

Globe Asiatique Case is About Quest for Justice, not Political Persecution - HDMF

Pag-IBIG Fund President Atty. Darlene Marie Berberabe said that the cases filed by the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG Fund against Delfin Lee and his cohorts are about seeking justice due to the victims of the Globe Asiatique scam that defrauded the Fund and its members, and should not be colored by politics.

“The GA scam was first investigated in the middle of 2010, and progressed naturally. This was way before any talk of politics in 2016. I do not see how politics is pulled into the issue,” Berberabe said.

Berberabe emphasized that the result of the investigation conducted by the Fund, which revealed massive fraud committed by Lee and his group, was corroborated by the results of the independent investigations separately conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Commission on Audit (COA).

Lee’s lawyers earlier admitted their client’s links to Secretary Mar Roxas of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the reason why Lee, they say, is allegedly being politically persecuted. Lee also claimed that the syndicated estafa filed against them has no basis.

Berberabe said that Lee’s allegation that the prosecution of his case is in any way politically motivated is belied by the facts.

“Pag-IBIG, DOJ, COA and all evaluated independently all evidence on hand, conducted independent investigations and all institutions pointed to the same conclusion of fraud by Lee and cohorts,” Berberabe explained.

Berberabe also said that the Regional Trial Court similarly found probable cause on the cases filed against Lee and his group. In fact, the Supreme Court also issued Temporary Restraining Orders on the execution of the Orders of the Court of Appeals favoring Lee.

“With so many eyes, ears and brains pointing to same conclusion, I do not see how they can claim there is no basis [for the cases filed against him],” Berberabe said.

“Pag-IBIG Fund is fighting for what is right. We will stand firm on our case and we will answer all allegations of Lee’s camp. We firmly believe that truth and justice will prevail in the end,” she added.