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li-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, said the worldwide struggle for autonomy has been triggered by the legacy of colonization, continuing racism and discrimination, loss and degradation of lands, territories and resources, loss and denial of cultural heritage, identity, languages, and militarization and armed conflicts, extra-judi-

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Cayetano to Gov't agencies: No more excuses, stop inconveniencing the people, cut the red tape

((No more excuses. Cut the red tape bureaucracy. Stop buderning the public with poor public service. Provide the people with swift, courteous and efficient

This was the statement issued today by Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano to all govern-

Cayetano said that all government agencies must become "ambassadors" of the "real change" that the people are expecting from the incoming Duterte administration. "It's time to end the long lines in all frontline services, expedite the issuance of driver's licenses, licensed plates, passports and other public documents necessary for people to do their work and conduct business," he said.

"It's time to end the awful public service which the government is infamous for," Cayetano added.

The Senator said that he is also supportive of President-elect Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte's push for a "threeday-window" to process business permits and clearcampaign platform to eliminate corruption and the barriers for small businesses to prosper.

Duterte and Cayetano are also studying the possibility of crowd-sourcing the best ideas for red tape reduction similar to the what is being done by the European Commission, which holds a competition "aimed at identifying innovative suggestions for reducing unnecessary bureaucracy stemming from European law."

"We would like to involve the people and civil society as red tape deprives the people of quality public service and in forging positive dynamics between the government and its citizens. Worse, it breeds a deep culture of corruption and indolence that is hard to eliminate," Cayetano explained.

'We start the process of real change by starting with how the government relates with the people. We begin by providing the people the services they truly deserve from their public servants," Cayetano concluded./Office

of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano ances. Cayetano said that the proposal is part of their No legal hindrance to Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - A ways of life and heritage, maintain their traditional (RTC) judge formerly based in the city said that there is no legal impediment in the realization of an autonomous region in the Cordillera considering that the creation of an autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao and the Cordillera is explicitly provided in the 1987 Constitution.

Judge Cleto Villacorta III of RTC Branch 229 of Quezon City explained that the purpose for the establishment of autonomous regions is to accord the utmost respect to the rights and traditions of determined groups with a common tradition and shared social-cultural characteristics on account of their inherent right to develop freely their

way of life, exercise their rights, and be in charge of their own business, especially because these rights have not always met a welcome response from the entrenched majority.

autonomy says judge

Further, the establishment of an autonomous region will allow the separate development of peoples with distinctive cultures and traditions, to free Philippine society of the strain and waste caused by the assimilationist approach, to recognize the reality that Muslim Mindanao and the Cordillera do not belong to the dominant national community as the justification for conferring on them a measure of legal self-sufficiency, meaning self-govern-

ment, so that they will flourish politically, economically and culturally.

He added that an autonomous region will also address exploitation, oppression and loss of identity among the indigenous peoples/indigenous cultural communities in the affected areas.

Villacorta explained that an autonomous region will indict the status quo of a unitary system that has ineluctably tied the hands of progress in our country, as our varying regional characteristics are factors to capitalize on to attain national strength through

decentralization. it will also establish special governance regime for

certain member communities who chose their own authorities from within the community and exercise the jurisdictional authority legally accorded to them to decide internal community affairs in a political structure that will respect the autonomous peoples' uniqueness and grant them sufficient room for self-expression and self-construction.

More importantly, Judge Villacorta underscored that the establishment of an autonomous region will contribute in the attainment of peace and unity within the context of a diverse

> However, he disclosed Cont. on page 9

CPA welcomes the appointment of progressives in Duterte's cabinet

The Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) welcomes $oldsymbol{1}$ the appointment of Rafael Mariano and Judy Taguiwalo for the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). CPA believes that their appointment is a recognition of their untarnished track record of the Left in serving the people. The acceptance of Mariano and Taguiwalo to their appointment is also a proof that the Left truly cares for the people.

Mariano has been a long time peasant organizer and leader. On the other hand, Taguiwalo is a long time champion of education and women's rights. As leaders, they showed determination and courage despite difficult times to serve the people. Mariano in fact was one of those farmers who marched in Mendiola in 1986 to demand Agrarian Reform but was met with bullets during the Cory Aquino regime.

Along with the people, the two incoming Cabinet Secretaries stood firm against political repression, corruption, human rights violations and other issues of the people. From the streets to the schools and congress, Taguiwalo and Mariano are in the forefront of the struggle for peace, justice, agrarian reform, women's rights and more.

With their appointment, CPA hopes that they remain firm and steadfast in serving the people amidst pressure, bureaucracy and corruption in the government. Their incoming tasks are gargantuan and need the support of the people. And their number is not enough, we need more progressives in whether in the Cabinet or government for the people to have greater

And lastly, in as much that we welcome the appointment of two progressives in the Cabinet, the challenges for our people remains. Despite the change of leadership in Malacanang, we will continue to remain vigilant on policies and programs that affect indigenous peoples and people of the Cordillera. We will remain guarded on the issues of destructive mining, energy, human rights, and militarization and on regional autonomy./ Abigail B. Anongos, Secretary General, Public Information Commission, CORDILLERA PEOPLES ALLIANCE



MEET YOUR CITY PROSECUTORS -City Prosecutor Elmer Sagsago introduces the members of the City Prosecutors Office after reporting on their accomplishments report during City Hall's flag raising ceremonies May 30./By Bong Cayabyab

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Barangay officials reminded to free roads from parked vehicles

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan reiterated his earlier order to all barangay officials in the city's 128 barangays to free city and barangay roads from obstructions that impede the smooth flow of traffic and compromise the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike.

The city chief executive issued the order after receiving complaints from firefighters of the Baguio Fire Department of private vehicles parked on both sides of roads within Engineers Hill that resulted to their delayed response to a fire incident last May 28, 2016 within the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) compouind.

the city council pass the necessary amendments to our 32-year old traffic and transportation code to require private vehicle owners proof of availability of parking spaces prior to the registration of their vehicles. This will prevent them from using the sides of roads as their private parking spaces compromising the safety of life and limb, especially during emergency situations," Domogan stressed.

He added that the staff of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) stations covering the different barangays are not sufficient in case they will be deployed to apprehend illegally parked vehicles

"It is high time that on roads that impede the smooth flow of traffic, thus, the need for barangay officials to be actively involved in the campaign to free city and barangay roads from such obstructions to prevent the untimely loss of lives and damage to properties.

> According to him, the appeal to barangay officials for them to have the political will in removing the obstructions on roads has always been part of the regular meetings of the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) with city officials every first Friday of the month.

city mayor The Cont. on page 9

Autonomy is a benchmar are separated from for federalism

BAGUIO CITY - A political analyst said autonomy is a benchmark for federalism that is why the renewed pursuit for autonomy in the Cordillera will not run counter to the plan of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to shift to a federal form of government considering that the two governance systems are complimentary.

Prof. Edmund Tayao, Executive Director of the Local Government **Development Foundation** (LOGODEF), pointed out both autonomy and federalism have common feature, which is decentralization that focuses on the re-distribution or dispersing of functions, powers, people or things, away from a central location or authority.

On the other hand, he explained that devolution is the State's granting of powers at the sub-national level while deconcentration is the process by which the agents of central governmental control are relocated and geographically dispersed.

Tayao added that both

autonomy and federalism are ways to decentralize powers but both have tendencies to centralize, considering that decentralization is an option for unitary systems of governance, but at the implementation level, the central government remains the superior level of government. However, the LOGODEF official emphasized that both autonomy and federalism could be limited by

divisions. We need to understand the context of reform, still ongoing democratization, andf realities of governance, that federalism may be a way to strengthen democracy, among others," Tayao stressed.

fragmented political sub-

He mentioned that the Cordillera is in a better position to achieve autonomy because its local governments are conspicuously located near each other, unlike in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao where the Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi provinces

mainland Mindanao, making transactions difficult for the people and local officials concerned.

Further, he explained that although the demand for autonomy in Muslim Mindanao is anchored on identity, this is challenged by physical separation which at the same time, is supposed to bring out the advantage of identity with the unity it can provide. Thus, even with effective leadership, coordination and administration is a challenge, he concluded.

Tayao believes that aside from the existing provisions of the 1987 Constitution providing for the establishment of autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and the Cordillera, there should be a separate article for autonomous regions to compliment the other provisions that describe the special character of these, among others.

Не encouraged autonomy advocates not to be disappointed by the failures of earlier quests for self-governance, saying that the process to be undertak-

Killer maid faces robbery with homicide charges

Baguio CITY
- Probers of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) recently filed robbery with homicide charges against a 39-year old woman who is the primary suspect in the brutal murder of 15-vear old girl last May 24, 2016.

Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo, BCPO acting city director, said the robbery with homicide charges were already transmitted by investigators to the city prosecutor's office for proper disposition as police operatives are conducting a manhunt for the arrest of the killer maid.

'We already made appropriate coordination's with various police stations in the Cordillera and Ilocos regions so that we will be able to ascertain the whereabouts of the suspect," Daskeo stressed.

The police official identified the suspect as Marites Rilloraza alias he failed to find his

Macaalay and Brenda Ducusin Mendoza, 39, married and a native of Burgos, La Union.

According to him, the suspect used the name Marites Judan when she applied as a housemaid of a family in Pinsao Proper last May 22, 2016 where she was subsequently hired on the spot by the parents of her victim.

Judan allegedly stabbed the 15-year old daughter of her employer when they were left inside their residence Tuesday morning before she carted away the young girl's mobile phone among other valuables.

The suspect even requested the older brother of the victim to bring her to the market in order for her to get her salary but upon reaching Naguilian Road, she asked the victim's older brother to drop her there.

When her brother went back to their house,

Marites Judan, Florence vounger sister there, but upon searching, he found her lifeless body inside their comfort room with multiple stab wounds.

> Probers revealed the victim sustained thirteen stab wounds in the different parts of her body that caused her instantaneous death.

> Daskeo is appealing to the public to help in the arrest of the killer maid to bring justice to the victim.

> Earlier, the suspect was said to have been charged for qualified theft by a previous employer in Aurora Hill after she carted away the valuable items when she served there as a housemaid.

> Rilloraza or Judan was also issued a warrant of arrest by a court in La Union for adultery among other cases.

> Daskeo called on whoever knows the whereabouts of the suspect to immediately report to them so her arrest could be facilitated./Dexter A.

Non-passage of key legislations to affect city's competitiveness

BAGUIO CITY -Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan admitted the failure of the city council

en must be calibrated, key elements that favour democracy are identified, structure is distinguished from mechanism, and complimentary functions are clearly delineated, as well as standards and procedures are set.

Tayao exhorted autonomy advocates to sustain their aggressiveness in pursuing the renewed quest for autonomy because it is already explicitly provided in the Constitution while the proposed federal form of government will need amending the Constitution and may take a longer period of time, thus, the autonomous region in the Cordillera should be put in place prior to federalism where both could

co-exist./Dexter A. See

to pass key legislations will by the Bureau of Local definitely affect the competitiveness ranking of the city in both the regional and national levels.

The local chief executive underscored some of the key legislations such as the city's environment code is now on second reading after publication while the city's comprehensive land use plan and zoning ordinance is also lined up for amendments, thus, the need for the local legislative body to already pass the said pending ordinances before the said proposals will be subject to refilling next month.

He added another important legislation pending before the city council is the general revision of the schedule of market values for real property tax and the proposed amendments to the city's tax ordinance which had been branded

government Finance (BLGF) as antiquated.

"There is no perfect law that is why we urge the members of the city council to pass the pending key legislations to help u-lift the competitiveness level of our city in the future. Concerned agencies have time and again reminded the city on the need to update its tax ordinance and other important legislations but it seems nothing has been done to comply with such requirements," Domogan stressed.

It can be recalled that Baguio City ranked 13th among 144 cities in the latest competitiveness rankings released by the National Competitiveness Commission after placing 15th in the initial staging of the competitiveness ranking among local gov-

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What will Duterte boast of next, that he eats criminals' hearts?

A Rodrigo Duterte was bound to happen in the kind of society that we have.

What has brought him about, and accelerated the electrification to life of this political Frankenstein monster in this year's elections was the extreme hypocrisy, incompetence and apathy toward the poor of a Benigno S. Aquino regime. Yes, none other than this President and his rich yellow legion – they who never curse but quietly send their enemies to jail.

Duterte is tapping into the masses' outrage against the ruling elite, their huge disappointment that the Manila-based EDSA I had not meant anything to their lives through the past three decades. Duterte's putanginas are what poor hacienda tenants and underpaid shopping mall sales clerks have kept buried in their chests and would have loved to spit out in their masters' faces.



Rodrigo Duterte: The Rise of Philippines' Death Squad Mayor Published in The Mark Naws

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Philippines: Probe Mayor's Alleged 'Death Squad' Links

Philippine Death Squads: A Murderous Plague

Duterte with his tool of discourse, and international coverage of his governance style

The lower classes – those who have to commute by jeepneys and are, thus, prone to holdups, or whose hard-earned cash is snatched in some dark alley as they walk home from work – are the most helpless victims of street

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criminals. If your meager, hard-earned income were snatched away by a pickpocket, wouldn't you wish that criminal shot

dead immediately, without going through the time-consuming, expensive, due process of law?

That is exactly what Duterte promises he will do.

However, in any other civilized nation on earth, Duterte's kind who seeks the presidency would immediately get a good kick in the ass out the door, laughed at, or thrown into an asylum, except, of course, in an ISIS state if he happens to volunteer to kill criminals himself according to the Koran. Only in the Philippines – again that cliché – but it's so true, can an admitted killer of humans be allowed to run for the presidency.

Duterte, essentially, is a leap backward into barbarism, from the dark clutches of which it took centuries for humanity to extricate itself.

He even relishes telling the tale of his savagery in his willingness to execute criminals himself, as though mocking justice that he can't be taken to court for he only gives criminals the punishment they deserve. He boasted in a presidential debate: "Hindi ka puwedeng maging Presidente kung takot kang pumatay." [You can't qualify for the presidency if you're afraid to kill.] I hope he only meant killing criminals, not his political enemies. Who, in our crime-ridden society where the legal system is slow and expensive, wouldn't take notice of and be impressed by someone who promises to kill for them (suspected) criminals wherever they are found?

But Duterte's now famous I-will-kill-them-myself campaign line is a double-edged sword. Paradoxical in a country where life is cheap (a hit reportedly could be contracted for as low as P20,000), and at the same time deeply valued in a dominantly Catholic nation.

People who have killed people are described in whispers in towns and urban neighborhoods as the red-eyed ones (mapula ang mata) or the nearly untranslatable "halang ang bituka." Even if a killing could be justified, a killer is said to have transformed himself into a different, indescribable

category of human being, unable to sleep at night Cont. on page 6

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Media must carry out self-examination, too

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure---you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts..."

(Psalm 7:9, the Holy Bible).

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DENYING EXTORTION IN MEDIA IS LYING: We who are in media should accept the truth that there are many of us who use our profession for purposes which are less than sublime, like extortion, as President-Elect Rodrigo Duterte said the other day. It is no use denying this unfortunate reality, because it is something that is there for all to see. If we deny extortion in media, then we would be lying.

And because extortion is a reality that cannot be denied, we who are in media must also accept the fact that the people who were victims of extortion by media practitioners cannot be prevented from thinking and acting negatively against those who extorted from them, and this is where Duterte was correct once more--media extortionists do get killed by, or on orders of, their victims.

But, Duterte and his government should also accept the truth that there are still many in media who practice their profession to uphold truth and justice, and as a tool against wrongdoing and corruption both in the public and private sectors, despite the difficulty of doing so. And manymediamen get killed or persecuted, simplyfor espousing these righteous motives in the exercise of their profession.

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WILL DUTERTE CLARIFY, WHEN IS A MEDIAMAN A "SON OF A BIT..H"? And that was where Duterte was totally wrong, in generalizing that many of the media personalities who were killed were assassinated because they were engaged in extortion or corruption, or because some of them were, as he derisively described them to be, "son of a b..ch"

There are good mediamen, as there are mediamen who are sons of "bi..es", but not all are bad, as not all are good either. It is therefore wrong for Duterte or anyone else to be generalizing about a bad media, or even about a good media. With his long experience as a local chief executive, I know that Duterte would know, even from a distance, who is bad, and who is good, in media.

Be that as it may, the next important matter that must be clarified is this: assuming that a media personality is extortionist, or is corrupt, would that be a justification for summarily killing him or her? Does anyone have the right to take the life of a newsman or a broadcaster simply because of what he wrote or say? And, perhaps Duterte can clarify: when is a mediaman a "son of a bi..h?"

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MEDIA MUST CARRY OUT SELF-EXAMINATION, TOO: But let not this be a blind defense of media, for, indeed, practitioners have an urgent task to examine themselves and their colleagues, too, to look for solutions to the long pestering issue of corruption in media, whether it be the in the form of the so-called "envelopmental journalism", or of distortion of news and events in the guys of commentaries carried out by broadcast networks and giant newspaper companies.

Indeed, many practitioners who are supposed to be merely dispensing the news, writing an account of events as they actually happened, nowadayshave strayed into interpreting and commenting on the news, not really innocently or as an honest-to-goodness attempt at commentaries, but more on satisfying the interests of

the people who had talked to them earlier on what to write about or what to broadcast.

Unless media carries out this self-examination real soon, and its practitioners thereafter conduct themselves in a manner worthy of respect and deference from the public, **Cont. on page 7**

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Aso ken Pusa, Agkabsatda?



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNO

Tagrigat a patien nga agkabsat ti aso ken pusa! 🖊 Ken, dinto pulos a mapasamak nga adda agkabsat wenno agkasingin nga aso ken pusa. Adda ketdi tao nga uleg ti kasinginna...

No kunaek ita nga adda aso nga agpasuso iti ul-ulila a pusa, mamatikayo ngata? Nalabit a kunaenyo a diak kita, diak pati. Wen, a, uray met no siak ti mapadamagan ti kasta! Isu daytoy ti estoriaek ken paneknekak ita a pudno unay: aso nga agpasuso iti ul-ulila a pusa!

Nupay kasta, naimula iti panunotko a kangrunaan nga agkabusor ti aso ken pusa iti laksid nga agnaedda iti uneg ti maymaysa a balay! Isu a no mannagapa ti agkakabsat/agkabsat, kuna dagiti nagannak a: "Kaslakay' la aso ken pusa..."

Adda taraken nga aso ti abalayan ni nanangmi. Iggapuna idiay Kalinga ti nangisit nga aso. Agdadamo a nagpasngay iti nabiit pay.Maymaysa a lalaki ti anak daytoy (unica hijo). Nangisit ti maris (color) ti buok ti uken. Nalukmeg ketdi, a. Gapu ta adu ti manglagidaw (mangbabalaw) no apay nga agmaymaysa ti inyanak ti agdadamo nga ina, isungbatko met no kua dagiti makasarsaritak, a nalabit, marikna ngata ti aso nga ina iti kinarigat ti panagbiag, a kas met iti amona (viuda ti akin-taraken) isu a nag-family planning. Isu a maymaysa ti inyanakna.

Kadawyan dayta nga estoria (ordinary story).Ngem, adda nangkallawit iti imatangko (to catch my attention) iti impadamagda kaniak iti maysa a bigat. 'Tay naganak nga aso, agpasuso iti ul-ulila a pusa!

Gapu ngata ta ul-ulila ti pusa, isu a maasian ti aso, isu a pasusuenna lattan daytoy? Nalidlidan ti lugan ti ina ti ul-ulila a pusa (vehicular accident ti Cause of Death) a kunaek no dakamatek ti napasamak a biktima iti hit and run! Manen, ti puon ti pagsiddaawan, saanda nga agkapuli (race) ken ti pay kapupuon ti pulida (genealogy) napinget nga agkabusorda (mortal enemy). Kuna dagiti pada nga agam-amiris a puon ti ray-awmi: "Nalipatandan ti susik ti nagtaudanda a puli. Maiparbeng unay met a lipatendan ti susik dagiti nagtaudanda. Agbibiagda iti agdama. Awan ti rumbeng a guranggura ti agdama a puli dagiti aso ken pusa. Daan a babak (old mistake) a nagbunga iti guranggura, awan pay dagiti annaboda idi napasamak, di ngamin?"

Wen, met, aya?

Malagiptayo la ketdi ngarud ti estoria wenno makagapu no apay a napeklan nga agkabusor ti aso

Idi un-unana a panawen, idiay pagilian a China, adda baknang nga agassawa nga addaan iti nakapatpateg a balitok a singsingda. Mabalin a kunaen a nagasat wenno nasagudayan iti suerte ti singsing a di ammo dagiti agassawa a nabaknang.

Inlako dagiti agassawa ti balitok a singsing a kinagiddan metten ti nadaras a panagpanglaw dagiti agassawa. Agingga a simmangbay ti gundaway a di ammon dagiti agassawa ti pangalaanda ti taraonda iti sumaruno a pannangan.

Adda met taraken dagiti agassawa nga aso ken pusa. Mabisbisinan metten dagiti dua a taraken idi agpanglawen dagiti amoda. Nagpanunot dagitoy dua a taraken no kasano a maipasubli kadagiti amoda ti nadakamat a balitok a singsing a pagarupenda nga adda naisangayan a sagudayna a makaipaay iti suerte.

"Ania ti aramidentayo?" Sinaludsod ni Pusa.

"Ammok ti rumbeng nga aramidentayo," insungbat

Baknang a maysa a merchant ti gimmatang iti balitok a singsing nga agnaed iti Flower Quarter. Nangato ti bakud ti pagtaengan daytoy ken landok ti

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

• Media Killings, Pag-pito sa mga Kababaihan -OK kay Dudirty!!!

• Leni Robredo dapat tumawag



eni Robredo dapat tumawag ng re-count- Madam 上VP Leni Robredo, malaki po masyado ang duda ng sambayanang Pilipino sa inyong pagka-panalo kaya marami ang nag-iisip at nananawagan na marahil ang tama na dapat ninyong gawin ay humingi ng isang recount nang sa ganoon ay magka-alaman na kung tunay na kayo nga talaga ang nanalo. Mahirap po manungkulan ng may isang napakalaking duda sa inyong pagka-panalo. Hindi po ba mga dear readers? Risonable naman ang ganitong uri ng request na kung tunay na marangal at 100% sure itong si VP Robredo ay siya na mismo ang hihingi ng recount para once and for all ay matanggal ang anumang duda sa inyong pagka panalo. NOW NA RECOUNT NA!!!

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Media Killings –OK kay Dudirty- Naku po Diyos ko po, mahal na Panginoon ano ba itong klase ng pangulo itong ating nahalal? Hindi pa nakakaupo ay puros kagaguhan na ang pinag-sasabi. Alam naman ng lahat sa buong mundo na may mga kawani ng medyas este media na mga sira ulo rin at may mga extortionists atb, bagama't sapat ba na dahilan ang sila ay mapaslang? Sapat ba na dahilan na sila ay katayin at barilin? In fact, kung iisipin natin mga dear readers ay kahit na gaano ka walang hiya ang isang miyembro ng press o medyas ay kung wala siyang basehan na maka-extort sa isang opisyal ay hindi rin niya magagawa ito. Kaya ang hamon ko ay kayong mga UNGAS na opisyales ay gumawa kayo ng parehas at tama na trabaho nang sa ganoon ay hindi kayo mabutasan ng mga medyas este media. At ang hamon ko sayo Panguong Dudirty ay bago mo buksan ang iyong bunganga ay MAG MOUTH WASH KA MUNA at puros BAHO na lang ang lumalabas sa iyong bibig! Parang nagsisisi na ako na ibinoto kita Mayor Digong Dudirty. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Tsk!

At ano ba namang sobrang pagka-baluktot ng iyong katwiran nung sasabihin mo na OK lang na pitohan nating mga lalake ang isang babae lalo pa at nasa pampublikong lugar at official and serious ang pinag-uusapan? OH MY GOD, MR. PRESIDENT, WALA KA BA TALAGANG MODO? May pinag-aralan ka naman, eh bakit ganyan ang pagaasta mo, ang mga baluktot na pang ja-justify mo pa sa iyong mga katarantaduhang pinagsasabi? O baka naman nag-uulyanin ka na???

Mahal na Panginoon maawa po kayo sa sambayanang Pilipino!!!

rikep ti ruangan ti pagtaenganna. Awan ti asino man a makastrek.

Nagsaludsod ni Pusa no ania/kasano ti umno nga aramidenda.

Insingasing ni Aso nga iti mapasungadan a rabii, mangtiliw ni Pusa ti Bao. Bilinenna ni Bao a mangaramid iti abut a pagserkanna iti nakaidulinan ti balitok a singsing. Ta no maipasubli ti balitok a singsing kadagiti amoda, dumur-asdanto man aminen.

Ti adalem a karayan a namagbeddeng iti pagtaengan ti amoda ken ti gimmatang iti balitok a singsing ti nagbalin a parikut ni Pusa.

Ilangoyto ida ni Aso. Dayta ti ultimo remedio.

Idi natiliwen ni Pusa ni Bao, binilinna daytoy iti aramidenda a kas ti insingasing ni Aso. Immanamong ni Bao. Iti ababa a pannao, nagkukumplot dagiti tallo - ni Aso, Pusa ken Bao!

Napasamak a kas ti nasayaat a plano. Naala ni Bao ti balitok a singsing! Sinakmal ni Pusa ti balitok a singsing ken nagdardarasdan ken Bao a nagturong iti igid ti karayan nga ayan ni Aso nga agur-uray a nagpaay a bangka/balsero da Pusa ken Bao!

"Naalayo ti balitok a

FAIR AND SQUARE

Mandatory Appearance of Applicants in Hearings of LTFRB Franchises (Part 2) BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS



he first issue among three that in part 1 I promised ▲ to discuss is: Whether or not Mr. Gregorio Retuta, the Hearing Officer Designate in the LTFRB-CAR (again designated in place of Atty. Roberto Basco who suddenly resigned in April 2016 and abandoned his commitment to DOTC that appointed him as Assistant Regional Director and Hearing Officer) has discretion to deviate from the established rules of procedures of the LTFRB and adopt different procedures of his own, alleging that they are for the convenience of the applicants whom the counsels cannot possibly present in the hearings of cases despite the alternatives offered by the rules allowing representatives.

Certainly in his position, Mr. Retuta has no such discretion to talk about as otherwise claimed by him and by some counsels who are benefiting from the wrongful exercise of discretion by said Hearing Officer Designate.

Firstly, in the structure of DOTC-CAR, only the Regional Director is given by law the power to exercise discretion, subject even to the caution or warning that if such exercise is wrongful, he may be held liable for grave abuse of discretion. In the case of Mr. Retuta who is deprived of that discretion given the Regional Director, he is strictly bound to stick to what the plain language of the rule intends. In the event there are doubts or variance in the interpretation and application of the rules, nevertheless, he has a leeway of referring the issue to the Regional Director who alone has the privilege to digress a bit from the rules to achieve their

Secondly, not being a lawyer, it is not within his realm and capability to construe the rules, reason why his function in quasi-judicial proceedings, strictly speaking, is confined to the reception of evidence which, unless his findings are validated by the duly appointed lawyer hearing officer or in the absence of the latter the Regional Director himself, this reception of evidence is not the hearing contemplated by law for the valid issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience.

Thirdly, the exercise of discretion to interpret or construe the rules presupposes that the one exercising it should at least be consistent and impartial in its application, otherwise the exercise will be an abuse of his duty and functions. Mr. Retuta, in permitting some counsels not to present their client applicants required by the rules to be presented, but requiring the other counsels to present their applicants or representatives for his examination and scrutiny, he is not being fair and impartial even assuming, without conceding, that he has discretion to do so.

Without the power to exercise discretion, what possible reasons or motivations compel said Hearing Officer Designate to exercise it and worse, to exercise it with inconsistency and partiality?

As what I said in my Complaint-Letter to the DOTC-CAR Regional Director I can only surmise based on my personal knowledge and experience that Mr. Retuta in the many years that he was acting as hearing officer designate in the LTFRB-CAR, in the absence of available organic lawyer hearing officer has a history of giving favored treatment to "client" applicants, fixers and even lawyers, that's why.

On the other hand, in Rule 8, Sec. 6 which states "During the hearing, whenever applicable, the applicant shall personally appear and be assisted by counsel of choice," the phrase "whenever applica**ble**" cannot possibly be the reason and justification for the hearing officer designate to deviate from the rule, thus, selectively allowing Cont. on page 8

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BARP MULTIPUR-POSE COOPERA-TIVE,

Petitioner-Mortgagee, -versus-SPS. EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSE-

NIA B. ADAWI,

Respondent-Mortgagors.

CASE NO. 16-EXF-1911

FOR: EXTRA-JU-DICIAL FORE-CLOSURE of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED

O.R. No. 2203446C/ 2203976C

Amount: PhP 1,000.00

Date: May 5, 2016

SHERIFF'S NO-TICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the

BARP **MULTI-PUR-**POSE COOPERATIVE as represented by the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of BARP, FED-ERICO A. BALANAG, Filipino citizen, of legal age, widower and with office address at Purok 1 Upper Cresencia Village, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of spouses EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSENIA B. ADAWI, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with residence at No. 174 Atok Trail, Baguio City herein referred to as respondent-mortgagors. which as of March 15, 2016 amounted to TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND FOUR THREE HUNDRED THREE & THIRTY 33/100 (PhP 274,333.33) PESOS, Philippine currency, inclusive of interest and attorney's fees but exclusive of other incidental expenses.

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May 21, 28, & June 4, 2016

Right to self-determination... from page 1

cial killings, and other human rights violations.

She added that the context and rationale for the demand for autonomy among indigenous peoples is anchored on the violation of the right to self-determination, violation of the right to development, inappropriate, inadequate or lack of basic social services, lack of consultation and non-implementation of the right to free, prior and informed consent, lack of access to justice, violence against indigenous women, among others.

Corpuz revealed that among the common demands of indigenous peoples are respect or return of ancestral lands as a means for their physical, cultural, social and spiritual survival, right to practice their traditions and celebrate their culture and spirituality with all its implications, access to welfare, health, education and social services, and that States which have favored the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples should respect and honor their treaty promises,

and that the right to self-determination should be respected.

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La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, Mary 31, 2016.

FOR: THE PRO-VINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

(SGD) CRISTOPHER C. ORALLO Sheriff IV

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Publication: June 4, 11, and 18, 2016

On the other hand, she said the that legal and normative basis for self-determination and autonomy include principles and precepts of non-discrimination and equality as contained in international human rights law, and self-determination is ordinarily interpreted as the right of peoples to negotiate freely their political status and representations in the States in which they live.

"The States has the duty to accommodate the aspirations of indigenous peoples through constitutional reforms designed to share power democratically and that indigenous peoples have the correlative good-faith duty to reach a power-sharing agreement with the existing State," Corpuz stressed.

According to her, there are numerous legal bases for the right of self-determination and clamor for autonomy that has been made available by existing laws of nations and international treaties and UN declarations, thus, there is more reason for the Cordillera to sustain its efforts in achieving the establishment of an autonomous region pursuant to the mandate of the Constitution and as a product

of a peace agreement and the clamor from the indigenous peoples regionwide.

Corpuz explained that self-governance is a means of promoting better knowledge about indigenous peoples vis-à-vis the wider society, and the assumption that the exercise of self-governance presupposes indigenous jurisdiction, that is, the right of indigenous peoples to establish their own institutions and determine their priorities relative to their lands, resources, political, economic, cultural and spiritual affairs./Dexter A. See

Editorial

...from page 4 and beyond the mercy of the Holy Church.

Universal horror

Indeed, there is universal horror in the taking of a human life. Even medieval executioners wore masks to hide their faces and a blank bullet was given to an unidentified member of a firing squad so all of them could claim he did not fire the bullet that killed the man. Even in the high-tech lethal-injection system, there are two levers, one of which is fake, that release the poison into the convict's body. Duterte, however, brags he will take a selfie when he takes down his next criminal.

Modern media has inured us to the horrors of the snuffing out of human life, with Dirty Harry, Natural Born Killers, and Quentin Tarantino movies portraying homicide and murder as a thrill reserved for the bold. Exploding brains hit by a bullet, blood gushing out as a samurai sword slashes a torso, arms ripped off by a grenade explosion – these have become the images representing what we may call kill-porn in this age.

In our minds we know, of course, it's all about celluloid imagery – with the use of materials such as realistic-looking fake blood, or high-tech computer imaging techniques for effect, and we are bound to see more of the bad guys getting killed by Dirty Harry and Tarantino in their next movies.

The horror of killing and death is beyond the neat worlds of Duterte's bourgeois admirers who have never ventured out of their gated villages, never saw the real world. Try as hard as you can, you cannot conjure up a real person dying from a bullet wound in front of you being a criminal. It is just mysterious that life is being snuffed out; there is even an element of childlike innocence in the pose of an

alleged hardened-criminal shot by the police and lying bloodied on the street, strangely often in a fetal position.

Now, please think hard: do we really look forward to the metropolis's streets becoming a killing field for Duterte's kill-criminals campaign? Attractive as it might seem, there is no city anywhere in the world that has gotten rid of crime because of a Dirty Harry – nowhere really, only in the movies.

Civilization has gone a long, long way in inventing the principle of the rule-of-law with its twin, due process. Both almost miraculously appeared in medieval England, designed initially to check the power of kings over nobles. What is miraculous about it is that it is not derived from any religious teaching. There is no 11th commandment, "Be sure to apply due-process in determining who violated the above commandments."

The rule-of-law principle isn't just an idea some goody-goody idealist invented. It is part of our cultural evolution that has helped us develop and grow. Humanity has learned that the eye-for-an-eye principle ends up producing a kingdom of the blind, with a one-eyed jack as king. We are already seeing the Muslim equivalent of a Duterte campaign against criminals – the ISIS beheadings and hangings.

From just 16 countries in 1977, 152 have now abolished officially or in practice the death penalty, with only 37 retaining it in practice. And by death penalty, we mean undertaken only after a rigorous legal process. This is humanity progressing, embracing the belief of the transcendental value of a human life.

Yet, this arrogant mayor is telling the nation that he himself will kill criminals where they stand, and for that we should elect him President? And many people, even those educated in Christian schools, want him to be President? What has happened to our Cont. on page 7

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country?

Opportunistic Davao businessmen

If Duterte ever becomes President, blame the opportunistic Davao big businessmen the banana kings, property developers, former cement millers who are throwing their money into his campaign - and especially the spoiled brat Alan Cayetano, desperate to be in the game even if no party wanted him, and who allegedly gave Duterte P100 million to convince him to run for President and take him as his running mate. To be fair to Duterte, he wasn't lusting to be President at the start, but I guess a huge retirement kitty, especially if one has some disease, is difficult to reject.

The Davao elite had used Duterte to the hilt. By killing criminals, and not waiting for the legal system to convict them, Duterte may have con*tributed to making the city attractive to investors* (with whom the Davao businessmen have surely sealed partnerships) and to consumers (who bought their products).

But what is left after they've become rich cemeteries filled with corpses of (suspected) criminals? And after Duterte, now 72, fades away from the scene? Has the institution of the rule of law in Davao been strengthened? But of course, these Davao businessmen don't care, as they would just return to their feudal-like estates in Mindanao.

Cavite used to be known as a bandits' lair in the 1950s, and powerful warlord-politicians had tried the Duterte style. Did that solve crimes in the province? No, what did it was the province's economic growth, spurred by the establishment of export processing zones.

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim in his first term, 1992 to 1998, tried the Duterte tack, with crude cardboard labels even pinned on "salvaged" alleged drug-distributors' corpses saying, "I was a drug-dealer, do not emulate me."

Lim himself saw it didn't work, and abandoned it. Crime remains rampant in Manila not because alleged criminals had not been summarily killed, but because it's economy has not grown to keep pace with the influx of immigrants from all over the country. Manila has the same number of courts and fiscals as it had two decades ago.

Do these Davao businessmen think that the present group of criminals, even a generation of criminals, if all eliminated at one time would prevent new criminals from emerging?

The solution to rampant crime is not rampant killing. The solution is an efficient police force implementing the rule of law, an efficient and fast legal system, and most importantly, an economy rich and egalitarian enough to minimize those choosing the way of crime.

The problem with Duterte is that he doesn't know of any other world except Davao and thinks his kill-criminal tack is new and can be applied effectively anywhere. Duterte's platform of government is essentially vigilantism, which had plagued nearly all countries in the periods when the rule-of-law institutions were still being formed.

Increasing kidney patients alarming - BGHMC officia

(BGHMC) is alarmed over the increasing number of kidney patients seeking medical treatment from the premier tertiary hospital who come, not only from the city, but also from the different parts of Northern

Dr. Virginia B. Mangati, head of the BGMHC hemo-

It has not succeeded anywhere it was tried, relegated as the horror chapters of nations' histories, the relatively recent cases being the Black Shadow of El Salvador, the City without Drugs in Yekaterinburg in Russia, the Bakassi Boys of Nigeria, Los Pepes in Columbia, and the horrific killing of street children by military police in Rio de Janeiro's favelas. Do we really want the metropolis to be in this rogues' gallery?

Duterte and Grace Poe are the two snake-oil merchants of this election, the charlatans, selling fake miracle cures, like eradicating crime in six months — which is like promising to make Manila another Singapore in a year.

They are the two sides of the same counterfeit coin. Poe is selling herself as the daughter of the mythical hero Panday, who would save the country. Duterte is hawking himself as the movie-character Dirty Harry, the Punisher who would kill criminals where they stand. Both are living in fictional never-never land, and they want Filipinos to join them in their delusions.

Both are appealing to the basest, most juvenile instincts of the Filipino masses. Poe is tapping into their infantile notions of a hero of myth saving them. Duterte is tapping into people's reptilian *brains to produce the hormones for rage — so* evident in Duterte fanatics' bullying in social media of those criticizing him.

Filipinos have gotten tired of Poe, and saw through her acting of made-up roles. Filipinos will get tired of Duterte's putanginas and leches, the highest level of discourse he is capable of, and boasting that corpses of criminals on the street will solve crimes.

The problem with rabble-rousers is they can only maintain their audience if they raise their shock values, in contrast to somebody in rational discourse who would just give more and more rational arguments.

Duterte can keep shocking people if he boasts of something like: "I have eaten and will eat criminals' hearts, ripped from their chests."/tiglao. manilatimes@gmail.com

Kakampi mo ang Batas ...from page 4

it should not expect media killings to stop, and harsh criticisms even from the President of the Philippines, to abate. Media should change first, before it can expect change from others.

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 B_{Baguio} General Hospital and Medical Center dialysis unit, said some 35 to 50 new kidney patients are added to their existing number of dialysis cases monthly, which at times they cannot all accommodate, forcing some patients to seek dialysis treatment from private centers in the city.

"The primary cause of kidney ailment is lifestyle, aggravated by other illnesses of the patients, particularly hypertension and diabetes, as well as some of the medicines they take for their diagnosed illnesses, among others," Mangati stressed.

She explained that it is not advisable for kidney patients suffering from hypertension or diabetes to take in mixed drugs as the prescribed medicines for hypertension and diabetes have undergone thorough researches that took into consideration their side effects to the patients, while alternative medicines or herbal medicines have not been subjected to thorough researches, This is the reason why there may be some negative reactions due to mixing these drugs.

According to her, the BGHMC dialysis center can only accommodate at least 150 dialysis patients having once, twice or thrice-a-week dialysis treatment.

Mangati said the BGHMC administration is studying the possibility of coming out with a third shift of dialysis treatment in order to increase the number of patients to be treated, but the proposal is still subject to the decision of higher authorities and the availability of sufficient units of equipment and supplies.

The BGHMC official claimed most kidney patients seeking medical attention are not aware of the status of their kidneys that is why they are surprised to learn that their kidneys are totally or partially damaged when they seek initial treatment from them. She advised everyone to have their kidneys checked regularly.

She revealed that most of those who seek treatment from their unit have already damaged kidneys and thus already subject to hemodialysis treatment.

For those who have stage 1, 2 and 3 kidney ailments, Mangati disclosed that there is still a big possibility that the situation can be reversed, but for stage 4 and 5, patients are advised to undergo lifetime dialysis or kidney transplant.

She advised the public to avoid taking in herbal medicines, energy drinks, salty and fatty foods in order to prevent compromising their kidneys and allow them to live a healthy life./Dexter A. See



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some counsels not to present their client applicants contrary to what the rule in clear language states. For, properly construed, the phrase whenever applicable can only refer to the kind or nature of cases that can be heard by the Regional Board and not to the act of appearing (or not appearing) since appearance of the applicants has been made mandatory by the Board with the use of auxiliary verb "shall." Essentially, the phrase "whenever applicable" refers to the applications or cases of which the Regional Office has jurisdiction to hear, such as:

- a) Intra-regional route applications, whether individual or corporate;
- b) Uncontested franchise applications in the region;
- c) Preliminary hearing of contested or inter-regional franchise applications which are transmitted to the LTFRB en banc for decision.

However, the phrase "whenever applicable" will not refer to: (1) Complaints; (2) Petition for Dropping of units with expired franchise; (3) Petition for Cancellation of CPC filed by the operator; which cases may be filed and heard without a lawyer, as provided in Rule 4, Sec. 12 of the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedures Before the LTFRB.

(to be continued...)

Palsiit

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singsing?" Sinaludsod ni Aso a magagaran.

"Naalami, adda iti ngiwatko," insungbat ni Pusa.

"Agsakaykayo manen iti bukotko ta ilangoykayo. Ta aggigiddantayonto a dumatag iti amotayo ken mangidatag ti balitok a singsing nga addaantayo iti pannakkel!"

Nagulimek laeng ni Pusa. Adda gayam sabali nga agal-alintatao iti mugingna. Idi makadanondan iti sagpat/igid ti karayan, nagtartaray metten. Linay-aw-layawna lattan dagiti alad!

Ni Aso, nabati iti dalan a dina kabaelan ti mangapat-apat a kas ti inaramid ni Pusa. Indatag ni Pusa nga agmaymaysa ti balitok a singsing iti amo dagitoy!

"Naggapuam, sika a sadut nga Aso?" Kinugtaran ti amo a lalaki ni Aso. Napasaktan. Nasaktan ti bagi ken rikna daytoy.

Daytan ti nangrugian ti susik da Aso ken Pusa!

NANUMO A PANAGAMIRIS:

Iti laksid ti nadalus a gagem, uray pay ti nasinged nga aggayyem, malilibeg ti panaglinnangen gapu iti kaadda ti naitalimeng iti kaunggan/panunot a nasnasken a tagikuaen/gun-oden gapu iti bukod a pakaidayawan. Kas ti inaramid ni Pusa. Saanna a bukod nga aramid/pamuspusan ti napasamak tapno maipasubli ti singsing iti amoda. Kas maanninaw iti estoria, inkarigatan da Aso, Pusa ken Bao ti nagaramid iti tinutulisan (nagtakaw, ta tinakawda ti balitok a singsing) tapno iti kasta, maisubli ti sigud a kinadur-as ti amoda, ket, malaksiwanda ti panagrigat ti panagbiagda a nangrugi idi ilako dagiti amoda ti balitok a singsing.

Iti kadawyan a panagbiag, kas ti kinamanagimbubukod (ken panagpadakkel iti papel) nga inaramid ni Pusa, maanninaw nga adda (adu) ti kasta nga aramid ti tao. Uray payen matulawan ti talentalek ti panaggayyem agingga a madadael ti nasinged a panaggayyem, basta magun-od daydiay masasao a self-interest (nga isu iti pannakaidayaw/pannakagun-od iti dakdakkel a gunggona/magunggona). Ti ugali ni Aso a managsakripisio para iti pagimbagan ti sapasap, maanninaw nga adu pay laeng ti kasta ti kababalinna nupay addatayon iti panawen a marigatantayo a mangkilatis dagiti pudno a gagayyem!

Ni Pusa, napeklan a SIPSIP. No tao koma, daytoy ti kaipapanan ti balikas (acronym) a SIPSIP – Some Insecure People, Seeking Instant Promotion!

Ni met Aso, isu ti maaw-awagan a men's best friend!#

City schools launch brigada eskwela

BAGUIO CITY – Brigada Eskwela, the Department of Education (DepEd)'s back-to-school preparation drive, kicked off last Monday with the theme, Tayo Para sa Paaralang Ligtas, Maayos at Handa Mula Kindergarten Hanggang Senior High School."

Department of Education (DepEd) assistant regional director and concurrent city schools division superintendent Francis Caesar Bringas led the schools in the simultaneous kick-off ceremonies held May 30 at the Joaquin Smith National High School.

The campaign ended last Friday with a culminating program held at the Baguio City High School.

As in the past years, Mayor Domogan led the city government in supporting the campaign this time in the form of construction materials distributed and delivered to the 67 public elementary and high schools

in the city through the city general services office.

Also known as the National Schools Maintenance Week, the campaign which ran from May 30 to June 4 nationwide aims to engage "all education stakeholders to contribute their time, effort and resources in ensuring that public school facilities are prepared in time for the forthcoming school opening."

Baguio Central School, the biggest elementary school in the city which copped the "Best Brigada Eskwela Implementing School" award (big school elementary level category) at the city level last year again tapped its faculty and staff, parents, neighboring barangays, government offices, private companies and individuals in the campaign to prepare the school for the return of the students on June 13./Aileen P. Refuerzo

SEC revokes registration of Philbio

BAGUIO CITY – The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has revoked the certificate of registration of PHILBIO Renewable Energy Resources Corp. "for selling securities in the form of investment contracts without a secondary license."

The SEC informed Mayor Mauricio Domogan of its decision dated April 27, 2017 annulling the registration of the company which holds business at Gaerlan St. here

In the decision dated April 27, the SEC under chair Teresita Herbosa said PHILBIO's act of selling securities without the required secondary license is a violation of section 8of the Securities Regulation Code.

"Also, it misrepresented to the public that it can sell securities despite eh fact that it has no license to do so. Hence, it violated (Presidential Decree No.) 902-A,' the commission said.

The SEC said PHILBIO was offering investment programs through websites wherein an investor can invest P25,000 to P500,000 with a guaranteed 180 percent return of investment per annum or at least six percent per month.

The investment program purportedly deals on the PHILBIO biodiesel business. The incorporators were claiming that the biodiesel refinery plant being built in the city will be the first among the many that will supply biofuel to transport groups in the country. The investments were supposedly for the building of more storage tanks for the fuel.

The company's activities were subjected to an investigation by the Enforcement **Cont. on page 9**

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the facilities by securing a waiver of claims for damages from the city council.

The mayor said city councilors were also intent on issuing the waiver to facilitate the payment to the land-owners however the body wanted to clear the matter first with the Commission on Audit (COA) to ensure that they will not incur any liability.

The mayor said he personally consulted with the COA but was told that they would need time to study the matter.

The mayor appealed to the Tuba council and to the landowners group to help the city thresh the matter out with the COA by sending their representatives.

"If the COA approves it, then the city council can waive the claim for damages," he said.

He also appealed for cooperation to achieve a "win-win solution" for the benefit of all parties.

"Let's help each other achieve a win-win solution to benefit us all because the longer these Asin hydros will not operate, the more disadvantageous it will be for all of us," the mayor said.

Domogan said the only way is to resolve the problem amicably.

"But if you prefer to bring this further to the court, the city is also ready to fight for its rights," the mayor said.

Bentrez and the Tuba council urged the landowners to consider Domogan's suggestion to send a representative to the city government to consult with the COA and negotiate with the city council.

They however assured the landowners that they will support their position not to allow the plants' reoperation until the issues were resolved.

The Tuba town council approved on April 19 Reso-

lution No. 34 supporting the opposition of the affected communities to the transfer of water permits from Baguio Water District to the city of Baguio and the intended revival of the operations of the Asin plants.

In the resolution, the body urged the Dept. of Energy (DOE) not to issue any permit to the city for the reoperation of the plants and to cancel the operating contract granted earlier to HEDCOR Inc.

The Tuba officials also asked the landowners to settle the issue of who will be the beneficiaries of the compensation based on the compromise agreement approved by the court in 2010.

As per the agreement, the city will compensate the landowners by way of rentals amounting to three percent of the net surplus from the operation of the mini-hydro plants subject to conditions that the rentals will be retroactive to year 2007 when the city assumed management of the plant; that the rentals will be subject to increase after three years; and that the rentals shall be payable to Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association (TNHLA) which will assume the task of distributing the amount to the affected landowners.

As computed, the amount totaled P2,733,897.75 from 2007 to October 2012 when the city operations ceased./*Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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explained that the requirement of a parking space prior to the registration of motor vehicles is only applicable to public utility vehicles but it is high time that the requirement will also be imposed to private vehicle owners in order to compel them to make sure that they will have sufficient parking spaces for their vehicles and not to appropriate aroad sides as their private parking space. It is noted that these roadside parking is one of the major causes of traffic congestion.

Domogan said barangay officials should not wait for a repeat of the fire incident at Engineers' Hill where firefighters had difficulty maneuvering their way into the fire scene DPWH motorpool area because of numerous private vehicles parked along both sides of the road. More structures may have been saved if there was no delay brought about by these parked vehicles.

He exhorted barangay officials not to wait for concerned government offices and law enforcers to publicly announce which the barangays which have obstructed roads before making concrete actions. Further, he said that it should be inherent upon them to take appropriate actions in order to free their roads from illegally parked vehicles that serve as major obstructions to the smooth flow of traffic in their areas of jurisdiction.

With the opening of classes on June 13, 2016, the Mayor's call is very timely. It may well be added that barangay residents should monitor these appropriated road spaces and report them to their barangay officials, at the same time, monitor the performance of their barangay officials on this matter/Dexter A. See

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that the limit to regional autonomy include the powers of Congress over the treasury and to legislate, and the authority of Congress to abolish an office created by itself, provided that the office has not been created by the autonomous region contemplated in the Constitution. More importantly, he reminded that the creation of an autonomous region can only be installed within the framework of the current Constitution and national sovereignty, as well as the territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines.

"There can be no relationship of association between the national government and the autonomous regions. Among the indicators of such relationship are the capacity to enter into economic and trade relations with foreign countries, the commitment of the central government to ensure autonomous regions participation in meeting and events in the ASEAN and the specialized UN agencies," Villacorta said./Dexter A. See

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and Investor Protection Department on the basis of the statement of one Kathleen Abando who inquired on the legitimacy of the company's business operations in 2009.

EPD then found that PHILBIO was engaged in the offering and selling of securities in the form of investment contracts without the required registration statement or secondary license. This is despite the fact that in its certificate of incorporation, it was stated that the company is not authorized to undertake business activities requiring a secondary license from the SEC.

The SEC said PHILBIO incurred two violations – the non-registration of securities and its non-registration as a broker or dealer.

"From the foregoing, it is indubitable that PHILBIO misrepresented itself to the public that it can solicit investments despite the fact that it is

Parties to be consulted on market

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consultations with concerned stakeholders once to

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will continue consulting with concerned stakeholders in order to gather their inputs in relation to the planned development of the public market once the Supreme Court (SC) will rule on the motion for reconsideration filed by some vendors questioning the legality of the market development contract and the constitutionality of the ordinance prescribing the rules for the development of the market passed in 1995.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said that all concerned stakeholders will be involved in ascertaining what type of development will be undertaken in the public market once all pending legal issues will be resolved by the SC.

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ernment units in the country.

The city's environment code, comprehensive land use plan and zoning ordinance and the general revision of schedule of market values and updating of the city's tax ordinance are pending deliberations before the city council but if the local legislative body fails to pass the proposed legislative measures, then the proposals must be refilled once the new set of local officials assume their respective positions by noon of June 30, 2016.

It was learned that the proposed environment code of the city has been pending since 2003 while the schedule of market values of real property has not been amended since 1996 and the city's tax ordinance has not also been updated since 2001.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, schedule of market values for real property must be done every five years while business taxes of local governments must be updated every three years.

Domogan cited that if legislators are trying to make the proposals perfect, then the pending legislations will not be passed because it is difficulty to find ways and means on how to come out with an ideal ordinance that might not be effective once passed in the future, thus, the need for the members of the council to

consider working out the minor differences in the proposals before such legislations will be again refilled by the next set of city councilors that will contribute to an added delay./Dexter A. See

not one of the purposes of the corporation, Worse,, it does not have a license to offer/sell securities. PHILBIO operates an investment-taking scheme which is therefore considred as an ultra vires act. These acts constitute serious misrepresentation as to what the corporation can do or doing to the great prejudice to the general public," the SEC said.

"Due to these severe violations, the COmmission is constrained to impose the supreme penalty of revocation," the SEC said./Aileen P. Refuerzo

"We have to agree that our public market needs to be developed. We will be making several rounds of consultations with concerned stakeholders once the SC will finally rule on the pending motion for reconsideration filed by some vendors seeking to reverse its earlier decision upholding the validity and legality of the contract and the constitutionality of the market development ordinance," Domogan stressed.

Uniwide Realty Sales and Development Corporation, the winning bidder for the 7-storey public market structure having a total project cost of P1.7 billion in 1995, signified its intention to push through with the implementation of the market development because it still has partners that will help the corporation realize the project, provided that, it will be given six months to submit a revised program of work among other pertinent requirements.

It can be recalled that the plan to develop the city public market originated from the market vendors themselves through Resolution No. 1 and No. 2 that eventually convinced the city council to pass Ordinance No. 038, series of 1995 prescribing the rules and regulations for the development of the city public market.

The city mayor advised the group of market vendors to organize a corporation or cooperative so that they could actively participate in the bidding process and become the partner of the city in the development of the market but when the bidding was scheduled in August 1996, the vendors did not organize that allowed Uniwide to win the bid.

Some vendors questioned the validity and legality of the market development contract and the constitutionality of the ordinance before the Regional Trial Court (RTC) but the RTC decided in favor of the city government upholding the validity and legality of the contract and the constitutionality of the ordinance.

The vendors appealed the lower court's decision to the Court of Appeals (CA) but they again lost that forced them to bring the matter to the SC where they again lost that resulted to their filing a motion for reconsideration that is now pending ruling.

He said it is high time that the city market structures will be developed because the city has been left behind in terms of the state of its public market compared to nearby cities and first-class municipalities like in San Fernando City, La Union; Urdaneta City, Pangasinan; Bauang, La Union among other local governments in Northern Luzon./Dexter A. See

ent contractors to start ASAP as follows:



Baguio-tuba talks on Asin hydro issue highlight need to settle compensation to affected landowners

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m AGUIO}$ CITY - The settlement of the issues on the compensation of residents whose lands were affected by the city-owned mini-hydroelectric plants holds the key to whether the Tuba government will allow the reoperation of the city-owned mini-hydroelectric plants in Tadiangan and Nangalisan barangays.

This was reached during the breakthrough dialogue between the officials of the two local governments

officials led by Mayor Florencio Bentrez and Vice objection to the operation. Mayor Clarita Sal-ongan laid down their respective positions on the issue.

Bentrez stressed they will only allow the reoperation subject to conditions that there will be no diversion of water from the river system and that the concerned where city mayor Mauricio Domogan and Tuba barangays should issue resolutions interposing no

Duterte denounced for defending killing of some journalists

MANILA (Reuters) - Philippine media groups denounced President-elect Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday for saying journalists were being killed because they were corrupt and "you are not exempted from assassination if you are a son of a bitch".

Duterte's comments about extrajudicial killings, calling bishops "sons of whores" and a joke about a murdered rape victim do not appear to have dented his popularity in the largely Roman Catholic country.

But his comments about killing journalists have struck a nerve. About 175 journalists have been killed in the Philippines since 1986, ranking it among the most dangerous places to work in the news business.

Duterte addressed reporters on Tuesday in the southern city of Davao, where his loud approval of hundreds of execution-style killings of drug users and criminals over nearly two decades helped propel him to the highest office.

"Most of you are clean, but do not ever say all journalists are clean," he said. "Just because you are a journalist, you are not exempted from assassination if you are a son of a bitch."

"... Most of those killed, to be frank, have done something. You won't be killed if you don't do anything

When a female journalist asked a question, he wolf-whistled at her.

Ryan Rosuaro, head of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, said media freedom and murder were no joking matters.

"It is appalling that President-elect Rodrigo Duterte should justify the murder of journalists in the country by playing the corruption card," he said.

Philippine Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma said journalists had a fundamental right to protection.

'We deplore the proposition that some journalists may have been assaulted or killed in view of their alleged involvement in media corruption," he said in a statement. "It is the duty of government to arrest, prosecute and punish those responsible for violence against members of the media."

Romel Regalado Bagares, executive director of the Center for International Law, said Duterte's comments showed "a cynical attitude towards what is a serious concern to the international community" and could perpetuate impunity for the killers.

International media monitor the Committee to Protect Journalists joined the condemnation, saying the only way to address the "woefully" high number of unresolved murders was through the courts.

"President-Elect Rodrigo Duterte's shocking remarks apparently excusing extrajudicial killings threaten to make the Philippines into a killing field for journalists," it said in a statement. "We strongly urge him to retract his comments and to signal that he intends to protect, not target, the press."

The Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines also expressed alarm.

"Duterte's statement is a chilling reminder that journalists in the Philippines continue to live under threat, decades after (the association) was founded to fight for press freedom at the height of Ferdinand Marcos's dictatorship," it said./Reporting by Manuel Mogato; Editing by Nick Macfie and Michael Perry

He said the second condition would mean that all issues on compensation have been resolved and the new terms on sharing scheme have been reached between

Domogan expressed the city's willingness to settle the rental through the implementation of the court-issued compromise settlement saying the agreed amount of roughly P2.7 million has already been set aside for the purpose. However, there was a need to comply with a provision in the settlement for the lot owners to first settle the case filed by the city government for the disruption of the water supply to Cont. on page 8

Mayor backs city prosecutor call for support to establishment of regional justice office

AGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan Dsupported city prosecutor Elmer Sagsago's call for the establishment of the regional office of the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the city.

During the flag-raising rites last Monday, the Monday urged the city council to approve the necessary resolution expressing support to the setting up of the DOJ Cordillera office in the city.

"It will be good for us and the region if we can have our own regional office as it will definitely speed up action on local concerns specifically on prosecution and other functions of the DOJ," the mayor said.

Domogan said he expects President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to be supportive of the move being a former prosecutor himself. "Being a former prosecutor, I don't see why our incoming President will oppose this proposal," the mayor said.

Sagsago said they have been clamoring for the Cordillera office to facilitate and better address the needs of the region.

"With the establishment of the DOI Cordillera, we can pursue our aim of integrating the customary law of indigenous people into the legal system," he said.

> At present, the DOJ regional assignment follows the old set-up where Baguio, Benguet, Abra and Mt. Province are covered by the DOJ Region I office based in San Fernando, La Union while Kalinga, Apayao and Ifugao are served by the DOJ Region

> With the present set-up, it is hard to realize the said objective as the provinces sharing the same set of beliefs and values are served by two different offices and mixed with other areas with varied cultures.

> The DOJ is the government's principal law agency, serving as its legal counsel and prosecution arm./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan proposes a win-win solution among the Baguio City, Tuba government and the affected landowners of Asin Hydro-Electric Power Plant during a joint meeting with Tuba officials headed by outgoing Tuba Mayor and newly elected Benguet Board Member Florencio Bentrez, newly elected Tuba mayor Ignacio Rivera and presiding officer and re-elected Vice Mayor Clarita Sal-ongan last May 2./By Bong Cayabyab

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