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tee, recommends on April 1 the filling of plunder charges against Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada and Ramon "Bong" Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada and Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., as well as Janet Lim-Napoles, in connection with the pork

Don't be selective, charge all involveď

Vice President Jejomar Binay said the filing of cases against those involved in the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) scam ed. should not be limited to noncreate the impression that political partisanship - not justice is the sole motivation behind the

Binay said other officials men-Audit's (COA) report released last year should also be prosecut-

The Office of the Ombudsman administration allies or it "will recommended the filing of plunder and graft charges against Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada and Ramon Turn to page 11

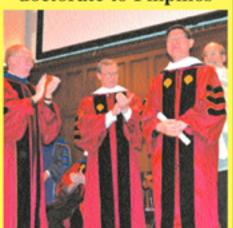
MANILA - After more than five months of investigation, the Office of the Ombudsman on Tuesday announced the filing of plunder charges in court agai Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Ramon Revilla Jr. and Jinggoy Estrada over the pork barrel fund

The Ombudsman said it has found probable cause to indict the three senators for plunder and multiple counts of graft before the Sandiganbayan for pocketing some P597 million in kickbacks or commissions from their Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

The anti-graft agency, in three separate decisions approved by Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales, also directed the filing of plunder or graft cases again Janet Lim-Napoles, Enrile's chief-of-staff Jessica Lucila "Gigi" Reyes, Revilla's chief-ofstaff Richard Cambe, Enrile and Estrada's alleged representative Ruby Tuason, Estrada's staff Pauline Labayen, Technology Resource Center (TRC) director general Dennis Cunanan, and a number of other government officials and employees of nonpovernment organizations

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Cardinal Tagle charms Fordham U, dedicates doctorate to Filipinos



Professor Henry Schwalbenberg (right) helps Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle adjust his hood at the conferment of the honorary doctorate degree at Fordham University in the Brunx. To the left are Father seph McShane and board of trustees vice chair Edward Struz. Photo by Wondell Gast

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle accept- Fordham on March 28 in a cered Fordham University's honorary doctorate of humane letters in the Bronx on behalf of the Filipino people, especially those afflicted by recent natural disasters who "have inspired the world with their lively faith and joyful hope.

emony that highlighted the strong and abiding ties between the premiere university, the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, and the

Tagle, a member of the Turn to page 14

U.S. to China: 'Leave PH alone'

By JOSE KATIGRAK

WASHINGTON - The United States has called on China to allow the Philippines to continue to maintain its presence on Ayungin (Second Shoal in the West Philippine Sea and said Chinese efforts to prevent Filipinos from resupplying the outpost were "provocative and destabilizing."

State Department spokesperson Marie Harf, in a press briefing on Monday, said the Chinese coast guard harassed Philippine vessels and attempted to block these vessels from conducting a routine re-supply and rotation of personnel on Ayungin Shoul on Saturday.

Aside from being provocative and destabilizing, Chinese actions were inconsistent with Turn to page 13



A China Coast Guard ship tries to block a Philippine supply hoat or March 29, as the latter attempts to reach the Second Thomas Shool, a remote West Philippine Sea reef claimed by both countries. The supply bout finally slipped past the Chinese blockade to reach the EEP Sierra Madre, a Filipino Navy vessel that has been grounded there since 1999 to assert the Philippine sovereignty over the shoul. A company of Filipino marines are stationed on the rusty vessel. (AFF/Jey Directo)

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