



AYALA CHRISTMAS TRADITION — Ayala Land and Make It Makati have officially ushered in the holiday season with the grand lighting of Ayala Avenue, an annual tradition that marks the true beginning of Christmas for many Filipino families. This year's theme is Makati In Color: Where Christmas Tradition Meets Imagination. Leading the ceremonial lighting were, from left, Alexandra Urquijo, Ayala Corporation Chief Sustainability and Risk Officer Jaime Zobel Urquijo; Bea Zobel Jr., Ayala Land Creative Director Paloma Urquijo Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Corporation Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Makati Mayor Nancy Binay, Ayala Land President and Chief Executive Officer Meean Dy, Makati Central Estate Association (MACEA) Board of Governors Chairman Emilio Tumbocon, and Ayala Land Estates Group Head Chris Maglanoc.

Return home to testify, Palace urges Zaldy Co

By ARGVLL CYRUS B. GEDUCOS and ELLSON QUISMORIO

Malacañang has dismissed former congressman Zaldy Co's allegations against President Marcos as "wild accusations" and challenged him to return to the Philippines and prove his claims before the proper authorities. This came after Co, in a Facebook video, alleged that President Marcos ordered the insertion of at least ₱100 billion worth

Ex-DPWH Usec bares more detailed corruption in flood control scandal

By HANNAH L. TORREGOZA



FORMER DPWH UNDERSECRETARY ENGR. ROBERTO BERNARDO (Mark Balmores)

A retired undersecretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) turned emotional when he testified before the Senate's investigation on the anomalies surrounding the government's flood control project, implicating former and incumbent lawmakers, DPWH officials and other personalities in the mess. Roberto Bernardo, a former DPWH undersecretary and a resident of Malolos City, Bulacan, in his testimony before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearing on Friday, Nov. 14, also admitted to receiving kickbacks when he named several politicians allegedly involved in the anoma-



CLOONEYS @ MALACAÑANG — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (second from left) and First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos (second from right) welcome human rights lawyer and Clooney Foundation for Justice co-founder Amal Clooney (right) and husband actor-humanitarian activist George Clooney during a courtesy call at the Malacañan Palace in Manila on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025. The Clooneys are in the country to headline the Social Good Summit 2025. (PPA Pool)



OVP'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY — Vice President Sara Duterte (center) is joined by former vice presidents Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (right) and Joseph Estrada as she leads the 90th anniversary celebration of the Office of the Vice President (OVP) in Makati City on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025. Story on Page 4. (Santi San Juan)

Criminal, admin charges filed vs Escudero over ₱352-M 'irregular' projects in Sorsogon

By CZARINA NICOLE ONG KI

Criminal and administrative charges were filed on Friday, Nov. 14, against Sen. Fran-

cis "Chiz" Escudero on the ₱352 million worth of "irregular" projects when he was governor of Sorsogon in 2021. Aside from Escudero, also named in the complaint filed

before the Office of the Ombudsman (OMB) by lawyer Marvin Aceron were Acting Provincial Accountant Rena M. Garcia, Provincial General Services Officer Rosa-

BCDA model a failure —Teodoro

By MARTIN SADONGDONG

Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. slammed the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) model as "a failure" as he warned that strategic military assets lost under the law cannot be

replicated. Teodoro made the surprising remark during the closing ceremony of the AFP Joint Exercise (AJEX) DAGIT-PA on Friday, Nov. 14, at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City where he stressed that further conversions of military bases would weaken the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)



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