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## Pahayagang palaban!!!

# A H1N1 Not Something To Be Afraid Of, Accdng To Experts And Fully Recovered Patient



BAGUIO CITY – “The A H1N1 virus is not life threatening and is not something to be afraid of as transmission is not that easy. Still the best way is to take care of yourself (keep yourself healthy and proper practice of cleanliness ethics)” this was relayed by Baguio Centennial Commission chairman Dr Virgilio Bautista, during a forum Thursday.

According to Dr Bautista, this was confirmed

to them by health experts from the Philippine General Hospital during their recent Mid-year Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Convention. “Though there are numerous confirmed positive cases of A H1N1 in the country, majority of them got well and the recorded single death was due more to a heart ailment,” added Dr Bautista.

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Employees from the city government are dwarfed with the huge illegal structures at the Busol forest reservation. The city demolition team had a walk-through last week to verify the owners and inform them of their dialogue with the city mayor on monday, July 6. /Mon S. David.

*Palakasin ang resistensiya para di tamaan ng swine flu.*

**LG KOMENTARYO, ISANG PALAISIPAN**

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## 'Change not possible under GMA'

**Pushes for transparency among 285 bills filed, says report**

Senator Antonio Trillanes IV supported the public clamor for an election in 2010 by saying change under the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is 'not possible.'

"Any illusions of change are simply not possible under the administration of GMA," he said in a published annual report.

According to the same report, Trillanes was ranked sixth in the Senate for his 285 total bills on several advocacies as poverty alleviation, national defense and security, affordable and accessible health care and education, and environmental protection in only his second year in office.

He stressed good governance and civil service reforms as priorities by proposing heavier penalties against violations

by contractors and subcontractors in public works projects and the public officials involved.

"We should fight against the alarming propensity of this administration to punish whistleblowers of anomalous transactions instead of the perpetrators, most of whom are part of government themselves," Trillanes said.

He also addressed issues among the youth and women sectors with bills that would subject private schools to stricter government regulation against tuition hikes, and include PhilHealth coverage for diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancer.

This year Trillanes authored and coauthored seven bills and reso-

lutions that were passed into law, including the Archipelagic Baselines Law (original bill included Scarborough Shoal within the baselines) and Salary Standardization Law 3.

Six of his bills have already been passed in the Senate, counting one that would fix the terms of the Armed Forces of the Philippines chief and major service commanders.

Admitting limitations as a legislator due to his imprisonment, Trillanes vowed to serve the country in other ways.

"I continue to be a voice of defiance against a regime that is reputed as the most corrupt in our nation's history. This, I can honestly say, is my small contribution to our people's incessant struggle for change," he said./ Office Of Senator Antonio Trillanes IVS

## Of Failed Parking Lot Bombings And Pathetic Boners

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday slammed government for its futile attempts to sow fear and confusion and force its way into the headlines by coming up with farcical incidents that only serve

to underscore its fast-eroding credibility.

"One need not be a rocket scientist to deduce the connection between the series of explosions in Mindanao and the supposedly destabi-

lization efforts carried out by seemingly misguided souls to bomb government buildings in Quezon City," he said.

"It is a desperate but laughable effort to portray a doomsday scenario that is only meant to cover

## PMSFPC strengthens stand against forest law violators, offers livelihood to tree cutters

T A B U K , Kalinga – The Provincial Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (PMSFPC) approved various policies that strengthened their stand against the wanton destruction of the environment particularly the forest.

Aside from law enforcement that resulted to the apprehension of illegally transported lumber, members of PMSFPC adopted other measures that can discourage tree cutters from the "easy-but illegal and short-live source of money" to legal but sustainable source of family income.

During an out-of-town meeting and tree planting of the Committee held in Rizal last week, the sub-committee on livelihood was tasked to submit micro-livelihood proposals to help families engaged in cutting and selling lumber to earn in-

come, shift to alternative livelihood projects at the same time conserve the forest while utilizing forest products.

Engr. Warner Padawag of the Department of Trade and Industry and Chairman of the Livelihood Committee of PMSFPC assured to lead in the identification of livelihood projects that can be established, supported and sustained as legal source of family income.

Engr. Sammy Bayangan, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Congressman Manual Agyao also assured the support of the lawmaker. Provision of livelihood projects to organized groups in the province is a priority of the Congressman, he informed as he urged upland farmers to organize themselves so that they can be assisted in any livelihood of their choice.

Earlier, Agyao offered a proposal to settlers along the Chico river to help propagate and plant bamboo on the moun-

tain slope above the river bank. The PMSFC requested the Office of the Congressman to include all river systems in the province for the propagation and mass planting cum livelihood project.

To put rest on the exploitation of prohibited tree species from cutting particularly narra, the PMSFPC batted for the utilization of G-Melina tree and other ordinary wood for furniture to spare narra from extinction. Wood industry representatives to the Committee strongly support the utilization of other wood species other than narra.

Engr. Padawag, a wood industry enterprise owner himself said narra is popular for furniture because it is the national tree. "It is a status symbol if one has furniture made of narra," he quipped adding that G-melina and other wood species found in abundant in the forest of Kalinga can match narra if used for furniture.

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## DENR gives priority to climate change mitigation and adaptation measures

BAGUIO CITY – Climate change mitigation and adaptation measures are among the top five priority thrusts listed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for 2009.

In the culminating program of Environment Month (June) celebration held last June 30 at the Bishop's House, DENR bared its priority thrusts and programs for the year. Aside from usual thrust of "Natural Resources Conservation" and environmental laws education and enforcement, the agency will be prioritizing climate change, poverty reduction/hunger mitigation and "Socio Economic Development" in line with the national government programs.

For climate change, the DENR plans include the conduct of related priority research and development programs that could help address the issue, such as bio-fuel alternatives; undertaking of vulnerability assessment and carrying capacity studies of major eco-systems; implementation of programs that will improve air quality; promote recycling of agriculture and forest waste products through the manufacturing and propagation of charcoal briquettes; and to strictly implement the provisions of RA 9003 on Ecological Solid Waste Management.

The DENR is also embarking on two major projects that will help address climate change, with funding support of some EUR4,430,000 from the Republic of Germany through Deutsche Gesellschaft für

Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ).

The projects recently approved by DENR Secretary Lito Atienza and GTZ's Director and Principal Advisor Walter Salzer and Project Manager Dr. Uwe F. Scholz, are the "Adaptation to Climate Change and Conservation of the Biodiversity in the Philippines (ACCCBIO)" and the "Support Program for Solid Waste Management for LGUs (SWM4LGUs) Phase II".

In a statement, Atienza said, "Both projects are in line with the program of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to address the problem of global warming and climate

change. We would like, therefore, to thank our benefactors and partners, the GTZ in particular, for these very significant agreements we have forged with them."

According to Atienza, the first project - ACCCBIO, is aimed at developing and implementing relevant adaptation strategies to compensate the effects of climate change and loss of biodiversity in selected areas in the country. The other project - SWM4LGUs Phase II, is a 3-year, second phase of a project intended to assist selected local government units in the effective and efficient implementation of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act./Lito Dar/PIA



*PMA HOST PARENTS. Engr. Bernardo Vergara, chairman of the Philippine Military Academy Host Parent Association (PMAHPA) is calling parents to join and help mold the character of the future leaders of our nation. Deadline of submission of application is on July 12, 2009. Also in the photo (L-R) is Cpt. Lynette Flores, public information officer, Cadet Gladys Duhaylungsod and Cadet John Randiola. (PIA photo)*

## Measure setting operation time of liquor establishments up on second reading

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city council is considering a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1 series of 1990 or the Liquor Code of the city by prescribing the hours of operations of liquor-dispensing establishments similar to the scheme adopted at the time of former mayor Braulio Yaranon in 2005.

Proposed by Councilors Galo Weygan, Rocky Thomas Balisong, Perlita Rondez, Richard Cariño, Fred

Bagbagen, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Elaine Sembrano and Antonio Tabora, Jr., the measure was approved on second reading and for publication last Monday.

In the proposal, the aldermen noted the benefit and positive feedback gained from the implementation of Administrative Order No. 114 series of 2005 by former mayor Yaranon which limited the time of operation of said establishments to certain hours as a means of curbing crime incidents in the city.

"There is a good salutary effect and accepted by the general public on the implementation of Administrative Order Nr. 114, Series of 2005. Residents have realized that there is a need for peace and serenity during the night when people are supposed to be resting for the

next day's work," the proponents noted.

They noted that there were questions raised by some affected businessmen on the legality of said order but before its issuance, the city legal office issued an opinion that it is "in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances."

"A review of Ordinance Nr. 25, s. 1987, shows that it has provisions on hours of operation of the so-called sin business or amusement centers; while Ordinance Nr. 01, s. 1990, known as the Liquor Code, is entirely silent on the hours of operation which may have been inadvertently omitted. This provision should be restored for it is the essence of any ordinance that it should

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### Notice To The Public On Affidavit Of Loss And Undertaking

That an Affidavit of Loss and Undertaking was executed on June 19, 2009 by EGIDION. DE GUIA on the lost Loyola Plans Consolidated Inc., plan with Contract No. NLR 530001431 with certificate Of Ownership/ Full payment No. NLR. 1170. The aforementioned affidavit of loss and undertaking was entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg on June 19, 2009 with Doc. No. 127, Page No. 026, Book No. 111, Series of 2009.

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**We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.**

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## Shimmering Paradox

"The problem with the Philippines," US senator Mike Mansfield snapped, "is it has 60 million cowards and one son-of-a-bitch".

Under Ferdinand Marcos, murder, jail, threats and bribes cowed many. The "New Society", Imelda bragged to a censored press, was "the most democratic in history" —until a housewife snapped: Tama na. Sobra na.

"Suddenly, there they were," Corazon Aquino marveled, long after People Power evicted the 14-year old autocracy without spilling blood. It installed her as Asia's first-woman-ever president.

"Now, ( people) were standing tall, like Ninoy, as he went down the stairs to his death.....It is better to die (standing) than to go on living on your knees."

## EDITORIAL

It was not always so.

"In the early years of martial

law, most preferred to play it safe," she recalled. "One could not blame them...Defenders of democracy were broken....When did Filipinos decide —each one alone and without prodding —that it was now or never?"

People Power drew from Mahatma Ghandi's peaceful march against the Salt Tax in the 1930s. Edsa triggered Czechoslovakia's "Velvet Revolution", Lebanon's "Cedar Revolt" and Ukraine's "Orange" uprising.

"One image outshone the others: a brave woman in a yellow dress" reads the Magsaysay Foundation citation for Aquino. "(She was a) radiant moral force to the nonviolent movement for democracy in the Philippines and in the world."

These memories resurged when evening news cameras panned on a frail Corazon Aquino. Leaning on her children's arms, the 76-year old widow walked painfully into the hospital. She has refused further chemotherapy for colon cancer.

For ordinary citizens, like us, Cory was more than those awards and positions.

No one dared oppose Marcos. The powerful were arrayed against any challenger: generals, symbolized by the "Rolex 12", a stamp-pad Commission on Elections, cronies like Eduardo Cojuangco and Lucio Tan, San Juan mayor Joseph Ejercito Estrada and scores of local executives, bejeweled "Blue Ladies".

But Benigno Aquino's murder thrust wife Cory, willy nilly, into the vortex of the revolt against abuse. "Ninoy?", Marcos sneered. "He's nobody." Dared on the David Brinkley show, Marcos called for snap elections, confident in his ability to stack the count.

"Stop this nonsense," Cory told publisher Joaquin Roces. "Chino" sought one million signatures asking her to run. He got 1.2 million signatures in 41 days, despite harassment.

Women should "not challenge a man," said Marcos at his condescending best. "She teaches her husband —only in the bedroom". "May the best woman win", retorted Cory. Did SOB's miss that flash of steel?

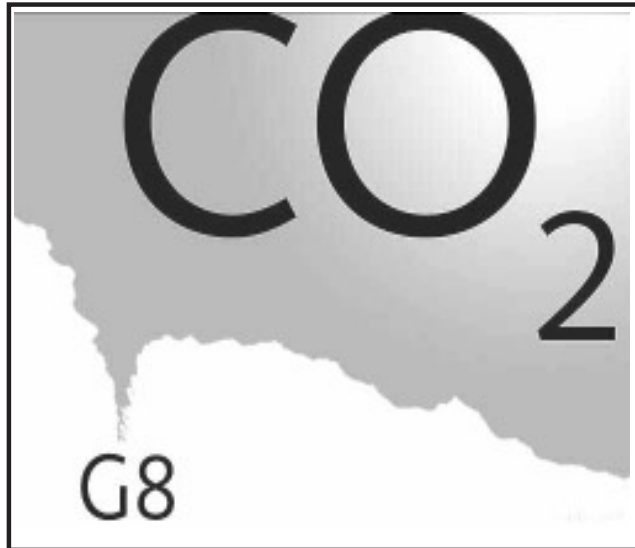
To the regime, Cory then was just a political prisoner's wife. There were scores of them. Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile couldn't be bothered. To visit Ninoy, imprisoned at Fort Bonifacio, Cory and Dona Aurora, Ninoy's mother, would wait outside Defense undersecretary Carmelo Barbero's office, to get permits..

The puppet Batasang Pambansa declared Marcos garnered 53.6 percent of the snap election votes. "Cory won in Luzon," a priest said. "She won in the Visayas. And she won Mindanao too. But Marcos won overall."

By then, a line had been crossed. And the protest had acquired a human face. In the certificate of candidacy, Cory wrote her occupation as: "Wife of a political prisoner, assassinated by government."

Courage is contagious. When fake tallies surfaced, 38 com-

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## DIRETSAHAN

*GOODBYE - Forbes Park Forest  
Reservation  
HELLO Mayor -RAB-How are you  
today???*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Sa nakaraang sesyon ng mga onsehal...este konsehal ng Baguio kunsaan naimbitahan si katotong Odell Aquino, kolumnista at OIC ng pahayagang ito, pero sa hindi ko malamang kadahilanan na hindi siya dumalo at bagkus ay ang impakto este de-facto publisher at executive director ng linis gobyerno na si Mr. Freddie Farres ang dumating, kapansin pansin ang pagiging tahimik at tameme ni Councilor Nick Aliping sa isyu ng Forbes Park. Nauna kasi rito eh, ang naturang konsehal ang hot na hot na nagtatarang para ideklarang "persona non grata" si Aquino, pero taliwas sa naunang sesyon, mukhang naumid yata ang dila nitong si councilor Aliping at si Councilor Fred Bagbagen naman ang panay ang daktak!

Batay sa aking obserbasyon, kulang na kulang ang ngipin ng mga councilor para ngatngatin na ng tuluyan ang mga ungas na umano'y nasa likod ng lutuan sa pagpapatitulo ng Forbes Park sa South Drive.

Kung ako ang opisyal na ininsulto na at ginago pa ng mga bwakang nagmaniobra sa pagpapatitulo, at wala man lang akong alam sa mga pinag gagawa ng mga ungas, aba eh, hindi sapat lamang na ipaliwanag na wala akong kaalam alam sa mga nangyari at gagawa na lang ako ng mga kesyong aksyon na ganito at ganyan kundi ipakita na talagang galit ako, magsasampa agad ako ng kaso para panagutin ang mga dapat na managot, at habang dinidinig ang kaso, kukuha muna ako ng mga guwardiya para bantayan ang lugar at siguraduhin na walang sinuman ang makakapasok at makapagtayo ng kahit poste man lamang. Alam kasi natin na maraming lintek at ungas na kayang magtayo ng buong bahay sa isang magdamagan lang, di ba mga onorabel na onsehal, este konsehal pala? Kuha na ng mga guwardiya at ipabantay ang lugar, dalii!

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Saludo talaga ako dito sa POSD ng Baguio City Mayor's Office lalo na sa kanilang anti-peddling task force na pinangungunahan ni pareng "pidyong"! biruin nyu mga suki, magkasunod na nakatimbog sila ng mga kawatan as in ol in wan na isnatser at mandurukot . Una ay nakahuli sila ng umano'y mandurukot o isnatser sa may Kayang Street noong Hulyo a nuwebe at kasalukuyan ng naghihimas sa rehas na bakal ang suspek. Pagkatapos, nakatiyempo at nakahuli naman sila ng sumunod na araw, hulyo a diyas. Aba, hindi biro ang nagagawang serbisyo publiko ng ating mga POSD kaya dapat nating saluduhan ang kanilang hepe na si Tsip Engineer GREG DELJERO na laging nagpapaalala sa kanyang mga tauhan na gampanan nila ng tama ang kanilang mga tungkulin at magserbisyo ng walang kinikilingan at kapalit. Sa POSD "kudos" sa inyo. At More power!

ooOoo

At sino kaya itong taga-Meyor's ofis ng Baguio na umano'y walang modo as in "ungentleman" sa isang empleyada ng "Justice Hall"? akala mo daw ay kung sino itong si langaw na nakatungtong sa "puyo" ni butihing mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr.

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## FASTRACK

*More on the Mother Of All Land  
Scams in Baguio  
Part 2*

BY: F.J. FARRES (GUEST COLUMNIST)



## FAIR AND SQUARE

*TOYOTA FX WAGON  
MODEL 2009, ANYONE?*

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



So it is now confirmed more or less that most, if not all members of the top city officialdom were caught with their pants down, or perhaps a more appropriate term would be **NABULAGA** silang lahat. Can you imagine that; unless the remaining eight (8) city councilors send in their answer to the Linis Gobyerno Question no.1 (stating otherwise) which is basically asking them when did they become aware of this NCIP titling activities at the Forbes Park Forest reservation (FPFR). So far, those who had answered had admitted that they had just learned about it very recently during the council session upon the confirmation of the Register of Deeds. In other words, when they learned about it, it was already a done deal, **Lutong-Luto na – TAPOS NA, KAPUT!** At this point, I would rather not comment on their not having known about this sooner. I will reserve my opinion on this on future columns, it's up to the thinking and un-thinking public to make their own conclusions.

I am very disappointed with our Good Mayor Bautista. I was thinking that since youth is on his side, aside from all his access to wise and un-wise counsel, he would be a more dynamic and responsive Mayor. What do I mean by a more dynamic and responsive Mayor? To begin with, his reply to our letter was very disappointing. He did not even bother to give the Linis Gobyerno a sensible reply to the merely four (4) fundamental but key questions being asked on him on this issue. Why he chose to not answer the questions is surprising. If the Congressman and five (5) other Councilors were able to give five (5) minutes of their precious time to answer a few questions, how come the Mayor could not? **Perhaps our good Mayor is just really a very-very busy man, so he simply has no time for Baguio's patrimonial property worth at least P 3.5 Billion that is now gone!**

Furthermore, he neither confirmed nor denied whether he received 5000 square meters (1/2 hectare) of property at the FPFR as a **BRIBE**. I wonder why there was no denial, although there was also no admission. At any rate, again the public will just have to draw their own conclusions.

You know, there is this naughty talk that the Mayor has become an expert at skirting issues (parang GMA ba?!) and likewise there is also this naughty talk that the Mayor cannot make decisions on his own. Some say his Father Reinaldo Sr. makes 90% of the decisions for him. Could there be any truth to this? I cannot actually say with certainty if there is any truth to talk of this nature; I need a little more convincing from my sources. But whether or not this is a case of an image problem or there is some basis in fact, (as I earlier said it's naughty talk) the Mayor, I hope, can be more forthright and direct answers specially with the FPFR issue. In fact, when talk of the Mayor's garbage dump trucks and garbage hauling contracts etc..., were being pushed to this writer by certain individuals, my answer was, let the other members of media uncover and/or expose what must be, but the FPFR is a different case - a 3.5 Billion Peso land scam, harap-harapan, ibang usapan na ito!

Going back to the **NABULAGANG City Officialdom**, it will be very interesting to observe how things will be unfolding. My thinking on this issue is that this may make or break a Mayor and/or Congressman or even a Councilor if not handled the right way. This is bigger and more explosive than the Busol squatting issue and/or other local issues so far; so let's wait and see - things are not sinking in yet. No amount of damage control and/or +/- /Black or White PR work will work this time!!! That is why, we ask ourselves if this will again be handled like one of those moro-moros (no offense to our beloved Muslim Brothers) or another sarzuela, as we all are so used to seeing. At this point, I understand a committee headed by the city legal officer has been created to investigate the situation; what and when his findings and/or recommendations will be, we will await and see and likewise **HOPE** that it will not insult (as in some instances) the intelligence of the Baguio citizenry and the Filipino people in general.

In my next column, let's talk about possible scenarios etc...,

A friend of mine whom I have not seen for almost 3 years, scurriedly arrived in my office the other day and without excusing himself from clients I was entertaining, sputtered out, "Pare, may itatanong lang ako." I said to him, Sandali lang, pare, tatapusin ko lang ito."

After my clients had left I returned to him, "Pare, ano ba ang problema?" In response to my question, he told me his story. Let's call him Delfin, not his true name.

**From his house at Marcos Highway, a day before he came to my office, he took a Tamarax FX taxi going to the city since his car was borrowed by a nephew whose friend was preparing to get married.**

According to Delfin, as soon as the taxi that he flagged stopped at the other lane of the highway, he crossed and immediately tried to open the rear door behind the driver, but it would not open. The driver told him to take the door at the other side because the left door would not really open, it has not been functioning.

Upon being seated, he tried to close the window since it was becoming windy as the taxi was speeding up when the driver again said, "Sir, sira po yan." At that moment, he was already trying to control his temper for the discomforts and inconveniences he was being subjected to riding in that taxi, but he was unable to do so, so he said, "Bakit, Pare, ano bang model itong taxi mo at mukhang maraming sira? He tried to refrain from further saying that the upholstery of the taxi was dirty and torn at many parts and that the shocks appear not be to functioning anymore, hence, he was bouncing like anything. But to his surprise, the driver said, "Sir, bago po ito, Model 2009."

In amazement, he was almost unseated he could not believe what he heard, so curious that he was, he requested to see the registration papers of the taxi and to which the driver obliged by giving the xerox copies of the C.R. and O.R. To his complete surprise, there it was below the box for year model clearly written, the number or the figure 2009.

"Hindi ba fake itong C.R. mo? Bakit Model 2009 ay luma naman ang taxi mo?"

"No, Sir. Bagong palit po kasi ang chassis nito. Parang rebuilt po daw sabi ng operator ko."

This was the first time I heard of it, an FX taxi rebuilt just by changing the chassis. And, since it was a rebuilt unit it was registered as a 2009 model by the LTO. I have my doubts so I just told my friend to wait for the answer to his problem until I have inquired from the concerned authorities.

As soon as he left, I called up the LTO if there was really an FX taxi that had underwent change chassis and was registered as 2009 model. The answer I got was a stunning YES, the reason being that as having changed chassis, it was classified as a rebuilt unit, hence, it could be given the current year model, allegedly, pursuant to law. This, according **daw** to one, Atty. Diaz, the Chief of the LTO Pilot agency in Quezon City.

Still I cannot believe it for, whatever happened to the DOTC policy that, in line with the objective of the government to modernize public land transportation in the interest of public service, all units of taxi already operating or used beyond ten (10) years FROM DATE OF MANUFACTURE should be phased-out, pursuant to its Dept. Order No. 96-965 which was later extended to thirteen (13) years by Dept. Order No. 2004-12.

Obviously, changing the chassis of an FX taxi cannot be

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*SC issues landmark rule on party list groups*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



## LG KOMENTARYO

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*done for that is a Forbes Park Forest Reservation. Help us identify the person claiming that he/she has given me a portion of the Forbes Park Forest Reservation so that we can file the necessary criminal complaint against him/her.*

*For your information, there was an attempt to reclassify a forested portion with an area of NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN (9,127 sq. m.) from the Forbes Park Forest Reservation from being a forest reservation to alienable and disposable land but I vehemently objected and opposed the bill filed by the late Hon. Victor Dominguez to this effect. I informed some members of the City Council about said bill and to their credit they did pass the resolution vehemently opposing the same. The Hon. Victor Dominguez had withdrawn the said bill because of our vehement opposition and the said resolution of the City Council strongly opposing it. Xerox copy of the said bill for your ready reference is hereby attached as Annex "A".*

*3) I had made my position very clear before and after the effectivity of R.A. 8371 to the effect that we oppose and continue to oppose any ancestral claims in the City of Baguio which are not legitimate. To the extent of being repetitious, I respectfully submit that legitimate ancestral land claims in the City of Baguio are those claims which qualify under the definition in the second sentence of Sec. 78, R.A. 8371. Stated otherwise, those claims which do not qualify are not legitimate.*

*Upon hearing of the alleged issuance of Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTS) covering portions of Forbes Park Forest Reservation in favor of Carantes, et.al. and for the fact that I am not aware of any legitimate ancestral claims in the said area, I immediately requested the City Legal Officer to secure copies of the said CALTS and the documents which had been the basis of their issuances and if it is shown that the same had been issued in violation of the second sentence of Sec. 78, R.A. 8371, then for him to make the necessary recommendation to the City Council for the latter to pass a resolution asking the Solicitor General to file the appropriate petition with the Court to declare and/or cancel the said CALTS as null and void from the very beginning.*

*I likewise requested Hon. Councilor Aliping to sponsor a resolution which I learned he did and to the credit of the City Council they did pass the said resolution laying City's adverse claim on the said Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTS).*

*Also, if warranted by the documents gathered, then we can initiate the necessary inquiry in Congress, with the exception of Gibraltar which is no longer forested and has been long time occupied by settlers and which is recommended by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to be released from the Forbes Park Forest Reservation and reclassified as alienable and disposable, the remaining Forbes Park Forest Reservation is the only remaining forested area within the heart of the City. What will happen to our City if this will be destroyed? Since time immemorial, we have not seen any individual introducing improvements on it and many of the portions are even fenced by government and NGOs like the Baguio Regreening Movement preserving it as forest reserved. We must therefore unite as people of Baguio to forever preserve and maintain the same as forest reserved.*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Mauricio G. Domogan*

**PARTY LIST GROUPS THAT DID NOT OBTAIN TWO PERCENT OF THE VOTES MAY STILL GET REPRESENTATION:** Even party list groups that did not obtain at least two percent of the votes cast for party lists in any election may now be given a chance to install at least one congressman (or even more, in fact) in the House of Representatives.

The Supreme Court, in a July 8, 2009 Resolution penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio which disposed of pending motions in the April 21, 2009 landmark case of "BANAT vs. Commission on Elections", said this is made possible by the mathematical computation arrived at by the tribunal to ensure that the 20 percent allocation for party list groups in the House is completely filled up.

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**SUPREME COURT CLARIFIES FORMULA IN AWARDING PARTY LIST SEATS:** This is how the Supreme Court's reasoning—and formula—on the matter goes: pursuant to Republic Act 7941 (the existing party list law), each party list organization that got two percent of all the votes cast for party lists in any election is automatically guaranteed at least one seat.

If after all the two percenters shall have already been given one seat each and there would still remain unfilled party list seats (meaning, the difference between the 20 percent allotted for party lists under the 1987 Constitution minus the seats already distributed to the two percenters), these remaining seats would then be subjected to a "second round of distribution".

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**NO MINIMUM VOTE REQUIRED IN ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL PARTY LIST SEATS:** How will this "second round of distribution" be carried out? Let us hear it from the Supreme Court itself, thus:

"In the second round allocation of additional seats, there is no minimum vote requirement to obtain a party-list seat because the Court has struck down the application of the 2% threshold in the allocation of additional seats.

"Specifically, the provision in Section 11(b) of the Party-List Act stating that 'those garnering more than two percent (2%) of the votes shall be entitled to additional seats in the proportion to their total number of votes' can no longer be given any effect.

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**RA 7941 FORMULA FOR FILLING ADDITIONAL PARTY LIST SEATS DECLARED INOPERATIVE:** "Otherwise, the 20 percent party-list seats in the total membership of the House of Representatives as provided in the 1987 Constitution will mathematically be impossible to fill up.

"However, a party-list organization has to obtain a sufficient number of votes to gain a seat in the second round of seat allocation.

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**"SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOTES", CLARIFIED:** "What is deemed a sufficient number of votes is dependent upon the circumstances of each election, such as the number of participating parties, the number of available party-list seats, and the number of parties with guaranteed seats received in the first round of seat allocation.

"To continue the example above, if only ten parties participated in the 2007 party-list election and each party received only one thousand votes, then each of the ten parties would receive 10% of the votes cast.

"All are guaranteed one seat, and are further entitled to receive two more seats in the second round of seat allocation...."

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**FOUR PARAMETERS OF PHILIPPINE-STYLE PARTY LIST ELECTION:** The Supreme Court then proceeded to lay down what it called as the "four parameters for a Philippine-style party list election". These are:

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Linis Gobyerno

## ATTENTION: MGA TAGA BAGUIO, CAUSE ORIENTED CIVIC GROUPS, RELIGIOUS GROUPS, AT IBA PA



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### FORBES PARK FOREST RESERVE na may halagang 3.75 Billion – Pinamigay ng NCIP sa isang pribadong indibidwal. Ito ba ay makatarungan, o ito na nga ba ang Mother of All Scams sa Baguio?

#### PART IV

Katulad ng ating pangako, ating ilalathala ang lahat ng kasagutan ng mga opisyal na nagbigay ng kanilang kasagutan. Sa dakong ito ay bigyan natin ng daan ang kasagutan ni Kagalang –galang na Konsehal Betty Lourdes Tabanda at Kagalang-galang na Congressman Mauricio Domogan.

#### Linis Gobyerno questions

1. When did you become aware that there were parties (Antino/Lauro Carantes et. al.) working on the application for titling through NCIP of the Forbes Park Forest Reservation (portions thereof with an area of more or less 25 hectares[250,000sqm]); can you please inform us more or less on the month/year you learned about this?

2. What is your stand on these issues, are you in favor that the Forbes Park Forest Reservation, a part of Baguio City's patrimony, shall now become alienable and disposable?

3. There are unconfirmed reports that all the members of the City Council were each given a minimum share of Two Thousand Square Meters (2,000 sqm) and Five Thousand Square Meters (5000 sqm) for the City Mayor and Congressman at the Forbes Park Reservation so that the City Council, Mayor and Congressman will not make any noise on this issue. Were you also given any portion of the reservation?

4. If you are against the recent developments (titling of the forest reservation) you, being a duly elected city official/public servant, what do you intend to do about this in your official capacity, and in your personal capacity as Baguio resident and stakeholder?

#### Coun. Lourdes Tabanda

**Answer to Q No. 1:** I became aware of the titling of the Forbes Park Forest Reserve only when the Register Of Deeds manifested this during our regular session held on May 11, 2009. Later, we were shown copies of titles over said lands issued in the name of the heirs of Lauro Carantes. This confirmed the earlier information that the forest lands were titled through ancestral land applications.

**Answer to Q No. 2:** Forest lands are protected areas. I am against the reclassification of the forest lands into alienable and disposable lands.

**Answer to Q No. 3:** No, I have not been given, nor have I received any portion of the Reservation.

**Answer to Q No. 4:** In my official capacity, I have supported the council actions to stop all titling of these lands, and even to cause the nullification of titles already issued. In my personal capacity, I will do my share in protecting and enhancing the environment.

#### Letter-Reply of Hon. Mauricio Domogan

*This has reference to your letter dated 16 June 2009 which was received by our office on the following day, 17 June 2009.*

*Before directly answering your four (4) questions, let me inform everybody that I am a supporter of a valid legitimate Ancestral Land Claim in the City of Baguio. The City of Baguio is covered by the IPRA Law, RA 8371 in an exceptional way, hence the situation of the City is not treated the same as other areas of the Philippines where ancestral claims of Indigenous People are located. What specifically covers the City of Baguio is Section 78 which is known as the special provision. Section 78 states:*

*“SEC. 78. Special Provision. — The City of Baguio shall remain to be governed by its Charter and all lands proclaimed as part of its townsite reservation shall remain as such until otherwise reclassified by appropriate legislation: Provided, That prior land rights and titles recognized and/or acquired through any judicial, administrative or other processes before the effectivity of this Act shall remain valid: Provided, further, That this provision shall not apply to any territory which becomes part of the City of Baguio after the effectivity of this Act.”*

*With the foregoing as our preliminary statement, let me now respond to your four queries.*

*It is only recently or last May 2009 that I heard of an alleged application for titling through the NCIP of a portion of Forbes Park Reservation by Carantes, et.al.*

*I was surprised with the said development for as far as I know there is no prior legal rights and title recognized and/or acquired through any judicial, administrative or other processes by a private individual over a portion of land within the Forbes Park Forest Reservation before the effectivity of RA 8371 which is November 1997:*

*1) Our stand on the matter is clear which is “We follow the law.” We all know that forest reservation is not alienable and disposable. Unless it is shown that prior land rights and titles were recognized and/or acquired over a parcel of land within the forest reservation through any judicial, administrative or other processes before November 1997, any certificate of Ancestral Land Title issued covering a parcel of land within the said Forbes Park Reservation is respectfully submitted as not valid. It is null and void from the very beginning. This is the clear provision of the second sentence of Section 78 as above-cited.*

*2) I have no knowledge about your unconfirmed reports that all the members of the City Council were each given a minimum of Two Thousand Square meters (2,000 sq. m.) and Five Thousand Square Meters (5,000 sq. m.) for the City Mayor and Congressman. Your insinuation is not only malicious but totally false. I was not given by any person a portion of the Forbes Park Forest Reservation. Even if somebody will attempt to do it, I am not that stupid to accept it for that is illegal and it can not be*

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
First Judicial Region  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
Baguio City

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
X-----X  
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.  
*Mortgagee,*

-versus-

YVONEE G. JULATON,  
*Mortgagor.*

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., hereafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of YVONEE G. JULATON, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, which as of November 11, 2005, now amounts to

FORECLOSURE CASE No. 09-136-S

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET)  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
La Trinidad, Benguet

GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL STATISTIC OFFICE,  
*Respondents,*  
X-----X  
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CASE 09-A-0951

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION: A PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BRYANT ZYREX P. PALANGYOS WITH PRAYER FOR CHANGE OF HIS NAME TO BRYANT ZYREX PALANGYOS BASILAN AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE

ORDER

SPOUSES WINDER M. BAS-ILAN and MELETT PALANGYOS BASILAN  
*Petitioners,*

-versus -

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF KABAYAN, BENGUET and the ADMINISTRATOR AND CIVIL REGISTRAR

**P**etitioner spouses Winder M. Bas-ilan and Melett Palangyos Bas-ilan, with residence and postal address at Besocol, Ballay, Kabayan, Benguet through counsel filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after this due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption minor BRYANT ZYREX P. PALANGYOS be declared free from all obligations with respect to her parents and vice versa, be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the adopted child of petitioners and for them to acquire the reciprocal rights and obligations arising from parents-child relationship, including the right of the said child to use the surname of petitioners

P3,641,716.08, Philippine Currency, plus interest and penalty charges thereon from December 15, 2007 to date of foreclosure sale, excluding expenses of foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on JULY 29, 2009, at 10:00 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:

**T R A N S F E R**

and change of his name, henceforth he will be known as BRYANT ZYREX PALANGYOS BASILAN and direct the Local Civil Registrar of Kabayan, Benguet to effect said adoption in his Certificate of Live Birth.

Considering that a Child and Home Study Report of the Court Social Worker is an essential requisite in Adoption cases, said report should be submitted to the Court of before the initial hearing on October 15, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

**W**HEREFORE, the Court Social Worker. Ms Jacqueline Dontogan is directed to conduct a Home and Child Study Report in this case, incorporating therein her recommendation and to submit the same to the Court, furnishing a copy thereof the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

The petitioners are directed to meet with the said Social Worker, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Support.

**CERTIFICATE OF TITLE**  
NO. T-88155,  
CITY OF BAGUIO

"A parcel of land (Lot 4 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-30008, approved as non-subdivision project, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 44-A & 44-B (LRC) Psd-271185 and Lot 42-B, Psd-1-03885, L.R.C. Record No. Townsite Patent), situated in the Res. Sec. "K", City of Baguio, Province of , Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 6-7 by Lot 42-A, Psd-1-03885; on the SE., points 7 to 8 by Lot 5 of the consolidation-subdivision plan; on the SW., points 8 to 1 by

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three(3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 28, 2009. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kabayan Benguet; the Court Social Worker; the Junction; the petitioners and counsel.

**SO ORDERED.**

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
Trinidad, Benguet.

**FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr.**  
Presiding Judge

Publication dates:  
June 27, July 4  
and 11, 2009

Ferguson Road (10.00 m. wide); on the NW., and SW., points 1 to 3 by Lot 3; on the SW., points 3 to 4 by lot 2; and points 1 to 3 by Lot 3; on te SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot 2; and points 4 to 5 by Lot 1, all of the consolidation-subdivision plan; and on the NW., points 5 to 6 by Lot 40, Residence Section "K", Baguio Townsite, Beginning at a point marked "1" xxx to the point of beginning; containing an area of a TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR SQUARE METERS AND SIXTY SQUARE DECIME-

TERS (264.60) more or less."

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

Baguio City, Philippines, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

**REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES**  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

By: (SGD) **ROMEO R. FLORENDO**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

July 4, 11 & 18  
2009

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**GEORGE L. BAY-ED**  
Applicant  
Case No:2001-01-609

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 28, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their 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 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 9th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**ANACLETO F. BUSTAMANTE**  
Applicant  
Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-657

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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Hearing Officer



Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
La Trinidad, Benguet

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.

Petitioner- Mortgagee

-versus-

APOLONIO B. UDUNA, Mortgagegor

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09-Exf-1365

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

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**SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE**

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by the Rural Bank of Itogon (Benguet) Inc, duly organizes and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at

1993 Public Market Bldg., Km 5. Pico La Trinidad, Benguet., against Apolonio B. Uduna of Caucalan, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, In a real estate mortgage duly entered on August 7, 2007. That the indebtedness of the mortgagor to the mortgagee as of June 6, 2009 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (Php 115,000.00) Philippine currency, excluding eighteen percent interest per annum, ten (10%) per annum of the principal amount as penalty, twenty (20%) percent on whatever amount is due the mortgagee from the mortgagors as attorney's fees as agreed and contained

in the pertinent promissory note other litigation expenses and legal expenses incidental to this foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on August 4, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency the parcel of land, together with the improvements now existing or which may hereafter be made thereon described as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-012-02468

"A parcel of land located at Dongboy, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet. Bounded on the North by Olarte Paus; on the South by Sps. Adam Yap & Leonor Yap; on the East by Marcos Highway; On the West by Esteban Dangpas. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS. Assessed at Php 2,800.00 Realty Tax paid under O.R. No. 0191485 on June 15, 2007 at Tuba, Benguet. Not yet registered under Act. 496 nor under Spanish Mortgage Law, but registrable under Act. No. 3344 as Amended Bounded by visible monuments and the present Possessor is

Mr. Apolonio B. Uduna.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above described and the encumbrances thereon if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 8, 2009.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET By: (SGD) JOSELITO S. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV

For publication at the Junction Newspaper on July 11,18 and 25, 2009

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**LUCIANO BUENO, JR.**  
Applicant  
Case No:89-CAR-341

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for 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 - PNR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**PABLO T. BAGYAN**  
Applicant  
Case No:99-01-668

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for 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 - CAMPO SIOCO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**FERDINAND B. SMITH**  
Applicant  
Case No:2000-01-983

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for 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 - MOTORPOOL via Buyagan and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

**Diretsahan.....**

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he!he! siguradong bitin kayo at gusto ninyong malaman kung sino itong aking tinutukoy ano? Huwag kayong mag-alala mga suki at unti-unti kong aalisan ito ng maskara sa aking kolumn. Pansamantala, suspens muna, magbuntong hininga at manghula! Tingnan natin kung tama ang hula ninyo sa next isyu!

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Umakyat na sa 31 ang nagpapositibo sa AHINI dito sa Kordilyera. Nagsuspinde na rin ng kanilang klase ang kolehiyo ng UB at BAGUIO PATRIOTIC SCHOOL na posible ring masundan pa ng ibang eskwelahan na ayon ay marami na rin ang mga estudyanteng nagkakahawaan ng sakit... para palang sakit sa pulitika ang AHINI, madali itong makahawa at hindi alam kung paano ito mapuksa puksa. Maraming tse tse buretse ang iminapayo sa madlang publik pero hindi pa rin mapigilan ang paglaganap

nito. Administrasyon, oposisyon, party list o anumang partido pag nahawaan ng virus na PBB (Pipi, Bulag, Bingi) mula sa bahay ni Ate (Malakanyang) nagiging tuta, na paglaki ay sila naman ang magsasalin ng virus na rabies sa mga baguhan. Tekla, ano kaya kung magkaroon din ng partido na kumakatawan sa mga medyas... este media pala, magiging tuta rin kaya sila? Ewan, pero meron akong mga kilala na ngayon pa lang ay tuta na, di ko nga lang alam kung magkano, di ba Governor Fongwan at Meyor Bautista ng Baguio?

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Sa serye ng pambombas sa Mindanao at sa kalakhang Maynila, isa lang ang ibig sabihin nito, nagkulang, kundi man inutul ang gobyerno, ang AFP at PNP sa pagsugpo ng ganitong sistema ng karahasan. Malaki laki rin naman pala ang napupuntang "Intelligence fund" sa ating mga ahensya sa gobyerno pero bakit mukhang walang silbi ang bilyong datung na ibinibigay sa kanila para gamitin? O baka naman kung kanino lang napunta at nakinabang? Ang mabuti

pa siguro ay ibigay na lang sa mga Barangay Tanod at baka magkaroon pa ng silbi. Peryod!

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Isang bus ng Genesis na galing Maynila at papunta dito sa Baguio ang nahold-ap sa may NLEX. Isang pulis at isang ahente ng NBI ang umano'y kabilang sa mga pasaherong nahold-ap. Ang alam ko istriktong ngayon sa mga bus dahil sa banta ng terorismo. Kung nagkataon pala na terorista ang mga nang hold-ap, susmarya siguradong byaheng langit ang mga walang malay na pasahero. Hay naku, kelan pa kaya matututo ang mga papag at mga guwardiya sibil? At kelan din kaya magkakaroon ng batas na nag-aatas sa mga kumpanya ng bus na magkaroon ng "sekyu" sa bawat bus na malayo ang destinasyon? atensyon, mga ahensya ng sekyu mag lobby na kayo sa kongreso, basta siguraduhin nyung ibulong na meron sil;ang kumisyon! At makisayaw na rin sa cha-cha. He! He!

**AH1N1****..... from page 1**

“Suspending classes is not also a solution (for containing the transmittal the virus), there is no need to cancel classes as the virus die in itself after four hours if it is not transmitted,” added Bautista.

Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club president Mr Andrew Pinero, who was tested positive of the AH1N1 virus last month, also confirmed that the virus is not something to be afraid of.

Pinero narrated that last June 22, when he was in Manila, he felt flu like symptoms and immediately called DOH-CAR director Dr Myrna Cabotaje for some advice. After four days, his fever was gone, after taking up some flu medications and vitamins. By the time the DOH result of his swabbing came out and testing positive, he was already feeling well. But he still opted to self-quarantine for 15 days.

Though most confirmed cases of AH1N1 tends to be mild, the DOH still advises influenza-like illness with pre-existing health conditions that makes them vulnerable to infection and possible complications should seek early medication, as experience in other affected countries show that those with underlying chronic health conditions are at a higher risk for severe complications and even death.

The DOH also reiterates that people who are otherwise healthy and have mild influenza symptoms should: stay at home and away from work, school or crowded areas until symptoms disappear; contact a health care provider by phone if necessary; cover nose mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and dispose of tissues carefully; clean hands regularly and immediately with soap and water or cleanse with soap and water after coughing or sneezing; and rest, drink plenty of fluids, use Paracetamol for fever and pain (avoid Aspirin)./Lito Dar/PIA

**Batas****..... from page 6**

“1. Twenty percent of the total number of the membership of the House of Representatives is the maximum number of seats available to party-list organizations, such that there is automatically one party-list seat for every four existing legislative districts.

“2. Garnering two percent of the total votes cast in the party-list elections guarantees a party-list organization one seat. The guaranteed seats shall be distributed in a first round of seat allocation to parties receiving at least two percent of the total party-list votes.

“3. The additional seats, that is, the remaining seats after allocation of the guaranteed seats, shall be distributed to the party-list organizations including those that received less than two percent of the total votes.

“The continued operation of the two percent threshold as it applies to the allocation of the additional seats is now unconstitutional because this threshold mathematically and physically prevents the filling up of the available party-list seats.

“The additional seats shall be distributed to the parties in a second round of seat allocation according to the two-step procedure laid down in the Decision of 21 April 2009 as clari-

fied in this Resolution.

“4. The three-seat cap is constitutional. The three-seat cap is intended by the Legislature to prevent any party from dominating the party-list system.

“There is no violation of the Constitution because the 1987 Constitution does not require absolute proportionality for the party-list system.

“The well-settled rule is that courts will not question the wisdom of the Legislature as long as it is not violative of the Constitution...”

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**Of Failed Parking****..... from page 2**

up the glaring shortcomings and scandals that have rocked this administration from its first day in power.”

Escudero was referring to the successive bombing incidents in Maguindanao, Cotabato, Sulu, Iligan and Lanao del Norte this week that have resulted in deaths and injuries to both government personnel and civilians.

“It is all the more looking and sounding like a concerted action by some people with the sole objective of needlessly alarming the populace,” he said

“I call on the president to rein in some of her more zealous supporters who shudder at the thought that their perks and powers will be gone in a few months, and that they may soon have to answer to the people,” he said.

While no group or individual has taken responsibility for the bombings, government has not hesitated to cast blame on renegade factions of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and other unnamed elements.

“At the end of the day, it boils down to credibility and capability, two vital ingredients of real democratic societies that can tolerate dissent and accept responsibility for failure. The current government does not have both.”/Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

**PMSFPC strengthens****..... from page 2**

Pinukpuk Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer Severino Dalutag reiterated the appeal to the public to cut trees from legal sources.

Meanwhile, National Police Commission Provincial Officer Fernando Cosidon moved for the establishment of a joint checkpoint manned by DENR, PNP and Army to avoid suspicion that illegal lumber slips from checkpoints because personnel manning them are bribed.

“To clear public suspicion of bribery on law enforcers manning checkpoints, a joint checkpoint should be established,” he stressed.

Although the Philippine Army cannot assign their men to join the joint checkpoint, Col. Antonio Lastimado, Commanding Officer of the 21<sup>st</sup> IB assured that his men will respond on-call for assistance./PIA-Kalinga

**Measure setting****..... from page 3**

be regulatory and should imposed the hours of operation as practiced in many other cities, municipalities, and barangays, as it will enhance the promotion of peace and tranquility in the community,” the proponents said.

As proposed, additional sections under Article 4 of Chapter II of the Liquor Code will be inserted to provide the hours of operations of said establishments.

The proposed time for nightclubs, cocktail lounges, beer gardens, bars with dancing, duly accredited tourism-oriented firms, bar, discopads and cabarets will be allowed only to operate would be from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The proposed business time for ordinary beer garden without dancing, cocktail lounge or bar without dancing, cocktail lounge, folkhouses or folden serving beer only, restaurants with liquor, bar or coffee shops serving beer or liquor and internet cafes would be from 3:00 p.m. to 12 noon.

The prescribed time for liquor dealers or retailers which serve liquor not to be consumed within the premises and for liquor stores which sell by the bottle and consumed within the premises would be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The proposed penalties for owner, operator, proprietor, manager or person in charge of any establishment violating said provision would be: first offense – a fine of P2,000 with written warning; second offense – a fine of P4,000 with closure of the establishment and revocation of the business permit; and third and subsequent offenses – a fine of P6,000 with permanent closure of the establishment and imprisonment of 15 days upon discretion of the court or 15 days community service.

The proposal will be discussed on second reading after publication before the final approval on third reading./Aileen p. refuerzo

**BIR Intensifies****..... from page 12**

awaiting for a closure order for implementation.

Panopio also confirmed that the government is losing billions of money yearly (roughly equivalent to 40% of the BIRs annual collection) due to tax evaders and other tax cheats, which could have been translated to numerous government programs for the Filipino people, especially, to the poor.

Relative to this, Panopio is asking the public to help report tax evaders as they will not only be helping the government but also themselves, because as a BIR informer they will be entitled to monetary rewards, under the BIR’s Run After Tax Evaders or RATE program.

Under the said program, an informer is entitled to 10% of the amount that will eventually be collected from the tax evaders. Panopio also assured that all information regarding the informers will be in full confidentiality to guarantee their safety.

For additional information on the BIR’s RATE Program, you can call Atty. Panopio at the BIR-CAR Legal Dept at tel no. 3043205./Lito Dar/PIA

**No tax evaders**

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the requirements if ever they were found out not to comply after the assessment of their proper taxes.

Furthermore, this corrective measure is very practical since it will prevent the filing of charges against the taxpayers that will entail time, effort and resources, if they will comply later on

What the BIR is doing to ensure that the taxpayers are honestly and correctly paying their taxes especially the business establishments is to conduct surveillance or monitoring in their transaction to determine any discrepancy in their tax declaration against what they actually earn in their respective businesses.

According to Gorospe, if they discover any anomaly after the assessment, they properly inform them of such defect so that they will correct it immediately. Presently, we have prepared schedules to conduct tax mapping in all the municipalities of the province in order to find ways and means to generate higher revenue that can increase the fund of the government for their important programs and projects and the delivery of vital services to the people, he added.

In this time of global economic crisis, business seems to be bleak thus indicating a lower collection of taxes from taxpayers but we will find ways to make our tax collection more effective and efficient, Gorospe said./Dan Codamon/PIA Ifugao

**Kibungan's Coffee**

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Coffee Growers Multi Purpose Cooperative and the local government of Kibungan. As one promotional activity, they have also come up with a jingle on coffee, Siadto said.

The municipality of Kibungan according to the Regional Development Council (RDC) is one of the poorest towns in the Cordillera and dependent on farming as its industry. Siadto said that they should invest, develop and increase production of farm produce to alleviate poverty in the municipality./PIA-CAR

**Editorial**

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puter specialists stalked out...Cardinal Ricardo Vidal signed a stinging pastoral letter of all Catholic bishops denouncing fraud. So did the US Senate.

Thus, Carmelite nuns hid Cory, in their Cebu monastery, as Marcos agents sought her when Edsa One gathered steam. "What is the price of a valiant woman?" asks the Book of Proverbs. "Her value is far beyond pearls."

"Cory Aquino could not possibly fulfill all the expectations she awakened," the Magsaysay citation notes. "No one knew this better than she. (Nonetheless), she managed to restore her country's democratic institutions and its good name in the community of nations...She governed with integrity... And when her term was over, she stepped down in favor of an elected successor"

Cory's medical prognosis is guarded. Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, who refused to dispersal of Edsa crowds uses the Pilipino phrase: Utang loob or debt of gratitude. "The nation owes her for bringing about the freedom we enjoy today," he told Inquirer.

That theme resonates around the nation. She helped 60 million cowards rediscover their courage, Mabuhay said. "We need to recall how much that IOU is." "Even those who criticize her do so under liberties she led people in restoring," adds Sun Star.

"The presidency is so great an honor, no one deserves to have it again," Cory said. "To the man I supported in 1992, my friend Fidel Valdez Ramos, I say: Marami ka nang nagawa, kaibigan kong Presidente. Marami ka nang maaring ipagamalaki. We both know that the real savors of this country are the people, not any one of us.

Ramos jettisoned his bid to rewrite the Constitution and seek a second term. Cory may gently fade into the night, sooner rather than later. Paradoxically, her "moral radiance" shimmers brighter. Does President Arroyo see it?/Juan L. Mercado

**Fair and Square**

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equated to a rebuilt public utility jitney made in Laguna or Batangas or a newly manufactured Toyota FX wagon which body parts and engine are new. So, how could the LTFRB and the LTO by mere strokes of their pens classify a dilapidated taxi unit as a rebuilt or newly manufactured based on change or substitution of chassis?

Thus, being the case, even if Toyota automakers have stopped manufacturing wagon of the FX series way back in 1997 or 1998, there will still be FX wagon of the year model 2009, 2010 and beyond, courtesy or "manufactured" by the LTFRB and the LTO.

If this change of chassis could validly upgrade the model of wagon taxi to a level comparable to a newly manufactured wagon unit, why doesn't the LTFRB and LTO publicly publish this policy for the benefit of all taxi operators whose units had been phased-out and for many others whose units are facing the threats phase-out? I could smell that something is again afoot, more worse than the upgrading of year model of phased-out taxi units engaged in by fixers and LTO personnel for a fee. I heard a much higher consideration for a package deal in the issuance of extended franchise by the LTFRB and registration by the LTO for taxi units under change chassis scheme being brokered by fixers.

And by the way, my friend Delfin also asked me whether or not Atty. Mandapat may have known this modus operandi of fixers. I said to him, knowing the good Regional Director of DOTC-CAR, he would not tolerate this, assuming that this thing is truly illegal.

But let us ask Regional Director Mandapat anyway.

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**GREGORY T. LIZARDO and GL/ LIZARDO**  
TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION  
Applicant  
Case No:94-8871 94-CAR-423 2007-CAR-0308

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Aircon Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - TABUK (Kalinga Apayao) via Carmen, San Jose City, Solano, Ilagan, Tuguegarao and Vice Versa with the use of four (4) units.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 28, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their 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 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 9th day of July 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

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**BENEDICT C. LATAWAN - Vendee**  
Applicant  
Case No:93-CAR-820

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UCAB and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of July 2009.

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Hearing Officer



## BIR Intensifies Nationwide "Oplan Kandado" Operations

BAGUIOCITY— Sending a strong message to tax violators, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is continuously closing down erring business establishments under its nationwide "Oplan Kandado" program.

According to Atty Robert Panopio, of the BIR-CAR Legal Dept., "Oplan Kandado is the flagship project of Commissioner Sixto Esquivias IV, wherein the BIR will padlock establishments that are violating the law, particularly the Value Added Tax (VAT).

Pursuant to

Section 115 of the Tax Code, any establishment found to be in violation, of non-issuance of receipts, not filing of tax returns, under-declaration of sales by at least 30%, will be a candidate for closure under the said program, explained Panopio.

Since the implementation of the program in January 2009 up to middle of June, the BIR already closed 42 business establishments. These included three establishments in Boracay Island. Two of the said establishments were closed

due to under-declaration of sales/revenue and for not filing the required VAT returns, while the other one was found to be an unregistered enterprise and, therefore e was not filing or paying internal revenue taxes.

Here in CAR, there is no establishment subjected for closure yet, but Panopio confirmed that they have already submitted numerous candidates, not only from the city but from the other parts of the region as well, to the Commissioner's office and are just

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**Marijuana Free Municipality.** Mayor Robert Canuto of Kapangan reports to the Benguet Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) on how they were able to eradicate marijuana with their programs providing farmers alternative source of income, like raising silkworm and planting anthuriums. The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the same meeting declared Kapangan as a marijuana free municipality. Gov. Nestor B. Fongwan, chair of the PPOC listens intently. (J. Zambrano/PIA)

## Kibungan's coffee goes international

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The One Town One Product (OTOP) of the town of Kibungan gets a big boost from a Canadian company named Rocky Mountain Coffee which assured that it will buy the coffee produce of Kibungan for its expansion market in Japan and Canada.

According to Kibungan Mayor Benito Siadto, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) through its upland development project will help in the propagation of arabica coffee which thrives well in the area.

Siadto informed that the farmers are happy with the devel-

opment and are motivated to plant arabica coffee as an alternative to sayote, thereby increasing income and livelihood.

Covering seven municipalities of the town, the mayor added that they are investing in coffee production because it has a readily available market. He is also optimistic that Kinbungan coffee may penetrate also multi-companies like the Starbucks coffee chain.

Siadto explained that coffee lovers prefer Arabica coffee with its taste and aroma. Arabica coffee which is also known as Benguet coffee grows in high elevation and it easily

produce flowers and to yield more fruit among all the coffee varieties. The arabica coffee is in Benguet province since the Spanish time.

To further insure the success of the arabica coffee project, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Kibungan Arabica

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## No tax evaders in Ifugao-BIR

LAGAWE, Ifugao - There are no tax evaders nor evasion cases that the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) here has ever recorded or experienced.

The BIR is constantly making tax audit on all taxpayers that include business establishments, professionals, contractors, compensation earners and other taxpayers for them to be appraised if they fail to

comply with the correct tax requirements so that they will comply.

This is the remark of the new Ifugao Revenue District Officer, Mr. Jose Ma. Gorospe during a recent interview to know the existence of any tax evasion cases in the province which

according to the Department of Finance is one of the causes of the shortfall in tax collection in our country.

He said that Ifugao is free from this problem 'because the policy we adopt is voluntary compliance and we just allow the taxpayers to comply with

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