

## Palace worried over Villar ethics case

**M**ALACAÑANG is worried that the row among senators over an ethics complaint against Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. would delay deliberations on bills, but is helpless about it.

"Of course, every government or everyone of us will be worried because all important bills are going to be put on hold because of a certain scenario in the Senate," Undersecretary Anthony Golez said in a briefing.

Golez, deputy presidential spokesperson, however, conceded that the Executive Branch could only watch events unfold in the chamber.

"We are just a spectator just like anybody else on this issue. We are watching what's happening in the halls of Senate. And whatever report you're getting is the same fare we see on TV and read in the papers," he said.

Villar is facing an ethics complaint on charges that his real estate empire had benefited from a C-5 road extension project in Parañaque City. The case has divided the chamber into pro- and anti-Villar groups.

Golez said that Malacañang could not tell Villar to submit himself to the investigation by the Senate committee of the whole, instead of explaining himself to the media.

"Maybe he thinks that's the best option for him (talking to the media). We respect that," he said. "Every senator has his own mind, and we will not say what Senator Villar should do." (*Inquirer.net*)

## PCGG eyes bid for P15-billion Imelda jewels

**T**HE Presidential Commission on Good Government is studying the possibility of holding an electronic bidding when government finally moves to dispose of P15-billion worth of confiscated jewelry of former First Lady Imelda Marcos.

Lawyer Ricardo Abcede, PCGG commissioner for litigation, said the agency was looking into this option in its quest to sell the jewelry of Marcos to generate revenues for the government.

Electronic bidding, he said, was another option aside from having the jewels auctioned by known international auctioneers Sotheby's, Christie's, or Bonham's.

The electronic option, he said, was suggested to them by former Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)

chairman Manuel Morato, who is an antique collector.

Abcede said that he has strongly recommended to the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to dispose of the Marcos jewelry as the government looks for additional revenue to bring down the budget deficit.

According to Abcede, the Marcos jewels are stored in the vaults of the BOC and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Abcede expressed optimism that the Marcos jewels would fetch high prices considering the lingering fascination with the former first lady.

It was learned that the Marcos jewels were made up of three collections namely the Malacañang, the Hawaii, and the

Roumeliotes collections.

Abcede said that the Malacañang collection is made up of the jewels left by the Marcoses in the Palace when they fled from the country at the height of the EDSA People Power revolt in February 1986.

The Hawaii collection is composed of those seized from Imelda by Customs authorities when the family arrived there from the Philippines, while the Roumeliotes collection was seized from a Greek courier of the Marcoses who attempted to smuggle a portion of the Marcos jewels out of the country in 1986.

The PCGG held a public display of all the jewels in September 2005, and auctioneers appraised their value at P15 billion in 2006. (*Philstar.com*)

## NBI's findings: Failon's wife committed suicide

by SANDY ARANETA  
*Philstar.com*

**T**HE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) announced last May 21 that based on evidence, Trinidad

Arteche-Etong, wife of ABS-CBN news anchor Ted Failon committed suicide.

Trinidad was found with a gunshot wound to her head inside a bathroom of their house on No. 27 General Aquino Street, Tierra Pura Subdivision in Tandang Sora, Quezon City, last April 15.

Failon (Mario Teodoro Failon Etong in real life), a news anchor of ABS-CBN TV Patrol, had claimed that his wife committed suicide due to financial problems, and Trinidad's relatives supported

Failon's claim. Trinidad died the next day at the New Era General Hospital in Quezon City.

In a six-page statement issued during a press conference at NBI headquarters in Manila, NBI Director Nestor Mantaring said: "After careful perusal of the testimonial evidence and conscientious evaluation of the results, recommendations and



Ted Failon

conclusions of the criminalists, working as a team, as regards their investigative, technical, scientific, medical and psychiatric analyses, the NBI concluded that Trinidad Arteche-Etong indeed

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