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# PWD, Senior Citizen impersonators to be penalized

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has approved a city council ordinance penalizing any person impersonating or falsely representing oneself by using or facilitating the use of reserved spaces intended for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and senior citizens in all public and private establishments in the Summer Capital.

Ordinance Number 23 series of 2017, authored by councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr., defines PWDs as persons suffering from restrictions or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

A senior citizen is a person who is at least 60 years of age while reserved spaces refer to sufficient and suitable spaces for the exclusive use of PWDs and senior citizens as provided in Batas Pambansa Bilang 344 and Republic Act No. 9994 as in parking spaces **Cont. on page 5**

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**SALUTE TO THE FALLEN HEROES** - The City of Baguio joins the nation in raising the Philippine National Flag, half-mast, giving tribute to the fallen military and policemen who died in a gun battle against the Maute terrorist group and ISIS sympathizers in Marawi City, Mindanao./By Bong Cayabyab

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# City needs to improve coverage, 35 percent of Baguio women are smokers implementation of car wash measure

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city government needs to improve the coverage and implementation of Ordinance No. 7 series of 2009 which requires car wash establishments to have a drainage system.

In a legislative tracking done by the city council research division team under local legislative staff officer V Dan Ricky Ong, several suggestions were made by Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) regional director Ralph Pablo and Environmental Management Bureau Cordillera acting regional director Reynaldo Digamo to improve the measure.

In the report submitted to Vice Mayor Edison Bilog by local legislative officer IV Eliza Orduna, Pablo said the waste water from car wash establishments should pass through a "Processing or filter media before disposal especially grease and oils that are hazardous to human health as well as to flora and fauna."

Owners of these establishments who have groundwater or surface water source should be encouraged to register their source to the

National Water Resources Board.

Digamo for his part recommended the inclusion in the measure's coverage the auto repair shops which provide engine washing and they be required to construct Oil Water Separator system which will separate oil from water and effluent to be discharged to the storm drainage line must conform to the standards set by the law.

He said all covered establishments should maintain a data on the estimated volume of waste water for monitoring purposes.

City planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat suggested that implementing rules and regulations should be formulated to set the parameters in enforcement.

Orduna in her report suggested that the observations and recommendations be considered by the city council in coming up with an amendatory ordinance.

She also put forward observations that most of the establishments do not have drainage systems and the water used directly goes to the canals, rivers, street gutters and storm

drains.

She also noted that there were numerous establishments around the city that were not in the list provided by the permits and licensing division and thus suggested that the PLD be tasked to inspect all of these businesses in cooperation with the barangay officials.

The office of the environmental and natural resources should also help the PLD in strictly monitoring compliance of these firms to the provisions of the Environment Code which requires that auto repair and car wash shops should be located at least ten meters away from roadsides, pavements, drainage lines and other water sources to prevent discharge of effluents into waterways.

The code also requires auto repair shops to install appropriate catchment and receptacles for used gas and oils which should be properly placed in sealed containers and disposed through authorized means while car wash shops are required to put up a treatment facility with grease separator before water is disposed to the drainage line. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Council passes anti-colorum ordinance

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city council has approved on final reading an ordinance prohibiting colorum vehicles from plying the city's roads and giving local policemen

the power to apprehend them.

Ordinance No. 55 series of 2017 or the Anti-Colorum Ordinance of the City of Baguio also provides a reward system for persons

who can give information that will lead to the identification and apprehension of these colorum vehicles.

Councilors Benny Bomogao, Faustino Olowan and Michael

Lawana who authored the measure said the city needs to "heighten laws against colorum motor vehicles plying their trade or business within the city... to

**B**AGUIO CITY - The City Health Services office is alarmed over the increasing number of women who are involved in smoking based on a study conducted to ascertain the level of smoking among residents in the city.

Dra. Donabel Tubera, CHSO Medical Officer IV, said based on the study, 34 percent of every 100 individuals in the city are said to be smokers which is way above the national average of 23 percent.

Since 2014, Tubera revealed there had been a drastic increase in

the number of smokers in the city, especially among women, thus, the enactment of the city's comprehensive anti-smoking ordinance will definitely contribute in helping reduce the percentage of smokers in the city in the coming years.

In 2014, the rate of smokers among women was pegged at 20 percent before its drastically increased to 33 percent in 2015 and ended up to 35 percent in 2016 for women aged 15 years old and above.

Another alarming data obtained by the health officials from the survey

is the prevalence of smokers among the youth aged 12 to 18 wherein 31 percent had easy access to cigarettes being sold in sari-sari stores.

Further, Tubera disclosed 49 percent of the youth who were considered as smokers were able to access cigarettes from sari-sari stores while 28 percent of them claimed that they were not resisted by store keepers when they bought cigarettes from them.

According to her, stopping smoking for a day will improve a

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uphold the primordial interest of the riding public for a safe and healthy transportation which shall not be compromised by the proliferation of motor vehicles commonly known as 'colorum.'

"The existence of motor vehicles used for public conveyance locally called 'colorum' is causing prejudice to the economic benefits of the legitimate operators of duly registered public utility vehicles. These motor vehicles also contribute to the traffic congestion of the city," the measure notes.

"The safety of the riding public is of paramount interest of the City Government of Baguio and colorum vehicles often elude safety inspections and compliance on transportation regulations and traffic ordinances. When accidents happen the passengers of these colorum vehicles are uninsured unlike legitimate public utility vehicles who are issued with Certificate of Public Conveyance."

The proponents said that under the Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-001 of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) [Revised Schedule of Fines and Penalties for Violations

of Laws, Rules and Regulations Governing Land Transportation, only personnel of the three agencies can apprehend colorum vehicles thus the Baguio City Police Office does not have jurisdiction over the implementation of anti-colorum laws.

In the ordinance, colorum is defined as private motor vehicles operating as public utility vehicles but without proper authority from the LTFRB; PUV with expired CPC; PUVs with CPC but the approved route does not include Baguio City; motor vehicles posing as PUV but without a duly issued CPC by the LTFRB; a PUV operating differently from its authorized franchise like a school service but operating as Utility Vehicle (UV) Express; and other vehicles defined by law or regulations as colorums.

Vehicles covered by the ordinance include buses, jitneys, taxi, UV Express, school service, and private vehicles.

As decreed, colorum vehicles will "not be allowed to traverse, park or use any roads, maintain loading and unloading terminals whether in public or private properties and/or convey passengers within the City of Baguio" with the BCPO as the primary enforcer of the ordinance.

Apprehending officers will confiscate the driver's

license of the driver and one plate number of the vehicle.

Failure of the driver or owner of the vehicle to show the Certificate of Registration or Certificate of Public Conveyance is prima facie evidence of being a colorum vehicle.

The ordinance mandates the BCPO to submit a quarterly report to the City Mayor, the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee and city council on the operations conducted for the enforcement of this ordinance.

The City Mayor was given a hand to create a task force to enforce this ordinance to include deputizing the barangay officials, barangay tanods and other personnel.

Violators will be fined P5,000 plus impounding fees ranging from P5,000 to P15,000. On the third offense, they will be charged in court.

"In determining the frequency of offenses, the count shall be against the operator/owner and not against a particular vehicle. Thus, the apprehension of a vehicle belonging to the same operator or owner shall be counted as second offense," the measure notes.

A reward will be provided to informants whose identities will be kept secret as decreed. /Aileen P. Refuerzo



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# Screening of technology providers for Antamok project set June 23

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan announced that the technical committee for the Antamok waste-to-energy project will be shortlisting the proponents for the project to be able to identify the feasible technology that will be put in place in the

proposed integrated solid waste disposal facility in the former open pit site.

The local chief executive said the technical committee is inclined to identify the potential waste-to-energy provider that will serve as the partner of the Benguet Corporation (BC) and the

Goldrich Natural Explo-rations and Development corporation in the put up of the waste-to-ener-gy facility in the said area to help effectively and efficiently address the garbage disposal concerns of the Baguio-La Trini-dad-Itogon-Sablan-Tu-ba-Tublay (BLISTT) area.

The put up of the waste-to-energy facility in the former Antamok open pit mine site is part of the company's final mine rehabilitation and development plan for the said area which was closed way back in 1997.

Upon the advise of Undersecretary Noel

Felongo of the Depart-ment of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) who is also in charge of solid waste concerns nationwide, BC, Itogon municipality and Baguio City will be sending a letter seeking for the exclusion of the Antamok open pit site

in the coverage of a res-olution crafted by the National Solid Waste Commission (NSWMC) that absolutely prohibited the establishment of waste disposal facilities within protected areas.

The previous site for the engineered sanitary

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## Public urged to be vigilant on influx of Muslims

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan urged residents and visitors to be vigilant on the reported influx of Muslims to the different barangays in the city as an offshoot of the month-long Marawi siege to make sure that relatives of the members of the Maoti terrorist group will not come to the city and create trouble.

The local chief executive also directed the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to again engage the leaders of the Muslim community in the city to make sure that they are able to police their own ranks after receiving reports that there were several groups of Muslims who allegedly boarded Baguio-bound buses from La Union to make sure that their identities will be taken and validated.

Further, he said BCPO personnel must also engage owners of business establishments to make sure that their security preparations are in place, saying that security guards should work as guards and not for them to do other duties assigned by the owners outside their supposed job.

"We call on our people to be vigilant on what is happening in their neighborhood. Our constituents must report to their barangay officials or the police suspicious-looking individuals in their neighborhood so that immediate verifications can be done on their identities," Domogan stressed.

He said there is nothing wrong if those displaced by the Marawi siege will come to the city to join their friends and relatives but there is still a need for concerned authorities to validate and verify their identities to prevent unscrupulous individuals from being harbored in the city which could result to unnecessary actions that might compromise the city's peace and order situation.

According to him, barangay officials should also do their part by making sure that they are aware of the presence of new faces in their areas of jurisdiction so that they can immediately seek the assistance of concerned authorities once they find the said people to be doubtful upon verification and validation procedures.

Earlier, city and police officials solicited the support of leaders of the Muslim community in the city to police their own ranks and requested them to inform the concerned authorities of the identities of Muslims who come to the city after being displaced by the Marawi siege and for them to vouch for their integrity and credibility. **Cont. on page 6**

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# Public 'deserves truth' about Duterte's health – senators

**M**ANILA, Philippines – Several senators are demanding full disclosure on President Rodrigo Duterte's health after the Chief Executive went on a 4-day "rest" that fanned rumors about his physical condition.

Detained Senator Leila de Lima called for "transparency and accountability" from Malacañang and said the public must know the "truth" about Duterte's state of health.

"The public needs to be fully informed. Knowing the truth about the President's state of health is both a matter of public interest and national security," De Lima said in a statement from Camp Crame, where she is detained, on Thursday, June 15.

She said the public does not need this kind of uncertainty "at a time when the AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) is waging a war against terrorists in Marawi."

"For the past several days, the men and women of our uniformed service have remained in their post, have continued to discharge their solemn duty to defend the Filipino people, and some have even made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Amidst their continued and constant service, where is the President? Where is our Commander-in-Chief?" she added.

**EDITORIAL** Duterte had been out of the public eye since Monday, June 12, Independence Day. He skipped his first Independence Day celebration and had "rest time" for the next 3 days "due to fatigue" from his "brutal" schedule of going to wakes of soldiers killed in Marawi, and visiting injured government troops.

## 'Matter of public concern'

Senator Panfilo Lacson said in a statement on Friday, June 16, that the President's health is "a matter of public concern."

"The health of the president of any country is not his or his family's private affair alone. It is a matter of public concern. Having said that, it behooves Malacañang to disclose the current state of health of the President if only to quell any speculation about his health. The public deserves nothing less," Lacson said.

He said the public would "surely understand" the kind of stress the President had been going through, especially in view of the Marawi crisis where government troops are fighting local terrorist groups.

"They will surely understand that PRRD is presently exposed to all kinds of stress and physical exhaustion due to the numerous problems besetting the country, not to mention the sight of our soldiers being transported in coffins by military aircraft with all the grieving families waiting to bring them to their respective provinces. That indeed is very stressful," Lacson said.

Senator Francis Pangilinan said that while he "accepts" the official explanation that the President needed to rest, Malacañang should be transparent about his medical condition, if any.

"While I accept the explanation of Malacañang that he was tired and needed rest, the 4-day absence was a concern considering the current situation. Having said that, if the President has a medical condition preventing him from fulfilling his duties as Commander-in-Chief and is not simply 'just resting' then the public deserves to know the truth," Pangilinan said.

## Question of obligation

Citing the 1987 Constitution, De Lima also said it is Malacañang's "moral obligation" to be transparent and accountable to the public about their leader's condition.

Article 7, Section XII states that in case of serious illness of the President, the public shall be informed of the state of his health.

"Of course, Malacañang is well within the constitutional bounds when it refuses to fully inform the public about the President's 'vacation,' but it is also its moral obligation to go beyond what the Constitution requires. This is called transparency and accountability, two words that are already lost to this administration and its senior cabinet officials," the senator said.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III had a different take on the matter. He said Malacañang is only obligated to make a public announcement on the President's illness if it's serious.

"If the president is sick with an illness, Malacanang has the obligation to inform the public," said the senator, a party mate of Duterte.

"If the president is merely resting or doesn't feel well or has slight fever or flu or LBM, There is no need to make a public announcement about that. Since there is no public statement from Malacañang Palace, then that means the cause of the absence of the President from the public eye is a minor one," Pimentel added.

Malacañang had insisted that the President is "definitely" not sick and released photos of the Chief Executive late Thursday **Cont. on page 7**



## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Rebellion is written all over the Marawi siege*



**BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO**

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown..." (Revelation 2:10, the Holy Bible).

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**REBELLION IS WRITTEN ALL OVER THE MARAWI CITY SIEGE:** Is there--or is there no---actual rebellion in the on-going Marawi City siege? That was a highly legitimate question that Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio raised during the first day of the scheduled three-day oral arguments on petitions questioning the factual basis of President Duterte's declaration of martial law in Mindanao.

Now, how do we answer that kind of a question? By looking into the facts that prompted President Duterte to declare martial law in Mindanao and to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in the region, of course.

What are the facts? From available records and accounts, here are the facts: Marawi City was overrun by Filipino and foreign terrorists who have earlier pledged their loyalty and allegiance to the terror organization that is called the ISIS, or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

They bombed and killed, and burned edifices, as they blitzkrieged their way into the city, using imported and therefore highly sophisticated firearms, and then hoisted the ISIS flag to claim Marawi City for ISIS. They then set prisoners free from the city jail, destroyed a Catholic church and razed it to the ground, seizing and holding as hostages the parish priest and some parishioners of the church up to now.

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**WHAT IS ISIS AND WHY IS IT TRYING TO CONTROL MINDANAO?** What is ISIS and why is it attempting to take control of Marawi City and of Mindanao?

Available records, from the government and from media, will show that ISIS was formed in 2014 after some members of the Al Qaeda terrorist group in Iraq broke away from Al Qaeda, moved to Syria, and then formed ISIS. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is recognized as the present head, or caliph, of ISIS. Under his leadership, the Islamic State or Khalifa in Syria and Iraq was established.

Becoming a member of the Khalifa or caliphate would require a mujahideen, or a Muslim who claim to be a warrior for the faith, to pledge his allegiance to the caliph, al-Baghdadi. On account of this pledge of alle- **Cont. on page 6**

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## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**Extra- Rice Conundrum  
(Satirical analysis)**



**BY: CLYDE B. SACPA**

In these chaotic time, the Filipinos are trying everything they can to survive. Every step in their life is survival. We can't figure out why for a very long time Filipinos have to suffer like this. The war in the south, the poverty in the cities and country side, the drug problem and more. The Filipinos are experiencing it all.

But the time has come for all this suffering to end. Thanks to a very intelligent lawmaker who conducted a thorough research. Alas! Her dedications paid off. She has now found out the very root cause of the problems we are having. We never had a clue that the root cause of our problem is in every household in the country. It is a part of our life since time immemorial.

It's that white thing. That white sticky thing we call rice. It is the root cause of all the problem in our society. That is why our lawmakers is using much needed time ( a very valuable time ) to discuss about it. They are also willing to spend a lot of money, our money, to come up with the law about consuming this dreadful thing.

Thanks to this great effort by our lawmaker for sure the problems of the Filipinos about terrorism and everything will be gone now. We are very thankful that we have senators who prioritize the biggest problems in our country. Indeed they are God sent.

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Speaker Alvarez dinuro  
ang Court of Appeals at  
Ipaabolish Daw!**



**BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO**

Atig talaga itong si Speaker Alvarez na ito! Ibang klase talaga ang mga nasa poder ng kapangyarihan ngayon, hindi ko lang lubos na maisip kung saan pupulutin ang mga ito kapag nawala na ang kanilang Bosing Digong?

Kamakailan lang ay lumabas sa balita, ayon sa Inquirer na sinabi ni Speaker Alvarez na ipapaabolish daw niya ang Court of Appeals! Basahin ang kabuuan ng report:

**"Speaker Alvarez threatens to dissolve Court of Appeals"**

*"By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejaya-\*/pINQ, Philippine Daily Inquirer / 02:13 PM June 16, 2017*

*"Congress can at any time 'dissolve' the Court of Appeals, Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez warned on Friday, insisting that the appellate court had no power to compel the House of Representatives to release the six Ilocos Norte officials in its custody.*

*"They are not even our co-equal branch... They are merely a creation of Congress—that Court of Appeals. They only exist because they were created by Congress. Any time, we can dissolve them. So they better start thinking," he told a radio interview.*

*"The leader of the House also threatened to disbar the three justices from the CA Special Fourth Division, Stephen Cruz, Edwin Sorongon and Nina Antonino-Valenzuela, for granting the habeas corpus petition of the six and issuing a release order allowing them to post bail.*

*"He called them 'gago' (idiot) in a text message to reporters on Wednesday. He added two more epithets: 'bugok' (rotten) and 'buwang' (crazy) in the early Friday interview on dzMM, a transcript of which was sent to House reporters by the Speaker's office.*

*"For me, they have no jurisdiction over us. —>*

## FAIR AND SQUARE

**"Pista ng Pagbabago  
Sa LTFRB"**



**BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS**

Read from the Programme of Activities that LTFRB published, the celebration of its 30th Anniversary this year will run for a week from June 14 to June 19 to be held in Quezon City with a Theme: "Pista ng Pagbabago sa LTFRB."

Just like the LTFRB's observance of Anniversary in the past many years, I have lost my count, the week-long celebration this year as seen from the Programme will be lavishly festive like a true "pista" indeed. What with the games and awarding of winners in the Sports fest, the Gala Night presentation by the respective regions and probably the sumptuous meals during the week. No doubt the participant employees will return to their respective regions with joyful memories.

I shall have to ask though: Will the object of the Theme "Pista ng Pagbabago sa LTFRB" be achieved by this celebration? I doubt! Save probably for the scheduled signing of MOA for the Driver's Academy and the signing of the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines which can be done anyway in other days without much ado, I bet nothing much will be accomplished during this celebration meeting as to cause changes in the old system, procedures and values of LTFRB personnel. The same inefficiencies and irregularities or even worse, mind you, are bound to happen and repeat themselves.

The "Pagbabago" that the celebration intended to achieve could have started outright if LTFRB truly wanted it that way, by reducing to only 2 or 3 days including the weekend the celebration of the 30th Anniversary. That way, the needed transaction and service to the public would not have been deprived them. Why, in the beginning the LTFRB would make the celebration last in only 2 days in observance of austerity measures, yet efficiency of service to the public can easily be seen.

Why can't the LTFRB do the same as it has done before? There is greater demand for better service now in the face of complexities in transportation need owing to rapidly increasing population.

*Who are they to dictate Congress what to do? We have rights that have been upheld by the Supreme Court a number of times,' Alvarez said.*

*"That's really gross ignorance of the law. That is why I will not honor their order to [allow the six] to post bail. I will claim responsibility, let's see, because they are too much," he said.*

*"The Court of Appeals, the second highest court of the land, was created with the passage of Commonwealth Act No. 3 in December 1935 in what was then supposed to be a transition from US rule to an independent Philippine government.*

*"This week, the CA attempted three times to serve the order at the Batasang Pambansa but was prevented from doing so, on Alvarez' directive.*

*"The so-called 'Ilocos Six' were held in contempt by the House good government and public accountability committee and later ordered detained by Alvarez for allegedly refusing to answer questions during an inquiry into the alleged irregular procurement of P66.45-million worth of vehicles by the provincial government.*

*"Pedro Agcaoili, chair of the bids and awards committee and provincial planning and development officer; provincial budget officer Evangeline Tabulog; provincial treasurer Josephine Calajate; accountant Eden Battulayan, and treasury office staff Genedine Jambaro and Encarnacion Gaor, have been detained since May 29.*

*"Alvarez said Antonino-Valenzuela was —>*

## PWD, Senior Citizen...

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in malls, public and private establishments, theaters, concert halls and similar establishments.

Violators will be fined the amount of P2,000 for the first offense; P3,000, second offense; and P5,000 for the third offense.

The ordinance tasks the City Mayor's Office-Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) to establish a "hotline" or preferred telephone number to receive complaints and reports of violations.

It also directs the POSD, Office for Senior Citizens Affairs, and other concerned agencies to promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations for the proper implementation of the ordinance.

The ordinance is based on the report and recommendation of the city council's committee on employment, livelihood, cooperatives, handicapped and differently-abled persons chaired by councilor Arthur Allad-iw. /Gaby Keith

## 35 percent of Baguio women...

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person's heart rate, stopping smoking for a year will reduce the chances of persons in suffering from hypertension, stopping smoking for five years will reduce the chances of persons suffering from stroke by 50 percent and stopping smoking for 10 years will reduce the chances of persons from suffering from cancer by 50 percent.

Tubera called on residents and visitors to strictly adhere to the city's anti-smoking policy to help curb the possibility of smokers from contracting dreaded illnesses and to help in the efforts of the local government to clean the city's air from pollutants.

While the city's anti-smoking ordinance took effect last May 30, 2017, Tubera revealed concerned departments of the local government are conducting a massive information education campaign to inform the residents and visitors to make them fully aware of the penalties to be imposed against owners of establishments selling cigarettes to the public and to smokers to prevent them from arguing that they were not properly informed of their violations and penalties when apprehended.

The medical officer underscored the public plays an important role in the successful implementation of the city's anti-smoking ordinance to make sure that owners of business establishments selling cigarettes and smokers will be imposed the appropriate penalties to teach them a lesson and for smokers to start quitting smoking to improve their health condition.

She claimed designated smoking areas must always be located in open air and in compliance to existing rules and regulations, thus, indoor smoking areas should already be removed. /By Dexter A. See

*married to a former associate of Estelito Mendoza, the counsel of the Ilocos Six, and should have inhibited herself 'out of delicadeza.'*

*"He also said the discussion of the case should be restricted to its merits, and not the political feud between the Marcoses and Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas in Ilocos Norte.*

*"It was Fariñas, a representative of the province's first district, who first called for an inquiry into the alleged irregular purchases. He has pointed to Ilocos Norte Gov. Imee Marcos as being directly involved in the alleged anomaly. By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejayapINQ, Philippine Daily Inquirer / 02:13 PM June 16, 2017"*

Ayan mga dear readers. Tama ba na yang si Speaker Alvarez ay mag sasalita ng ganyan? Patay tayong mga Pinoy sa mga nangyayari!!!



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KYLE MACDO S.  
KANONGKONG,  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

LUISA P. ESMABE,  
Respondent-Mortgagor.

Case No. 17-35-NP  
For: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by mortgagee KALANGED KYLE MACDO S. KANONGKONG, against the mortgagor Luisa P. Esmabe, Filipino citizen, of legal, window, and with residence and postal address at No. 231 San

Vicente, Baguio City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P1,600,000.00), Philippine currency representing the principal obligation and excluding interest, charges, penalties and other expenses as agreed upon in the real estate mortgage executed by the mortgagor in favor of the mortgagee on February 11, 2015, under Doc. No. 195, Page No. 40, Book No. 35, Series of 2015 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. May Labanet D. Soliba-Kiat-Ong, the undersigned Notary Public will sell at public auction on July 05, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the main lobby of Justice Hall, Baguio City, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency, the property registered in the name of the mortgagor which was the subject of the aforesaid Real Estate Mortgage consisting of Lot, covered by ARP 2014-03-004-150982 of the Assessor's Office of Baguio City, and more particularly described as follows:

UNDER ARP No. 2014-03-004-150982  
"A residential land consisting an area of 1,000 square meters, more or less, with a market value of 420,000.00 and assessed

value of 35,280.00. Bounded on the North by Ass. Lot No. 028 (Lourdes Property Brgy.), on the South by Dominican Hill Rd., on the East by Ass. Lot No. 002, and on the West by Dominican Hill Rd." The lot is bounded by visible monuments.

In case there will be failure of bidding on the said date, the same is rescheduled on July 12, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the resolution of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the tax declaration herein above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, May 30, 2017.

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ELMER BALLIO

Applicant

CASE No. 96-BC-084

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 19, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - BINENG & VV and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTFRB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 5th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT  
Hearing Officer

## Screening of... ...from page 3

landfill (ESL) in Ampucao and the Antamok open pit mine site fall within the Lower Agno river basin reservation wherein the put up of solid waste disposal facilities are actually prohibited based on the 2013 resolution of the NSWMC.

However, Domogan explained Felongco agreed to his contention that the situation in the Antamok open pit site is different from the situation in Ampucao.

In the case of Antamok, he explained that the property is part of the patented claims of BC and that it is titled in the company's name, thus, whatever devel-

opment activities that will be done by the owner should not be included in the prohibition.

According to him, the technical committee will be preparing the necessary communication that will be submitted to the Commission for the members to partly reconsider their 2013 resolution absolutely prohibiting the use of the portions of declared forest reservations for the put up of solid waste disposal facilities.

Under the memorandum of understanding signed by representatives of the Benguet Corporation, Goldrich Natural Exploration and Development Corporation, Itogon municipal government and the Baguio City government, the company's partner is given at least one year to conduct due diligence on the 60-hectare property being eyed as the site for the put up of the waste-to-energy plant.

Domogan remains optimistic that the technical committee will be able to select the suitable technology and the proponent so that the concerned parties could move on to the next step of the project. /By Dexter A. See



## OF THE WEEK

### FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED

#### HUWAG MAGING-TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE!

Mula sa issue na ito ay mag papalabas kami ng isang halimbawa ng fake news (basahin ang balita sa ibaba) na nagmumula sa social media. Ang layunin nito ay para mabigyan ng kaukulang linaw at awareness ang ating mga mambabasa.

Kami ay humihiling sa publiko na parating maging mapagmatyag at magsiyasat bago paniwalaan at i-share ang mga nagkalat na fake news sa social media (Facebook, etc). Hindi katulad ng isang lehitimong media outfit na maari ninyong habulin, ihabla at panagutin kung maglalabas ito ng fake news, maraming mga bali-balita sa social media ay walang ibang layunin kung hindi manlinlang. You have been informed and forwarded accordingly. /By: The Publisher, The Junction

Source: www.tv-bbc.com

#### Philippines Favored in Trump's Immigration War as He Approves 30 Days Visa-Free Travel Policy - BBCTV

The United States President, Donald Trump has signed an executive order to allow Filipinos travel to the United States without visas for only 30 days.

The new order, serving as a change in visa policy for Filipinos traveling to the United States, would permit them stay in the U.S for a maximum period of 30 days for Tourism or Business purposes only. Stay over 30 days would therefore require a visa.

Trump says this measure is to strengthen trade between the United States and Philippines.

However, Filipinos who hold dual nationality will be banned from entering the United States if their other passport is from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen — the seven Muslim-majority countries "of concern".

It has emerged that trade and bilateral visa deals have been discussed by Trump and Head of Mission of Philippines in the United States.

A source at the White House has hinted that Trump may revoke Australia's opportunity of traveling to the United States without visas after canceling all trade deals with the country.

Allowing Filipinos to the United States freely is not the only order signed into force by Trump since assuming office. He has signed five new executive orders — including one to expedite environmental review and approval of high-priority infrastructure projects....



## Public urged to be vigilant on...

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However, he emphasized that the verification and validation of new faces in the barangays will not only be applicable to the Muslims but also to other individuals coming from other places who want to reside with their friends and relatives in the city purposely to work or do business in the city among others.

He underscored residents and visitors are peace-loving that is why any untoward incident that will compromise the city's peace and order situation will significantly affect the state of the local tourism industry, thus, efforts to sustain peace and order should be the responsibility of every citizen by actively participating in reporting to concerned authorities potential threats to the city's peace and order situation for the conduct of the appropriate action. /By Dexter A. See

## Kakampi mo ang Batas

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giance, the mujahideen subjects himself to the control and authority of the caliph.

The avowed objective of ISIS is to impose its rule worldwide. It does this by capturing and then running territories. The territories are organized into a caliphate, which is in turn divided into different wilayah, or different provinces led by a wali, who is assisted by officers of his own choice to run the wali. He is also funded by ISIS to allow the wilayah to operate. There will be more of this next issue, God willing.

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**WATCH "ANG TANGING DAAN" AT FACEBOOK:** Please watch "Ang Tanging Daan", a Bible exposition and prayer session for everyone, in English and Filipino, at [www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan](http://www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan). Reactions: 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).



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afternoon, apparently to settle speculations about his health.

In separate interviews, Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo and Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director

General Ronald dela Rosa said Duterte was "very lively" and "upbeat" when they had separate phone conversations with him during his period of rest.

The President's health was the focus of a media briefing at the Palace on Thursday, Duterte's 4th straight day of rest. This

is the longest he has gone without any official activities.

His last public appearance was on Sunday evening, June 11, when he witnessed the arrival honors for Marines who were killed in Marawi City. /Rappler.com

## BENECO offers pre-paid... ...from page 8

convinced to shift to using pre-paid electricity for their daily needs among others.

He explained the pre-paid power service is allowed by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) as one of the services to be provided by power distribution utilities to allow consumers to have the option whether or not to maintain the traditional metered system of

availing of electricity from the service provider.

Cachin extended the invitation to interested consumers wanting to avail of the pre-paid power service to immediately coordinate with the office of the rural electric cooperative for the replacement of the existing meters of consumers for them to be able to avail of pre-paid electricity. BENECO has been clas-

sified as a triple A cooperative with a systems loss of 9.06 and consumers reaching over 150,000 for both residential and commercial consumers. He explained the introduction of the pre-paid service to BENECO consumers is one of the strategies to help the rural electric cooperative realize lower operational expenses while providing the consumers with quality service through a reliable system of distribution. /By Dexter A. See

# Environmental summit

**B**AGUIO CITY – With the theme, "Sustaining shared responsibility in solid waste management through convergence," regional and local executives, environment officers and concerned individuals came together during the three-day summit last week, here in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who welcomed the delegates focused on individual and community efforts in preserving the environment, through regular clean-ups and re-greening. Abuse and destruction of the environment somehow result to cruel retaliation to inhabitants, sometimes claiming innocent lives, the mayor said.

Environment officials need to be empowered within their areas of responsibility to fully implement laws on environmental protection, he added.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) Regional Director Ralph Pablo talked about coming together for updating each other, within the community and beyond, for a "cleaner and healthier" environ-

ment. The endeavor is a "shared responsibility," with the cooperation of all sectors, including the government, and experts' strategy for an environmental positive change. We need to connect people with nature, he noted.

Jacqueline Caancan, In-charge, Office of the Director and concurrent Assistant Director, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) spoke about renewed vigor and commitment in protecting the environment through education and awareness campaigns. Clean air through monitoring and alternative fuels; water quality improvement through community partnerships; waste segregation and the proper use of Materials Recovery Facility; good and innovative practices; and ecological centers would be the focus of environmental battles, she said.

Technical and financial support for the mitigation of climate change is also on focus, Caancan added, through linkages with agencies.

OIC EMB-CAR RD Reynaldo Digamo stressed on CAR's perfor-

mance as to the 77 local government units' compliance to the 10-year solid waste programs. All have submitted regionwide, with 34 approved, and the rest are re-planned, Digamo said.

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management, Local Government and Indigenous People's Concerns Noel Felongco, asked for cooperation of all sectors with the Duterte administration for a better waste management. New habits are needed, with aspirations as models for change, he also said.

Part of the program is the sharing of best practices; Disaster and Risk Reduction Management in La Trinidad, Benguet as delivered by Yoshio Labi; the Bantay Basura program in La Trinidad, Benguet; Clean, Green and Bloom program for Benguet; Baguio Philippine Economic Zone Authority; and a presentation on alternative technologies for solid waste management.

Indigenous and recycled materials were also displayed at the venue. /Julie G. Fianza



**Basic tourism statistics training** - City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao addresses the importance of statistics to the city's partner in the tourism industry the accommodation establishments, conducted by the City Tourism Office this 16th of June at eld Cielito Hotel. Contributed photo yooj valbuena

## Request to defer BIBAK demolition junked

**B**AGUIO CITY – The inter-agency committee on the Benguet-Igugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) property along Harrison road denied the request of the informal settlers to defer the scheduled demolition of their illegal structures in the 5,000-square meter lot after June 30, 2017.

In a meeting Thursday, the committee chaired by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan and composed of representatives from the Cordillera offices of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP-CAR), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) and concerned departments of the local government found no merit in the last ditch effort of the informal settlers to again request for the re-scheduling of the demolition of their illegal structures to a much later date considering that their proposed relocation site in La Trinidad has not yet been finalized and that their children will encounter difficulties in going to school during the rainy season.

The committee will formally reply to the resolution of the informal settlers through a letter

to be signed by Mayor Domogan, NCIP-CAR regional director Roland P. Calde and DENR-CAR regional director Ralph Pablo to put to rest the long standing issue.

Instead, the committee requested the informal settlers to cooperate with the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) to fast-track the preparation of the pertinent documents for the conversion of their proposed relocation site from agricultural to residential and the approval of the overall development plan of the property so that it could be subdivided pursuant to the desire of the informal settlers.

Domogan explained upon the request of PCUP officials, he already talked to La Trinidad mayor Romeo Salda and some municipal councillors which resulted to the approval of the conversion of their proposed relocation site from agricultural to residential and that Mayor Salda also committed to work on the approval of the property's development plan once the concerned parties will submit their formal request to him.

The demolition of the illegal structures within the BIBAK property was scheduled early this year

but the informal settlers submitted a notarized commitment for them to voluntarily demolish their structures on or before June 30 and for the withdrawal of all the cases that they filed against the city and that all remaining structures after the committed deadline will be demolished by the city demolition team.

Domogan pointed out the ground of the informal settlers in requesting for the deferment of the demolition of their structures that was anchored on the claim that the property will be given to a local businessman to be developed into a mall is baseless considering that he was not aware of the alleged endorsement made by former Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. because he never saw a copy of such letter addressed to former DENR officials.

He underscored the plan for the property is for it to be fenced after the demolition of the illegal structures and for the members of the inter-agency committee to prepare the master plan that will include the construction of dormitories that will serve as the lodging area for deserving students from the different parts of the Cordillera. /By Dexter A. See



## Independence Day reminds us to value our freedom, Mayor says

**B**AGUIO CITY – “What have we been giving and what are we willing to contribute and sacrifice to be deserving of the independence our forefathers proclaimed 119 years ago?”

This was the challenge laid down by Mayor Mauricio Domogan in his message during the city’s 119th Philippine Independence Day Celebration last week at the Baguio Convention Center with the theme, “Pagbabagong Sama-Samang Balikatin”, participated by representatives from the government and private sectors.

The Mayor cited the heroism of 24-year-old Pfc. Dhan Ryan Bayot who was among those killed in the on-going Marawi siege by Maute-ISIS terrorists and his father, Sgt. Larry Bayot, who was willing to offer his sons in the altar

of freedom. The younger Bayot was willing to be bombed to protect the nation’s peace, he added.

“We remember and pay homage to those who have fallen during the night – our leaders, patriots and martyrs who sacrificed their lives in order for us to live with dignity and freedom and to refresh our minds and commemorate that sacred day – that historic day of June 12, 1898 when our forefathers proclaimed sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the bondage and tyranny of colonial Hispanic rule.”

Domogan said that June 12, 1898 is a “sacred day where our forefathers courageously declared that our destiny as a sovereign nation will no longer be determined for us by a foreign nation but will be determined, once

and for all, by the free and independent Filipino people”.

He pointed out that with all the freedom we have today, everyone must continue to work together in order to live up to the sublime spirit of the nation’s declaration of independence and to achieve that continuing, never ending change that Filipinos must all aspire for to give meaning and significance to the freedom that had been given as our inheritance.

“The essence of our Independence Day celebration is and has always been to remind us to value the freedom that has been fought for us – not only by preserving it but by contributing whatever we can to the altar of freedom to make our country a better place for everyone,” Domogan said.

/Gaby Keith

## Baguio braces for Media Congress Week

**B**AGUIO CITY – The local government is bracing for the upcoming Media Congress Week in the city following the declaration of September 4-10, 2017 as the Media Congress Week in the city.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 060, series of 2017 that set the guidelines to be observed by concerned parties during the Media Congress Week.

Earlier, the Media Specialist Association of the Philippines (MSAP) selected Baguio as the host of its 3rd Media Congress on September 6-9, 2017.

Aside from the MSAP, the United Print Media

Group (UPMG), the Kapisanan ng mga Broadcasters sa Pilipinas (KBP), the Outdoor Association of the Philippines (OAOP), the Outdoor Media Advocacy Group (OMAG), and the Internet and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines (INNAP) primarily compose the organizing group of the media congress.

Domogan revealed this event is expected to bring to the city more than 2,000 participants from the media and marketing industries, as well as from the academe, significantly contributing to the promotion of the city as a preferred tourism and events destination in the

country. “We have to provide a comfortable and stress-free stay for our guests by affording them the convenience and freedom of easy access to their seminar venues and lodging and likewise to tour and explore the various tourist attractions of the city in the comfort of their vehicles,” Domogan stressed.

Under the said order, the implementation of the provisions of the Baguio Number Coding Ordinance will be suspended for all vehicles of participants and support groups riding in authorized 3rd Media Congress 2017 vehicles provided by the organizers from September 4-8, 2017.

Domogan directed all concerned government agencies and city departments and offices to extend their utmost assistance to the organizers for the successful conduct of the said endeavour.

Among the outlined duties and responsibilities of the concerned city departments will be the allocation of available vehicles and drivers to



**CORDILLERA ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT** - Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomes officials of the Cordillera Administrative Region, DENR and EMB directors, heads of line agencies and stakeholders during the Cordillera Environmental Summit held in Albergo Hotel last June 13 with the theme : "Sustaining Shared Responsibility in Solid Waste Management Through Convergence"./By Bong Cayabya

## BENECO offers pre-paid electricity to consumers

**B**AGUIO CITY – Consumer-owners of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) can now avail of pre-paid electricity similar to what Metro Manila consumers from the Manila Electric Company following the putting in place of some 1,000 pre-paid electric meters to those who interested in availing of the new service.

Delfin Cachin, manager of BENECO’s Non-Network Services Department, said that consumers could avail of the pre-paid electricity through the payment of the pre-paid power cards that could be loaded to their meters or through the auto-load system that could be inputted through the internet and other mobile devices.

He said the meters for pre-paid electricity subscribers in lieu of the

existing meters being read by meter readers is guaranteed tamper-free and is aimed at helping the rural electric cooperative reduce the systems loss.

Based on the initial survey conducted by BENECO on over 36,000 consumers on the acceptability of the use of pre-paid electricity, it turned out more than 93 percent of the surveyed consumers prefer the existing system of being supplied power in their homes and establishments while some 6 percent are amenable to trying the pre-paid power service and less than 1 percent remain undecided.

According to him, BENECO wants to pilot the use of the pre-paid electricity to its employees and to those who have signified their intention to avail of the said service once offered this July to

test the efficiency and effectivity of the system for others to be convinced to patronize the use of the pre-paid system of being connected to the power distribution firm.

He said the pre-paid electricity is applicable to apartment owners who often encounter problems on unpaid and unsettled power bills with the rural electric cooperative that end up being settled by the lessors, thus, occupants of apartments will only be given the right amount of power to use during their temporary stay in the said facility.

The BENECO official disclosed the replacement of the meters of consumers wanting to avail of the pre-paid power service will be free and at the expense of the cooperative to guarantee that more consumers will be

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ferry guests to and from their hotels and seminar venues, allow the organizers to post, free-of-charge, advertising materials in the main streets of the city and adjoining highways leading to the city, subject to coordination with other concerned local governments; provide color guards and honor guards during the cul-

minating and awarding ceremonies; provide assistance to showcase the Cordillera culture throughout the congress and the produce, arts and crafts of Baguio through the Saturday market; provide escort to very important guests, security in all identified venues and traffic management; provide standby medical

and rescue services; provide assistance in the fun run and other sports activities, and provide and assemble parachute tents at the Camp John Hay camping grounds.

Domogan urged the academe and business sectors in the city to support this year’s media congress to guarantee its success. /By Dexter A. See

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