

MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Domogan Orders Immediate Demolition of Illegal Structures Inside Forbes Park

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has ordered the immediate demolition of illegal structures inside the controversial Forbes Park Reservation here.

This as reports reached his office of on-going massive constructions inside the forest reserve without the necessary Building Permit in Violation of Section 301 of the National Building Code or Presidential Decree No. 1096.

As per investigation of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) of the Mayor's Office, there are at least six newly constructed shanties measuring 5 meters by 4 meters made of light materials and on-going fencing in some parts of the area.

The shanties are not covered by any requisite building and fencing permits.

Aside from the POSD report, a letter request for investigation on alleged rampant squatting and selling of public lands was also received by the city government thru the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) from barangay officials and residents in the area.

On-site inspection and investigation by the CBAO revealed a one story building made of concrete, cement, steel and other materials.



VIGIL - Mayor Mauricio Domogan delivers a Baya-O (an ethic chant, prayer or dirge) during the third day of wake of Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, 61, who died last May 4. Farinas' body lies in state at the SP Session Hall, Baguio City Hall. The final arrangements for his interment tentatively set on Saturday will be announced tomorrow./ By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor huwag lang demolition, dapat kasuhan din mga illegal occupants at lagyan na ng security services na mag babantay sa Forbes Park Water Shed!!!

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DepED-CAR all set for Brigada Eskwela, Ready for School Opening

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Education - Cordillera Administrative Region (DepEd-CAR) is set to launch Brigada Eskwela for school year 2014-2015 on May 19-24.

Regional director Ellen Donato, DepEd said that Brigada Eskwela also known as National Schools Maintenance Week, is a school maintenance program enjoining all education stakeholders to contribute their time, effort and resources in ensuring that public school facilities are ready for the upcoming school opening which will be on June 2, 2014.

Now on its 11th year, the theme "Making our Schools Safer for our Children", focuses on making schools disaster-ready, and on developing disaster-resilient school communities, Donato said.

"In the region, we want to reach out to the farthest division so the launching will be held on May 19 in Kabugao, Apayao, and the closing program will be on May 26 also in Kabugao, Apayao.

Donato informed that since the inception of the K to 12, for the whole month of May there is a full blast of training of all teachers in grades 3 and 9 in time for the opening of classes this coming June 2.

She said that generally, all public schools will formally open on June 2. However, in as much as the Constitution provides that opening of classes can happen prior to August 31, some private schools have opted to open after June 2.

Small World Christian School Foundation will open in July, Saint Louis University across all levels will be opening in August.

Pines City Colleges is closing its private schools in basic education. It's a total closure, their reasons are valid and accordingly they already informed the parents. There are about 200 students from kinder to high school will be affected, she added.

There are about 350,000 students with about 12,600 teachers going back to school in June 2/JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR

Outpouring of Grief, Love for Late Vice Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – As expected, a huge crowd turned up to witness the funeral of the late Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas last Saturday at the Baguio Memorial Cemetery demonstrating an outpouring of grief and love for the late legislative stalwart who succumbed to an illness last May 4 at the age of 61.

For the last time last Saturday morning, the vice mayor left the session hall of the city council ending 23 years of public service as city councilor and vice mayor that together with his lifetime work as a teacher, had endeared him to thousands who came for the six-night vigil.

To the lyrics and

Billog's Immediate Oath Necessary says Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – the helms of power in this mountain resort has undergone an unforeseen change with the untimely demise of Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas early morning of Sunday (May 4) here.

Top City Councillor Edison Billog has taken his Oath of Office as the city's new Vice Mayor in accordance with law.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan who personally administered his Oath Monday afternoon said, 'he personally called on Billog to take his Oath for the sake of Co-Terminus employees working at the City Council.'

'Weather he likes it or not, he has to take his Oath immediately so the affected employees can continue to work in order not to hamper the delivery of public service,' he said.

Domogan explained, 'if the successor does not take his Oath immediately, services of co-terminus employees will have a gap leading to the disruption of functions in the Sangunian Panglungsod.'

Meantime, the untimely death of Farinas created a 'permanent vacancy' in the Office of the Vice Mayor thus Section 44 of the Local Government Code on succession came in to play where the highest ranking Sangunian Member has to fill the position.

Furthermore, subsequent vacancies in the said office shall be filled automatically by other Sangunian members according to their ranking.

However, it is still unclear on who will be the 12th City Councillor for the city as the rules on automatic succession do not apply.

Domogan said, "the Local Government Code provides that a permanent vacancy in the Sangunian Panglungsod in the case of a highly urbanized city like Baguio shall be filled by appointment by the President, through the Executive Secretary."

Second option provided by the Code states only the nominee of the political party under which the Sangunian member concerned had been elected and whose elevation to the position next higher in rank created the last vacancy in the Sangunian shall be appointed.

The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the Sangunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired term of the vacant position.

Domogan said, 'hopes on the process of choosing the 12th councillor should be thoroughly discussed taking into consideration the situation of the family of the late Vice Mayor.'

Domogan also said, 'Billog assured him of support towards the implementation of programs of the city for the benefit of its residents.' /paul rillorta

melody of Secret Garden's "You Raised Me Up" from the city hall choir, city councilors with whom Farinas worked for years bore the white casket down

the stairs of the city's main edifice, into the hearse fronting the national colors ordered by city mayor on half-mast last Monday morning.

City officials led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan presided over the send-off rites at city hall. From the city hall grounds, the hearse, together with other vehicles bearing the vice mayor's close kin, passed by his family home at Chrome St. Quezon Hill following a route plan prepared by the city police office and the final rites committee

Former Police Officer, Farmer's Wife Plea for Treatment Support

The wife of an ailing police officer in La Trinidad, Benguet and the daughter of a farm-hand from Bauko, Mt. Province went on a simultaneous appeal for help last week, their common plea prompted by the need to maintain and sustain the life-time treatment of their kin afflicted with kidney failure.

As misery, indeed, needs company, they came with two other women, relatives of two other renal patients - an uncle and his nephew - who were featured in this page months back, and whose own struggles to survive will be retold next week.

The police officer, Jerry Taynan, 49, a native of Km. 47, Atok, Bengue, served from 1992 until his ailment forced him to quit last March while he was assigned to the La Trinidad office.

"Kasla kadagiti kaaduan nga agpapa-agas gapu iti saan nga sakit ti kidney, marigatan unay ni lakay ko nga mangmintenar iti tallo nga dialysis ni lakay ko kada maysa a domingo no awan mangtung kaniami," (Like many being treated for kidney failure, my husband is finding it difficult to maintain three times a week dialysis every week without support from donors) Taynan's wife, Angelin (nee Layugan of Bulanao, Tabuk, Kalinga) said.

"Isu nga nagkuyog kami kenni Angelin nga umay agpatulong babaen iti media," (That's why we and Angeline came to seek help through media) added Annie Cadio, whose mother, 63-year old Manuela Battateng, is on a twice-a-week hemodialysis schedule for kidney failure.

Annie said her mother, originally from Atok, Benguet, moved to Boga, Monamon Sur, Bauko, Mt. Province when she married farmer Pacito Battateng. Manuela, who was blessed with 11 children, began dialysis treatment in October, 2012 after she was diagnosed for stage 5 kidney disease.

Manuela, who has to transfer to a rented room at FC-292 Central Balili, La Trinidad to be nearer the dialysis room, has her treatments on the 11 a.m. shift on Monday and Thursday at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

Taynan is also at the BGHMC treatment room every 3:00 p.m. every Monday and at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. He and Angelin, together with their son Jetraj, 5, stay at LA 128, Lubas, La Trinidad.

In December, 2011, a month before Jerry's illness was diagnosed, Angelin went to work as a domestic in Cyprus to augment her husband's earnings as a police officer and to give their son a better future.

"I couldn't concentrate on my work when I learned of his condition and decided to come home in September, 2012," she recalled.

In a social case study report, Ruby Docao, municipal social welfare and development officer Ruby Docao fo Bauko noted that Manula "came from an indigent family, the reason why she was deprived of education. She was exposed to hard labor at an early age to (be able to) help her parents until she reached adulthood and married. She used to work as a farmer and plain housewife until she was diagnosed with her present health condition."

Manuela's husband, Pacito, was diagnosed for brain tumor in 2001. His treatment cost the family their fortune. He recovered but can no longer work.

Generous souls out there looking for a cause to support may want to reach out to these two kidney patients. Jerry can be reached through his wife's cell phone - 09195154526. Manuela may be contacted through her daughter Annie's cell phone - 09071632574. They may visit the patients during their scheduled dialysis treatment at the BGHMC./ Ramon Dacawi.



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City Sets Procedure in Cutting Trees at Busol Watershed; Inventory of Dead Trees Conducted

BAGUIO CITY – All requests from informal settlers to cut trees at the Busol watershed will be denied outright.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed this during the meeting of the Busol Forest Reservation Task Force last April 1 for the firming up of the procedures in the processing of tree cutting permits within the watershed.

Task force members including Baguio Regreening Movement chair Erdolfo Balajadia and city environment and natural resources officer (CENRO) Edgardo Flor agreed that all applications coming from the illegal occupants of the watershed for the cutting of trees, whether dead or alive, will be denied immediately at the city's end and will not be endorsed to the CENRO Baguio.

Balajadia said this is necessary to deny the squatters the opportunity to cut the trees and use the wood to build new structures or expand their constructions in the area.

He said there were reports that the squatters intentionally kill the trees for their own purposes adding that these incidents should also be investigated and the culprits be prosecuted.

The mayor said the task force will discuss how it can intensify the monitoring and guarding of the watersheds to prevent said incidents.

He ordered an inventory of the dead trees within the watershed for the city to determine if these are afflicted with a disease that can infect others and to facilitate their cutting and disposal.

"We need to inspect them so we will know how we can dispose of them and use those that still can be used," the mayor said.

Forestry division chief Beatriz Gajete said that as of May 2, they have covered 75 percent of the area for the inventory mostly the squatter-infested site and they have listed a total of 34 dead trees due to various reasons./A Refuerzo

Senator Lambasts Fellow Senators

On calling on the three senators involved in the PDAF scam to either explain or resign

In other countries, hindi lang resignation. Kapag nabuko ang ganito kalaking scam, hindi lang mga senador, pati ang COA auditors, ang head ng mga department, ng implementing agencies, hindi lang magresign; halimbawa, sa Japan, magha-hara-kiri na sa hiya ang mga involved. Pero sa Pilipinas, talagang pakapalan at garapalan ang mangyayari.

What I have been saying to the three of our colleagues is that hindi pwedeng sa korte ka na lang mag-

explain. Either you resign, you help the institution recover by removing yourself from the institution, or you explain to the satisfaction of the public through the media so that people can see if you're not guilty. In our case, it is such a different system. Ayaw magpaliwanag sa tao. You even have political support katulad ng sa Vice President. Despite the latest pronouncement ni Ms. Napoles, wala kang maririnig from the political parties.

On opening the books of senators and other officials to reveal the truth behind the scam

Dati, kami ang taga-bantay ng pondo at sa

DILG Starts Performance Assessment of LGUs for SGLG Award

BONTOC, Mountain Province - The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) will start this month the conduct of the performance assessment of local government units (LGU) for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) award program.

Marites Carino, Local Government Operations Officer V of the DILG provincial office, said the nationwide performance assessment will cover local governments of provinces, cities and municipalities.

A scaled up version of the previous Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) which gives recognition to LGUs for their good performance, the SGLG has six core assessment areas such as good financial housekeeping, disaster preparedness, social protection, environmental management, peace and order and business friendliness and competitiveness.

To be awarded the SGLG, the LGU has to pass all core assessment areas to be evaluated by DILG in partnership with other national government agencies and some civil society organization, Carino explained.

As SGLG passers or awardees, the LGUs are automatic recipients of the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) cash incentives from the DILG which are P7 million for provinces, P3M for cities and P1 M for the municipalities.

Other than the PFC monetary benefits, Carino said Seal awardees could also access other national performance-based programs and other program windows of the national government as well as loans being offered by the government financing institutions.

Last April, the provincial government received a check worth P7M from DILG regional director John Castaneda as PCF cash incentive for passing the Silver Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) Award for 2012.

Seven out of the ten municipalities of the province namely Bauko, Bontoc, Paracelis, Sabangan, Sadanga, Sagada and Tadian were also given their PCF cash incentive of P1 M each as SGH awardees.

Carino said that while she hopes that all the LGUs in the province to hurdle the criteria of the SGLG, the provincial government and the municipal government of Bontoc have the more chances as they were already conferred last April the Seal of Disaster Preparedness which is one of the criteria./JDP/ABD, PIA – CAR, Mountain Province

executive department. Pero ang duda sa amin ng tao ngayon, bantay-salakay.

Kung may corruption sa 2% ng budget, tingin niyo ba walang corruption sa 98% ng budget? There are a lot of corruption issues - small, large, and humongous - even in this administration. Hindi tayo maka-move there because ang buong Senado and, to a certain extent, including the House, is under a cloud

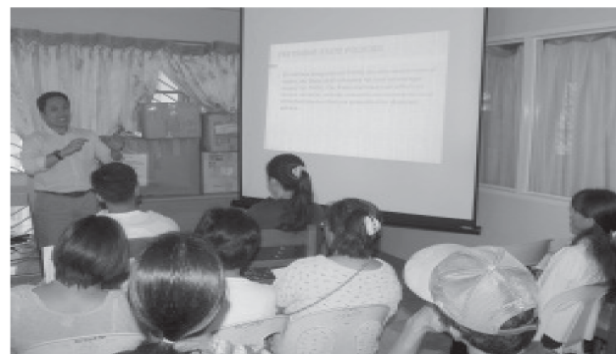
of doubt.

Definitely, resignations will remove that cloud of doubt. Pero imbes na cloud of doubt ang maalis, nadadagdagan pa.

Bakit walang ginagawa ang gobyerno para ang guilty, mabuko, tapos ang inosente ay ma-clear?

My concern is for the whole truth to come out, but in an orderly way.

For me, there is no choice kung hindi ilabas



Commission on Human Rights-CAR Atty. Lyndon T. Morales discusses the Magna Carta regarding the rights and privileges of Persons with Disabilities attended by the parents with hearing impaired persons during the Basic Sign Language Seminar at CSWDO's Conference Hall on May 7. The seminar is under the Regional Committee on Disability Affairs led by DSWD-CAR headed by Director Leonardo Reynoso in cooperation with the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by Betty Fangasan. - Photo by Rj Cayabyab

POEA Calls for Stronger Partnership Against Illegal Recruitment

BAGUIO CITY - With the continuing increasing trend of Cordillerans migrating abroad to work, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) calls for a stronger partnership in the campaign against trafficking in person and illegal recruitment.

POEA Cordillera Regional Extension Unit supervisor Delfina Camarillo, in a kapihan forum, reported that from the 18,622 overseas employment documents they processed in 2012, it has increased to 20,933 in 2013.

According to her, illegal recruitment remains a concern with 69 cases filed involving 142 victims. For this year, she also reported that 16 cases involving 73 individuals were also recorded.

With this, she stressed the importance of a continuing and stronger partnership among partner government agencies and with the different local government agencies in the region in addressing problems regarding illegal recruitment cases.

So far, POEA already has a Memorandum of Understanding with the provincial governments of Apayao and Abra, as well as with the municipality of Tuba, Benguet, for a convergence program against illegal recruitment and trafficking in person.

na ang listahan [ni Ms. Napoles]. Pero sabayan na ng DBM na ilabas ang documentation, pati ng COA, para kung andoon ang pangalan mo pero hindi ka naman guilty, makikita ng tao. On the other hand, kung wala ang pangalan mo doon, pero nakakuha ka rin pala kay Napoles, lalabas pa din sa mga SARO at COA re-

"We are now taking the capability enhancement training in convergence with other agencies like the Department of Labor and Employment and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, as well as with local government units through their Public Employment Service Office, in bringing in important information to the people", Camarillo stressed.

The convergence of POEA with LGUs could paved way for a more effective information dissemination to the constituents who wish to work abroad, for them to be aware of the legal terms for application, she added

POEA also provides assistance to illegal recruitment victims in terms of filing a case or endorse them to the National Bureau of Investigation or to the nearest law enforcement agencies for the conduct of an investigation.

Camarillo also reminded applicants to take precautionary measures and avoid recruiters who conduct house-to-house or mall recruitments, those who cannot present authorization as recruitment agency; and those who did not get clearance from DOLE or from the local PESO office.

"All those who want to work abroad must pass through the POEA. It is for your own protection. Work abroad the legal way", Camarillo stressed./CCD/Jam Lardera and Cherish Macaraeg – PIA Interns

ports.

The Senate has to find a way to solve and close the case of Napoles but to close it in a manner that the whole truth will come out.

On speeding up the country's justice system through the passage

Renewing Hopes or Sustainable Forestry in the Philippines

February 1, 2011 marked an exciting change in the dynamics of Philippine environmentalism. On this date, His Excellency Benigno Simeon Aquino III issued an order that is intended to respond to the problem of forest denudation and environmental degradation in our country.

Executive Order (EO) No. 23 could not have come at a better time. We have reached a state where we humbly admit that our environment is sick and needs rehabilitation. We feel alarmingly trapped between floods, landslides, hot weather and dirty air. All these are caused by depriving ourselves of a most potent resource: our trees.

Over the years, extractive activities have resulted in the thinning of our forest cover from 80% in 1910 to 18% in 2010, a century after. Sadly, the denudation of our forests has reached such an alarming level that efforts to reforest may hardly keep up with the rate of destruction.

Hence, in pursuit of protecting our remaining trees and increasing our forest cover, President Aquino took the bull by the horns, and EO 23 was born.

The EO has sparked interest among naysayers, and garnered the support of some local executives and environment groups, but it also raised questions from the local wood industry and skeptics in the political arena.

To further our understanding of this executive order, let us explore its intentions, components and pertinent features.

Law's Intent

EO 23 declares a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests of the entire country and creates the anti-illegal logging task force. The intention of

President Aquino in creating the said EO is to uphold our intergeneration responsibility to protect the environment and to prevent further destruction wrought by natural disasters.

Still fresh in people's memory are the occurrences of landslides in Ormoc, Baguio, Leyte and Aurora which killed thousands of our countrymen; and the disasters brought by Reming, Ondoy, Pepeng and Frank which destroyed hundreds of lives and millions worth of properties. And just recently, our country witnessed the devastation in Bicol, Samar and Surigao. In the midst of perceived further threats of more landslides and the destructive potentials of the La Nina phenomenon, EO 23 was signed.

The EO underscored the State's obligation to protect the remaining forest cover areas not only to prevent such calamities, but also to preserve biodiversity, protect threatened habitats and sanctuaries of endangered and rare species, and to allow for the natural regeneration of residual forests and the development of plantation forests.

Components and Pertinent Features

In order to implement the moratorium, EO 23 has prohibited the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) from issuing and renewing logging contracts and tree cutting permits in all natural and residual forests. When we say natural and residual forests, we refer to forests composed of indigenous trees that were not planted by man.

On the other hand, a plantation forest is a man-made forest, where trees were planted pursuant to a management agreement with the DENR.

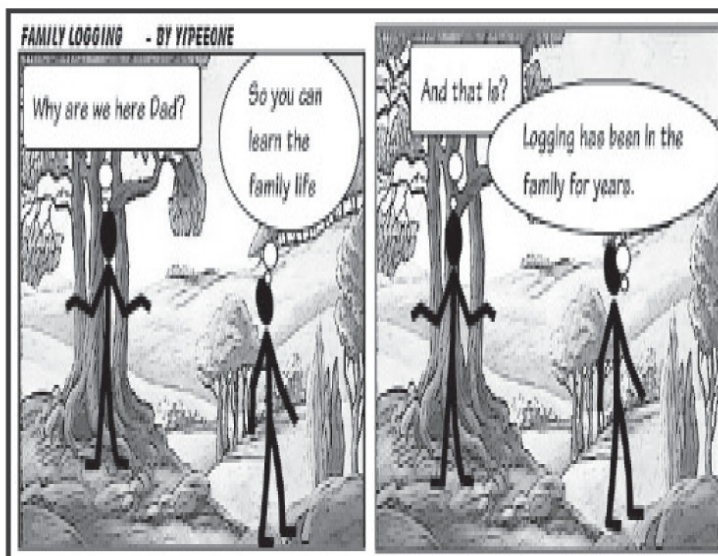
The log ban is in place indefinitely.

The only exemptions allowed by the ban are the clearing of road right-of-way by the Department of Public Works and Highways, site preparations for tree plantations, silvicultural treatment and similar activities, provided that all logs derived from the said cutting permits shall be turned over to the DENR for proper disposal. Likewise, the ban may allow tree cutting associated with cultural practices pursuant to the Indigenous People's Right Act (IPRA) subject to strict compliance with existing DENR guidelines.

The Executive Order also tasks the DENR to review all existing forestry agreements and immediately cancel those that have violated forest laws at least twice. Furthermore, said agreements will be immediately terminated if the holders engage in logging activities in any natural or residual forest.

The DENR was given authority to close all sawmills, veneer plants and other wood processing plants that are unable to present proof of sustainable sources of legally cut logs for a period of at least five years starting this year.

A National Greening Program shall likewise be developed by the DENR through the DA-DENR-DAR Convergence Initiative. The NGP is meant to anchor on the government's goal of poverty reduction, food, security, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. To effect this, the EO has directed the DENR to partner with agencies such as the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education (to initiate the necessary educational drive campaign), the Department of Interior and Local Government (to help in establishing communal tree farms for firewood and other purposes), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (to identify the upland farmers covered by the NGP as priority beneficiaries of the conditional cash transfer program), the Department of Budget and Management (to provide the funds for the production of quality seedlings for reforestation programs from available funds of the government), and the private sector and other concerned agencies and institutions (to raise funds and resources for tree planting activities).



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

FVR, FOREVER @ PPI!

BY: JESUS DUREZA



The other night, President Ramos literally was "a hir" all night to the nationwide members of the Philippine Press Institute who gathered at the Trader's Hotel in Metro Manila to celebrate its 50th year founding anniversary. He was 30 minutes early when he arrived at the hotel entrance already bantering with some well wishers (among them my colleague former Congressman Bert Lumaog of Banaue). When Atty. Raul Pangalangan, publisher of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and I came down to welcome him, he "welcomed" us instead. He was clad in his favorite barong, with the native Igorot material lining the seams and cuffs (calling his barong "igorotchi" which he described as much better than "Gucci").

'EX-PRESIDENT' — FVR was in his usual jovial self. When I addressed him from the rostrum "Mr. President" he interrupted me by calling out aloud from his seat, admonishing me: "ex-president, ex-president"! (As if "somebody up there" would be displeased if he used that title — so I had to correct myself! LOL) He listened intently in his seat when Publisher Raul, in briefly introducing him, reminded everyone about the milestones during his presidency that many of us might have forgotten; like today's cell phones and the landmark opening up of the Philippine economy made possible by his liberalization policy, the progress brought about by the military bases conversion; his being a "warrior for peace" due to his unprecedented peace initiatives despite being a soldier.

'CON TODO AMOUR' — When he went to the rostrum to give his message, he first called on everyone to please stand up and warmly hug the next person "con todo amour" (with all the love). He said it's in this light that we, as a people, value our country and should value each other. "Go ahead, embrace each other "con todo amour" because it is perhaps this way that you can convince our legislators to pass the Freedom of Information bill", he quipped. To further demonstrate, he came down from the rostrum and brought up the stage a lady guest and showed everyone how to do it. (Naughty him, he got away with several kisses!) When he started his message, he first appeared as if he was looking for his prepared speech. He then reached down to his socks where his papers were tucked saying: "During the early days, this was where we hid our .45s and ammos". (As expected, he would throw to the floor every page when done — which his aide would dutifully pick up and gather after his speech.)

CREDIBLE, NOT RESPONSIBLE — He then turned serious and talked about the responsibilities of media and the basic need to be accurate, independent and accountable, hallmarks of a "credible" press. No, he preferred not to describe media as "responsible press" because it might sound all right at first blush. "But then, it may be relevant to ask: what do you mean when we say 'responsible'? By whose standards or by what measures do we consider the press 'responsible'? If you ask those in government or in politics, being a 'responsible' press may mean being less a critic and more a publicist. Being called a 'credible' press is better as 'credibility' is earned", he said.

SOCIAL MEDIA — Touching on the challenges posed by social media on the printed press, he noted: "Today's social media, as a rule, falls short of this

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Where is P6 B MWSS water fund?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The Lord detests the thoughts of the wicked, but gracious words are pure in his sight..." (Proverbs 15:26, the Holy Bible).

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WHERE IS P6 BILLION WATER FUND COLLECTED BY MWSS? The Union of Consumers and Commuters of the Philippines is raising a very valid point, now that water is becoming more and more scarce from the Angat Dam in Bulacan and the La Mesa Water Reservoir in Quezon City as a result of the gravely-heated temperatures in the country today.

The question, propounded by the Union's president, RJ Javellana, in a morning radio interview last May 07, 2014, is: why are these two dams suffering the same problem of vanishing water levels when some years ago, the Aquino government collected hefty fees, now amounting to about P6 billion, from water consumers in Metro Manila and nearby provinces to precisely remedy this problem?

Javellana's question gave rise to other equally-disturbing questions which President Aquino and officials of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) must answer: Where did the P6 billion or so contributions go? Was this huge amount, exacted from helpless water consumers through the MWSS and its concessionaires, really used to improve Angat and La Mesa? Why are the dams still suffering water lack now?

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AQUINO GOV'T DID NOT ACT ON VANISHING WATER FROM DAMS: Surely, if only the Aquino government used the P6 billion or so contributions from MWSS customers to buy portable machines that could turn sea water into safe potable and drinking water for the different provinces greatly affected by the hot weather, including those in Metro Manila and in the franchise areas of the MWSS, no one needed to worry about water lack and probable water rationing.

Indeed, the sea is a vast and inexhaustible source of water that could be desalinated and turned into safe drinking water, and any right-minded government official, from Malacanang to MWSS, would certainly try to tap it with the acquisition of desalination machines. Now, not only is there no effort to tap the sea, but the P6 billion MWSS users contributed some time ago is even nowhere to be found.

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THE BEST OPTION AGAINST OPPRESSIVE HEAT: So, what can ordinary Filipino mortals do, in the face of their officials' evident inefficiency, incompetence, and criminal neglect, which have put everyone in grave peril? Of course, the organized sectors of Philippine society can march down the streets, rally in front of Malacanang and other government offices, but then not everyone can do these activities.

As far as I am concerned, still the best option for Filipinos over this problem of scorching heat arising from global warming and climate change is Biblical, as Deuteronomy 28:15, 22 and 23 suggest quite clearly. We should now endeavor to read the Bible and listen to God more conscientiously, and to obey God's commands truthfully from now on. The other options have been proved to be inutile and useless, so it is now time to implement spiritual solutions, fast.

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ARMY ARMORY ON FIRE, EXPLODES: Radio reports as this column was being completed indicated that the fire that hit the Armory of the Philippine Army last Wednesday, May 07, 2014, caused explosions, apparently coming from explosives stored in the Armory, which injured not only bystanders but even responding firemen. I prayed that the fire be contained right away, to

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Pasugalan sa slaughter- NAG GEGERILYA !!! TAMA BA NA SUMUMPA AGAD BILANG BISE-MAYOR SI COUN. BILOG, YES OR NO ?

BY : NESTOR CASTRO



ATTENTION PB CAMILO TACBAS – Ano ba naman itong si Punong Barangay Camilo Tacbas ng Barangay Sto. Nino, itong kupitan este Kapitan na ito napakarami kong natatangap na info hingil sa kanyang ka tu*&^%\$#@& , at ngayo kaka beripika lang ng mga bata ko at kitang kita ang pasugalan sa may paradahan ng Partas Bus . Tsk ! Tsk! Tsk ! Ikaw talaga Kap, alam mo naman na ang pinapayagan mong mag operate sa lunga mo na drop ball at pulat-puti ay bawal ayon sa PD 1602, ANO NANAMAN ANG PALUSOT MO NGAYON ??? Aantayin na lang namin ang iyong palusot este counter affidavit kapag na sampahan ka na namin ng reklamo sa kinaukulan opisina. AGAAMO TAYON !!!

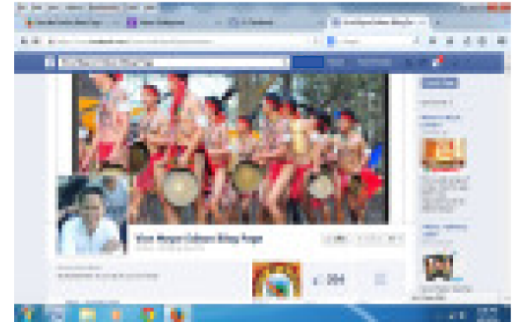
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TAMA BA NA SUMUMPA AGAD BILANG BISE-MAYOR SI COUN. BILOG, YES OR NO ? – Tunay na masalimuot at sigurado ko na ibat-ibang pananaw ang ating maririnig o marahil ay hati ang magiging kasagutan ng mga tanga este taga Baguio hingil sa isyu na kung tama ba na SUMUMPA AGAD BILANG BISE-MAYOR SI COUN. BILOG, YES OR NO, habang naka burol pa lamang si the late VM Farinas at sumumpa na si Coun. Bilog nuong May 5, 2014 or 2 days ng pagkamatay pa lamang ni VM Farinas ? Ayon kay Coun. Bilog ay ipinatawag daw siya ni Mayor Domogan at sinabing kailangan na raw niyang sumumpa bilang VM para ng sa ganoon ay hindi maantala ang serbisyo publiko dala ng kawalan ng isang Vice Mayor kaya eto naman si Bilog agad na sumumpa. Ayon naman sa mga kritiko o mga hindi sang –ayon sa agarang pagsumpa ni Coun. Bilog dapat raw ay inantay man lang niya hangang mailibing si VM Farinas tutal naman sa sabado o May 10 na ililibing si VM Farinas, ano ba naman ang mawalan ng VM ang siyudad ng Baguio ng ilan araw lamang, hindi naman siguro titigil o hihinto ang serbisyo publiko ?! Kung ako ang inyong tatanungin , dapat ay hindi sumumpa si Coun. Bilog at inantay muna niya na mailibing muna si VM Farinas, sapagkat ang kanyang agarang pagsumpa ay isang malinaw na indikasyon na siya ay atat-na-ata na para sa kapangyarihan. Kung ang ganitong sitwasyon ay nangyari sa kulturang banyaga o western culture ay walang problema sapagkat iba ang kanilang kultura, ngunit sa ating mga Pilipino lumalabas na kabastusan at kawalang galang ang ipinakita ni Coun. Bilog . Maliban pa dito ay mayroon pang isang FB Page si Coun. Bilog kung saan agad na ipinalit ang kanyang titolo from Councilor to Vice Mayor, isa pang patunay na atat-na-atat na maging VM si Coun. Bilog, Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Ingat-ingats kayo jan, APO Mayor Domogan at baka bigla kayong ma-underground ng inyong kasalukuyang VM !!! Iyong mababasa ang ibat ibang komento sa ibaba mula sa FB ngunit , mayroon isang komento mula kay Ginoong Anthony de Leon kung saan ang kanyang sinabi ay “ “ Anthony Ramos De Leon Dhubie, granting for the sake of argument that it was the Mayor who “called” on him to be sworn in...he can always say “not at this time”decency isnt learned in school or in degrees kase eh” . 100 % sangayon ako sa komentong ito ni Ginoong De Leon , tutuon-tutuo po ito , wala po sa taas ng pinag-aralan o sa dami ng degree o titulo ang pagiging desente ng isang nilalang, sapagkat napakaraming mataas ang pinag

aralan na walang modo, hindi desente at sa halip ay mga balasubas ika nga. **Ikaw ba Coun. Bilog este Vice Mayor Bilog- BALASUBAS KA BA ?**

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“ Myke Abaya Sotero Eto, eto ang tinatanong ko.. hindi nila masagot. part ba ng public service ang FB fan page na ito at kailangan nilang i-rename agad na “VICE MAYOR EDISON BILOG” itong page na ito (with 200 likes? Nakaburo pa si VM Farinas, may ganitong page na agad? Sobrang painful siguro sa pamilyang Bilog na ipagpaliban ang pagre-rename nitong fanpage na ito... And due to “serbisyon publiko” top priority na baguhin ang pangalan ng fan page mula “Councilor” to “Vice Mayor” kasi baka naman nakasalalay ang pag-unlad ng ekonomiya ng Baguio sa Fan page na ito na may 200 “likes” And still, they don’t seem to get the point sa baguio Chronicle. And they even accuse me of making “papansin” Sorry sila, di ko kailangan magpapansin kasi hindi ako pulitiko. <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilorEdisonBilogVolunteers>”



Taken from the Vice Mayor Edison Bilog Page (Facebook) May 5, 2014 “I did take my oath awhile ago...hndi po dhil s ngmamadali.aq.in fact the original plan was on may 12 sana..pero how could i sacrifice the welfare of public service...hndi po mbbgyan ng new appts ang mga staff ng city councilors kung hndi po aq mg ooath knina..kung wala pong appt ang mga staff paano po tktbo ang opisina ng isang councilor...naipit po aq s ng uumpogan bato..so i decided n public service po ang umiral...sana po maintindihan nyo aq..hndi po aq s ngmamadali pro kailangan q pong gwin..”

Taken from the Vice Mayor Edison Bilog Page (Facebook) May 5, 2014, shared by Ryan Olat B. Mangusan's photo”

“The Oath Taking was done through the proper consultation of the City Government of Baguio.It was not done through the wishes of just one but with the urgency of proper disposal of Public service and the functions of the city government itself. by operation of law, being the No. 1 Councilor, Hon. Edison R. Bilog takes oath as Vice Mayor before Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan.”



“ Evelyn Gesell He exactly did what he hated done when his old man passed away... Grabe !!!!!”

“ Anthony Ramos De Leon Dhubie, granting for the sake of argument that it was the Mayor who “called” on him to be sworn in...he can always say “not at this time”decency isnt learned in school or in degrees kase eh”

**NATIONAL
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ASSET AND
LIABILITIES
MANAGEMENT
CORP.,**

-versus

Respondents.

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FOR:
CANCELLATION
TITLE
ORDER

The private respondents named in the petition upon whom service of summons by publication is sought are the Heirs of Pedro Lampitao are "Isnib Lampitao, Antonio Lampitao, Agustin Lampitao, Rosenda Lampitao, Picad Lampitao and Samenia Lampitao and all other person claiming rights under them". According to par. 4 of the petition, the present addresses of these persons are unknown to the plaintiffs and could not be deter-

Let the Order of this court dated January 17, 2014, the Petition, the Notice of

-versus-

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LAMPITAO namely
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LAMPITAO, PICAD
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S A M E N I A

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privatization of NPC
generation assets,
real estate and other
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5. Respondent ATTY. GUERRERO A. FELIPE is impleaded

9. On 8 June 2001, Republic Act 9136 otherwise known as the Elec-

SECTION 108.
Amendment and Al-
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