



### MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! **BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET** LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!! New set of Baguio officials proclaimed by Comelec

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city board of canvassers Tuesday proclaimed the winners in the congressional, mayoralty, vice-mayoralty and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod positions after the peaceful, orderly and successful staging of the May 9, 2016 general and automated elections in the city.

The board, which was composed of City Election Officer John Paul Martin as chairman, City Prosecutor Elmer Manuel Sagsago as vice chairman and City Schools Division Superintendent Francis Cesar Bringas as secretary, proclaimed businessman Mark O. Go as the city's winning candidate for Representative after he garnered 45,687 votes compared to the 40,766 votes earned by incumbent Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr., the 20,649 votes earned **Cont. on page 6** 

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RE-BLECTED AND NEW BACUO LOCAL OFFICIALS = Blection Board of Canvassers headed by Chair-man Attys John Rad Martin, City Prosecutor Bhner Sagsago and DepEd-Bagato schools superintendent Francis Caesar Bringas give the thumbs up sign after the proclamation of the winners in the local elections. In front row are newly elected Cong. Mark Go, re-elected Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor-elect Edison Bilog. The new set of elected City Councilors are (from right to left according to highest vote counts) re-elected Leandro Yangot Jr, newly-elected and former youth representative Atty.Edgar Avila; re-elected City Councilors Bobby Ortega, Joel Alangsab, Atty. Faustino Olowan and Atty Elmer Datuin; newly elected Mylene Yaranon; re-elected Elaine Sembrano and Atty. Peter Fianza and newly-elected Leah Faninas, Art Allad-iw and Atty. Benny Bomogao./By Bong Cayabyab

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#### May 14-20, 2016

### Candidates urged to file statement of election expenses

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) in the city urged all winning and losing candidates for the various elective positions in the recently concluded May 9, 2016 general and automated elections to file their respective statement of campaign contributions and expenditures on or before the prescribed deadline on June 8, 2016.

City Election Officer John Paul Martin said that it is the obligation of winning and losing candidates to file their respective statements of campaign contributions and expenditures for assessment and evaluation by the poll body for their compliance to existing election laws, rules and regulations.

"Winning and losing candidates have a maximum of thirty days to submit their respective statement of election contributions and expenditures during the duration of the campaign period in compliance with existing election laws, rules and regulations to prevent any complications in the future once they decide to aspire for an elective position or take their oath for an elective position by the end of June," Martin stressed.

Under the Omnibus Election code, candidates are only required to spend a maximum of P3 per registered voter while political parties are allowed a maximum of P5 per voter as expenses.

Martin cited winning

allowed to take their oath of office by the end of June if they will not comply with the requirement of submitting their statement of election contributions and expenditures while those losing candidates face the imposition of fines for their non-compliance to such provisions of the country's election law.

According to him, pertinent forms in relation to the statement of election contributions and expenditures are available in their office for the winning and losing candidates to access in compliance to one of the lawful requirements in order to ascertain candidates who violated the election law, especially in terms of over spending during the elections.

Martin revealed the submitted statements of election contributions and expenditures will still be subjected to further validation, evaluation and assessment by the poll body's campaign finance division in order to study whether or not winning and losing candidates have over spent during the conduct of the general and automated elections.

It can be recalled that during the May 2013 mid-term elections, seven winning and non-winning candidates for the various elective positions in the city were fined by the Comelec campaign finance division for their alleged failure to submit their complete statements of election contributions and expenditures during

grace period after the conduct of the political exercise

Martin cited their reminders to the winning and losing candidates should not be taken for granted because it is part of their obligation under the law to submit their statements of election contributions and expenses to prevent the filing of appropriate charges against them by interest groups and individuals in the future that would compromise their stint public office or their political plans in the future./Dexter A. See

### Cosalan, Pacalso leads Benguet's newly elected officials

A TRINIDAD, Benguet Congressman Ronald Cosalan of the Liberal Party retained his post after beating in a oneon-one fight incumbent governor Nestor Fongwan. This will be Cosalan's

third and last term as the

For the gubernatorial post, former Vice Governor Cresencio Pacalso who ran asan independent candidate was declared the winner beating four other contenders.

Incumbent Board Member Florence Tingbaoen (LP) won the vice gubernatorial seat against her fellow Board Member Concepcion Balao (NUP) and independent candidate Kabayan Mayor Faustino Aquisan.

Sangguniang Panlalawigan members in District 1 are Coy Nazarro, Johnny Waguis, Bernard Waclin and Tuba Mayor Florencio Bentrez.

In district 2, winners are re-electionist Board Members Jim Botiwey and Robert Namoro, Mayor Ruben Paoad of Tublay and Mayor Roberto Canuto of Kapangan, former Board Member Apolonario Camsol and media personality Fernando "Uncle Pandong" Balaodan.

According to Benguet Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Ricardo Lampac, the election in the province was very peaceful and orderly.

Lampac said that the challenge for this election was the difficulty in the transmission of results of the vote counting machines from the polling centers to the

> municipalities and to the provincial board of canvassers due to the problem on signal particularly in far-flung municipalities.

> Some municipal board of canvassers had to bring election results to the Provincial Capitol in La Trinidad for manual uploading resulting to the proclamation of winners on Tuesday afternoon.

> Lampac lauded the Benguet people which include the candidates and the voting public for maintaining a generally peaceful and orderly election./JDP/ RMC- PIA CAR

because of conflicting operating contract granted schedules.

City exec to reach out to Tuba

officials on Asin plants

BAGUIO CITY – The city

government will reach

out to Tuba municipal

officials in order to thresh

out possible solutions to

the issues and concerns

regarding the revival of

the operation of the city-

owned Asin minihydro

power plants which are

located within the nearby

Mayor Mauricio G.

Domogan scheduled

several meetings between

city and Tuba officials pre-

viously but such meetings

never pushed through

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municipality.

"We have to continue dialoguing with Tuba officials for us to be able to come out with possible win-win solutions to the current issues and concerns surrounding the revival of the operation of the Asin minihydro power plants. We have to listen to them and we will discuss the issues for us to be able to come out with solutions in the end," Domogan stressed.

municipal council passed Resolution No. 34, series of 2016 supporting the opposition of the affected communities to the transfer of water permits from the Baguio Water District (BWD) to the City of Baguio and the intended revival of the operation of the Asin hydro power plants and urging the Department of Energy (DOE) not to issue any permit to the City of Baguio, or to any entity for the renewed operation of the Asin hydro power plants located within Tuba, and Nangalisan in Tuba. to cancel the minihydro

to HEDCOR Inc. for the Asin power plants.

It can be recalled that the city government bidded out the privatization of the Asin minihydro power plants and the same was awarded to Kaltimex Energy Philippines but the contract for the eventual operation of the power plants is still pending confirmation before the city council.

The local chief executive cited he will continue to Earlier, the Tuba initiate the upcoming dialogue between city and municipal officials in the coming weeks so that issues and concerns being raised against the renewed operation of the cityowned power plants will be immediately addressed to prevent future complications on the matters raised by Tuba officials once the power plants will start their operations after the confirmation of the contract.

The city-owned three Asin minihydro power plants are situated in barangays Tadiangan and

Cont. on page 9 Comelec to resume registration

of voters by June

 $B^{\mathrm{AGUIO\ CITY}}$  – The commission on Elections  $(\mathrm{Comelec})$  will be resuming the registration of voters and the taking of biometrics of individuals who were able to beat the prescribed deadline so that they can actively participate in the upcoming October barangay elections.

Lawyer Vanessa Roncal, COMEC-CAR assistant regional director, said that qualified voters who were not able to register for the May 9, 2016 general and automated elections and those who were not able to have their biometrics taken by the poll body should take advantage of the expected resumption of registration so that they will be able to vote in the October barangay elections to avoid being dis-enfranchised.

"We will be resuming the registration of voters and the taking of their biometrics next month bit it will be on a limited period considering that they will be busy for the preparations for the scheduled barangay elections, thus, voters must take advantage of the time for them to be registered," Roncal stressed.

It was learned that qualified voters who did not have their biometrics taken during the more than one year and eight months registration period prior to the May 9, 2016 elections still went to their designated voting places to attempt to cast their votes but they were disappointed to learn that their names were not included

in the voters list because of their Cont. on page 9

candidates will not be the prescribed 30-day The Junction is printed and published by Farced JUNCTION Trimedia Ventures, Inc. (FTV, Inc.) every weekend, with office address c/o Linis Gobyerno, Bldg. 2 Ground Floor Bing Dawang-Farres: Editor (on leave) PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes, Campo Sioco, Baguio City and marketing office c/o IT Dynamics, Rm 411, 4th Flr. Freddie J. Farres: Consultant Mt. Crest Hotel, Baguio City Support Staff: Regular Columnists: Mobile Phone No. (0917) 5069123 Tel. No. (074) 422 - 4215 Atty. James S. Valeros Atty. Batas Mauricio Nelson Tuaño Gerry P. Binwagan E-mail Address: thejunctionnews@yahoo.com Mailing Address P.O. Box 1588, 2600 Baguio City Entered Atty. Jesus Dureza John T. Bagavan as Second Class Mail at the Baguio City Central Post Office PCC-CAR 01-04-99 Emilio Liwanen Annabelle Pedronio Nestor A. Castro Bradenburg Sawac Marvin Lidawen Member: # Press Foundation of Asia Cervl Sacpa Leonardo Agunoy M Philippine Press Institute Website:www.junctionnews.com **Beyond Borders Reporting** Opinions expressed by the opinion writers are their own and do not necessarily reflect the position of this paper. Our articles and stories (news/features) are ready to go for printing without the involvement

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# **COSALAN** province's representative in Congress.

#### NEWS

## **P70 million evacuation** center to be built in city

pursue the construction of a multi-storey city disaster risk reduction and management building that will also serve as the city's premier evacuation center for natural and man-made calamity victims.

City Administrator Carlos M. Canilao said the tedious bidding process for the said project was already completed and that the scheduled construction of the said structure at the compound of the city engineer's office will be on June 30, 2016.

The funds for the project was included in the P1.622 billion annual budget of the city government which was already passed upon and declared operative by the regional office of the Department of budget and Management (DBM) after the appropriation ordinance was found to have complied with existing budgeting rules and regulations.

"The multi-storey disaster risk reduction center will be a one-stop

 $B^{\rm AGUIO\ CITY}$  – The shop that will accommo- of the major criteria in the judging of the complicenter, a multi-purpose training facility for disaster preparedness, evacuation center that will be complete with amenities and a motor pool for the city's disaster risk reduction and management equipment among others," Canilao stressed.

The city administrator cited once completed, public schools will no longer be used as evacuation centers during the onslaught of natural calamities because the classrooms were not designed for evacuation purposes, thus, the need for the immediate completion of the disaster risk reduction and management structure.

According to put, the put up of the city-owned disaster risk reduction and management center and evacuation facility will help improve the city's competitiveness in the national level considering that the existence of a separate evacuation center and facility is one

ance of local governments to disaster risk reduction and mitigating programs.

Canilao expressed optimism on the immediate completion of the new disaster risk reduction and evacuation center so that it could already be utilized during the onslaught of natural and man-made calamities in the city, especially that the rainy and typhoon season is just around the corner.

It can be recalled that the construction of the disaster risk reduction and evacuation center was included in the city's 2016 Annual Investment Plan purposely to comply with the recommendations of regional and national disaster risk reduction assessors on the need for the local government to abandon using classrooms in public schools as temporary shelters of calamity victims during the onslaught of natural and man-made disasters that hit the city.

Canilao added that barangay and community-based disaster risk reduction and management trainings will also be held in the facility that will be adequately equipped to guarantee swift disaster response during emergency and calamity situations where there will be numerous calls for assistance from the concerned government agencies and the city government./Dexter A. See

### Go, Domogan to work for Baguio's growth

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 $\mathbf{M}_{(\mathrm{AP})-\mathrm{Philippines}}^{\mathrm{ANILA, Philippines}} \quad \text{which will convene May} \\ \mathbf{M}_{(\mathrm{AP})-\mathrm{Philippine}}^{\mathrm{ANILA, Philippines}} \quad \mathbf{24.}$ 

Philippine poll chief to Marcos:

*Prove vote count anomaly* 

If Marcos wins, that would put him a step away from the presidency 30 years after his late father was ousted by a public uprising amid allegations of plunder and widespread human rights abuses.

These accusations are not true ... we are committed to being impartial, to be neutral," **Commission on Elections** chairman Andres Bautista said.

He said that any complaint will be acted upon based on evidence. Election Commissioner Rowena Guanzon said there was no reason to

stop the official count. On Tuesday, Marcos' campaign adviser Rep. Jonathan dela Cruz said they sent an urgent request to the Elections Commission to halt the PPCRV count because The tally is based on it showed "an alarming and suspicious trend" contrary to independent exit polls and the campaign's estimates.

Bautista said the com-

address our major problems such as our garbage disposal site, traffic jams, improvement of air and water quality, preservation and protection of the environment among others," Domogan stressed.

Domogan ran under the umbrella of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) and the Timpuyog ti Baguio local coalition while Go was the standard-bearer of the Nationalista Party - Nationalist Peoples Coalation (NP-NPC) ticket with a different mayoralty candidate.

The city mayor said that there is a need for the city officials to be aggressive "We will initiate the in the implementation mayor concerns of the city so that there will be significant gains in the mission has not yet received the request as of Wednesday.

Marcos, appealed to his supporters who have been calling through social media for protest rallies to stay calm.

The Marcos family fled to Hawaii four days after the 1986 "people power" uprising, where rosary-clutching nuns and ordinary citizens knelt before tanks and protesters stuck yellow flowers into the muzzles of assault rifles of pro-government troops. His father died in exile three years later, denying any wrongdoing.

After the Marcos family returned to the Philippines in 1991, Marcos Jr. became governor, congressman and, in 2010, a senator.

President Benigno Aquino III, whose parents were democracy champions who helped topple the senior Marcos, campaigned against the junior, who has never clearly apologized for abuses of his father./ TERESA CEROJANO | Associated Press



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For his part, Go expressed his willingness to sit down with the new set of local officials so that they could find ways on how to synchronize their respective programs, saying that he was molded to be a team player by virtue of his experience in the private sector that is why he finds no problem in adjusting to the prevailing situation in the city.

He expressed belief in unity and teamwork in giving utmost attention to the city's priority issues and concerns considering that the alignment of

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**B**AGUIO CITY – Newly to find ways on how they elected city officials vowed can work together for the to work together to address welfare of city residents the pressing concerns of the and guarantee the synchrocountry's undisputed Summer nization of programs and Capital and for the sustained projects that will contribute overall growth and develop- in bringing the city to greater ment of the mountain resort heights. present and future genera- necessary moves to make of priority development

Mayor Mauricio G. to closely work together Domogan said that he will in order to make sure initiate talks with Repre- that priority development sentative-elect Mark Go the projects will be smoothly identified solutions to soonest in order to be able implemented that will the existing problems of

#### by an accredited citizens' watchdog, which uses the same election returns that are transmitted to the Commission on Elections. The son of late dictator

his closest rival.

Ferdinand Marcos Sr. had initially led the partial count by the watchdog known by its acronym PPCRV. But as of Wednesday afternoon, the administration's candidate Rep. Leni Robredo was leading by more than 230,000 votes, putting her 0.6 points ahead of Marcos.

election officials chal-

lenged Sen. Ferdinand

"Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on

Wednesday to prove his

allegation of irregularities

in the counting of votes

for vice president, where

he has been overtaken by

They also rejected

Marcos' request for a

stop to the unofficial tally

95.5 percent of votes nationwide. Ballots from overseas Filipinos are now considered crucial in the race for vice-president.

Rodrigo Duterte, the bombastic mayor of southern Davao city, was elected the new president, based on the PPCRV results that gave him an unassailable lead.

The official count and proclamation of the president and vice-president is done by Congress,

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### **OPINIONS**

May 14-20, 2016

### BBM vs Leni: The Hash Code Controversy

The PPCRV count began right after voting precincts closed at 05:00 PM of 09 May 2016. BBM led the race by a wide margin for the first couple of hours and BBM supporters were pretty sure that he will never have to look back. In a surprising twist of fate, however, Leni slowly inched closer and finally overtook BBM in the early morning of 10 May 2016.

Robredo camp attributes this to votes from her bailiwicks: Bicol, Iloilo, and ARMM. Marcos, on other hand, suspected electoral fraud.

BBM accused Leni of cheating. Leni accused BBM of bitterness. It was one side's word against the other... until a PPCRV IT expert blew the whistle. In plain English we will try to explain how this allegedly hash code anomaly was discovered and what allegedly happened.

#### PPCRV IT expert blows the whistle

A PPCRV IT expert claimed that the COMELEC's transparency server may have been compromised.

The IT expert backed his claims with four (4) screenshots of commands showing discrepancies in hash code data for files downloaded from Comelec's transparency server. The screenshots basically contained the same data, and the highest-resolution screenshot is shown below:

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#### **Basic Linux Commands**

The commands shown above look daunting for those who are not familiar with Linux code. A closer look, however, shows that the commands are rather simple and relatively easy to understand, even for those with little to no programming knowledge.

To understand the code, let's talk about a few simple concepts first.

Your computer uses Windows or MacOS. You interact with your computer using the keyboard, the mouse, and a graphical user interface, which is an image-based system of icons and windows.

Comelec-Smartmatic, on the other hand, uses Linux. Comelec guys interact with their computers using the keyboard, the mouse, and a command line, which is basically a textbased system where users input specific text-based commands to achieve a desired outcome. In the context of this article, Comelec-Smartmatic's Linux command line interface is like the command prompt program in your windows PC.

The leaked image above shows several commands, highlighted in blue, entered into Comelec's system. Each of these commands yields a corresponding response from Comelec's computers. The relevant contents of the screenshot were re-typed below. Let's take a look at the same commands, which were paired with a corresponding line number for easier discussion.

LINE 001: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/processing\$ cat results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip.hash

LINE 002: results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip. Hash(md5sum): 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1d-f0e0e4929.

LINE 003: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air: ~/results/processing\$ md5 results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip

LINE 004: MD5 (results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip): 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1d-f0e0e4929.

LINE 005: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/processing\$ cd results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000

LINE 006: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/processing/results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000\$ cat results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.hash

LINE 007: results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt. Hash (md5sum): b5cf93b92c0a7b6f114fc4849337a3ca.

LINE 008: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/processing/results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000\$ md5 results\_nle2016\_2000.txt

LINE 009: MD5 (results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt) = 7370d0daf9a76d026afbdeabad-55c2ae

LINE 010: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/processing/results nle2016\_05092016\_2000\$ Cont. on page 5

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*LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:* "… `and the truth shall set you free'…" (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in John 8:32, the Holy Bible).

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BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**RECOUNT OF VOTES FOR VICE PRESIDENTIABLES NEEDED:** Whether one is pro-Bongbong Marcos or not, there is no escaping the necessity of the Commission on Elections ordering a recount of the votes for vice presidential candidates, at least insofar as the votes that were supposedly counted after an official of the Smartmatic altered the computer system or program that was used to release the results in the evening of May 09, 2016.

The recount is necessary if only to uphold the integrity of the results showing administration vice presidential candidate Leni Robredo winning over Marcos, despite the fact that, before the alteration effected by Smartmatic of the computer system, Marcos enjoyed a one million lead over her.

The Comelec owes it, first to God, second to the Filipino people, and third to the candidates themselves, to conduct a recount, to make sure that the altering of the computer system or program responsible for releasing the results for vice presidential candidates did not take away votes from Marcos and added them to Robredo.

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**COMELEC PERMITTED COMPUTER TAMPERING?** This is not just a simple sour-graping on the part of Marcos, or of his rabid supporters. It is a reasonable and highly acceptable recourse to find out the truth. The situation would have been different if there was no reason for Marcos or his voters to be alarmed, such as what Smartmatic did on May 09, 2016.

But, Smartmatic, apparently with the official consent and permission of the Comelec and of its chairman and commissioners, committed the illegal act, in full view of election observers yet, of changing the computer system or program of the computers which are being used to release the results of the political exercise. Who else but a person authorized by Comelec can change the computer system being used by Comelec computers?

Indeed, the confrontation with the Smartmatic official was recorded, both through a tape recorder and a video camera, and even the computer program that was changed had been formally disclosed and reported by media (see these links, http://thestandard.com. ph/news/-main-stories/top-stories/205421/evidence-show-breach-in-transparency-serv-er-to-rig-results.html and http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/785207/comelec-transparency-server-tampered-with-it-expert-claims).



**RECOUNT: A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THE TRUTH:** In short, there is evidence of tampering here. And it is the clear obligation of Comelec not only to investigate this tampering, but to make sure that the results that were released after the tampering reflected the will of the electorates.

It might have been a pure coincidence, that after the tampering of the computer program used in releasing the results, Marcos' lead over Robredo started to dwindle, until Robredo got on top of the list. But, the only way to dispel the doubt and suspicion generated by this "pure coincidence" is to have a recount, with the original computer system program restored.

And yes, Marcos may be heckled by calls for a "recount" of what he and his family got, legally or illegally, as financial benefit during the 20-year reign of his father. But this should not stop him, his supporters, and the entire Filipino nation, from wanting to know the truth, and rectifying any cheating or fraudulent manipulation of their votes. A recount is a small price to pay for the truth, and to refute claims that Comelec itself had a hand in this.

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#### Editorial

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From the set of command lines shown above, a command in line 001 yields a response shown in line 002, a command in line 003 yields a response shown in line 004, and so on.

Three Linux commands were used in the screenshot: CAT, CD, and MD5.

The "CAT" command displays the contents of a given file.
The "CD" command allows a user to "change directories" or "enter" a zip (compressed) file.

• The "MD5" command allows the generation of the hash code of a given file.

#### Hash Codes as Digital Fingerprints

Comelec or not Comelec, every computer program on earth has two versions:

• a source code that's readable by humans

• a compiled or executable program that's readable by computers

The source code is a sequence of programming code typed by a computer programmer. It is then converted into a machine-readable form known as the executable. The "converter" is pretty much the same in all cases. That is, the final executable is entirely dependent on the source code.

This is the same reason why Comelec-Smartmatic source codes are reviewed before they are converted into executable programs.

Each source code, when compiled, is subjected to the MD5 command. MD5 is a special command that generates a hash code, which serves as the digital fingerprint of the executable. The hash code is the assurance that whatever has been tested will be the same for the machines that will be used for the elections.

Before the May 9 elections, all tested-and-approved source codes and their corresponding executables are subjected to the MD5 command, thus generating hash codes for each of the approved programs. This allows us to ensure that the programs used during vote-counting works exactly the way they should.

How? If someone changes even a single line of code, the resulting hash code would be different. That's why it's called a digital fingerprint.

#### **COMELEC's Database Design**

Go back to the re-typed leaked screenshot: You probably see the character string "results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000" used several times. This is actually very descriptive:

• results\_ refers to Results

nle2016\_ refers to National and Local Elections 2016
05092016\_ refers to 09 May 2016

• 2000\_ refers to 2000 hrs (military time) or 8:00 PM

In short, "results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000" refers to the "Results of the 2016 National and Local Elections as of 09 May 2016, 2000 hrs".

Each file retrieved by the PPCRV from the Comelec database (called the Comelec Transparency Server for added drama) comes with a paired hash file. The hash file (with file extension ".hash") provides the expected hash code – or the digital fingerprint – of the file.

For example, SAMPLE.zip always has a paired SAMPLE. zip.hash.

• SAMPLE.zip.hash contains a hash code in the form of a hexadecimal number, say, 0abcdef1, which is the expected hash code.

• If I process SAMPLE.zip (the original file) using a hash code generator, the resulting hash should also be0abcdef1. That's what we need to ensure integrity.

• However, if the generated hash code is different from the expected hash code, then it may imply the use of an unauthorized source code OR the contents of that ZIP file were changed, i.e. electoral fraud may be happening.

So the logical question to ask is:

Were there instances of non-matching hash codes discovered during the PPCRV quick count?

#### The Screenshot

Now, it's time to explain what the command lines in the screenshot mean.

Let's take a look at the first two lines:

LINE 001: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/ processing\$ cat results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip.hash

### COMMENTARIES MAGKASANGGA TAYO

 BBM Panalo sa aming mga supporters!!!
 Cong. Go & Mayor Morris-Susuporta kami sayo inyo!!!
BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

**B**M Panalo sa aming mga suppoporters- Tunay na nagkadayaan sa pananaw ng karamihan sa amin na mga supporters ni BBM. Para sa aming mga supporters ay talagang nadaya ang aming VP na si VP Ferdinand Bong Bong Marcos, Jr. Hindi na natin kailangan pang tanungin kung sino ang pasimuno o mastermind ng dayaan na nangyari kung saan ang kanilang ikakasa para Pangulo pagkalipas ng sandaling panahon na mawala na si Pagulong Du30. Isang napakasamang plano mula kay benggatibong number 1 na palpak na pangulong Penoy sa buhay ng mga Pilipino. Mabuti na lang at hindi ang kanyang manok na si teka-teka Mar Sanchez este Mar Roxas-Sanchez ang nagwagi. Abangan natin sa mga darating na panahon ang mga maglalabas ng katotohanan hinggil sa pandarayang isinagawa ng COMELEC kontsaba ang PPCRV at Smartmatic.

**Cong. Go & Mayor Morris-** Susuporta kami sa inyo- Isang malaking Congtulations ang aking nais na iparating sa lahat ng nagwagi nitong nakaraang halalan.

Una sa lahat ay kay Apo Morris Domogan ang the one and only tunay na magaling na Mayor at sa mga talunan na katulad ni Judge Del Claraval at Atty. Joemol, ang payo ko sa inyo ay tumakbo na lang uli kayo sa susunod na halalan kung saan ang inyong mga posibleng makakatapat ay si Coun. Yangot o maaring si X-tongressman este Congressman Aliping. Siyanga pala sa mga grupo na mag poporsige sa prosecution ng mga kaso laban kay Aliping, makaka-asa kayo ng buong supporta ng Linis Gobyerno at nang pahayagang ito. Kontakin niyo lang ako at ipakita natin sa buong sambayanan na hindi makakalusot ang mga FOREST DESTROY-ERS at sisilipin at pag-aaralan din natin ang lahat ng proyekto ni X-Tong, este X-Con este X-Cong kung gaano kalaki ang kanyang mga na KU&\*^%\$#@)9\*&^\*\*\*.

Pangalawa na nais kong batiin itong si Apo Congressman Mark Go. Makaka-aasa kayo Apo Go na wala kayong maririnig sa amin na anumang batikos o panggugulo for the first 6 months habang inoobserbahan at pinag-aaralan namin ang iyong mga galaw.

Isa ring pagbati kay Bro. Edison Bilog, ang sa ngayon ay isa nang certified Vice Mayor na halal ng nakararami at hindi lang minana ang kanyang posisyon. Sayang si Vice Tabanda, isnabera kasi at ang taas ng tingin sa sarili kapag naka-upo na ay hindi ka na kilala.

Isa ring pagbati sa mga Tongsehal este Konsehal na nagwagi. Isang malaking Congratulations sa inyo, sila ay ang mga sumusunod: 1- COUN. YANGOT, 2- COUN. AVILA, 3- COUN. ORTEGA, 4- COUN. ALANGSAB, 5- COUN. OIOWAN, 6- DATUIN, 7- COUN. YARANON, 8- COUN. SEMBRANO, 9- COUN. FIANZA, 10- COUN. FARINAS, 11- COUN. ALLAD-IW, 12- COUN. BOMOGAO. Sana ay ipakita at patunayan ninyo na karapat dapat kayo na maging mga tongsehal este konsehal!

LINE 002: results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip. Hash(md-5sum): 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1df0e0e4929.

The text in red doesn't really matter right now. It's just the name of the computer being used. What's important is the orange text plus the blue text that comes right after it.

Line 001 issued the command cat results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip.hash, which instructs the computer to show us the contents of that file, which is the "expected hash code". The computer, in response, tells us that the expected hash code is...

#### 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1df0e0e4929

Now, let's take a look at the next two lines. LINE 003: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air: ~/results/ processing\$ md5 results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip LINE 004: MD5 (results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip): 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1df0e0e4929.

Line 003 issued the command md5 results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip, which tells the computer to generate a hash code for that file on the spot. In response, it returns the hash code...

#### 962213f5ecd5348d0f57ac1df0e0e4929

Hence, the hash codes match, for the file "results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip". That's what we want. Cont. on page 8

### Open Letter to Sen. Trillanes 'WE'RE NOT DONE YET, SIR; LET'S SETTLE THE ISSUES'

#### Dear Sonny,

It was both puzzling and irritating to hear you issue statements to the media declaring that you are now willing to cooperate with the administration of the next President, Rody Duterte.

I can't help but ask myself whether the conciliatory tone of your statements now is a manifestation of statesmanship, where you are willing to yield on the fundamental advocacies that you carry for the sake of our people and country, or whether it is an indication that the issues you raised against Duterte towards the last days of the campaign were canards and lies intended to derail his ascension to the Presidency.

So, you are now suggesting that we just forget the issues raised during the campaign?

Maybe, just maybe, President-elect Duterte, in the kindness of his heart, will accept your offer of reconciliation but we who believed in him and who were shaken and hurt by your accusations against him could not forget that easily.

Neither are we willing to forget the accusations that you raised without resolving these.

Let's go through the issues you raised:

1. You accused Duterte of stashing as much as P2.4-B in his accounts with the Bank of Philippine Islands and presented to the media documents citing transactions which involved hundreds of millions. You even suggested that this unexplained amount could come from drugs. This shocked us because we have known Duterte as incorruptible and that he hated drugs. For a while, even the most loyal of his supporters asked themselves: Is this true?

2. You followed this up with a listing of properties which you alleged were owned by the Duterte family and which you suggested were proofs of the family's unexplained wealth. Well, we all know that at least two people - a doctor in Cagayan de Oro City and an heiress of a family which owns a huge public transport fleet in Bacolod City - have branded you a liar for including in your list properties which they owned.

3. Finally, you capped your attack with a "plunder" case which you filed with the Office of the Ombudsman at the last day of the campaign period claiming that Duterte, as Mayor of Davao City, hired "ghost employees" whose salaries ran into hundreds of millions.

Of course, we all know that you called Duterte "duwag" but it is something that he and you will have to settle because even at my age, I still have not found a way to measure a man's courage or cowardice.

These are the issues you raised against Duterte in the heat of the campaign and you are now suggesting that we just forget these and go on with life?

Ganyan na lang ba palagi?

Every election period, we destroy people's reputation, accuse them of being corrupt and then we say afterwards "kalimutan na lang natin?"

#### Hwag boss.

You owe it to us who were hurt by your accusations that you follow through with your charges against Mayor Duterte.

Do not hide behind a feigned act of reconciliation. As for us, we also would like to pursue the issues raised by your former cellmate and fellow ring leader, Marines Captain Nick Faeldon.

You have to answer his accusations against you and these are:

1. Did you or did you not solicit and receive money

from then Cong. Imee Marcos Cont. on page 6

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#### J U WEEKEYO N 6

#### Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT, BRANCH 64 FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Abatan, Buguias, Benguet

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE SUPLI-CATION AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF FERCY BANITA AOKIT,

BANITA FERCY AOKIT, as represented by her Mother, NITA BANITA AOKIT,

Petitioner,

#### -versus-

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIV-IL REGISTRAR BUGUIAS, OF BENGUET, THE PHILIPPINE STA-TISTICS AU-AND THORITY CUEVES SANTIA-GO AOKIT,

#### Respondent.

SPEC PROC CASE NO. 16-C-250

#### x-----x ORDER

Petitioner Fercy Banita Aokit, represented by her mother, Nita Banita Aokit, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court. praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, it shall order the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Buguias, Benguet to supply the following data in full and/or make the necessary corrections in her Certificate of Live Birth, bearing Local Civil Registry No. 96-850, to wit:

1. Middle name of child - to be supplied as **BANITA:** 

2. Mother's maiden family name - to be supplied as POSKY; 3. Father's middle

name - to be supplied as SANTIAGO;

#### **LEGAL/JUDICIAL NOTICES** New Set of Baguio... ... from page 1

by former 4-term Rep. and 1-term Mayor Bernardo M. Vergara, the 2,957 votes of Engr. Rudy Aspilan and the 648 votes of Edgardo Duque.

Five-term Mayor and three-term Rep. Mauricio G. Domogan got a fresh mandate from the city's electorate after he was proclaimed by the board of canvassers as the winning candidate for City Mayor by virtue

Republic of the

Philippines

**REGIONAL TRIAL** 

COURT

OFFICE OF THE

CLERK OF COURT

& EX-OFFICIO

SHERIFF

**Baguio** City

Petitioner/Mortgag-

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL

FORECLOSURE

OF REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGE UN-

DER ACT 3135, AS

x-----x

SHERIFF'S NO-

TICE OF AUCTION

SALE

sale under Act 3135,

as amended, filed by

**BANGKO SENTRAL NG** 

**PILIPINAS**, hereinafter

referred to as the PETI-

TIONER/MORTGAGEE,

for the satisfaction of the

mortgage indebtedness

of JOSEFA M. SAN JOSE,

hereinafter referred

to as the RESPON-

DENT/MORTGAGOR,

which as of January

31, 2016, now amounts

to P2,998,266.67 Phil-

ippine Currency, plus

interest and other

charges accruing thereon,

penalties, and attorney's

fees, and expenses inci-

dental to the foreclosure.

Upon petition for

AMENDED

SEN-

ee,

gagor.

4. Father's age – to be of the 46,831 votes he corrected from "18" to "17": and 5. Date and place of marriage - to be corrected from June 27. 1996, Bakun, Benguet to First Judicial Region OCTOBER 16, 2013, BAKUN, BENGUET. Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance. the same is hereby set for hearing on June 29, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in BANGKO the morning, before TRAL NG PILIPIthis Court, at which NAS, date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why

the petition should not be granted. JOSEFA M. SAN JOSE, Let copies of this published Order be Respondent/Mortat the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, for three FORECLOSURE (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to CASE No. 16-644-S be made not later than

Furnish copies hereof, together with the Petition and annexes to the Hon. Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Buguias, Benguet, the Philippine **Statistics** Authority, Petitioner and counsel.

May 15, 2016.

SO ORDERED. Abatan. Buguias, Philippines Benguet, this 3rd day of May 2016.

(SGD) SERGIO T. ANGNGANAY, JR. **Acting Presiding Judge** 

**Copy furnished:** 1. Petitioner 2. Atty. Dael A. Long-

hoan 3. The Solicitor General- #134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati

City 4. The Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Ben-

guet 5. The Philippine Statistics Authority

6. The Publisher – The Junction **Publication Dates:** 

May 7, 14, and 21, 2016 the Ex-Officio Sheriff or

garnered from the 252 clustered precincts in the city compared to the 39,960 votes of retired Judge Edliberto T. Claravall, the 24,235 votes of human rights lawyer Jose M. Molintas and the 631 votes of former Baguio Water District (BWD) Director Engr. Guillermo Hernandez.

Incumbent vice Mayor Edison R. Bilog was proclaimed the winner for the city's vice-mayoralty post after he earned 46,020 votes compared to the 27,785 votes of 3-term Councilor Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., the 21,759 votes of 6-term Councilor and 1-term Vice Mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, the 12,193 votes of

Councilor Leandro

12-member

placed

fourth with 53,753

votes, incumbent

Councilor Faustino

Olowan landed fifth

with 52,833 votes

while rounding up

the first six local leg-

islators is incumbent

Councilor Elmet

Datuin with 49,968

Arch. Maria Mylen

Victoria Yaranon

landed in seventh

with 48,921 votes,

incumbent Councilor

Ellaine D. Sembrano

was in eight place

with 47,386 votes,

incumbent councillor

Peter Fianza occupied

ninth place with

44,386 votes while

Quezon Hill Punong

Barangay Lilia Fariñas,

wife for the late Vice

Mayor Daniel T.

Fariñas, was in tenth

spot with 42,099

votes, newsman

Arthur Lad-iw was

in 11th position with

41,512 while com-

pleting the roster

was former Benguet

**Electric Cooperative** 

(BENECO) Director

Benny Bomogao who

Martin said of the

earned 37,400 votes.

147,794 registered

voters in the city,

115,929 voters from

the different clustered

precincts were able to

cast their votes repre-

senting a total of 78.43

percent voter turnout.

The canvassing

votes.

3-term Councilor her undersigned Deputy Fred Bagbagen and Sheriff, will sell at public the 328 votes of Jeffrey auction on JUNE 07, Pinic. 2016, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon B. Yangot, Jr. topped thereafter, at the lobby the (fronting the main council slate with entrance) of the Hall of 55,594 votes followed Justice Building, Baguio by former Youth City, respondent's/mort-Sector Rep. Edgar gagor's pro indiviso Avila with 54,943 share consisting of 1/2 of votes. Incumbent Councilor Roberto the following described mortgage property and all Ortega third with 54,861, its improvements existing incumbent Councilor thereon, to wit: Joel Alangsab placed

TRANSFER CERTIF-ICATE OF TITLE NO. 32820, BAGUIO CITY "A parcel of land (Lot 10-C-1-G-3-A-1-A Psd-1-05101, being a portion of Lot 10-C-1-G-3-A-1, Psd-1-00118, L.R.C. REC. NO. situated at Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N., along 1-2 by Lot 1-C-1-G-3-A-3, Psd-1-00118 (Road Lot); on the E., along line 2-3 by Lot 10-C-E-(LRC) Psd-7394: on the S., & W., along line 3-4 by Lot 10-C-1-G-3-A-1-B, Psd-1-05101. Beginning at a point marked "1" xxx to point of beginning; containing an area of SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY (650) SQUARE METERS."

**Prospective bidders** may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 10th day of May, 2016.

(SGD)LINDA G. MON-
<b>TES-LOLOY</b>
Clerk of Court VI &

**Ex-Officio Sheriff** (SGD)ROMEO

FLORENDO Sheriff-in-Charge

Publication dates: May 14, 21, and 28, 2016.

of votes was completed around 11:45 pm on Election Day but the members of the board decided to hold the proclamation of winners the following day to give chance for the completion of administrative matters prior to the proclamation of winners./Dexter A. See

### Open Letter to Sen. Trillanes ...from page 5 while you were in detention with the other

officers involved in the Oakwood Mutiny?

2. Did you or did you not receive money from Sen. Jinggoy Estrada while you were in detention?

3. Did you or did you not compromise our country's interests and even sovereignty in your 16 trips to China?

4. Are you or are you not willing to meet Faeldon in a face-off to determine who between you is telling a lie?

You have always projected the image of a no-nonsense Senator who will stop at nothing just to get to the truth.

Tell us the truth Sir, election or no election. We're not done yet, Sir. Let's settle the issues.

Anything short of that would be a betrayal of people's trust in you as member of the Philippine Senate.

Respectfully yours,

#### Manny Piñol

Former Governor, North Cotabato A voter for Antonio Trillanes IV

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region LEO TANAS - Vendor **BENITO T. LATIGO - Vendee** Applicant/s Case No. 2014-CAR-385

Case No. 2014-CAR-365 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK FOR HIRE for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: Baguio City to any point in LUZON with the use of one (1) unit. Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 24, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit the?

City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/ eir evidences

At least en (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Circulation in the Cordiliera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant's and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of

is records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 5th day of April, 2016.

Hearing Officer

#### SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE **AMONG HEIRS WITH** SIMULTANEOUS WAIVE **OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late LETICIA COPERO TACLOY who died on March 14, 2016 at Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of FORD Wagon with Motor No. WLAT-489689, Chassis No. MNCLS4D404W107605 and Pate No. XSG-516 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ES-TATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTA-**NEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 25 May** 2016 as per Doc. No. 431, Page No. 087 Book No. XXXIX, Series of 2016, of the National Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

April 30, May 7 & 14, 2016

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL

### **Baguio** City

#### Congressman

ALIPING, NICASIO JR. (LP): 40,766 ASPILAN, RUDY (IND): 2,957 DUQUE, EDGARDO (IND): 648 GO, MARK (NP): 45,687 VERGARA, BERNARDO (NPC): 20,649

#### Mayor

CLARAVALL, DEL (IND): 39,960 DOMOGAN, MAURICIO (UNA): 46,831 HERNANDEZ, GUILLERMO (IND): 631 MOLINTAS, JOSE (NPC): 24,235

#### Vice Mayor

BAGBAGEN, FRED (IND): 12,193 BILOG, EDISON (NPC): 46,020 COSALAN, ISABELO JR. (LP): 27,785 PINIC, JEFFREY (IND): 328 TABANDA, BETTY LOURDES (UNA): 21,759

#### Councilors

ABRATIQUE, ROSE (IND): 3,717 ALANGSAB, JOEL (LP): 53,753 ALLAD-IW, ARTHUR (LP): 41,512 ANANAYO, CARLOS (NPC): 9,827 ANG, STANDFORD (NP): 11,718 APOSTOL, ED (IND): 3,163 AVILA, EDGAR (UNA): 54,943 AWINGAN, ROBERTO (NPC): 10,661 BAGALAWIS, JOHN (NP): 12,285 BALAJADIA, ERDOLFO (UNA): 32,958 BATNAG, PAUL (IND): 4,580 BAUTISTA, DEREK (IND): 8,943 BAYASEN, FERDY (IND): 25,545 BOMOGAO, BENNY (UNA): 37,400 BUMANGLAG, BUMMY (UNA): 31,721 CABATO, JOJO (LP): 30,476 CAYABAS, VLADIMIR (UNA): 26,990 COTENG, ROBIN (IND): 5,222 DATUIN, ELMER (UNA): 49,968 DE CASTRO, MARLENE (UNA): 14,556 ESTOLAS, LALAINE (IND): 2,818 FARIÑAS, LILIA (UNA): 42,099 FIANZA, PETER (IND): 44,386 GAERLAN, JOHN GLENN (IND): 18,393 GAPUZ, BRO. EDDIE (IND): 4,638 MACADANGDANG, BENJAMIN (IND): 12,243 MANDAPAT, BONG (IND): 31,185 MAYOS, GRACE (NP): 23,977 MAZO, ALAN ANTONIO (IND): 4,164 NIALLA, NICANOR (NPC):7,834 OLOWAN, FAUSTINO (NPC): 52,833 ORATE, REENAN (UNA): 13,461 ORCA, JUN (LP): 29,354 ORTEGA, ROBERTO (UNA: 54,861 PADAWIL, FRANCIS (IND): 5,694 PAJARILLAGA, ARTURO (NPC): 1,301 PARAAN, RUDY (LP): 20,184 PEREZ, RONALD (LP): 30,108 SEMBRANO, ELAINE (UNA): 47,626 SUGANO, GUELIRO (NPC): 16,430 TONGAWAN, CONNIE (IND): 5,720 UEDA, WIDA (IND): 12,942 UY, GERRY (IND): 3,730 VERGARA, JONATHAN (IND): 17,485 YANGOT, LEANDRO JR. (LP): 55,594 YARANON, MYLEN (LP): 48,921

#### Total # of Registered Voters: 147,794 Total # of Clustered Precincts: 252 Voters' Turnout: 78.43%

# 2016 Local Election Results Benguet A

#### Congressman

COSALAN, RONALD (LP): 87,445 FONGWAN, NESTOR (NUP): 78,822

#### Governor

CAMANTILES, OSCAR (IND): 13,975 DANGWA, NELSON (LP): 45,329 DICLAS, MELCHOR (NUP): 30,507 DULNUAN, JACK (UNA): 7,582 PACALSO, CRESENCIO (IND): 65,288

#### Vice Governor

AQUISAN, FAUSTINO (LDP): 39,376 BALAO, CONCEPCION (NUP): 54,870 TINGBAOEN, FLORENCE (LP): 56,615

#### **SP First District**

AMUASEN, JOHANNES (IND): 20,749 BENTREZ, FLORENCIO (NUP): 26,687 LUCIAP, ALFRED (UNA): 3,086 MORESTO, AMOR (LP): 15,335 NAZARRO, COY (NPC): 22,901 PIOK, ESTEBAN (NUP): 20,149 SAGUID, BEN (NUP): 20,779 WACLIN, BERNARD (IND): 21,299 WAGUIS, JOHNNY (NUP): 29,061

#### **SP Second District**

ANGUITAY, RIMANDO (IND): 4,820 AWAS, DOMINGO (IND): 7,417 BAGANO, APOLINARIO (NUP): 17,620 BALAODAN, UNCLE PANDONG (LP): 30,057 BEKESAN, SEGUNDO (PDPLBN): 12,343 BOTIWEY, JIM (LP): 40,523 BUYA-AN, LORETO (UNA): 16,887 CAMSOL, APOLINARIO (LP): 35,586 CANUTO, ROBERTO (NUP): 33,094 DEMOT-MARIÑAS, MARYBELLE (NPC): 12,218 GANASE, PEPITO (UNA): 9,240 GOLOCAN, PEDRO JR. (NPC): 12,549 GUIBAC, PETER (LP): 11,801 IGUALDO, DANIEL (UNA): 15,544 KITONGAN, VICENTE (NUP): 29,784 NAMORO, ROBERT (NUP): 43,606 PAOAD, RUBEN (NUP): 34,428 SACLA, WASING (LP): 28,210 SIADTO, BENITO (NUP): 29,367 VELASCO, WILLY (IND): 9,568

#### Mayor-Atok

ALOS, PETER (NUP): 4,954 LAY-AT, MARSON (LP): 3,731

#### Mayor-Bakun

ANGLUBEN, CRESENCIO (LDP): 1,990 BANDAO, EDWIN (LP): 819 LABINIO, FAUSTO (NUP): 3,513 SORIANO, DARWIN (IND): 1,258

#### Mayor-Bokod

ESNARA, RICO (IND): 1,900 TELLO, REY (NUP): 2,223 WALES, THOMAS JR. (LP): 3,459

#### Mayor-Buguias

CALWAG, IRENEO (LP): 4,768 CAYAT, NARDO (NUP): 2,917 TINDA-AN, RUBEN (NPC): 8,588

#### Mayor - Itogon

FIANZA, ALEXANDER (IND): 8,165 PALANGDAN, VICTORIO (IND): 14,600 Mayor-Kabayan AROCO, SALVADOR (NUP): 1,327 GANASE, ELMER (IND): 694 LUCIO MARAVE, GHISLYN (IND): 1,672 TODIANO, GIDEON (LP): 3,291 Mayor-Kapangan COILAN, ORLANDO (IND): 2,672 FERMIN, MANNY (NUP): 3,926 LEON, ROGELIO (LP): 2,615

#### Mayor-Kibungan

MÁYAMNES, ROBERTO (LP): 783 MOLITAS, CESAR (NUP): 2,773 NITRON, EDWIN (LDP): 2,033 PANTALEON, JOSEPH (IND): 716 TANAS, JERRY (PDPLBN): 1,018

#### Mayor-Mankayan

KILAAN, RICHARD (NPC): 2,816 LUSPIAN, MATERNO (LP): 6,488 TANGLIB, JULES (IND): 5,670

#### Mayor-Sablan

BALDO, ARTHUR (LP): 4,528

#### Mayor-Tuba

APÍL, REBECCA (NPC): 1,690 BABAN, NESTOR (LP): 4,282 KITMA, ROGER (UNA): 1,569 PAUS-GABINO, ADORA (IND): 5,014 RIVERA, IGNACIO (LAKAS): 5,876

#### **Mayor-Tublay**

COSALAN, BOOTSY (IND): 2,512 COSALAN, TOTOY (IND): 582 LAURO, ARMANDO (LP): 4,744 LEE, GLORIA (IND): 174

#### La Trinidad Mayor

ABALOS, GREGORIO JR. (LP): 8,214 SALDA, ROMEO (NUP): 16,842 TABANDA, EDNA (UNA): 6,805

#### Vice Mayor

BOTIWEY, JOHN (IND): 14,856 MARRERO, JOEY JOVENCIO (NUP): 15,082

Sangguniang Bayang ACOP, RUDY JR. (IND): 3,976 ADEBAN, ESTRELLA (NUP): 12,074 ANAGARAN, RODOLFO SR. (IND): 1,252 AWINGAN, RODERICK (NUP): 15,120 BENGDAEN, ADRIANO (LP): 5,036 BOLISLIS, FITZGERALD (IND): 4,741 CORTON, MARK (NUP): 5,703 DANIEL, SHIRLEY (UNA): 3,110 DIMAS, ALBERT PAUL (IND): 4,244 DULNUAN, MANUEL (LP): 7,702 FIANZA, VIRGINIA (NUP): 5,716 FONGWAN, BOBOT (NUP): 12,741 FRANCISCO, GABRIEL (UNA): 1,213 GAKI, AUGUSTO (UNA): 4,445 GALWAN, GUILLER (NUP): 11,062 KIM, JOHN (UNA): 5,653 KIPAS, HENRY (IND): 12,300 LAKING, JIMMY (NUP): 7,106 LOY-ODAN, FELIX (IND): 7,105 MENDOZA, JUAN (LP): 7,391 PAGNAS, FRANKLIN (UNA): 5,615 QUINTOS, TEDDY (IND): 6,840 RAMOS, HORACIO JR. (IND): 12,028 SHONTOGAN, ARTHUR (IND): 11,155 TABDI, JOSEPHINE (UNA): 4,777 TERENG, RENATO (NUP): 11,981 VISAYA, OSBURN (LP): 6,392

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There's nothing fishy so far. However, things take a curious turn after the next several lines. LINE 005: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/

processing\$ cd results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000

Line 005 instructs the computer to explore "results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.zip", allowing us to examine its contents

Now, let's examine the next two lines.

LINE 006: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/ processing/results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000\$ cat results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.hash

LINE 007: results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt. Hash (md5sum): b5cf93b92c0a7b6f114fc4849337a3ca.

Line 006 tells the computer to show the expected hash code for results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt. This .TXT file is found inside the ZIP file mentioned in Line 001. The computer, in response, told us that the expected hash code is:

#### b5cf93b92c0a7b6f114fc4849337a3ca

Hence, the next logical step is to generate, on the spot, a hash code for results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt and see if matches the expected hash code shown above.

LINE 008: rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air:~/results/ processing/results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000\$ md5 results\_ nle2016\_2000.txt

LINE 009: MD5 (results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt) = 7370d0daf9a76d026afbdeabad55c2ae

Line 008 generates the on-the-spot hash code for results\_ nle2016\_05092016\_2000.txt, which is:

#### 7370d0daf9a76d026afbdeabad55c2ae

This is the problem that the IT expert was pointing out. The expected hash code which starts with "b5cf93b..." DOES NOT MATCH the generated hash code that starts with "7370d0...".

Yes, the Comelec Transparency Server seems to have used two different programs: one before 8:00 PM 09 May 2016, and another after that. An alternative explanation would be that the Comelec Transparency Server's zip files's contents were changed in the middle of the night.

Note, that this discovery need not necessarily imply electoral fraud. However, the fact remains that Comelec-Smartmatic appears to have used two different programs in the middle of counting votes, or that it changed file contents, in the middle of the night.

#### One among many instances

The PPCRV IT expert claims to have tested files from 8:30 PM, 9:30 PM, 9:30 PM, all the way to 1:00 AM.

That is, the following files' hash codes do not match their respective expected hash codes:

- results nle2016 05092016 2000
- results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2030
- results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2130
- results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2230
- results\_nle2016\_05092016\_2330
- results\_nle2016\_05102016\_0030
- results\_nle2016\_05102016\_0130

That is, at around 8:00 PM of 09 May 2016, it appears that Comelec changed its vote-counting program. If not, it may have changed the zip files containing vote-count data.

Of course, the reader may argue that the leaked image could have been fabricated, however, a look at the command lines show the following character string:

#### rodelaniban@Rodels-Macbook-Air

That is, the computer used appears to belong to a certain Rodel Aniban. A little Googling gives us a March 2016 news article mentioning a person with the same name

There are many programmers who have seen the source code of the Election Management System (EMS), Vote Counting Machines (VCM), and Consolidation and Canvassing System (CCS), including Rodel Aniban, Kendrick Chan, Wilhansen Li, Pepe Bawagan... So yes, it appears that the leaked image was taken from an official source.

#### **Comelec speaks**

The public was surprised after it admitted that the transparency server's script was actually tweaked, but "only to correct a character in the names of candidates with 'ñ' in them.

Comelec Chairman Andress Bautista said, "The correction involves a mere cosmetic change. It does not, in any way,

### change the results, the counting and the canvassing of the

results and the source code of the automated election system.' Comelec Senior Commissioner Christian Robert Lim

added, "Smartmatic admits its shortcomings. I should have been informed about these things, and in fact, even before effecting the change, they should have also announced it to the parties there. There were lapses in the protocol."

Comelec then provided media with a copy of Smartmatic's report dated May 12, 2016 regarding the said controversy. PPCRV IT Director William Yu also issued a report regarding the same incident, dated 08:00 PM 11 May 2016.

Both reports simply reiterated what Bautista and Lim said: that the script changes were purely for cosmetic purposes and there were no integral changes in Comelec-Smartmat- JHMC Now ic's IT infrastructure.

Now, let's give Comelec-Smartmatic the benefit of the doubt by assuming that what they said is true. That is, let's assume the following:

1. The transparency server's script was changed by Smartmatic personnel at around 08:00 PM, 09 May 2016 to accommodate the desired "ñ" enhancement.

2. No other changes were made on any other part of Comelec's IT infrastructure.

3. PPCRV's report was dated 08:00 PM, 11 May 2016.

4. Smartmatic's letter of explanation was dated 12 May 2016.

#### Now, let's analyze.

#### 1: RA 9369 Source Code definition

After examining the language used in both reports, TP observed that Comelec and PPCRV were very careful about using the term "script", as opposed to "source code", when talking about the changes made on 09 May 2016. This is a very clever strategy because laymen will be more likely to think that the two are different things, adding an extra layer of believability onto Comelec's defense-slash-alibi.

Of course, IT experts can just whip out their diplomas and point out that the two are indeed different, and any doubting Comas, who probably knows little about IT, will concede. The problem, however, is not the difference between an IT expert's understanding of technical definitions and that of a lavman's. Instead, it's about how the law defines those terms.

According to the Automated Election System Law Section 2(12), "Source code" is defined as "human readable instructions that define what the computer equipment will do" [RA 9369]. There is no separate definition for the term "script".

Now, it's interesting to note that scripting is a process that involves writing human-readable code, and that a script instructs how a computer will work.

Thus, it appears that RA 9369 provides no distinction between the two terms. With that we ask: Did Smartmatic just violate the Automated Election System Law?

#### 2: Timing of Reports

The incident took place on the evening of May 9, yet it took Comelec 3 days to issue a statement, and only after the Manila Standard reported the issue and only after much public uproar ensued. If that unnamed IT-expert-slash-whistleblower didn't squeal, would Comelec even bother to tell the public about it?

Trust is a very expensive commodity in these days, especially since this is not the first time that the Comelec got into a trust-related controversy.

And now, Comelec expects the public to believe them just because they said so.

Yes, the May 12th Smartmatic incident report plus the May 11th PPCRV report offer the public the option to verify Comelec's files, but the reader has to remember that we're already in the middle of the ballgame. Comelec-Smartmatic people can't just change a rule, no matter how trivial they think it is.

With the understanding that RA 9369 considers "scripts" as "source codes", the same law requires "a certification that the source code is kept in escrow with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas" [RA 9369 Sec 11(4)]. In simple terms, a certified copy of the source code/s is/are kept in BSP vaults. So what is the point of giving BSP a copy when Comelec can change the source code afterwards anyway?

#### 3: The Ñ bug and logical inconsistencies

The issue of the problematic Ñ sure is inconvenient for news outlets who are too lazy to press CTRL+F in MS Word. But do the benefits of correcting that minor issue outweigh the risk of casting a humongous shadow of doubt on the integrity of the vote-counting process?

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The Ombudsman also added that "Dimalanta's admonishing some subordinates including complainant Odsey, were all properly made to correct lapses in the performance of their official duties."

With the reforms made

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that even led to this case, Agbayani continued without let up on the changes she wanted instituted.

About five years later, JHMC in March 2016 obtained an ISO 9001:2008 registration from AJA registrars for its Quality Management System in clear recognition of its achievement of an elevated capacity for end quality public governance.

Agbayani said the five years of putting systems in place will directly benefit the people that JHMC serves." Ensuring efficient, transparent, and accessible delivery of quality public service are the key elements of the strategic governance framework of the Corporation, JHMC is committed to abide by its accredited Quality Management System that is responsive to the needs of its stakeholders".

Agbayani in her term as President and CEO of JHMC has achieved major reforms and milestonesproof that competent, compassionate and persistent bureaucracy and leadership can achieve challenging reforms and vital planned development goals and objectives./BCDA-PR

We can complain about that for an entire day, but for now, let's momentarily set aside the rule of law. Instead, let's talk about "The Rule of Common Sense."

It is disturbing to note that the unveiling of the N bug reveals apparent logical inconsistencies.

Before we list them down, let's watch this GMANews report published yesterday, 12 May 2016:

At the video's 2-minute mark, GMA tells us that their graphic at 9:14PM of 09 May 2016, which included the candidate Serge Osmeña, showed a typo error (Osme?a), which then led Smartmatic Project Manager Marlon Garcia to change the Comelec Transparency Server's scripts.

This suggests one possibility: GMA has a system that automatically updates their broadcast graphics based on data gathered from Comelec's servers, and that this system simply re-publishes whatever data Comelec's servers provide.

Meanwhile, at 12:20 AM of May 10th, or about 3 hours after broadcasting the Osme?a graphic, GMA issued an apology following a typographical error adversely affecting Chiz Escudero's votes:

In this statement, GMA implies that one of their encoders committed a mistake while manually typing Comelec data. Here lie three inconsistencies.

First, GMA's explanation on how their graphics work.

• The 9:14 PM May 9 graphic implied an automated system. • The 12:20 AM May 10 graphic implied a manual system.

Second, the reason behind the Ñ bug fix:

 GMA said Smartmatic fixed the N bug after they found it on GMA's 9:14 PM graphic.

• PPCRV said the political parties UNA (supports Binay) and NPC (supports Poe) already raised the same Ñ issue at 7:30 PM of the same night.

Third and most importantly, Smartmatic cannot be THAT illiterate.

Smartmatic's programmers found the Ñ bug on May 9th. However, the reader is reminded that Smartmatic is a Venezuelan company, and Venezuelans use Spanish, which, in turn, uses the letter "ñ" all the time. Smartmatic has facilitated Venezuelan, Chilean, and Argentinian elections, all of whom use Spanish as their primary language.

How in the world could Smartmatic miss that? Something sounds wrong. /Thinkingpinoy.net



### **NEWS**

### **Drug Group Member Falls** on Eve of Friday the 13th

**A**drug group proved that Friday the 13th is indeed unlucky after being apprehended on its eve.

Anti-narcotics agents of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the Cordilleras nabbed Davis Jordan Tamayo Baloga on May 12 during a buy-bust operation Km. 5, Barangay Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet.

of Purok 15, Irisan, Baguio City was collared when he sold a sachet of shabu worth P4,000.00 to a PDEA-CAR poseur-buy-Confiscated from er. Baloga aside from the Dangerous Drugs Act prohibited drug were the of 2002 was filed against buy-bust money and a him./PDEA-CAR

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failure to have their biometrics taken during the registration period.

Roncal cited that the experience of voters who did not have their biometrics taken should be a lesson learned for them, thus, they must immediately avail of the expected opening of registration to have their biometrics taken for them to be able to participate in the upcoming barangay elections this October.

It can be recalled that there are close to 65,000 voters regionwide who did not have their biometrics taken that is why they were not able to cast their votes for their chosen candidates during the recent national and local elections.

According to her, qualified voters must value the importance of participating in the elections so that their votes will be counted in favour of their chosen candidates, thus, the need for them to make a little sacrifice to avail of the registration period to be provided for such purposes and that they must go to the nearest Comelec offices as early as possible so as not to be caught in long lines during the last days of the registration period.

The last registration period for the May 9, 2016 elections was on May 6, 2014 up to October 31, 2015 that allowed millions of voters nationwide to have their biometrics taken that allowed them to actively participate in the recently concluded elections.

Roncal cited the registration that will be provided by the poll body for the October barangay elections might be limited that is why qualified voters must go to the nearest election offices as soon as the poll body shall have opened the registration so that they will not be disenfranchised for the second time around./Dexter A. See

#### City Exec...

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HEDCOR assumed the operation of the Asin minihydro power plants by virtue of a reported sub-contract agreement between the Aboitiz-owned Davao Lights and the former.

In 1981, Davao Lights entered into an agreement with the Baguio Water District (BWD) to operate and maintain the Asin minihydro power plants but the same expired in 2006.

The city government then took over of the operation and maintenance of the Asin minihydro power plants but the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) ordered the local government to cease and desist from operating the power plants because it did not possess the required certificate of compliance from the regulatory body to operate the said power plants.

It was learned that the minihydro operating contract granted to HEDCOR will expire on May 20, 2018./Dexter A. See

member of a local beside Tabanda Park, black mobile phone with sim card.

The suspect is now The 29-year old resident detained at the Benguet Provincial Jail while a case for violation of Section 5 (Sale of Dangerous Drugs), Article II of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive

#### Go, Domogan...

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programs should be the first step towards gaining headway in meeting the plight of the local residents for such problems to have permanent solutions.

"My experience in the private sector can also be used in helping city officials find ways and means on how to address the identified problems of the city. We will also reach out to the new set of city officials for us to be able to align our priority projects for the benefit of the people," Go stressed.

The next administration will be confronted on how to solve the city's garbage disposal concerns, easing the worsening traffic congestion, improve the state of the environment, address rapid urbanization, improve the quality of life among others to bring the city to greater heights in terms of competitiveness in the national and local levels.

Both Domogan and Go appealed to the people for their support to the new set of city officials so that they can effectively and efficiently implement their priority projects beneficial in addressing identified priority programs./Dexter A. See

Mt. Province municipal officials proclaimed; 23 incumbents reelected

**B**ONTOC, Mountain Province - Twenty eight incumbent municipal officials(4 mayors, one vice mayor, and 23 councilors) who got fresh mandate for another three year term in the May 9, 2016 elections, together with the other newly elected leaders in the ten towns of the province have been proclaimed by their respective Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBoC).

Proclaimed winners in the municipality of Barlig are incumbent vice mayor Genesis Changilan as the elected mayor, David Osborn Fomocod is vice mayor, and councilors are Rolly Agyao, Delio Focad, John Joven, Fares Abiasan, Benjamin Pinos-an, Raquel Pangowon, Joseph Layong, and Rexibar Charaychay.

In Bauko, incumbent

mayor Abraham Akilit retained his post, while Bartolo Badecao ran unopposed for vice mayor. Councilors - Ricky Samidan , Ashley Sili, Labor Masidong, Susan Awisan, Eduardo Patnay, Sabado Pussan, Mario Gaoken , and Arcadio

In Besao, Johnson for mayor. June Lopsoten Policarpio Pekas, Kitano

In Bontoc, Mayor Franklin Odsey is unopposed. Vice mayor is Eusebio Kabluyen. Councilors are Viola Okko, Esteban Nguddo, Sir Koryan Chumacog, Herman Farnican, Alsannyster Patingan, Alfredo Awichen, Alexandre Claver, and Robert Dacyon.

In Natonin, mayor Mateo Chiyawan retained his post and vice mayor is Fernandez Linggayo. Councilors -Raymundo Lapasen, Fernando, Jr. Magranga, Rafael Bulawe, Christopher Bayowan Patricio Corcha, Jose Biangalen, Joel Latiga, and Rufo Puyao.

Paracelis - mayor: Avelino Amangyen, vice mayor: Lister Carlos. Councilors are Maycelle Olosan, Lito Basungit, Rainier Calunnag, Benjamin Manat, Djarma Rafael, Gaston Todco, Marc Lappao and Ateneo Gusimat.

In Sabangan, Venancio Lipawen and Dario Esden are the new mayor and vice mayor respectively. Councilors -Fausto Ballakis, Roman Bacog, Enrique Litilit, Eustaquio Boy-og, Ruben Subilla, Ambrosio Galleo, Joseph Bernardez and Crispin Altaki.

In Sadanga, mayor is Jose Limmayog, Jr. while vice mayor is Joseph Apopot. Councilors are Godeliva Dangiwan-Gamonnac, Chongchongan Sarang-ey, Jonathan Gayyaman, Filemon Fomak-chong, Ceasar Asgcarao, Juliet Chinalpan, Alonso Fattit and Mathew Fanao.

In Sagada, elected mayor is James Pooten, Jr. while vice mayor Benjamin Capuyan retained his post. Councilors -Felicito Dula, Peter Tauli, David Tallusen Buyagan, Dave Theodore Gulian, Joseph Aclopen, Ezra Wadingan, Jerry Ticag and Milton Tawali.

Mayor Anthony Wooden of Tadian has no opponent. Alfonso Polan is the elected vice mayor, and councilors are George Bisen, Jr., Jayne Saong, Gilbert Lao-ay, Lucas Buned, James Abadod, Robinson Pil-ingen, Joseph Cawilli and Adolf Balangoy.

Winners in the provincial level led by re-electionist Congressman Maximo Dalog have also been proclaimed./JDP/ JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

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Thank you for your unwavering support. Makakaasa po kayo na ipagpatuloy po natin ang ating mga nasimulan at palawakin pa natin ito sa ikagaganda ng Baguio!

Taganas.,

Bantog II ran unopposed is vice mayor, and councilors are Sabet Buyagan, Gerry Caysoen, Alfredo Beyden, Henry Bosigen, Liwaliw, Go Martin, and Nicanor Bacwaden.





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NEWS

# I Robredo: I don't have problems standing behind Duterte's hardline policies

By: Jack Board (Channel News



MANILA, Philippines: Leni Robredo never thought

**LV** Robredo never thought she would be in the national spotlight. Now, she is on the brink of becoming the Philippines' vice president.

The congresswoman from southern Luzon only entered politics after the death of her politician husband in 2012 and from a point of national obscurity, she has surged to likely becoming the

second most powerful lawmaker in the country.

She has stood up where her running mate Mar Roxas failed - he bowed out the race for president in emotional circumstances, falling a distant second to Rodrigo Duterte.

It is, however, a race muddied by accusations of vote cheating, leveled at Robredo by her staunchest rival, Bongbong Marcos, the son of former president Ferdinand Marcos. He trails narrowly in the count after initially building a strong early lead - in the early hours of Tuesday morning (May 10), Robredo overtook him and has not relinquished the lead since.

Robredo has adamantly denied any wrongdoing and said she believed the country had faith in the process.

"These accusations are really unfair in the sense it instigates many of his supporters, but there really is no basis to it," she told Channel NewsAsia.

"With the present setup, we have automated elections for the second time in the entire history of the country. I could not for the life of me imagine how this cheating could happen. So if there is indeed any basis to these allegations, I'm the one most interested to find out how cheating could be done."

She expressed concerns that the power of the Marcos camp could lead to damaging rumours and dent voters' confidence in her. The anger from Marcos supporters directed at her on social media has already proven real.

But enough to destabilise the office? Despite the chance of a challenge or appeal from Marcos, which could be time consuming and lengthy, she does not think so.

"I think the most he could do would be to create some confusion and perhaps cast doubt on the integrity of the election," she said. "But I think the only people who will believe his allegations are his supporters."

"Most of the voters, most of us Filipinos were able to witness how efficient this election has been compared to the many elections in the past."

#### **BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**

Robredo's new boss, if he is installed, will be the hard-talking, gun-wielding mayor-turned-president elect Rodrigo Duterte. The two could hardly be more different.

Duterte is expected to swiftly roll out his hardline law and order policies, similar to those he has installed in Davao City, which has resulted in the transformation of the city from one of the country's most dangerous to one of the safest.

Robredo has already confirmed her "100 per cent support" of Duterte and has spoken positively about the alternative type of leadership he could offer to traditional politics-weary Filipinos and said it was the "obligation of all of us to rally behind him".

"It's time to accept the voice of the people."

Yet, as a long-time social activist and human rights lawyer, she baulked at the prospect of allowing Duterte to follow through with his promise to kill thousands of criminals in order to ensure national safety. The mayor's alleged "death squads" have a lingering legacy in Davao City and Robredo said she will not stand for it. PASSION FOR

"I really don't have problems standing behind him with regards to hardline policies. What I will be having difficulty with is if allegations of his extra-legal remedies were at all true. I would have a problem with that," she said.

"I've been a human rights lawyer for far too long, I've been working and pushing for a more democratic means of solving everything and I don't think I'm prepared to be very flexible with that as far as these things are concerned."

Her negotiation skills will be strongly tested with the 71-year-old, who has been compared with Donald Trump and sparked fears of a return to dictatorship in the Philippines. Duterte though has a strong mandate from the people after receiving about 40 per cent of the national vote in the elections.

"I would be expecting him to be a hands-on president," she said while voicing an expectation that Duterte will soften around the edges and embrace an inclusive style of leadership more becoming of his new role.

Duterte's aggressive rhetoric and unpredictable nature has many around the region concerned about whether the Philippines can continue on along a healthy path economically, as it largely has under Aquino. Robredo is confident she can "appease" the international community.

"Every change of leadership will create some kind of discomfort as far as partners are concerned," she said.

"I'm really excited to work both for and with Mayor Duterte. I think it will be a real challenge on my part but we can never tell, we might just be the tandem the country needs at this point.

"It will be the best of both worlds."

#### PASSION FOR THE POOR

There is no specific role for the vice president in the Philippines, and with no clear guide about how Duterte will structure his team and form his strategies, Robredo is setting her sights on a number of passion projects.

Where she lacks political pedigree



The Philippine Star Supreme cover

and experience, Robredo hopes to make up for it with new ways of thinking when it comes to alleviating poverty. Despite the country's growing economy, the rate of extremely poor people has stayed shockingly high - about 25 per cent of the entire national population lives below the poverty line.

"This has been my passion for so long and I see the vice presidency as an opportunity to bring all my passions and my advocacies to a greater platform."

What was once what she described as an "obligation" to run has become suddenly become something a whole lot more.

"I couldn't really imagine I'd be a serious contender at all. But after the debate when my numbers started surging, that was the time I accepted and realised that: 'Oh my God, there is really a possibility.'

"There are so many things I want to do."

There are just a few more votes left to count yet before she can start. /*CNA/hs/ http://www.channelnewsasia. com/* 

# OMB DISMISSES CASE VS JHMC EXECS

BAGUIO CITY — Ombudsman Conchita-Carpio-Morales has dismissed the charges of Malversation, violation of the Graft and Corrupt Practices Act (Republic Act 3019), Oppression, Misconduct and Violation of Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (Republic Act 6713) against two executives of the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) filed by former and current employees.

In a joint resolution consolidating all the above mentioned cases, Carpio-Morales on April 20, 2016 dismissed all the cases against JHMC President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jamie Eloise M. Agbayani and former Vice President and Chief Operations Officer (COO) Mita Angela M. Dimalanta, which were filed by Arthur Leonardo B. Odsey and Melquiades D. Bada, both former employees of JHMC, and Benjamin P. QuinioJr, stillan employee at JHMC.

AnjuliLarla A. Tan-Eneran, Graft Investigation and Prosecution Officer II of the Office of the Ombudsman, on November 9, 2015 wrote "considering the lack of probable cause for Malversation and/ or violation of RA 3019, respondents cannot likewise be held administratively liable since the alleged criminal

acts were also the bases of the administrative charges imputed against them. With regard to the alleged oppressive and dictatorial acts of respondents, it appears from the records that respondents only imposed the appropriate actions they deemed fit for the situation and all in good faith. Mere error in judgment, if any, cannot be automatically characterized as oppressive or misconduct," the joint resolution said.

Adding, "the complaints for malversation, violation of RA 3019 and 6713, Oppression, Misconduct filed against respondents Jaime Eloise M. Agbayani and Mita Angela M. Dimalanta is dismissed for insufficiency of evidence."

Agbayani said "This is clearly a vindication for me. I came back to Baguio mainly to serve and to give back to the city that I love. When I was new at JHMC, I wanted to institute reforms in the organization in line with good governance. Unfortunately it did not sit well with some employees who tried to undermine all my efforts, fabricated stories, and filed cases against me. I am grateful that in the end, truth prevailed."

Agbayani, a medical doctor by profession, was raised and educated in Baguio (from pre-school to college).

Tan-Eneran, in the resolution said that the allegations that Agbayani charged gasoline and meals to host meetings are all above board and does not violate any laws or rules.

The Ombudsman also agreed that as head of the JHMC and a member of the Board of Directors, she is entitled to travel, representation, and communication expenses of a certain amount per month, aside from expenses incurred as President travelling to the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) headquarters in Taguig City as well as attend official meetings and appearances outside the BCDA Head Office.

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