On the alleged suspension of Air Force acquisition projects

For the information of the general public, the Commission on Audit (COA) has not “suspended” the acquisition projects for the 12 Jet Aircraft from South Korea, the eight Bell 412EP Helicopters from Canada, and the 21 UH-1 Helicopters, as reported by the Manila Times.

The COA merely suspended their scheduled audit pending the submission of additional requirements and data from the Department of National Defense (DND). Thus, the acquisition of the Bell 412 helicopters and the FA-50 jets are ongoing.

According to COA Supervising Auditor Lucena D. Gana in a letter to the DND, “the existence of the Notice of Suspension does not prevent or hinder management in the performance of its responsibilities under the contract.”

We assure the Filipino public that all transactions in the Department are aboveboard, transparent, and in compliance with the rules and regulations as prescribed by law.

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