

RTC upholds decision vs. issuance of TRO on BIBAK lot demolition

BAGUIO CITY – The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch V here upheld its decision refusing to grant a temporary restraining order to stop the city government of Baguio from demolishing structures at the government-owned Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) lot along Harrison Road.

In a decision dated Oct. 22, RTC Branch V presiding judge Maria Ligaya Itliong-Rivera said the lot occupant plaintiffs relied on one sole ground - the "no relocation, no demolition" pronouncement of President Rodrigo Duterte – in assailing the court's earlier denial of their motion for TRO dated September 9, 2016.

"It is to be stressed that (they) relied on the only ground they raised when they sought for the issuance of a TRO for the second time in these cases. Again, the Court, on like reason, finds **Cont. on page 9**

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Department of Public Works and Highways and barangay officials inspect the extent of damage of the Camp 5 bridge along Kennon Road which was damaged by super typhoon Lawin. The DPWH and the project contractor target to repair the bridge the soonest. (RMC- PIA CAR)

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TESDA offers reward for **Uniwide**, review committee members summoned by council anti-corruption drive

 $B^{\mathrm{AGUIO\ CITY\ -\ The\ enrich\ themselves\ at\ the\ mise\ the\ programs\ and\ projects\ of\ the\ agency\ to}$ and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is offering cash rewards to whoever can provide revealed he already vital information on alleged illegal activities of the agency's officials and personnel to help prosecute those involved in anomalous and clandestine activities that compromise the integrity of the agency.

TESDA Director-General Guiling Mamondiong said the agency is offering a minimum cash reward of P50,000 to the tipsters of erring agency officials and employees to help empower the public in assisting in the government's intensified anti-corruption campaign and rid the agency of corrupt personnel.

"The bounty to be offered to the tipsters will depend on the gravity of the offense committed by the agency officials and personnel. We will not tolerate the illegal activities of our officials and

the agency,"Mamondiong stressed.

The TESDA Secretary started talking to officials and personnel who have pending cases before the Ombudsman for them to resign and many of those involved in graft cases already voluntarily resigned from the agency.

According to him, he had been receiving reports over the past several years on the involvement of erring TESDA officials and employees in illegal activities and transactions with technical-vocationaleducation institutions in relation to alleged ghost scholars but he corrected these when he assumed office a few months ago.

He claimed informants must be able to provide the agency with sufficient pieces of evidence to support their allegations.

Mamondiong warned TESDA officials and employees who continue to be involved in illegal personnel who want to activities that compro- Dexter A. See

stop their activities or else face stringent penalties once their illegal activities will be uncovered.

He explained the tipsters will outrightly receive whatever cash reward once the agency will establish that their testimonies and pieces of evidence are substantial to prosecute the pinpointed erring officials and employees involved in graft and corrupt practices.

Mamondiong claimed the cash reward offered to tipsters could increase depending on the assessment of the agency on the extent of the corruption activities involving the identified TESDA officials and employees. He exhorted agency officials and employees to be satisfied with whatever compensation they are receiving from the government, he warned that cheating the government through fraudulent activities warrants dismissal./By $B^{\rm AGUIO\ CITY\ -\ The}_{\rm City\ Council\ decided} \ \ \ development\ \ to\ \ guide$ them on actions to make to invite the members of the Market Review Committee and officials of the Uniwide Sales and Realty Development Corporation to appear before its regular session on November 21, 2016, to shed light on various issued raised against the implementation of the long-overdue development of the city's public market.

The members of the local legislative body agreed in the to invite both parties to get updates on how things are going in the planned market

city various commendations and appreciations from foreign and domestic visitors and even the concerned government agencies that gave plaques of recognition to the company.

Olowan noted that there are contracts between the city and the corporation that already expired while other contracts have yet to expire but the confirmation of the said agreements are still pending before the local legislative body for still unknown

them on actions to make committee a maximum on a pending resolution seeking for the rescission of the 20-year old market development contract.

Earlier, the City Council passed Resolution No. 056, series of 2016 requesting the City Mayor to create a review committee to study the design, build and lease agreement entered between the local government and Uniwide sometime in 1995 and the applicability of the provisions of Ordinance No. 038, series of 1995 that prescribed the guidelines

period of 60 days to submit its findings and recommendations to the local chief executive and to the local legislative body for information, guidance and further needed action.

Domogan gave the

However, the members of the council noted that more than 60 days have lapsed but the committee has yet to submit its comprehensive report, warranting the invitation for the committee members to inform the councilors on their findings and recommendations.

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agreements relative to the operation and maintenance of the public comfort rooms will guide the members on how to work out the confirmation of the unified contract to help facilitate transparency and accountability in the collection of the necessary fees from the public and the duration by which the public toilets will remain under the care of the company and when will be the facilities be turned over to the city when the local government./By Dexter A. See

Council wants unified contract for public toilets

the concerned offices of the local government to collate and unify all existing contracts entered into by and between the City government and the R&R Management and Sanitary Services related to the maintenance and operation of the public toilets around the city for

BAGUIO CITY – The purposes of uniformity need to consolidate all the existing contracts into one

Councilor Faustino Olowan claimed almost all of the contracts entered into by the local government with the said company for the maintenance of the public toilets around the city had not been reportedly confirmed by the local

mother contract to be able to allow the members of the local legislative body to scrutinize the details of the agreement.

R&R Management and Sanitary Services started operating the various comfort rooms around the central business legislative body, thus, the district area, the public



should market and the different parks sometime in h е operation and maintenance of

Under rooms by original agreement, the private the company is company given a maximum earned the of 15 years to

reasons. Earlier, the city's local finance committee opined that the supplemental agreements between the local government and service provider have proceeded from a public bidding as the operation and maintenance of the public comfort rooms in parks and other public places was a result of bidding for specific areas and locations, and the city market comfort room is not among the enumerations in the original agreement. the

for the development of the public market. operate and maintain the various comfort rooms in identified parks and public places after it shall have improved the condition of the said toilets and subsequently charged minimal fees

from users. The company wants to expand its operation and maintenance of the existing public comfort rooms in the city public market to provide adequate public toilets for vendors and market goers. The council believes

the consolidation of all



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Environmentally critical businesses told to relocat

BAGUIO CITY – that will definitely affect valid complaints from the city," Domogan stressed. Mayor Mauricio their operations. neighborhood. He pointed out the G. Domogan called on owners of environmentally critical businesses ,like cement batching cement batching plant plants among others, to stay away from populated areas in the city if they do not want to be subjected

The local chief executive claimed the completeness of the permits issued to operators like the one based in Camp 7 is not an assurance that the plant will not be ejected to constant complaints from the area because of

We do not want to antagonize investors in our city but they should also consider the effects of their businesses to their neighborhood prior to the establishment of their facilities in populated areas in the

He pointed out the interest of the greater majority will always be the primordial consideration in deciding complaints lodged against the operation of environmentally critical projects, such as the Camp 7 batching plant, thus it is best for

plant to start looking for a place to relocate its facilities pursuant to what the owner committed to him during previous meetings. According to him, it is

not good to do business when the neighborhood complains often about the negative effects of one's

the management of the business to the environment and the health of the people.

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Domogan said the appeal is addressed to all environmentally critical businesses in the city to prevent the impression that the Camp 7 batching plant is being singled out. Cont. on page 6

No consultation in sudden relief of BCPO chief

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored the absence of a consultation done by the leadership of the Philippine National Police (PNP) before the unceremonious relief of the former chief of the Baguio city Police Office (BCPO) contrary to the claim of some police officials that the local chief executive was consulted relative to the said issue.

While it is true that Chief Superintendent Elmo Francis Sarona, PRO-COR Regional Director, visited his office on the afternoon of September 30, Domogan said the police official just informed him of the decision to relieve Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo amidst his appeal to hold in abeyance the said relief pending the submission of the shortlist of qualified senior officers from where the local screening committee will select Daskeo's replacement.

"There was no real and sincere consultation that was done before the PNP implemented the relief order. Asking permission for the replacement of our police chief is totally different from consultation because there has to be a two-way process before a decision is made,"Domogan stressed.

He added that he even proposed to the PRO-COR chief to keep the status quo in the BCPO until the PNP submits to his office the shortlist of qualified senior police but his request was moot and academic as Daskeo's replacement was already en route to the city when the police official visited his office, thus, there was obvious deceit in this case.

He emphasized the importance of having a permanent BCPO chief who can effectively and efficiently work with local officials in implementing short, medium and long-term peacekeeping and anti-criminality strategies to maintain law and order in the city.

He claimed that those who sit as officerin-charge, acting capacity or whatever term they want to use, will not be effective in discharging their duties and responsibilities for fear unceremonious and sudden relief anytime that their boss wants to replace him.

According to him, the PNP leadership should remember that the local government is their partner because local officials guarantee additional funding to sustain their peace and order operations, thus, local officials should at least be accorded the appropriate respect, and if the police do not respect the personality in the position, then they must accord due respect to the position. Cont. on page 6



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How much do illegal drugs now cost in the Philippines?

A gram of shabu now costs P1,300 to P25,000 per gram, while cocaine is pegged at P5,000 to P7,000, according to data from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

ANILA – If there is one effect of President Rodrigo Duterte's intense war Mon drugs that cannot be contested, it is that 1.8 million current drug users may have to shell out more money to sustain their addiction.

The street prices of illegal drugs – particularly methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) and cocaine – are now more expensive.

The price increase comes hand-in-hand with the soaring number of casualties as Duterte's war on drugs passed its 100-day mark.

As of Thursday morning, October 27, the total number of persons killed has already reached 4,726. Out of this number, 1,725 are drug personalities killed in police operations, while 3,001 are victims of extrajudicial or vigilante-style killings.

Increased prices for shabu and cocaine

According to data from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), as of October 2016, a gram of shabu – dubbed as the poor man's cocaine – now costs between P1,300 (\$27)* to P25,000 (\$517).

From January to June 2016, before Duterte took his oath as president, a drug user was able to purchase shabu for anywhere between P1,200 (\$25) and P11,000 (\$228).

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The latest street price is also higher than in 2015 when a gram of shabu cost from P1,200 to P15,000 (\$310).

The street price of shabu is determined by the place of transaction, according to PDEA. For example, in Cagayan, shabu is priced at a much higher P5,000 (\$103) per gram. The increase, according to PDEA regional director Laurefel Gabales, is because "drug dealers could hardly penetrate the local market."

Shabu is most expensive in Region 12 (Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani, and Sultan Kudarat), where a gram costs P25,000, and is cheapest in Region 9 (Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay) at P1,200.

From 2013 to 2015, the lowest street price was in the National Capital Region (NCR) while the highest was in Region 12 and Region 4B (Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental, Mindoro, Palawan, Romblon).

Cocaine, meanwhile, is priced at P5,000 (\$103) to P7,000 (\$145) per gram. In 2015, the cheapest gram of cocaine was pegged at P3,600 (\$74).

Unchanged prices

But while shabu and cocaine prices continue to rise, the street prices of marijuana and ecstasy remain static.

A gram of dried marijuana leaves has been priced from P18 (\$.37) to P300 (\$6.21) since 2013. Its price in recent years, however, has become cheaper than in 2012 when one could buy a gram for P60 (\$1.24).

A tablet of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or ecstasy, meanwhile, can be purchased for P1,200 (\$25) to P3,000 (\$62). In 2012, the "cheapest" cost about P1,700 (\$35).

A drug cocktail composed of ecstasy, shabu, and cialist - known as "fly high", "party", or "superman" in the local party scene – costs between P1,500 (\$31) and P3,500 (\$72) a capsule.

"Fly high" is allegedly the cause of deaths of 5 individuals during a concert in May 2016.

Less demand not a 'dent'?

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PDEA Director General Isidro S. Lapeña, in a statement, said that the increased drug prices is an obvious gain in Duterte's war on drugs, given that the price structure is directly affected by availability and demand.

"When the market price of illegal drugs rises, it is generally assessed that there is a scarcity in supply available in the market and vice-versa," *Lapeña explained.* "That is an indication that the present government is winning the war against the drug menace."

Limiting the drug supply through prohibition, according to JC Punongbayan in a Rappler piece, however, is the traditional way of battling illegal drugs. But because drugs are addicting, Punongbayan pointed out that the increase in price "will not make a proportional dent" on the demand of drug users.

Curiously, the rising cost of drugs seems to apply only to shabu and cocaine, the preference of the poor. A dent in the supply, not the demand, *is also being made by the intensified war on drugs. What would be the* best measure of success in this war against drugs?/ Jodesz Gavilan //



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

OFWs prophesied to undergo sufferings

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will ishis good, pleasing and perfect will..." (Romans 12:2, the Holy Bible).

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WORRYING SHOWS LACK OF FAITH IN GOD: Today, let us look at the subject matter of "worrying". Many of us engage in this habit regularly, making it almost as an inseparable part of our lives. We worry about almost everything. We seem to think that nothing will ever work out right.

We worry that we will have no money, we worry about our health, about our work, about our families. This is not good. The fact is that, if we worry, we are actually confessing that we do not have faith in God. We are actually saying that God will not be able to take care of our needs, and of our lives.

We are in fact making God a liar, telling Him His promises of love, care, protection, guidance and blessings are not true, and that there is a force greater than Him that would ruin all these promises.

Well, it is time to stop all these worrying. It is time to change our minds. This is what we should do--change our minds---as Romans 12:1-2 of the Bible is telling us.

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OFWs PROPHESIED ТО UNDERGO SUFFERINGS: Indeed, one of the lesser-known prophecies in the Bible found in the book of Deuteronomy is playing itself out among many Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) now.

The prophecy says: "If you no longer listen to the Lord your God, and no long obey His commands... all of these curses will overtake you... Your sons and daughters will be given to other nations, and you shall wear out your eyes waiting for them, powerless to lift a hand ... "

This prophecy is contained under Deuteronomy 28:15 and 32, and it would do OFWs and their families well to read this over and over again, and know that danger, suffering and even death certainly await them when they go abroad and work. But then, while the prophecy talks about danger and death for those who will be sent abroad, it nevertheless gives what appears to be a sure-fire protection.

The question to ask is this: why is the book of Deuteronomy saying that the curse of sons and daughters being given to other nations will overtake many? The answer is, because people no longer listen to God and no longer obey Him.

Consequently, if OFWs want to be spared from this curse, they should start listening to God (that is, reading His Bible) and obeying His commands all over again.

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Basa, basa po muna tayo mga dear readers ng hindi tayo mahawa sa marami ng mga baliw na sumusuporta sa kapwa baliw !!! ####

Pilot: It Was Me Who Talked to Duterte

MANILA, Philippines — The pilot of the Tokyo-Manila flight that President Duterte and his entourage took revealed today that it was him all along who spoke to the president concerning his colorful vocabulary.

"Yes, it was me," Pilot-In Command Capt. Jean-Luc Piccard said. "I thought that it was a long shot and I never imagined it to work."

"Everybody was asleep and snoring when I decided to try something drastic," narrated the pilot. "I started talking on the microphone and told him that he needs to stop.

According to Capt. Piccard, he forgot to properly introduced himself with a "this is your captain speaking" spiel before addressing the president but he never intended to impersonate the almighty God. "It was only the president who assumed that he was talking to God."

Capt. Piccard also pointed out that any sane person would assume that it was the pilot speaking inside an airplane full of sleeping passengers instead of a higher being.

"I mean, who in their right mind would also believe that God would really be so insensitive and bring the whole plane down, risking the lives of other innocent people on-board?!?!" Capt. Piccard hysterically asked. 'Shouldn't he rerevalidate his hunch with his cabinet first before believing it and promising never to cuss again?"

"I mean, how hard was it to wake Andanar up and asked him whether or not he heard my voice too?" he said, adding that if only he knew that Duterte would take it at face value, he would've been more specific in telling him that it was the extra judicial killings that must stop.

Capt. Piccard also believes that it would only be a matter of time before President Duterte would go back to his cursing ways now that he has come clean.

"I mean, even without my revelation today, you don't actually think he'd stick to his promise right?" he added. "Well, at least he didn't curse when he got back from Japan."

PALSIIT

Nobiembre 1 ken 2: Pasken a Pananglagip

By: LEONARDO R. AGUNO

ATAYO a kameng ti Romano Catolico, kadawyan \mathcal{D} a naisangayan a panagtitipon ti amin a kameng ti kaamaan a kas panangrambak/pananglagip iti masasao nga All Saint's Day (Nobiembre 1) ken All Souls' Day (Nobiembre 2). Ania dagitoy nga aldaw? Iti nanumo a lugarmi, ti Nobiembre 1, isu ti panagaramidmi kadagiti native delicacies, kangrunaan a maaramid ditoy manipud iti diket a bagas: bistu-bitso, baduya, insibog, niniogan, linapet, patupat, suman, pilais (pinais ti dadduma), tinagapulotan a bukel ti lingnga (sesame seeds). Agtuno, ti lames/tamnay ken apgad. Liningta. Siniwsiw. Agpartika ti native a manok. Karne ti baboy (uragaen). Ti kadawyan. Lutuen dagiti taraon a paggaayat dagiti kameng ti kaamaan nga immunan a

COMMENTARIES

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

The Teacher of Today (21st century Teacher)

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

n a very short year that I worked as a teacher and a department head teacher, I have learned four valuable lessons that I think will be helpful for young teachers.

First, a teacher must adapt. The world is changing fast. What is new today will be ten times outdated today. Mindset, way of living, way of learning and knowledge changes fast that if we as teachers won't learn how to adapt then soon, we too, will become obsolete.

Second, a teacher must be a good communicator. In the world of teaching, teachers are dealing with different type of people in a regular basis, this means we can't stay away from people who are difficult to deal with. But if the teacher has mastered the art of communicating in all situations like a politician asking for the people's support the we can pass through communication hardship with ease and with grace.

The third lesson is this, a teacher must be a polymath. In our society, a teacher is usually perceived as someone who knows a lot. If the lightbulb is destroyed, they'll call the teacher. The door is not working, they'll call the teacher. Someone wants to learn how to sing, they'll ask the teacher. That is the reality of being a teacher, you are considered as a super hero or a super human. And we have no choice but to at least live with some of their expectations if not all of it. A teacher must mold himself into a multidimensional being, who can be able to do a lot of things and has a working knowledge on may things.

Lastly, a teacher must learn the art of learning. There a saying that goes, "if you stop learning, you stop living" obviously as teachers we need to update ourselves at all times to stay at par with the changes in our world. Learning the art of learning is the best way to grow and update ourselves. And at the same time the easiest path to creating a teaching strategy.

This are the essential things a teacher of the 21st century must possess ...

nagpakada ditoy daga a pagluluaan. Adda met mainayon a kas atang kadagiti mainum a kas iti arak, basi. Gawed ken bua, pinadis, sigarilio, kdpy.

Iti met sardam, mapanmi silawan dagiti mulami a nateng ken kasta met dagiti agbunga a kayo. Ikkanmi ti pagsaingan wenno kandela dagitoy. Gapu iti pammati a nabungbunganto dagita a mula iti masanguanan.

Naipakadawyan a Nobiembre 2 ti panagsarungkarmi iti tanem dagiti minataymi. Ditoy nga agdudupudopkami a makipagsarungkar kadagiti tanem dagiti minatay. Adda dagitay banda a maupaan tapno mangipatayabda ti musica iti sakaanan dagiti tanem. Nadumaduma met ti itsura dagiti makipagsarungkar. Adda naragsak; adda naliday. Idi 'toy numo ti biang ti ubing, adda naimatangak nga ag-lola (ngata) ti nagkuyog. Idi makadanonda iti sakaanan ti panteon, nagtugawen ti lola, nagdung-awen. Ngem, kinulding ti ubing:

"Lola, saan a daytoy ti tanem 'di lolo," immakar dagiti ag-apo, idiay nga intuloy ti lola ti panagdung-awna.

Napateg kadatayo ti pananglagip, nangruna a tampok daytoy iti panangikarkararag kadagiti minataytayo. Wen, daytoy ti context daytoy nga aldaw. Pasken a panagkaykaysa ti familia a panangikarkararag kadagiti ipatpategtayo iti biag nga immunan a simmina iti sidongtayo. Ad-adda koma a tumpuar daytoy a pananglagip kadagiti minatay babaen iti misa ken kararag. Isuro ti na-Cristianuan a pammati nga adu pay laeng ti masapul a kararag nga agpaay kadagiti pimmusay tapno sumaklangda met iti Dios a Namarsua kadatayo.

TESDA allots 30,000 tech - voc scholarship slots for Cordillera

VITY - The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority(TESDA) is alloting 30,000 slots of scholarship grant for Cordillera Administrative Region that can be availed starting this November.

Secretary Guiling Mamondiong announced this during the Tapatan Sa TESDA held at New Town Plaza Hotel here on October 24.

The scholarship grant is in line with the President Rodrigo Duterte's thrust to increase employment opportunities for Filipinos as well as to open entrepreneurial undertakings.

The scholarship will be inclusive or open to anybody. Tech - voc courses to be opened will depend on the in - demand traits or the industry needs as identified by the regional and provincial TESDA offices in the region.

Mamondiong also presented the administration's thrust on developing TVET as a driver of poverty reduction, anchored on TESDA's two pronged strategy which is using TVET Cont. on page 7

Uniwide, review committee... from page 2

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Ordinance no. 038, series of 1995 and the legality of the market development contract entered into by the local government and Uniwide. This paved the way for the city to start ascertaining the capacity of Uniwide to pursue the much-desired development of the public market.

The council is anchoring the proposed rescission of the market development contract on the decision of the Court of Appeals upholding the liquidation of assets of Uniwide following the decision of the Securities and Exchange Commission to subjected it to receivership.

Baguio City's public market has been left behind in terms of upgrading it to be at par with other better public markets. It has not undergone significant improvements over the past two decades after concerned groups of market vendors questioned the legality of the market development contract due to alleged lapses in the conduct of the bidding and the award of the project to Uniwide.

The local legislative body wants to be appraised on the findings and recommendations of the created review committee to help the members come up with a definite decision on the market development contract following reports that Uniwide signified its intention to submit its detailed plans for the project that the company intends to pursue amidst the order for it to be subject to liquidation among others.

The council stated all the parties have sufficient time to prepare their respective position papers on the proposed rescission of the market development contract now pending with the Committee on Laws for study and recommendation./By Dexter A. See

Karaipna pay daytoy iti panangamiris dagiti sibibiag ti kinapateg ti biag ken panangipakat amin a kabaelan nga agbiag a kas maysa a napudpudno nga anak ti Dios. Aldaw a maipaay kadagiti amin a tattao nga agpampanunot ken agtignay nga agbiag a kas maysa a pasurot ni Apo Dios.

Ditayo koma leblebgan nga ipaayan dagiti kakabsat a pimmusay ti kasapulanda unay kadatayo nga agbibiag ditoy rabaw ti daga, ti panangikarkararag ken panangidawdawat kadakuada nga agpaay iti agnanayon koma a panaginana dagiti kararuada.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. - Gandhi.#



LEGAL/JUDICIAL NOTICES

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY First Judicial Region **BRANCH 4 Baguio** City

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FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION O F MINOR KURT REILY F. LAM-OSEN

SPOUSES REYNALDO B. SUELLO a n d MARILYN L. SUELLO.

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF KALINGA PROVINCE Respondent.

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 508-A For: ADOPTION x-----x

ORDER

The petitioners, Spouses Reynaldo B. Suello and Marilyn L. Suello, filed this verified petition praying for the Honorable Court that upon due notice and hearing, judgment be entered adjudging that the minor child KURT KEILY F. LAM-OSEN be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to his biological parents and that he be declared for all legal intents and purposes, the legitimate child of the herein petitioners and that his surname be changed to that of the petitioners.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City on December 14, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petition-

ers on the The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks not later than October 14. 2016.

The Judicial Affidavits of the Petitioner and her witnesses together with their exhibits are due for submission not later than November 29, 2016.

Furnish copies hereof, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, the Court Social Worker of the Regional Trial Court in Baguio City, Local Civil Registrar of Kalinga, DSWD CAR and petitioner through counsel. SO ORDERED.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this 27th day of September 2016 in Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) MIA IOY C. OALLARES-CAWED Presiding Judge **Publication Dates:** October 15, 22 and 29, 2016 Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION **BRANCH 8** 2nd Floor Justice Hall, Justice Hill La Trinidad, Benguet

IN RE: In the Petition for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth/ Report of Birth of Chloe Dangilan Carias

SPOUSES RICARDO A. CARIAS and GINALYN D. CARIAS

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET, and the CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, MANILA,

Respondents.

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO.

14-C-1829 x-----ORDER

Petitioners through counsel filed this Amended Petition praying that the court after notice, publication and hearing, renders judgment directing the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the Civil Registrar General of Manila to cause the

necessary corrections/ cancellations in the Certificate of Live Birth of Chloe Dangilan Carias particularly the status of her parents from NOT MARRIED to MARRIED and the maiden surname of the mother of CHLOE DANGILAN CARIAS which is item 12 of the column DETAILS OF PARENTS from COPICOP to DANGILAN.

WHEREFORE, finding the Amended Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on November 29, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning in the courtroom of this court, Rm. 202, 2nd Floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

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 petitioners in the Junction, 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

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Amended Petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; Philippine Statistics Authority,

than October 16, 2016.

Solicarel Building I and II, Ramon Magsaysay Blvd., Sta, Mesa, Manila; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet Province, Iustice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet; The Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet, the Junction Newspaper; the petition-

ers and their counsel. SO ORDERED. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 10th day of October, 2016.

(SGD) CECILIA CORAZON S. DULAY-ARCHOG Acting Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: October 15, 22 and 29, 2016

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF **BAGUIO CITY** FIRST JUDICIAL

"Daus" to "Daos";

c. further effect the

correction of entry in the

certificate of Live Birth

of John Larry Soliven

Carlos of father's name

from "Larry Valdisno

Carlos" to "Jose Lazaro

d. furnish a copy of the

DECISION to the office

of the Civil Registrar

General, Philippine Sta-

tistics Authority (PSA)

for annotation/record

just and equitable are

instant petition is suf-

ficient in form and

substance, the same is set

for hearing on November

25, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in

the morning before this

Court at its Session Hall,

Baguio City. Any person

cause, if any, why said

petition should not be

Order be published at the

expense of the petition-

er once a week for three

(3) consecutive weeks,

the first publication of

which should not be later

than October 16, 2016 in

a newspaper of general

circulation in Baguio City

Let a copy of this

granted.

likewise prayed for."

Other measure of relief

It appearing that the

purposes.

Valdisno Carlos; and

REGION BRANCH 3 IN RE: PETITION

FOR CORREC-TION AND/OR CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JOHN LARRY SOLIVEN CARLOS BRYCE AND AIGNER SOLIVEN CARLOS

Justice Hall Building, MARY JANE DAOS SOLIVEN, may appear and show Petitioner,

-verus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL **REGISTRAR FOR** BAGUIO CITY AND JOSE LAZARO VALDISNO CARLOS, Respondent.

SPL. PRO. CASE NO. 2570-R

ORDER

was filed by petitioners, through counsel, praying to the Honorable Court to render judgment:

Civil Registrar for Baguio City upon payment by the petitioner of all legal fees, therefore:

a. to delete/cancel the DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS in the Certificate of Live Birth of John Larry Soliven Carlos and Bryce Aigner Soliven Carlos:

b. to effect the appropriate correction of the middle name of petitioner in the Certificate of Live Birth of Bryce Aigner Soliven Carlos from

Environmentally...

He added it just happened that he had been receiving numerous complaints against the operation of the Camp 7 batching plant from concerned neighborhood residents that is why it is being used as an example.

He claimed the owner of the Camp 7 cement batching plant is financially capable of relocating the plant to an area where there will

Benguet declared under state of calamity; almost P1B in partial damages

A TRINIDAD, Benguet - The province was declared under state of calamity due to the impact of typhoons Lawin and Karen causing almost a billion pesos worth of damages on agriculture, infrastructures, livestock and poultry.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan members unanimously approved and passed a resolution declaring the province under state of calamity on the request of Governor Crescencio Pacalso who chairs the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council.

Pacalso appeared before the SP on October 24 to request the declaration of state of calamity in order to extend the needed financial assistance and restore normalcy in the affected e towns and communities.

Super typhoon Lawin caused the temporary isolation of the municipalities of Bokod, Kabayan, Kibungan, Bakun, Buguias, Kibungan, and Mankayan and also caused power outage in the whole province, said Pacalso.

The latest partial official damages based on the consolidated reports of the PDRRMC already reached P867.695 million including damages incurred form typhoon Karen.

Six people died in the province, all due to landslides, namely Arsenio Lantaen, 65, of Bakun, who was killed in a landslide in Abatan, Buguias; 20 - day old Jhon Carlos Hatap, Joshua Hella, 19, Jessie Hella, 28, from Negros Oriental who were buried by landslide in Sagpat, Kibungan ; and Edgar Genese, 40, of San Fabian, Pangasinan and Jonie Borja, 35, from Damortis, La Union who were killed in Lamtang, Puguis here. Injured was Sean Paul Harrison, a two year old boy of Sapid, Cont. on page 7 Mankayan.

No consultation... from page 3

Domogan also proposed to the police officer the non-assignment of outsiders in the BCPO in lieu of Daskeo but instead allow the next highest official in the hierarchy of leadership to act as officer-in-charge while waiting for the shortlist. However, his proposals seem to have been disregarded, thus, the claim that there was consultation prior to the unceremonious relief of Daskeo is obviously false./By Dexter A. See

be lesser impacts to people and environment. While it is true that the city's anti-batching ordinance has been subjected to legal question, he emphasized that it should not be used as an excuse for the establishment of such plants within the city citing similar businesses have relocated somewhere.

Domogan explained the owner of the Camp 7 batching plant should comply with his commitment to relocate to avoid complaints from the local residents, saying that the management should always consider the plight of the greater majority in the area over personal gain and interest./By Dexter A. See

to be determined by raffle pursuant to the provision of Presidential Decree No. 1079; let copies hereof together with the copies of the petition and

its annexes be furnished A verified petition to the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Metro Manila, 1 ORDERING the

National Statistics Office (now known as Philippine Statistics Authority PSA) – Solicarel Bldg. I. R. Magsaysay Blvd. Sta. Mesa, Manila and the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio City.

Baguio City, Philippines this 7th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, 2016.

(SGD) EMMANUEL CACHO RASING Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: October 15, 22 and 29, 2016

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EGAL/JUDICIAL NOTICES

Republic of the Philippines First Judicial Region Regional Trial Court Branch 7 **Baguio** City

In Re: Petition for the Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Angela Beth Caballero Cario,

Beth Angela Caballero Cario, Represented by her parent, Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero, Petitioner,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, HEPOLITO D. CARIO, PHILIP-PINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), and all persons who have any claim or interest.

Respondents.

Spec. Pro. Case No. 2567-R

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified Amended Petition was filed by petitioner Angela Beth Caballero Cario, represented by her parent, Lilvbeth Boadilla Caballero through counsel, alleging as follows:

1. "Petitioner minor is represented by her parent, Lilvbeth Boadilla Caballero and their address is at No. 142 Tiptop, Ambuclao Road, Baguio City. The Public Attorney's Office is the petitioner's counsel which office is located at the Ground Floor, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City where orders and other court processes may be served;

2. The father of the petitioner minor is Hepolito defraud or make any mis-

D. Cario, whose address is in Liteng, Pacdal, Baguio City, where summons and other court processes may be served;

3. The Local Civil **Registry of Baguio City** is herein impleaded as a nominal party and its capacity as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages and deaths in Baguio City, as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificates by reason of the foregoing, and may be served with summons and other processes of this Honorable Court at New

Lucban, Baguio City; 4. Likewise, the Philippine Statistics Authority is herein impleaded as a normal party, which office is mandated to carry out and administer the provisions of the Civil Registry Law as provided for in Act No. 3753, and as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages and deaths in the Philippines as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificate and other processes at Solicarel Building I, R. Magsaysay Boulevard, Sta. Mesa,

Manila; 5. On May 8, 2000, the petitioner minor was born to parents Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero and Hepolito Dangatan Cario. Such birth is duly registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, a copy of the Certificate of the Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority is hereto attached as Annex "A".

6. In the said Certificate, the date and place of marriage of parents indicates the following information: 6 November 1997 Malasigui, Pangasinan. However, Lilibeth Boadilla Caballero and Hepolito Dangatan Cario were not married, a copy of her Certificate of Non Marriage of Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero is hereto attached as Annex "B".

7. The erroneous entry

was due to inadvertence

and honest mistake.

without any intention to

is hereby given that the herein petition is set for initial hearing in the sala of this court on December 9, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning on which place, date and time, the petitioner shall be allowed

this notice.

representation."

The Court found the

petition to be sufficient

in form and substance,

thus, an Order was issued

directing the issuance of

WHEREFORE, notice

to substantiate their petition, and any interested person may show cause, if there be any, why the petition should not be granted. Let a copy of this Order,

together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be served upon the Honorable Solicitor General, the City Prosecutor of Baguio City and the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City. Also, furnish copies of this notice to the Civil **Registrar General of the** National Statistics Office. the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication and to the petitioner through their counsel.

Pursuant to Sec. 4, Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which shall not be later than December 9, 2016. The Process Server is hereby directed to post

copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of **Baguio** City.

THE WITNESS HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIONGSON-TAB-ORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 18th day of October, 2016, at Baguio City, Philippines.

> (SGD) GARY N. SANTOS OIC, Clerk of Court

Publication Dates: October 29. November 5 and 12, 2016

Mayor dismayed on series of killings in Baguio

inside his residence.

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio expressed alarm over the series of killings around the city where one of the victims was even beheaded right appointment over the failure of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to solve the series of killings that transpired in the different parts of the city after the present administration embarked on an aggressive anti-drug campaign.

The local chief executive admitted some individuals and groups are taking advantage of the government's anti-drug campaign to get back at their alleged competitors in the drug business or for other reasons only known to them.

"The recent killings in the city is one of the negative effects and downside of the government's anti-drug campaign and law enforcers must pinpoint the motives of the murder of certain individuals in the guise of them being alleged drug pushers or users. We are disappointed over the failure of our local police force to come out with timely findings on the motive behind the series of killings,"Domogan stressed.

Earlier, concerned residents A. See

City to bid out asin hot spring resort operation

BAGUIO CITY – The city govern-ment will bid out the operation, maintenance and security of the Asin Hot Spring Resort in Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week created a special committee on awards to administer the bidding process for the city-owned resort.

City administrator Carlos Canilao will chair the committee with city

does not solve this series of killings but a close coordination among concerned law enforcers to go after the perpetrators. He requested the Criminal Investigation and

Detection Group (CIDG), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and the Regional Intelligence Office to help the BCPO identify the killers and ascertain their motives behind such incidents and prevent the occurrence of similar incidents.

Domogan pointed out the relief of the BCPO chief

He urged the BCPO to intensify its intelligence network to address threats to the city's peace and order and erase the impression that nothing is being done to solve these killings.

He claimed no one has the monopoly of skills and knowledge in solving crimes thus it is best to have closer coordination among law enforcers to solve the crimes to prevent conclusions that the killings are extra-judicial killings due to the cleansing process among those involved in the illegal drug trade.

He said the local police force must present concrete findings on the motive behind the killings to help abate the fear among local residents of the presence of vigilantes in the cityaffecting the image of the police and the city as a whole from the various sectors./By Dexter

budget officer Leticia Clemente, general services officer Romeo Concio, city accountant Antonio Tabin and officer-in-charge city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes as members.

In Administrative Order No. 129 series of 2016, the mayor directed the committee to convene immediately to carry out the bidding procedures for the city to recover the property and turn into an income-generating asset.

He recalled that the resort which sits on a 4,344.23 square meter property of the **Cont. on page 8**

Benguet declared under state of calamity... from page 6

The Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development recorded a total of 750 partially damaged houses and 65 totally damaged houses affecting 3,954 families or a total of 18,231 individuals.

In agriculture which affected 2,772 families, losses in crops and cutflowers amounted to P46.203 million and P21.024M worth of damages in agriculture facilities. For typhoon Karen, losses in crops totaled P24.710M and P4.358M for agri facilities.

Incurred damages in livestock and poultry totaled P3.977M while fisheries amounted to P351, 285.00.

For lifelines and infrastructure, damaged national roads and bridges amounted to P545.70M; provincial road networks, P26.5M; and municipal and barangay road networks, P305.566M.

Damages to waterworks system totaled P1.3M; communal irrigation system, P1.525M; National Irrigation Administration-CAR assisted irrigation system amounted to P5.545M; public buildings and facilities valued at P10.69M; flood control, P205.235M; footbridges/footpaths/foot trails with an aggregate amount of P9.937M and private properties amounting to P500.000.00.

These amounts may still increase with the continuing monitoring and assessment of damages across barangays and municipalities./JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet

"kabuhayan" or better disclosed that in line with the President's campaign against illegal drugs, they are working for a drug - free TESDA, both on personnel and their learners.

The Tapatan Sa TESDA was attended by more than 300 TVET

stakeholders from the different parts of Cordillera. TESDA CAR OIC Regional Director Genaro Ibay also presented the regional office's contribution to the first 100 days of President Duterte./ JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

TESDA allots 30,000 tech-voc...

for Global competitive- TESDA, Mamondiworkforce.

ness and for social equity ong has been working through productive for the empowerment and world class skilled of barangays to be a partner in strengthening Since appointed as Technical - Vocational Secretary General of Education and Training

of TVET down to the community level under his "Barangay Kasanayan para sa Kabuhayan at

Kapayapaan" program. The program aims to achieve twin goals

income opportunities from page 5 and better peace and order or "kapayapaan" as better opportunities in life will lead people away lawless actions just to

from bad vices or from earn money, he stressed. Mamondiong also

NEWS

Delineation of Baguio museum lot pressed

BAGUIO CITY – The unique history," members of the Board Further, the of Trustees of the Baguio Museum Inc. are requesting the City Government for the official delineation of the 1,500 square meters of land where the museum is located along Gov. Pack road and Harrison road for titling under the group's name.

The Baguio Museum Inc., in a letter to Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, cited the ownership of the complex has been the bone of contention for every change of leadership of the Cordillera office of the Department of Tourism (DOT-CAR), thus, it is time to clarify the said issue and lay it to rest to avoid future misunderstandings.

"There is a sense of urgency, as the Tourism museum was built in 1975 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) which claims the Sunshine Park and the museum lots belong to them, is now set to title the lands in line with its drive to title all lots that belong to the agency in Baguio, Mount Data and Banaue, Ifugao,"the letter stated.

The board cited 'we believe that the Baguio museum is part of cultural heritage and identity of Baguio City and that its environmental autobiography is part of Baguio's

Further, the board added the sacrifices and

contributions of the 'three beloved witches Virginia "Gene" de Guia, Leonora San Agustin and Cecile Afable, women icons of the museum Leonarda Capuyan and Geraldine Hamada, the Board of Trustees from 1997 to present, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the city officials should not be erased by modern concepts of urbanization, no matter how grand and ambitious they are.

They reiterate that Baguio is unique on its own, and the Baguio museum belongs to the people of Baguio, not the national government.

The 39-year old Baguio by the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) under the chairmanship of former Tourism Secretary Jose Aspiras and Mayor Luis Lardizabal in preparation for the 'World Karpov-Korchnoi international chess tournament" and was inspired by Ifugao architecture as seen in the various structures in Baguio like the Baguio Convention Center, and the Burnham grandstand. Of the 4,979 square meters of city lot, 3,420 square meters was ceded

City to bid out asin...

city was leased to spouses Catbagan for 20 years or until 1996. Catbagan sub-leased it to former

sometime in 1993. Sinot entered into a Contract of Lease with the City Government for the period of 15 years with a monthly rental of P3,000.

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by the City of Baguio to the PTA, so it can build the Baguio museum in the 1,500 square meters of city lot allocated for the Baguio museum.

After the Baguio museum was devastated by the July 16, 1990, earthquake, the museum moved to Camp John Hay and then to the back portion of the Baguio Convention Center while the old museum at Gov. Pack road remained untouched for ten years, except for the demolition of the old building.

The NCCA under the chairmanship of Jaime Laya took pity on the 'sorry state' of the museum, hence, gave P1.2 million financial assistance to rebuild the ground floor of the museum at its original and present site along Gov. Pack road. Domogan, who interposed no objection to the rebuilding of the museum, reportedly promised the late Executive Director Leonora San Agustin and the Board of Trustees, that he would rebuild the museum and fulfilled his promise when he became a congressman. In 2003, the remaining three floors of the museum were completed at its original site and was turned over to the board./By Dexter A. See

and pay P5,000 monthly

rental for the use and

occupation thereof from

December 1996 until he

shall have finally vacated

still operating the said

resort despite several

demands for him to

vacate the subject area

without mentioning the

supposedly rental fees to

be remitted or paid to the

City of Baguio," the mayor

'To date, MR. SInot is

the same;"



PESO NATIONAL FINALIST - Public Employment Services Officer and Mayor's Executive Assistant Jose Atanacio hands over to city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog the plaque of recognition to the city as one the top national finalist in the Best Public Employment Services Office in the highly urbanized city category for effectively promoting and delivering services to labor and employment program./ By Bong Cayabyab

CRDRRMC conducts aerial inspection in CAR to assess typhoon damages

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) conducted aerial inspection to assess the extent of damages of super typhoon 'Lawin' in the Cordillera Administrative Region over the weekend.

O n CRDRRMC Chairman OCD-CAR Regional Director Alex Uy and DSWD-CAR Regional Director Janet Armas with some members of the media and thru the assistance of the Philippine Air Force made an aerial survey of the Cordillera provinces flying thru Baguio City, Benguet,

Baguilat said.

Citing Public Health Reports, Baguilat said in the bill that an increase in the length of paid maternity leave can reduce infant mortality by as much as 10 percent and goes a long way in strengthening family ties.

"We have to do what we can to ensure the health of mothers and infants and promote child rearing, given that the family is the basic unit of our society. To strengthen the family is to ultimately strengthen our country," Baguilat had said.

BAGUIO CITY - The Mountain Province, met with the Provincial Cordillera Regional Kalinga and Apayao. DRRMC led by Gov. Jocel Aside from the damages

in agriculture and infrastructure such as houses, roads and other properties, the team was also able to identify the areas which are isolated due to road cuts and landslides.

Hardest hit are the Saturday, provinces of of Kalinga and Apayao where storm signal No. 5 was raised at the height of the typhoon. The group saw the isolated areas in upper Kalinga including the landslide affected areas where a family was buried by a landslide in in Uma, Lubuagan.

The team landed in Tabuk City, Kalinga and

to pass the anti-discrimination bill to guarantee equal rights for the LGBT community and the proposed amendments to the anti-rape bill.

Baguilat listed other bills like amendments to marital infidelity and anti-prostitution laws that had passed committee levels in previous Congresses but also did not make it to the plenary for deliberations.

Congress in the past has not been accommodating of pro-women's rights bills. We hope that the Committee on He also cited the need Rules in the current 17th

Baac and Vice Gov. James Edduba and discussed the needs of the province for its early rehabilitation and recovery. The group met Agriculture Secretary Manny Pinol who was also visiting the area to assess the damages particularly on agricultural crops. The team also landed

in Luna, Apayao and met with Apayao PDRRMC Officer Vincent Talatag and Apayao Provincial Police Office Director Felix Dayag before flying to the affected areas in the lower Apayao and the upper Apayao where

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Congress will not hold these pro-women's bills hostage," said Baguilat.

Recently, the Priority Legislative Agenda for Women was presented and Baguilat is one of the champions, and has encouraged both men and women to take a firm stand for women' rights.

"We all have to contribute to maximizing women's potential and guaranteeing equal protection under the law," he said, "Men and women are equal partners in economic and social development."/PIA/Congressional Office

was not confirmed by the Sangguaniang Panlungsod," the mayor noted.

"Supreme Court manager Roger Sinot Decision No. G.R. 204667 dated June 10, "In June 3, 2002, Mr. 2013 affirming the Court of Appeals (CA) Decision and Resolution in CA-G.R. SP 121692 ordering Mr. Roger Sinot to immediately vacate the The Contract of Lease Asin Hot Spring Resort noted./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Ifugao solon calls for passage of pro-women bills

AGAWE, Ifugao -Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat has urged Congress to immediately deliberate on and pass a slew of bills that are aimed at upholding and protecting the rights of women.

Baguilat said his and Gender Equality, but bill seeking to extend the maternity leave of female employees in the government and private sector to 100 days from the current 60/78 days had already passed the Committee on Women mother of her baby,'

has yet to be taken up in the plenary.

"The authors including our Chair Emeline Aglipay-Villar believe that a 100-day leave is justified to optimize care by the

CRDRRMC conducts aerial inspection...

municipalities are still isolated.

Kalinga and Apayao officials earlier declared state of calamity in their respective provinces due to the extent of typhoon damages.

Uy said that with the the affected areas in the data gathered from the different provinces, they will be meeting with the CRDRRMC members and other agencies to discuss the immediate needs and how it would be given to

DSWD calls for volunteers as relief...

15,318 individuals.

005.12 worth of assistance has already been provided by the local government units, non-government organizations/ people's organizations and the DSWD to the victims of Lawin

Suoer typhoon Lawin A total of Php 7,934, had caused widespread destruction in CAR with four provinces already under state of calamity.

expressed Armas gratitude to all those who have extended assistance to the Department. We are thankful for our

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Another aerial survey

is being set by the

CRDRRMC for assess-

ment of the provinces

of Aba and Ifugao./JDP/

RMC- PIA CAR

provinces.

partners for helping us in every way that they can. I hope that we continue doing this for our brothers and sisters here in the Cordillera for us to fully recover from this difficulty"./PIA/ Nerizza Faye G. Villanueva-DSWD CAR

MASA MASID launched in Benguet

A TRINIDAD, Benguet L- Various stakeholders at the provincial and municipal level pledged their support to the Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya - Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga (MASA-MASID) program of the Department of Interior and Local Government in a launching activity held at the Provincial Capitol last week.

MASA MASID is a barangay-based anti-criminality, anti-corruption, and anti-illegal drugs program that encourages multi-sectoral partnership which intensifies the spirit of volunteerism at the community level.

As provided in DILG Memorandum Circular 2016-116, the program has four main priorities namely information and education campaign in communities for government programs against corruption, illegal drugs and criminality; creation of a reporting mechanism on illegal drug-related activities; formulation of community-based rehabilitaof the spirit of volunteerism by creating a volunteer-friendly atmosphere for organizations that wish to be partners for change.

The program is implemented through a MASA MASID Team who may engage activities such as advocacy and education campaign, information gathering and reporting and community-based rehabilitation program.

During the launching, Police Provincial Office Acting Director Florante Camuyot presented the peace and order situation in the province including updates on the war against illegal drugs. To date, there are already a total of 2,290 surrenderers provincewide.

There is already a set of guidelines in the processing of drug surrenderers as presented by the DILG Provincial Director Rufina Fegcan.

Governor Crescencio Pacalso lauded the program which heightens community involvement and mobilizes the support of local stakeholders, volunteers, civic organization programs; and revival tions, faith-based orga- PIA-CAR, Benguet

nizations, and the private sector

Provincial officials led by Pacalso and Vice Governor Florence Tingbaoen, members of the provincial board, municipal mayors, liga ng barangay, department heads including concerned government line agencies forged their signature expressing their support in the tarpaulin printed with pledge of commitment.

Among them are Atok Mayor Peter Alos, Bakun Mayor Fausto Labinio, Bokod Mayor Thomas Wales Jr, Buguias Mayor Ruben Tinda-an, Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan, Kapangan Mayor Manny Fermin, Mankayan Mayor Materno Luspian, Sablan Mayor Arthur Baldo, Tuba Mayor Ignacio Rivera, and Tublay Mayor Armando Lauro.

DILG is encouraging those who would voluntarily like to join the cause and those not presently involved in illegal drugs and other criminal activities by visiting their office or local church./JDP/SCA-

Amendment of Baguio Convention Center ordinance pushed

BAGUIO CITY -Administrators of the city-owned Baguio Convention Center are pushing for the amendment of the ordinance governing the administration, manage-

the facility to upgrade fees reflecting current rates.

City Administrator Carlos M. Canilao, who appeared before the City Council in relation to issues that cropped up from the ment and operation of Audit Observation Mem-

orandum (AOM) on the management of the facility, claimed the local legislative body must amend the 21-year old ordinance governing the Baguio Convention Center to make rules and policies for the

RTC upholds decision...

no cogent and compelling reason to deviate from its earlier ruling," the court said.

The occupants filed a motion for TRO to stop the city from implementing the demolition supposedly last Sept. 13-16 as ordered by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

On Sept. 9, the court denied the motion citing earlier rulings that the claimants have no right over the lot and thus over the structures they built on the area because they do not own the lot and their buildings were not authorized by the owner of the lot.

Acting assistant city legal officer Hannah Calitong said the latest court order "again confirmed the legality and propriety of the implementation of Demolition Order No. 24 series of 2015 directing the clearing of the so-called BIBAK lot."

City legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes earlier told city department head that there is no more legal impediment for the city to pursue the demolition of structures on said lots despite questions from the Philippine Commission on backed by ample inves-

continuous operation of the facility relevant at the present time.

'We have never been remiss in the managing the facility since the local government acquired the ownership from the Government Service Insurance System in 2011 We made sure that all transactions relative to the operation of the convention facility were properly documented to conform with the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations,"Canilao stressed.

Earlier, the local legislative body summoned the administrators of the Baguio Convention Center to clarify issues that cropped up from the AOM handed down by the Commission on Audit (COA) relative to their alleged failure to submit lease contracts for the use of the facility to the council

Urban Poor (PCUP). Agreeing to this, city administrator and city anti-squatting committee chair Carlos Canilao said they will prepare for the implementation of the demolition order and will call the stakeholders for a meeting to prepare the requirements on budget, manpower and equipment.

Canilao said no less than the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) offered to help the city by volunteering their personnel and committing fund augmentation to undertake the demolition.

The city will also enlist the help of the BCPO and the military reservists for the task.

The demolition scheduled last September was put on hold after the new administration of the NCIP intervened anew informing of the Duterte administration's policies on demolition.

Domogan immediately appraised PCUP officerin-charge Dr. Melissa Aradanas on the status of the lot and the circumstances that led to the city government's action.

He said the move is

for confirmation.

Canilao took exception to the observation raised by the AOM that the facility was mismanaged, saying that since hetook over the management of the convention center after it was acquired by the city, he made sure all transactions relative to its use passed through the appropriate government procedures whereby payments are done with the City Treasury Office.

City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias revealed the City Administrator issues an order of payment which will be the basis of his office to collect the payments made by those individuals and groups wanting to use the facility for their desired purposes.

He added the local government is able to earn P3 million annually amidst the discounts and free use of

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tigations that proved that the occupants of the structures do not have building permits and that they are not members of the urban poor and are using their structures for business purposes without care for sanitation and order.

The clearing of the area is also sanctioned by the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) and the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources-Cordillera that said the "petitioners occupation has no legal basis and neither can they qualify as beneficiaries under (Republic Act) No. 10023 (Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Patents to Residential Lands) because the lot is not alienable and disposable.

Last year, the PCUP under the old administration also asked the city to defer the dismantling operation pointing out the need to observe proper procedures and to ensure that the rights of the owners will not be violated

But succeeding investigations by the PCUP proved the city's cause./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

the facility being extended to individuals, groups, and local officials wanting to use the convention center.

He called on the council to introduce the appropriate amendments to Ordinance No. 95, series of 1995 to include applicable provisions that will improve the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Center to avoid similar problems in the future.

Canilao said the local government also plans to fence the city-owned property, put up the gates, and hire a sufficient number of security guards to secure the facility and prevent the free use of its available spaces as parking for motor vehicles, except for those transport groups and companies with existing contracts to use the parking spaces for their vehicles./By Dexter A. See



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of calamity under state

strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines this year, unleashed its fury for a night and half day last week in Northern Luzon leaving enormous damage in life and properties in the Cordillera Administrative Region, and state of calamity is now declared in three provinces.

The hardest hit provinces of Apayao and Kalinga declared state of calamity on October 21, or just a day after the typhoon left, through Provincial Resolution No. 85 and Res. No. 2016-120, respectively. Provl. Res. No 387. 2016 pass on October 22 declared Mountain Province under state of calamity.

As of Sunday, the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) Situational report confirmed 15 persons have died in DPWH-CAR reported the region, 14 of them that about 25 national due to landslides- two in Hungduan, Ifugao, and six in the province of Benguet - two in the town of La Trinidad, three in Kibungan; and one

 $B^{\rm AGUIO\,CITY\,-\,Super}_{\rm typhoon\,\,Lawin,\,\,the} \ \ {\rm including\,\,a} \ {\rm family\,\,of\,\,five} \ \ {\rm roads\,\,and\,\,bridges\,\,are\,\,still} \\ {\rm closed\,\,to\,\,traffic.}$ lone fatality in Abra was hit by a falling coconut tree.

> Four persons were also injured. One adult male was reported missing and believed to have been swept in a river in Hungduan, Ifugao.

> Based on latest Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-CAR report, there were 68,057 or a total of 306,026 persons affected by Lawin mostly in the province of Apayao. There were also 1,274 totally damaged and 10,700 partially damaged houses in the region.

> Initial damage to agriculture was placed at P390,027.737.18 and P8,472,426.80 in fisheries.

> The figures are expected to increase are there are still no report from areas that are isolated due to landslides or without electric power and communication signal.

As of Oct. 23, the road sections including Kennon Road, and Baguio – Bontoc Road (Sabangan detour bridge washed out) and 7 pro-Buguias and six in Kalinga roads of the 58 affected PIA CAR

A total of P8,569,688. 52 worth of assistance was extended by DSWD CAR and more that P2 Million worth of assistance by the different local government units in the region to affected communities

Tropical Cyclone Lawin entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) Monday, Oct. 17, packing already a typhoon intensity and intensified into a Super typhoon before it made landfall in Peñablanca, Cagayan Wednesday night.

At the height of Lawin, the Cordillera provinces of Apayao, Kalinga and Abra were placed under Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #5, Mountain Province and Ifugao under TCWS no. 4 and Benguet, including Baguio City under TCWS #3. The strong gusty winds caused region wide power outage and loss of telecommunication signal of all service providers.

Over the weekend, the CRDRRMC conducted aerial inspection to monitor the impact of Lawin so that proper assistance will be given vincial and municipal to affected communities./

DSWD deploys teams to fast track release of assistance to TY Lawin victims

BAGUIO CITY - The the needs of our commu-Department of Social nities. To further fast track Welfare and Development (DSWD) here has deployed teams to assess the impact left by Typhoon Lawin in all provinces of the region.

"We will send teams from the regional office to assist the local government units in assessing

the release of our assistance, the teams will also ensure that documents necessary for the release of such are complete", OIC-Regional Director Janet P. Armas said.

Aside from gathering data in the provinces, the teams will also ensure that the

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maabot ang bawat pamilya sa Kordilyera upang masiguro na sila ay makatatanggap o nakatanggap nang tulong", Armas added.

DSWD Secretary Judy Taguiwalo has announced that the DSWD will be providing Php 5,000 Emergency Shelter Assistance (ESA) to all Lawin affected families.

"This is just the initial assistance that we will give to the families with totally or partially destroyed houses. Additional assistance can be given upon assessment and completion of necessary documents", Armas said. n g

THE WAR ON DRUGS CONTINUES - Guest of honor and speaker Baguio Boy PNP Deputy Chief For Operations Gen Benjamin Magalong who represented PNP Chief Director General Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa during the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council Summit themed: "Strengthening and Empowering the BADAC for a Peaceful and Drug Free Community" held at the Baguio Convention Center. Joining General Magalong with the "Duterte Sign" are PNP-CAR officers headed by PRO-CAR regional director PCSupt Elmo Francis Sarona, Soledad Go who represented her husband Cong. Marquez Go, DILG-Baguio Field Office director Evelyn Trinidad and BADAC officers chaired by Councilor Michael Lawana./by Bong Cayabyab

calls for volunteers as **DSWD** relief operations intensify in CAR

BAGUIO CITY -The the Department through Department of Social the Quick Response Team Welfare and Development (DSWD) here calls for individuals and groups who are interested to render volunteer services in the preparation of family food packs for the victims of Typhoon Lawin.

"In times like this, we need every hand that is willing to help. We need to come together for us to get through this", OIC-Regional Director Janet P. Armas said.

Potential volunteers could submit their names and contact numbers to

Aside from the family food packs and non-food items, during disasters, the DSWD provides ESA with a maximum amount of Php 10,000 for victims with partially damaged houses and maximum of Php 30,000 for victims with totally damaged houses. Families that are needed to be relocated can be provided assistance through the Core Shelter Assistance Program with a financial assistance ranging from Php 70,000 to Php 130,000.

at +63949-141-72-32, +63906-094-10-64, (074) 446-49-41 or (074) 442-39-46.

They will be contacted by the Department for their schedule.

The Department can also accept food and non-food items as donations. Individuals or groups who are willing to donate food items to volunteers are also welcome. Meanwhile, Armas has

asked the typhoon victims to inform the Department on the extent of the

10,700 partially damaged houses and 1,274 totally damaged houses in the Region. However, the number is expected to increase with reports coming following the restoration of power and telecommunication signal just now.

The DSWD will also be implementing Cash-for-Work (CFW) for the communities with damaged facilities. Activities such as clearing of debris and repair of damaged shelters and small-scale As of 12 NN of 24 community infrastruc-October 2016, there are tures can be covered by

damages in their communities.

"Please inform our office on the interventions that you need and we will do our best to provide it. You can call our QRT or you can go to the local social welfare and development offices in your areas", Armas said.

As of 12 NN of October 24, 2016, there were 66,518 families with 307,305 individuals affected by Typhoon Lawin. A total of 137 evacuation centers served a total of 3,387 families with

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the CFW. Beneficiaries of such will be allowed to work for a maximum of 15 days per person and will be paid with a rate of Php 214.00 per day representing 75% of the current regional wage rate.

"All of our assistance will be given through direct cash payout and we will try our best to release the initial assistance by the second week of November. We will also ensure that our operations will give priority to the poor," Armas added./ Nerizza Faye G. Villanueva- DSWD CAR

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