

106th Baguio City Charter Day launched

BAGUIO CITY – The city government has launched the 106th Baguio Charter Day Anniversary Monday 8 a.m. at the City Hall grounds here.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan called on city residents and visitors to join the community led events and join the fun filled activities prepared for the occasion.

Domogan said, "the city government has already chosen the Guest of Honor and Speaker I the person of Manny V. Pangilinan."

"This is if he confirms but we are still awaiting a reply from him," he said.

This year's celebration focuses on the theme, "Nurturing the Culture of Caring and Sharing Towards Competitiveness."

The calendar of events features tourism activities,

Mayor Cautions Anew on Planned Civil Works

BAGUIO CITY – the planned implementation of additional civil works in this mountain resort will surely impact the public if no coordination is made.

This was aired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser on the planned additional road and drainage works which is set to be implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

"We should improve our coordination efforts with all the agencies involved so projects will go smoothly and we minimize inconveniences that might impact on our constituents," Domogan said.

Baguio City is expecting a budget of 700 Million allocated by the national government for the different infrastructure projects in the city and priority is the improvement of drainage system and road re-pavement.

Importante coordination, I hope they will do that," he said.

The chief executive added major inconveniences can be avoided if projects bidded-out will be implemented by contractors who have enough manpower and resources to do the job.

"I am pleading to the DPWH, please see to it that contractors who are awarded with projects are those who have a proven track record, competent and with complete equipments,"

Domogan said.

"We support this road improvement projects because it will redound to the benefit of our constituents but they should see to it that it is finished within the given time frame," he said.

The mayor reiterated earlier arrangements for contractors to work 24-hours on critical areas and fast-track road repairs to lessen inconveniences to the public, employ latest technology or additives available to speed up curing period and employ enough men to work.

"Dapat hindi muna bigyan ng project yung mga contractor na may pending projects, dapat hindi sila ang priority sa bidding," Domogan said.

Alam naman natin na magkukulang ng man-power ang contractor kung bibigyan mo sila ng tatlong project na sabay sabay, kakasya ba yung kanyang equipment, yun yung nakikita natin na cause nang delay," he said.

"Of course we need these projects kaya nga kailangan na magtulungan tayo, how to implement it properly, huwag naman yung mabagal at puro delay," Domogan said.

The contracts are expected to be awarded by the end of the year./Paul Rillor-

medical missions, sports and historical activities with other innovations to make the celebrations more meaningful.

Session Road will be closed on September 1 for the grand parade, chalk art competition, photo competition, concert and other activities.

Other Tourism-oriented events are lined up by the Hotels and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB).

The most awaited Miss Baguio Search show proper and coronation will kick-off on August 29 at the Baguio Convention Center starting 7pm to 10 pm.

Clean-up drives will also be undertaken by the city government in coordination with the National Service Training Program (NSTP) institutions within the city.

Health Fairs organized by the city Health Services

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Office (HSO) will also be done which will provide free dental extraction, eye check-up, basic medical assistance and free medicines and vitamins to needy families in the barangays.

Sporting events such as Baguio Day Fun Run, the National Arnis Championships, the annual Mr. Baguio Body Building contest, annual Baguio Day Scrabble Tournament and others will also kick-off.

The Public Employment Services Office (PESO) will also have a jobs fair on September 9 at the Baguio Convention Center.

Domogan said, "the most awaited part of the Baguio Day Celebrations will be the awarding of the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio and the crowning of Miss Baguio 2015./Paul Rillorta



BAGUIO DAY LAUNCHING – Members of the Baguio City National High School Special Performing Arts present an interpretative dance for the launching of the 106th Baguio Day Anniversary during City Hall flag raising ceremony, August 17. – By Bong Cayabyab

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The survey released on Tuesday said that Singapore ranked as one of the least corrupt of the 13 Asian economies surveyed – the second least corrupt was Hong Kong and the third was Japan.

The survey said "The Philippines has the distinction of being perceived in the worst light this year." "People are just growing tired of the inaction and insincerity of leading officials when they promise to fight corruption."

In all, the survey was conducted in over a two month period at the beginning of 2015 and questioned 1,476 expat executives in the 13 countries and territories throughout Asia.

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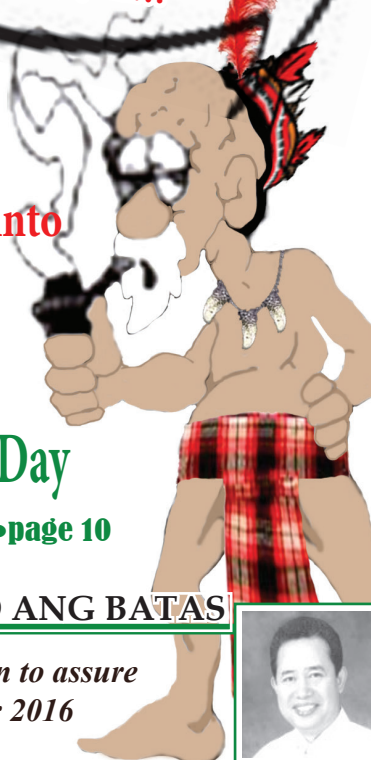
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NEW DAY CARE AND SENIOR CITIZEN BUILDING - City officials headed by Cong. Nicasio Aliping, Jr. and Joel Alangsab cut the ceremonial ribbon during inauguration of Phase I project of Greenwater Barangay Day Care and Senior Citizen Building, worth P1.8 million. – By Bong Cayabyab

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Mayor says CCTV needs immediate implementation

BAGUIO CITY – the city government here is set to implement the installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV's) in this mountain resort for security reasons.

This was revealed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday as it could help deter crimes.

“We have 12 Million earmarked for CCTV and we need to implement this immediately because it has long been delayed,” he said.

The mayor also said another 2 million is appropriated for a CCTV system in Aurora Hill barangay.

“WE have to finalize the specifications for the CCTV then it will be published for bidding, the budget is not that big but it's a start,” Domogan said.

The chief executive also said a central command center will also be installed for the synchronization of all CCTV systems for better monitoring.

Installing cameras is expected to

reduce crime by deterring potential wrong-doers and help apprehend those who commit crimes.

The city government is said to install 100 high optic cameras within the Central Business District (CBD) using wireless technology.

Domogan has expressed an interest in placing a camera on every street in the city especially those pinpointed as ‘hot spots’ by local law enforcement.

Domogan said, “CCTV's are effective in identifying criminals and a useful tool as a secondary deterrent to stopping criminal activities but it is not a substitute for a strong police presence in the streets./Paul Rillorta

P7.5M financial aid to BGHMC confirmed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday confirmed the memorandum of agreement covering the city government's grant of P7.5 million financial assistance to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) as medical assistance fund for indigent patients.

The annual assistance is part of the city government's commitment to formulate programs that link the less privileged to the resources of the LGU.

As per the MOA signed by Mayor

Mauricio Domogan and BGHMC medical chief Emmanuel Acluba last July 27, P6 million will be used to purchase medical equipment such as anesthesia machines and orthopedic beds and P1.5 million will be used as medical assistance to indigent patients.

Savings from the purchase can be used to procure other equipment.

In confirming the MOA, the body suggested that any savings be used to buy equipment for cancer patients confined in



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City reviews regulatory fees

BAGUIO CITY - With the city government here pushing to make amendments to Tax Ordinance 2000-001, all concerned departments of the city presented proposals in increasing regulatory fees last Aug. 19 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

It is recalled that a public hearing was already conducted to the proposed tax increase at the city considering that the city government has not increased realty, business and property taxes.

Baguio mayor Mauricio Domogan directed the Local Finance Committee to evaluate and review carefully the proposed amendments of regulatory fees.

“Dapat tignan ng LFC kung ano ang reasonable at negligible amount na dapat increase ng mga fees na ito,” stressed the

mayor.

With regards health services fees, “the city government will take into consideration the materials needed to a specific service to address the concerns of the clients,” added Domogan.

He is optimistic that the residents will be fair enough to consider the adjustments as long as the rates are justifiable and reasonable.

The mayor has been calling for speedy action on the tax proposals giving emphasis that the city's obligation to implement the increase after years of freezing in order to make the old rates normalize and regulate with the present times and with the requirements of the law./Jho Arranz

Permanent Work Status for Tanods Sought

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday sought ways to grant a permanent job status for the 35 police auxiliary members of barangay tanods currently serving at the Baguio City Police Office.

The body approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Roberto Ortega reiterating a similar request to Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the city human resource management office in 2001 which covered a total of 64 tanods.

Ortega said the remaining 35 tanods have been in service for periods ranging from three to 34 years and they have been earnestly requesting for the regularization of their employment.

“With the remarkable years of service, it is right and imperative that they must be recognized with their continuous dedication and hardships, thus they deserve to be properly compensated and be

The aldermen also sought the prioritization of Baguio residents in the grant of financial assistance.

They agreed to invite Acluba in their session on Sept. 7 to clarify the hospital's policies in the grant of the assistance.

As per the MOA, the medical assistance is disbursed according to policies and guidelines of the Dept. of Health Department Order No. 2007-0057 which specify that the aid will only be for indigent patients who are permanent residents of Baguio as identified by the city social welfare and development office pursuant to Resolution No. 99 series of 2009./A Refuerzo



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given security in their tenure with their own field of expertise,” Ortega said.

Most of the tanods serve at the traffic management unit and the various stations of the BCPO.

“They bestow their restless time and effort in public service as volunteers for certain years. These individuals support and assist in upholding strict implementation of our City Ordinances, thus helping the City Government particularly the (BCPO) in maintaining peace and order, traffic, tactical and administrative labor covering the entire metropolis,” Ortega said.

The body asked the mayor and the CHRMO to work out ways to regularize their work status./A Refuerzo

Bocaps told to man areas against pushers

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has appealed to Barangay Officials to man their respective barangays against pushers.

This as reports of drug personalities are again operating in some barangays in this mountain resort victimizing the

work in curbing this bad vice within your barangays, it is our children who will be affected if we do not do anything,” he said.

The chief executive stressed better coordination between barangay officials and law enforcers

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Permanent nutrition action officer Benguet gets Seal of Good Local Governance award

BAGUIO CITY - Nutrition planners and implementers in the region push for the creation of permanent Nutrition Action Officer(NAO) position in the local government units whose task will be focused on nutrition.

This was arrived at during the recent Regional Nutrition Program Implementation Review where it surfaced that the absence of a permanent NAO remains to be the top common concern among LGUs except for Baguio City which has a nutrition office with 14 personnel complement. Most of the provincial/municipal nutrition action officers (P/MNAOs) are designate.

Amelia Cayap, the PNAO of Benguet, shared that packaging of nutrition programs and the reporting system remains a challenge to her because most of the Municipal Nutrition Action Officers are designate.

“When it comes to submission of reports, though they can still cope the tendency is their reports will be late

because they have other tasks to do. Work overload is really a factor”, Cayap said.

Other challenges include the increasing problem on overweight and obesity in the region, decreasing Operation Timbang coverage, documentation and packaging of nutrition programs, and involvement of other nutrition committee members in planning of nutrition programs, among others.

To address these concerns, the National Nutrition Council presented some recommendations such as reorganize non-functional Local Nutrition Committee(LNC), encourage LNCs to initiate actions to address malnutrition apart from the regular activities, improve documentation on nutrition as to its completeness, consistency as well as packaging, and continue provision of technical assistance and logistics to the LGUs specially in areas with high under nutrition rate.

Among the strong points in nutrition program implementation which are common to LGUs are : supportive local

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Bikers campaign for healthy lifestyle, environment

BAGUIO CITY -- More than 100 bike enthusiasts from Baguio City and Benguet joined the campaign to promote healthy lifestyle and encourage outdoor adventure last August 15.

The Baguio leg of the Bike Out event which was backed by ROX Philippines, gathered bike enthusiasts and took a ride starting and ending at Camp John Hay. The group lead by the Lakay Bikers Group passed along South Drive- Teachers Camp going to the Wright Park and Mines View Park and back to the Camp John Hay Ayala Techno Hub for a short program.

Lakay Bikers Team Leader Jess Abenoja said that the route was purposely selected to let the bikers enjoy the early morning cold weather and at the same time have a glimpse of the mountainous terrain and the beauty of the nature of Baguio City.

ROX Area Manager for North Luzon Julie Trinidad said that the Bike Out event is one of the components that highlights the ROX Bike Fair that aims to gather bike enthusiasts and cycling enthusiasts to have a friendly ride and enjoy the outdoors.

BCNHS student Martin Daniel Orsal, 13, was the youngest biker while Professor Achilles Costales was the oldest biker at the age of 60. They both were given special prizes by the organizers.

Orsal expressed gladness with the ride and encouraged his fellow young aged bikers to use bikes which are good for their health and at

the same time for their enjoyment.

Costales, on the other hand, called on the city government to provide bike lanes for the safety of the bikers.

According to Peirrick Tan, one of the event organizers, they decided to hold the Bike Out event in the city of Baguio since the community of bikers in Baguio City and Benguet is increasing, and it is very close to nature having many trees, mountainous terrain and a very cool weather.

ROX Philippines has been in the forefront of promoting outdoor lifestyle from scenic treks, extreme adventures and bike ride for a cause.

Several bike activities are lined up in the city in the coming months particularly including ride for a cause and ride for the environment. (JDP/RMC- PIA CAR)

Ifugao MSMEs learn about visual merchandising

BANAUE, Ifugao- Twenty three micro, small medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the province participated in a two-day visual merchandising workshop seminar to learn techniques in product display and proper product promotion.

The participants were lectured

on the basic rules and techniques on product display to draw the attention of costumers and more importantly for better promotion of a product in the market.

Resource speaker Rey L.P. Soliven of SolivenR Designs, stressed that “visual merchandising is

more than just filling the space. “It is all about arranging merchandise in a way that generates sales. It is the art of presentation which puts merchandise in focus, directing desire and finally augmenting the selling process.”

Once inside a store, a shopper will look around

One of the documentary requirements, a resolution from the provincial board authorizing Fongwan to enter into a Memorandum Agreement with the DILG, was tackled in the regular session of the board held recently.

The SGLG is a scaled up Seal of Good Housekeeping incentive which took off in 2010 aimed in promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds by delivering basic services responsive to the people's needs under good governance.

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to see what other items catch the eye. Colors, scents and sounds, product design and arrangement can all attract a shopper's experience, he explained.

Judy G. Bunol of Department of Industry-Ifugao, expressed hope that

that with knowledge and experience the participants learned from the training, the participating firms would be able to attract more people to their shops, and apply their learnings as they prepare for their participation in the Impakabsat Trade Fair at the Festival Mall in Alabang, Muntinlupa on November 6-15, 2015.

The workshop is part of efforts of the DTI to boost the entrepreneurial capacities and competitiveness and widen the market opportunities of MSMEs and their products. (JDP/MBL, PIA CAR, Ifugao)

Ifugao town provides income generating project for weavers

ALFONSO LISTA, Ifugao- The LGU here has established recently an income generating project to support a municipal-based organization and promote its cultural tourism.

According to Lorena Dulnuan of the mayor's office, the LGU purchased 7 loom machines and 6 warping boards and provided capital for threads for the through a grant of P100,000 from its Community Livelihood Enhancement and Development Program (CLEDP). The rural

loom weaving project is now benefiting 15 members of the Taripnong Dagiti Agab-abel ti Alfonso Lista Asoci. (TAALA).

Dulnuan said that women members regularly weave to produce different loom products ranging from tapis, table runners, cell phone pouch, loom strips, lei corsage and bags. The group also plans to come up with other variety of products competitive in the local market that represent the town's unique art thus promoting the

cultural tourism, “Weaving now has a chance to become an industry in the mu-

nicipality with the establishment of the loom weaving project at the Livelihood Center at the back of the munic-

ipal hall in Poblacion Sta. Maria,” Dulnuan said.(JDP/MBL- PIA CAR, Ifugao)

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brances thereof, if any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October
21, 2015 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 20th day of August 2015, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

(SGD) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: August 22, 29, and Sept. 5, 2015

BENECO presents hydro project proposal in Kabayan

KABAYAN, Benguet
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government unit and
the private sector thru
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in identifying their
needs./JDP/SCA-PIA
CAR, Benguet

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Permanent
Nutrition..
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chief executives, or-
ganized provincial/
city nutrition com-
mittees, adequate
funds for nutrition
programs, trainings
for nutrition workers
like the Barangay Nu-
trition Scholars (BNS)
including members of
the nutrition commit-
tees, and provision of
incentives to BNS.

Participants to
the said review work-
shop included P/C/
MNAOs in the entire
region, and mem-
bers of the Regional
Technical Assistants
on Nutrition./JDP/
MAWC – PIA CAR

Council invites health secretary to
shed light on abattoir status

BAGUIO CITY – The city council invit-
ed Health Secretary Janette Garin to its
session on Aug. 27 to shed light on the
planned segregation of a portion of the
slaughterhouse compound in relation to
Proclamation 312 dated April 23, 1930.

Aside from Guarin, the body also
summoned the Housing and Urban Devel-
opment Coordinating Council head, city
planning and development officer Evely-
n Cayat and the city veterinarian Judith
Piok.

Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. said
the city needs to know the status of the
segregation plans and the position of the
DOH being the owner of the reservation
in view of the many concerns plaguing the
area like proliferation of illegal structures
and the status of the portions already oc-
cupied by other entities.

Proclamation 312-1930 declares the

area as a sanitary camp nursery reservation
with the city as administrator.

In its capacity as administrator, the city
cannot decide on said concerns or undertake
any development in the area.

Recently, issues on the operation and
rental payment of the stalls were brought to
the fore prompting Mayor Mauricio Domo-
gan to call for a review of the lease contracts
in the area.

Domogan said the city is studying the
possibility of relocating the facility and is
eyeing the city’s property at Sto. Tomas bar-
angay as a possible site upon approval of
its multiple land use status by the national
government.

In 2010, the city also studied the pos-
sibility of privatizing the operations of the
abattoir but the plan has not taken off as of
this time./A Refuerzo

Local DRRMCs advised to look into
hazards in tourist destinations

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera Regional
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
Council (CRDRRMC) advised local govern-
ment units, local DRRM Council and
other stakeholders to look into hazards
in tourists destinations in their respective
localities with the expected arrival of va-
cationers here this long weekend (Friday,
Aug. 21 is declared holiday), and the pos-
sible effects of Typhoon “Ineng”.

CRDRRMC chair and Office of Civil
Defense Regional Director Andrew Alex
Uy made the call during the council’s
Preparedness Cluster Pre-Disaster Risk
Analysis meeting at the OCD emergency
Operation Center here today.

Aside from tourist destinations, Uy
pointed-out the need to look into the us-
ual risks such as landslide and flood prone
areas, waterways as well as construction
works and mining operations.

“Ensuring zero-casualty is still our
goal and so far we have been successful

Bocaps told..
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against suspected drug pushers and users is the first line of
defense against its proliferation.

“I know that the barangay officials are much better
equipped to identify those involved in drugs and we need
your cooperation as our frontliners in our anti-illegal drugs
campaign,” Domogan said.

Recently, drug personalities have been put behind bars
with the help of barangay officials and operations against
drug dens were also implemented successfully.

Domogan said,” the fight against the drug menace will
be a success once barangays actively help law enforcers in
carrying out regular monitoring and reporting of those in-
volved in illegal drugs.”

“Kailan pa tayo gagalaw, kung sariling mga anak na
natin ang magiging biktima?,” he said.

Domogan also warned pushers and users to stop their
illegal activities in the city citing taking illegal drugs leads
to heinous crimes.

“We need teamwork in the fight against the drug men-
ace, the city government, law enforcement agencies, Baran-
gay Anti-Drug Abuse Council and barangay officials have to
do their duties to make our campaign against illegal drugs a
success,” he said./Paul Rillorta

COMELEC reminds public of Oct.31
voter’s registration deadline

BAGUIO CITY- With
barely two months before
the October 31, 2015 vot-
ers registration deadline,
the Commission on Elec-
tion (COMELEC) in the
region reminds voters,
especially those who have
no biometric data yet to
visit the COMELEC
Office to have their bio-
metrics taken to be able
to participate in the 2016
elections.

COMELEC-Cordil-
lera Regional Director
Julius Torres announced
in a radio interview that
even voters who voted in
past elections but failed
to submit themselves for

validation or biometric
data(digital photo, sig-
nature and fingerprints)
cannot vote in the 2016
elections.

Torres urges Ba-
guio City voters to take
advantage of Comelec’s
iRehistro project, an
online application for
registration, which was
recently launched in the
region.

iRehistro shortens
the registration process
where aside from filling
the forms on-line, reg-
istrants can also set the
date and time they will
go to the election office

to submit their forms and
have their biometrics
taken. Registrants need
to print three copies of
the form in legal size
bond paper.

Further, iRehistro
will minimize queuing
at Comelec offices and
reduce the workload of
personnel encoding the
data.

To accomplish
forms using iRehistro,
voter applicants need to
visit www.iRehistro.com
or www.comelec.gov.ph
to fill out and print three
copies of the specified
form in legal sized bond

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BEAUTIFUL LADIES - Miss Baguio 2015 hopefuls are formally presented
to the members of the Media during the Press Conference and Glamour
Night at the Fortune Seafood Restaurant last August 19. /Photo by Paul
Rillorta

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SC’s grant of Enrile bail ‘political accommodation’?

The dissenting opinion was longer than the Supreme Court en banc decision itself which granted the petition of Senator Juan Ponce-Enrile for bail.

Penned by Associate Justice Marvic Leonen, the strongly worded, 29-page dissent said the grant of bail by the majority is a “special accommodation” for the petitioner.

Leonen wrote that the majority decision, which does not fully respond to the legal issues outlined in the dissenting opinion, tempts one to conclude that “the decision is the result of obvious political accommodation rather than a judicious consideration of the facts and the law.”

He also said the case may benefit “one powerful public official at the cost of weakening our legal institutions.” If it applies to this one particular occasion only, then “it amounts to selective justice.”

On Tuesday, August 18, the High Tribunal, voting 8-4, decided in favor of Enrile’s petition for bail. The 17-page majority opinion’s main basis for the grant of bail is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The dissenters were Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, Associate Justice Estela Perlas-Bernabe, and Leonen.

In his dissent, Leonen said the decision is “based on a ground never raised before the Sandiganbayan or in the pleadings filed before this court.” He also pointed out that bail is “not a matter of right in cases where the crime charged is plunder and the imposable penalty is reclusion perpetua” or life imprisonment.

The 91-year-old Enrile was granted bail on the basis of the following:

- Bail protects the right of the accused to due process and to be presumed innocent.
- Prior to conviction, bail may be granted as a matter of right or of discretion. Anyone charged and detained retains his right to bail — unless charged with a capital offense, an offense punishable with life imprisonment, and when the evidence of guilt is strong.
- Admission to bail in offenses punished by death, or life imprisonment, or reclusion perpetua is subject to judicial discretion.
- Enrile’s poor health justifies his admission to bail.

Wrong reason?

The majority decision concluded that “the Sandiganbayan arbitrarily ignored the objective of bail to ensure the appearance of the accused during the trial; and unwarrantedly disregarded the clear showing of the fragile health and advanced age of Enrile.”

The justices also said the anti-graft court “gravely abused its discretion” in denying the senator bail, its action connoting “whimsical and capricious exercise of judgment as is equivalent to excess, or lack of jurisdiction.”



Enrile, along with two other senators, Jinggoy Estrada and Ramon “Bong” Revilla Jr, faces plunder and graft charges in connection with the misuse of the Priority Development Assistance Fund or pork barrel. Plunder is typically a non-bailable offense.

In his petition, Enrile said he is not a flight risk, the prosecution failed to establish strong evidence of guilt, and that the High Court should consider his advanced age and voluntary surrender as mitigating circumstances.

The dissenting opinion pointed out that, in his petition, Enrile did not ask that bail be granted because of his medical condition or for humanitarian reasons. “Yet, it now becomes the very basis for petitioner’s grant of bail.”

Springing a surprise

Leonen also narrated how the justices ended up voting on a draft decision different from what had been the subject of their previous deliberations. He said the member in charge submitted a draft early this year.

This draft adopted the legal arguments, which centered on the court taking note of evidence that seeks to establish mitigating circumstances. These circumstances would lower the penalty on Enrile even before he goes to trial.

When the case was deliberated upon on August 11, 2015, the member in charge, then the ponente, proposed that all discussion on the legal points pertaining to bail as a matter of right be dropped and instead focus on “humanitarian” grounds.

Associate Justice Lucas Bersamin then committed to prepare a draft for consideration of all justices. A revised draft was circulated on August 14, to which Leonen raised several questions – among them:

- What, if any, is the legal basis for humanitarian releases on bail? Do we have clear judicial precedents for hospital or house arrests for everyone?
- Without conceding, if the accused is released on bail so that his medical condition can be attended to, should he be returned to detention when he becomes well? If he reports for work, does this not nullify the very basis of the ponencia?
- What is the basis for P500,000 as bail? What is our

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New York Times Says... from page 1

The Philippines scored 9.40 out of 10 on corruption, giving it the number one spot. In 2006, the same survey gave the most corrupt nation to Indonesia – in that same year, the Philippines scored a 7.80 – Indonesia was still high in corruption in 2015 with an overall score of 8.03.

The survey however said that the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia were systematic in corruption saying in fact they were all just about as bad as one another.

“The Philippines has been getting the least amount of foreign direct investment, and the level of foreign capital flowing to its stock market is also less than in either Indonesia or Thailand,” the report noted.

To the question – “How effective is the judicial system at prosecuting and punishing individuals for corruption when abuses are uncovered?” the respondents gave the Philippines a score of 9.06, with 10 being “ineffective.”

Another question asked – “To what extent is corruption a deterrent to your willingness to invest and expand your business?” the Philippines scored 8.50, with 10 reflecting “a major deterrent.”

Local corruption monitors including the United Nations confirms that graft and bribery is common place throughout the Philippines.

Corruption has penetrated every level of government within the country – from the Police Officers who pull you over for a bribe, all the way to the Bureau of Customs and more.

It is estimated that nearly \$2-billion dollars, or roughly 13% of the Philippines annual budget is lost to corruption each year, this according to the United Nations Development Program.

The same United Nations has threatened the Philippines for its inaction against corruption issues and has issued a stern warning it would be kicked out of the programs which help assist it, or for those lacking ideology, they will pull the plug on more corruption./philippineslifestyle.com

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ity.

However, her son certainly can’t invoke such excuses now to justify his disinterest in finding out who ordered his father’s murder.

A huge lacuna in our nation’s history is crying out to be filled, as mysterious as why first his widow and now his son seems to have no interest in finding out and expose who ordered the head of their family killed.

In the case of the mysterious assassination of another president, the United States’ John F. Kennedy, the trail had gone totally cold after nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who killed the alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in prison four years later in 1967.

In contrast, in Ninoy’s case, Air Force Sergeant Pablo Martinez — one of those convicted – in separate interviews with two journalists admitted his role as team leader of the assassination force, and was willing to bare all. Martinez provided leads to solve the mystery, even identifying who ordered the assassination.

Martinez alleged that former Philippine Constabulary Maj. Romeo Gatan, a businessman named Hermilo Gosuico, former Air Force Col. Romeo Ochoco, and Air Force

Red Cross celebrates Int’l. Humanitarian Law

BAGUIO CITY - The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) is celebrating International Humanitarian Law (IHL) this month with the theme “Pagkilala at Pagpapahalaga sa IHL, Responsibilidad ng Lahat”.

The IHL is a set of rules which place restrictions on the use of weapons and methods of warfare. It protects people who are not or no longer participating in hostilities.

Capt. Felipe Valerio had planned the operation to assassinate Ninoy. None of these people had been convicted. They have vanished, with unconfirmed reports that they have migrated either to the US or Australia.

Martinez was killed in 2014 when the bike he was riding was bumped by a car.

While Aquino has all but forgotten his father’s murder, have the masterminds of the assassination been making sure that all trails of the evil deed that could lead to them are forever erased?

Thirteen of the soldiers convicted are still alive and could have been persuaded by the president of the Republic to tell everything they know. They could have even been convinced to disclose who has been generously taking care of their families financially in the 31 years they’ve been in prison.

President Aquino could have even for instance ordered the National Historical Commission to investigate the assassination for the sake of our history books. It could have written an official report to put in the books that the brains haven’t been brought to justice, in order to counter the Sandiganbayan decision which in effect concluded that the murder was merely a failure of military men to secure Aquino from a communist hit man.

The martyr’s son has done nothing. How can Aquino keep wearing that yellow ribbon on his chest, when he has done nothing to solve the crime it signifies?

How can we be proud of a nation whose two presidents, one the widow and the other the son, had not bothered to bring justice to a hero who had declared that the Filipino is worth dying for?

Or maybe it would be more realistic to hope that Senator Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.—who aspires to lead this nation—would provide evidence to prove that it wasn’t his father who ordered Aquino’s murder, as most Filipinos believe the dictator in fact did.

A version of this article “His powerful son has done nothing to solve his murder” (Manila Times, August 22, 2014) has been one of the most widely read articles in this newspaper’s Internet version, viewed, according to our web statistics, by 60,000 Filipinos, and 7,200 even “liking” or “sharing” it in their Facebook accounts. Neither Aquino nor his spokespersons have, however, responded to the article’s serious allegations. I hope they do now. Details on what Martinez disclosed can be found in that article./tiglaol.manilatimes@gmail.com/FB: Bobi Tiglaol

tee of the Red Cross

In line with the IHL commemoration, the PRC Baguio City chapter reminds the public of the proper use of the Red Cross emblems as provided under Republic Act 10530.

Annie Tamayo, PRC local chapter administrator, said it shall be unlawful for any other person or entity to misuse the words Red Cross or the emblem or any designation, sign, or insignia constituting an imitation thereof for any purpose whatsoever, and that the misuse of the emblems or any violation to the

Red Cross is punishable under the law .

“We must help protect the symbol that protects lives. The red cross, red crescent, and red crystal should only be used by Philippine Red Cross (National Societies), International Committee of the Red Cross , International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Medical Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.”

“It is important to remind people that the Red Cross is not just any other symbol, but an emblem that is to be respected and given proper acknowl-

edgement as a symbol of humanitarian work all over the world. More importantly, the Red Cross emblem is a protection for those working in areas of conflict to be able to provide humanitarian and medical services to the most vulnerable and affected population”, Tamayo said.

The public may contact Philippine Red Cross Baguio City Chapter at 442-4036 or 0908-8852707 to report any misuse of the symbols or for IHL orientation./JDP/JBZ PIA CAR

MSMEs attend livelihood summit to boost business ventures

LA TRINIDAD - Some 450 entrepreneurs in the various barangays here recently attended a livelihood summit to boost their entrepreneurial knowledge and skills in doing business.

Spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office(CSWDO) in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry, the summit was a venue for the participants to gather insights and learnings from experts on increasing productivity, entrepreneurship, development of enterprise competencies, marketing and promo-

tions of their craft in the scope of engaging into business.

Most of the participants are CSWDO clients who are into food processing, novelty item production, weaving, knitting, rug making, wood carving among other business endeavors, according to CSWDO Program Division Chief Liza Bulayungan.

Social Welfare Officer III Florecita Tul-an discussed self-employment assistance program of the CSWDO while Augusto Aquillo of the Department of Labor and Employment lectured on increasing

productivity.

Edmund Benavidez of the Saint Louis University – Extension Institute for Small Scale Industries Foundation, Inc. tackled developing enterprise competencies.

Michael del Rosario, proprietor of Sunshine Supermart and Mc Donald’s Baguio franchisee discussed entrepreneurship sharing his humble beginnings as an entrepreneur.

In a plenary workshop, participants identified status of the trainings and other assistance

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Search on for Ms. Baguio 2015

BAGUIO CITY - - As preparations for the various activities of the 106th founding anniversary of Baguio as a charter city begins, pre-pageant activities for the staging of Ms. Baguio 2015 have commenced.

Sonny T. Production which won the bid to mount the pageant, has started the preliminary screening at the barangay level as early as mid-July and by the end of July, the production team has come up with the final set of candidates.

The candidates

have begun series of advocacy and charity activities not only to promote the various activities lined up for Baguio Day celebration but to expose them to people from all walks of life for their personality development as well as better sense of consciousness about societal issues.

On August 19, the candidates will be officially presented in a press conference and glamour night.

The pre-pageant which will include the talent search, swimsuit

and gown competition and interview portion will be held on August 22 at the Baguio Convention Center.

Final judging and grand coronation night will be on August 29 also at the Baguio Convention Center. All events will be simulcast live over the Sky Cable Community Channel.

Winners shall take part in the Baguio Day program and other activities on September 1. Theyd shall be the City’s ambassadors of goodwill during their one-year reign./JBZ PIA-CAR

City mulls beautifying Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed that the Department of Tourism-CAR and the Department of Public Works and Highways recently coordinated with the city government here initiating a project that aims to further beautify this mountain resort during his weekly ugnayan last Wednesday.

The project is called “Rev Bloom Baguio” (revitalized Bloom Baguio) which is bringing back the old beauty of Baguio.

Domogan suggested to pass an ordinance specifying certain areas in the city to have uniform paint color.

The mayor will be meeting with the City Environment and Parks Management officials to designate personnel and manpower to do the beautification and at the same time monitor the same.

The proposed pilot areas will be establishments at the Central Business District.

The plan is to adorn the facades of stores in the city with flowers. “Apart from the gardens, they are also thinking of improving the center islands at Session Road by planting more flowering plants,” stressed the mayor. Domogan is hopeful that the city hall will also be repainted and will have uniform curtains by the end of the year.

The project will also encourage individuals to plant flowering plants and trees to make their jurisdiction attractive to residents as well as visitors.

Accordingly, a thorough evaluation and plans for the said project are yet to be assessed by the DOT-CAR and the DPWH in coordination with the city government and other stakeholders. */Jho Arranz*

Jobs fair slated for Sept. 8

BAGUIO CITY - A jobs fair was organized by the Department of Labor and Employment in partnership with the Public Employment Services Office of the city government here this Coming Sept. 8 at the Baguio Convention Center.

This is part of the 106th Baguio City Charter Day celebration of this mountain resort.

About 25 local companies have an opening of more or less 1,700 workers and about 15 overseas recruitment agencies have more or less 4,413 vacancies.

Job seekers are advised to bring resume with 2 x 2 ID pictures, authenticated birth certificate, high school or college diploma, transcript of records, NBI, police and barangay clearance, SSS number, taxpayer's identification number, medical certificate, marriage contract (if married), training certificates, professional licenses, and certificate of employment (if formerly employed).

Apart from the job vacancies, there will be health and wellness services to be offered to job seekers like free massage, hair cut, manicure and pedicure.

Also, job seekers can avail of free local and overseas call to relatives.

The city of pines marked its 106th Charter Day celebration with the theme “Nurturing the culture of caring and sharing towards competitiveness.” */Jho Arranz*

Lady inmates finish bread and pastry production course

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City School of Arts and Trade (h), a TES-DA, run training institute in this mountain resort produces more than thousand graduates every year.

Twenty lady inmate scholars of the Baguio City Jail Management Office received their respective certificates of completion to the Bread and Pastry Production NC II last Aug. 18 at the BCJM office.

The program is in partnership with city government here and the BCJM in order to help inmates in economic progress and subsequently help the country.

J/Clnsp. May Ann Tresmanio emphasized that being in the four walls of the Baguio City jail is not an hindrance for the inmates to be productive in their own little ways. “We are very grateful that we were given the opportunity to learn and love baking. I have learned to love what I am doing and learn to have an open mind that I must not give up but instead believe in myself that I can also contribute something to the community and country as a whole,” said one of the lady inmates.

Apart from the 20 lady inmates, there were also five BCJM personnel who underwent the same course in order to lead the

FEATURE

Aquino didn't care to bring father's killers to justice

August 21 marks the 32nd anniversary of the assassination of opposition leader Ninoy Aquino, an event that changed the course of Philippine history. Newspapers' front pages tomorrow will be filled with photos of President Aquino 2rd and his sisters grieving at their father's grave. There would be eulogies to the martyr whose death triggered, as the Yellow narrative puts it, the fall of the Dark Lord.

However, since four years ago, I've thought something's terribly wrong with such photos, and with all the paeans.

There is one man who has all the resources and moral standing to put at peace Ninoy's spirit by determining conclusively who ordered the assassination.

This is Ninoy's son, President Benigno Aquino 3rd.

But Pres. Aquino hasn't lifted a finger to bring closure to his father's ruthless assassination. This is despite his five years of being the most powerful man in the country—in fact, in his first two years in office, one of the most popular presidents—and so powerful that he has been able to remove the Supreme Court Chief Justice, incarcerate the former president on flimsy grounds, throw three powerful senators to jail, and have the entire Congress under his thumb.

Aquino is known to be vengeful against those who have slighted him in the most minor manner. But this trait obviously doesn't apply to his father's murderers.

Aquino's seeming lack of concern over his father's murder indicates that either there is something deeply wrong in this person's psyche, or that there is something terribly embarrassing in the assassination that has been kept so secret that even the victim's powerful family has refused to uncover its mastermind.

It has been a shame on us as a nation, and represents the heights of our country's hypocrisy in honoring Ninoy Aquino, that after 3. What kind of nation are we to fool ourselves that these military men acted on their own, and that there were no powerful personalities who ordered them to undertake an operation perfectly executed, without a single witness even with a phalanx of foreign correspondents accompanying Ninoy?

Could it be another – even the most shameful – demonstration that this nation is run by a single cabal we call the economic-political elite, that even the administration headed by Aquino's widow wouldn't uncover the brains behind the assassination since he is a member of this elite?

Cory's apparent disinterest when she was president in getting to the bottom of her husband's murder was viewed as an understandable, even laudable, above-the-fray stance of the Saint of Democracy. More cynical observers felt, however, that she was afraid to discover (or that she even already knew) that the mastermind could be Marcos crony and tycoon Edgardo Cojuangco, her cousin. (Cojuangco has vehemently denied such accusation.)

Aquino's brother the late Agapito in 1990 right after the Sandiganbayan decision was issued told the New York Times: “They have not convicted the mastermind. But the mastermind, I believe, is already resting in peace.” He was obviously referring to Marcos, who died in 1989. But why couldn't he even identify the strongman?

“It is best to leave this episode behind. We have to move on and continue working for the rehabilitation of our country,” he said. An assassination that changed the country, and he was saying the nation should just leave it behind, like a bad dream?

Kind-to-Cory explanation

An explanation kind to Cory claimed that if she had pursued Cojuangco for the crime, the oligarch could have joined and funded the many coup attempts against her rule, and that she chose to sacrifice her personal wish—to avenge her husband—for the sake of the country 's political stabilization. **Cont. on page 7**

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Suggestion to assure a fair 2016 polls

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LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The LORD detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him..." (Proverbs 11:1, the Holy Bible).

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SMARTMATIC'S GOODWILL AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: I don't know how Smartmatic does it, but it seems it has an incredible amount of goodwill among officials of government who have something to do with elections, starting with the Commission on Elections, to enable it to be romping off with contracts allowing it to handle electoral exercises in this country almost unchallenged, the forthcoming 2016 polls, in particular.

Did we not hear many people questioning the integrity of the 2010 and 2013 elections that Smartmatic handled for the Philippines? Did they not attribute fraudulent manipulation in the results it released, especially in connection with the 2013 midterm elections where a 60-30-10 pattern of vote apportionment favoring administration candidates was fully confirmed by information technology experts?

Did we not also hear many people questioning why, inexplicably, Smartmatic had been standing firm in its refusal to release technical information about its system, especially its source code for the 2013 elections, despite Supreme Court orders for it to do so? Did we not hear, further, people complaining about its having removed the security features of the machines it used for the elections in 2010 and 2013?

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WHY CHOOSE SMARTMATIC AGAIN FOR 2016? And so, the inevitable question crops up once more: why choose Smartmatic again for the crucial 2016 presidential elections? Is there no one else who can do what Smartmatic is supposed to be doing during elections? And, indeed, why are the people who were loudly protesting Smartmatic's continuing involvement in Philippine elections suddenly became silent?

What is more important, as far as I can see, is the inexplicable silence of candidates vying for the presidency in 2016 on the issue of Smartmatic's continuing grip on Philippine elections. Either they are convinced of Smartmatic's integrity, contrary to the claims of critical information technology experts, or they are simply uncaring.

It was thus a welcome sight that two small political parties, the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) of the Marcoses and the Partido ng Lapiang Manggagawa (PLM) of lawyer Jose Miguel Malvar Villegas, jointly filing a case against Smartmatic and its use of the discredited election machines known as PCOS (precinct count optical scan) machines, but then nothing is ever heard of that case again.

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HOW TO ASSURE A FAIR 2016 ELECTIONS: If I were to be insistent on assuring a fair fight for 2016, I should be concerned and be doing something like what the KBL and the PLM had done recently, and more. I would be mounting a noisy campaign to bring out all the previous issues about alleged cheating in the use of PCOS machines, because it is only by being noisy that we can compel the authorities to act.

The fact is that, there are now many recorded cases of election cheating during the elections handled by Smartmatic, in Nueva Ecija, in Pasay City, and in many other places for example, which can be used as starting point for an honest to goodness investigation of what Smartmatic had been doing, and how far PCOS machines can be manipulated.

The time to act is now, while elections are still almost a year away. It would do well for everyone, Smartmatic and the Comelec included, as well as the entire Aquino government, to prove the accuracy and truthfulness of these PCOS machines. Otherwise, the 2016 results will once again be branded as cheated, destabilizing whoever would be proclaimed.

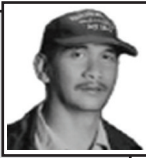
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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Roxas, Poe, Binay, Du30, Lacson – Bakkaban Royale!!!

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Pa-umpisa na ang init at positioning ng mga magagaling na presidentiables.

Una sa lahat, ang may limpak-limpak na salapi at pondo ay itong LP standard bearer na si MR. THD (Trying Hard na Deperado Pa) Mar Roxas. Ilang BILYON nga ba ang pondo na kanyang gagamitin para sa vote buying, PCOS manipulation, BBL diskarte at iba pa??? Sabi-sabi ng aking DPA (deep penetrating angel) ay nasa 20 billion daw ang pondo ni Mar.

At anjan din naman itong si super ambisyosang Grace Poe na napaka ganda na nga nang kanyang buhay sa estados unidos (West Virginia) eh nag pa istir pa kay tulis-tulis Keso (Chiz), ayun nanaisin pang sumawsaw sa isang napakagulong Philippine politics, hay-yayyay, ang buhay nga naman. Maraming tao, sobra sobra na ang salapi ngunit ala namang kapangyarihan (power) kaya hindi makontento at kelangan pa nitong si Grace Poe ng kapangyarihan. Naging anak lang ni d'king FPJ akala niya obra na para mamuno ng 100 million Filipinos. Hindi Poe ba mga dear readers, katawa-tawa Poe.

Ito namang si godfather d'Binay, pilot na sinisira ng administrasyon ngunit mukhang hindi natitinag ang kanyang kamandag. Ano naman kaya ang kamandag nitong si VP nognog? Ngunit, walang awat ang mga expose na lumalabas hinggil sa kanya pagdating sa korapsyon na pilot ibinabato ng, kaya nga lang, kahit na maraming birada kay VP Nognog ay mataas pa rin siya sa surveys at malakas pa rin ang kanyang mga suporta sa mga masang intelligent voters. Hi ! Hi! Hi!

Eto naman si pakunwaring pakitpot na DU30, nakakatakot ang human rights violation record ng mamang ito at mahilig makisiping pa sa maka-kaliwa o sa komunista, kaya alanganin rin talaga itong si Du30 kung ako ang inyong tatanungin, kaya manatili na lang dapat itong si Du30 sa Davao. Saka dapat nating paka-tatandaan na ang nagawa ni Du30 sa Davao ay siguradong hindi niya magagawa sa Pilipinas sapagkat sa Davao ay hands on sya at siya mismo ang nagmo-monitor samantalang ang isang pangulo o president ay pilot na aasa sa kanyang mga tauhan. Eh alam naman natin na mahirap na at iba na ang usapin kapag ikaw ay aasa sa ibang mga tao lalo na at pinagkakautangan mo sila ng loob dala ng kanilang pagbibigay ng campaign contributions sa iyo!!!

Ito na naman si Ping Lacson, so far so good at consistent na mr clean ang taong ito, kaya siguro ay dapat nating bigyan ng second look and consideration itong si Ping Lacson. Anong palagay ninyo mga dear readers?!?!

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basis for setting this amount? Should this Court rather than the Sandiganbayan exercise this discretion?

- What are our specific bases for saying that the medical condition of the accused entitles him to treatment different from all those who are now under detention and undergoing trial for plunder?*

While the points in Leonen's letter were raised during the August 18 deliberations, Bersamin insisted on a vote.

Different final copy

He said he was “abandoning the August 14, 2015 circulated draft” that centered on humanitarian grounds. Instead, he was returning to his earlier version that focused on bail as a matter of right based on judicial

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paper.

Filling out the registration form or having biometric data or does not automatically mean approval of one's application. The application will still undergo approval of the Election Registration Board which is done quarterly or four times a year, Torres said. */JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR*

notice and the existence of mitigating circumstances. This is what the Supreme Court justices voted on at 11 am of August 18. The only amendment accepted by Bersamin was the increase of the bail amount to P1 million.

However, at about 3 pm on the same day, when the Court was hearing oral arguments on the Torre de Manila case, Bersamin passed around a “final copy of the majority opinion which was not the version voted upon during the morning's deliberation.” What he circulated was the August 14 version granting bail on humanitarian grounds.

Internal rules of the High Court normally allow one week for the submission of dissenting opinions, but Leonen had to complete his draft incorporating the ideas of the other dissenters within two days from the release of the majority opinion penned by Bersamin.

Indicative of the surprise sprung by Bersamin on the justices is the qualificatory note of associate justices Diosdado Peralta and Mariano del Castillo. They appended their signatures to the majority decision citing “humanitarian” grounds.

Supreme Court insiders pointed out “they probably thought they were