

Enrile, Jinggoy head UNO senatorial cast

SENATE President Juan Ponce Enrile and Senate Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada lead the initial senatorial roster of the United Opposition (UNO) for the 2010 elections.

UNO, comprised of ousted President Joseph Estrada's Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino (PMP) and Partido Demokratikong Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban), bared its initial 11-member senatorial lineup in a statement released to the media.

Aside from Enrile and Estrada, Reps. Teddy Boy Locsin of Makati, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. of Ilocos Norte and Rodolfo "Ongpong" Plaza of Agusan del Sur, Grace Poe-Llamanzares—daughter of actor Fernando Poe Jr.—and NBN-ZTE whistleblower Joey de Venecia—son of Congressman and former House Speaker Jose de Venecia—are among the party's senatorial bets.

Also included are Brig. Gen. Danny Lim, actor Edu Manzano, and Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, son of Sen. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr.

UNO said it would adopt the younger Pimentel "if he decides to drop his case in the Supreme Court for having been (allegedly) cheated in the 2007 elections."

Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago will also be tapped a guest candidate. (Philstar.com)

Review of automation code set in February

by ANNA VALMERO
Inquirer.net

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) will hold a source code review of the 2010 automation software in February next year after the system gets tested by an international agency, according to Comelec chairman Jose Melo.

Melo clarified allegations of political watchdog Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG) that the automation source code should be opened for review right after the P7.2 billion automation project was awarded to Smartmatic-Total Information Management (TIM).

The Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), a body created by Republic Act 9369, or the poll automation law, shall certify through an established international certification entity chosen by Comelec that the poll automation system is operating properly and securely according to provisions of the law, no later than three months before election day.

The automation software contains source code or programmable instructions that will be installed on poll machines to define operations such as counting, canvassing and electronic transmission of voting results from precincts to canvassing centers, said Melo.

"Interested local developers and political parties can join the source code review for the automation software in February after it gets certified. The law requires that the automation software has to be first tested and certified as functional by an international agency," he added.

Melo said the source code review will be done under a controlled environment to prevent leakage of the materials and to protect the intellectual property rights of Smartmatic-TIM.

A team of 15-20 IT personnel will test and certify the automation source code of Smartmatic-TIM over the next four or five months, said Mark Philipps, vice president for compliance services of Systest Labs. ■

Pacquiao offers bout to typhoon victims

MANILA—Manny Pacquiao just can't help but suffer from inside as Filipinos continue to reel from the harsh effects of the calamities brought about by tropical storm "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng."

Pacquiao is training in Baguio City, a mountainous area hit hard by last week's typhoon, which has caused the death to hundreds of people due to landslides and flash flooding.

As he prepares for his Nov. 14 fight with Miguel Cotto, Pacquiao keeps himself glued on what's happening around the country, and said he's dedicating his next fight to the countless victims.

"Sa labang ito, kayong lahat ang aking inspirasyon (For this fight, you will be my inspiration)," Pacquiao who composed a short prayer which he texted to friends the other day.

"Let us continue to pray for each and everyone," he said.

The world's greatest fighter today expressed confidence that the people, despite all their personal sufferings, will get back on their feet, pick up the

pieces and move on.

"Alam kong walang bagyo o kalaban ang makapagpatumba sa magiting na Pilipino (No storm is strong enough to bring us Filipinos down)," he reported from Baguio City yesterday.

"At asahan ninyo, palagi ako sa inyong mga tabi upang maibigay ko ang kahit na maliit na tulong na nagmumula sa aking puso (And count on it, I will always be by your side, and help in my own little way)," he added.

Last week, Pacquiao broke camp to help the victims of tropical storm "Ondoy" in Metro Manila. He braved the stormy weather, taking a five-hour drive from Baguio to Manila to personally help distribute relief goods to victims.

"Huwag ninyo sayangin ang pagkakataon na tumulong kung kaya ninyo (Don't waste the opportunity to help when you can). At patuloy kayong magdasal, kahit walang tayong problemang hinaharap (And continue to pray even when there's no problem to face)," he said. (Philstar.com)

No Pacquiao-Mayweather in 2010 - Arum

by DINO MARAGAY
Philstar.com

BAD news, boxing fans: Don't expect the biggest fight in the sport to happen any time soon.

This came after Bob Arum, promoter of Filipino ring icon Manny Pacquiao, publicly expressed doubt on the possibility of his prized ward facing Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a bout pitting two of the world's top pound-for-pound fighters.

The ageless promoter said he's having doubts that Pacquiao will take on Mayweather next if gets past Miguel Cotto on Nov. 14 (Nov. 15 in Manila), citing problems that may possibly arise during negotiations.

"I don't think (Pacquiao-Mayweather) will happen within the next year because of all of Mayweather's posturing, the trash talk. That impedes any realistic negotiations. It would just be too difficult," Arum told Michael Rosenthal of The Ring.

Even Pacquiao's chief trainer Freddie Roach is on the same page as Arum.

"It seems like there's a lot of things working against this fight ever happening," Roach earlier told The Los Angeles Times. "It makes sense. It'd be a great fight, but it seems there's a lot of distractions around it. I don't think it's going to happen."

It was earlier reported that the issue of the purse split may derail a Pacquiao-Mayweather duel, as neither fighter is willing to settle for an equal sharing of the pot. Mayweather came out of re-

irement to school Juan Manuel Marquez—Pacquiao's arch-nemesis—cruising to a lopsided victory last Sept. 19.

Asked if Pacquiao is doomed to suffer the same beating as Marquez had if the Filipino goes up against Mayweather, Arum sang a different tune.

"Styles make fights," Arum said, citing an age-old boxing adage.

"Mayweather is a defensive specialist and Marquez is a counter puncher. Mayweather forced Marquez to be aggressive, which isn't his game. Marquez needs his opponent to be aggressive. When Manny fought Marquez—and it's not the same Manny now—Manny was the aggressor. Marquez was able to win a lot of rounds because he's a good counter puncher," he added.

Arum even provided additional examples to stress his point.

"Just because A beats B and B beats C, it doesn't mean A will necessarily beat C. Look at the heavyweights from years ago. George Foreman could fight Joe Frazier and Ken Norton a hundred times each and the result would be the same, a Foreman knockout. Muhammad Ali could fight Joe Frazier 100 times and every one would be a war. The same with Ken Norton; he just couldn't figure out his style. Then you put Ali in with Foreman and he's able to knock him out. Manny is a different type of fighter than Marquez," he said.

And what about the same fight which he thinks won't happen at all?

"I think Pacquiao and Mayweather would be a fascinating fight," Arum quipped. ■

MVP tapped to...

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able since they just shift pesos from the left hand to the right hand."

He, however, said the \$1-billion that should be raised is only the minimum, as reports of damage in infrastructure and agriculture continue to come in.

Salceda proposed that the P46-billion in proceeds from the \$1-billion to be raised be broken down as follows: P12 billion for Pepeng (P3 billion for infrastructure, P4 billion for agriculture, and P5 billion for relocation); P27 billion for Ondoy (P11 billion for infrastructure, P1 billion for agriculture, and P15 billion for relocation); and for Frank, P7 billion for infrastructure.

"One key element of a new reconstruction fund should be relocation that would enable informal settlers to rebuild their homes with less risk of losing them again

to floods and other calamities," Salceda said.

"Another new element to this multilateral assistance initiative would be a catastrophic bond, which would guarantee automatic release of external resources for relief and reconstruction once triggered by a natural calamity," he said.

Ondoy had caused more damage to infrastructure while Pepeng's impact was on agriculture, he said.

"Both calamities, however, surfaced the policy imperative to relocate those vulnerable to landslides for Pepeng and those at risk to flooding (informal settlers in riverbanks and lakeside) for Ondoy," Salceda said.

Meanwhile, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales denied reports that he is being recruited to be a member of the reconstruction commission. ■



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- Oct. 2 **LA, CA** "Bayanihan" - organized by Jeric Mercado and Sibil Events, Sequence Events and Vybe Nation Events
- Oct. 3 **SF, CA** "Dance For A Cause" - held at Intramuros
- Oct. 3 **SF, CA** Filipino Curcillo
- Oct. 4 **Hayward CA** The Filipino Invitational Basketball League (FIBL) fund drive - organized by Mike Perez and the FIBL
- Oct. 4 **LA, CA** The Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra (FASO) Benefit Concert - organized by Cora and Roger Oriol and the Asian Journal
- Oct. 7 **SF, CA** Young Filipino Professionals Association Mixer Benefit - organized by the YFPA
- Oct. 8 **San Mateo CA** "Everyone's A Hero" benefit concert
- Oct. 9 **SF, CA** Benefit for Victims of Typhoon Ondoy - organized by Keesa Orcampo and the San Francisco Bay Area Community and Elected Officials
- Oct. 9 **Redwood City CA** Benefit Concert at the Fox Theater - organized by Galo Clemente
- Oct. 9 **LA, CA** "Magkaisa Laban Sa Ketsana" - organized by Blare Productions, Incognito Global and Manta Ray Events
- Oct. 11 **LA, CA** "United We Stand" Benefit Show - organized by Dhee Mirabueno and Kamote Productions
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- Oct. 18 **Oakland CA** Oakland Raiders Mabuhay Fiesta - Benefit for SK
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