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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!!
CAR posts lowest regional economic growth in the country



Tampered weighing scales are flattened to the ground as witnessed by acting mayor Daniel Farinas and city councilors after yesterday's flag raising ceremony at the Baguio City hall parking area. Photo by: Monch S. David

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera Administrative Region's (CAR) posted the lowest 2008 Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) among all the regions nationwide, because of the weak performance of the industry sector, but a regional official is optimistic that region won't go into recession.

In a press conference Wednesday, the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB-CAR) reported that the region's economic growth (GRDP) slowed down to 1.8%

in 2008, compared to the 7.1% growth posted by CAR in 2007.

In the presentation made by NSCB Regional head Benjamin Navarro, it showed that the region's Gross Domestic Product modestly rose from P30.412 Billion in 2007 to 30.956 Billion in 2008.

For the slowdown in the region's economic growth, Navarro explained that CAR's industry sector, which comprised 60.7% of the region's total output, slowed down from 5% growth in 2007 to

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Gov't Neglect For Education Stunts Economic Growth

The government's short-sighted approach to education remains the main stumbling block to the country's long-term economic prospects, opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said.

"The world has been moving from an economy of goods to an economy of knowledge. Unfortunately, education, which is the main tool in converting to an economy of knowledge, continues to get scant attention from the government," Escudero said.

"Our educational system is in dire need of an overhaul. The government's attitude towards education

has left wide, gaping loopholes that need to be immediately addressed," he added.

The 39-year old senator called for a "no-child-left-behind" policy for education, given the country's embarrassing dropout rates for elementary (6.7 percent) and high school (8.9 percent) in the past five years.

"We must give our children the equal opportunity to develop their minds and bodies to the fullest. We will continue, even expand, the conditional cash transfers (or CCT's) to the poorest families so that their children will have the means to get to school," he said.

Escudero said education should be a genuine tool of national policy especially in relation to economic development.

"The higher the knowledge and skills of our workforce, the higher their earning power will be. This redounds to improved economic activity. Whether our workforce decides to remain here or go abroad, the economy will still benefit because of their remittances," he explained.

"We must bring together and match

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DOH: Anti-H1N1 vaccine possibly available in October

Dr. Eric Tayag, chief epidemiologist of the Department of Health (DOH), hinted that A(H1N1) flu vaccine might be available in the market by October this year.

In a television interview, Dr. Tayag said the production of the vaccine is now being fast-tracked and this may be available first in the United States of America (USA).

The DOH chief revealed that the development of the anti-swine flu vaccine was not

subjected to the usual rigorous step-by-step process in order to be approved due to its immediate necessity.

While the vaccine is still being developed in Australia and the United Kingdom, the DOH is reminding the public to continue practicing the following health tips: to keep your three feet distance; wash hands regularly; cover mouth when coughing, and stay at home if not feeling well.

He warned also the public that the high risk individuals – such as people

with respiratory problems, of old age, and pregnant women – should be more extra careful so as to avoid infection.

In the same interview, Dr. Tayag performed a sample of the 'Jai Ho H1N1 campaign' dance steps which will be launched to make the health tips on anti-influenza be more retentive in the public's mindset.

The DOH official likewise announced that the recovery rate from A(H1N1) infection in the country is very positive saying, "halos lahat gumagaling kasi mild lang ang virus at hindi parin nagbabago"./PIA

More Filipinos went hungry during The arroyo years

Instead of ensuring food on every Filipino family's table, hunger rose to record highs among millions of the country's poorest households during the Arroyo presidency, opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday.

"There is now a new term to describe an environment where a growing number of Filipinos can afford to eat only one meal a day – hunger climate," he said in his

ring to the description used by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) in explaining the results of its surveys on hunger incidence which it started to undertake in 1998.

Escudero said that the SWS polls show that while the incidence of hunger fell to a certain extent from 1998 to 2003, the number of Filipinos experiencing hunger began to rise from 2005.

"There was as the SWS chief Mahar Mangahas says an

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Putting Up Of A Coop By An Ailing Pre Need Company Is Perfectly Legal-Sec Lawyers

THE putting up of the Apo Credit Cooperative by the owners, employees and plan holders of Phil Asia Care Plans Inc. is perfectly legal and did not violate any laws being enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC),

so that there is no need for anyone to be alarmed.

This was the opinion expressed by lawyers of the SEC in their separate meetings with lawyer Melanio Mauricio Jr., a.k.a. ATTY. BATAS, and with lawyers and other officials of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

Mauricio is the chief counsel of Phil Asia Care Plans, Inc. and Apo Credit Cooperative. He was summoned to appear before lawyers of the Non-Traditional Securities and Instruments Department of the SEC.

The CDA, on the other hand, is the sole government agency

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Teachers to serve as Board of Election Inspectors ready for training

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet- Teachers in the Cordillera who will be serving as Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) in the upcoming national and local elections are ready for training anytime.

The Department of Education Regional Director Josefina Tamondong said teachers in the DepEd-CAR are computer literate and are trainable. They have a knack in Information Technology (IT).

Tamondong said "computers are not foreign to them, they use computers in making their lesson plans and in teaching English, Math and Science subjects," she explained

Other teachers have their own personal computers at home, therefore, there is no difficulty for them in using computers.

Tamondong, however, clarified that teachers who have relatives running in the election will not be assigned as BEIs.

Atty. Julius Torres of the Commission on Election - CAR (COMELEC-CAR) said the training for teachers who will serve as BEIs for the synchronized national and local election will most probably be conducted this coming November. He said the technical training will be provided by the winning bidder Smart Matic TIM Corpora-

tion, hand in hand with personnel from the COMELEC.

Torres said there will be lesser teachers who will serve as BEIs this time with the use of computers, and inaccuracy will be minimized and results will be immediately known.

The COMELEC will also be deputizing government agencies and non-government agencies to help ensure honest, orderly, and peaceful election.

Torres added that filing of certificates of candidacy (COC) for all elective positions and filing of manifestation of Intent to participate in the party-list system of representation will be on November 20 to 30, 2009./jbz/PIA



RECEIPT PLEASE!!! Local taxi driver, Mr. Joey Mandapat, (no relation with our DOTC-CAR Director) issues an official BIR receipt to his passenger. He fills up the form with the amount of fare and his signature over his printed name. It also contains the name of the taxi and operator as well as its plate number. This is beneficial to passengers especially if valuable items are left inside the taxi, which are now easily traced. Photo by: Monch S. David

Baguio Elderly Association lauds efforts to lower prices of essential medicines.

BAGUIO CITY – Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita recently confirmed that the Executive Order for the imposition of maximum price ceilings on several essential drugs may be signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo before she leaves for the United States late this month.

The EO, he said will take effect on August 15. Ermita said the report from the Department of Health will be the basis of the draft executive order that they will submit to the president, "to implement the intent

and spirit of the Cheap Medicine Act."

In a letter submitted to the Office of the President, the health department disclosed that they have finalized the review and validation of the Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP) letter of undertaking where prices of 16 drugs were voluntary reduced by 50%, while five other were non-compliant.

Among the 16 drugs were medications to treat hypertension, diabetes, common infections, amoebiasis and some cancers like leukemia. The five other that did not voluntarily comply with the 50% price cut will be recommended for the imposition of the maximum drug retail price through an EO to be signed by the president.

However, pharmaceutical companies have added 22 molecules (or 31 products) that will have voluntary price cuts from 10 to 50 percent. These medicated will treat diseases such as goiter, hypertension, high cholesterol levels, arthritis, fungal infection and diabetes, among others.

In Baguio City, Baguio Elderly Association president Nars Padilla, said if the medicine price cut will push through, it would be very advantageous and helpful for them. In line with this, Padilla lauded the government for such effort and also thankful to the president for spearheading such directive.

Padilla though calls on the government to come out with a proper and

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OWWA Livelihood Loan Assistance helps 100 displaced OFWs start their own business

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Regional Welfare Office (OWWA-CAR) already released P5 Million to economically displaced workers in Cordillera under its Livelihood Assistance Program as of July 23.

Of the 100 beneficiaries, 45 are from the city, 36 from Benguet, 16 from Kalinga, two from Mountain Province, and one from Ifugao. The said livelihood assistance helped the beneficiaries in starting their own business, which proposals are included

in their applications. Like in the case of . Brendan Bagto, a former painter who worked in Dubai, he used the P50,000 livelihood loan assistance he got from OWWA last April to help him and his wife in putting up a Coffee Shop in Km 5, Balili, La

Trinidad Benguet. Bagto's business, named Senses Coffee Shop, also sells homemade mango jams and different art decors made of scraps such as used bottles and jars. His business is now doing good and is already a big help for

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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Stark Irony

Filipino-Americans fret over a stark irony. Martial law fears have resurged precisely when Corazon Aquino, who sparked "People Power" into smashing Marcos dictatorship, battles cancer.

This irony will dog President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo when she meets President Barack Obama on July 30. So will Fil-American activist Melissa Roxas' abduction.

Under Leila de Lima, the once-flabby Commission on Human Rights pieced together the six-day snatch and torture of Roxas. The evidence confirms State Department's annual human rights reports of impunity that cloaks abductors and torturers, both military and insurgents.

EDITORIAL

Majority (58%) of Fil-Americans voted for Obama. The 2007 census tallied 3.1 million Filipinos in the US. They're the second largest Asian American group. Almost half of Filipino immigrants cluster in this state. Hawaii, New York, Illinois and New Jersey account for smaller numbers.

"We fought the Marcos Conjugal Dictatorship," three women leaders said over dinner. "What makes the Arroyo Conjugal Autocracy think it can undo what Cory stands for?"

They oppose scrubbing 2010 elections, martial law or panicky charter change. They scoffed at the idea of installing Ms Arroyo as caudillo in a "transition revolutionary government."

Security Advisor Norberto Gonzales peddled the transitory junta idea to the Supreme Court chief justice. But Justice Reynato Puno rebuffed him and, by implication, Gonzales' shadowy principal — the President.

How deeply do Fil-Americans feel about these issues? Scientific studies are few and far between. Kids here are like youngsters back home. They have no memories of martial law. Their world is of anchored freedoms A desaparecido, like Jonas Burgos, is beyond them.

Ranks of those who fought Marcos are thinning. Those who sign up with the Overseas Absentee Voting Secretariat are few but articulate. Ex-defense secretary Avelino Cruz's July 22 warning, before the Integrated Bar, however stoked concerns of many.

Leading presidential aspirants vow "to prosecute President Arroyo and First Gentleman Mike Arroyo after she steps down," Cruz noted. A president, who stays too long, is tempted to resist leaving. She fears losing constitutional immunity. What about the First Gentleman's de-facto immunity? Cruz didn't delve into that.

Will the President snip terms for today's heads of key Armed Forces services?, Cruz asked. That'd "pave the way for the rise of PMA Class of 1978" They could "run the security apparatus tasked to secure the 2010 elections?"

Armed Forces leaders assure us PMA class 1978 'll be spit n' polish professionals. Did they forget the "Rolex 12"? Or Military Commission No 1? It sentenced Benigno Aquino to "death by musketry."

PMA Class 71 became the "mailed fist" of the dictatorship, notes Yale University study: "Closer Than Brothers." Five among 85 graduates were torturers. Six were murdered. Others were coup plotters. Look at Panfilo Lacson and Gregorio Honasan. And Jose San Martin's words ring in your ears:

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*BJMP Civilian Employee Huli sa
Entrapment ng NBI!!!
Babantayan na kaya ng tama ng
FPFR?*

BY: ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Nakalungkot mga dear readers ang kamakailan lamang na ating binantayan kung saan ang isang PNP Civilian employee ng BJMP ang siyang na-timbog sa isang entrapment operation ng NBI. Nangyari ang operasyon nitong Biyernes ng umaga sa McDonald's Session Road mismo at ang amount involved ay sampung libo (P10,000.00) lamang. Masuwerti pa rin ang empleyadong na entrap at ang kanyang piyansa ay P20,000 lamang kaya hindi na sya nakatikim ng kalaboso. Ang charge ng piskalya sa na-entrap ay robbery -extortion. Kaya dapat na mag silbing matinding aral at leksyon ang ganitong mga pangyayari' kaya sa susunod, kung mang-e-extort kayo ipa-deposit na lang ninyo sa inyong mga ATM account ang maruming pera at baka sumabit kayo sa isang NBI entrapment operation. Hindi na lang natin babanggitin ang pangalan ng taong na akusahan ng robbery - extortion at ang kayang biktima dahil na rin sa kanilang request for privacy. **Sa mga agents ng NBI - Mabuhay kayo at Kudos sa inyo, Gentlemen.** Makaaasa kayo na magkakaroon pa kayo ng marami pang mga entrapment operations hangga't may mga ibang mga SUWAPANG, GANID at GAHAMAN na mga nilalang .

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May mga ilang nagtatanong sa inyong lingkod kung anon na ang balita sa ating suhestiyon sa ilang miyembro ng city council na mag sagawa ng panukala sa city council na magbigay ng budget para sa security services and related security efforts to protect the Forbes Park Forest reservation (FPFR). Ang sagot ko sa mga nagtatanong ay hindi ko pa alam kung anon aang resulta ng ating suhestiyon duon sa dalawang kagalang galang na city councilors na sina Konsehal Popo Cosalan at Konsehal Erdolfo Balajadia. Basta't, pakatatandaan ninyo mga dear readers, kaming lahat sa Linis Gobyerno at sa pahayagang ito ay nakatutok at nakabantay sa mga hakbangin na isasagawa (kung mayroon silang isasagawa) ang ating mga kagalang-galang na opisyaales. Huwag kalimutan yung kasabihan sa Ingles, mga dear readers na "*actions speak louder than words*" ABANGAN at BANTAYAN ang ating mga magagaling at kagalang -galang na city officials.

THE PEACE COMBATANT

*There will be elections,
prepare for battle*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



(This is a Re-Print of last issues Column)

As pointed out earlier by The Peace Combatant, there is actually a Plan A and B for 2010. Plan A seeks a charter change, the conversion of the Philippine political system into a parliamentary form of government, and term extension for Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and all congressmen of the republic.

However, a charter change move will not likely prosper at this time, especially when preparations are lacking due largely to the people's consistent opposition. The motive for charter change is supposedly to bring our economic policies more attune to a globalizing world. The main objective is to grant more privileges for foreign investment and fully integrate Philippine economy into the world economy. Of course, much of the debate will revolve on the shift to a parliamentary form of government but this is only a cover for the more fundamental objective of making Philippine economy more open and World Trade Organization-compatible.

There is adequate ground in the new classical economic perspective (the dominant paradigm or perspective in economics today) to move towards a more global Philippines but, yes, a large part of the charter change agenda has to do with granting more privileges for foreign investments and products. Making the Philippine economy more WTO-compatible is the continuing agenda of policy makers, conservatives, and the elite. However, it is likely that they will fail again as indicated by a very strong opposition. Thus, what is really in play at this time is not charter change but a strong likelihood that the Philippine national elections will push through in 2010. Unfortunately, the possibility that the administration candidate will win remains strong because the opposition is divided.

It is obvious that both Mar Roxas and Manny Villar are aiming their guns at the Philippine presidency. They are both strong candidates and enjoy a fairly broad national support. Both are also financially capable. This is obvious in the sheer volume of TV ads that they can afford. Mar Roxas is Mr Palengke while Manny Villar is Mr Sigpag at Tiyaga. Both has managed to build a good image through the magic of mass media.

Thus, as mentioned earlier by this column, there is really a plan B. By drawing the people's attention to the charter, the administration is also trying to deflect political attacks against their candidates. The administration will be keen to marshal the people's attention to charter change as it prepares its machinery for its presidential candidate.

By drawing attention to charter change rather than to its candidate, the administration hopes to shield their presidential candidate from political attacks. Thus, as oppose charter change for various reasons, it is important that we are aware of the administration strategy and adjust our conduct accordingly.

The problem with 2 strong candidates (Mar Roxas and Manny Villar) is that they can both lose to a united administration machinery. Although it can be argued that the administration candidate won't count and the choice really is between Mar Roxas and Villar, so many things can happen.

El Shaddai's Mike Velarde can come into the picture. There is also a snowballing campaign for Ed Panlilio and Grace Padaca. All are strong candidates. Thus, there is still a chance for the administration candidate to win if all opposition candidates are strong candidates and are not united.

The opposition to charter change can actually be used by the administration to smokescreen the administration candidate from political attacks and make him/her appear as another Mr. Clean in Philippine politics. Vice-President Noli de Castro and Gilbert Teodoro fits into the frame. They do not have many issues against them and the strategem to divert the people's attention to charter change and away from criticizing the leadership styles can work and make the two figures as winnable bets in the 2010 elections.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

*Window Transaction In
The LTO And LTFRB*



In a Memorandum dated 6 July 2009, the Regional Director of DOTC-CAR, Atty. Federico J. Mandapat, Jr., directed all LTO District Offices and the LTFRB to strictly observe window transaction at all times.

In a nutshell, this means that all public clients transacting official business with the LTO and LTFRB for purposes of registration of motor vehicles, securing driver's license or applying for franchises or the like, have to fall in line and wait for their turns before they can state their purposes or be allowed to enter the office, if there is a need for it. Otherwise, all transactions shall be done and consummated peeping at the small windows provided for at the window counters.

By window transaction, no doubt, order in the processes or semblance of it which is the one object of the procedure can laudably be achieved. Knowing the culture and inventive nature of Filipinos, however, this will not preempt fixing activities, which is the other known purpose of the system from coming to pass. In fact, it may even heightened the use of fixers by people who have no patience toeing the line.

And this will inevitably happen because the Memorandum is silent as to whether or not fixers may also avail of window transaction to carry on their trade. But come to think of it, this is a lot better seeing the fixers becoming permanent fixtures inside the LTO and LTFRB offices, as has been long the case.

The system will not also preclude the usual transaction in absentia traditionally engaged in by and between personnel and their so-called clients who would easily opt to chip in a few more bucks for a back door arrangement wherein there is no need to fall in line and peep at the window counters.

Anyway, it is to the credit of the present Regional Director that the system is finally thought of and implemented. This has been long overdue!

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AND BY THE WAY, the Chairman of the LTFRB, Alberto H. Suansing, has confirmed to us in the meeting held at the LTFRB-CAR last Friday, July 24, in the presence of Director Mandapat himself, that the mere change of chassis in wagons, like the Toyota Tamaraw FX, will not cause them to be given a new or current year model such that it can be used to extend the franchise for another 13 years as what happened lately to some dilapidated FX taxi of 1996 vintage which were converted into a 2009 model by the LTO and their franchises extended. As to whether or not their registrations and franchises will be recalled by the LTO and the LTFRB is uncertain at this writing. Let's just watch what the DOTC-CAR Regional Director who has the control and supervision of these agencies will do or will not do. The ball is in his court now!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Congratulations: Iglesia Ni Cristo turns 95!

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



IGLESIA NI CRISTO TURNS 95: President Arroyo's declaration of July 27, 2009 and every July 27 of every succeeding year as "Iglesia Ni Cristo" day, is well-founded and should be hailed by all Filipinos.

July 27, 2009 represents the 95th year that the Iglesia shall have been in existence in the Philippines and in the whole world.

Among the things genuinely Filipino which all of us can be proud of, the Iglesia ranks as the best among the best, because it showcases the Filipino's deeply spiritual nature, and confirms our status as a race chosen by God to propagate His Word and belief in Him.

It also confirms, quite strongly, the designation of INC founder, Ka Felix Y. Manalo, as God's Special Messenger and as the "Chosen One" among Filipinos who will lead not only his countrymen but other peoples of the world as well to true salvation.

May I therefore take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency, Mr. Erano "Ka Erdy" Manalo, the INC Executive Minister, and His Excellency, Mr. Eduardo V. Manalo, the INC Deputy Executive, on this momentous occasion, with a prayer that God will continue to bless and guide them all throughout.

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CONGRATULATIONS, PALAWAN SUBTERRANEAN RIVER:

Another thing that we can really be proud of is the selection of the Palawan Subterranean River in Sabang, Puerto Princesa, Palawan as among the top 77 nominees which managed to enter the finals in the on-going search for the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

My wife, Judge Angelina Domingo Mauricio, and my daughter, Luisa, joined me in a four-day trip to Palawan last April 2009, visiting the river as the trip's highlight, and we were all awed by what we saw.

I am making an earnest plea for all Filipinos who can cast a vote to really exert their best to vote for the river in succeeding worldwide voting, and then to entice others to do the same thing.

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BIG POPULATION IS NOT A BLESSING? Here is the conclusion of the reaction of a reader who goes by the name Gerry Cortez, on our column that "big population is a blessing":

"You will see the day that there will be more food crisis and many towns in the provinces will refuse to send their food harvests to the big cities so they can feed their own residents/constituents first..." We will continue this next issue.

"We now have rebellions not only because of ideological differences but mainly because of poverty and the growing number of mouths to feed. We have rampant corruption in our country because of our poor population.

"They can be easily manipulated because most of them are not highly educated and very willing to follow any political party that will give them a kilo of rice or a dozen canned sardines.

"And that is precisely what dirty politicians want in their areas. We have political dynasties because of big and poor populations in the towns, cities, provinces and regions. The quality and immaturity of our country when it comes to politics can be attributed to its big and poor population.

"You have cited China and India as good examples but China still has its 'one child policy' which it strictly maintains to survive even if it is now a global economic giant.

"It is very embarrassing to my Chinese friends whenever they read news articles regarding the increasing number of Chinese prostitutes in the Middle East, North and South America and Europe.

"Thousands of Indians and Chinese are escaping poverty everyday by paying huge sums of money to get out of their countries and work abroad. Many Indians sell their organs so they can buy food for their many children. A country will never attain economic prosperity if its development does not cope with the fast population growth.

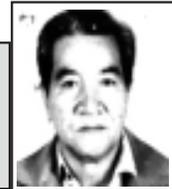
"Now where is the blessing? God does not want His people to suffer. The government and the church can implement ethical mea-

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CORDI NAWI

*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(7th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



The Mark of Abomination and Disobedience

The Bible also gives two distinctly different reasons for being marked: (a)obedience to God's law and (b)disobedience to His law, which is sin. In Ezekiel 9:4, the faithful are marked because they cry out and lament about the ongoing sun worship of the false Jews in their sacred temple.

"And the Lord said unto hin, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Ezekiel 9:4. Which abomination causes the faithful to cry? Ezekiel 8:15,16 answers the question. "Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."

The above texts state that (a)to face the east in worship and (b)to worship the sun are great abominations. In most all Roman churches in Latin America, each main door faces west but each altar faces east. On Sunday, the day of the sun, their faithful receive mass as they too bow toward the east.

The Bible also says that none who practice an abomination will enter heaven. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination." Revelation 21:27

In Revelation, the unfaithful-those who reject God's law and worship the beast on the day of the beast, Sunday-are marked with a spiritual mark called the "mark of the beast."

The book of Job clearly explains that to sin, or to practice iniquity or transgression, is to be marked. "If I sin, then Thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity." "My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and Thou sewest up mine iniquity." Job 10:14, 14:17. What is sin? John the apostle replies: "Sin is transgression of the law." I John 5:4. Paul adds, "For by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20. Sin is defined as breaking one or more of God's Ten Commandments. An abomination is certainly a transgression of God's law.

Those who are sealed with the mark of the beast in Revelation 13 are those with the mark of the beast in Revelation 13 are those who transgress God's fourth commandment by observing the abominable pagan custom of keeping Sunday holy. Yet John testifies that there will be a remnant who will observe God's commandments and exercise the faith of Jesus in the coming Sunday law trial.

"John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast and his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day will be the test.

Keep in mind what God says: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work." Exodus 20:8,9. Sunday then, is a regular work day according to God. In other words, we are commanded not to rest on Sunday, but rather to work on that day. Only the Sabbath is the correct day to rest on and to keep holy. Let us seek to keep His day holy but not any other day. Amen.

Section 64 of Dies Domini

For several centuries, Christians observed Sunday simply as a day of worship, without being able to give it the specific meaning of Sabbath rest. Only in the fourth century did the civil law of the Roman Empire recognize the weekly recurrence, determining that on 'the day of the sun' the judges, the people of the cities and the various trade corporations would not work... It would therefore be wrong to see in this legislation of the rhythm of the week a mere

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sures on responsible family planning to promote better lives and family prosperity.

“Smaller families would of course mean a very prosperous country as proven in countries like Singapore, Hong Kong, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Australia, and the United States. Poverty is not a blessing. Best regards,

Gerry Cortez...”

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LUMINOUS MYSTERIES START WITH BAPTISM OF JESUS: After the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Roman Catholic Christians, the Mysteries of Light, or the so-called Luminous Mysteries, come next, to narrate another aspect of the life of Jesus Christ starting from His baptism to the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Significantly, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all contain an account of the baptism of Jesus Christ. In Matthew, we find the story in its Chapter 3, verses 13 to 17. In Mark, we find it in its Chapter 1, verses 9 to 13, while in Luke, the event is narrated in its Chapter 3, verses 21 to 22.

In John, the story is found in its Chapter 1, verses 29 to 34, although this account is not as specific about baptism as was written in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Be that as it may, the baptism of Jesus, performed by His cousin, John the Baptist at the Jordan River, continues to be a confirmation of Jesus’ divinity, and of His status as the Son of God.

In all the Gospels, the story is told that after He was baptized, the heavens parted and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove and lightning, with a voice from heaven saying “This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Surely, in all history, there is no other person or being in this world whom God called as His Son, whom He loves and with whom He is well pleased except Jesus.

Cerdi Nawi

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historical circumstance with no special significance for the Church and which she could simply set aside. Even after the fall of the Empire, the Councils did not cease to insist upon the arrangements regarding Sunday rest.”

Sunday as a Festival

The encyclical letter maintains that Sunday was for the first few centuries observed as a day of worship and not as a day of rest. This is significant. It affirms that neither Jesus nor the apostles kept Sunday as a day of rest. Neither did the true followers of Christ in the first three centuries keep Sunday as a day of rest. They kept the Sabbath as both a day of rest and as a day of worship. Sunday was observed in Christendom but only as a day for worship. Even today, some Seventh-day Adventist Reform churches worship on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, but members do not rest all day like they do on the seventh-day Sabbath. The early church fathers attest that Sun-

day was to be observed as a day of festivity, quite unlike the way the Jews kept the seventh-day Sabbath. According to the New Catholic Encyclopedia too, early Christians did not rest on Sunday. “The observance of Sunday as a day of rest was a later development.”

Ignatius (A.D. 30-107), in the longer rendering of his letter to the Magnesians, states, “Let us therefore no longer keep the Sabbath after the Jewish manner; and rejoice in days of idleness; for ‘he that does not work, let him not eat.’ For say the [holy] oracles, ‘In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat the bread.’ But let every one of you keep the Sabbath after a spiritual manner, rejoicing in meditation on the law, not in relaxation of the body, admiring the workmanship of God, and not eating things prepared the day before, nor using lukewarm drinks, and walking within a prescribed space, nor finding delight in dancing and plaudits which have no sense in them. And after the observance of the Sabbath, let every friend of Christ keep the Lord’s Day as a festival, the resurrection-day, the queen and chief of all the days [of the week]”

Ignatius, or the monks who have altered the above text, maintained that Christians were expected to work on both Sabbath and Sunday. They were not to be idle. They were specifically to keep Sunday as a “festival” and as the “queen” of all the days. Nowhere does Ignatius advocate the keeping of Sunday as a day of rest, but as a festival.

Tertullian (A.D. 145-220), one of the church fathers, also advocated keeping Sunday as a festival and did not state that it ought to be kept as a day of rest. “By us, to whom Sabbaths are strange...the Saturnalia and New Year’s and Midwinter’s festivals and Matronalia are frequented...We are not apprehensive lest we seem to be heathen...[We] have a festive day ‘every eight day’”—that is, every Sunday.

Tertullian clearly restates what Ignatius wrote, that Sunday was celebrated as a festive day. Tertullian called Sunday the eight day because Sabbath is the Seventh day and Sunday comes after the Sabbath. Furthermore, because Christians had their own festive day, the “eight day”. This church father did not worry about their being labeled heathen when they celebrated such pagan festivals as Saturnalia. (now known as Christmas) and the New Year’s Day.

An inspired author confirms what the church fathers and the encyclical letter of John Paul II state concerning the observance of Sunday as a festival and not as a rest day. “Satan tampered with the fourth commandment also, and essayed to set aside the ancient Sabbath, the day which God had blessed and sanctified, and in its stead to exalt the festival observed by the heathen as ‘the venerable day of the sun.’ This change was not at first attempted openly. In the first centuries the true Sabbath had been kept by all Christians...That the attention of the people might be called to the Sunday, it was made a festival in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Religious services were held on it; yet it was regarded as a day of recreation, the Sabbath being still sacredly observed.”

To be continued...

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD**
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROBERTO GUIEB
Applicant
Case No: 95-01-477

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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 its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 23th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD**
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

EMMANUEL RAMOS
Applicant
Case No: 2000-01-2481

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 23th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD**
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROGER CAMHIT
Applicant
Case No: 2001-01-1061

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 2, 2009 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 4, 2009 at 9:30 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 14th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 10
La Trinidad,
Benguet

SUMMIT BANK
(RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET) INC.)
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-- versus --

PRECIL J. AVILA,
Respondent-Mortgagor

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: EXF-1367

FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Republic of the Philippines S REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 10 La Trinidad, Benguet

MARIEL TACIO BARREDO,

Petitioner,

FOR CORRECTION OF GENDER IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH FROM FEMALE TO MALE

versus

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE.

Respondents.
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SP. CASE NO. 09-C4564

ORDER

OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by petitioner-mortgagee SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.) a banking institution duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at 3rd Floor, Sia Lian Ting Bldg., 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City against PRECIL J. AVILA, of legal age, Filipino, single and with residence and postal address at No. 44, Puroc Bakakeng Norte, Baguio City,

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on 3 July 2009 praying

that after due notice, publication, and trial, judgment be issued directing the respondents

to cause the correction of his gender from female to male in the records of the Local

Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Quezon City

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on September 23, 2009 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning

before the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junc-

tion. a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than July 26, 2009. Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Administrator National Statistics Office; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioner and his counsel. V

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 22nd day of July 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

EDGARDO B. DIAZ DE RIVERA, Jr
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: July 25, August 1 and 8, 2009

TIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-57426
A parcel of land (Lot PCN-131110-000013 being portion of Lots 4-0-2-B & 4-C-2-C PSD-1-008385) situated at Brgy. Pico, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 4-C-2-A PSD-1 - 008385; on the NE, along line 2-3-4 by Ta cay (One Name); on the SE, along line 4-5 by Lot 4-C-3, (LBC) PSD- 123985; on the SW along line 5-6-1 by Road-Right-of-Way (4.00 m wide). Beginning at appoint marked "1" on plan being S.39'E, 3647.10 m from Triangulation Station "SOUTHBASE, La Trinidad Benguet, thence:
N. 35 deg. 13' E, 32.33 in. to point 2.
S. 58 deg. 22' E.,

6.15m to point 3;
S.58 deg. 22't,
6.13 in to point 4,
S.35 deg. 14' W,32.96.m to point 5;
N. 55 deg. 26' W
6.10 m to point 6;
N. 55 deg. 26' W.,
6.14 m to point of beginning
Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE POINT FIVE (399.5) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: All points by old PS. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 60 cms. Bearing : true: date of original survey on Oct 18, 1996 executed by Engr. Rodolfo S. Maningo Sr., and was approved on November 27, 1996.
All sealed bids must be submitted x

the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.
In the event the public auction should not take place on the said dates it shall be held on September 25, 2009 at the same time and place without further notice

Done this 24th day of July, 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) WINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished :
1. Summit Bank
2. Precil J. Avila
3. The Junction Newspaper
Publication dates: July 25, August 1 and 8, 2009

Ifugao on its way for self sufficiency in power supply

L A G A W E , Ifugao-In line with the national government's program of rural electrification that will enhance economic recovery, the provincial government here in coordination with the Ifugao Electric Cooperative (IFELCO) and the national power agencies implemented electrification projects in the province.

Strengthened by the provincial government's Executive Order No.33, Engr. Vicente Nabejet of the Provincial Governor's Office said that this move has to be tempered with the existing coverage of the franchised electricity distributor here which is IFELCO. "It is also the

task of the provincial government to make the first step in its journey of a million miles to make Ifugao self sufficient in its power supply harnessing its abundant water resources," Nabejet said.

Among the barangays energized by the said program of the provincial government are Panubtuban and Kabuluan with P200,000.00 and P283,000.00 funding respectively. The latest project implemented by the PGO is the Pula electrification with P1,050,000.00 fund allocation.

Nabejet disclosed that aside from the said energized barangays, the provincial government also allocated funds for the on going energization

projects in barangays Julongan and Jolongan with P100,000.00 each. He further said that barangays Mappit and sitio bili in barangay Amduntog have approved funds of P1M and P580,000.00 respectively. The said projects will soon be implemented, Nabejet said.

Nabejet believes that this program will contribute much for the improvement of the economic situation of these barangays. Hand in hand with IFELCO and the national electrification program of the government, we will be able to realize our vision of a 100% energized barangays in the year 2010./ Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.

Petitioner-
Mortgagee

-versus -

APOLONIO B. UDUNA,
Mortgagor

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09-Exf-1365

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by the Rural Bank of Itogon (Benguet) Inc, duly organizes and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at

1993 Public Market Bldg., Km 5. Pico La Trinidad, Benguet., against Apolonio B. Uduna of Caucalean, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, In a real estate mortgage duly entered on August 7, 2007. That the indebtedness of the mortgagor to the mortgagee as of June 6, 2009 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (Php 115,000.00) Philippine currency, excluding eighteen percent interest per annum, ten (10%) per annum of the principal amount as penalty, twenty (20%) percent on whatever amount is due the mortgagee from the mortgagors as attorney's fees as agreed and contained

in the pertinent promissory note other litigation expenses and legal expenses incidental to this foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on August 4, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency the parcel of land, together with the improvements now existing or which may hereafter be made thereon described as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-012-02468

"A parcel of land located at Dongboy, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet. Bounded on the North by Olarte Paus; on the South by Sps. Adam Yap & Leonor Yap; on the East by Marcos Highway; On the West by Esteban Dangpas. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS. Assessed at Php 2,800.00 Realty Tax paid under O.R. No. 0191485 on June 15, 2007 at Tuba, Benguet. Not yet registered under Act. 496 nor under Spanish Mortgage Law, but registrable under Act. No. 3344 as Amended Bounded by visible monuments and the present Possessor is

Mr. Apolonio B. Uduna.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above described and the encumbrances thereon if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 8, 2009.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET By: (SGD) JOSELITO S. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV

For publication at the Junction Newspaper on July 11,18 and 25, 2009

Editorial

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"How poor the country that must suffer gloriously triumphant generals."

Retirements whittled down the Supreme Court majority who thrashed Arroyo's "People's Initiative", Cruz notes." The Court will soon have all its justices appointed by one President.

Recall the Chief Justice who'd trot after Imelda Marcos holding her parasol. Among other things, that Court then surrendered the power to rule on habeas corpus petitions. Benigno Aquino's airport tarmac speech challenged that capitulation. But an assassin's bullet beat him to it.

"The martial law bogey is being used to turn people against the government", screamed everybody the Palace press-ganged into service: from Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, to Secretary Ronaldo Puno and presidential adviser Gabriel Claudio. "That was cheap of Cruz."

Hypocrisy is unlike bread. There is never a short supply." Thus, Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro purrs: "President Arroyo would not use her power for her own political gains. Take it from the "Brat Pack" bouncer for Eduardo Cojuangco's coconut levy. Juan Ponce Enrile spark-plugged the "God Save the Queen" coups against President Aquino. He now cites the Constitution, he tried to scrap, on limits of presidential terms.

President Aquino came to the US

and addressed a joint session of the US Congress. She led Asia's first non-violent revolution, since Mahatma Ghandi's march against the Salt Tax. That example spiraled into Czechoslovakia's "Velvet Revolt" and Lebanon's Cedar Revolution, among others. With integrity unquestioned, she ensured peaceful transition of power.

President Arroyo comes as a diminished figure. She'll posture as "leader". Indeed, US and Philippine interests coincide in areas like terror's protracted conflict. But like Marcos and Estrada before her, she is neclaced by sleaze. There' is a Faustian desperation for a little more time.

But this Oval Office doesn't work by the old "she-is-our-sob" rule. "No country is going to create wealth if its leaders exploit the economy to enrich themselves, or police can be bought off by drug traffickers," President Obama told Ghana's Parliament.

"No business wants to invest in a place where the government skims 20 percent off the top, or the head of the Port Authority is corrupt. No person wants to live in a society where the rule of law gives way to the rule of brutality and bribery. That is not democracy, that is tyranny. And now is the time for it to end."

If the hat fits, wear it./ J.L.Mercado

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

FRANCISCO P. LAVARIAS
Applicant
Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-1372

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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 its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 23th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ENRIQUE CASIL
Applicant
Case No: 2004-CAR-0408

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a petition for the approval of Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

CAR posts

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0.2% in 2008. This is attributed to the slow down in mining due to the decline in gold production and in manufacturing, the major contributor to the industry sector, due to the decline in semiconductor exports

The Service Sector, which is accounted for 25% of the region's GRDP continued to grow but at a slower rate of 5.6% (2008), compared to 5.8% (2007). The NSCB report also showed that the private services maintained its lead to grow faster among the service sub-sector and this is due mainly to the robust growth of Business Process Outsourcing or BPO. Government services, another service sub-sector, more than doubled its previous growth to 5.5%.

The Agriculture, Fishery, Forestry (AFF), which contributed 14.4% of CAR's economy also failed to sustain its previous double-digit growth and also posted a slow growth of 2.5%.

Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) acting chair and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Director Juan Ngalob, though expressed his optimism that CAR will not go into a recession. "Recession means having negative growth for consecutive periods, hindi pa naman tayo nag-negative and our economic indicators even shows upward trends," he said.

Ngalob also stressed that for the region to increase its economic growth, Cordillera should device policies that would slowly make it productive in terms of income and revenue. "We should work in developing more economic activity," he said.

Ngalob also cited that in the RDC's Regional Development Plan, it has included the development of Micro-Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the development of our resources such as water.

"Cordillerans should also change their mindset, (into realizing) that growing the economy is in the regional autonomy agenda, through the spirit of autonomy, we (people) should learn developing ourselves, into being entrepreneurs, in managing our own businesses, rather than depending on the national level," Ngalob added.

In a related news, Socio-Economic and Planning Deputy Director-General Rolando Tungpalan reported, in the full cabinet meeting held this week in Bukidnon, that New York-based think tank Global Source said that the Philippines will likely avoid a recession this year but will have a snail's pace growth through next year.

In ruling out the possibility of an economic contraction, Global Source pointed out that remittances so far managed to hold steady, which meant that any decline in 2009 would be minimal, while export and import numbers slowly evened out, improving the trade balance.

It added that the effects of the higher fiscal spending may soon start to become perceptible especially as elections near, while expectations of a global recovery should help revitalize consumers somewhat later in the year. But looking ahead, Global Source said an upturn in the world economy, especially a weak one, might not mean much for the Philippines./Lito Dar/PIA

Gov't neglect

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our graduates with the demands of industry and the market," the senator added.

Escudero also called for the implementation of an ICT (information and communication technology) Education Development Plan as a major step towards establishing a knowledge-based economy.

"Our neighboring countries have recognized the importance of ICT in education. They have adopted and are implementing national policies and strategies towards this end. We must step up efforts to institutionalize ICT as a national priority in education," the senator said.

Escudero lamented that fundamental issues such as classroom shortages continue to hound the country at a time when other countries have moved to the next levels of education development.

"While we talk of knowledge-based economies and ICT as institutional educational platforms in other countries, the Philippines still has a backlog of 40,000 classrooms," he said.

"At a cost of P500,000 per classroom, it would cost only P20 billion to build everything. That's only one year's income of PAGCOR. I am incredulous how the future of millions of Filipino children has been irretrievably lost because of the insatiable greed of those in power," Escudero said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

More Filipinos

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unfavorable change in the hunger climate which requires radical changes in the policy and governance environment which this administration has failed to undertake," he said.

Escudero noted that Mangahas pointedly suggested that the rice importation program was the "least effective hunger program" and "four times as costly" as the conditional cash subsidies implemented by the government.

He said the next administration must launch key reforms in the agriculture sector to eliminate hunger, ensure food security, and break the cycle of grinding poverty in the country.

"The fight against poverty will be won in the countryside. We need to focus on programs that will transform our depressed rural communities into growth centers. Then development will radiate from the countryside to our cities," Escudero said.

He said the government must focus on expanding irrigation, build more post-harvest facilities, extend financial and technical support for farmers, and gather data to determine what crops to plant and when and where they should be planted to maximize the use of the country's rich agricultural lands.

Escudero pointed out that while Vietnam and Thailand had expanded the number of irrigated lands to as much as 9 to 11 million hectares, the country's irrigated lands had declined to 1.38 million this year from the 1.4 million hectares in 1986.

"Our population almost doubled since 1986, but instead of expanding the number of irrigated lands for rice, we experienced instead a contraction and became one of the world's biggest importers of an essential staple," he said.

"After winning the peace, the next administration must focus on agriculture from day one so our country and people will overcome the challenges that lie ahead," Escudero said.

SANA (Sana Naipatupad ni Arroyo) Tootoo Series

(In time for the ninth SONA of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, opposition Sen. Francis Joseph "Chiz" G. Escudero presents his take on her performance in realizing her administration's avowed core agenda – food security, good governance, jobs, and education. In the SANA-TOTOO series of articles (video), Sen. Escudero contends that President Arroyo failed to deliver on her promise in all four key areas./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Putting up

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which has jurisdiction over cooperatives nationwide, and it is the only agency which has the power to register cooperatives.

SEC and CDA officials met to look into the legality of Phil Asia pursuing its obligations in favor of its plan holders by putting up a cooperative, the Apo Credit Cooperative.

According to its record, the CDA allowed the Apo Credit Cooperative to be registered as a cooperative which can operate nationwide, and even abroad.

The CDA said that the Apo Credit Cooperative was allowed to be registered because it satisfactorily complied with all the requisites for registration under the old and the new cooperative laws.

Mauricio explained to the lawyers of SEC that the cooperative was established because of the desire of the Afulugencia Family, owners of Phil Asia, to continue discharging its obligations to its plan holders at to the entire Filipino nation, even if there is an existing cease and desist order from the SEC.

Mauricio said it did not sit well with the Afulugencia Family to simply abandon Phil Asia plan holders who trusted them, so that they strove hard to put up the Apo Credit Cooperative for this purpose.

With the establishment of the cooperative, Phil Asia plan holders need not worry any longer, because the cooperative is assuming the obligations of the company as far as its plans are concerned.

"Plan holders need not worry any longer. They should instead become members of the cooperative," Mauricio added.

help anyone.

Mauricio said that it would be better forgotten them.

Mauricio explained likewise that Phil Asia has managed to proceed with meeting the obligations of the company in favor of its plan holders, while other pre-need companies have completely folded up, because of a vow of its owners that the company would now be a vessel to propagate the Word of God.

OWWA livelihood

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the couple and their three children. According to OWWA-CAR Acting Regional Director Evelyn Laranang, applicants for the Livelihood Assistance Program are continuously coming in and at present there are still 90 applicants awaiting release.

"We are still waiting for the additional fund (P 4.2M) we requested from our central office, OWWA is now sourcing out funds to accommodate the pending applications, as the total releases nationwide already reached P150 M, surpassing the P100 M that was initially allocated for the said program," Laranang said.

"We cannot turn down incoming applications, we feel we have just to respond to their needs, so if payments for the livelihood assistance we will use it as a revolving fund for the other applications," Laranang added.

There are also some displaced workers who have also availed of the other OWWA regular programs. She informed that 10 have already graduated from OWWA's Microsoft Tulay Project, a free computer training for OFWs or their dependents and that they also have 16 avalees on the Skills Training Program./Lito Dar/PIA

Baguio Elderly

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clear guideline for the implementation of the selling of cheaper medicines. According to Padilla, senior citizens usually encounter several problems in buying their medicine, like the requiring prescription from their maintenance drugs, limited numbers of outlet that offer the medicine they need, some drug store sell them limited number of the medicine they are buying, and if they send their spouses to buy medicines for them, they are required to have a letter of authority.

"The government should make sure the availability of cheap medicines for the elderly and the process of buying the said medicines should not be made complicated," he added.

BEA, is composed of six different elderly groups, such as the Blessed Association of Retired Person (BARP) Foundation Inc, FBASECA, Phil Government Retired Employees, Veterans Federation of the Philippines (Baguio and CAR chapter) and United States Armed Forces of the Philippines Northern Luzon./Lito Dar/PIA

PRO-COR denies

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to keep the incident away from public and the press. Medico legal findings by her attending physician indicates negative for sperm identification and presence of plenty of gram positive short rods and pus cells.

Pestano said that the finding of the attending physician will avert any wrong speculations on the incident and that this issue be put to rest.

The said incident, unverified and unconfirmed, found its way in the national paper and caused a stir and reactions among national government leaders, including the President. PRO-COR has al-

ready cleared the issue and reported the case closed.

In a statement, Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said, "We are happy to hear that the report of the Cordillera police that it is negative. However, it will not change the government's policy in an all-out-war against (illegal) drugs."

Despite the calls, from various sector to reinstate the death penalty in the country (stirred by the false report), Remonde also stressed that Malacañang's position against the re-imposition of death penalty remains. He said that Malacanang has been consistent in respecting the decisions and positions of its co-equal branches of government such as Congress and the Supreme Court

"Of course as a matter of policy, we allow both Houses of Congress to open debates on the matter if necessary. But like other major and fundamental policy issues, the President is not going to dictate any direction (on the issue)," Remonde said./Lito Dar/PIA

OAV registration

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the consulate-general in Hong Kong, reaping 14,259, leads some 90 foreign diplomatic posts in attracting registrants. The HK performance accounts for the overall regional lead of the Asia-Pacific, or for a regional total of 39,239.

With only five weeks to go before the August 31 deadline, the OAVS hopes that registration reaches at least 200,000.

DFA Undersecretary Rafael Seguis, OAVS chair, earlier said that he has factored the Filipino habit of scrambling over a project at the 11th hour.

Also, various foreign posts have multiplied their campaign for mobile registration, operating out of public places and centers in the Middle East, Europe, Hong Kong and the U.S. to attract Filipinos to register — and eventually vote in May 2010.

Padalhin said there is nothing unusual about the fluctuation in numbers as many OAV registrants are transient overseas workers. The point is that they have a chance to register and exercise their right of suffrage even when abroad, he added.

Next to Hong Kong, with a large Filipino community of at least 180,000, the top 10 registrars are: Los Angeles, 8,114; Dubai, 7,907; Singapore, 6,300; London, 4,662; Riyadh, 4,570; Toronto, 4,202; New York, 4,085; Tokyo, 3,363, and Washington, 3,214.

The U.S., where many Filipinos are dual citizens, leads among countries where registration is in the top five. The rest are China (15,288), United Arab Emirates (10,555), Saudi Arabia (8,413) and Singapore (6,300).

But DFA noted that there were also enlistment in the newly-opened diplomatic posts of Barcelona (Spain, 1,559), Oslo (Norway, 938), Macau (SAR China, 465), Damascus (Syria, 277), Frankfurt (Germany, 44), and Chongqing (China, 43)/PIA

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ALPHA C. FADLEN

Applicant

Case No: 99-01-1868

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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 its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 23th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ZENAIDA BOADILLA

Applicant

Case No: 91-CAR-756A

NOTICE OF HEARING

Petition for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 4, 2009 at 9:30 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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 its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 14th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JULIUS P. BRYAN

Applicant

Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1056

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a petition for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - PALALI (SABLAN) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on JULY 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (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.

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 its 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

DFA, VP Noli reiterate deployment ban to Afghanistan, Iraq

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Vice President and presidential adviser on Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW)s Noli De Castro are urging again Filipinos who wish to work abroad to avoid countries with work deployment ban, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

This, after 10 Filipinos were among the 16 who died in a helicopter crash in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In a radio interview, VP De Castro called on the Filipino people saying, "sana sa mga nakikinig na naghahanap ng

ikabubuhay sa ibang bansa, huwag niyong patulan ang Afghanistan."

He explained that the main reason why the DFA is implementing the deployment ban is to keep OFWs from harm's way. "Kapit sa patalim pero manganganib naman ang inyong buhay."

De Castro explained that Filipinos are forced to work in Afghanistan because of huge compensation offer. "Malaki kasi ang alok, gaya nitong isa - \$1,300 ang suweldo bilang karpentero. Marami talaga ang trabahoon kasi may

ginagawang dalawang base military."

The Vice President assured the public that assistance is being extended to the 10 OFWs who got involved in the helicopter accident earlier. "Tulongan natin itong mga biktima - legal o illegal man ang kanilang dokumento - kasi mga Filipino din ang mga ito. Hahabulin din natin ang kanilang mga employers para maibigay ang kanilang mga benepisyo."

VP Noli also revealed that OWWA is also looking at possible benefits which can be extended to the victims./PIA



Unmindful of the on going construction at the burnt area at the city market, a sidewalk vendor still finds a way to earn an honest living./Photo by: Monch S. David

OAV registration for 2010 elections breaches record for 2007, says DFA

At 143,659 overseas voters so far registered for the May 2010 elections, the number has breached the total of 142,667 for the 2007 national elections, according to Nestor Padalhin, vice-chairman of the Overseas Absentee Voters Secretariat (OAVS) based at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Still, both totals fared much lower than the 361,457 registered in the two-month registration period for the 2004 presidential elections, records show. The August 1 to September 30,

2003 OAV registration was the first since the law on overseas absentee voting and the law on dual citizenship were passed by Congress.

The second OAV registration was for a one-year period from October 31, 2005 to October 31, 2006, yet the total was the lowest of the three periods.

For that first-time ever registration, foreign posts were on their toes as they have to respond to both face-to-face and online queries by first-time prospective absentee voters and master the mechanics of

registering Filipinos abroad. Both registrars and registrants were experiencing overseas registration and actual voting for the first time.

The current seven-month registration period, from February 1 to August 31, shows that

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PRO-Cor denies reported drug related abduction/rape case in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Police Regional Office - Cordillera (PRO-Cor) headquarters, Police Regional Director Pesupt Orlando Pestano in a press briefing Monday, clarified that based on their investigation, the reported drug related incident of kidnapping/rape of a 13 year old high school female student in the city turned out to be negative.

PRO-COR in-

vestigation disclosed that the 13 year old girl student (who was reported to be a daughter of a gov't anti-drug enforcement agent), who was earlier reported as kidnapped and raped last Saturday, had a drinking spree in the house of one of her friends until she was drunk.

Afraid to be

scolded by her parents, she refused to go home immediately, at about 8:00 pm of same date, the girl's mother requested the assistance of a police officer at Baguio City Police Office to go to Baguio General Hospital for medical examination. The mother however, requested the police

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