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UP Law Expert – The Lies of the Bangsamoro Basic Law

ARE THE FILIPINOS BEING SOLD TO MALAYSIA AND MILF? All I

can say is that this is an act tantamount to secession.

The law categorically describes all inhabitants within the BBL controlled land as Bangsamoro, not Filipino. Bangsamoro. The law also categorically depicts the Bangsamoro Political Entity as nation-estate, with the eminent right to "self-determination", or the power to determine whether they want to remain part of the republic or not. (Art. 2 Section 1 of the BBL Draft) (BBL preamble)

The law requires the republic to guarantee the inclusion of one Bangsamoro representative in each of the critical agencies of the government. While representation is indeed something I will root for, the ability of the Bangsamoro state to undermine the power of the government to determine via qualification the right people for the right agency and bypass that by a mere appointment to represent the Bangsamoro state is highly self-motivated.

Contrary to what the government peace panel has been saying, the BBL establishes the core component of a state based government, ascending only coordinating powers to the Republic. Sections 3 and 4 of Article V of the BBL delineates the powers of the Central Government (which in their term is the Republic of the Philippines) and the Bangsamoro Government. What is scary is that major-

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The Committee on Public Works and Highways meet with officials of The Department of Public Works and Highways for the initial deliberation of House Resolution 1884 re: "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND COMMITTEE TOURISM TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS, IMPLEMENTATION, GUIDELINES AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 2016 OF THE DPWH-DOT CONVERGENCE PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY."

Sigurado naman na ku-kwestiyonin ng maraming mga experto sa Korte Suprema ang pag apruba ng BBL at siguradong hindi rin aaprubahan ng korte suprema ang BBL!!!



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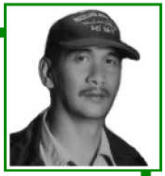
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There's No Reason to Delay the City Hall Improvement Project – mayor

BAGUIO CITY - With the pressing issue on the historical site declaration of city hall, mayor Mauricio Domogan, in his weekly forum last Wednesday stressed that there is no reason for the city government to delay the on-going improvement of the city hall grounds.

"We should take into consideration the escalation of prices of materials once we delay the project," said Domogan.

While the city government here has nothing against the declaration of city hall, Domogan pointed out that the declaration did not undergo the proper process as it was not coordinated with the city government and no public hearing was conducted nor there was no any form of endorsement like a resolution issued.

With his meeting with Arch. Dado of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Domogan was able to explain that it is the concern of the city to protect city hall, and as a proof was the massive renovation of city hall building years back during his term. Despite the massive renovation, the city was able to maintain and preserve

its agricultural design.

Domogan said that there was no formal and legal declaration coming from the NHCP formally declaring city hall as national historical site/landmark. A marker was only installed at the entrance of city hall in 2009 identifying it as historical site.

"The on-going city hall project will not in any way cause obstruction on the view of the government building, but, instead, we are beautifying, enhancing and improving and at the same time protecting and securing the city hall," said Domogan.

In declaring city hall as historical site, Domogan emphasized that there should be a survey to be conducted in order to know the exact metes and bounds of what is covered by the declaration. It is important to define what kind development is to be made which do not need approval by the NHCP and what kind development to be made that needs approval from the NHCP.

"Let us help one another to have city hall be declared as heritage site," he added. */Jho Arranz*

Filipino National ID System Passes 2nd Reading

Aliping announced the passage of the National ID system on second reading, copies of the amendments were distributed last week ready for third reading deliberation.

HB 5060 to be known as the "Filipino Identification System Act" was co-authored by Aliping and was approved. "The National ID card will help speed up government and other official transactions in lieu of other government IDs" said Aliping.

The bill will "institutionalize a national information card for all Filipinos that would ensure facilitation and streamline government transactions, and help promote a progressive society through an efficient delivery of basic services,"

Aliping said.

The bill "shall gradually consolidate all existing government initiated identification system into one integrated and efficient identification system," he said.

Aliping noted that there are many Filipinos who have no official IDs and it's a hindrance in doing official transactions. Many official IDs need to be registered yearly.

"Section 4 of HB 5060 states that every Filipino, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad is mandated to register personal information required by the ID system and upon application shall be issued a non-transferable Filipino ID card with an ID

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224 Members of Congress Richer in 2014

At least 7 congressmen record a more than 100% increase in their 2014 net worth

MANILA, Philippines – More than half of the incumbent members of the House of Representatives were richer in 2014, based on their latest Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALNs).

There are 224 congressmen whose net worth increased in 2014, with 7 of them recording a more than 100% increase in wealth declaration from 2013 to 2014.

Based on the SALN summary report provided by the House of Representatives on Thursday, May 21, DIWA partylist representative Emmeline Aglipay registered the biggest gain among the 290 congressmen, as she declared an over 7,000% jump in her net worth – from P9.68 million in 2013 to P689 million in 2014.

Aglipay disclosed a net worth increase after her marriage to Las Piñas Representative Mark Villar that year – a civil wedding on September 19, and a church wedding on October 1. The two submitted to Congress a joint filing of their SALN for 2014. Villar is the son of billionaire real estate developer and former senator and former congressman Manuel Villar Jr.

Other representatives whose net worth jumped by more than 100% in 2014 are:

Dinagat Island Representative Arlene Bagao (222.27% increase)

Anakpawis Representative Fernando Hicap (153.36% increase)

Coop NATCCO Representative Cresente Paez (123.41% increase)

Pampanga, 4th district Representative Juan Pablo Bondoc (102.86% increase)

Western Samar, 1st district Representative Mel Senen Sarmiento

(101.24% increase)

Quezon City, 2nd district Representative Winston Castelo (100.5% increase)

Meanwhile, 65 representatives declared a decrease in their wealth from 2013 to 2014, while 11 others declared the same net worth for both years.

Below is the table that shows the percentage change in the net worth of all congressmen:

Richest legislators

The conjugal wealth of Aglipay and Villar made it among the highest declarations of congressmen in 2014. Making it to the top 10 highest net worth are:

Sarangani Representative Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao – P1.69 billion (up from P1.35 billion)

House Speaker and Quezon City 4th district Representative Feliciano Belmonte Jr – P921.6 million (up from P819.75 million)

Ilocos Norte 2nd district Representative Imelda Marcos – P917.8 million (down from P922.8 million)

Negros Occidental 3rd district Representative Alfredo Benitez – P845.93 million (up from P713.88 million)

Negros Occidental 1st district Representative Julio Ledesma IV – P822.28 million (up from P617.33 million)

Aglipay and Villar – P689 million (up from P9.68 million and P526.45 million, respectively)

Leyte 1st district Representative Martin Ferdinand Romualdez – P474.77 million (down from P475 million)

Rizal 1st district Representative Joel Roy Duavit – P317.98 million (up from P272.98 million)

Tarlac 1st district Representative Enrique Cojuangco – P220.57 million (up from P217.52 million)

Cavite 3rd district Representative Alex Advincula – P147.68 million (down from P202.28 million)

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RITMT and Air Quality Reports

BAGUIO CITY – A little more than 69% of 1,557, or 1,057 vehicles passed the smoke-belching test by the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) of the City Environment Parks Management Office (CEPMO) in a two-month period starting March 12.

Of the same number of vehicles which underwent testing, 482 or 30.96% failed.

This was reported during the regular Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week with Mayor Mauricio Domogan presiding.

The operations for diesel-fed vehicles were done in Bonifacio st., Upper Session road, Harrison road, Buhagan rd., Naguilian, Magsaysay road, Marcos Highway, UP drive, Shuntug road, Kennon road, it was known in a report done by Engr. Moises Lozano of the Wastewater, Water and Ambient Air Management Division (WWAMD), CEPMO.

Offenders include public utility jeepneys, bus, vans, taxi, private vehicles, government vehicles, public school service, and other public vehicles.

Penalties from the operations totaled P463,000, with 309 vehicle owners complying; while P102,800 came from payment of previous offenders; voluntary testing of 2,027 diesel and gas-fed vehicles at P50 each contributed P101,350 for a grand total of P667,150 to a trust fund.

During the same forum, the summary of road-

side ambient air quality monitoring was reported where at Upper Session road near the Post Office, air quality was "good," which meant that the air is within the standard of General Ambient Air Condition. Air analysis at Mines View, Pacdal Circle, UP Baguio Campus, Bell Church, Happy Homes Old Lucban, were at "Fair."

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RTC Junks Jadewell Motion for Execution

BAGUIO CITY – The Regional Trial Court quashed the motion for execution of Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation (Jadewell) for the court to direct the City Government to issue a business permit and allow its operation of the payparking business in areas identified in the memorandum of agreement dated June 26, 2000 for its unexpired term.

In a six-page decision issued last April 6, RTC Branch 60 Judge Edilberto Claravall said Jadewell's purpose does not conform to the decision of the Supreme Court which "relevantly discussed (that) the MOA can no longer be implemented."

"It must be reiterated that the execution must conform to the dispositive portion of the decision. What is being prayed for by Jadewell, for the issuance of a writ of execution directing the respondent city of Baguio to issue the requisite business permit to Jadewell upon payment of the fees required and thereafter allow the management and operation of the pay-parking system of the road and parking spaces identified in the MOA... for its unexpired term, is different from what was adjudicated in the Decision being invoked. The MOA can no longer be implemented. The high court relevantly discussed this matter in its Decision..." Claravall said.

The court further said that there was no conflict between the body and dispositive portion of the decision of the Supreme Court dated April 23, 2014 which affirmed the Court of Appeals ruling dated July 7, 2003 invalidating the city council's rescission of the MOA that authorized Jadewell's operation in the city in 2001 but did not award any damage in favor of the parking firm, among others. The SC declared such decision final on July 21, 2014.

Claravall said, "Even though the statement of the Supreme Court in declaring the MOA as le-

gally terminated is contained in the body, it doesn't mean that the same does not bear any legal weight and significance. As a matter of fact, the said portion of the body serves as an important guide in interpreting the dispositive portion of the Decision."

He added that as gleaned from the decision, the Supreme Court would have declared the case moot and academic in view of the termination of the MOA as a result of the "second act of rescission" of the MOA by the city council on Sept. 22, 2006 "had it not been for the possible susceptibility of the City of Baguio and its officials to an action for damages on a finding of wrongful termination of the MOA" in the first act of rescission through Resolution No. 37 series of 2002 dated Feb. 19, 2002.

"The subject of the execution in relation to the (decision) should only be limited to declaring and affirming that the rescission done by the respondent Sanggunian through its enactment of Resolution No. 37-2002 is null and void. The court cannot grant the prayer of the Petitioner in ordering the respondent city in issuing business permit so that the former may continue what was adjudicated with finality by the highest court of the land," Claravall said.

In the decision, the court also denied Jadewell's motion to strike the joint rejoinder filed by the City saying it is "expressly allowed by the court" so that now it will remain part of the court records.

Acting city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes said Jadewell may appeal the RTC ruling within 15 days from receipt of the copy of the decision otherwise, the order will become final.

Rabanes said the city will continue to manage the Ganza parking space previously operated by Jadewell as there was no prohibition from the Courts. The city

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Vendors Selling Spoiled Products to Lose Permits

BAGUIO CITY – Market stall owners found selling spoiled products stand to lose their licenses and their privilege to do business at the city market.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued this warning last Wednesday in view of reports that some stalls at the city market are selling food products that are unfit for human consumption.

The mayor said the city can close the stalls, withdraw the business permits and ban the sellers from doing business at the city market.

Last May 7, the city veterinary office under Dr. Brigit Piok confiscated some 12.15 kilos of adulterated chicken meat cuts and by-products from three meat stores at the market during an inspection conducted by the task force to monitor the sale, proper and hygienic handling of meat in meat markets.

The task force composed of meat inspectors Cesaria Buayan, Juliet Laron, Myra Bonnie Balting and aquaculturist Judyline Toyoken

found the products adulterated with greenish discoloration or decomposition and not fit for human consumption in clear violation of Republic Act No. 9296 or the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines.

The mayor said cases will be pursued against these law violators.

The mayor said the regular market inspections are part of the City Government's thrust for consumer welfare protection.

The city veterinary office works in coordination with the city market office in the campaign.

City market office head Paul Tamayo said in their thrust to safeguard the welfare of the consumers, they recently underwent training on promoting the safety of consumers of fish.

They also recently installed tarpaulins in strategic points at the city market on the proper handling and selling of fresh or newly slaughtered, chilled, frozen and thawed meat products. / A Refuerzo

NHC Meets Members of the Council

BAGUIO CITY – The city officials of Baguio and representatives of the National Historical Commission (NHC) and National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) are scheduled to meet to thresh out matters on city hall being declared as a historical site.

A fence and some improvements are planned for city hall grounds with additional space and mini-museum as additional features. This has stirred up questions among groups whether it be acceptable to introduce developments.

According to NHC representative Edison Molanida, who faced the council last Monday, the city hall is a marked heritage site, with a testimonial plaque on its frontage.

The plaque reads in part: "This city hall building stood on its hilly crest as the epitome of the aspirations of the people of Baguio and offered refuge against threat or harm and recently renovated under the city hall renovation and extension project which actual renovation started April 1997 with its original aesthetic design kept intact for posterity. This city hall building stands proud and mighty as a fitting tribute to its constituents..."

Thus, Molanida says there should be no alteration introduced, for the building's integrity, authenticity, value, historical significance and conservation. The cultural importance of the property and cultural history attached to the edifice, and presumption of importance should be considered, it was also known during the session.

The councilors however stood their ground that nothing of importance including the interiors were or shall be renovated or altered. Cont. on page 8

Busol Lot Claimants Given Ten-day Reprieve

BAGUIO CITY – The City Government gave owners of the illegal shanties built at the area designated for the Busol Tree Nursery at the Busol watershed a ten-day reprieve after the occupants appealed for more time to consider voluntarily demolishing the structures.

Ancestral land claimant Lucia Ampaguey last May 21 issued an undertaking asking the mayor to defer the implementation of the demolition order for ten days to allow them to discuss their next course of action.

"We understand that if we fail to undertake the demolition by ourselves, we are aware that the demolition team will do their job (of removing our structures)," Ampaguey noted in the letter she signed in the presence of city engineer Nazita Banez, forester Walter Aguirre and city police director Rolando Miranda and the other occupants.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed relief and hope that the claimants will fulfill their commitment so that there will be no more hitches in the removal of the structures.

The area will be used as a tree nursery and field office of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources, the Baguio Regreening Movement and the city environment and parks management office.

The City last May 7 was set to undertake the dismantling opera-

tion of the five shanties but held back after the occupants barricaded the area.

The mayor however notified the owners that the City will pursue the demolition anytime in collaboration with the concerned law enforcement agencies even as he appealed to them to cooperate to avoid criminal charges.

Earlier, the mayor turned down the request of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to defer the implementation of the demolition of the shanties saying the structures are built within the city's main watershed and their owners' lot claims have been denied with finality by the courts.

"...Much to our regret we cannot grant your request for it has no legal basis and we have to proceed with the intended demolition. Please understand that it is the need for adequate water supply and ecological balance that compels the City Government of Baguio, the Baguio Water District, the Dept. of Envi-

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BRIGADA ESKWELA - Mayor Mauricio Domogan takes time out to paint the perimeter fence of the Baguio City National High School, the Alma Mater of his wife Rebecca, his three daughters Janice, Jillian and Joy. The City government appropriated P1.3million for the repair of schools in the city during the Brigada Eskwela in preparation for the school opening on June 1/ By Bong Cayabyab

Seven Reasons China Will Start a War By 2017

China will start its war for a number of reasons:

Regime Legitimacy

Very few people in China believe in communism anymore, including almost all of the 80 million members of the Chinese Communist Party. The party itself is now a club for mutual enrichment. The legitimacy of the party ruling China is derived from the notions that democracy does not suit China and that the party is the organisation best placed to run the country. The latter is based on an ongoing improvement in conditions for the bulk of the population. In the absence of economic improvement, some other reason must be found for the population to rally around the party's leadership. This may explain the sudden base-building that started in the Spratly Islands in October 2014.

China's public debt grew from US\$7 trillion in 2007 to US\$28 trillion in 2014. This is on an economy of US\$10 trillion per annum. A high proportion of the economic growth of the last seven years is simply construction funded by debt. The real economy is much smaller.

The Chinese government is likely to see the contracting economy and realise that issuing more debt won't have an effect on sustaining economic

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activity. Thus the base-building was accelerated to allow the option of starting their war. This

is a life and death matter for the elite running the party. They are betting the farm on this. If this gamble does not work out then there is likely to be a messy regime change.

Chosen Trauma

Japan treated the Chinese as sub-humans during World War 2. Before that, Japan starting mistreating China by attacking it in 1895, not long after they started industrializing themselves. That was followed by Japan's 21 demands on the Chinese state in 1915. The Nationalist government in China started observing National Humiliation Day in the 1920s. Then followed the Mukden Incident of 1931 and China's start to World War 2 in 1937.

During the poverty of the Mao years, the Japanese were forgiven for World War 2. Mao and Deng were pragmatists and said that Japan couldn't be punished forever. China's recent prosperity has allowed the indulgence of Japan-hating to be resurrected as a form of state religion. National Humiliation Day is observed again on the 18th September. The party has directed that television take up the theme of Japanese aggression. Today 70% of prime time television in China is movies about World War 2. There are at least 100 museums in China dedicated to the Japanese aggression of World War 2.

The regime generates and sustains anti-Japanese sentiment to give it the option to go to war.

Being Recognised As Number One

The Chinese are a proud nation. They actually resent the fact that the United States is considered to be the number one nation on the planet. China also realises that to be recognised as number one, they have to defeat the current number one in battle. This is why it won't be just creeping increments in Chinese aggression. They need a battle for their own psychological reasons.

This means that they will attack the United States at the same time that they attack Japan. Because surprise attacks are more successful, it will be a surprise attack on US bases in Asia and the Pacific and perhaps well beyond. This most likely will include cyber-attacks on US utilities and communications.

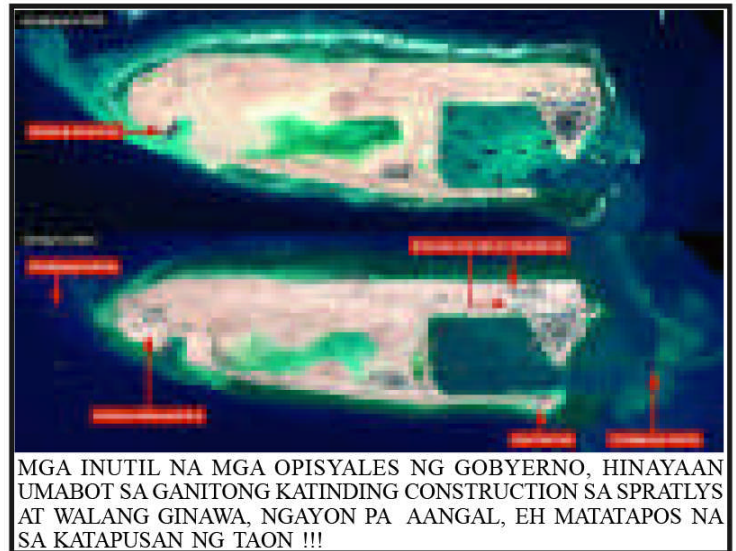
China has structured its armed forces for a short, sharp war. Of any country on the planet, they are possibly the most prepared for war. They have one year of grain consumption in stock and even a strategic pork reserve. They have just filled up their strategic petroleum reserve of about 700 million barrels.

China's war has nothing to do with securing resources or making their trade routes secure. Some western analysts have projected those notions onto China to rationalise what China is doing. The Chinese themselves have not offered these excuses. To China it is all about territorial integrity, which is sacred and not the profane stuff of commerce.

Humiliating The Neighbours

The importance of the Spratly Islands and the Chinese nine-dash claim is that it divides Asia.

Nine-dash claim (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency via Wikimedia Commons)



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

What to Do With China?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I talked on the phone last Saturday with Zambales Gov. Hermogenes "Jun" Ebdane who was a colleague in the Arroyo Cabinet. He has set up a high-tech coastal watch monitoring system in his province, in cooperation with a Canadian firm, to spot foreign vessels intruding into his provincial territorial limits. This is clearly aimed at China which has started shooing away Zambales fishermen from the Panatag or Scarborough shoals, around only 230 kilometers from Masinloc town. What the Philippine government intends to do if China indeed intrudes into our claimed territorial waters, I have no idea as yet. Over the weekend, a team of foreign journalists visited Masinloc as part of their study tour on the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) issues. They belong to various international news organizations as Jefferson Fellows under the auspices of the East West Center based in Honolulu, Hawaii and skippered in their Philippine trip by EWC's Ms. Ann Hartman.

WATER CANNONED — I missed joining the team of journalists on their Zambales visit as they came right smack into the annual media forum of the Philippine Press Institute that I had to host, PPI also being the local partner of the Fellows' visit. Fortunately, my long-time "girl Friday" Charmaine Olea joined in my behalf and she reported how Masinloc fishermen aired their anger at losing their livelihood. This was the group of fishermen who were driven away from their usual fishing grounds by the Chinese using water cannons. They were terribly missing the protective presence of the US bases, according to "Cha", and they (including the local LGUs) seemed not in the loop on what Malacanang is doing. I suspect Gov. Jun being not with the Liberal Party is the reason why.

CHINA — The way things are shaping up and if things are not properly handled, our country is on a collision course with China in our territorial dispute. I remember having a chat sometime ago with the previous Chinese lady Ambassador Ma. She was stressing a more effective way of settling issues among neighbors, the Asian way. Although we need to go to an international body like the United Nations to seek redress on a multilateral basis, we ought to have opened up also a parallel, backchannel route on a bilateral basis. President Ramos again called for "back-channel" direct contacts. Why this was not done up to now, I still cannot understand. Fact is, we cannot go to war with other countries, much more with China. Let us all forget: we all have Chinese blood in our veins. And yes, sorry to say, we are no match to China militarily.

PAPAL MAGIC — I read a report earlier this week that Cuban President Raul Castro, a communist and brother of famous Fidel Castro, after meeting with Pope Francis, said that he was "returning" to the Catholic Church. Cuba although a next door neighbor of the US has been an "enemy" of the US for half a century. It was through the recent facilitation and assistance of the Pope that both countries resumed diplomatic relations. As a result the 50-year economic blockade of Cuba that practically isolated it to the world, was lifted by the US. Papal magic at work.

"HAVING STOMACH" — Elections is just 12 months away. The rigor and the heavy burden that a candidate and an elected official for public office must experience to win — and then serve if elected — are principally the reasons why only a few good men, who "have the stomach" venture into poli-

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Bad Filipino Kids: Like Parents, Like Children

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Teach the child in the way that he should go, and he will never depart from it when he grows old..." (Proverbs 22:6, the Holy Bible).

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FILIPINO KIDS WITH REBELLIOUS ATTITUDES: WHY? Have you noticed how Filipino children who are still very young—so young, in fact, that it wouldn't be hyperbolic to say that many of them have not even been separated from the umbilical cords of their mothers—are already displaying rebellious, wild, and totally disgraceful behaviors, as if they have been born with evil in their hearts and minds?

Many parents will probably deny this, but the truth is very compelling and can no longer be swept under the rug: a great number of children from almost all sectors of Philippine society, from the rich and the poor, from the cities and from the provinces and from almost all corners of the archipelago, can no longer be controlled by their parents, their elders, their teachers in schools, or even by the authorities, whether from the barangay or from the police.

It maybe a little too hard to swallow this but, did you notice that Filipino kids are acting really weird and strange nowadays, as if rebellion is already carved in their very persons? Even children who have yet to sufficiently express their feelings in words are already capable of throwing bad tantrums, cursing and hurling invectives, even against their own parents or elders, like they have been doing it all their lives?

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BAD FILIPINO KIDS: LIKE PARENTS, LIKE CHILDREN: Why did this happen? How could very young Filipino children afford to be so, well, so evil? Where did they learn to curse, throw invectives, go on embarrassing tantrums, completely adept at displaying bad manners and evil conduct, to the extent that even their own parents and relatives would often catch themselves wishing to "harm" them at the least and, at worst, "kill" them once and for all?

To paraphrase the song "Sunrise, Sunset", when did Filipino boys and girls grow so ill-mannered, so bad-mouthed, and hopelessly faithless morons? How come many of them now display a great capacity for crime and criminality and virtually demonic and devilish behavior?

The answer? My view is that our children imbibed these negative and ungodly actions even when they were just being transported from the groins of their fathers and later on united in fertilization in the wombs of their mothers. In other words, the attitudes and behavior of our children started to be formed right within ourselves, their fathers and mothers, taking after how we, as fathers and mothers, behaved, acted, thought, and conducted ourselves as we were growing up.

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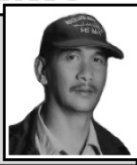
CHANGING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE BETTER: Consequently, when us, fathers and mothers, were ourselves rebellious, wild-mannered, and totally disgraceful in our conduct, it is a synch that our own children would take after us, for the children inherit the character traits and even the manner of thinking of their own parents.

For it is true that a fruit is known by the tree where it came from. Parents who were bad when they were themselves growing up, when they were still children, could definitely give **Cont. on page 7**

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Ibalik ang Mindanao sa mga Muslim!!! (Part 1)

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Simple lang naman ang solusyon sa matagal ng kaguluhan sa Mindanao at sa mga ibang lugar sa ibayong dagat, ang solusyon para kapayapaan at katahimikan ay **ibalik ang Mindanao sa mga Muslim**. Sa tutuo lang naman (historically speaking) sila ang na una sa Mindanao kaya karapat dapat lang na ibalik na sa kanila ang Mindanao, na papanahon na. Sa aking paniniwala, ito lamang ang paraan na maka dudulot ng tunay na kapayapaan sapagkat hindi ako naniniwala na maaring magsama ng matiwasa at matahimik ang paniniwala ng Muslim (Shariah Law) at ang Kristianismong (Democracy), imposible po mangayari yan, sapagkat maraming mga paniniwala at adhikain sa Shariah Law ang hindi uubra sa mga Kristiyano at ganun din ang maraming gawain ng mga Kristiano na hindi rin uubra o katanggap-tanggap sa mga Muslim kaya ang obvious at pinakasimpleng solusyon (bagamat hindi pinakamadaling solusyon) at matitigil na rin ang mga Muslim Extremists at terrorists ay mag kanyang lugar na lang. Ang lahat ng Muslim sa Luzon at Bisaya ay babalik sa Mindanao at ang lahat ng Kristino sa Mindanao ay aalis sa Mindanao at pupunta sa Bisaya o Luzon. Tapos ang ang Problema, tiyak yan, sigurado at patok yan sure-ball na solusyon na iyan!!! Ganuon din sa gitnang silangan (middle east) at mga muslim dominated countries katulad ng Indonesia aalis lahat ang mga Kristiano sa mga lugar nay un at ganuon din naman sa mga Christian dominated countries katulad sa US, Canada, UK, Australia et iba pa ay aalis na rin lahat ng Muslim at babalik na rin sa gitnang silangan, o diba maganda, solb ang problema. Basahin sa ibaba ng kulom na ito ang isang impormasyon hingil sa Shariah Law na aking nakuha sa sumusunod na website-

<http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/sharia-law.html>

Sharia Law

Shariah law Sharia law is the law of Islam. The Sharia (also spelled Shariah or Shari'a) law is cast from the actions and words of Muhammad, which are called "Sunnah," and the Quran, which he authored.

The Sharia law itself cannot be altered, but the interpretation of the Sharia law, called "fiqh," by imams is given some leeway.

As a legal system, the Sharia law covers a very wide range of topics. While other legal codes deal primarily with public behavior, Sharia law covers public behavior, private behavior and private beliefs. Of all legal systems in the world today, Islam's Sharia law is the most intrusive and strict, especially against women.

According to the Sharia law:

- Theft is punishable by amputation of the right hand (above).
- Criticizing or denying any part of the Quran is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Muhammad is a prophet is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Allah, the moon god of Islam is punishable by death.
- A Muslim who becomes a non-Muslim is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim who leads a Muslim away from Islam is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim man who marries a Muslim woman is punishable by death.
- A man can marry an infant girl and consum-

mate the marriage when she is 9 years old.

- Girls' clitoris should be cut (per Muhammad's words in Book 41, Kitab Al-Adab, Hadith 5251).

- A woman can have 1 husband, but a man can have up to 4 wives; Muhammad can have more.

- A man can unilaterally divorce his wife but a woman needs her husband's consent to divorce.

- A man can beat his wife for insubordination.
- Testimonies of four male witnesses are required to prove rape against a woman.

- A woman who has been raped cannot testify in court against her rapist(s).

- A woman's testimony in court, allowed only in property cases, carries half the weight of a man's.

- A female heir inherits half of what a male heir inherits.

- A woman cannot drive a car, as it leads to fitnah (upheaval).

- A woman cannot speak alone to a man who is not her husband or relative.

- Meat to be eaten must come from animals that have been sacrificed to Allah - i.e., be Halal.

- Muslims should engage in Taqiyya and lie to non-Muslims to advance Islam.

- The list goes on.

Which countries use the Sharia law?

Muslims' aspired Sharia state is Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Muhammad that has no legal code other than the Sharia and enforces it without mercy (see Sharia law in Saudi Arabia). But as detailed herewith, the Sharia law is also used in full or in part, nationally or regionally in:

- United States of America*
- United Kingdom*
- Canada*
- Afghanistan (89%)*
- Algeria
- Austria*
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh (82%)*
- Brunei

- Comoros
- Djibouti (82%)*
- Egypt (74%)*
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- France*
- Gambia
- Germany*
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia (72%)*
- Iran
- Iraq (91%)*
- Jordan (71%)*
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Libya
- Lebanon
- Malaysia (86%)*
- Maldives
- Mauritania
- Morocco (83%)*
- The Netherlands*
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan (84%)*
- Palestinian territories (Gaza strip & the West Bank - 89%)*
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Spain*
- Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Thailand (77%)*
- Uganda
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Yemen

*In the United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and other European countries that resist the penetration of Sharia law, it has proven adept at infiltrating elements of the society that are left vulnerable (see Sharia law in America and the Islamization of America).

** Percent of Muslims who favor making Sharia the official law in their country (source: Pew Forum Research, 2013). In many countries where an official secular legal system exists alongside Sharia, the vast majority of their Muslim citizens favor making Sharia the official law. For example, while the Egyptian military may have blocked the Muslim Brotherhood's efforts in this direction, 74% of Egypt's Muslims still favor it. Even in Jordan, Indonesia and Malaysia - Muslim countries with progressive images - the relatively secular ruling elite sit

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New Benguet Police OIC Assumes Post

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — A former

chief of the Baguio City Police Office assumed the leadership of the Benguet Provincial Police Office.

On Wednesday (May 20), Police Regional Office - Cordillera Regional Director, PCSupt. Isagani Nerez, presided in the turn over of leadership ceremonies of outgoing Benguet PPO Director PSSupt. Rodolfo Azurin Jr. to incoming Officer-in-Charge, PSSupt. David Lacdan.

Azurin, a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class 1989, served as the Benguet top cop since January 2013. He will be moving to the office of the Policies, Plans and Programs of the Directorate for Personnel and Management in Camp Crame.

Lacdan, of PMA Class 1987, has occupied various positions with the BCPO and Pro-Cor including chief of the intelligence operations division of the Directorate for Intelligence.

He will be the OIC of the Benguet PPO until Governor Nestor Fongwan choose a provincial director from among the shortlist of candidates that include four other police officers.

In his message, Azurin thanked local and police officials, his mentors and the community, among others. He mentioned during his stint as provincial director he has focused on the two "C's" of a great leader, "Competence and Character" - which he hopes would be lived by the police officers.

Lacdan vowed to sustain the peacekeeping efforts as well as to continue the programs which was started by the outgoing director and others before him. He said he will focus on the basics of crime prevention and crime solution for the province.

He added that at the moment, the Benguet PPO is focusing on the Brigada Eskwela and the Balik Eskwela programs with the Department of Education./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

TESDA, EEI Corps offer free training to Welding NC II holders

BAGUIO CITY - The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and a leading construction company in the country are offering a free training for welding graduates that are TESDA NC II holders.

TESDA Cordillera Regional Information Officer Anthony Oria, in an interview over 'PIA Hour' program, announced that for the third time, EEI will be sponsoring a free two months training for welders.

There are 500 slots given by EEI for Cordillera and the training is being done by batch with 20 trainees per batch.

The free training is open to 23 to 33 years old welding graduates that have TESDA NCII certification.

"Application is still open and the next batch of trainees will start on May 28", Oria said.

He disclosed that the TESDA Regional Training Center is only among the three technical - vocational institutions in Luzon that EEI picked for its training program. The corporation shoulders all the supplies, equipment and trainers, plus the P250 daily allowance for trainees that includes P50 as payment for (welding) electricity use. The trainees will have a chance to eventually work for the company.

Interested applicants may visit TESDA Regional Training Center along Loakan Road in Baguio City or call TESDA acting registrar Brenda Atawe at (074) 424-8724./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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more power than any Chinese leader since Deng Xiaoping. He is using an anti-corruption campaign to purge political opponents. Chinese leaders are supposed to only rule for ten years before standing aside. Just two years into his presidency, Xi's supporters have raised the possibility of resurrecting the position of chairman of the party (abolished by Deng to stop another Mao) so that Xi could continue to rule from that position. President Xi is a nasty piece of work who has been toughened up by his life experiences. At the age of 15, he was sent to live and work with peasants in the yellow earth country after his father was purged. His accommodation was a cave. His stepsister suicided due to his father's oppression by the Red Guards.

Japan

Japan sees this war being thrust upon it and is approaching it with a great deal of foreboding. It sees it as being inevitable, though Prime Minister Abe did ask to meet President Xi in Indonesia recently. President Xi intends to kill many tens of thousands of Prime Minister Abe's countrymen, so the meeting was strained. Yesterday, Prime Minister Abe addressed a joint session of the US Congress, part of his making the rounds to make sure everyone is on the same page with respect to absorbing and repelling the Chinese attack.

United States

The United States believes that a rules-based world order needs to be maintained for global security and prosperity, including its own prosperity, because that relies upon world trade to a large extent. So for the United States, this war will be

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about preserving access to the global commons. The US military establishment has not kept the public up to date with all of China's preparations for war, probably because they do not want to be perceived to be causing escalation. But the US military is in no doubt that China will start a war. The main unknown is the timing.

Chinese aggression has been a godsend to the US Navy, which had lacked a credible threat and had faced ongoing shrinkage. There is a tendency to overstate the efficacy of enemy weapons systems. The Chinese would have read the US Navy reports on their weapons systems, which would have emboldened them further.

How The War Will Be Conducted

There will be two main theatres of operation: the East China Sea north of Taiwan and the South China Sea west of the Philippines.

China claims sovereignty over the Senkaku Islands (last occupied by the Japanese about 100 years ago) and the entire Ryuku chain from the Yaeyama Islands at the southern end to Okinawa in the north. If it is going to seize the Senkaku Islands, it might as well seize the Yaeyama Islands at the same time. To that end, China is building up a military base in the Nanji Islands about 300 km west of the Senkakus. This includes a 10-pad helicopter refuelling base which suggests that the initial assault will be led by helicopters overflying Japan's coast guard vessels around the Senkakus.

China has a substantial fishing vessel fleet and merchant shipping totalling 70 million tons. It has been using its fishing fleet to harass

the Japanese coast guard around the Senkakus and as far east as the Osagawa Islands, which includes Iwo Jima. This suggests that fishing vessels could be used to land Chinese Special Forces to widely attack Japanese bases that would normally be considered to be well back from the front line. These forces would be used sacrificially to cause maximum mayhem to dispirit the Japanese defense. In the north, the Chinese approach would be to seize and hold against the Japanese and US counter attack.

In the South China Sea, China is building seven massive forts and one airstrip. The forts are designed with flak towers standing out from the corners so that each tower has at least a 270° field of fire. The forts seem to be designed to take a large amount of punishment and hold out until they can be relieved. China wins if it is still in the possession of these forts by the end of the war.

China is likely to start the war in the south with attacks on other countries' bases in the Spratly Islands and US bases in the region, as far east as Guam. A long war will be bad for China in that the run down to the Spratly Islands from Hainan Island is very exposed, both for ships and aircraft. Vietnam has been upgrading its radars and one hopes all the non-Chinese combatants will be sharing targeting information. US AWACS over the Philippines will be able to track Chinese targets handed over from Vietnam. Singapore is likely to operate its F-15s out of Cam Ranh Bay. Chinese aircraft that survive the run down will be at the end of their range by the time they get to the Spratly Islands.

The US Marines have taken up a number of bases in the Phil-

ippines with the intention of mounting the attack that will remove the Chinese from their newly constructed forts. A number of US weapons systems, such as the USS Zumwalt, may have to be rushed into service to that end.

In the bigger picture, Japan and China will try to blockade each other, mostly with their submarine forces. Japan's navy has a qualitative edge over China and is most likely to win the blockade battle.

Industry throughout Asia will be badly affected by the war, but Chinese industry in particular is likely to grind to a halt quickly, and this will eventually cause social disruption. The longer the war goes on, the worse China's relative position becomes. Meat will disappear from the Chinese diet. Unsold soybeans will pile up in US warehouses.

The removal of the Chinese bases in the Spratly Islands will allow a peace settlement with whoever ends up running China. It will be one of the most pointless, stupid and destructive wars in history, but that is what is coming.

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atop Muslim masses, 71%, 72% and 86% respectively of whom want their countries to be ruled by Sharia. And in Iraq, where the United States shed blood and money for over a decade to try to plant democracy, 91% of its Muslims want to live under Sharia.

The number of countries that adopt (elements of) the Sharia law continues to grow around the world, as does the depth of its penetration in the countries that already use it. This penetration is not by happenstance; it is managed to occur in five phases.

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VALENTIN P.
CALANGO,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JULIA INGOSAN,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 15-569-S

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

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OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by VALENTIN P. CALANGO, herein-after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of JULIA INGOSAN, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, which as of the filing of the petition, amounts to P65,000.00, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest but excluding attorney's fees and other expenses incidental to the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on JUNE 2, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following described mortgage properties and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF
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tics. Yes, there are blessings in many forms but, take it from me, there's "life after politics". When public officials refuse to dismount or they consider politics as a life-time career or claim it as their own birthright or consider themselves (or their kin) as God's gifts to mankind, that's where the problem lies. I've been there before, folks. So I know!

BANGSAMORO —
The crucial vote on the BBL in Congress,

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(LAND)

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South: ASS LOT
NO. 138
East: ASS LOT NO.
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West: ASS LOT NO.
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Actual Use:
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Area: 811 square
meters
Market Value:
P121,650.00
Assessed Value:
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**ASSESSMENT OF
REAL PROPERTY
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**Total Adjusted
Market Value:**
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**Total Assessed
Value:** P18,584.73

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

Baguio City, Philippines, this 6th day of May, 2015.

(SGD)

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Clerk of Court VI &
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(SGD)

RUBEN I. ATIJERA
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both in the House and in the Senate and its final fate will be known in due time. Congress is bent on removing some provisions that were subject, I am sure, to intense negotiations over the years. Mind you, during my time as peace negotiator, even a word or a comma, could be a serious bone of contention. I now worry that the milestones that both government and MILF achieved will be put to naught in one single sweep when the final version is passed. This is a repeat of Congress "writing its own peace agreement" as what Misuari's faction complained about before. In fact, up to now, MNLF still complains about the alleged non-implementation of the original Tripoli Agreement signed in 1976 during Marcos time.

NO MORE WAR? —
Fast forward today. While Congress now talks of major revisions, MILF keeps saying that they will not accept a "watered-down" BBL. But at the same time, MILF hurriedly says they will not go back to war again. To me, this sounds more like an early warning that while MILF may not accept Congress' own version, they will still continue their struggle through peace negotiations to get their "non-negotiable" concessions at another time, perhaps beyond the Aquino administration. Of course, the so-called "rogue elements", the BIFF and other armed groups that MILF disclaims links with, will do their own thing. Anyway, things will come to a head soon. Whatever is the final outcome of all this, the fact remains that the work for peace is a never-ending journey.

**JOURNALISM
AWARDS** — The Philippine Press Institute this week honored

the winners of the annual 2014 Civic Community Journalism Press Awards during appropriate ceremonies at the Diamond Hotel in Manila. They are: Bohol Chronicle, Baguio Midland Courier, Baguio Chronicle, Cebu Daily News, Sun Star Davao, Edge Davao, Sun Star Cebu, Mindanao Cross and Business Week Mindanao. Congratulations!

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rise to nothing but bad children likewise. How can a fig tree bear grapes, right? Unless parents would come to realize this, it would seem that there is nothing we can do to change our tantrum-throwing kids.

Unless, of course, we ask God to intervene and change our children. How is this done? We must know God's principles for raising children, and then carefully obey all of these. For starters, we can start with the Bible, and read its Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, and Deuteronomy 6:4-9. It is of course understood that parents who were once bad kids themselves and who want to change the destiny of their children should allow God to change them first.

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EDITORIAL

China claims that the whole of the sea within its claim is Chinese territory, not just the islands. When China gets around to enforcing that claim, foreign merchant vessels and aircraft will have to apply for permission to cross it. Non-Chinese warships and military aircraft will not be allowed to enter it. The Chinese claim extends to 4° south, almost to the equator.

The worst affected country will be Vietnam, which will be bottled up to within 80 km of its coast. Japan realises that its ships from Europe and the Middle East will have to head further east before heading up north through Indonesia and east of the Philippines. Singapore will be badly affected because the passing trade will drop off.

Japan will become quite isolated because its aircraft will have to head down through the Philippines to almost the equator before heading west.

China ranks the countries of the world in terms of their comprehensive national power, which the Chinese consider to be the power to compel. This is a combination of military power, economic power and social cohesion. When it is enforced, the nine-dash claim will do a lot of compelling of China's neighbours.

Strategic Window

Chinese strategists see a window of strategic opportunity for China early in the 21st century, though

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they haven't publicly outlined the basis for that view. But we can make a good stab at it. Firstly, an air of inevitability is important in winning battles. While China is perceived to have a strong, growing economy that is crushing all before it, that perception of inevitability rubs off on China's military adventures. To use that perception, China has to attack before its economy contracts due to the bursting of its real estate bubble. This explains the current rush to build the bases in the Spratly Islands.

Another problem for China is that its aggression and increased military spending has caused its neighbors to re-arm and form alliances. China is better off attacking before its neighbors arm themselves further.

Another consideration is the US presidential electoral cycle. President Obama is perceived to be a weak president and the Chinese might rather attack before he is replaced. President Obama has made the right noises, though, about Chinese irredentism and the coming war remains quite popular in the US military, in that the different services are jockeying for position, which means they have official blessing to the highest level. President Obama does have some inconsistent policies that aid China, though, in that while a strong economy is needed to fight China, his administration is doing its best to choke the US economy with

carbon dioxide-related regulations. The two ends are mutually exclusive.

President Obama spent a period of his childhood in Indonesia and would have heard a lot of anti-Chinese sentiment (the Chinese were and are more successful merchants and shopkeepers) in those formative years. As with Valerie Jarrett's childhood in Iran, this will affect policy.

Great-State Autism

This is a term created by the strategist Edward Luttwak to describe the fact that China is seemingly oblivious to the effects of its actions on its neighbours. China sees itself as the center of the world and purely through the lens of its own self-interest. This has the practical result that China could not perceive the possibility of things not going the way it wants them to. Luttwak also considers that the Chinese overestimate their own strategic thinking. He says that China doesn't have a strategy so much as a bag of stratagems, most of which involve deception.

President Xi Jinping

While preparation for this war started in the 1980s, the recent ramp up in aggression has been at the direction of President Xi who, in his formative years as a party apparatchik, was impressed by how the war with Vietnam in 1979 was used to consolidate power in the politburo. President Xi has accumulated

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RTC Junks...

took over the operation of the property last April 2.

In its July 21, 2014 decision declaring as final its ruling on the cases involving Jadewell, the Supreme Court denied with finality the motion for partial reconsideration filed by the parking firm over the high court's April 23, 2014 decision dismissing its contempt charges against city officials.

"Acting on the motion of (Jadewell) as petitioner in G. R. No.s 163052, 164107, 165564, 172216, 173043 and 174879 for partial reconsideration of the decision dated April 23, 2014, and considering that the basic issues have already been passed upon and that there is no substantial argument to warrant a modification of this Court's decision, the Court further resolves to deny reconsideration with finality," the court's first division ruled in a notice issued by division clerk of court Edgar Aricheta dated July 21, 2014. "No further pleadings or motions shall be entertained herein."

While invalidating the city council's first act of rescission in 2002, the April 23, 2014 decision of the high tribunal pointed out that there was not enough evidence on the extent of Jadewell's violations of the contract to prove whether or not the unilateral rescission of the contract was in order.

While Jadewell prays for damages against the public respondent, and while ordinarily we could grant the same, the context of this case prevents us from giving any form of recompense to Jadewell even if the rescission of the MOA did not follow the required legal procedure. This is because it would be

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appalling to grant Jadewell any award of damages, considering (1) it installed only 14 out of the apparently 100 contemplated parking meters; (2) its employees, private citizens who did not possess any authority from the LTO (Land Transportation Office), were manually collecting parking fees from the public, and (3) it did not, apparently properly remit any significant amount of money to the City of Baguio," the Court said.

"These three facts are uncontested, these omissions are offensive to the concept of public service that the residents of Baguio were promised through Jadewell. From its ambiguous responses..., it is clear that Jadewell does not appear to be an investor who has lost in its investments in the Baguio City project. Thus, we do not award any damages to Jadewell."

Jadewell's operations in the city were stopped in November, 2006 after the city council repealed Ordinance No. 003-2000 for the privatization and administration of on-street parking in the city and rescinded the MOA.

The city council first attempted to rescind the contract in 2002 resulting to Jadewell's filing of the case against the city government questioning the validity of the rescission.

The Regional Trial Court on October 8, 2002 declared the city council's move as unlawful and this was sustained by the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2003.

The main case spawned a bevy of cases, one of which resulted to the suspension of former mayor Yaranon in 2006. */A Refuerzo*

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The original building, except for a massive renovation, and landscape are intact, it was known. The on-going development is also beyond the five-meter boundary for developments, it was argued.

It was unclear however if the plans for renovation have already been submitted to the NHC.

Molanida emphasized that before any improvements be done, a coordination with the NHC or NCCA be done. However if delisting of a heritage area could be done after a public hearing, and other required procedures.

In a later media forum, Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified that a survey should be done to set the boundaries for developments within city hall grounds, approved improvements should be known as with disallowed improvements as to NHC or NCCA standards. A local institutionalized committee should also be formed from concerned offices including a city representative, the mayor said. */Julie G. Fianza*

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categorically complete control over the assignment, deployment, and operational and disciplinary control over it. So if you have any qualms over a police officer over there, don't try and run to Camp crame for resolution. they practically have no power to sanction police under the Bangsamoro.

-Contrary to what the government peace panel is saying, the Bangsamoro Government has complete fiscal autonomy. pending the creation of its

own internal revenue bureau, the BIR will collect taxes in behalf of the Bangsamoro remitting 75 %of the collections directly to the Bangsamoro coffers. The remaining 25% is for the republic, however the Bangsamoro is to retain the amount for 10 years. Congress has no control over the fiscal management of these funds, only those that have been appropriated through the National Budget. In short, while the national government is obligated to provide funding to projects within the Bangsamoro state, the BG is not required to remit any of the government shares in income within their areas for the next 10 years and to top that, the Bangsamoro retains the right to extend that period beyond 10 years!

In the 18 articles within BBL I saw no mention of the word Filipino, the Philippines, nor any reference to the Republic. The entire text consolidates power in the south as if they are separate from the country. I could not, with clear conscience, say that this is a peace treaty, but rather an invitation to secession. Read the full text of the BBL at this website- (<http://www.ppp.ph/resources/draft-bangsamoro-basic-law>)

Busol Lot...

ronment and Natural Resources and the Baguio Regreening Movement to do all necessary acts allowed under the law to preserve the Busol Forest Reserve including but not limited to the clearing or demolition of illegal structures therein..." Mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed in a letter to NCIP Chair Leonor Quintayo.

Quintayo last May 7 asked the mayor to postpone the demolition scheduled that day "to give the Commission the time to investigate and validate" the petition for recognition of ancestral land claim of Ampaguey.

The mayor said the claim of Ampaguey "had been repeatedly denied with finality" by the courts. He cited the Supreme Court decision in

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1989 denying land registration over the forest reservation maintaining that "forest lands are inalienable and possession thereof, no matter how long, cannot convert the same into private property... and the courts are without jurisdiction to adjudicate lands within the forest zone."

In a decision dated Feb. 4, 2009, the Supreme Court cited the same decision saying the "declaration of the Busol Forest Reservation as such precludes its conversion into private property" and reiterated the same in succeeding decisions dated Feb. 27, 2013 and Feb. 14, 2014.

After these decisions, the Ampaguey family filed before the NCIP Cordillera another case this time against the BRM to prevent the

establishment of a nursery at the watershed but the petition was dismissed on April 21, 2014 by NCIP-CAR assisting regional hearing officer Richard Cawas applying the same Supreme Court decision.

The mayor also underscored the need to protect the watershed which supplies 35 percent of the water needs of the city from the squatters.

"At present drinking water is our number one problem. You can just imagine what will happen to us if our watershed will be fully squatted upon or denuded. Hence, apart from enforcing the law within our jurisdiction, the City has to protect the area to ensure adequate water supply and to preserve the ecological balance in the City," the mayor said. */A Refuerzo*



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there are more than 1,000 authors in the Philippines but only 118 are registered with them. There are 50 book illustrators and designers, none of whom are registered. There are more than 400 publishers of textbooks, references, and trade books in the country and only 200 are registered with NBDB. More than 7,800 new book titles obtained an International Standard Book Number or ISBN from the National Library of the Philippines last year. These books went through 377 bookstores in the country.

NBDB data also show there are 148 book traders and exports and there are 1,500 public libraries nationwide. They also say there are 42.9 million Filipinos aged 18 and above who read non-school books.

IPOPHL data show that in 1999, the publishing industry (which includes books, newspapers, and magazines) contributed 2.3 percent to the country's gross domestic product or GDP. However, the industry contributed only 0.98% or Php 88 billion in 2010. Cayton said this means the industry's contribution to the country's GDP is becoming less significant.

He also mentioned some factors that may contribute to the publishing industry's decline, including the popularity of technology, a decline in publishing materials, and gap between writer and reader.

While such may be the state of the mainstream publishing, Cayton called on independent publishers and bookstores to open their doors and create opportunities to do business with up and coming writers. She encouraged them to break away from the mainstream by going for community-based publishing where writers can publish their work without spending much on publishing costs.

"Go indie," Cayton told Baguio writers. "It's a good idea." /JDP/ Pryce E. Quintos- PIA CAR

China and the US...

defence exhibition at Changi Naval Base in Singapore May 18, 2015.

"We were just challenged 30 minutes ago and the challenge came from the Chinese navy," Captain Mike Parker, commander of U.S. surveillance aircraft deployed to Asia, told CNN aboard the flight.

"I'm highly confident it came from ashore, this facility here," Parker said, pointing to an early warning radar station on Fiery Cross Reef.

Military facilities on Fiery Cross Reef, including a 3,000-metre (10,000-foot) runway, could be operational by year's end, one U.S. commander recently told Reuters.

Asia's rising power China claims sovereignty over most of the South China Sea, through which \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes every year. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei also have overlapping claims.

Spratly Island runway South China Sea

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ally states that no health effect for the public should be recorded.

The scores from the portable air ambience analyzing machines, are culled and averaged during a 6-day period. The weather is also considered during the time of air analysis.

During times when the code would state of "very unhealthy" air conditions, there should be a limit on outdoor activities, and restriction on vehicles and industrial activities, it was known.

Though thankful that the air analysis results have improved, Mayor Mauricio Domogan pointed out that more could be achieved with the use of quality vehicle fuel, vehicle age and maintenance. Observations were from recent visits to other Asian countries, it was known. /Julie G. Fianza

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Foreign Minister Wang Yi last week asserted Beijing's sovereignty to reclaim the reefs, saying China's determination to protect its interests was "as hard as a rock".

China has also said it had every right to set up an Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) in the South China Sea but that current conditions did not warrant one.

ADIZs are used by some nations to extend control beyond national borders, requiring civilian and military aircraft to identify themselves or face possible military interception.

During the P8-A mission, the pilot of a Delta Air Line flight in the area spoke on the same frequency after hearing the Chinese challenges, and identified himself as commercial. The Chinese voice reassured the pilot and the Delta flight went on its way, CNN said/Editing by Paul Tait/May 21, 2015, 12:16 AM

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number that shall be valid for life," Aliping said.

"The National ID system will be the official ID card a Filipino must have, government and private establishments shall be mandated to honor it," said Aliping.

Under the measure, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs are the implementing agencies of the program tasked to create and maintain a Filipino Citizen Registry. /Carl C. Taawan

Parking Fee...**from page 10**

the first two hours of parking and P10.00 for every succeeding hour.

The income derived from the Burnham Park pay parking facility is deposited to the trust fund to defray operational and maintenance expenses of the park. /Paul Rillorta

Regreening...**from page 10**

permit.

More production is expected with the addition of personnel in both nurseries including an agriculturist.

Aguirre also reported that a survey is done at the Tuba, Benguet-Baguio Boundary, to ascertain more planting areas, a move to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Meanwhile, tree-cutting and trimming in road-right-of-ways, private and public places is in full operation this June pending the hiring of tree cutters. In a report by Forester Amor Bacullo of the CEPMO-FRU, permits have been applied for and approved for cutting of live and dead trees. Danger to lives and property are considered during inspections by personnel.

Bacullo also mentioned that tree-cutting activities are done in coordination with the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO).

Reports are given during the ASK meeting, including matters regarding the market, sanitation, peace and order, parks, air quality, anti-smoking, anti-graffiti, information dissemination, Salaknib ti Waig. /Julie G. Fianza

224 Members...**from page 2**

Except for Aglipay and Advincula, the 9 other "richest" congressmen were the same people in the top 10 list in 2013, including Cojuangco who recently died in May 2015 from an aneurysm.

Advincula dislodged in the list Maguindanao 2nd district Representative Zajid Mangudadatu, who fell from 10th spot in 2013 to the 11th spot in 2014.

See below the SALN report released by the House of Representatives, ranked based on the declared net worth:

The deadline of filing of annual SALN was on April 30. / Reynaldo Santos Jr (Rappler.com)

UP Law Expert...

ity of the provisions in these sections arbitrarily surrenders control of banking, finance, land registration, police powers, and other powers reserved usually to the state (the republic of the Philippines) to the Bangsamoro government. In effect, they have fully functioning mini nation ready for secession.

-The Bangsamoro Government gets the power to dissolve and create, merge, or alter boundaries of the local units under their control. Now this is reserved usually to the congress of the republic, therefore the BBL parliament has a quasi-legislative powers that are almost equivalent to Congress.

-Article VI section 4 requires the Republic to refer to the intergovernmental Relations Body to intervene when agencies under the republic have issues with corresponding Bangsamoro agency, or if there are differences between policy among Republic and the Bangsamoro State. This emphasizes that while (for the meantime) the Bangsamoro state is part of the country, the Republic could not act to secure national issues involving the Bangsamoro State without adjudication of the IRB. Hence, the departments and agencies of the republic have virtually no power in BBL controlled lands. It is also questionable why it would take only the intervention of the Republic, and only if acknowledged by the chief minister of the Bangsamoro State, can these agencies exercise their roles on Bangsamoro state.

-Article VII describes the creation of the Bangsamoro government, with full legislative and executive powers. Section 2 allows the legislative arm to enact LAWS, not ordinances, LAWS to govern the state. Section 3 establishes the powers of the cabinet within the Bangsamoro, and though there is no direct guideline as to the

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identity of each ministerial position in this cabinet based on the structure of the republic therefore they will have their own minister for defense, justice, public works, local government and interior, etc.

-Contrary to what the government peace panel is saying, none of the agencies under the Bangsamoro Government are under the Republic. The operative word used in all associations between the Bangsamoro agencies and the agencies under the republic is "in cooperation with" and not "under the". Hence, each Bangsamoro agency can (and most probably will) determine department policy of existing government agencies as "non-conforming under the Basic law" and not follow such order. Imagine the chief of the PNP giving a shoot-to-kill order vs a notorious terrorist hiding in Bangsamoro controlled lands, only to have that order deemed as inappropriate by the Bangsamoro Minister of Interior.

-Article X establishes the Bangsamoro Shari'ah courts, whose basis for dispensing justice is based on the Shari'ah law. The wording in this article relates to the jurisdiction of the Shari'ah High Court is final and executor without any deference to the Supreme Court of the Philippines. If you get sentenced there, you cannot appeal to the SC. Another item mentioned in this article is mandatory place of at least one SC justice, and a number of Court Appeals justices as coming from the Bangsamoro state. It obviously cuts the presidential privilege of appointment and undermines the power of the Commission on Appointments.

-Article XI does emphasize that the Bangsamoro Police Force is under the PNP, however, the chief minister of the Bangsamoro has

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SUMMER JOB FOR STUDENTS -Mayor Mauricio Domogan's executive assistant and PESO head Jose Atanacio briefs more than 300 students who underwent a month-long summer job at city hall under the Special Program for the Employment of Students. The students' employment stint will end on June 1. -/By Bong Cayabyab

Parking Fee Collections in Burnham Nets 2M

BAGUIO CITY – the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), Burnham Park Office is seeing a huge increase in parking fees in this mountain resort.

This increase is partly due to the re-opening of the Ganza Pay parking area to address the lack of parking spaces within the Central Business District (CBD) especially during peak tourist influx.

The pay parking facility started operation on April 2 to effect memorandum 079-2015 issued by Mayor Mauricio Domogan to the CEPMO.

In its initial 12-day period of operations, the city collected P68,704.00 in pay parking fees for the Ganza area alone under the CEPMO-Burnham Park Office.

The Pay Parking collections of Burnham Park for January to April alone has already reached P1,711,217.00.

Presently, the total collections for the parking facility is now P958,294.00 covering the period April 1

to May 14 for the main parking area which collected 498,065.00, the Off-street parking with collections of P227,554.00 and the Ganza Parking Area with collections of P232,675.00.

The Ganza parking facility was formerly operated by Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation for a maximum 12-year pay parking agreement signed in 2000 between the corporation and the city government.

The contract however was rescinded in 2006 due to opposition from the public of the on and off street parking scheme which resulted to the elevation of the issue into a full blown legal battle which to date is still awaiting final ruling from the Supreme Court (SC).

Presently, the facility is being manned by CEPMO personnel in coordination with the City Treasury Office (CTO) for the collection of parking fees pursuant to existing rules and regulations.

The facility is presently collecting P35.00 for

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Regreening, Tree Cutting Efforts Up

BAGUIO CITY – The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) Forestry and Regreening Unit (FRU) has stocked up for the planting season, with more than 37,000 pine and fruit seedlings available.

This was reported by Forester Walter Aguirre during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week.

According to Aguirre, Busol nursery shelters 9,902 seedlings; 750 mahogany, ten coffee, 2,050 Callandra, 15 Persimmon, 155 African Tulips, 250 Calamansi, 160 Auri, 129 Alnus, 33 Citrus, and 6,350 Benguet Pine seedlings.

There are 27,839 seedlings at the Botanical garden; 14,332 Benguet Pine seedlings and saplings, 6,547 coffee, 1,410 Cypress, 3,341 African Tulip, 1,096 Callandra, 490 Yellow shower tree, 457 Citrus, 40 Amapola, 62 Camphor, 7 guava, 25 bottle brush, and 32 Eugenia trees.

There were 793 seedlings planted in residential, commercial, and institutional sites; from the start of January up to May, as to City Ordinance 5, 2011. The ordinance mandates the planting of trees as a requirement for a building Cont. on page 9

NBDB to Writers, Publishers: Go Indie

BAGUIO CITY - The country's publishing industry has been declining for more than a decade, but this should not be a reason for writers to set aside their ambitions of seeing their works published.

National Book Development Board (NBDB) Executive Director Graciela Mendoza-Cayton encouraged a room full of writers at "Aspulan: A Gathering of Baguio Literary Artists, Journalists, Teachers and Students in Literature and Writing" held recently at the University of the Philippines Baguio to go for community-based publishing.

"You have the content. The power is with you," she said. "All you have to look for is an investor and who will invest in you best if not one of your own?"

Earlier in her talk, Cayton presented data from NBDB and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) that shows the state of the publishing industry in the Philippines.

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

China and the US Just had a Confrontation Over the South China Sea

(Reuters) - The Chinese navy warned a U.S. surveillance plane flying over artificial islands that Beijing is creating in the disputed South China Sea to leave the area eight times, according to CNN, which was on board the flight on Wednesday.

At one stage, after the American pilots responded by saying the plane was flying through international airspace, a Chinese radio operator said with exasperation: "This is the Chinese navy ... You go!"

The P8-A Poseidon, the U.S. military's most advanced surveillance aircraft, flew at 15,000 feet (4,500 meters) at its lowest point, CNN said.

The incident, along with recent Chinese warnings to Philippine military aircraft to leave areas around the Spratly archipelago in the South China Sea, suggests Beijing is trying to enforce a military ex-

clusion zone above its new islands.

Some security experts worry about the risk of confrontation, especially after a U.S. official said last week the Pentagon was considering sending military aircraft and ships to assert freedom of navigation around the Chinese-made islands.

Footage taken by the P8-A Poseidon and aired by CNN showed a hive of construction and dredging activity on the new islands the plane flew over, as well as Chinese navy ships nearby.

CNN said it was the first time the Pentagon had declassified video of China's building activity and audio of challenges to a U.S. aircraft.

Chinese Navy REUTERS/Edgar SuA Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) navy personnel looks out of their Jiangkai II class vessel, CNS Yulin, during a display of warships ahead of the IMDEX Asia maritime

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