



## Razor's Edge

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# *Sinister Plot Explodes on Money VillAroyo's Face*

**NEWYORK, NY April 5 (PinoyGlobal)** - If ex-defense chief Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro Jr.'s candidacy for president is stillborn it is because he is tagged as Pres. Arroyo's bet in the elections. With the notoriety of the Arroyos for corruption GMA's blessing is a kiss of death. This explains why he has been trailing behind his adversaries in surveys these past months. The irony of it is that Gibo is the darling of the young idealist students and the decent voters. Over and above that he has a granite character and he does not speak ex cathedra professing to be a paragon of virtue, which he is. His principles do not permit him to be a robot or a puppy to vested interests. He believes that no former president should control an incumbent head of state.

The only truth about the brouhaha of him being Gloria's anointed is that he is the standard bearer of Lakas-Kampi-CMD party, the administration's political machinery. But Villar's camp capitalized and relentlessly hammered on this seeming stigma (of Gibo being GMA's fair-haired boy), in the media bank-rolled by Villar.

But his castle of cards crumbled down when the truth surfaced that all the while it was he (Villar) who is Pres. Arroyos' anointed puppet. Gibo was only the sacrificial lamb to deflect suspicion from the sordid plot. Now that this sinister alliance is out in the open with the resignation of Gibo as chair of Lakas-Kampi after discovering the ugly plot, Villar's position has reversed for now he is the one catalogued as the villain in the obscene alliance.

Of course, Gibo is livid about the smear campaign that

because he tailgates his opponents he will withdraw from the race. He vehemently denies the impotent scenario stirred by malicious rumors. Nothing of the sort is going to happen. He will stick around until victory is his - he said so in no uncertain terms. His integrity and idealism compels him to vindicate his honor by becoming president.

Surely the people are not that masochistic to take Pres. Arroyo's double-cross to her party's standard bearer sitting down when the real nemesis is the C-5 scam artist who is being supported by the First Couple. The backlash is bound to explode on Villar's face in the polls. Candidates who scheme and prostitute themselves with the powers-that-be are ignominiously spurned at the polls. It really doesn't pay to overspend in the elections.

No wonder Money VillAroyo (moniker appended to Manny Villar Jr after he rendezvoused with the Arroyos somewhere in the Mediterranean last year to seal their common cause for survival in the elections), seems never to run out of campaign funds. Lo and behold, it was because First Gentleman Mike Arroyo unloaded his filthy money in the campaign to boost the candidacy of the Arroyos' secret presidential horse, Villar, to the chagrin of the ruling party leaders. Gibo resigned as chair, Governor Miguel Dominguez as president and Francis Manglapuz as secretary general of Lakas-Kampi-CDM. This eruption within the ruling party caused a deafening brouhaha with the outraged public.

More so after the alleged revelation of Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia to Gibo, who inquired why her family defected

to another party, and she told him it was on the instance of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo. Although, now she denies this story, but coming from an almost unimpeachable source, The Philippine Inquirer, her denial does not bear truth vis a vis the militant paper that divulged the story. In fairness to all concerned, there are many speculations in the media that are detached from the truth. The public however has the final say whether to believe or not, and who and what to believe.

Needless to say, the sinister scheme instigated by the Arroyos and Villar has boomeranged smack on the face of the desperate VillAroyo and even on Gloria's ambition to be House Speaker, according to the latest survey, in which the dirty plot is embellished to its naked filth. Now even a dog can win over Manny for president because the people have seen his true stripes or color if you will - that he has no scruples at all: he will do anything even shake hands with the devil, which he already did in Spain late last year, to become president. This is what I call being accursed with virulent karma.

Right after that sinister tryst Money VillAroyo shamelessly used so much money to bribe public figures and political prostitutes to "jump to his camp", and that they did so with alacrity and gusto.

Because of this ugly betrayal to Teodoro who now looks like a forlorn child in the woods among snakes and vipers, public sympathy has ground-swelled for him. The detestable scheme has boomeranged offensively on Villar, the undeclared candidate of the Arroyos. A case of twin devils shaking hands with each other to undermine a decent politician like Gibo. How true indeed, you cannot keep smoke in your fist. Somehow it will filter through the cracks of your fingers and in this case the people are on notice that Manny Villar Jr. is the secret presidential candidate of the Arroyos, and this is mortal sin to the electorate. Anybody with the blessings of Madame Arroyo is doomed to political oblivion.

Ergo, the supposed shift of party affiliations of Lakas-Kampi-CMD stalwarts to the Nacionalista camp is not because of the granite conviction that VillAroyo is a potential president but because of the promised dole outs to greedy political leaders - it has nothing to do with principles. How could it be, with the litany of corruption issues weighing down his persona before the horrified citizenry?

All along Mike Arroyo has been financing VillAroyo leaving Gibo Teodoro, who is the standard bearer of the ruling party, alone to fend for himself. Hence, the party funds and those of the Arroyos poured into the wrong political bandwagon not to the chair of Lakas-Kampi and its senatorial and local candidates. This bizarre arrangement jolted Gibo who silently probed the scheme and came up with the startling revelation that he was being made the sacrificial lamb in these elections.

Consequently, Manny Villar Jr. is the authentic candidate of Pres. Arroyo, not her own party's standard bearer Gilbert Teodoro Jr. How can any barker of Villar or the Arroyos themselves refute this palpable truth notwithstanding the motions that they are in earnest for Gibo? Their claim is not reflected in the sound of their voice. Indeed, pigs that stink sleep with stinking pigs too.

In effect this revelation debunks the well hyped propaganda that Villar is super rich and throws money like a drunken sailor. The truth is that what he is squandering is the corruption money amassed by the Arroyos and of course a little of his own funds. This means that without the Arroyo bonanza his candidacy would be a footnote in these elections.

I was always suspicious about his so-called limitless war chest. I felt it was too good to be true. As he bluffed his way in the Senate to culminate the C-5 anomaly to hike the price of his real estate properties along the road extension project, he has done the same scenario on the matter of appearing to have all the wealth to share with unscrupulous politicians, media people, sports figures, silver screen super stars and television personalities who believe in instant success—in ill-gotten wealth, that is.

In his inordinate passion to grab the presidential seat after GMA, Manny Villar entered into a pact with the Arroyos to be their secret presidential bet. Unfortunately for the obscene troika plotters, decent Filipinos do not condone the vicious betrayal of a standard bearer by the president herself, and that presidential aspirant happens to be no other than the brilliant and clean fighter Gilbert Teodoro Jr., truly the people's choice barring vote-rigging and election frauds. But can we expect that from Gloria and Villar?