be a no-go just because of the position we're in," Thompson said.

"This could be a longer series, so there's no point in trying to go out there and re-aggravate it and potentially keep myself out of the whole entire finals instead of just one game."

### Durant still improving

Durant, this year's top playoff scorer for Golden State with 34.2 points a game and Most Valuable Player in the past two NBA Finals, has been out for nearly a month with a right calf injury.

Kerr has said the superstar forward must take part in a practice before playing and that while he missed Tuesday's workout he would take



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## Greece seeks war debt talks

Athens- Greece's leftist government has called on Germany to discuss the payment of war crime reparations a month before elections where it faces defeat.

The foreign ministry in Berlin on Wednesday confirmed having received the demand from Greece's ambassador which "calls on the German side to come to negotiations to resolve the pending issue".

A Greek parliamentary committee last year determined that Germany owes Greece at least 270 billion euros

the court at the team's training facility.

"Kevin is going to get on the floor at the practice facility later," Kerr said. "He's out for tomorrow but improving.

"Kevin won't play tomorrow. He's ramping up his exercise routines and workouts."

Warriors reserve forward Looney, averaging 7.2 points and 4.6 rebounds in the playoffs, is done for the finals after an MRI Monday showed Looney with a fracture of the cartilage connecting the right ribs to the

(\$300 billion) for World War I damages and looting, atrocities and a forced loan during the Nazi occupation in World War II.

The Greek parliament in April also voted through a resolution demanding the payment of reparations.

The move, announced in Athens on Tuesday by the foreign ministry, comes ahead of early elections on July 7.

Reclaiming war reparations has been a campaign pledge by Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras

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"Looney is out for the series," Kerr said. "It's not going to be anything bad long term. But it's going to keep him out the rest of the series. Fortunately it won't affect him in the future but it's a big loss for us."

### Resiliency will be key

DeMarcus Cousins, who only returned last week after six weeks out with a torn left quad, will play a lot of minutes with Looney out.

"He's going to be huge for us the rest of the series," Warriors guard

since 2015.

He is currently battling to galvanise his party after losing European and local elections over the last two weeks.

Berlin has always insisted the reparations issue was settled in 1960 in a deal with several European governments.

Tsipras had put it on the back burner in recent years as he worked with German Chancellor German Merkel to keep Greece in the euro and manage migration and Balkans security.

Stephen Curry said. "He's reminding people of how special of a talent he is and how versatile he is. It's only going to continue to improve as the series goes on."

Kerr also said 2015 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Andre Iguodala, who was bothered by a nagging leg injury in game two, will play Wednesday.

"A lot of guys showed that resiliency in game two. It's going to have to continue for us to get three more wins," Curry said.