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MANILA, Philippines — With the slow uptake of vaccines and boosters and fresh COVID spikes reported in several countries, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III is hoping that Congress can find the "political will" to pass legislation that will make vaccination mandatory.

At the same time, Duque floated the idea of requiring booster shots to take public transportation or enter certain establishments, similar to the "no vax, no ride" policy last year.

Duque made the suggestions at the Laging Handa briefing with President Duterte aired last night, during which it was reported that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao had the lowest vaccination rate in the country at 10 percent or fewer than a million of the eligible population.

Pandemic response officials expressed concern about this amid mass gatherings during the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Because of low vaccine uptake, the country is donating COVID-19 vaccines to Papua New Guinea apart from Myanmar, the Department of Health (DOH) said yesterday.

At a press briefing, DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire noted they are finalizing the arrangements with Papua New Guinea and Myanmar.

"It's part of our plan to help other countries...Not all of our excess vaccines will be donated. We are only donating what they need and also based on our capacity to help," she added.

She underscored that they are still studying which vaccine brand and how many doses will be donated by the Philippines.

Earlier, DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III said the Philippines is donating to Myanmar some 5.03 million doses of Sputnik V Component 1 and Component 2 vaccines, which have an extended shelf life of July 2022.

He added that the Department of Foreign Affairs is seeking clearance from the Office of the President to "circulate" the vaccines.

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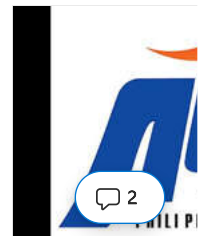
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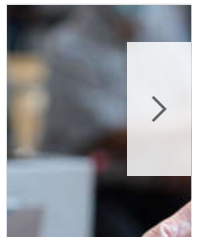
CEBU CITY — Duterte Youth party-list Representative Ducielle Marie Cardema proposed a measure which seeks the renaming of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. In filing House Bill 10833, Cardema wants NAIA renamed Manila International Airport (MIA), claiming that the current name of the



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OFW remittances hit 3-month low in February

MANILA, Philippines — Remittances from overseas Filipino workers rose by only one percent to hit their lowest level in three months, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The central bank said personal remittances increased by 1.2 percent to hit a three-month low of ₱270 billion in February.



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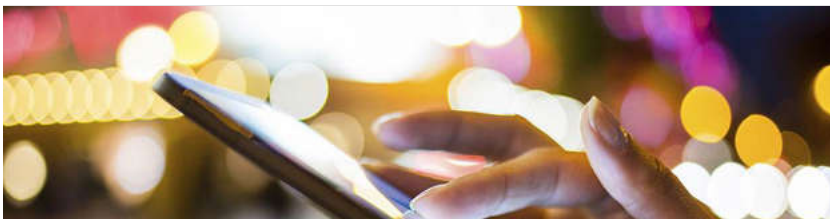
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WHO Philippines echoes possible COVID-19 surge by mid-May if health...

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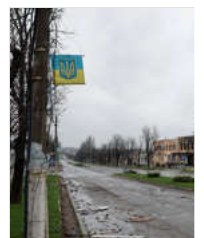
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The search and rescue operations will continue as the number of reported fatalities and missing persons due to Tropical Depression Agaton remained at 172 and 110, respectively, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and



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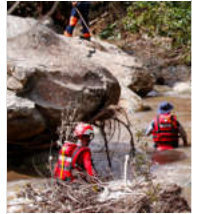
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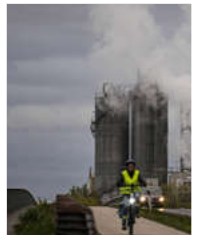


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