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Noynoy Aquino asked for position on land...

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President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo does not extend her term beyond June 2010 by choosing a "reformist candidate."
While his group is all for "good governance," Carranza said Aquino should be able to provide solutions to issues that will give "justice and develop-

ment for the people."
Aquino, the only son of the late President and assassinated former senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr., announced his presidential bid on September 9, 40 days after the death of his mother.
The public clamor for Aquino, 49, to run for president grew af-

ter his mother was laid to rest, with his mother's supporters saying he should continue his parents' legacy to Philippine democracy.

"We welcome the fact that Noynoy is anti-GMA. That's always a good starting point. But beyond that, there's a need for substantial programs," Renato Reyes, secretary general of the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), said in a separate interview.

Reyes told the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* by phone that Hacienda Luisita was a "major issue that would confront" Aquino in his presidential campaign.

"It will show his leadership and political will," Reyes said.

Reyes said the farmers on Hacienda Luisita "are fighting for ownership of the land they rightfully deserve" and that a "departure from the SDO would be a huge development."

"If Senator Noynoy can address these issues in his plat-

form, then that would be an encouraging sign," Reyes said.

Aside from land reform, Reyes said Aquino should already make known his position on issues such as national sovereignty and tax measures that become a burden on the public.

The Hacienda Luisita issue is a thorn on Aquino's side.

In 2004, 14 people were killed in a violent dispersal of striking farmers on his family's estate.

The farm workers were protesting the dismissal of their colleagues from the Cojuangco family's sugar refinery and pressed for their stake on the land.

In 2005, the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC), the highest policymaking body on agrarian reform, voted to revoke Hacienda Luisita's SDO.

The appeal of the Hacienda Luisita management of the PARC's decision remains pending before the Supreme Court. ■

Mikey Arroyo: 'My wife...

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ing of (economist Winnie) Mondod. I respect her, and though her questioning made me look bad or stupid, I guess very few people can really stand up to questioning on live TV before millions of people," Arroyo had said in an interview over dzRH radio.

Angela is richer

His continuing to grant media interviews showed he was sincere about addressing the concerns about his SALN declarations, Arroyo said Tuesday.

In an interview with the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, he said his wife was the richer one but he quickly added in jest, "I'm not a gold digger."

He said he submitted a supplemental SALN on Aug. 27, 2003, after his 2002 SALN was deemed inadequate because it did not include the assets of his wife whom he married in June 2002.

The supplemental SALN

showed his assets grew to P68.73 million in 2002 from P5.7 million in 2001 (his first SALN as vice governor of Pangasinana) due mainly to his wife's holdings. She was listed as a director-shareholder in five companies owned by her family.

Her father, Herman Montenegro, owns Pacific Activated Carbon Corp.

Arroyo said his assets showed a gradual appreciation, growing to P74.4 million in 2004 and P99.2 million in 2008.

Scandalous, cherry-picked

His lawyer, Ruy Rondain, said the increase in Arroyo's wealth was made to appear "scandalous" by Vera Files, the group of investigative reporters which exposed Arroyo's alleged SALN misdeclarations.

He said Vera Files "cherry-picked" the documents it had to put Arroyo in a bad light.

"They knew there was a supplemental SALN in 2003, why did they not include it in their research? Is it because it would have ruined their foregone conclusion that my client had built up his wealth scandalously and not gradually?"

Rondain said it was clear in Arroyo's SALN that he was a shareholder, not the majority owner, of Beach Way Park LLC which Arroyo claimed owned the Foster City, California, beach-front home worth \$1.3 million. ■

Government...

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In its latest Global Competitiveness Index, the World Economic Forum (WEF) ranked the Philippines 87th out of 133 economies.

This was a drop from the previous 71st place of the Philippines.

The biggest problem of the Philippines was corruption, followed by inefficient bureaucracy, inadequate infrastructure, policy instability, access to financing and tax regulation, the WEF said.

The Philippines has not met the criteria for anti-corruption of the United States-based Millennium Challenge Corp. for countries seeking to receive grants from the MCA. (*Philstar.com*)

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