

RE: Commentary of Ado Paglinawan on the Senator Lacson Case - MabuhayRadio

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Dear Ado and Friends: Our Chicago-based correspondent, Joseph G. Lariosa, wrote a news report about the case of Sen. Ping Lacson, as you may find in this hyperlink:

<http://www.mabuhayradio.com/miscellanews/mancaos-fil-am-lawyer-says-senator-lacson-is-not-yet-off-the-hook> Our website is not officially commenting on the status of the case, as we are merely reporting the developments. FYI. Bobby M. Reyes Editor www.mabuhayradio.com

-----Original Message----- From: Adolfo Paglinawan To: naffaa_forum ; botomo ; Fil-am Network ; filam-forum Cc: mediabcla ; perrydiaz Sent: Thu, Feb 3, 2011 5:34 pm Subject: Not good for Rodis' credibility thanks perry for the feed but guess how long rodel rodil will have a diarrhea because of this news that blows his credibility to smithereens. now the senate can be complete with trillanes, and soon ping lacson, free to attend its its sessions. - - - - -

- - - - - CA clears Lacson in Dacer-Corbito case By Edmer F. Panesa Manila Bulletin
MANILA, Philippines – The Court of Appeals (CA) Thursday cleared Senator Panfilo Lacson of any involvement in the murder of publicist Salvador “Bubby” Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito in 2000. The latest CA ruling came as a surprise since the same court had denied last November Lacson’s petition for a temporary restraining order (TRO) against the warrant issued by the trial court. The denial of Lacson’s request for TRO led to his continued hiding.

In an 80-page decision penned by Associate Justice Ramon M. Bato Jr. and concurred in by Associate Justices Juan Q. Enriquez Jr. and Isaias P. Dicedican, the CA’s Special Sixth Division ordered the dismissal of the two counts of murder filed against Lacson before the Manila City Regional Trial Court (RTC). It also nullified the warrant of arrest issued by the RTC last year against the senator, who has gone into hiding after being charged in the murders. Acting on Lacson’s petition for review, the CA reviewed the findings of probable cause by the Department of Justice (DoJ), which the RTC sustained when it ordered his arrest. “In fine, there being no probable cause to legally justify the filing of two separate information (criminal charge sheets) for murder against petitioner, consistent with his constitutional right to be presumed innocent and in consonance with existing jurisprudence, he should be relieved from the pain and agony of trial,” the CA ruled. In absolving Lacson, the appellate court declared that his former aide, Cezar Mancao, “is not a credible and trustworthy witness.” Mancao had tagged Lacson as the brains behind the death of Dacer and Corbito. But the CA cited “inconsistencies and material contradiction” in Mancao’s testimony. It also hinted that Mancao may have been “influenced” by “extraneous factors and other persons” when he prepared his February 13, 2009 affidavit implicating Lacson in the double-murder case. The CA also threw out the allegation of Dacer’s daughters – Carina, Sabina, Amparo and Emily – that Lacson orchestrated the killing because their father opposed his appointment as PNP chief during the Estrada administration.

The allegation of the Dacer sisters “is nothing but an inference or conjecture not supported by substantial evidence on record,” the CA said. In August, 2009, the Department of Foreign Affairs even canceled his regular and diplomatic passports on grounds that he is a “fugitive from justice” as provided for by the Philippine Passport Act of 1996. In October of the same year, the Senate leadership decided to cut his salary and budget and dissolved his office in the wake of his continued hiding. The DoJ also came out with a statement favoring the proposed P2-million reward for Lacson’s arrest. [Joomla SEO powered by JoomSEF](#)