

Marcos: We'll dismantle DPWH systemic corruption

Dizon seeks 'lookout' order vs former undersecretary

By BETHEENA UNITE

President Marcos vowed to dismantle the systemic corruption at the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), saying that

decades of abuses will no longer be tolerated.

He lamented that while laws and rules are in place, they have not been implemented properly leading to systemic corruption activities that have been normalized

for decades now.

"We haven't been following [the rules] for at least 21 years because the date we keep on seeing is 2003. So, it's been going on for 21 years. So, it got worse and worse and worse and worse," Marcos

said in an interview in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Tuesday, Sept. 9. "And the shocking part of this is that it became normalized. That's really how it is, that's really how things are run. Some of them agreed, but me—I won't ▶ 6



PH-US ALLIANCE – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivers his remarks at the inaugural Manila Strategy Forum at the Solaire Resort and Hotel in Pasay City on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025. The forum, organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), brings together policymakers and experts for high-level discussions on the future of the Philippines-United States alliance. Story on Page 2. (Mark Balmores)

DENR: Build with nature, not fight it

By DHEL NAZARIO

An official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Wednesday, Sept. 10, pushed

for a nature-based strategy to address flooding, instead of relying on the traditional grey infrastructure which, incidentally, is the subject of an ongoing investigation over corruption-related issues. ▶ 6

Discaya construction firms bagged billions beginning in 2016 – Garin

By JOSEPH PEDRAJAS

The construction companies of the controversial Discaya couple bagged tens of billions worth of government

projects every year since 2016, based on the company's financial statements that were obtained by Iloilo 1st District Rep. Janette Garin.

During the House Infrastructure Committee (infra comm) hear- ▶ 6



SANTA'S SLEIGH? – Workers transport a life-sized figure of Santa Claus on Wednesday, Sept. 10, on Palm Coast Avenue in Pasay City as it is headed for one of the displays being readied for the Yuletide season. (John Louie Abrina)



HAVEN FOR BOOK LOVERS – Book enthusiasts flock to the Manila International Book Fair (MIBF) that opened on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. The Manila Bulletin Publishing Corp. also has a booth at the five-day book event, featuring its daily publications, magazines, and books. (John Louie Abrina)

DOJ summons Atong Ang, others over case of missing 'sabungeros'

By JEFFREY DAMICOG

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has started issuing subpoenas against businessman Charlie "Atong" Ang and other persons named as respondents in the criminal charges

involving the missing "sabungeros" (cockfight enthusiasts).

DOJ Prosecutor General Richard Anthony D. Fadullon said the preliminary investigation will probably start on Sept. 18 to determine if charges will be filed in court.

DOJ Assistant Secretary Jose

Dominic F. Clavano IV, in an interview on PTV's Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon on Wednesday, Sept. 10, said: "We started serving subpoenas yesterday and we continue to serve subpoenas today."

When asked if Ang is among those who were issued sub- ▶ 6



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