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Most Pinoys don't believe GMA will step down

MANILA – Forty-three percent of Filipino voters do not believe that President Arroyo intends to step down in 2010, a recent survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) revealed on Thursday.

The SWS February 2009 survey found 43 percent of voting-age Filipinos disagreeing, and only 31 percent agreeing, with

the statement, "*Tapat si Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo sa kanyang balak na pagbababa sa pwesto sa 2010* (President sincerely intends to step down in 2010)."

Twenty-six percent of Filipinos are undecided about this matter.

SWS said this is more skeptical than in the Sept. 29 to Oct. 4,

2008 SWS survey, which found that 39 percent disagreed and 33 percent agreed with the same test statement.

Twenty-seven percent were undecided.

Disagreement about the President's sincerity rose by 11 points in Mindanao, from 30 percent in October 2008 to 41 percent in February 2009, and by five

points in the Visayas, from 32 percent to 37 percent.

It barely changed in other areas: it went from 52 percent to 51 percent in Metro Manila, and from 43 percent to 44 percent in balance Luzon.

It eased by 13 points in class ABC, from 53 percent to 40 percent, while it rose by five points in class D or the *masa*, from 38

percent to 43 percent, and by three points in class E, from 38 percent to 41 percent.

The First Quarter 2009 Social Weather Survey, fielded over Feb. 20 to 23, used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults in Metro Manila, the balance of Lu-

zon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Sampling error margins of plus or minus three percentage points for national percentages and plus or minus six percentage points for area percentages were applied in the survey. (Philstar.com)

UNMOVED BY PROTESTS

Speaker: Constituent assembly still on

by LIRA DALANGIN-FERNANDEZ
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MANILA – Unmoved by nationwide protests, Speaker Prospero Nograles said that the House of Representatives could still convene as a constituent assembly to amend the Constitution.

Nograles said he would meet with leaders of the House and with some senators to get their views on what to do next after approving House Resolution 1109, seeking to convene the constituent assembly.

"To convene is an option, but not my own decision. It depends on the collective decision after consultation," he said in a text message.

The House leader defended the chamber's approval of the resolution against criticisms by various sectors and political personalities that it would pave the way for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's stay in power beyond 2010.

In a message during Wednesday's rally in Makati, former President Corazon Aquino said that the plan of Arroyo's allies to rewrite the 1987 Constitution was a "shameful abuse of power."

But Nograles said lawmakers who approved HR 1109 made a "democratic and public transparent collective decision" when they voted in plenary two days before the session ended.

Turning the tables on the former President, Nograles said, "Personally, I think that the 1986 revolutionary government during the presidency of Cory

Aquino), where there was absolutely no Constitution, as really the best example of raw, unbridled and uncontrolled power."

"That was a revolutionary government and the Constitution was made by those she appointed," Nograles said.

At the Serye forum in Quezon City, Representative Matias De-

fensor and University of the East College of Law dean Amado Valdez said that the constituent assembly could not be convened without the participation of at least majority of the members of the Senate.

Defensor, who represents the third district of Quezon City, said he would withdraw his signature

from HR 1109 if his colleagues pursue the convening of the assembly without the participation of the Senate.

Valdez, meanwhile said that congressmen could be charged with "usurpation of powers" by the senators if the former ignores their colleagues in the Senate. ■

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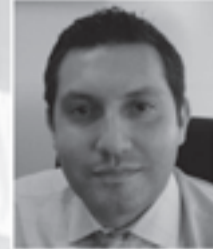
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