



STAYING ALERT – Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) personnel call out to beachgoers at popular tourist destination Cloud 9 in Siargao, Surigao del Norte, to stay away from the coastline while a tsunami advisory issued by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology was still in effect due to an 8.7-magnitude undersea earthquake that struck off Kamchatka, Russia, on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. (John Louie Abrica)

Phivolcs cancels tsunami alert in 22 provinces

By MARTIN SADDONGONG and ELALYN DE VERA-ROIZ

The tsunami alert earlier raised by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) in 22 provinces was canceled at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, after available data showed no significant sea level disturbances nor destructive tsunami waves since the 7:35 a.m. earthquake that struck the east coast of Kamchatka, Russia. ►8

Walk the talk, business groups urge Marcos

House to open budget deliberations to public, civil society watchdogs

By DEXTER BARRO II and ELSON QUISUMBIO

The country's leading business groups commended President Marcos for his stance against corruption during his

recent State of the Nation Address (SONA), while noting that his words must be backed by strong reforms.

In a statement, the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. (FFCCCII) said Mar- ►8



PROJECT INSPECTION – Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amnah Pangandaman (left) and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Ben Artes (third from left) inspect the Brick-Making Facility and Solid Waste Compressor at the Vitas Pumping Station on Honorio Lopez Boulevard, Barangay 56, in Tondo, Manila, on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. (Mark Balmeares)

9 Filipino seafarers held captive by Houthi rebels are well – DFA

By RAYMUND ANTONIO

Nine Filipino seafarers are in the hands of Houthi rebels, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Wednesday, July 30, assuring that "they are well" while the government works to secure their release.

"All indications are that they are in Sana'a, inland Yemen. At the hands of Houthis, 9 of them. An

earlier group of 8 were earlier repatriated," DFA Undersecretary Eduardo de Vega confirmed.

However, he also assured that the Philippines' honorary consul in Yemen "has been assured they are well" and that "he is working to see them."

"We are working for their release, with the help of friendly governments," De Vega said, recalling that 17 Filipino seafarers from MV Galaxy Leader were earlier released and repatriated after ►8

PH bolsters security ties with US, Japan

By MARTIN SADDONGONG

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) reinforced its security partnerships with the United States and Japan on Tuesday, July 29, through high-level engagements aimed at strengthening regional cooperation, military modernization, and interoperability.

AFP chief General Romeo Brawner Jr. hosted United States Secretary of the Air

Force Dr. Troy E. Meink during a courtesy visit at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, and General Yoshitake Yoshida and General Hiroaki Uchikura, outgoing and incoming Chiefs of Staff of the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF), in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, July 29.

A separate meeting was also held at the Philippine Air Force (PAF) headquarters at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City between Meink and PAF commanding gen- ►8



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