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**Ombudsman indicts Corona**

MANILA—Almost two years after he was convicted by a Senate impeachment court, former Chief Justice Renato Corona’s legal troubles are far from over.

On January 29, the Office of the Ombudsman announced that Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales had filed perjury and graft cases against Corona and his wife Cristina.

In a statement, the Ombudsman said Morales signed a 22-page resolution last January 29 in which she accused the former chief justice of Corona for violating Republic Act 1379, whereby he will face eight counts of perjury.

Corona, in a separate statement, maintained that all his wealth came from “hard, honest work.” “Whatever we have is the product of 45 years of honest, hard work. I have never been involved in any anomalous or illegal transaction in my life,” he said.

Corona, imprisoned in 2011 for misleading his Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN), is also found to have violated Section 11 of RA No. 671 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials.

Though he described the Ombudsman order as unfounded, Corona said he was not surprised by it.

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**MADE IN MANILA**

**PH TAX EVASION CASE**

**Napoles daughter responds**

LONDON-based Jeanie Napoles, daughter of detained businesswoman and alleged pork barrel scam mastermind Janet Lim-Napoles, has glad her countrymen-attacked in a tax evasion case filed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

According to an “Ex Parte” filing submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman, the younger Napoles denied that she willfully avoided paying taxes amounting to over P7 million.

She also repeatedly said the properties being linked to her by the BIR are actually owned by her parents.

According to the BIR, Jeanie was able to acquire real estate and register them in her name in 2011 and 2012, but had no declared income during these years.

Among these properties are condominium units in Muntinlupa, a house in suburban Tagaytay, and other luxuries of the Marcos era which she acquired.

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**L.A. LOSING CONGEN**

De la Vega will be new DFA deputy

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The Philippine government has signed a peace deal with a breakaway Muslim group in the southern Philippines.

A “comprehensive agreement” with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) should be signed in February or March, Manila’s special negotiator Mircea Constantinescu-Ferrer told AFP following a breakthrough announcement on Saturday.

“We have just been discussing the next steps and our goal is to be able to sign a good schedule for that,” she said from the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur where the last round of talks was held.

“We have set a time frame of between February and March,” she added.

The talks that began in 1996 with the 12,000-strong MILF are aimed at ending an insurgency in the country’s south that has left at least 150,000 people dead since the 1970s.

On Saturday, both sides agreed on a “normalization” deal detailing how the MILF, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) will file a civil suit in the United States to recover a Monet painting that vanished after the 1986 revolution which forced former first lady Imelda Marcos into exile, an official said Monday.

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