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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Philippines, Muslim Rebels 'Clear the Air'



The Vergara magic in action, see all the very good infrastructure projects like road cementing, pedestrian overpasses and others. Above photos show the ongoing construction of pedestrian overpasses along Abanao Street and Chuntug corner Kayang Streets. The people of Baguio are lucky and should be very thankful to have a hard working, energetic and resourceful Congressman, the Honorable Bernardo M. Vergara!!!

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Pro Tech Direct Waste Collection Extended Until January 15

BAGUIO CITY – Pro Tech Machinery Corporation (Pro Tech) will continue the direct collection of non-biodegradable wastes from the pick-up points in the barangays after Mayor Mauricio extended the authority granted to the waste company until January 15.

The mayor said the direct collection scheme which ran on experimental basis last month helped improve the waste collection efficiency of the city.

It also helped lessen the use of the Irisan dumpsite as a transfer station for nonbiodegradable wastes.

"It is the direction of the City Government to discontinue utilizing the (dumpsite) as sorting and transfer area (and) the city government is earnestly trying to locate a possible permanent transfer station for the biodegradable wastes," the mayor noted in Administrative Order No. 146.

He said the city needs all the help it can get in improving the waste management system and Pro Tech's direct collection agreement which is free of charge is a welcome move.

Meanwhile, the mayor asked residents to be prepared for the implementation of the mandatory collection of garbage fees in the barangay through a barangay-based collection system.

The mayor said the census of households and computation of present and back fees are now underway so the collection will start anytime soon. Concerned barangay officials have also undergone the necessary training to undertake the collection.

The mayor said the barangay-based collection system will streamline the collection process to make it more efficient with the end in view of helping the barangays generate resources to support their own waste management programs.

The collection will be based on guidelines pursuant to the provisions of the city's tax ordinance.

As per the guidelines, barangays will be empowered to collect garbage fees from households availing of the solid waste management service on a monthly basis.

The collected fees will be subject to a sharing scheme between the city and the barangays at 70-30 percent. Incentives will also be given to barangays with high collection levels. Proceeds can be used by the barangays in their waste management programs and other related projects.

"A household refers to a core family that includes parents, minor and unmarried children and limited extension to househelp and grandparents... Doubled up households include married children living with their parents, married brothers/sisters and boarders living with the landlord. Each married child, brother or sister will be treated and charged as separate households. Every four boarders shall be considered a household and also to be charged separately," according to the guidelines.

The billing dates will be during the first ten days of each month subject to discounts for early payers.

Barangays will also be required to monitor the compliance to the city's non-segregation-no-collection policy, indiscriminate dumping and anti-littering laws with the following penalty; warning for first offense; P500 for second offense and P1,000 for third offense./A Refuerzo

Mayor Poised to Adopt Total Ban on Firecrackers

BAGUIO CITY – A total ban on the sale and use of firecrackers looms in the city as Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday vowed to toe the line on the Department of Health (DOH)'s campaign for an explosive-free celebration of Christmas and New Year.

"If the DOH will sustain its campaign to prohibit the use of firecrackers, then we will follow its recommendations," the mayor said.

The mayor said city residents should learn to conduct their merrymaking through safe and peaceful means not only to prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths but also to avoid pollution caused by these explosives.

If imposed, the ban would cover all parts of the city and would include malls and sari-sari stores.

"We expect some people to counter our ban by buying their firecrackers from outside sources, but at least we did our part to protect our people and our environment by enforcing a total ban against these devices," the mayor said.

He expressed hope that the city council will also pass the necessary ordinance to set the parameters in the imposition of said prohibition.

He said that in support of this stand, the city will exclude the conduct of the fireworks display in this year's Christmas and New Year activities.

The city has for many years mulled the imposition of the said ban but has always ended up allowing the sale and use of devices considered safe under the law giving in to firecracker vendors for humanitarian consideration.

"I hope this time the total ban materializes and I hope everybody cooperates," the mayor said./A Refuerzo

DENR Launches Political Boundary Survey of City Barangays

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has launched a cadastral survey to delineate

the political boundaries of each of the city's 128 barangays, a project mayor Mauricio

Domogan deems complicated enough for the 180-day time frame to be met.

At the project briefing last Friday, **Cont. on page 10**

Public-Private Sector Cooperation Hailed for Peaceful all Saints' Day Observance

BAGUIO CITY – City officials led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan lauded the efforts of both the public and private sectors in maintaining peace and order during the observance of All Saints Day and All Souls Day here.

"We are happy that there were no serious incidents that occurred save

for a number of minor and isolated cases and we wish to thank all the police operatives and private volunteers for a job well done," the mayor said on Wednesday.

As in the previous years, this year's observance was considered peaceful and orderly as there were no major crimes reported and only minimal number of

cases of confiscation of deadly weapons and violations of restrictions on liquor-toting or drinking within the cemetery premises.

The mayor said this can be attributed to the well-placed security plan dubbed "Oplan Kaluluwa" mounted by the city police under police director David Lacdan, the city government

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Solon Allots P2.25 M for Bamboo Development

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Bamboo, once regarded as the poor man's timber, has now gained popularity with its various usage for reforestation of denuded mountains, for livelihood, use for furniture and even for food.

According to Benguet Congressman Ronald Cosalan, the bamboo is stronger than steel in tension, stronger than concrete in compression and more stable than red oak.

'We are all familiar with bamboo. But not many of us know the peculiarities of bamboo. Studies also found that bamboo can help mitigate the negative impacts of climate change,' Cosalan said.

Moreover, it is a nutritious food, bamboo shoots are low in saturated fat and have very low cholesterol, good source of dietary fiber, protein, and a very good source of vitamins, he said.

In support to the propagation of bamboo, Cosalan bared that he has allocated an amount of P2.25 million for this year for bamboo development project which includes nurseries and for next around P2 million.

'I asking the 13 municipalities of Benguet to apportion in their respective area a one hectare for bamboo forest, he said.

'We should also plant bamboo along the Agno river for the to protect the water source for Ambuclao and Binga Dams,' Cosalan urged.

The Philippines has only about 52,000 hectares of land planted to bamboos today with hardly any replanting, according to the Philippine Bamboo Foundation (PBF).

During the last four years, the PBF has been rallying many towns and provinces nationwide to put up commercial bamboo forests or big bamboo plantations.

PBF headed by Edgardo Manda is helping us with our bamboo project and assured support for financial and technical help, Cosalan said.

We are encouraging organized farmers' groups and agro-industrial firms to invest in the commercial farm production of bamboos, Cosalan added./JDP/JBZ PIA CAR

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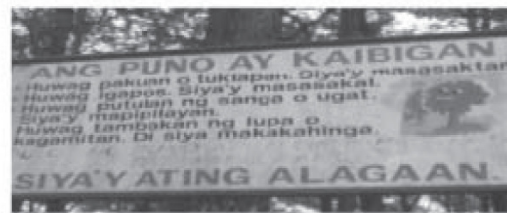


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Taiwan Makes Prostitution Legal in Red-Light Zones

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan is legalizing the sex trade in special red-light districts and ending a ban that penalized prostitutes but not their patrons.

The island's Parliament passed the law Friday following heated debate. Protesters have decried the decades-old ban as unfair to women and called for a law to reflect today's relative gender equality.

Local governments can set aside the special districts. The new law says any sex-trade participant caught outside the zones can be fined up to \$1,000. Pimps could be fined up to \$1,660.

Interior Minister Chiang Yi-hua says prostitution is condoned in the special zones. He says residents may oppose it but the zones are needed to take care of "human needs." / AP Associated Press

Reply to Former Panel Chair Silvestre Afaible's Statement

Former chairman Silvestre "Yong" Afaible's statement published in the newspapers today that I must have forgotten what transpired while I was peace adviser entirely missed my point.

I clearly stated that I had no fore knowledge about the P5 million fund commitment to the BLMI, which President Aquino gave to the MILF recently. I did not say I had no knowledge about the BLMI. As a matter of fact, while I was the adviser for the peace process (PAPP) I knew that Sec Yong before he resigned from the panel started the BLMI during his time and pushed for it. It was during the time of his successor Chair Rodolfo "Rudy" Garcia and while I was still PAPP that the effort to establish it went on high gear. I think it is best for Sec. Yong to check with Chair Rudy who informed me yesterday that the P5 million fund came out only during a workshop with both panels conducted by the Development Academy of the Philippines and the letter request for the President to fund it emanated from the panel, not passing my desk as PAPP. Sec. Yong already resigned earlier and like me, perhaps was no longer privy to that.

Curiously, if that letter-request for the release of P5M to President Arroyo was sent in 2007, I wonder why for the next 3 years, PGMA never approved it. But President Aquino, at the first opportunity quickly released it. And when it drew some flack, Malacanang today looked around for someone to blame, but itself. If you all notice, it has now become a habit. Malacanang even went ridiculously further by falsely claiming that I was the proponent of that P5M fund. I said it was "good spin", but amateurish.

I wrote extensively about it in my earlier column entitled "IF I WERE THE MILF". It can be read in my column at this paper or reviewed at my websites <http://www.advocacymindanow.org/columns>, http://jessdureza.multiply.com/journal/item/58/IF_I_WERE_THE_MILF, and at my Facebook Account <http://www.facebook.com/#!/notes/jesus-jess-dureza/if-i-were-the-milf/10150350687313348/> YOU CAN VIEW THE ABOVE STATEMENT IN THE FF LINKS> <http://www.advocacymindanow.org/columns/> http://jessdureza.multiply.com/journal/item/60/REPLY_TO_FORMER_PANELCHAIR_SILVESTRE_AFAIBLE'S_STATEMENT by JESUS G. DUREZA <http://www.facebook.com/notes/jesus-jess-dureza/reply-to-former-panel-chair-silvestre-afables-statement-by-jesus-g-dureza-former/> 10150355380263348

City to Intensify Garbage fee Collection in Barangays

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will intensify the collection of garbage fees in the barangays by allowing a barangay-based collection system. Mayor Mauricio Domogan who issued Administrative Order No. 132 for this purpose said this scheme will streamline the collection process to make it more efficient with the end in view of helping the barangays generate resources to support their own waste management programs. The mayor's order established the guidelines for the barangay-based collection system pursuant to the city's tax ordinance. "Tax Ordinance No. 2001-01 as amended provides for a sharing scheme for garbage fees collected at the Barangay level as a way of increasing collection efficiency that can serve as an incentive to support barangay-based solid waste management initiatives," the mayor noted. "While our barangays are in the process of perfecting functional structures and mechanisms at their level to generate resources to support their Barangay Solid Waste Management Program, there is a need for the City to explore possible solutions to help them carry out their role in the Citywide Solid Waste Management Program more efficiently," he said. As per the guidelines, barangays will be empowered to collect garbage fees from households availing of the solid waste management service on a monthly basis. The collected fees will be subject to a sharing scheme between the city and the barangays at 70-30 percent. Incen-

tives will also be given to barangays with high collection levels. Proceeds can be used by the barangays in their waste management programs and other related projects. The city treasurer's office will first hold a training for duly bonded barangay treasurers on the mechanics of efficient collection, remittance, computation of shares, determination of households and monitoring prior to deputation. The barangays will also be required to submit a master list of household availing of the services within the month after the issuance of the mayor's order and the said list must be updated every first quarter of the year. "A household refers to a core family that includes parents, minor and unmarried children and limited extension to household and grandparents."

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A Future Not Our Own

That full page paid ad, on page 14-A in the Inquirer of Oct. 26, startled many. It bore the title: "Fr Fausto 'Pops' Tentorio: Beloved Servant of the Masses"—referring to the 59-year Italian priest, gunned down in North Cotabato mid-October.

The advertiser claimed to be: "Southern Mindanao Regional Party committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines". Siegfried M Red, "secretary" signed the ad. This is the first time ever the CCP deployed paid ads.

The Party, for instance, confirmed the death of spokesman, "Ka Roger" in a statement emailed to Inquirer October 10. CPP's website carried a black and white portrait of the 64-year old Batangueno, who used laptops for "people's war: A one line caption read: "Gregorio 'Ka Roger' Rosal, 1947-2011." That was all.

EDITORIAL

This full page ad shatters the last half century's

pattern. Is this an exception? Will this continue? What's going on here?

Look at "Father Pops" and his 33 years of service. "For many years, (Fr. Tentorio) served the people of the Philippines in a courageous and indefatigable way", wrote Pope Benedict XVI. "He was "a good priest, a fervent believer. "

Tentorio shepherded his flock with the sacraments and cobbled programs, from child immunization to adult literacy. Thousands of those he had cared for trudged alongside his coffin to Balindong cemetery.

"Your dream is my dream", Tentorio wrote: in his last will and testament, made public by his PIME confreres. Scribbled in the Visayan dialect he was fluent in, Fr Pops added: "Your struggle is my struggle. Therefore, you and I are one: companions in building the Kingdom of God".

As pastor, he "sought justice for lumads or indigenous people, dispossessed of their land, harassed by armed men, when government seemed to abandon them", Kidapawan bishop Romulo de La Cruz recalled at the funeral. Siding with the oppressed, "can earn you enemies who go after even the kindest of men."

AFP's Eastern Mindanao Command denies it had any hand in Tentorio's rebout. But it did tag the priest as "friendly" to the NPA, admits Lt. Col. Leopoldo Galon, EastMindcom spokesperson. "He welcomes sinners and tax collectors". Wasn't that also the tag slapped on Fr. Pops' Master?

Catholic Bishops Conference and PIME are pressing government to nail the killer and mastermind. "What makes us so indignant is the injustice, the impunity of the perpetrators," Italian ambassador Luca Fornari fumed.

Justice Undersecretary Francisco Baraan has started what seems a hard-nosed professional enquiry. Baraan is hamstrung by mistrust of the military among potential witnesses. Like it or not, government's probers find themselves in a race. The Reds dumped this "blood debt" at doors of the 6th Infantry Division "Revolutionary forces vow to bring revolutionary justice for Father Pops," their ad pledges.

"CCP-NPA is the longest-running Maoist insurgency in the world." Diana Rodriguez and Soliman M. Santos, Jr write in the new book "Primed and Purposeful." Armed clashes, across four troubled decades left 4,745 killed and injured 1,534, incomplete tallies claim. Most were civilians. And 1.2 million became refugees.

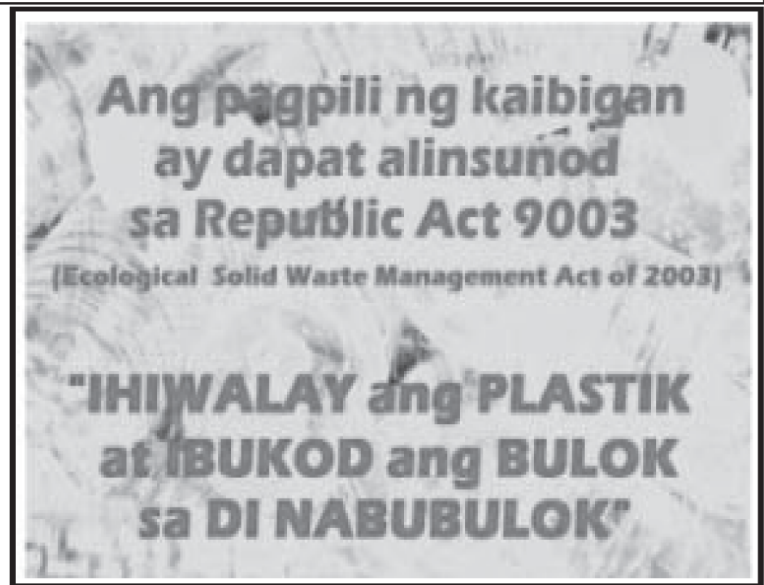
Military victory eluded both security forces and rebels. "Nor is It likely in the future". Communists are bogged down in strategic defense of it's 'protracted people's war.'. They've never achieved a "great leap forward" of mass adherents, Rodriguez and Soliman add.

Indeed, from it's peak in the 1980s, the CCP 'withered and splintered', Australian National University's Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet writes in Philippine Human Development Report. Weakened by internal pogroms, an CCP evaluation confirms "ideological superficiality."

"Mindanao's communism party building was notably weak...Communist ideology is part of leaders' vocabulary. (The paid ad, for example, is studded with jargon: "bureaucrat capitalism"; "commandism" our-time-imperialism", etc.)

"But for most ordinary members, that is not the case." It is abuse and injustice. In Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province, the movement has morphed "into a struggle for Cordellera identify."...Some NPAs evolved a "kind of business enterprise that sells protection in exchange for money and other compensation.

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Agenda: Opening of classes and Christmas

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



November signifies several important tasks for our local officials.

One important significance of November is that schools, particularly universities, open during the month. Large mass of students will be trooping to the Baguio City for enrollment, looking for a place to stay for the semester, and settling in one of the dormitories or boarding houses of the city. Perhaps, the first order of business this November is to remind the drivers of mini and large buses to check their buses for road-worthiness. Buses may be a responsibility of the Department of Transportation but the responsibility of our local officials should focus on the safety of the students as well.

This is not a one-way arrangement. Baguio City also benefits if parents come to have faith in concern of our local officials for their sons and daughters. The place of Baguio City as an educational center is assured. This can also translate as a public image that can be built on Baguio City. This can mean more money for the City and her citizens. However, before the money, our city officials must initiate ways through which the bus companies are checked for the roadworthiness of the buses. Drivers must be checked for discipline, credentials, and the like. Surely, unnecessary deaths can be prevented through preventive measures. Although I am not claiming to have really looked at the data and applied my statistics, perhaps at least five or ten people are usually reported to die every year from road mishaps in Marcos Highway, Naguillian Road, and Kennon Road.

Of course, we should check on the usual. Pickpockets usually go with the crowd. By more than 100%, pickpockets will at the bus stations, market, Session Road, perhaps even in SM, and in all places of the city. We must be alert for this especially because the students will be carrying with them their tuition money and perhaps their one or two months' allowance when they come up.

Next, we go to the dormitories and boarding houses. Perhaps we should check again the boarding houses and dormitories for possible risks to our students. One possible risk, of course, and as usual, is fire. Thus, we must check on the dormitories and boarding houses for possible failure to adhere to our city's safety standards (hopefully or probably there are). Related to the preceding, perhaps we should also check on the places of leisure where students converge for possible risk to safety. For example, perhaps it was in the Ozone disco in Manila, were the largest number of students died because of a fire. Perhaps, we should check against this possibility in Baguio City.

Of course, November is also the month wherein we plan for Christmas. Will we be having another fake snow this season just like the last one? Government programs and projects are opportunities for graft. Perhaps, it is now the turn of the city's citizens to check on their public officials. Will our city officials propose a very big budget for a Christmas program? The largest the expenditure, the larger the cut. Earlier studies of anti-corruption institutions estimated that about twenty percent of

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

IF I WERE THE MILF

BY: JESUS DUREZA



Last week, I wrote an item entitled "IF I WERE THE PRESIDENT" where I mentioned what I would have done in the recent Basilan incident if I were the President (thank goodness I'm not). Of course, I drew lessons while serving former Presidents Ramos and Arroyo when they were faced with similar situations.

This week, I will continue the sequel, by sharing a few more thoughts.

P5-M TO MILF – If I were the government and the MILF, I would resolve quickly the already embarrassing issue about that now-famous P5 million check that was handed over to MILF Chair Kagi Murad by Chief Negotiator Marvic Leonen at the outset of the resumption of peace negotiations. We were told that it was intended to fund the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI), an institution that came out in the course of previous peace negotiations during our time.

IMPROPER — I recall reading initial reports after that Kuala Lumpur meeting held last August. Government Chair Leonen, in his opening statements, immediately made reference to the turn-over of the check of P5 million. I immediately commented in my column article that week entitled "UNSOLICITED ADVICE: PLEASE LANG" (dated September 12) pointing out that the giving of that amount was not proper. It projected a "buy out perception" at the expense of the peace process. Giving money across the table at the very outset of peace talks was lacking in sensitivity, I then wrote. I even wondered how the MILF must have experienced some amount of "discomfort" when the handover took place. I am sure they were not expecting a check at that momentous moment of resumption. I commented about it long before the Basilan ambush because at that first instance, I already predicted then that the P5million would become an awkward issue sooner or later and unduly becloud the peace process. Sure enough, barely two months later, now, the issue is hugging the headlines.

KNEE-JERK — The situation had turned for the worse lately with knee-jerk calls now from Malacanang that the MILF must account for those funds in accordance with government regulations. How's that again? Excuse me, but are we telling the MILF that they comply with government fund procedures like being subjected to Commission on Audit rules, etc? C'mon guys, you must be joking. Being a rebel group, the MILF has consistently taken a stand that to be bound by Philippine legal and constitutional processes, while the talks are still on-going, amounts to capitulation. To impose on the MILF those internal rules on fund use and for the MILF to agree to this is inconsistent with their avowed position. Unless of course MILF is willing to soften up on this. I dunno yet.

Knowing how things are magnified and spinned, I am sure that there will be continuous undue speculations, attacks, criticisms and investigations etc. In the end, the BLMI suffers. It will be inflicted with a wound that will keep pestering everyone's sensitivities. At the end of the day, even the integrity of the peace talks is adversely affected.

"ON THE JOB TRAINING" — I served as chief negotiator as GRP panel chair from 2001 up to 2003 when I voluntarily resigned and also later as President Arroyo's peace adviser for a while from 2006 until 2008. I took over from OPAPP Secretary Ging Deles, now a returnee, when she resigned with the "Hyatt 10" in 2006. Please allow me to give some bits of information from my recollections... before Alzheimer's sets in. (hahaha!)

I distinctly recall that it was the MILF in the course of the peace negotiations that first suggested that before becoming recipients of huge development funds from the donor countries and agencies, in preparation for a possible peace settlement, they wished that they be first trained and capacitated and that the small initial projects be just "test runs" for them to practise how to do it in the meantime that negotiations were still on-going. It was an "on the job" training of sorts. They pointed to the difficulties and constraints experienced by their brothers in the MNLF when a peace agreement was signed in 1996 and the MNLF was caught almost flatfooted. The MNLF members were trained as jungle fighters and warriors and when peace came, the combatants and even their commanders were not prepared to take on development and management roles. The MILF learned these lessons and wanted to do better.

We were all heartened by MILF's rare and laudable proposition. We all grabbed the opportunity. And so did the donor countries. The World Bank first initiated, with the peace office OPAPP,

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

INC's Eduardo V. Manalo:
God-directed

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart..." (Hebrews 4:12, the Holy Bible).

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PERSON TO PERSON MENTORING FOR INC EXECUTIVE MINISTER: As Iglesia Ni Cristo Executive Minister Eduardo V. Manalo celebrates his 56th birthday on October 31, 2011, he will actually be marking likewise the second successful year of his leadership of the Church founded in 1914 by his grandfather, Executive Minister Felix Y. Manalo, and subsequently nurtured to greatness by his own father, Executive Minister Erano G. Manalo.

But, while God's hand can be seen directing the steps of Ka Eduardo as he became the third leader of the Church in 2009, thus continuing its phenomenal evangelization success not only in the Philippines but even worldwide, it helped greatly that, for a long time, he underwent a "person to person" mentoring from his father, Ka Erdy, evidently preparing him for his present position.

INC records show that Ka Erdy took every opportunity to teach Ka Eduardo, so that even simple moments like taking a brisk walk would turn into precious mentoring sessions.

And the advice and guidance of Ka Erdy became extremely important to Ka Eduardo, especially after Ka Eduardo was named as the Church's deputy executive minister on May 7, 1994, such that communication lines remained open between the father and the son, even when they are hundreds of miles apart.

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OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY OF KA EDUARDO: Here is a part of an official biography written about Ka Eduardo by his very own daughter, Gemma Mina V. Manalo, and which can be accessed at Facebook: "The ideals of the Executive Minister have always been the inspiration of Brother Eduardo's project.

"He sponsored workshops in writing and translations and seminars for ministerial students, as Brother Eraño wanted ministers trained in all fields beneficial to the Church.

"Such learning activities culminated in projects like the Eye 'N See Life photo exhibit and Christian Music Video Festival (CMVFest), which were under not only Brother Eduardo's sponsorship but also his artistic direction, given his knowledge of photography, filming, and video editing.

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INC PROMOTES GOOD VALUES FOR THE YOUTH: "Because Brother Eraño wanted good values to be prompted especially among the youth of the Church, Brother Eduardo launched a children's exhibit entitled 'Values 101.'

"He also released animated documentaries about the Sugo and Brother Eraño to help the youth understand and value their compassionate labors for the Church. In addition, he initiated the digital restoration of older issues of the Pasugo..."

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a project that would pre-test development and livelihood projects as a sort of training course for the MILF with its own NGO called Bangsamoro Development Agency or BDA for short. The World Bank and the government together with the other donor countries and agencies then launched the Mindanao Trust Fund (MTF) as an initial step. Here, with some initial funds and limited targets, certain modest projects were implemented in selected areas in Mindanao as a precursor of what could be a big, up-scaled development fund if an agreement is finally signed. MILF's BDA was the "implementing agency-trainee" of sorts.

FUTURE LEADERS — Then, as a consequence of these preparatory stages, the idea came out: what about an institute that would train the MILF and the bangsamoro for future leadership roles in the future. Thus BLMI was born. It was akin to the concept of the Development Academy

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"TO BE OR NOT TO BE THAT IS THE QUESTION!"

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima is right now in a dilemma.

She has simply found herself in a big quandary, a Shakespearian quandary.

Shakespeare's famous line no less of "to be or not to be, that is the question!" is most appropriate to illustrate of the situation she's in right now.

A situation that puts anybody into a "damned I don't, damned if I do" kind of a balancing act.

The good Secretary from the region of Bicol is simply referring to former PGMA's plans of getting medical attention abroad, in Spain, or somewhere else.

What confounded to this is the bric-a-brac that she got when she got the flak out of former FG Mike Arroyo's HDO (hold-departure-order) before that was allegedly so damned well issued by the DOJ on FG and was eventually implemented by its line agency, the Bureau of Immigration, amidst the PNP helicopter agency.

Well, FG was supposedly scheduled for a routine check-up with his physician abroad then and she ably got a lot of negative criticisms from different quarters.

Now, it appears Sec. de Lima is again headed to another round of that.

But this time Sec. de Lima may not be belting out our favourite tune of "all by myself" because Health Secretary Enrique Ona has gotten into the picture.

Malacanang said Health Secretary Enrique Ona "has yet to issue a recommendation on whether or not PGMA's state of health warrants a treatment abroad and be issued an Allow Departure Order (ADO), the anathema of HDO.

Wise move by Malacanang, least it won't be threatened anew by a resignation letter coming from Taft Avenue.

Indeed, things are edging closer to boiling point in that part of Mendiola with its never-ending saga down south.

Malacañang's appeal to the MILF to "cooperate or stand aside" seemingly went with the southern wind. So what will happen now to MILF commander Dan Laksaw Asnawi, who has been declared a fugitive from justice.

MILF vice chairman for political affairs Ghadzali Jaafar averred that "they would not agree to the demand (of the Aquino administration) to surrender Asnawi unless the government follows the mechanisms agreed upon by the two peace panels" according to reports.

Does it calls for intensified military ops just to get Asnawi by hook or by crook or follow the line of Jaafar for the government's end?

Who do you think will blink?

Whatever. What's certain at this point in time is for us to forget at the moment the already shaky peace process.

And certainly, for sure it's not just Justice Sec. Leila de Lima who's in a quandary of Shakespeare's famous line of "to be or not to be" but her "boss chief" as well. Let's wait and see.

Indian Anti-Graft Activist Vows to Reform Group

NEW DELHI (AP) — The charismatic leader of a popular Indian anti-corruption movement ended a 20-day vow of silence Friday with a promise to reform the leadership of his group amid growing criticism of his top aides.

Anna Hazare said he took the vow of silence to regain strength after a 12-day August hunger strike demanding strong

anti-graft laws. Hazare has been demanding that Parliament pass his sweeping proposal to create a powerful anti-corruption watchdog that would police all government officials, from the prime minister to the lowest village bureaucrat. The proposal, along with other versions of the bill, will be debated in Parliament's next session, which starts Nov. 22.

The hunger

strike brought tens of thousands of ordinary Indians, fed up with the country's deeply entrenched corruption, to the New Delhi fairground where he held camp. Thousands more marched in support in cities across the country.

But in recent days his movement has been wracked by controversy.

Two leaders said it had grown too political and quit. A third said

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Statement of Former Peace Adviser Jesus G. Dureza on the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute

I categorically deny that I was among the proponents of the P5 million fund assistance for the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) as Malacanang claimed.

While I strongly supported the formation of the BLMI and saw the need to train the bangsamoro for future leadership roles in anticipation of a peace agreement and the need to support it, I was not privy at all to that P5 million fund, much less a proponent thereof.

I personally checked today with former chairman General Rodolfo Garcia who was chairman then of the panel while I was presidential adviser for the peace process (PAPP). He recalled that the amount of P5 million needed for the BLMI came out for the first time during the workshop conducted by the Development Academy of the Philippines with the MILF and his panel. It was a follow-up of what was taken up during the chairmanship of Secretary Silvestre "Yong" Afaile who replaced me when I resigned as panel chair in 2003.

According to Chair Garcia, he sent a letter requesting for the approval of the amount to Malacanang but it was not approved up to the end of the Arroyo administration. Former chair Garcia also recalled that there was no mention at all of the P5 million fund assistance in any of the documents covering the exploratory talks that were held, although there was reference to the BLMI that needed support.

Hence, for Malacanang to claim that I was a "proponent" without first ascertaining that I was not even privy to that matter is clearly a ploy to discredit my published criticism of the turnover of the P5 million pesos using government funds and timing it during the initial salvo of the resumption of peace talks with the MILF which I found to be "improper" and lacking in sensitivity. I said in my regular column as Publisher of the Mindanao Times, a daily based in Davao City several weeks ago that the turn-over of the P5 million check and the ensuing public uproar about it may even affect the integrity of the peace process. I also volunteered the view that if the attacks would continue unabated despite the explanations of both the government and the MILF, then it may be good for the MILF to return the check and help clear the air and spare the peace process the public bashing it does not deserve. For those comments, Malacanang accused me of being the "proponent" of something I criticized. Good spin, I admit.

In the course of my verifications, I was also informed just last night that there was also an earlier support fund given during the time of presidential peace adviser Secretary Ging Deles before she resigned in 2006 with the so-called Hyatt 10. This was to support the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) of the MILF. However, the amount was not given directly to the MILF, as what was recently done, but quietly done by handing it to the Malaysian facilitator who in turn turned it over to the MILF.

I guess, Malacanang should also seek some clarifications from its own peace adviser about this instead of falsely accusing me just so they have someone else to blame for its own missteps.

We all have to help clear up things for the sake of the peace process.

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DOH Reiterates Tips for Safe Drinking Water

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) - Center for Health Development- Cordillera is reiterating to the public the importance of safe drinking water.

According to Regional Director Myrna Cabotaje, drinking water should be boiled properly from 10 up to 20 minutes.

She explained that by boiling water properly, pathogens will be killed but what is not well known is that if you boil your water, it does not remove the water's turbidity or cloudiness.

Cabotaje also cautioned the public not use an aluminum kettle or container to boil water because some particles are removed when the container is heated.

Leftovers from the boiling process may contain aluminum particles, corrosions, and toxic metals, Cont. on page 9

Child Abuse Prevention Network Organized to Protect Exploited Children

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Network (CAPIN) was recently formed here to support the handling of children who are exploited.

The project was conceptualized after sentiments had been expressed by various concerned agencies and citizens regarding the repetitive investigative process and of the handling of an abused child. Professional child caregivers have observed that this type and manner of investigation can be traumatizing to the child.

The Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc., (CFSPI) has taken the initiative to spearhead the creation of the CAPIN and to strengthen it with the creation of a consultative body composed of all agencies involved with the investigations, interviews, medico-legal examinations, filling of the case, to referring the child to care giving agencies.

Deliberations have been set in place and through the concerted efforts of all the collaborating agencies, the CAPIN has been refined and their respective expertise and services committed.

La Trinidad Mayor Greg Abalos Jr. said that agencies have specific roles where it is clearly defined so that there will be no overlapping or duplicating of task.

To avoid further trauma to the abused child where recurring questions or interrogations are asked, the delineation of functions of agencies is made clear to all concerned agencies handling the case of the abused youngster, Abalos explained.

The CAPIN headed the La Trinidad Local Government, has for its members the municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, La Trinidad Police Office, Department of Education district office, Liga ng Barangay, Benguet General Hospital, Commission on human Rights- CAR, Provincial Prosecutors Office, Regional Trial Court 9, Child and Family Service Philippines and the Philippine Mental Health Association-Baguio-Benguet./JDP/JBZ PIA CAR

Top Cop of the Cordillera Bares Plan

CAMP DANGWA, Benguet - A three-point agenda in sustaining peace and order efforts in the Cordillera region will be the actor in having a development of far the flung villages.

Newly-installed Police Regional Director Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong, said it is nice to be back working with the men and women of the Police Regional Office and being from the place will make the work more easier to work for peace and order.

We will adapt the one-policeman, one barangay policy; we are going after the most wanted criminals and that police stations will be open on a 24-7, he said.

The police should be knowledgeable on information technology (IT) in the performance on their duty, Magalong said.

Police community relations (PCR) where we bring our work closer to the people so they may know how to access the services the police have, he said.

Magalong said there is a need to come out with appropriate strategies that will be in accordance with the existing policy of the current leadership so that lasting peace in the region will be achieved the soonest.

'If we work together, the various agencies, officials and with the cooperation of the general public we can attain lasting peace in our region,' added Magalong.

Magalong replaced SSupt. Villamor Bumanglag who retired from the service./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Dengue Cases in Cordillera Down by 38 %, But DOH Advises Public Not to be Complacent

BAGUIO CITY- "Dengue prevention is a shared responsibility of all, although the number of cases is going down, we should not be complacent nor should we stop our efforts in preventing occurrence of dengue cases in our communities," thus the reminder given by Department of Health (DOH-CAR) Dengue Program Coordinator Dr. Alexei Marrero.

According to Dr. Marrero, rains still come and go, which means mosquito breeding sites still abound in surroundings so there is still a need for the public to practice the DOH advocacy on 4S, especially on search and destroy of mosquito breeding sites and to seek early consultation. The other two of the 4S habit are self protection and safe disposal of waste.

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DOT Pushes for Intensified Accounting of Tourists

BAGUIO CITY - Tourist arrivals in the city of Baguio and the rest of Cordillera is continuously increasing though there is a need to improve data gathering to get the actual statistics.

This was affirmed by Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Purificacion Molintas, in a kapihan forum here, Wednesday.

According to Molintas, as a whole, tourist arrival in Cordillera is on the rise but the actual data is hard to get that is why the DOT, in partnership with the different local government units (LGUs), are trying to put in corrective measures to intensify the data gathering of both local and foreign tourists visiting the region.

"As an example, one of our tourist markets are the Koreans; we are aware of their presence especially here in Baguio but when we look at the statistics, the numbers shows a decrease and this is mainly because Koreans now have their own condominiums and rented-houses, thus they are not also counted in the statistics that mainly comes from hotels and other accommodation establishments," Molintas said.

In the past, condominiums are not included in the defined data sources which is why we are now expanding them to all retreat houses and government cottages, Molintas added.

Molintas also announced that the accreditation and licensing of all accommodation facilities, including homestay, pension houses and transient homes will soon be mandatory for proper regulation, which could also improve statistics gathering.

Meanwhile, Molintas bared that just recently, the DOT inked a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Baguio city government for the turning-over of the statistics database task to the city Tourism Office in accordance with the Tourism Code.

She also stressed that the Tourism Department is also working to unify tourism statistics database and sources of information and methodology in accordance with the Tourism International Account./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Adivay to Boost Tourism Industry of Benguet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The month-long Adivay celebration this November jumpstarts the province's tourism industry which is still on its infancy stage, according to Governor Nestor Fongwan.

Fongwan said the Founding Anniversary of the province through Adivay is a vehicle to boost the selling of the province in the field of tourism showcasing what the 13 towns have to offer.

"We need to do this," he said. "We would like people to come to the province and help (in promoting tourism) through the celebration of Adivay," Fongwan stressed.

Most of the activities according to Fongwan are centered on the popularization and promotions of tourism industry as he calls on the support of the Department of Tourism.

The province is already popular in

terms of its mining industry, agriculture particularly its temperate vegetables, and hydropower, but hand in hand such industries may also be considered as tourist attractions, he said.

The tourism industry which has great potential is still lagging behind and vital in triggering the economy of the province, according to Fongwan.

In terms of economical gains, Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso admitted that all those who are participating in the celebrations had earlier been preparing such as those from the municipalities particularly the farmers and entrepreneurs who are gaining in such event.

In showcasing the 13 towns, this is also an opportunity among bulk buyers or agents who spot and market potential products.

Through the

Adivay, people will know the tourist destinations and related activities in various towns of the province which pretty sure would soon be part of the itinerary of tourists in visiting the Cordillera region, Fongwan said.

Meanwhile, to boost tourism in the province, provision of infrastructure support such as comfort rooms and community police assistance centers for security measures for the convenience of tourists are now in the pipeline while others were already established, according to Fongwan.

View decks together with Pasalubong center like that in Ambassador, Tublay has been installed while there are plans up putting up in strategic locations, he said.

The province is trying to boost tourism facilities as come on for visitors./SCA PIA CAR/Benguet

2 Captured NPAs Now Jailed At Cagayan City Jail

Camp Aquino, Tarlac City - Recent clash at Baggao, Cagayan last Thursday also resulted to the captivity of two NPA members Bernardo Padian Jr. @ HEKTOR, 20y/o and Nerrisa Pattung Javier @RANYAG, 23y/o.

NOLCOM Chief LT GEN JESSIE D DELLOSA reports that the two captured NPAs were prosecuted at the Provincial Prosecutors Office at Tuguegarao

City and are now jailed for violation of RA 9516, Attempted Murder & Illegal Possession of Explosives at Cagayan Provincial Jail. "The military is doing its very best in attending to the reports and complaints of

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Any member-consumer who wishes to include any agenda to be acted by the Assembly must submit them to the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later that November 11, 2011 at the BENECO Office DPS Compound, Baguio City.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

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FORECLOSURE CASE No. 11-305-S

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

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of

SPS. JOSEPH B E L T R A N QUIRIMIT AND FRANCES A. QUIRIMIT, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, which as of October 4, 2011, now amounts to THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE AND 47/100 (3,838,773.47), Philippine Currency, exclusive of the interest accruing after this date, penalties, attorney's fees, legal expenses and other charges incidental to the foreclosure sale, this Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction, on November 22, 2011, at 10 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following described mortgage property and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit;

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

Baguio City, Philippines, this 24th day of October, 2011.

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Fr Tentorio was selfless, not because of his priestly vocation but "because he learned from the masses," the ad claims. "The masses alone are the creators of history." This is, of course, Mao Ze Dong 101. "Party members should take their cue from the masses, and reinterpret policy with respect to the benefit of the masses", the Great Helmsman wrote...

Sundays, Tatay Pops would give "brief but sound homilies that affected people's lives", the paid ad says. "In his sermons, he guided peasants and the masses...to embrace the national democratic struggle. That's communist shorthand for c o n f l i c t .

The military, meanwhile, insists they did not tar Fr Tentorio as "communist" — and thereby become a target for hitmen. "The ad...is a deceptive attempt to insinuate that the military is behind his murder", Col Galon protested.

Remember Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador? He became the strongest voice against government lawlessness, after murder of Jesuit Father Rutilo Grande who defended the poor. Romero was shot while saying mass in March 1980. A UN Commission later established that death squad leader Roberto D'Aubuisson ordered the k i l l i n g .

Romero wrote what Tentorio lived: "The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision...We merely plant seeds that will one day grow....We are ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."/Juan L. Mercado

Indian Anti - Graft

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the team needed restructuring.

Two of Hazare's closest aides also found themselves embroiled in their own corruption scandals.

Kiran Bedi, India's first high-ranking woman police officer and one of the movement's most visible faces, was found to have sent dozens of inflated travel bills to organizations that invited her to speak. Actual economy airfares were billed as business class and discounted tickets were billed as full fare to the tune of tens of thousands of rupees (thousands of dollars). None of the organizations involved have complained.

Bedi accepted that she had fudged her bills but claimed that all the money she made was meant to fund the good works of her own charity. She called the charges of corruption "silly" and "stupid."

Another Hazare aide, Arvind Kejriwal, took extended leave from his government job as an income tax official before finally quitting but refused to pay the 900,000 rupees (\$18,000) government employment bond he had signed. He repaid the bond Thursday, under protest. His claim: he had spent his time working for the country and campaigning for a right to information law and shouldn't be asked to repay the debt.

Hazare denied his aides were corrupt; Bedi and Kejriwal stood next to him during his news conference. But he promised to make new rules to decide how top leaders were chosen.

"The movement started suddenly and we did not have time to think about the structure of the core committee," he told reporters in New Delhi./AP

Manila Archdiocesan Donates Two Truckloads of Books in Ifugao Town

LAMUT, Ifugao - The Local Government Unit (LGU) here received recently truck loads of text books donated by a non-government organization for distribution to the different schools in the municipality.

Lourdes Mangacat, Sangguniang Bayan (SB) secretary told that the Manila Archdiocesan and Parochial Schools Association, Inc. (MAPSA) under its President Msgr. Gerardo Santos donated the two truck loads of text books for elementary and secondary schools.

"The donor extended their benevolence as they had been donating books previously to other municipalities and province which sought for their assistance," she said.

Mangacat explained that the first truckload was delivered in the municipality.

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chemicals such as lead, mercury and asbestos that have contaminated the water or in the boiling receptacle, she explained.

The best is to use a stainless steel vessel or a clay pot for the job, she said.

DOH also encourages the use of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to be sure of the quality of water, especially water delivered by trucks in barangays where potable water is still a major concern. Chlorine tablet may also be used to disinfect the water. /JBZ- PIA CAR

Dengue Cases

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tection measures and say no to indiscriminate fogging.

Marrero reported that based on recent data of DOH-CAR, cases of dengue in Cordillera is down by 38 percent, from 6,172 in 2010 to 3,791 this year.

Dengue cases are down in all provinces except those who were confined in hospitals within the region but reside outside Cordillera with a notable increase from 203 last year to 283 cases this year.

In Abra, there was a decrease from 376 in 2010 to 362 cases this year; Apayao from 199 to 34 or 83% decrease; Baguio City from 1,270 to 468 or 63 percent decrease; Benguet from 1,112 to 430 or 61% decrease; Ifugao from 1,092 to 98 or 17% decrease; Kalinga from 1,019 to 795 or 22% decrease; and Mountain Province from 856 to 511 or 40 % decrease.

However, there was an increase in deaths recorded pegged at 17 cases this year compared to the 13 cases reported last year. Age bracket of deaths ranges from as young as one year old to 57 years old.

On dengue mortality per province, Abra, Apayao, Kalinga registered four cases each, two in Baguio City, one in Apayao and two non-Cordillera patients.

Meantime, the DOH, in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is also distributing Ovicidal-Larvicidal (OL) Trap kits effective in fighting dengue carrier mosquitoes to pre-identified dengue prone communities in Cordillera.

According to Marrero, 15,000 OL Trap Kits were allocated for Baguio City, 6,000 to Paracelis, Mountain Province, 5,000 to Alfonso Lista Ifugao and 10,000 for Tabuk City Ifugao./SCA LD/PIA CAR

pality two months ago while the second was delivered last month in coordination with the office of the vice-mayor and the SB.

She further disclosed that the SB members and their personnel had already started distributing the donated books to 23 elementary and six secondary schools in the municipality.

"The local legislators believed that these books would address the perennial problem on the lack of books in all levels and provide pupils and students enough reading materials/references that will hopefully inspire them to achieve more in terms quality education," Mangacat reiterated./SCA MBL - PIA CAR/Ifugao

The Peace Combatant

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public money goes to corruption (other institutions posted larger estimates). What will it be this time? A fake mountain or glacier perhaps? My unsolicited suggestion for our City officials if they do not want to accused of graft is to plan with our citizens and nongovernment groups. We have several sectors here that we can assist to make our celebration of the Christmas season more meaningful. We have the people in prison, the street children, the children in some private orphanages, and perhaps even the victims of the mini-tragedies of our city. The City can work with artists perhaps and, boy, I am very sure this will go a long way in building PR among them. I just hope that our celebration of our Christmas season will not be too expensive. Our celebration of Christmas can be like any other celebration in the country but what is more important is that our City officials plan one with the people, plan one with our nongovernment groups. Participatory planning will make our activities more meaningful and it will reduce the possibility or image of the existence of graft and corruption.

By the way, as we go through the end of the year, let us not forget that we the New Year's Eve, there would be risks of fire from the firecrackers. Hopefully, we also anticipate them and do the preventive action NOW.

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 23, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LITFRB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon 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 CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 21st day of October 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Philippines, Muslim Rebels 'Clear the Air'.....from page 1

It was among a series of clashes in October triggered by a government pursuit of wanted outlaws that turned into pitched battles with rebel fighters.

The violence left as many as 40 soldiers, police and civilians dead, and cast a pall over the already shaky peace process.

"Let's wait for this (the outcome of the investigation)," Iqbal said, when asked whether the MILF would take any action against members involved in the violence.

The two sides are holding a series of meetings in Kuala Lumpur aimed at ending a decades-long insurgency by the 12,000-strong rebel group. A date for the next round has not been set.

Philippine deputy presidential spokeswoman Abigail Valte told AFP Manila would "continue to push for the peace talks" even as the military pursues "lawless elements" in Mindanao.

The two sides are supposed to be observing a ceasefire but the long-running negotiations stalled after the MILF snubbed Manila's "roadmap" for peace in August.

The peace proposal was the first by the government since a 2008 Supreme Court decision outlawing a proposed autonomy deal that would have given the MILF control over 700 towns and villages in the south, including some Christian areas.

An estimated 150,000 people have died in the conflict, which began in the 1970s./ www.afp.com/afpcom/en/

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of the Philippines (which by the way helped in formulating concepts, etc) but this was more specific and culturally-tuned for the bangsamoro with Cotabato as its host venue. Countries and agencies like Japan, Asia Foundation, AusAid, USAID, EU and the rest of the participating donors were upbeat about this new paradigm: a rebel group that insisted that their people be trained first to ensure proper and inclusive implementation of post-settlement development plans and programs.

To highlight another unique development in the peace talks, EVEN BEFORE a final peace agreement is signed and finalized, a partnership between the government and the MILF was forged to do projects in conflict affected areas. Development programs, although in a limited scale, to improve the lives of the affected communities were already underway with the Philippine government and the MILF already working as partners, with the support of the donor community. Although the MILF made it clear that a political settlement must first be forged before full scale development is done. To me, it was not only a "confidence building measure" in the negotiations. It was something that would render both parties difficult to walk away from the negotiating table, especially when things go rough along the way. As it is today! Come to think of it, nowhere in the world can you find a rebel group already partnering with a government while still in the process of difficult negotiations without a final peace settlement yet in place. As they say: ONLY IN DA PHILIPPINES!

From what I later gathered, the issue of

funding the bangsamoro institute then came to the fore. At first, the technical problem of the BLMI not being a registered entity under Philippine laws, like its parent, the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) was an obstacle. Although I was no longer in the peace process office, I came to know lately that the registration requirement was reportedly done thus qualifying the BLMI to receive funds like any other non governmental organization or NGO for that matter. But I also wondered how government funds could be used if the MILF stuck to its position that they would not submit to any government rules and regulations in the meantime when negotiations were still going on. Of course, this problem would go away with a final peace agreement signed and sealed. Unless of course the MILF, for this exceptional case, was willing to forego of their usual stand. I am also trying hard to recall but during my watch, I was not privy to that P5 million alleged commitment by the Arroyo administration that Pres. Aquino is now claiming he is merely implementing and "delivering."

CASUALTY—Now fast forward to the present. The recent Basilan incident triggered the issue that now puts BLMI in such a bad light and, if things turn for the worse, will become a victim of what many euphemistically call "collateral damage" of conflict. All because of the "ill-advised" timing and gesture of handing over a P5 million check outright in the opening salvo of President Aquino's initial parley in this very sensitive field of peace negotiations. Evidently, there was not much "CSW" done prior to the check turnover. CSW, by the way stands for "complete staff work", an acronym popularized by FVR and GMA during their respective administrations. Of course initially, it was "good copy" for the government being publicly shown that it was willing and generous to support the peace initiatives. But giving money to the MILF irrespective of its good intentions, as a goodwill gesture, was a miscalculation. If President Aquino or his peace officials thought that giving outright the P5 million check to the MILF would make them "softer" to deal with, then they got it all wrong. But then, it's water under the bridge now.

It is best that the MILF and the government quickly clarify these issues to the satisfaction of all. But if things continue to be acrimonious and a source of continuing embarrassment for both sides, then if I were the MILF, I will seriously consider to voluntary "return" that P5million to the government to help clear the air. I am sure there will be other generous sources, not from government funds, that will immediately take care of the slack.

Whichever one looks at it, peace negotiations is not simple stuff. And obviously not easy. And I do not relish the situation Secretary Ging (my predecessor and successor at the same time) and Chair Leonen are now in. Thank goodness, I'm just now a kibitzer looking in – or just peeping in – from the outside. But I can't help but put in my few cents worth from time to time after having been there myself before. And hopefully with everyone's indulgence, attempting to give context to what's going on today. As I have repeatedly said, I have my own share of mistakes and milestones as well. The mistakes I wish to share so no one repeats them or milestones to learn from and to replicate.

Let me recall what my former "boss"

President Ramos told me once when I was already complaining about the slow pace and the difficulties of the peace talks. He said: Peace negotiators must have 3 things. First, "patience". Second, "more patience". I became impatient and then asked: So what's the third, Mr President. He waved his hand, then with FVR signature thumbs up sign, said with a wink: "More, more patience". Indeed!/jessdureza@gmail.com

DENR

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the mayor rallied the city's barangay officials to support the survey, particularly for the immediate settlement of border disputes, or else "ha'n nga mailippas dayta (the project won't be finished)".

He warned against a survey resulting in boundary feuds only renewed instead of being settled by the project, noting the city's own unsettled border tiffs with adjoining towns. He expressed hopes the survey would eventually be useful in the resolution of the city's boundary dispute with La Trinidad, Tuba and Itogon, Benguet.

Domogan also called on the community leaders to bring into the picture the city's long-stalled plan to reduce the number of its barangays through merger, noting that several of these currently fall short of the minimum population requirement of 5,000 for highly urbanized cities.

The merging will be implemented only after their term, the mayor said, noting that it will bolster the development of grassroots governance and provide for regular salaries of barangay officials whose "present service is sacrifice".

He said fund support for grassroots development from the national government is no longer dictated by Malacanang but based on the internal revenue allotment based on the income, population and area of each local government unit.

He and city councilor Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., chair of the city council committee on urban planning, lands and housing, thanked the DENR for setting aside its savings to fund the project contracted by the group of geodetic engineer Hipolito Noveloso.

DENR representatives led by Engr. Rowena Caccam submitted to a suggestion by city councilor Joel Alangsab, chair of the Association of Barangay Councils to have the survey conducted through clustering following the 20 barangay districts set-up.

Alangsab noted that boundary disputes can never be resolved unless barangay officials and residents are involved in the process.

Issues initially raised during the project briefing attest to the mayor's observation relative to the complications in resolving the boundary issues and finally laying the monuments on the ground.

Several barangay officials asked whether government reservations like Camp John Hay would be part of their territorial jurisdictions. Another wanted to know the status of a "purok" which was originally part of a barangay but whose residents eventually started voting in a neighboring community on the dictates of a candidate.

Worse, another said, some residents vote in one barangay but pay their realty and business taxes using addresses within the jurisdiction of another barangay./Ramon Dacawi.

Public - Private Sector

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through the Oplan Kaluluwa executive committee led by action officers Lacdan and city administrator Carlos Canilao and private partners.

There were 557 policemen both from the local police and augmentation forces who were deployed at the various cemeteries and roads during the celebration. They were assisted by volunteers from the various civic organizations.

The groups that provided augmentation to the city police are the SWAT, RPSB, CARTS and the 21st Air Force Reserve Group.

The volunteer groups that rendered assistance to the city government and the city police during the observance were the Baguio Emergency Coordinating Group (BECG), Solar Communication Group Inc. (SOLAR), Kafagwayan, Assistance for Land Emergencies (ALERT), COBRA, Kabalikat Civicom Association, Philippine Guardians Brotherhood (Bayang Pino), Boy Scouts and Girl Scout of the Philippines Baguio Chapter, Baguio Guardians Brotherhood (BGBI), Radio Communicators Assistance Group (RCA), 21 Air Force Group Reserve, Disaster, Emergencies, Land Traffic Assistance (DELTACOM), Taxi Communication Group, STATIC, BB-PICAG, Philippine National Red Cross Baguio City Chapter, Knights of Columbus-Saint Vincent Parish, Baguio City Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Chaired by Domogan and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, the Oplan Kaluluwa committee is composed of representatives from the civic organizations, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council; Public Information Officer of the City Mayor's Office; Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office; and City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), City Health Officer Dr. Florence Reyes, City Building Official Oscar Flores; City Engineer Leo Bernardez; Punong Barangays Association President Joel Alangsab; Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President Karminn Dinney Yangot; City Treasurer Thelma Manaois and Chairperson of the Council Committee on Ethics and Governmental Affairs and Personnel, Councilor Phillian Louise Weygan-Allan and the punong barangays of Irisan, San Roque Village, Lower Lourdes Subdivision, Lourdes Proper, Lower Rock Quarry, City Camp Proper, Cresencia Village, San Luis Village, Quezon Hill Proper, and Kias./A Refuerzo

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concerned civilians on the NPA's rampant extortion that victimizes not only huge business but also the low-earning folks in the countryside. The ball is now in the hands of our judicial system, and the PNP already took over in handling the case," Dellosa said.

Meanwhile, NOLCOM Spokesperson Cpt Jovily Carmel Cabading accounts that one of the wounded civilians in the said clash, Arnold Passion, was already discharged from the Cagayan Valley Med Center (CVMC). He was transported back to his residence at Brgy. San Jose, Baggao, Cagayan and was given financial support by Battalion Commander of 17IB, LTC Alvin Flores.

LTC Flores further adds, "We made sure that the wounded civilians were prop-

erly given medical care and we appreciate the utmost support of our local government units in attending to their other needs. Likewise, we also made sure that the two captured NPAs were properly treated in strict adherence to human rights and international humanitarian law. As fellow Filipinos, we want them to immediately start a new life peacefully, however, it is but right and only natural for them to undergo the legal procedures and be responsible enough to face the legal consequences of their wronged actions in the past."

City to Intensify

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Doubled up households include married children living with their parents, married brothers/sisters and boarders living with the landlord. Each married child, brother or sister will be treated and charged as separate households. Every four boarders shall be considered a household and also to be charged separately," the order says. The billing dates will be during the first ten days of each month subject to discounts for early payers. Barangays will also be required to monitor the compliance to the city's non-segregation-no-collection policy, indiscriminate dumping and anti-littering laws with the following penalty: warning for first offense; P500 for second offense and P1,000 for third offense. The mayor's order will be implemented immediately./A Refuerzo

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Raffy Tallocoy and Jose Atanacio, both of the mayor's office, City Building Officer Engr. Flores, Assistant General Services Officer Eugene Buyucan, Office of the City Administrator personnel Glicerio Avena and Eugene Dominic Valbuena.

Balikbayan and homecoming celebrations, including sister cities, and foreign group activities shall be overseen by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, with Philippine Information Agency Regional Director Helen Tibaldo as co-chair, City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, Councilor Nicasio Palaganas, Baguio Korean Association in-charge Rev. Lee Jung Sung, Filipino-Chinese Association representative Peter Ng, and Baguio Japanese Association representative Masahiro Okuda as members.

Councilor Elmer Datuin takes charge of the technical aspect of the celebrations including aesthetics with City Administrator Atty. Canilao as co-chair, City Building Official Engr. Flores, City Health Officer Dr. Reyes, City Engineer Leo Bernardez, OIC-City Environment and Parks Management Office Cordelia Lacsamana, General Services Officer Romeo Concio, BCPO Director Sr. Supt. Lacdan, and Fire Marshall Supt. Richard Villanueva, as members.

Secretariat shall come from the City Administrators Office: Jonathan Resurreccion, Leopoldo Bareng, Eugene Valbuena, Glicerio Avena; Sangguniang Panlungsod, City Secretary Prudencio Parnacio and Grail Cortez; City Mayor's Office: Pam de Vera, Rony Rodriguez, Arwin Cardinal; City Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra, and Mr. Jose Atanacio of the City Mayor's Office.

During the same forum, the mayor expressed hope that the city council would pass an ordinance on a total ban on pyro-

technics as these are "hazardous and accident-prone" for those who would light up one. Not only that, the mayor said, firecrackers and the like are serious pollutants to the environment, as with a Department of Health recommendation. A penal provision on the ordinance, may help, if violators would be charged, he added.

The usual committee in charge of fireworks has been scrapped from the program committees of the Christmas in Baguio activities, it was observed.

The mayor however said he fears that those who would insist on lighting up firecrackers would buy from other places and bring them, for use in the city./juliefianza

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youthfulness. He said, "Those able to take afternoon naps live longer than those who don't."

If one wakes in the middle of the night, never be tempted to read or log on to the Internet. Another reminder is to keep digital gadgets like watches and cell phones at least a meter away from the bed as "their electromagnetic waves interfere with the brain waves," he said.

Tan ran down the other healthy pointers to remember:

- Physical activity or exercise 20-30 minutes daily. An hour's walk is equal to 10,000 steps a day, even if not continuous. Tan said, "Taking the tri-cycle has destroyed the body of the Filipino."

- Maintain friendships. Follow the adage of to love and be loved. Keep ties with kindred spirits throughout life. Even donating to charity releases happy hormones called endorphins.

- Forgive and ask forgiveness. He said social medicine evidence shows that this works although it may be the hardest act. If the hurting person lets 10 weeks or even six months pass, then meets the offender casually without evading him/her, forgiveness has taken place.

- Laughter and sex reduce aging. Watch funny films or videos. Take forced leaves and vacation. A happy life, Tan said, is one where "every pregnancy is planned, every baby is wanted and a person is free of sexually transmitted diseases."

- Have time for stillness, meditation and prayer.

- Eat lots of plant-based food (vegetables, fruits, nuts, beans, lentils) apart from complex carbohydrates and deep-sea fish. Avoid white sugar, white bread, processed meat (*tocino* and *longganisa*). Go on a monthly fast by eating fruits and vegetable for three days, something other living creatures do naturally.

- Drink warm or room-temperature liquids, mineral water, dark chocolate (*tablea*), green tea. He advised against distilled water which is "dead water" as it has no minerals and doesn't rehydrate the body.

Free oneself from addictions to smoking, alcohol, gambling, drugs and sex. Also toxic are secondhand smoke, chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and heavy metals./ **By Elizabeth Lolarga, Vera Files/VERA Files is put out by veteran journalists taking a deeper look at current issues. Vera is Latin for "true."**

Christmas in Baguio Committees

out BAGUIO CITY-Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week announced the issuance of Administrative Order 145 creating the "Christmas in Baguio 2011" executive and program committees, during the regular Ugnayan in his office.

The executive committee for this year's celebration, is composed of Congressman Bernardo Vergara as honorary chairman, the mayor and Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas as chairman and co-chairman, respectively. Committee members are; City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, Chair on Tourism and Special events Councilor Elmer Datuin, City Budget Officer Leticia Clemente, City Accountant Antonio Tabin, City Treasurer Thelma Manaois, City Assessor Augustus Medina, City Building Officer Engr. Oscar Flores, and City Engineer Leo Bernardez.

The committee shall oversee, formulate and implement the "necessary policies, guidelines, measures and program of activities," this Christmas season.

As to the AO, the month-long celebration initiated by both the government and private sectors is "geared towards renewing the spirit of unity, love, peace and sharing."

For starters, Bonifacio day on November 30 shall be overseen by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas as program-in-charge and Councilor Fred Bagbagen as co-chair. Baguio City Police Office Director Sr. Supt. David Lacdan, City Tourism Officer Benedicto Alhambra, Punong Barangays George Fangroy of Cresencia Village Barangay and Roseville Cervantes of Bonifacio Elementary School joins them in the preparation of activities. For Rizal Day celebration on December 30, PB Agustin Sister, Sr. of Rizal Monument Barangay is also a member.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan is program in-charge of the Silahis ng Pasko, with veteran newsmen and National Correspondents Club of Baguio head Narciso Padilla as co-chair. City Planning Officer in-charge Engr. Evelyn Cayat, City Sports Officer Gaudencio Gonzales, and Public Information Officer Ramon Dacawi are members.

Diwa ng Pasko will be taken care of by City Veterinarian Brigit Piok as program-in-charge and Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia as co-chair, with Station Manager of RPN-DZBS Malou Lacsamana Pascual, City Prosecutor Gloria Agunos, City Health Officer Florence Reyes, and Jose Maria Rivera of the City Tourism Office as members.

Councilor Joel Alangsab is in charge of Charismatic and Religious Services. The members are Councilor Isabelo Cosalan, Baguio Vicariate Bishop Carlito Cenzone, Episcopalian Bishop Joel Pachao, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Baguio office Director Evelyn Trinidad, Civil Registrar Sylvia Laudencia, Baguio Community of Volunteers Movement Carmelo Carreon, Maryknoll Sanctuary representative Sister Tess Dagdag, and Marsha Radam of the Tourism office.

Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ellen Donato shall take care of the Christmas Cultural Special Events with Councilor Nicasio Aliping, Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Purification Molintas, City Tourism Office Alhambra, University of the Cordilleras Engr. Aloysius Mapalo, Easter College President Dr. Brigitt Santiago and Pines City National High School Principal Dr. Rachel Bugtong as members.

Chester Calpotura of the Mayor's Office Atty. George Fortea of the Congressman's Office and Baguio Country Club Manager, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio and Baguio Tourism Council Chairman Anthony De Leone shall be in charge of the Fil-Am Golf tournament and other sports events.

Lighting of the Tallest Christmas Tree and Christmas lights shall be overseen by Councilor Phillian Louise Weygan-Allan, with Saint Louis University Laboratory High School Band Master Marivic Macadaeg, Carmencita Zuniga of the Baguio City National High School, Philippine Military Academy Band Master Emmanuel De Dios, Engr. Mapalo of UC, BCPO Director Sr. Supt. Lacdan, Rev. Abe Luis of the United Church of Christ, Philippines, and City Building Officer Engr. Oscar Flores.

The city hall Christmas party shall be headed by Mayor Domogan, Councilor Karminn Dinney Yangot, City Budget Officer Clemente, City Treasurer Manaois, City Accountant Tabin,

Association of City Executives President Ramon Micu,
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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

Jaime Galvez Tan's Zero-Cost Prescription for a Healthy, Long Life

The secrets to a healthy, long life come free if one follows Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan's zero-cost prescription.

An advocate of primary health care, sound nutrition and integrative medicine who had taken the road less travelled when he served in rural areas for a decade, Tan said the most number of centenarians in the world can be found in Asia. The Philippines doesn't figure in those statistics, he said, because "we have internalized the North American diet."

A centenarian does not have to be stooped and shuffling on his/her feet. He cited actor George Burns who starred in movies at ages 79, 89 and 99. All were box-office hits. When he felt it was time to go, Burns willed himself to die and simply said goodbye.

Tan cited former senator Helena Benitez who, at 97, walks unassisted. Although blind in one eye, she can repeat the three essential messages of Tan's lecture after hearing him and expound them into her own speeches.

Tan challenged the Diliman Book Club members at his lecture at the University Hotel, University of the Philippines campus: "Are you ready to be a hundred years old?"

Tan wrote with his wife Rebecca the best-seller *Medicinal*



Dr Jaime Galvez Tan with wife andco-author Rebecca Fruits and Vegetables (published by The Natural Shelf).

Tan said his prescription does not cost anything, but people find his recommendations hard to follow and prefer a real prescription for over-the-counter medicines at drugstores.

One recommendation is to think positively by waking up ahead of one's alarm clock, eager to face the day and affirming that it be full of prosperity and abundance. He said the attitude one should take upon waking is "Wow! Thank you for another day to serve. I could've died last night of a stroke or a heart attack because these happen usually at 4 a.m. Each day is a blessing."

Tan said one must go up the mirror and tell one's image, "Good morning, handsome" or "Good morning, beautiful," then declare, "I am healthy, I am full of wellness, I am prosperous." Do not use the future tense: "I will be..."

He said it is vital to "claim the present."

"Whatever you declare will manifest because this is the universal law of attraction," he added.

Tan cited "impossible (medical) cases" that are brought to him. As soon as he teaches the patient to chant "I am healed, I am completely healed, I am totally healed," miracles often happen—tumors disappear or a patient with life-threatening cancer requires no more chemotherapy.

Tan said the World Health Organization made a breakthrough when it recognized that health is not only measured by physical or biological parameters but also takes in mental and social well-being. The social aspect includes all types of relationships from the personal to the community level.

He learned from his immersion with *herbolarios* (traditional medicine men) that health is a body-mind-spirit confluence with the divine, with nature and with others or, in longer words, spiritual, emotional, environmental and national well-being.

Tan said sleep in total darkness from seven to eight hours. "Darkness was created to make us rest," he said, adding that it helps produce melatonin that promotes **Cont. on page 11**

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