NPCC MEETING ON CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Monday, 02 March 2026

At the Zoom Meeting held for the National Price Coordinating Council on 13 March 2026, 57 attended to address concerns & discuss potential problems that may/will arise as a consequence of the drastic rise in price of fuel.

PAGASA was the only rep. from the private sector invited. Chairing the Meet was DTI Asec. Atty. Regino Mallari (for Fair Trade) with DTI Usec. Mary Jean Pacheco (for Supply Chain/Logistics) & CPAB Dir. Atty. Che Carbonell. The ff. were the major reps.of their Depts.: DOE-OIMB's Aida Parena, DA's Asec. Genevieve Guevarra, DOTr.'s Joy Nalangan, DOH-PD's Uriel Cachero, DENR's Aileen Macapagal, BSP's Charday Batac, NEDA NPPS' David Mangalindan, et. al. In a nutshell, the different Departments of Government gave their situationer & analyses on how oil supply, fresh produce, processed goods, health, alternative energy and transport logistics may be affected by the current oil price hike. Each Department was redefining their own set of parameters to determine at what point should they call a situation an emergency so they can administer radical moves in addressing such situations. In the meantime, they have grouped solutions/measures as urgent, short-term & long-term in addressing the varied scenarios confronting the different segments of governance & society. No price freeze was determined as necessary for the moment. Constant review to be carried out by NPCC.