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Imee wants agri-smugglers prosecuted inside 100 days

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Senator Imee Marcos yesterday called for a deeper investigation and prosecution of those involved in the wide-scale smuggling of agricultural products in the country within the first 100 days of the administration of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

Imee said the actual filing of cases against smugglers will be the measure of her brother's seriousness in curbing misdeclaration and undervaluation of agricultural imports.

"Illegal imports have pulled down local farmgate prices and discouraged farmers from pursuing their livelihood," she said.

However, she noted that the cases of smuggling will not prosper in the courts unless the controversy over the list of suspected agricultural smugglers and protectors is settled.

"Some people should be on the list, while the inclusion of others is now being argued," said Imee, who chairs the Senate Economic Affairs Committee.

The senator is referring to the inclusion of Navotas Representative Toby Tiangco on the list submitted by the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA).

Tiangco was tagged as "protector" of fish products.

"Among all local officials, Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco has taken the toughest stand against smuggling by immediately filing grave charges against notorious syndicates," Imee said.

"On the other hand, why have the highest officials in the DA (Department of Agriculture) been let off the hook?" she asked.

Last week, former Senate President Vicente "Tito" Sotto III released the report of the Senate Committee of the Whole which includes a list of those allegedly involved in the smuggling of agricultural products in the country.

The list includes the names of high-ranking officials from the Bureau of Customs (BoC), and DA as alleged "protectors" of smugglers.

Among those included in the list were Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Customs deputy commissioner Raniel Ramiro, Customs deputy commissioner for revenue collection and monitoring group Vener Baquiran, Customs director for customs intelligence and investigation service Geofrey Tacio and Yasser Abbas of the Customs import and assessment division.

Agriculture Undersecretary Ariel Cayanan, Bureau of Plant Industry director George Culaste; Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources director Eduardo Gongona; and Laarni Roxas of the BPI Plant Quarantine Services Division were also on the list.

It said the incoming NICA chief, former police general Ricardo de Leon, must reconcile the intelligence agency's actual list of suspected smugglers with what it had submitted to the Senate.

"The economic sabotage of our farmers' livelihood and the country's recovery itself won't stop if the guilty are exempted and the innocent indicted," she added.

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THE Department of Agriculture has hung a banner to welcome President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. who will take over the agency's management from former secretary William Dar.

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Bong Go to help PBBM government

Senator Christopher "Bong" Go committed to continue helping the administration of newly-installed President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. for it to attain what needs to be achieved in order to guarantee the country's progress and development.

"I look forward to working hard with my fellow legislators and helping realize the aspirations of your administration for our people. I will push for various bills that will further strengthen our adaptability and resilience as one nation, particularly in health, infrastructure, food security, economy, better governance and welfare of our people, among others," Go said in a statement released last 30 June, the day of Marcos' inauguration.

"With a solid foundation inherited from the Duterte administration, paraphrasing your inaugural speech, we will build on the successes that are already happening in our country, continue to make the lives of our people more comfortable, and ensure that no Filipino will be left behind in our road towards fuller recovery," he underscored.

Go expressed confidence that despite the challenges caused by the pandemic and other crisis situations, the Marcos administration will be able to effectively and efficiently help the country build back better.

Meanwhile, Go expressed his gratitude to former President Rodrigo Duterte for all the positive changes he has brought to the country in the past six years.

He said that if not for the Covid-19-infected pandemic, the Duterte administration could have accomplished so much more.

The senator stressed Duterte is his role model and has greatly influenced him to serve the Filipino people.

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Farmers pleased; fishers, not exactly

LUCENA CITY—Farmers' groups lauded President Marcos for acknowledging in his inaugural speech the need to uplift the agriculture sector and pushing for a review of the rice tariffication law and the agrarian reform program, among others. Fishermen, however, noted his silence on the West Philippine Sea issue, worried that it "foreshadows a Duterte-brand of puppetry to China." —STORY BY DELFIN T. MALLARI JR. AND JOANNA ROSE AGLIBOT

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Farmers laud Marcos' agriculture focus; fishers hit 'silence' on WPS

Inaugural speech mum on sea harassment, threat to PH sovereignty, says Pamalakaya

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LUCENA CITY—Peasant groups welcomed the declaration of President Marcos to immediately address problems besetting the agriculture sector but fishers' groups lamented that the new Chief Executive failed to mention their right to fish in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) in his inaugural speech.

"Hearing the highest elected public official of the land accept the reality that the sector has been neglected and misdirected is a good starting point," Danny Carranza, secretary general of the national farmers' group Kilusan Para sa Tunay na Repormang Agraryo at Kataungang Panlipunan, said in an interview on Friday.

He added: "For ordinary farmers, the end of neglect is the start of giving small farmers and the agriculture sector the needed attention and priority, while the end of misdirection means giving local food producers priority over an importation policy that results in losses of farmers."

Agrarian reforms

Carranza blamed the Duterte administration for most of the peasant woes, noting that liberalization of agricultural trade policies that allowed entry of foreign agricultural products into the country accelerated during the Duterte presidency.

He urged Mr. Marcos to immediately review the Rice Tariffication Law and aggressively implement the agrarian reform program to "liberate the farmers from the bondage of the soil" and to put a stop to the rampant conversion of agricultural lands into nonagricultural uses.

In his inaugural speech, Marcos noted that the country's agriculture "cries for urgent attention that its neglect and misdirection now demands."

"Food self-sufficiency has been the key promise of every administration. None but one delivered," Marcos said, apparently referring to his late father, former President Ferdinand Marcos.

Carranza said the country's farmers would wait and monitor the realization of Marcos' goal, "especially in relation to the liberalization of agricultural trade."

National sovereignty

In Zambales province, fishermen criticized Mr. Marcos' inaugural speech for not mentioning their right to fish at the WPS.

According to Bobby Roldan, vice chair of Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) in Luzon, Mr. Marcos laid out some of the pressing issues besetting the country but failed to mention the real and present threat to national sovereignty.

"Even in passing, the foreign occupation in the WPS and its direct impact on the livelihood of Filipino fishers and domestic fishing production were not brought up in his 25-minute speech," Roldan said in a statement.

Most of the fishermen in Zambales have temporarily stopped their fishing trips and sought other jobs that they perceived to be more sustainable than fishing as they could no longer afford the high fuel cost.

Among them were also the ones who remained reluctant to go back to the contested Scarborough Shoal, which served as their traditional fishing ground, due to some incidents of harassment they had experienced from the Chinese coast guard.

Roldan also said Marcos' "obvious silence" on the issue "foreshadows a Duterte-brand of puppetry to China, which the Filipino fishers will certainly abhor."

"We cannot afford another six years of defeatist collaboration by the administration with the Chinese government in the name of economic partnership, while the latter accelerates its control and foothold in the country," Roldan added. INQ

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DA lifts temporary import ban on Belgian poultry products

By Jasper Emmanuel Y. Arcalas

THE Philippines lifted its temporary import ban on Belgian poultry products after the European country regained its bird flu freedom status.

The removal of the trade restriction is expected to ease raw material supply problems of local meat processors, allowing them to temper price increases on processed meat products, an industry group said.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Order (MO) 52 that formally lifted the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen from Belgium.

The DA lifted the ban after Belgium submitted its final report to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) that its highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks were already closed and resolved.

Belgium has been banned from exporting poultry products to the Philippines since December last year. ***(Related story: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/12/23/da-bans-belgian-poultry-imports/).***

"Based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture [DA], the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible," MO 52, which was signed by outgoing Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar last June 30, read.

"All import transactions of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the DA," MO 52 added.

The Philippine Association of Meat Processors Inc. (PAMPI) hailed the DA's decision, explaining that the lifting of the ban would help the industry to cushion the impact of rising costs of raw materials brought about by various global economic challenges such as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

"This will help ease supply and temper price increases of our vital chicken meat materials and mitigate the impact of the fuel cost increases, global supply chain challenges and other issues brought about by the Russia-Ukraine crisis," PAMPI said in a news statement issued on Friday.

PAMPI expressed optimism that President and Agriculture Secretary Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. would consider "resuming" poultry trade with other "disease-free countries" to open more sources of raw materials.

"We hope that the DA under President Marcos' leadership will facilitate the resumption of trade with other disease-free countries, as it will help stabilize meat prices and address the country's food security," PAMPI added.

Belgium is one of the country's key sources of mechanically deboned meat (MDM) of chicken, which is a vital raw material for the manufacturing of processed meat products like hotdogs and canned meat.

Last year, Belgium was the country's second top largest supplier of chicken MDM, accounting for more than a fifth of total import volume or about 54,516.709 metric tons (MT).

The local meat processing industry has been scrambling to source chicken MDM after the Philippines imposed temporary import bans on poultry products coming from European countries due to concerns of bird flu.

For instance, the Netherlands, the country's top supplier of chicken MDM, remains banned from shipping any poultry product to the Philippines until today.

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Agri's key role seen in reviving economy

AGRICULTURE will play a major role in the Marcos administration's economic recovery efforts, Go Negosyo founder Jose Ma. "Joey" Concepcion 3rd said Friday.

Many micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME) are still trying to recoup their losses from the coronavirus pandemic, and

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Concepcion said the agriculture sector can help them to stay afloat.

With President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. temporarily taking the helm of the Department of Agriculture (DA), MSMEs, especially those who have taken out new loans to refinance their operations, are expected to see better days ahead, he said.

"Agriculture is key," the former presidential adviser for entrepreneurship said during a virtual forum. "With the President putting greater focus here whether it's in the next six months or one year, it will really help."

Go Negosyo has been trying to work it out with the DA to include MSMEs in the value chain as "sponsored growers for chicken or contract farmers," among other initiatives.

"This network of big companies have created models which have embraced the farmers and that is what we want to push further," Concepcion said.

"They have an all-inclusive business model and that is what we want to promote and even accelerate under the Marcos administration. So, agriculture is key," he added.

Concepcion also said the government must sustain its infrastructure building program.

"Economic activity is critical at this point in time. The private sector, which drives the economy, which pays taxes to the government, has to grow. Because if we don't grow at levels which are expected, then revenues for the government will be lacking," he said.

"For the Philippines to grow, it has to lay down the infrastructure to improve connectivity that will enable MSMEs to scale up. And of course, big businesses are also important," he added.

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DFAR itinulak ng mga mangingisda

HINILING ng sektor ng mga mangingisda kay Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na isama sa kanyang prayoridad ang pagsusulong ng batas para sa pagtatag ng Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) upang magkaroon ng seafood security sa harap ng nakaambang krisis sa pagkain at mataas na presyo ng mga pagkain.

Ayon kay Roberto Ballon, convenor ng Tugon Kabuhayan at recipient ng Ramon Magsaysay Award, malaki ang industriya ng pangingisda at kailangan ang isang departamento para makatulong sa problema sa pagkain.

Saling-pusa lamang aniya ang fish industry gayong napakalaki ng kanilang sektor at hindi man lang kinokonsulta ng mga nakalipas na administrasyon.

Ngayong si Pangulong Marcos mismo ang hahawak sa Department of Agriculture, nais nilang mapagtuunan nito ang importansiya ng kanilang sektor at magtatag ng isang departamento na tututok sa kabuhayan ng maraming mangingisda. **(Aileen Taliping)**

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Mga agri smuggler pinasampolan sa unang 100 araw ni Marcos

Dapat magsagawa ng malalimang imbestigasyon sa agricultural smuggling at kasuhan ang mga sangkot dito sa unang 100 araw ng bagong administrasyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Ayon kay Senador Imee Marcos, ang aktuwal na paghahain ng kaso laban sa mga smuggler o mga kawatan ang magiging sukatan kung gaano kaseryoso ang administrasyon na sugpuin ang mga maling deklarasyon at pagpababa sa halaga ng mga imported na mga produktong pang-agrikultura.

"Ang mga ilegal na inangkat na mga produkto ang sanhi ng pagbaba ng farmgate price ng mga lokal na mga produktong pang-agrikultura kaya naman nawawalan na ng gana ang mga magsasaka sa kanilang kabuhayan," paliwanag ni Marcos na siyang chairperson ng Senate committee on economic affairs.

Subalit giit ni Marcos na hindi puwedeng isampa ang mga kasong smuggling sa korte hangga't hindi pa naaayos nang husto ang listahan ng mga hinihinalang agri smuggler.

"May ilang taong dapat nasa listahan, habang kinukuwestiyon naman ang pagkakasama sa listahan ng iba," ani Marcos.

Nasa 22 indibidwal ang pinangalanan sa Senate report kabilang ang mga opisyal ng Department of Agriculture at mga ahensiyang nasa ilalim nito. Kasama rin ang ilang opisyal ng Bureau of Customs at ilan pang personalidad.

Giit pa ni Marcos na kailangan din magtugma ang listahan ng hinihinalang mga smuggler sa isinumiteng report sa Senado sa aktuwal na listahan ng National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) na pamumunuan ni dating police general Ricardo De Leon. **(Dindo Matining)**

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Prioritize struggling broiler industry, firms urge Marcos

Stakeholders in the local broiler industry are hoping that President Marcos, who will also take the helm at the Department of Agriculture, will move to prioritize the sector amid various challenges.

The broiler industry is not spared from global supply chain issues that have pushed prices to record highs and shows no sign yet of slowing down.

American Chamber of Commerce agribusiness committee chairman Christopher Ilagan said the lowering of corn tariff was a right move in the short term as the country remains a net importer of the requirements needed in the livestock and broiler industry.

The government earlier reduced the duty for corn to support the production of large-scale broiler and swine farms. However, the government could have urgently increased the minimum access volume as there remains a deficit for the feed requirement of the sectors, Ilagan said.

Over the long-term, the Marcos administration is urged to update laws to allow tariff revenue to be earmarked for development of input sectors like corn to improve their productivity and efficiency.

Vitarich Corp., one of the country's pioneers in broiler and feed manufacturing, said the incoming government must move to fully support the value chain, find ways to keep input costs low and use whatever proceeds from taxes and tariffs to assist local farmers.

Vitarich legal counsel Karen Jimeno has recommended that the country increase its food security measures to prevent the entry of unsafe and infected meat, stamp out smuggling and increase the budget for assisting local producers in the value chain.

"We support the new administration's goal toward food security. Sustainable local biosecurity equals national food security," Jimeno said.

Latest market monitoring showed that the price of whole chicken is at P200 per kilo, higher by P20 from a month ago. At the start of the year, it was only priced at P160 a kilo.

The government earlier explained that more expensive chicken is due to lower supply as an effect of higher oil and input prices plus the additional demand from pork substitution.

"Some players cut back on production. The recent surge in prices of pork also resulted in some degree of substitution in favor of the relatively lower priced chicken," said Ronald Mascariñas, president of Bounty Agro Ventures Inc., the company behind the Chooks to Go brand.

He noted that while there is enough frozen inventory in cold storage facilities, the market preference is for fresh chilled chicken.

For his part, Ilagan said the higher mobility of people has contributed to the increased demand of chicken products, while breeder placements may have been more conservative on the run-up to the higher demand given the COVID experience where demand dropped quite substantially.

"The higher feed costs lately may have also impacted profitability at the farm level, which may have affected decisions of some broiler growers to lower production levels," he said.

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DA lifts ban on poultry imports from Belgium

The decision of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to lift the temporary import ban on poultry products from Belgium is seen easing chicken supply and price issues in the Philippines.

Former agriculture secretary William Dar issued a memorandum order on his last day in office lifting the temporary import ban on domestic, wild birds and their products from the European nation.

This follows the final report of the country's veterinary authorities to the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) which states that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events are "closed and resolved."

"Based on the evaluation of the DA the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible," Dar stated in the memorandum.

The Philippine Association of Meat Processors Inc. (PAMPI) welcomed the decision of the DA to finally lift the ban of poultry imports from Belgium.

"This will help ease supply and temper price increases of our vital chicken meat materials and mitigate the impact of the fuel cost increases, global supply chain challenges and other issues brought about by the Russia-Ukraine crisis," PAMPI said.

It would be recalled that the agriculture department imposed the temporary ban on poultry imports from Belgium in last December.

Prior to the lifting of the ban, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) said it was looking at Belgium as an alternative source of raw materials.

BAI director Reildrin Morales earlier said the chicken supply has been affected by the increase in spending by families due to the opening of the economy.

Morales cited the restrictions on the movement of live birds, poultry products and by-products due to avian influenza outbreak, which have caused imbalance in the supply chain from region to region.

Morales revealed that producers are holding back production to minimize losses, contributing to the tight supply.

"We hope that the DA under President Marcos' leadership will facilitate the resumption of trade with other disease-free countries, as it will help stabilize meat prices and address the country's food security," PAMPI said.

Last week, the department lifted the temporary bans on poultry imports from Spain, Denmark, and the Czech Republic also due to resolved outbreaks of the avian virus.

Based on the Philippines' latest report to the WOAH, new outbreaks of the avian virus were detected in Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Isabela, Tarlac, Benguet and Laguna in Luzon.

Likewise, outbreaks were also reported in South Cotabato in Mindanao, particularly in the barangays of Teresita and Katipunan.

In the report, the Philippines said 82,245 birds died of avian flu in Luzon and 198,394 were culled, while 795 birds died of the avian flu virus and 14,302 were culled in Mindanao to stop the spread of the disease.

– Danessa Rivera

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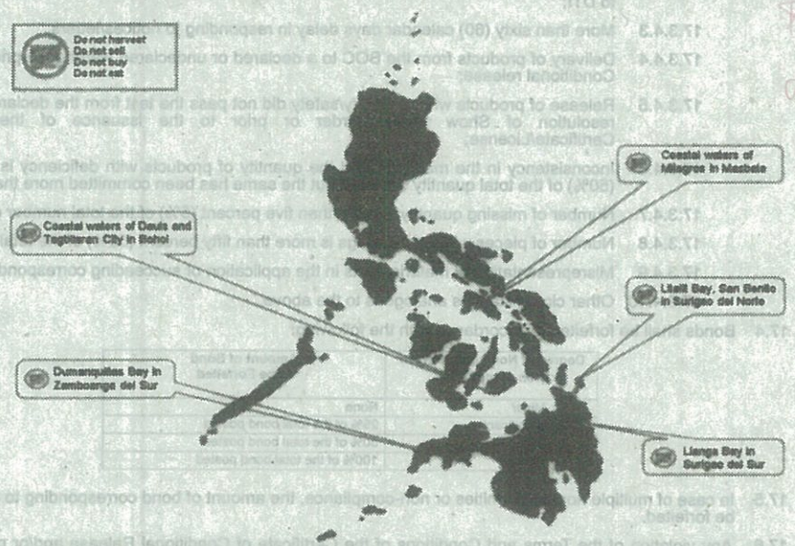
Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **coastal waters of Milagros in Masbate; coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; Dumanquilas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Lianga Bay in Surigao del Norte; and Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur are still positive** for Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit.



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The following areas continue to be **FREE from toxic red tide**: coastal waters of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas, Bulacan, and Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Hermosa, Orani, Abucay and Samal) in Manila Bay; coastal waters of Bolinao, Anda, Alaminos, Sual and Wawa, Bani in Pangasinan; mariculture areas in Rosario and Sto. Tomas in La Union; coastal waters of Pampanga; Masinloc Bay in Zambales; Pagbilao Bay, Pagbilao, and coastal waters of Walay, Padre Burgos in Quezon; Honda Bay and Puerto Princesa Bays, Puerto Princesa City, and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; coastal waters of Mandaon in Masbate; Sorsogon Bay, and Juag Lagoon, Matnog in Sorsogon; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; coastal waters of Pilar, Panay, President Roxas, and Roxas City in Capiz; Sapian Bay (Ivisan and Sapian in Capiz; Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Altavas, Batan, and New Washington in Batan Bay, Aklan; coastal waters of E.B. Magalona, Talisay City, Silay City, Bacolod City, Hinigaran, and Victorias City in Negros Occidental; Tambobo and Siit Bays, Siaton, and Bais Bay, Bais City in Negros Oriental; coastal waters of Daram, Calbayog, Zumarraga, Cambatutay, Irong-Irong, San Pedro, Maqueda, and Villareal Bays in Samar; coastal waters of Guiuan, and Matarinao Bay in Eastern Samar; coastal waters of Leyte, Calubian, Carigara Bay, and Cancabato Bay, Tacloban City in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Islands; Tantanang Bay in Zamboanga Sibugay; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and (Sapang Dalaga and Balangao) in Misamis Occidental; Panguil Bay, Tangub City and coastal waters of Ozamiz City in Misamis Occidental; coastal waters of Baroy in Lanao del Norte; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin; Pujada Bay, Mati City in Davao Oriental; Malalag Bay in Davao Occidental and Davao del Sur; and coastal waters of Hinatuan, Cortez and Lingig, and Bislig Bay in Surigao del Sur.

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Imee seeks deeper probe into agri smuggling

By PAOLO ROMERO

Sen. Imee Marcos called yesterday for a deeper investigation into agricultural smuggling and the prosecution of notorious smugglers within the first 100 days of the administration of her younger brother, President Marcos.

She said the actual filing of cases against smugglers will be the measure of the new administration's seriousness in curbing the misdeclaration and undervaluation of agricultural imports.

The senator pointed this out as her brother, the Chief Executive, designated himself as secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to address the country's looming food crisis.

"Illegal imports have pulled down local farmgate prices and discouraged farmers from pursuing their livelihood," said the chair of the Senate economic affairs committee.

The senator, however, said cases of smuggling cannot be filed in court until the controversy over the list of suspected agricultural smugglers is settled.

"Some people should be on the list, while the inclusion of others is now being argued," Marcos said of the exchange of words that has ensued between the Senate and officials of the DA, its Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA).

The Senate report on agricultural smuggling named 22 persons, including officials of the DA and its attached agencies, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and former Navotas City mayor Tobias Tiangco, who has been vocal against the illegal importation of fish.

"Among all local officials, Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco has taken the toughest stand against smuggling by immediately filing grave charges against notorious syndicates. On the other hand, why have the highest officials in DA been let off the hook?" Marcos said.

"The economic sabotage of our farmers' livelihood and the country's recovery itself won't stop if the guilty are exempted and the innocent indicted," she said.

Marcos also said the incoming NICA chief, former police general Ricardo de Leon, must at once reconcile the intelligence agency's actual list of suspected smugglers with what it had submitted to the Senate.

Tiangco's defense

Yesterday, Tiangco said the credibility and integrity of the Senate have been placed under a cloud of doubt over the committee of the whole's report that had falsely included him in the list of protectors of smugglers of agricultural products.

Several quarters, including two senators, have come out to defend Tiangco, saying he was "erroneously cited" in the report released by the Senate.

"With due respect, it appeared that our senators, specifically outgoing Senate President Vicente Sotto III, were shooting from the hip," Tiangco said.

"The report cast aspersions on too many people, ranking government officials at that, without clear and indisputable proof of their alleged malfeasance."

The former Navotas mayor, who was elected as congressman last May, urged the senators to revisit their records of the investigation into agricultural smuggling in light of the criticisms the document drew from various concerned parties.

For one, Sen. Nancy Binay dismissed the committee report as a "failure of intelligence," adding that she could vouch for Tiangco's integrity and reputation.

"It's so impossible. No way could Mayor Toby be a protector (of agricultural smuggling)," said Binay, who was earlier reported to have been one of 17 senators who signed the report largely based on "supposed" and uncorroborated dossiers from the NICA.

Sen. Joel Villanueva also blamed a failure of intelligence for the questioned Senate report, saying the committee headed by Sotto should have been more circumspect in handling the NICA dossiers.

The NICA has also come out to deny being the source of the information contained in the report released by Sotto's committee.

NFA employees vs administrator

Meanwhile, employees of the National Food Authority (NFA) want their administrator, Judy Carol Dansal, removed from her post.

At a briefing yesterday, the NFA Employees Association (NFAEA) asked the President and the 19th Congress to investigate and take the appropriate steps against Dansal as she refuses to vacate her post when her co-terminous appointment by the Duterte administration expired at noon of June 30.

They said this goes against the May 25 memorandum of former agriculture secretary William Dar, directing all officials under the agency to turn over documents and records to the next highest career official to ensure continuous and effective delivery of services.

The NFA workers, led by NFAEA national president Maximo Torda, said Dansal's counterparts in the other offices and agencies under the DA had tendered their courtesy resignations early on.

"However, Dansal refused to comply with the memorandum and even wrote the Deputy Administrator insisting on her continued stay as administrator on the pretext of holdover capacity, thereby committing usurpation of authority," the group alleged.

On June 29, the Office Deputy Administrator (ODA) requested the Office of the Administrator to turn over documents and records in compliance with the DA memorandum.

In a separate virtual briefing, Dansal said the DA memo did not contain such instruction and that "non-career officials in bureaus, attached agencies and corporations appointed by the President, whose appointments are not co-terminus, should continue to perform their tasks unless relieved by the new President."

She said the holdover capacity is contained in various laws, such as Presidential Decree No. 4, the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) Memorandum Circular No.2012-09 and Republic Act 10149 (GOCC Governance Act of 2011). – **With Jose Rodel Clapano, Danessa Rivera**

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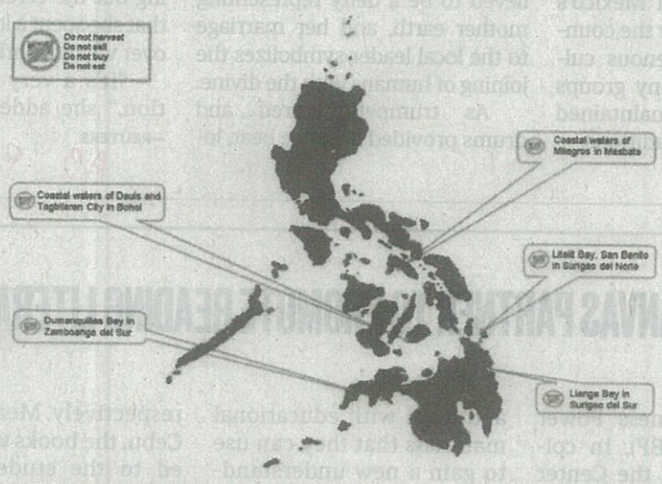
Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **coastal waters of Milagros in Masbate; coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Litalit Bay, San Benito in Surigao del Norte; and Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur** are still **positive** for Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit.



All types of shellfish and *Acetes sp.* or alamang gathered from the areas shown above are NOT SAFE for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps, and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking.

The following areas continue to be **FREE from toxic red tide;** coastal wates of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas, Bulacan, and Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Hermosa, Orani, Abucay and Samal) in Manila Bay; coastal waters of Bolinao, Anda, Alaminos, Sual and Wawa, Bani in Pangasinan; mariculture areas in Rosario and Sto. Tomas in La Union; coastal waters of Pampanga; Masinloc Bay in Zambales; Pagbilao Bay, Pagbilao, and coastal waters of Walay, Padre Burgos in Quezon; Honda Bay and Puerto Princesa Bays, Puerto Princesa City, and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; coastal waters of Mandaon in Masbate; Sorsogon Bay, and Juag Lagoon, Matnog in Sorsogon; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; coastal waters of Pilar, Panay, President Roxas, and Roxas City in Capiz; Sapian Bay (Ivisan and Sapian in Capiz; Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Altavas, Batan, and New Washington in Batan Bay, Aklan; coastal waters of E.B. Magalona, Talisay City, Silay City, Bacolod City, Hinigaran, and Victorias City in Negros Occidental; Tambobo and Siit Bays, Siaton, and Bais Bay, Bais City in Negros Oriental; coastal waters of Daram, Calbayog, Zumarraga, Cambatutay, Irong-Irong, San Pedro, Maqueda, and Villareal Bays in Samar; coastal waters of Guiuan, and Matarinao Bay in Eastern Samar; coastal waters of Leyte, Calubian, Carigara Bay, and Cancabato Bay, Tacloban City in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Islands; Tantanang Bay in Zamboanga Sibugay; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and (Sapang Dalaga and Ballangao) in Misamis Occidental; Panguil Bay, Tangub City and coastal waters of Ozamiz City in Misamis Occidental; coastal waters of Baroy in Lanao del Norte; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin; Pujada Bay, Mati City in Davao Oriental; Malalag Bay in Davao Occidental and Davao del Sur; and coastal waters of Hinatuan, Cortez and Lingig, and Bislig Bay in Surigao del Sur.

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PCIC placed under IC supervision

The Philippine Crop Insurance Corp. is now under the supervision of the Insurance Commission to empower the latter to regularly examine the financial affairs, condition, and method of business of the state-run agricultural insurance firm.

With Department Order 038.2022 signed on June 28, Finance Sec. Carlos Dominguez III said the results of the examination conducted on the PCIC "shall be submitted by the IC to the DOF (Department of Finance)".

In September last year, President Duterte issued Executive Order 148 transferring the PCIC from the Department of Agriculture to the DoF as an attached agency "for policy and program coordination and general supervision".

Based on this presidential directive and under Section 253 of the Insurance Code, as amended, which mandates the IC to conduct an examination into the affairs, financial condition and method of business of government-owned and -controlled corporations engaged in social or private insurance, Dominguez placed the PCIC under the regulatory oversight of the IC.

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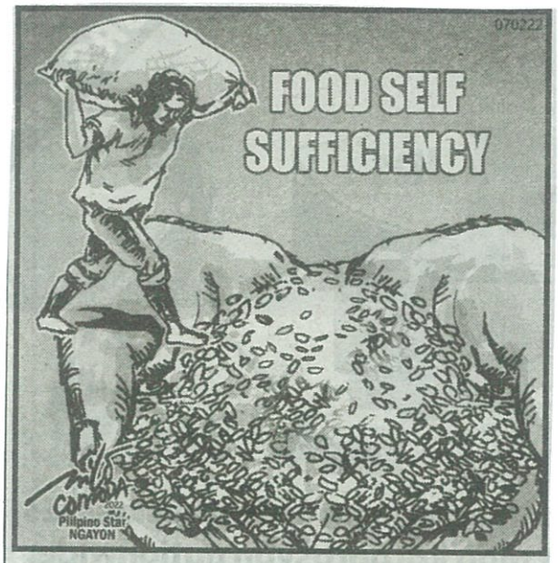

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Tuunan ng pansin ang agri sector

MALAKI ang problema ng sector ng agrikultura at nangangailangan nang malawak na atensiyon. Hindi ito dapat balewalain. Kapag binalewala ang problema, maraming Pinoy ang mamumuti ang mga mata sa gutom. Nakakahiya kapag nangyari ito sapagkat agrikultural na bansa ang Pilipinas.

Sa mga nakalipas na taon, nakadepende ang bansa sa pag-import ng agricultural products gaya ng bigas, asukal, isda at maski gulay. Wala nang ginawa kundi ang umangkat nang umangkat ng bigas sa Thailand, China at Vietnam. Ayon sa mga naging pinuno ng Department of Agriculture (DA), kakapusin daw ang suplay ng bigas kaya kailangang mag-import. Marami umano ang magugutom kapag hindi nag-import. Hanggang sa masanay na sa ka-i-import at hindi na gumagawa ng paraan kung paano mapaparami ang lokal na ani. Maraming nakatiwangwang na lupain na hindi na pinagsikapang bungkalin para matamnan ng palay at iba pang pananim na makatutugon sa pangangailangan. Mas mabilis nga naman ang bumili ng imported na bigas kaysa magtanim.

Sa nakaraang Duterte administration masyadong nagdepende ang bansa sa imported na bigas, asukal at isda. Kamakailan, inaprubahan ni outgoing Agriculture Secretary William Dar ang importasyon ng asukal at isda. Sinisi pa ni Dar ang local government units (LGUs) kung bakit nagkakaroon ng kakapusan sa pagkain at kailangang mag-import. Kakatwa namang nasangkot ang mga opisyal ng DA na protector ng smugglers ng gulay. Maging ang mga taga-Customs ay dawit din sa smuggling ng agri products.

Sa talumpati ni President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. noong Huwebes, ipinangako niya na makakamit ng bansa ang food self sufficiency at babawasan ang pag-import ng pagkain. Sabi niya ang pagpaparami ng pagkain ang nararapat sapagkat ito ang kailangan ng mamamayan. Ito umano ang kanyang tututukan bilang kalihim ng agrikultura. Sa ibang bansa, ayon kay Marcos, ang sector ng agrikultura ang prayoridad at binubuhusan ng suporta.

Kapag nangyari ang mga sinabi ni Marcos, wala nang imported na kanin sa hapag ng mga Pilipino. Ito ang nararapat mangyari.

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Urban farming get huge boost

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YARA Philippines' country manager Toby Goodroad and Urban Farmers Philippines farmer-in-chief Louie Gutierrez sign the agreement at the BGC Community Farm.

Yara Philippines and Urban Farmers Philippines recently signed a memorandum of agreement to support and help promote urban agriculture in the metro, with Yara Philippines' country manager Toby Goodroad and Urban Farmers Philippines farmer-in-chief Louie Gutierrez present during the signing ceremony at BGC Community Farm, the first urban community farm in Taguig City.

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO), urban agriculture is practiced by 800 million people worldwide or over one-tenth of the global population.

However, in the Philippines, urban farming is underdeveloped.

"I think Urban Farmers' mission to inspire people to do backyard farming, to utilize the land in the city is something we are very interested in," Goodroad said. "Crops need nutrients. Yara will provide highly sustainable nutrients, giving the best yield to the land here."

"Farming is not a sexy career for young people. They would instead go digital," Gutierrez said. "We want to envision farming not only from the soil but digital as well. We hope to include more technology into farming to get the youth and the people more excited."

The BGC Community Farm, more known as the farm in the city, is a sustainable and safe space that advocates for deeper appreciation of agriculture and host healthy recreational activities.

Yara is a fertilizer company with the mission to responsibly feed the world and protect the planet and to deliver profitable and responsible solutions for agriculture and the environment.

Its partnership with Urban Farmers, a project driven by a passion to ease the emotional and social burden brought by Covid-19, aims to enhance the growing community activity by providing food, employment and opportunities to people.

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P30-M smuggled frozen chicken, nakumpiska ng BOC

Aabot sa mahigit P30 milyong halaga ng mga smuggled agricultural at poultry products ang nakumpiska at napigilang makapasok sa bansa ng mga tauhan ng Bureau of Customs sa Manila International Container Port (MICP).

Nabatid na ang naturang shipment ay naka-consigned sa Lycan Consumer Goods Trading at nakalagay sa limang 40-footer containers.

Kaagad na isinailalim sa 100% examination ang naturang shipment matapos makatanggap ang Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service-MICP (CIIS-MICP) ng "derogatory information" na naglalaman ang mga ito ng frozen chicken products.

Si Customs Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence Raniel Ramiro ang nakatanggap ng impormasyon na naging daan para sa paglalabas ng Pre-Lodgement Control Orders (PLCOs) ni District Collector Romeo Allan Rosales.

"We need to act fast if we want to catch up to these groups. My standing order is to not delay the issuance of needed documents that will allow our agents to do their jobs well," ayon kay Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, na kumondena sa pinakahuling smear campaign laban sa BOC.

Ang CIIS-MICP ang nangasiwa sa eksaminasyon sa shipment, na malaunan ay nakumpirmang naglalaman nga ng mga frozen peeled chicken breast, frozen skinless chicken breast, frozen skinless cut chicken, frozen peeled chicken breast, at frozen chicken skinless big breast.

Ang pagkakasabat sa shipment ay naganap sa gitna ng mga ulat na nagkakaroon ng kakapusan sa suplay ng karne ng manok sa pampublikong pamilihan at mga restaurant.

Inaasahan namang kaagad na magpapalabas si Rosales ng Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) laban sa shipment, habang ang Lycan Consumer Goods Trading at broker nito ay sasampahan ng kaukulang kaso ng bureau.

Anang BOC, ang naturang pinakahuling operasyon ay bahagi ng kanilang tuluy-tuloy na operasyon laban sa agricultural smuggling, kahit bago pa man isinumite ang report kay dating Senate President Vicente "Tito" Sotto III kung saan pinapangalanan ang mga matataas na opisyal ng Customs bilang mga protektor ng agricultural smugglers.

Una nang binatikos ng isang opisyal ng BOC, na tumangging magpakilala, ang timing ng naturang ulat at ikinalungkot kung paano sinusubukang pabagsakin ng ilang grupo ang ahensiya, gayung matagumpay nitong napaganda ang imahe ng BOC, sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Guerrero. *(Ludy Bermudo)*