

Looking back...



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The road to achieving our RH rights was a long, hard fought struggle of more than 15 years!

...growth. The IMF made this assessment in its "Country Report No. 12/182", or its staff report for the 2012 Article IV consultation with the Philippine government.

By "zoom", the IMF staff was referring mainly to shares traded in the stock market and real estate. "The existing risk of asset price bubbles and/or too-rapid ap-

...points in 2012 and a further 8 percent during January 2013, with bank share prices jumping 59 percent in 2012. Nominal prices of high-end residential properties have also been buoyant, rising 6 percent year-on-year, with rents increasing more than 15 percent."

The IMF data showed that the year-over-year increases in Philippine property



RH law stopped indefinitely

BY RICHARD B. BARBA (CORRESPONDENT) AND JOMAR CANLAS (SENIOR REPORTER)

AFTER hearing oral arguments lambasting the controversial Reproductive Health (RH) Law for being unconstitutional, the Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday decided to extend indefinitely its status quo ante order (SQAO) issued in March this year, effectively blocking the implementation of the law.

During regular en banc sessions yesterday, all of the justices agreed to delay the new law in March. 10 justices voted to delay the implementation of the law by 120 days, while five justices—Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Aranal Reyes, Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, Justice Mariano Del Castillo, Justice Eriberto Delfino Soriano and Justice Marvic Leonen—dissented. Yesterday, eight justices voted to extend the SQAO

indefinitely—Jose Carral Mendoza, Francisco Viloria Jr., Teresita Leonardo De Castro, Antonio Friles, Diosdado Feralta, Juan Sarasin, Roberto Abad and Jose Peralta.

The seven magistrates who voted for a 90-day extension were Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Aranal Reyes, Justices Antonio Carpio, Maria Vilatarra, Mariano Del Castillo, Diosdado Reyes, Zaida Perlas-



'Pork source of big-time corruption'

BY JOHANNALIN SAHMAN, CATHERINE S. VALENTE AND LILIANSCA Y. PANTI (REPORTERS)

A LEADER of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) on Tuesday urged President Benigno Aquino 3rd to scrap the so-called "pork barrel" or priority development assistance funds (PDAF) of lawmakers because it is one of the root causes of corruption in the country.

Executive Secretary Fr. Edjo Garrigue of the CBCP-National Secretariat for Social Action (NSSA) made the call as the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) probes the alleged P10-billion scam involving several senators and members of the House of Representatives' PDAF.

"It should already be scrapped if it has long been established as source of big-time corruption," he pointed out.

SC voids natl artist award for Caparas, 3 others

BY JOMAR CANLAS (SENIOR REPORTER)

THE Supreme Court (SC) declared invalid the presidential order that proclaimed director Carlo Caparas, Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) founder Cecilia Cardote Alarcon, artist Wilfredo Mañosa, and fashion designer Jose "Pito" Alvarez national artists.

The SC's Public Information Office (PIO) Chief Theodore Te said finalization numbers 1826 to 1829 issued by former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2009 were voided for grave abuse of discretion.

The proclamations sparked controversies after musician Ramon Serrano was dropped from the list of nominees short-listed for that year by the selection committee assigned by Malacañang.

Aquino accepts Bl chief's resignation

BY CATHERINE S. VALENTE (REPORTER)

COMMISSIONER Ricardo David Jr. of the Bureau of Investigation has resigned from his post, a Malacañang official confirmed on Tuesday.

Palace deputy spokesman Abigail Valle said President Benigno Aquino 3rd has accepted David's resignation and

Wheel of Fortune

BY EFRIN L. DANDO (COLUMNIST)

LUCKY 77 is very popular at the Strip of this Sin City. My first impulse upon seeing the huge "77" sign was to shout halibuhik in celebration. Unfortunately, 77 stands not for the Philippines but for Planet Hollywood, a casino-bond.

I've also been reading "BS" a lot in commentaries here. My initial thought was that President Be-

rnigno Sison (BS) Aquino 3rd had become popular even in the United States. Fortunately or unfortunately, they're not referring to our President. I guess I was wrong in believing that there's only one BS in the world. But what the heck, our President will always be BS "BS" anyway.

My daughter Irene hooked me and my wife Lynn to a three-night stay at the Paris Casino Hotel at

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1999 - early versions of the RH law filed in Congress

Dec. 2012 - signed into law

March 19, 2013 - SC Status Quo Ante Order

2014- Supreme Court ruled the RH law as Constitutional

Youth advocates



Challenges to implementation



Access - Inequality

Budget



Opposition

Misconception



**Biggest
misconception
is that RH is
Family Planning**





Why is it important to assert our RH rights and address misconceptions against RH and family planning?



Youth voice

**Needed now more
than ever**



State of RH

May 2024

“An average of 55 individuals are being diagnosed with HIV in the country every day. The “very scary part” is that many young people — as early as 15 years old — are being diagnosed with HIV infection.”

Sec. Ted Herbosa, DOH



State of RH



The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

“Philippines has one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates among ASEAN member states, with over 500 teens becoming pregnant and giving birth every day.”



State of RH

Estimated Monthly Risk Incidence on Women and Adolescent Girls that may Increase due to COVID-19*

	National	NCR	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	BARMM
 births	143,000	18,000	63,000	27,000	28,000	6,000
 birth complications	21,000	3,000	9,000	4,000	4,000	900
 women with unmet need for family planning	234,000	22,000	105,000	45,000	50,000	10,000
 spousal physical violence	63,000	4,000	32,000	15,000	20,000	900
 spousal sexual violence	31,000	1,000	14,000	8,000	11,000	400

Note: Sub-national counts do not add up to the national total for the following reasons:
 1) The Census counts at the national level includes: Filipinos in embassies, consulates and missions abroad.
 2) The NDHS total rates/percentages do not represent the sum of the regional figures.

*UNFPA estimates based on 2015 Philippine Census and the 2017 NDHS



State of RH

House approves bill preventing teenage pregnancies

By Jose Cielito Reganit and Filane Mikee Cervantes

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Gov't agencies, advocates urge Senate to fast-track anti-teen pregnancy bill

MAY 13, 2024 8:30 PM PHT

Personal views rather than rights based and data driven

Teens will become
irresponsible and promiscuous
since they will not be afraid of
the consequences if we give
them sexuality education

Exercise – Google Search “How to put on a condom”

If youth want answers, they will and can seek it




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RP/RH LAW



**How can we improve our RH situation?
GET YOUTH INVOLVED and TALKING**

Data on our Placards! Evidence-based advocacy



Making decisionmakers appreciate research



NEWS

**VILLAR HITS DA FOR HIGH BUDGET ON
CORN RESEARCH: 'BALIW NA BALIW
KAYO SA RESEARCH'**



Mr. ALDRIN CUNA

Atty. MERCY PARAS
LTO

Ms. NINA QUIBICAN
ENR

Ms. MALOU MEA
Chief of Administration, LTRB

Use various platforms and opportunities you have like the coming elections



Keep talking about your issues and don't stop!



“Those who do not move, do not notice their chains.”
Rosa Luxemburg