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'TEACHER BONGBONG' - President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (center) is joined by Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Juan Edgardo 'Sonny' Angara in a story-telling or 'Tara, Basa' session for Grade 1 learners as part of the the National Capital Region (NCR) Brigada Eskwela Kick-Off 2026 at the Kapitbahayan Elementary School in Navotas City on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. (PPA Pool)

Marcos to DepEd: Ensure safe, secure learning

By BETHEENA UNITE and MERLINA HERNANDO-MALIPOT

While President Marcos said the Department of Education (DepEd) "knows perfectly well

what to do" in the opening of classes, he instructed them to ensure that learning for students will be uninterrupted.

"We no longer need to teach them [DepEd and its personnel]," Marcos said in an interview during his visit

to Kapitbahayan Elementary School in Navotas City on Tuesday, June 2, to lead the Brigada Eskwela in Metro Manila. "If I have any instruction, it is to make sure they are ready for the opening of classes and schools, so that the students are not left hang-

ing. Their learning should continue without interruption."

Among the facilities they are trying to improve is the installation of security cameras within the schools. Having security cameras in schools, Marcos stressed, would ensure that

students are safe and secure. If anything happens, teachers can immediately respond to it, he added.

"The first thing we worked on was the CCTV system. We installed CCTV cameras. I think this school now has 16 cameras—16 cameras for monitoring and ensuring that the children are safe and secure," Marcos said. "And if anything happens, the teachers will know immediately, and the administrators will know immediately as well. That's why we prioritized that first."

Carrying the theme 'Bayanihan sa Paaralan: Nagkakaisa para sa Kaayusan at Kaalaman,' this year's brigada eskwela is being held nationwide from June 1 to 5 in preparation for ▶ 4



DAY IN COURT - Senator Jinggoy Estrada (left photo) and a frail-looking former Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) secretary Manuel Bonoan arrive at the Sandiganbayan separately to face the charges against them for their alleged involvement in flood control anomalies on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Estrada was taken to the court for his arraignment on the graft charges filed against him, while Bonoan, who arrived in a wheelchair, came for the return of the arrest warrant that was issued against him for the crime of plunder. (Santi San Juan)

Remulla: No special treatment for Jinggoy, co-accused

By CHITO CHAVEZ

Under no circumstances will Senator Jinggoy Estrada and his co-accused in the ₱573 million flood control project anomaly will receive preferential treatment while detained at the Quezon City Male Dormitory after the Sandiganbayan issued a warrant of arrest against them, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla assured on Monday night, June 1.

After personally serving the warrant at the Senate building, Remulla said all individuals named in the court order were subjected to the same legal process, regardless of position, influence, or public office.

"There will really be no special treatment. They will be dealt with fairly, equally, no special privileges. The warrant also names former Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Manuel Bonoan, District Engineers Manny Bulusan and Arturo Gonzales Jr., and Assistant District Engineer Denryl Caesar Cor- ▶ 4

Palace: It was only proper to serve warrant vs Estrada

By BETHEENA UNITE

It was only proper to serve the arrest warrant against Senator Jinggoy Estrada over a plunder case, Malacañang said, questioning Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano's call for Senate independence. "Senate independence. Independence from what? What exactly is Senator Alan Cayetano objecting to?" Palace Press Officer and Communications Undersecretary Claire Castro asked during a Palace briefing ▶ 4

Rising Philippine stagflation risk flagged

By DERCO ROSAL

Singapore-based regional surveillance body ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) is seeing a full-year stagflationary period as it significantly lowers its Philippine growth outlook amid mounting pressure from elevated costs of living. ▶ 5

AFP checking Chinese carrier drills east of Luzon

By MARTIN SADONGDONG

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said it will verify reports about alleged exercises conducted by a massive Chinese carrier strike group in the Pacific Ocean, specifically east of Luzon after learning of the ▶ 5



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