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## Fil-Am sworn in as prez of St. John's U — a first

### 2nd term won't solve our troubles, says PNoy

MANILA — President Aquino (pictured) ended speculations on a possible term extension, telling a group of businessmen that having six more years in office was not "the right solution" to sustain the country's growth.

Instead the solution, Aquino said, is choosing the next leader wisely. "With regard to how do we sustain this after 2016, then perhaps I will vote for the right candidate. And if I can ask you also to discern properly as to who is exalting populist sentiments with no substance as



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*'I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and to the opportunity of working together to enhance our academic and research programs'*  
— Gempesaw

### Ex-Atenean now a leader of a century-old university

Dr. Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw, Ph.D., an alumnus of the Ateneo de Davao University, was formally installed as the 17th president and first lay president of St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., in an investiture held Oct. 24.

"St. John's is blessed to have as president an individual who can preserve the Catholic and Vincentian traditions of our great institution while invigorating our academic landscape and challenging us to reach greater heights in our teaching, scholarship and research," said Peter F. D'Angelo, chair of the board of trustees, who presided over the investiture.

Gempesaw was presented with the presidential regalia, a distinctive red robe representing the academics of the university; the presidential medallion, which bears the university crest and

St. John's University president Dr. Conrado Gempesaw (right) with Peter F. D'Angelo, chair of the board of trustees.

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### LEFT INSIDE IN -5°F Elderly Pinoy freezes to death in airline: suit

LAS VEGAS — An 85-year-old Filipino grandfather froze to death after being left in the back of a Korean Air Lines plane in subzero temperatures during a stopover in Seoul in 2012, his family claims in a federal lawsuit filed before a district court in Nevada.

The late Romeo Teodoro of Las Vegas was returning from the Philippines with his son Ernesto in



2012. Teodoro's daughter Rosemarie T. Bone says in the suit filed on Oct. 12. Though afflicted with diabetes and needing a wheelchair, Teodoro saw a doctor before his return flight and was given a clean bill of health, his daughter

says. On Dec. 5, 2012, Teodoro and his son boarded a Korean Air flight in Manila bound for Las Vegas with a stopover in Seoul.

During the layover, Bone says, the flight attendants forgot about her father, who was left in the last row of the unheated airplane and was unable to leave without assistance.

While Ernesto waited for his father to leave the plane, Bone says, the flight crew "apparently forgot about Romeo or willfully failed to assist him and negligently left him in his seat on the empty aircraft."

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### Pinay at center of Ebola war zone

By BONNEY MAYMOR PANES  
Doctors Without Borders

I was in Bo district, Sierra Leone, working as a nurse for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), also known as Doctors Without Borders, when the Ebola outbreak started last March 2014 in neighboring Guinea.

It was only a matter of time before the first Ebola case in the country was confirmed — that was in May.

In order to set up an Ebola management center, MSF cleared a space out of the bush in Kailahun, a town near the border with Sierra Leone and Guinea, where the first confirmed cases of Ebola in Sierra Leone had been identified.

Just a few days after opening, the center was overwhelmed with patients.

I was in Kailahun in August.

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Bonney Maymor Panes, an MSF Filipina nurse deployed in an isolation ward for Ebola patients, gets ready with her personal protective equipment to care for a newly admitted patient. (Photo by Lam Fil Pci)

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