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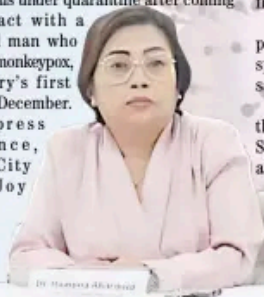
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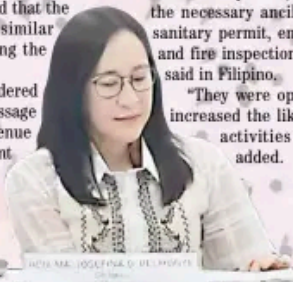
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PHOTOGRAPH BY JING VILLAMANTE FOR THE DAILY TRIBUNE
QUEZON CITY Mayor Joy Belmonte (center) announces the urgent measures the local government is taking against the country's first monkeypox case during a press conference on Wednesday. She is flanked by Dr. Ramona Abarquez, officer-in-charge of the QC Health Department, and Dr. Rolando Cruz, head of the City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit, as they face the rising health threat.

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