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Voters call for transparency, good governance from election winners

MANILA – As Filipinos trooped to polling centers under the blazing daytime heat, one message echoed across precincts in Manila -- voters are demanding for transparency, integrity, and genuine public service from those who will win this year's elections.

At the Rosauro Almario Elementary School

in Tondo, Manila, voters told the Philippine News Agency that this election is not just about shaded names on a ballot, but about selecting good leaders who would prioritize clean governance and true service to their constituents.

Patricia Policarpio, 28, made her call and hopes clear to those who will be declared

winners of this year's elections.

“Ang call ko sa kanila dapat maging transparent sila sa mga ginagastos kasi pera ng taong bayan yun (My call to them is that they should be transparent about what they spend because it's the people's money),” she said.

For Policarpio, voters

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New 4PH housing project to rise in Bacoor



BACOOR, CAVITE — A new chapter in Bacoor's journey toward inclusive and sustainable housing has begun with the groundbreaking of the Salinas-Bacoor housing project under the

national government's flagship Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Program (4PH).

Key officials from the city government and the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development

recently broke ground, signaling the start of the project's construction.

Situated on a 1.9-hectare property in Barangay Salinas I, the development is set to offer approximately 2,000 housing units. Each unit will feature two bedrooms and will be offered at a package price of Php 1,800,000.00—a significant step toward addressing the housing backlog and improv-

Meralco rates down in May

MANILA — The Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) said Tuesday electricity rates in its franchise areas declined by PHP0.7499 per kilowatt hour (kWh) this May.

In a statement Tuesday, Meralco said the reduction brings the overall rate for

a typical household to PHP12.2628 from PHP13.0127 per kWh in April.

“For residential customers consuming 200 kWh, they will see a decrease of around PHP150 in their total electricity bill this month. The rate reduction is due to

lower generation and transmission charges,” Meralco Vice President and Head of Corporate Communications Joe Zaldarriaga said.

According to Meralco, the lower rates for this month were due to the decline in genera-

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GOOD GOVERNANCE HOPEFULS. Voters at the Rosauro Almario Elementary School in Tondo, Manila on Monday (May 12, 2025). Many of them expressed hope that the next batch of political leaders will serve the people with integrity and honesty. (PNA photo by Marita Moaje)

They should know the hardships people face every day, low wages, difficult commutes. They shouldn't be the only ones who benefit,” she added.

Rose Ann Dongines, 32, meanwhile, called on those who are elected to prove their worth not with words, but through service.

She said that for her, qualifications alone are not enough, because what matters is the ability to sincerely serve the people.

“This is more than a construction project.

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Maynila, kalinisan, seguridad, at buong pusong paglilingkod (It should not be just words but actions. They should fix Manila, clean it, provide security, and serve it wholeheartedly),” she added.

Meanwhile, Renato Abenaldo, 56, got emotional talking with the PNA.

He said that this is his first time to be interviewed, giving him the opportunity to air his grievance.

Abenaldo went to the polling precinct on a

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wheelchair, accompanied by some relatives, and said that despite his condition, he tried his best to perform his duty as a good citizen, as he urged other voters to choose their candidates well.

He also urged winners to take the people's trust seriously.

"Kahit mainit, tingnan ninyo ang mga tao, bumoto para sa inyo (Despite the heat, look at the people, they voted for you)," he said.

Abenaldo said that beyond politics, governance should focus on meaningful improvements that people can experience in their daily lives.

"Ayusin ninyo ang trabaho ninyo (Take your jobs seriously)," he added.

SSS, DICT partner to boost services in remote areas via e-Wheels

LUCENA CITY, Quezon (PIA) — More enhanced Social Security System (SSS) services now await grassroots communities as the SSS and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) team up for the SSS e-Wheels program.

Through this partnership, the DICT has equipped the SSS e-Wheels with free high-speed internet, enabling the delivery of SSS services to far-flung areas.

SSS Lucena Branch Head Frederick D. Isip explained that the partnership will strengthen the SSS e-Wheels program by ensuring seamless online services in areas with limited or no internet

Alberto Belino, 52, on the other hand, offered a straightforward reminder to the next batch of officials. He also expressed his belief that systemic reforms and efficient governance are key to uplifting the lives of ordinary Filipinos.

"Sana ayusin ang pagpapatakbo sa gobyerno para gumanda naman ang sitwasyon at pamumuhay ng tao (I hope the government's operations will be improved so that the situation and the people's lives will also improve)," he said.

Rosauro Almario Elementary School is the second top voting center nationwide, with 46,179 registered voters. (PNA)

connectivity.

"This satellite internet technology directly addresses the challenges in remote locations, significantly improving system uptime and reducing client waiting time. This is a game-changer for SSS Lucena, as it allows us to bring our digital services closer to members," Isip said.

Covering 29 municipalities and two cities in Quezon Province, including geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), Isip added that SSS Lucena is now better equipped to provide uninterrupted digital services to its members.

SSS Lucena can now offer faster access to

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tion charges, transmission charges, and other charges.

The generation charge went down by PHP0.3144 per kWh to PHP7.4651 per kWh, primarily due to lower charges from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

Meralco said WESM charges fell by PHP1.1424 per kWh as a result of the improved supply situation in the Luzon Grid, while IPP charges also went down by PHP0.9555 per kWh due to higher average IPP dispatch and the peso appreciation.

The transmission charge for residential customers was also reduced by PHP0.2970 per kWh.

"Ancillary Service charges from the Reserve Market and the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines' (NGCP) Ancillary Service Procurement Agreements (ASpas) both registered reductions in the April supply month," Meralco said.

the My.SSS portal and SSS Mobile App, real-time processing of contributions (RTPC), membership applications, online registration, verification, and benefit consultations in last-mile communities.

"This initiative reflects our commitment to innovation and excellent public service, ensuring that no member is left behind due to connectivity challenges. We can now efficiently bring essential transactions closer to the people, making our services more accessible and reliable.

"In addition, the transmission charge this May no longer includes Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)-approved adjustments related to NGCP's Reserve Market transactions for February and March 2024, following the completion of collection last month."

Other charges, including taxes, similarly registered a net decrease of PHP0.1385 per kWh.

Midterm elections

Meralco, meanwhile, said that electricity service in the more than 3,000 polling and canvassing centers and other election sites during the May 12 elections was generally stable.

It said there were no major service disruptions reported.

"Overall, the isolated and minor electricity service concerns were immediately resolved by our crews and did not cause any major delay in the voting process within our franchise area," Zaldañaga said.

"Meralco will re-

In fact, we are set to conduct e-Wheels visits in the majority of towns and municipalities under the jurisdiction of SSS Lucena," Isip said.

He added that the partnership serves as great example of how interagency collaboration can truly make a difference.

"We thank the agency for their continued support, and we look forward to exploring more ways to work together to bring social security services closer to every Filipino," Isip said.

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This is about building hope, dignity, and opportunity for the people of Bacoor," he said.

The event was attended by officials from the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), led by Undersecretary Avelino Tolentino III, who represented Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar. He was joined by Assistant Secretary Krsnadasi De Leon in officially launching the project, which

aims to transform lives through decent and affordable housing.

Revilla added that the Salinas-Bacoor housing initiative reflects the growing momentum of the 4PH Program, which seeks to build resilient and affordable communities for Filipino families across the country. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

ever, that as the dry season persists, customers are advised to continue practicing energy efficiency to better manage their consumption. (PNA)

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DOH strengthens HIV public health campaign in CAR

BAGUIO CITY (PIA) — The Department of Health in the Cordillera region is strengthening the promotion of a public health campaign that aims to reduce human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) stigma, encourage testing and treatment, and empower people living with HIV (PLHIV).

The DOH's Undetectable equals Untransmittable (U=U) campaign goal is for all PLHIV to regularly take their medication for them to achieve an undetectable HIV viral load, a level wherein a PLHIV can no longer transmit nor infect others with the HIV virus, said Darwin Babon, development management officer at the DOH.

In CAR, 31 percent of the total cases are considered Acute HIV disease. In terms of treatment, CAR has an average treatment retention rate of 80.57 percent in all the treatment hubs in the region in 2024, Babon shared.

Viral suppression in the region is at 99.5 percent and 90.67 percent of which have been recorded as undetectable.

"End goal natin is zero AIDS – related death in the region through increased demand generation for HIV testing to ensure early diagnosis. Iniiwasan natin dito ay late diagnosis, yung mga may complications na like TB, pneumonia and also cancer," Babon said.

He is encouraging individuals, especially



DOH – CAR Development Management Officer III Darwin Babon, (middle) in the Kapihan media forum, promotes the upcoming observance of International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and also give updates on the HIV/AIDS program in the region.

those at the younger age bracket and involved in high risk behaviors and having multiple partners, to have an HIV screening, which is given free at HIV treatment hubs and by other DOH partners.

The HIV/AIDS Treatment Hubs in the region are located at the Baguio City Health Services Office, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, Benguet Provincial Hospital, Kalinga Provincial Hospital, Luis Horal Memorial Regional Hospital in Bauko, Mountain Province, and Far North Luzon General Hospital and Training Center in Luna, Apayao.

Based on DOH-CAR records, there are 1,290 cases of HIV recorded in the region from 1984 to present, including 81 new cases in 2024 and 31 in the first two months of this year.

Most of the cases are males with 1,198 and more than half of the cases (731) were tagged in Baguio City.

On mode of transmis-

sion, the top three are men having sex with men or MSMs (779), male – female sex (293) and males having sex with females and male (285), Babon shared.

Babon moreover promoted International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, an annual event that is being observed every third Sunday of May dedicated in memory of those who have died from AIDS. Likewise, to express support to people living with HIV.

The theme of the 2025 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is "We remember, we rise, we lead".

This honors the collective memory of our journeys together, celebrate the resilience that brings us forward and embraces the responsibility of leadership in shaping healthier and stronger communities for our PLHIV, Babon shared.

"Sana itong International AIDS Candlelight Memorial aymagsilbi na paalala sa ating mga kababayanan HIV testing



On May 6, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite held a successful medical and dental mission in Park Lane 1, in the City of General Trias. This event was organized to bring free healthcare services closer to the community.

A total of 300 residents came to receive free medical services, which included medical consultations, basic health check-ups, and free prescribed medicines. In addition, 71 individuals also received free dental care, including tooth extractions and oral health advice. Free mosquito repellents were also given out to help protect families from mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue.

Local officials of General Trias and health workers worked hand in hand to ensure that the event ran smoothly and was well-organized. Patients were guided through every step of the process, from registration to consultation and the distribution of medicines.

This activity is part of the Cavite Provincial Government's ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of its people. The medical and dental mission in Park Lane I is a strong example of what can be achieved when the government and the community collaborate to promote health and wellness.

DepEd: Teachers, other staff frontliners of democracy

MANILA – Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara on Tuesday commended public school teachers, non-teaching staff and other poll watchers for the success of the 2025 national and local elections.

In a statement, Angara said DepEd personnel's commitment to service helped ensure the orderly conduct of polls nationwide.

"These are not just public servants. They are frontliners of democracy," Angara

is free and HIV testing is important," he added. (JDP/CCD-PIA CAR)

said.

"Saludo po kami. Dahil sa inyo, naging maayos at safe ang proseso. Kayo ang tunay na ka-team sa Bagong Pilipinas -- laging handa, laging para sa bayan (We salute you. Because of you, the process has been orderly and safe. You are the true teammates of the New Philippines, always ready, always for the nation)."

According to the DepEd, more than 660,000 personnel served in Monday's midterm polls.

Overall, 758,549 poll workers were deployed nationwide. (PNA)

The DepEd Task Force, meanwhile, logged 603 election-related issues through its 24/7 command center.

The reports included malfunctioning automated counting machines, irregularities in ballots and receipts, and voters' list concerns, with the majority of reports coming from Metro Manila and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The DepEd earlier said prompt responses were given in coordination with the Commission on Elections and other government agencies. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-244-25

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
(in its capacity as successor-in-interest of
RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by Atty.
Leonardo A. Yepes Jr.,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,
-versus-
**CRISANTA PALERMO LEYCO AND PEDRO
PALERMO LEYCO JR.,**
Respondents-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 Petitioner-Mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr.**, with business address at 28th Floor At Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Respondents-Mortgagors, **CRISANTA PALERMO LEYCO AND PEDRO PALERMO LEYCO JR.**, with residence and postal address at Pili Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro/Gumamela St., Brgy. Cacawan Pinamalayan, Oriental, Mindoro, Philippines / Blk 34 Lot 35 Meridian Place Phl. Brgy. Pasong Kawayan 4107, General Trias, Cavite, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of FEBRUARY 24, 2025 amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 43/100 ONLY (PHP484,243.43)** inclusive of interest and other charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **MAY 21, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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LOT NO: 35 **BLOCK NO:** 34 **PLAN NO:** PCS-04-029079
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT 2324-A, FLS-168-D, S.F.D.M. ESTATE & LOT 3296-D, PSD-04-051993; LRC RECORD NO. 5964
LOCATION: BARANGAY PASONG KAWAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

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1-2	NE	ROAD LOT 3 (8.00M WIDE R.O.W.), PCS-04-029079
2-3	SE	LOT 37, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
3-4	SW	LOT 36, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
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5-1	NW	LOT 33, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079

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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 4, 2025 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, April 24, 2025

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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Shell Pilipinas sees stronger performance for 2025

MANILA – Officials of Shell Pilipinas Corporation (SPC) on Tuesday expressed optimism for the continued growth of their business amidst the challenging economy both here and abroad.

In a disclosure, the listed firm said net income in the first quarter this year reached PHP740 million, lower than its PHP1.4 billion level a year ago, attributed to increased competition and market volatility. Core earnings, meanwhile, rose by 26 percent to PHP870 million.

For the whole year, SPC president and chief executive officer Lorelie Osial, in an online briefing, said the focus will be on cash,

returns, and growth.

“After reporting a cash flow deficit in the last six years, we have made the most and is progressing in 2024 and we will continue that momentum in 2025 vis-à-vis by volume growth, sustained cost reductions, and step changes when it comes to working capital improvements,” she said.

In 2024, the company posted a PHP1.3 billion net income, up from the previous year's PHP1.2 billion net income. Core income reached PHP2.6 billion from PHP2.3 billion in 2023.

SPC Executive Director Reynaldo Abilo, during the same briefing, said their 2024



OPTIMISM. A Shell Pilipinas Corporation gas station attendant fills fuel into a motorcycle in this undated photo. Company officials on Tuesday (May 13, 2025) said they remain optimistic for the continued growth of the business despite the challenging economic environment. (PNA file photo)

core earnings rose by 15 percent and net income by 6 percent.

“That reflects the kind of financial discipline and operational agility that (we have) as a company. We will sustain these gains and transition these into long-term growth,” he said.

He said priority for the next five to six years includes strengthening market positions, deleveraging on balance sheet, and generating healthy cash flow.

The company has set an annual capital

spending of between PHP2 billion to PHP3 billion for this year and next year, which will be internally sourced.

Michael Ramolete, another Executive Director, said they focus to build, upgrade, and refresh mobility positions and invest more in their biggest import terminal, the Tabangao refinery in Batangas City.

He said they also plan to open 15 to 20 new branches to boost their sales. (PNA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given **TO THE PUBLIC** of the deceased **ARNEL VILLANUEVA MOYA** who died on June 27, 2010 in Bagumbayan, General Trias, Cavite and the deceased left one parcel of land described as **TCT No. T-916375** with an area of **eighty -six (86)** square meters located at Brgy. Umboy, Tanza, Cavite, and has been extrajudicially settled by among heirs through Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of **“ARNEL VILLANUEVA MOYA”** with Waiver of Rights executed on May 8, 2025 by **Atty. Nathalie T. Almazan** as per Doc. No. 48, Page No. 11, Book No. II, Series of 2025 in General Trias City, Cavite.

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**PRIDE IS BEFORE A CRASH,
AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT
BEFORE STUMBLING**

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Trump to sign order slashing US drug prices by up to 80%

ISTANBUL— US President Donald Trump announced late Sunday that he will sign a sweeping executive order aimed at dramatically reducing prescription drug prices in the US by as much as 80 percent, declaring it one of the “most consequential Executive Orders in our country’s history.”

“For many years the World has wondered why Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceuticals in the United States of America were SO MUCH HIGHER IN PRICE THAN THEY WERE IN ANY OTHER NATION,” Trump wrote in a lengthy post on his Truth Social platform.

“It was always difficult to explain... The Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies would say, for years, that it was Research and Development Costs, and that all of these costs were, and would be, for no reason whatsoever, borne by the ‘suckers’ of America, ALONE,” he said.

He said the executive order, scheduled for signing Monday morning at 9 a.m. (local time) in the White House, will introduce a “Most Favored Nation’s Policy” — a pricing model that ensures the US pays no more than the lowest price charged for the same drug in any other developed country.

“Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical prices will be REDUCED, almost immediately, by 30 percent to 80 percent,” he added.

“They will rise throughout the World

in order to equalize and, for the first time in many years, bring FAIRNESS TO AMERICA!”

Move could save Americans billions

The policy echoes a previous effort from Trump’s first term, when his administration attempted to link Medicare Part B drug payments to prices in other nations.

That plan was blocked in court following a lawsuit from the pharmaceutical industry.

Trump’s revived strategy, previewed last week by NBC News and first reported by Politico, would again target pricing disparities between the US and countries such as Germany, the UK and Canada.

Health policy experts say the move could save Americans billions, though they caution about industry resistance.

“If this can do something about what is clearly an emergency...I’m for it,” said Arthur Caplan, head of the medical ethics division at NYU Langone Medical Center, according to NBC News.

“I don’t see an excuse for why prices should be all over the place, and we wind up getting charged the most,” Caplan said.

News added that Stacie Dusetzina, a professor at Vanderbilt University, also expressed skepticism about the policy’s durability: “I am unsure the new executive order will fare any better” than the 2020 version.

Still, polling suggests public support. A Kai-

ser Family Foundation (KFF) survey found that over three-quarters of US adults consider drug prices unaffordable.

NBC News reported that Tricia Neuman, executive director of KFF’s Medicare policy program, said: “The idea of making sure the US pays no more than similar countries polls well but...will likely face fierce opposition from the pharmaceutical industry.”

Trump emphasized that his plan is aimed not only at fairness but at national savings.

“Our citizens’ Health-care Costs will be reduced by numbers never even thought of before,” he said. “Additionally, on top of everything else, the United States will save TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS.” (Anadolu)

TESDA to assess almost 1K OFWs in Jeddah, Riyadh



(PNA file photo by Cristina Arayata)

tez said in a statement.

The free assessment is for qualifications, such as Caregiving NC II, Caregiving (Elderly) NC II, Health Care Services NC II, Massage Therapy NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, Photovoltaic Systems Installation NC II, and Barista NC II.

Since 2014, about 7,784 OFWs were provided with assessment, TESDA said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, TESDA

said applicants must submit the required documents, including a duly accomplished application form, a self-assessment guide corresponding to the qualification being applied for, and a copy of a training certificate or certificate of employment to the nearest Migrant Workers office.

The electronic copies of the application form and self-assessment guide can be downloaded via https://bit.ly/TESDA_Prep_Assessment. (PNA)

2025 midterm polls ‘very peaceful’ – PNP chief

MANILA – Except for minor glitches in counting machines and shooting incidents, the 2025 midterm elections are generally peaceful and orderly, Philippine National Police (PNP) Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil said on Monday.

“It’s very peaceful. But all our policemen on the grounds remain on guard, they continue to make arrests. My instruction is to arrest all those who would dare to create trouble,” Marbil said in a media briefing.

He said the 163,000 policemen, backed by over 200,000 per-

sonnel from other law enforcement agencies, will continue to be on watch until the canvassing of votes is completed.

“We don’t see any problem right now, but we will be monitoring the accounting after the election by 7 p.m. But I said we need more forces by 6 p.m. We want full force by 6 p.m. up to 12 o’clock for the counting (of votes),” he said.

PNP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jean Fajardo said technical glitches and power interruptions were reported in some parts of Central Luzon, Northern Mindanao, Davao,

and the Cordillera Administrative Region have been resolved.

Marbil said the PNP’s intensified operations do not end after the voting process, saying another crucial part of the polls is the canvassing of votes.

As of 4 p.m. on Monday, the PNP reported

that four people died while 12 others were injured in gun attacks and other violence in some parts of the country.

The PNP has also so far arrested 221 people for violating the liquor ban, and 19 people for vote-buying and selling. (PNA)

I have seen something further under the sun, that the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, because time and unexpected events overtake them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

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PH wins 27 gold medals in Asian powerlifting tourney

MANILA – The Philippines had a successful campaign at the Asian Junior/Sub-Junior Powerlifting Championships, winning 27 gold, 32 silver and six bronze medals, last Sunday in Dehradun, India.

Sabina Mae Santos collected eight gold medals after sweeping the Classic and Equipped categories in the women's 76kg division. She also set a new Asian Equipped Sub-Junior records in squat (190kgs) and total (445kgs).

Jessa Mae Viveiro Tabuan bagged six gold medals in the Junior women's 52kg category --four in Classic and two in Equipped division where she set an Asian record.

Rhadlee Marzan also had a remarkable performance in the Junior men's 53kg category, winning four gold medals and setting an Asian record of 171.5kgs in squat.

In the Junior men's 93kg category, Jason Galauran won two gold medals and registered new Asian Junior records in squat, both in Classic and Equipped divisions.

In the Junior women's 57kg class, Jane Erasmo won the bench press gold medal in the



OUTSTANDING. *Sabina Santos won eight gold medals across both Classic and Equipped categories in the women's 76kg category of the Asian Junior/Sub-Junior Powerlifting Championships which concluded in Dehradun, India on Sunday (May 11, 2025). She also set a new Asian Equipped Sub-Junior records in squat (190kg) and total (445kg). (Photo courtesy of Eddie Torres)*

Classic division. She set an Asian Junior record in the Equipped division.

Ashley Cruz won the Junior women's 76kg category squat gold medal in the Classic division with a new Asian Junior record.

The other medalists were Alexei Agabon (Junior men's 66kg), Angelo Galon (Junior men's 74kg), Matthew Fischeder (Sub-Junior men's 83kg) and Ross Teodosio (Junior men's 120+kg) in the Classic division and Jian Carlos Medina (Sub-Junior men's 83kg) in the Equipped division.

In the Asian Classic University Cup, Vince Gutierrez got three golds and one silver in the men's 83kg category while Ken

Austria won the bench press gold medal with a new Asian University record to go with three silvers in the men's 105kg category. Both are students from Tarlac State University. (PNA)

Oil firm offers

MANILA – Local oil industry player Seaoil has offered a discount on fuel prices to motorists this midterm election day.

On Monday, Seaoil is offering a Special Voter's Day Discount Promo at selected Seaoil stations. The list of participating stations can be found at this link: bit.ly/InkForFuel25.

The oil firm is giving a PHP4 per liter discount on gasoline prices, and a PHP2 per liter

Ateneo, Adamson triumph in UAAP Esports NBA 2K opener

MANILA – Defending champion Ateneo de Manila University kicked off its title-retention bid with a 2-1 win over De La Salle University Tuesday night in the UAAP Esports NBA 2K tournament at the Quantum Skyview Deck, Gateway 2 Mall in Quezon City.

The Blue Eagles claimed the victory after Paolo Medina's Boston Celtics defeated Keagan Yap's Oklahoma City Thunder, 71-64, in Game 3 of the best-of-three series.

The Thunder rallied from 32-43 to tie the score at 50-all heading into the fourth quarter. But the Celtics outscored them, 21-14, to prevail.

"Well, I was confident before the game because the preparation we did, we prepared for La Salle because we knew they were still the opponent this year," said Blue Eagles head coach Nite Alparas.

"The match is pretty intense, because we're really preparing for both teams, OKC and Boston. So we're also prepared that if there ever is a Game 3, Paolo has to go to Boston, we'll do it," added the eGillas program di-



VICTORY. *Paolo Medina of Ateneo de Manila University reacts after beating Keagan Yap of De La Salle University in the UAAP Esports NBA 2K tournament on Tuesday (May 13, 2025) at the Quantum Skyview Deck, Gateway 2 Mall in Quezon City. The Blue Eagles won, 2-1. (UAAP photo)*

rector.

Earlier, Adamson University defeated National University, 2-1.

Joaquin Obado's Boston Celtics beat Dominic Peñaflorida's OKC Thunder, 55-50, in Game 1.

NU made it 1-1 after Jarrel Allaga, also using the Celtics, clobbered Joshua Advincula's Thunder, 57-39, in Game 2.

Obado and Peñaflorida met again in Game 3, with the Celtics pulling off an 83-80 overtime win.

"Honestly, due to time constraints, we weren't able to have proper practices, and because of budget issues, we didn't have a proper coach. Of course, there were per-

formances with some lapses, but they played well today — I honestly didn't expect the series to turn out like this," said Adamson head coach Matthew Galang.

Meanwhile, University of the Philippines and University of Santo Tomas swept their respective groups to take the No. 1 spot with three points each.

UP's Harvey Buban won Game 1 (45-40) and Isaac Javier triumphed in Game 2 (69-55) over their rivals from Far Eastern University.

UST conquered University of the East courtesy of Daemiel Argame (69-48) and Daniel Delos Reyes (70-42). (PNA)

discount on Election Day; rollback on May 13

ter discount for diesel.

Meanwhile, oil companies will slash fuel prices starting May 13.

Seaoil and Shell said they would decrease gasoline prices by 30 centavos per liter, 90 centavos per liter on diesel prices, and PHP1.25 per liter on kerosene prices.

Other oil firms are expected to follow suit.

This is the second consecutive week that local industry players have implemented an

oil price rollback.

Earlier, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oil Industry Management Bureau attributed the lower oil prices this week to the decision of the OPEC+

to ramp up output next month, improving global supply, while the uncertainties due to the United States' tariff policy continue to dampen demand.

"Year-to-date, gasoline has a total net increase of PHP3.10

per liter as well as diesel with a total net increase of PHP3 per liter. Kerosene has a total net decrease of PHP2 per liter," DOE said.

With the oil price adjustment last week, gasoline prices in Metro Manila range from PHP44 to PHP73.21 per liter, from PHP44 to PHP73.94 per liter for diesel, and

from PHP67.10 to PHP83.89 per liter for kerosene. (PNA)