



# Eleksyon 2016:

## Sino ang dapat ninyong IBOTO at sino ang dapat IBASURA?



### Century Old Mini Hydro Power Plant in John Hay to Produce Clean Energy

BAGUIO CITY — Pursuant to the government's commitment to continue to provide clean energy from renewable sources while providing revenue for the state, Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and its subsidiary John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) has contracted out the rehabilitation, reconstruction and operation of the old hydro power plant inside Camp John Hay.

In a historic event, BCDA and JHMC signed the Lease Contract for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and operation of the Mini Hydro Power Plant (MHPP) located along Kennon Road, with representatives of the Riverflow Ventures and Power Energy Corp., a consortium of Isabela Power Corporation and Vendeka Bilgi Teknolijeri Ticaret Ltd Sirketi, created for this purpose.

BCDA President and CEO Atty. Arnel Paciano Cassanova, said that "The BCDA is one of the government owned corporations that advocate and push for renewable sources of power, championing the cause through the help of partner private corporations. We are looking forward to a productive partnership in the John Hay Economic Zone (JHEZ) through the mini hydro power plant project".

JHMC president and CEO Dr. Jamie Eloise M. Agbayani said the agreement will bring in some P440-M investments on the first year of the pre-development stage of the project.

"The contract will not just provide revenue in terms of lease rentals but revenue from taxes and the after effect of the project which will provide investment and jobs to the local community, Agbayani said

The contract also provides that in case the consortium declares a bankruptcy, subjects itself to insolvency proceedings, rehabilitation which would lead to a delay in the payment of rentals or failure to comply with its obligation, will regard the party to be in default, giving the government the right to recover the property after notice, and vice-versa.

A performance bond of 10% of the P440 million will also be paid to the government within seven days from the notice to proceed. This amount can be forfeited if lessee-developer fails to start within the period.

In the event the lessee-developer raises revenue from other activities within the leased premises, an additional lease rental shall also be paid to the government by the lessee-developer, which is 5% of the gross revenue.

#### The contract

The contract covers an area of 38 hectares from the 625 hectares of the Camp John Hay Reservation Area (CJHRA), now owned by the BCDA and under the implementation of the JHMC.

The mini hydro was developed and utilized by the US government in the early 1900s. The area, covering parts in Baguio City and parts in Tuba town in Benguet will be used to accommodate the diversion dam or the weir, headrace, penstock, power huse and the tailrace.

For 25 years, the Riverflow Ventures and Power Energy Corp. will develop the area and commercially produce clean-energy while securing the necessary government permits. /Melody Brawner/BCDA

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**Bernardo Vergara** – Ano ba talaga at kumusta na mga ipinasok niyang proyekto nuong siya ay kongresman? Ano ang latest updates?

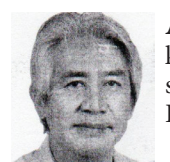


**Mark Go**– May mga bagay-bagay kaya siyang itinatago na ayaw niyang ipaalam sa publiko???

#### For Mayor:



**Del Claraval** – Tunay kayang oposisyon at para sa tunay kaya na pagbabago itong si dating Judge Claraval? Kumusta rin kaya ang kanyang performance bilang Judge???



**Atty. Jose "Jomol" Molintas** – Kumusta kaya ang kanyang mga pananaw patungkol sa kalikasan??? Big time gambler ba siya???

#### For Vice Mayor:



**Lulu Tabanda**- Sangkot ba siya sa mga ma-anomalyang pamamaraan tungkol sa mga lupain???



**Popo Cosalan** – May mga kinasangkutan kaya siyang mga anomalya sa pag-kamkam ng mga lupain? Kumusta naman ang kanyang performance nuong siya ay Chairman ng Committee of Urban Planning, Lands and Housing???

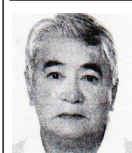


**Edison Bilog** – Sugarol ba ang kandidato na ito kaya't nag-iinit ang kanyang tumbong para maging Vice Mayor? Mayroon ba siyang kasalukuyan kasong nakabinbin sa opisina ng Ombudsman???

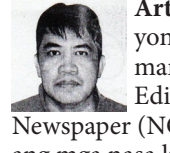


**Fred Bagbagen**- Alamin natin kung ano na ang latest updates hinggil sa kasong Estafa na isinampa laban sa kanya.

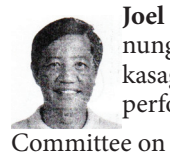
#### For Councilors



**Bong Mandapat**- Alamin natin ang latest updates hinggil sa mga reklamang na isampa sa kanya sa Ombudsman at kumusta ba ang kanyang naging performance nuong siya ay Regional Director ng DOTC-CAR at LTFRB. Lumaganap ba ang mga iligal at kolorum na pampasaherong mga sasakyan sa kanyang panunungkulan?



**Arthur Allad-iw** – Alamin natin ang opinyon ng marami hinggil sa kanyang performance bilang dating Editor at ngayon ay Editorial Consultant ng Northern Dispatch Newspaper (NORDIS). Ano ba talaga ang NORDIS, sino ang mga nasa likod ng pahayagang ito at maka-kanan o kaliwa ba ito????



**Joel Alangsab**- Kumustahin natin ang isyung nakaraang eleksyon na hindi nabigyan ng kasagutan at kumustahin rin natin ang kanyang performance bilang Chairman sa Konseho ng Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation

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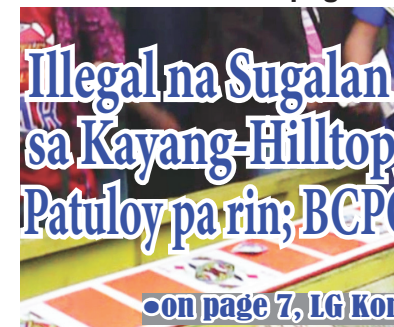
# Comelec data leaked by hackers

## ANG MGA SIKAT SA BAGUIO NGAYONG HALALAN

MANILA – Shortly after Anonymous PH defaced the Commission on Elections (Comelec) website, another group accessed the data of the poll body's website, posting it publicly online.

In a Facebook post before midnight Monday, March 28, a group calling itself LulzSec Pilipinas wrote, "A great lol to Commission on Elections, here's your whoooooole database."

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Ilan sa mga kandidatong ito ang mamumuno sa ating lungsod sa susunod na 3 na taon, depende sa ating ilalagay sa balota sa Mayo. Kilatizing mabuti ang bawat isa sa kanila at alamin kung nararapat nga ba silang iboto.

Eto na at simula na naman ang mga matatamis na dila ng mga kandidato. Kilalanin silang mabuti. Marami diyan magaling lang mag-salita tuwing kampanya, pag nakaupo na, hindi ka na kilala.

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

>OK lang menosen niyo ang Junction!!!

>Pumupunta ng giyera, walang dalang bala!!!

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Obsolete PD 1079, pinagkakakitaan ng mga lokal na peryodiko ng wala sa lugar!!!

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Election Results 1995

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| CONGRESSMAN            |        |
| 1. Vergara, Bernardo   | 48,535 |
| 2. Paredes, Zosimo Jr. | 13,635 |
| 3. Aquino, Hororato    | 7,621  |
| 4. Ramos, Felipe       | 182    |

MAYOR

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Domogan, Mauricio G. | 57,201 |
| 2. Labo, Ramon, Jr.     | 16,632 |

VICEMAYOR

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Farinas, Daniel         | 35,884 |
| 2. Mandapat, Federico, Jr. | 35,058 |
| 3. Asingua, Fermin         | 436    |

COUNCILORS

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Claravall, Edilberto   | 42,114 |
| 2. Tabanda, Betty Lourdes | 39,049 |
| 3. Nevada, Elmo           | 37,507 |
| 4. Bautista, Virgilio     | 34,016 |
| 5. Aguilar, Eduardo       | 31,756 |
| 6. Ortega, Roberto        | 30,623 |
| 7. Yaranon, Lilia         | 29,764 |
| 8. Bilog, Eduardo         | 28,318 |
| 9. Weygan, Galo           | 47,746 |
| 10. Balajadia, Delfin     | 26,481 |
| 11. Palaganas, Nicasio    | 26,390 |
| 12. Carino, Richard       | 25,856 |
| ###                       |        |
| 13. Padilla, Narciso      | 24,902 |
| 14. Manalo, Jorge         | 19,276 |
| 15. Segundo, Jose         | 18,018 |
| 16. Quitania, Jaime       | 17,394 |
| 17. Dela Cruz, Rolando    | 17,391 |
| 18. Ponce, Napoleon       | 16,870 |
| 19. Corpuz, Julie         | 15,665 |
| 20. Bugnosen, Onesima     | 14,206 |
| 21. Ang, Edison           | 13,645 |
| 22. Maranan, Diego        | 12,866 |
| 23. Gandeza, Roney        | 11,963 |
| 24. Florendo, Jose        | 10,439 |
| 25. Gumnad, Pablito       | 10,264 |
| 26. Pilando, Lorenzo      | 10,158 |
| 27. Kigis, Aurelio        | 9,328  |
| 28. Bohol, Carlito        | 9,254  |
| 29. Badecao, Eduardo      | 9,208  |
| 30. Flores, Josephine     | 8,424  |
| 31. Esteban, Senando      | 8,028  |
| 32. Catucutan, Joseph     | 7,193  |
| 33. Guinid, Leonora       | 6,748  |
| 34. Soriano, Eduardo      | 6,482  |
| 35. Mabalot, Silverben    | 6,339  |
| 36. Flora, Eliseo         | 6,117  |
| 37. Cordoviz, Edilberto   | 5,415  |
| 38. Cadelina, Oscar       | 3,712  |
| 39. Pacis, Alfredo        | 3,016  |
| 40. Francisco, Reynario   | 2,943  |
| 41. Malong, Julito        | 2,535  |
| 42. Govenechea, Luis      | 2,000  |
| 43. Salcedo, Juan         | 1,740  |
| 44. Apostol, Eduardo      | 1,735  |
| 45. Salvador, Arsenio     | 1,488  |
| 46. Reynon, Leandro, Sr.  | 896    |
| 47. Ticse, Tuben, Jr.     | 847    |
| 48. Binongcal, Gill       | 656    |
| 49. Delirio, Rolando      | 444    |
| 50. Panias, Rolando       | 230    |

Election Results 1998

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| CONGRESSMAN             |        |
| 1. Vergara, Bernardo M. | 63,597 |
| 2. Agino, Honoranto Y.  | 22,119 |
| 3. Ramos, Felipe        | 1,220  |

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|-------------------------|--------|
| MAYOR                   |        |
| 1. Domogan, Mauricio G. | 75,249 |
| 2. Labo Ramon Jr.       | 15,655 |
| 3. Lopez, Alejo R.      | 755    |

VICEMAYOR

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Farinas, Daniel T.   | 38,878 |
| 2. Cortes, Reynaldo     | 33,335 |
| 3. Weygan, Galo         | 17,837 |
| 4. Samonte, Romeo II L. | 312    |

CITY COUNCIL

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Tabanda, Betty Lourdes F. | 49,142 |
| 2. Ortega, Roberto C.        | 44,400 |
| 3. Mandapat, Frederico Jr.   | 40,325 |
| 4. Bautista, Reynaldo Jr.    | 38,630 |
| 5. Palaganas, Nicasio S.     | 38,611 |
| 6. Yaranon, Lilia G.         | 38,050 |
| 7. Nevada, Elmo M.           | 36,901 |
| 8. Carino, Richard A.        | 36,887 |
| 9. Balajadia, Delfin V.      | 36,727 |
| 10. Bilog, Edgardo E.        | 35,466 |
| 11. Datuin, Elmer O.         | 28,998 |
| 12. Tabora, Jesus G          | 28,716 |
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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 13. Gandeza, Roney Jones P.     | 26,142 |
| 14. Taguba, Jose T.             | 25,747 |
| 15. Ponce, Napoleon N.          | 24,211 |
| 16. Cerezo, Ernesto M.          | 20,956 |
| 17. Candana, Amado Jesus F.     | 18,152 |
| 18. Perez, Ronaldo B.           | 16,712 |
| 19. Gumnad, Pablito G.          | 15,930 |
| 20. Panagan, Rufino M.          | 15,788 |
| 21. Delia, Albert R.            | 15,355 |
| 22. Flores, Manolo R.           | 12,972 |
| 23. Abratique, Zosimo           | 12,635 |
| 24. Walcien, Gregorio B.        | 12,262 |
| 25. Orig, Edward L.             | 11,791 |
| 26. Lardizabal, Ernesto N.      | 11,779 |
| 27. Ang, Edison Y.              | 11,462 |
| 28. Arnaiz, Miguel N.           | 11,264 |
| 29. Dumawing, George Jr. M.     | 10,952 |
| 30. Angluben, Ricardo F.        | 10,771 |
| 31. Aquino, Bert D.             | 10,648 |
| 32. Bayan, Leonardo M.          | 10,258 |
| 33. Nolasco, Sergio Jr.         | 9,319  |
| 34. Mendoza, Perry John P.      | 8,578  |
| 35. Wong, Wilbert G.            | 8,400  |
| 36. Luyk, Rebecca M.            | 7,290  |
| 37. Amansec, Jesus Amoury S.    | 6,772  |
| 38. Catacutan, Joseph L.        | 6,673  |
| 39. Sagayo, Peter L.            | 5,543  |
| 40. Tongawan, Connie C.         | 4,759  |
| 41. Reyes, Emanuel G.           | 4,280  |
| 42. Cardoviz, Jose Jr. D.       | 4,268  |
| 43. Taclawan, Monroe G.         | 4,203  |
| 44. Hernandez, Francisco Jr. L. | 3,934  |
| 45. Apostol, Eddie V.           | 3,734  |
| 46. Canuto, Philip P.           | 3,535  |
| 47. Gapuz, Edilberto G.         | 3,514  |
| 48. Valdez, Alvin P.            | 3,311  |
| 49. Antolin, Gerardo R.         | 3,302  |
| 50. Francisco, Reynario D.      | 2,366  |
| 51. Pagano, Esther S.           | 1,517  |
| 52. Sagayo, Miguel A.           | 1,387  |
| 53. Ramirez, Rene B.            | 946    |
| 54. Guiamas, Clement A.         | 734    |
| 55. Paca, Motch M.              | 679    |
| 56. Arrono, Clark Field III C.  | 657    |
| 57. Maetze, Michael S.          | 295    |

Election Results 2001

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| CONGRESSMAN             |        |
| 1. Domogan, Mauricio G. | 48,466 |
| 2. Sanidad, Pablito     | 26,392 |
| 3. Ringor, Diosdado M.  | 348    |

MAYOR

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Vergara, Bernardo M. | 23,057 |
| 2. Farinas, Daniel T.   | 20,189 |
| 3. Avila, Edgar M.      | 18,723 |
| 4. Ortega, Roberto C.   | 10,533 |
| 5. Aquino, Honorato Y.  | 5,738  |
| 6. Ramos, Felipe T.     | 126    |

VICEMAYOR

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Tabanda, Betty Lourdes F. | 24,755 |
| 2. Yangot, Leandro Jr. B.    | 21,813 |
| 3. Cortes, Reynaldo A.       | 14,573 |
| 4. Palagnas, Nicasio S.      | 8,937  |
| 5. Bilog, Edgardo E.         | 7,091  |

CITY COUNCIL

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Datuin, Elmer O.          | 38,216 |
| 2. Bautista, Reynaldo Jr. A. | 37,052 |
| 3. Tabora, Antonio Jr. A.    | 35,545 |
| 4. Weygan, Galo D.           | 35,103 |
| 5. Nevada, Elmo M.           | 34,329 |
| 6. Tenefrancia, Edilberto B. | 33,664 |
| 7. Mandapat, Federico Jr. J. | 30,842 |
| 8. Aliping, Nicasio Jr. M.   | 29,853 |
| 9. Carino, Richard A.        | 29,694 |
| 10. Olowan, Faustino A.      | 27,435 |
| 11. Balajadia, Delfin B.     | 27,111 |
| 12. Yaranaon, Braulio D.     | 25,555 |
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|------------------------------------|--------|
| 13. Pangilinan, Loreto M.          | 21,634 |
| 14. Gandeza, Roney P.              | 20,368 |
| 15. Bugnosen, Jaine Jr. M.         | 20,407 |
| 16. Padilla, Narciso R.            | 19,565 |
| 17. Gumnad, Pablito G.             | 16,447 |
| 18. Lagasca, Rogelio A.            | 16,355 |
| 19. Hamada, Stephen M.             | 15,496 |
| 20. Occidental, William M.         | 14,397 |
| 21. Della, Dominador R.            | 14,121 |
| 22. Flores, Manolo                 | 13,325 |
| 23. Asiatico, Rodolfo M.           | 13,315 |
| 24. Barroza, Teodoro G.            | 13,032 |
| 25. Lim, Virginia                  | 13,032 |
| 26. Bagbagen, Fred L.              | 12,780 |
| 27. Tabangin, Rodolfo              | 12,439 |
| 28. Velasco, Pio G.                | 12,248 |
| 29. Ortega, Alexander Francisco R. | 11,953 |
| 30. Militar, Graal L.              | 10,767 |
| 31. Lardizabal, Ernesto N.         | 9,461  |
| 32. Rojas, Dominador               | 7,836  |
| 33. Mazo, Alan Antonio             | 7,469  |
| 34. Mabalot, Silverben             | 7,427  |
| 35. Rusgal, Milandre B.            | 7,037  |
| 36. Evangelista, Geronimo A.       | 6,672  |
| 37. Sacayanan, Romulo C.           | 6,644  |
| 38. Padawil, Francis T.            | 6,345  |
| 39. Agular, Zosima B.              | 5,837  |
| 40. Dizon, Ma. Lourdes N.          | 5,178  |
| 41. Reyes, Alex V.                 | 5,102  |
| 42. David, Florentino Jr. G.       | 4,295  |
| 43. Canuto, Philip P.              | 3,887  |
| 44. Gapuz, Edilberto C.            | 3,096  |
| 45. Dominguez, Juan Jr. T.         | 2,992  |
| 46. Villanueva, Erlinda D.         | 1,591  |
| 47. Villanueva, Cesar C.           | 1,551  |
| 48. Samonte, Romio II L.           | 1,397  |
| 49. Tinggangay, Fahad-Pedro B.     | 1,387  |
| 50. Borje, Bartolome Luis M.       | 655    |
| 51. Arrono, Clark Field III C.     | 562    |

Election Results 2004

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| CONGRESSMAN                  |        |
| 1. Domogan, Mauricio Gamsao  | 81,518 |
| 2. Tayengco, Thoma Sydeco    | 3,808  |
| 3. Zamora, Imelda Ryes       | 2,337  |
| 4. Goyenechea, Luis Santiago | 1,503  |

MAYOR

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Yaranon, Braulio Dacanay    | 48,147 |
| 2. Vergara, Bernardo Mangaoang | 22,027 |
| 3. Avila, Edgar Mendoza        | 13,789 |
| 4. Carino, Richard Arola       | 9,205  |
| 5. Ramos, Felipe Tribunalo     | 231    |

VICE MAYOR

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Bautista, Reynaldo Jr. Asperin | 43,369 |
| 2. Tabanda, Betty Lourdes Flores  | 31,791 |
| 3. Velasco, Pio Gal               | 11,306 |
| 4. Lao, Elena Tan                 | 5,328  |

CITY COUNCIL

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Yangot, Leandro Jr. Bagto      | 48,135 |
| 2. Farinas, Daniel Tesaluna       | 45,189 |
| 3. Balisong, Rocky Thomas Aspilan | 38,792 |
| 4. Tenefrancia, Edilberto Boncato | 38,295 |
| 5. Olowan, Faustino Atiwag        | 38,207 |
| 6. Datuin, Elmer Orzal            | 37,728 |
| 7. Wegan, Galo Dapiosen           | 37,673 |
| 8. Mandapat, Federico Jr. Javier  | 34,257 |
| 9. Rondez, Perlita Chan           | 34,211 |
| 10. Balajadia, Erdolfo Villaruz   | 33,840 |
| 11. Tabora, Antonio Jr. Runez     | 33,417 |
| 12. Molintas, Jose Mencio         | 32,187 |
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|------------------------------------|--------|
| 13. Palaganas, Nicasio Soriano     | 30,505 |
| 14. Fianza, Peter Carino           | 30,464 |
| 15. Aliping, Nicasio Jr. Mocnangan | 28,833 |
| 16. Bilog, Edgardo Eugenio         | 24,224 |
| 17. Cosalan, Isabelo Jr. Bastian   | 23,257 |
| 18. Cawed, Mia Joy Oalares         | 22,275 |
| 19. Bagbagen, Fred Longboan        | 21,272 |
| 20. Lagasca, Rogelio Amuda         | 20,944 |
| 21. Bautista, Virgilio Floresca    | 19,428 |
| 22. Delia, Albert Rosado           | 17,694 |
| 23. Kitong, Julius Flores          | 17,594 |
| 24. Bugnosen, Jaime Jr. Manipon    | 17,494 |
| 25. Padilla, Narciso Bacraquin     | 15,587 |
| 26. Lim, Virginia Panis            | 14,526 |
| 27. Labo, Michelle Ann Salinda     | 14,184 |
| 28. Itliong, Perfecto Jr. Ferrer   | 13,985 |
| 29. Orate, Reenan Reyes            | 13,553 |
| 30. Casuga, Rodolfo Bautista       | 10,138 |
| 31. Cruz, Joselito Bautista        | 8,292  |
| 32. Akia, Cresencio Viray          | 8,118  |
| 33. Bautista, Jodereck Carlos      | 7,921  |
| 34. Galliente, Ignacio Labawig     | 7,764  |
| 35. Mandia, Warlito Benigno        | 7,754  |
| 36. Begnaen, Fernando Jr. Angid    | 7,289  |
| 37. Florendo, George Marasigan     | 7,284  |
| 38. David, Frorentino Jr. Garcia   | 4,346  |
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March 30-April 1, 2016

# Justice for SAF 44, passing of BBL are 2 separate but equally important issues- Ferrer

BAGUIO CITY - Seeking justice for the Mamasapano, Maguindanao incident where 44 SAF commandos died and bringing lasting peace in Mindanao through the passage of BBL are two separate but equally important issues.

Government Peace Panel chair Miriam Coronel – Ferrer expressed this in a press conference here with Moro Islamic Liberation Front(MILF) counterpart Mohagher Iqbal.

Ferrer explained that finding a closure on the Mamasapano incident must be done evidence - based and through the judicial process to seek justice whether there is accountability on the operation plan or on the part

of the government, as well as if there was an over-kill in the part of MILF.

But equally important and must not be correlated with the incident is the passing of the Bangsamoro Basic Law(BBL) that will eventually address the Bangsamoro issue and hopefully will bring lasting peace in Mindanao, Ferrer stressed.

The armed conflict in Mindanao has long been part of the nation's history in which many lives were already lost and properties destroyed. We cannot afford to wait for more generations to come before we can address the problem, she added.

With the non - passage of the BBL in the 16th Congress,

Ferrer also expressed their hope that the new administration will continue the peace process and will push for the enactment of Basic law for the Bangsamoro people.

Meantime, Iqbal said the Mamasapano encounter was a tragic incident that no one wanted to happen. Given that many of the SAF 44 fallen heroes were from Cordillera, Iqbal said he has been warned but he still decided to come to Baguio, as he is a man of peace and he came to promote peace, as well as to give their perspective on the Mamasapano incident.

What is important now is everybody is seeking for the truth, he said./JDP/CCD with J.Yokota- PIA/SLU intern



ATTENTION CANDIDATES - The posting of your campaign materials is your responsibility. LUMANG PALUSOT NA YAN, PARATI NA LANG SASABIHIN NA HINDI NAMIN ALAM AT MGA SUPPPORTER NAMIN ANG GUMAWA. Photo from Comelec-FB (March 28, 2016) as reported by a concerned citizen. Candidates please familiarize yourself election rules and the Common Poster Areas.

## Gov’t, residents agree to protect Buyog

BAGUIO CITY – Government entities and occupants of the built-up portions of the Buyog watershed have agreed to protect and preserve what remains of the forest reservation as a requisite to the planned disposition for housing purposes of the occupied areas.

Some 745 occupants of the United Pinget Home-owners Association will sign a memorandum of agreement with the city government under Mayor Mauricio Domogan and city council committee on lands chair Leandro Yangot Jr., the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) under regional executive director Ralph Pablo and Baguio Water District under general manager Salvador Royeca.

The MOA stipulates that the DENR-CAR will conduct a survey of the actual occupied areas of the watershed and that upon identification of the uninhabited portion the occupants will not expand into the unoccupied areas and will undertake measures to help protect the watershed from intrusion by squatters. The agreement also

mandates that the occupants will maintain their structures for residential purposes and in coordination with the city government and the DENR-CAR will undertake an annual tree-planting program to reforest what remains of the watershed.

The city through the city buildings and architecture office will design a watertight waste water disposal system which shall be adopted by each residence to protect the watershed from contamination.

The city government, DENR-CAR and the BWD posed no objection to the segregation of the occupied areas from the coverage of Proclamation No. 93 declaring Buyog as a forest reservation but stressed that the protection of the remaining unoccupied portion is paramount.

Pablo endorsed the segregation while Royeca also signified approval subject to four conditions: that no further intrusion of buildings should be allowed; that the existing breaches of openings in the existing fence should be closed to prevent entry of unauthorized persons; that residents

should be required to install sealed septic tanks; and that the residents should be informed that they have a personal stake in preservation the watershed as it is their primary water source.

“These conditions are sought to be imposed as our inspection has revealed that without these conditions being put in place, we will risk the irreversible contamination of the water sources,” Royeca noted.

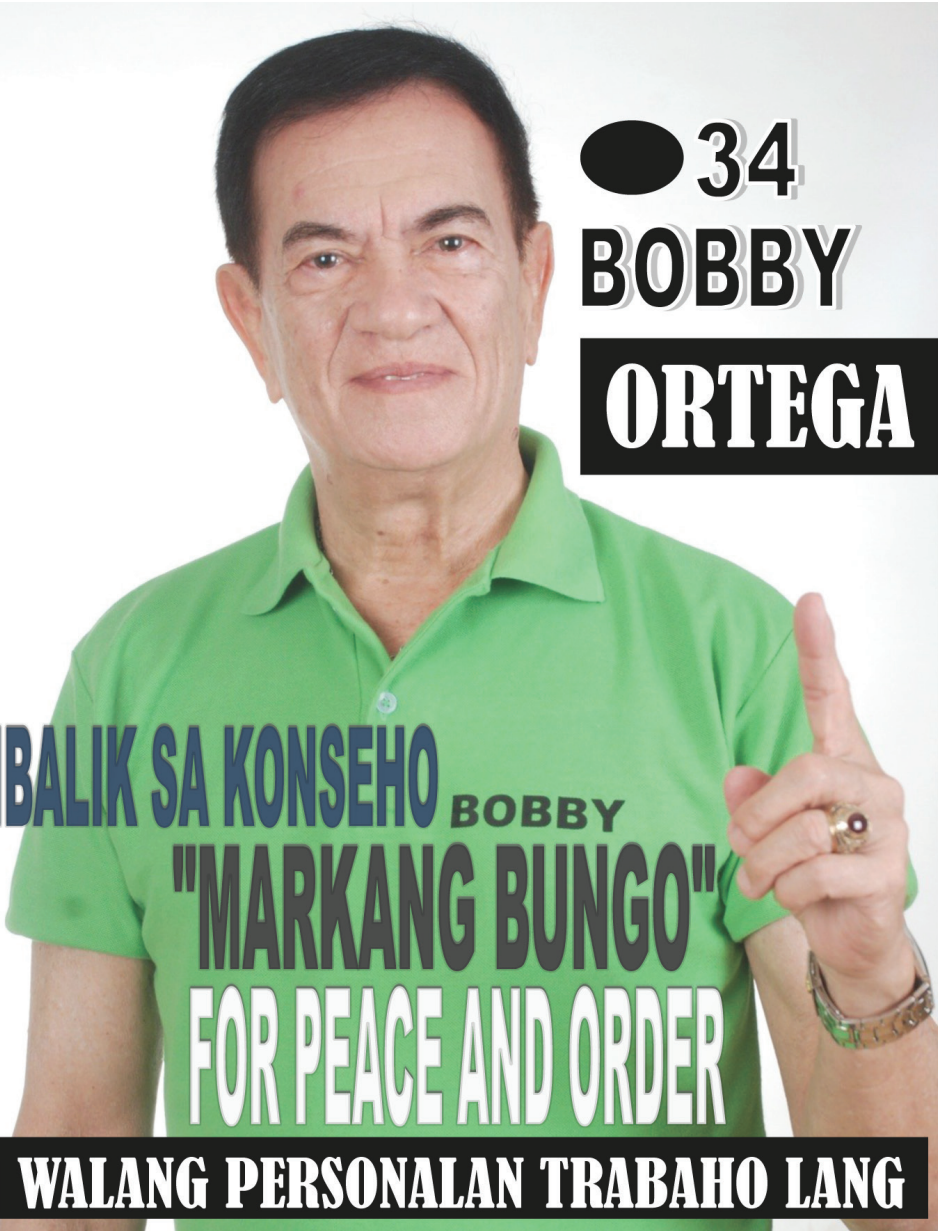
He suggested that a MOA “be executed to serve as the basis for our issuance of the requested endorsement.”

A large portion of the 20-hectare Buyog is inhabited by residents from Pinget, Quirino Hill and other barangays straddled by the forest reserve.

Pinget barangay officials sought the segregation of 113,193 square meter area occupied by residents for housing as early as 2009. The residents claimed they have occupied the area since the late 70s or long before the issuance of Proclamation No. 93 issued in 1992.

In 2014, Lower Quirino Hill residents sought the intercession of Yangot also for the exclusion of the

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# Land Rights Now: Protect indigenous peoples and forests

Forests are the lifeline and cultural heritage of at least 100 million indigenous peoples in Asia. The world's remaining forests, the planet's biodiversity, and rivers are found in indigenous peoples' territories. However, rampant large-scale development projects without regard to the environment and the indigenous peoples inhabiting these areas are threatening to wipe out populations and extract resources. In order to address climate change, combat deforestation, and achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) stresses on the need to recognize the collective land rights of indigenous peoples. On the occasion of International Day of Forests, we call on the representatives of indigenous peoples, civil society organizations, and governments to actively support and participate in the global call to action on indigenous and community land rights to double by 2020 the global area of land legally recognized as owned or controlled by indigenous peoples and local communities.

## EDITORIAL

**Climate change and deforestation**  
In Asia, indigenous peoples, including women, have been sustainably managing natural resources through customary laws and sustainable resource management practices.

In Malaysia, indigenous peoples practice a traditional system known as "Tagal" to manage and promote sustainable use of rivers, forests, and watersheds. In Indonesia, indigenous peoples have customary rules known as "Sasi law" to manage natural resources including seas and rivers.

The protection and promotion of these traditional systems are crucial in the fight against climate change, deforestation and water pollution. Our rivers and lands are expropriated for dams without free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

In India, indigenous peoples represent at least 40% of the people displaced by development projects including large dams. Only recently in Manipur, Northeast India, despite the local and global protest against the construction of the Mapithel Dam, the Thoubal and the Barak rivers continue to be blocked for the completion of the dam project. It submerged thousands of hectares of agricultural land, forest areas and grazing grounds, causing untold hardship on villagers.

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In 2011, the Bakun Dam in Sarawak displaced 10,000 indigenous peoples and flooded 700 square kilometers of land. At least 12 dams being planned along traditional lands of indigenous peoples in Sarawak will create adverse cultural, economic, and environmental impacts.

The plan of the governments of Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam to build 11 large dams on the Lower Mekong River will displace around 106,000 people, destroy the river's rich biodiversity, and threaten food security of millions of people.

In northeastern Cambodia, hundreds of indigenous peoples are resisting the Lower Seasan 2 dam that threatens communities' livelihoods, food security, cultural practices and beliefs.

**Dams are not 'clean and green'**  
The classification of dams as a clean and green energy has sparked a race to build at least 200 dams across Asia.

There should be moratorium to all proposed dams. Any plans for our rivers and lands must undergo a consultation process based on our right to FPIC as stipulated in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

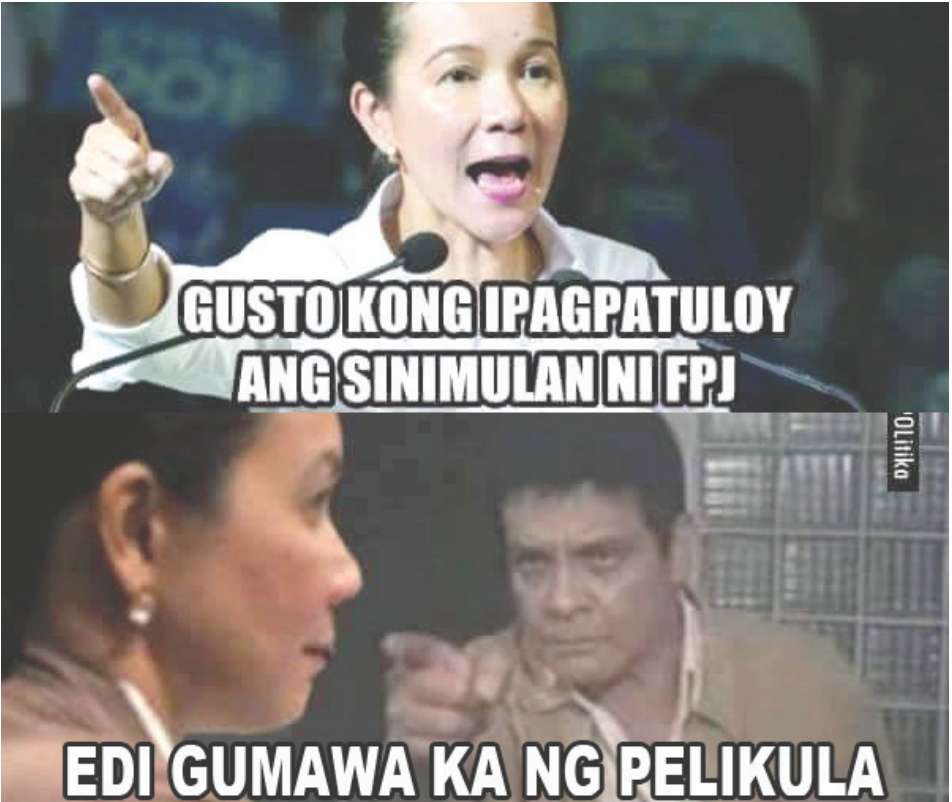
Forests are the lifeline and cultural heritage of at least 100 million indigenous peoples in Asia. Criminalization of sustainable practices, eviction and threats of eviction from forestlands to give way to, among others, economic land concessions, national parks, tiger reserves, and other extractive industry projects continue among indigenous communities.

In Thailand, indigenous Karen people were evicted from Kaeng Krachan National Park in 2011. In Central India, more than 200 Gond tribals in Madhya Pradesh State are facing serious threat of forced evictions from their lands for expansion of Panna Tiger Reserve.

In India, there are attempts to dilute the landmark legislations and acts, especially on the need to get consent from Gram Sabha for use of forestlands.

Despite the decisions of the Supreme Court and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change that are in favor of indigenous peoples, the Odisha state government is attempting again to facilitate the entry of bauxite mining in the sacred Niyamgiri Hills of Dongaria Kondh, Kutia Kandha, and other tribal communities. This undermines the earlier decision of 12 Gram Sabhas opposing the entry of the said mining project.

**'Land Rights Now' campaign**  
Indigenous leaders and activists who are defending and protecting their lands and forests are being threatened, harassed, and killed. In the Philippines, a pregnant member of the B'laan community in South Cotabato was killed along with her two sons, for her opposition to a large-scale mining project in 2002. Since 2010, around 56 indigenous Lumad leaders and environmental activists fighting against large-scale mining projects have been murdered in Mindanao alone. The Land Rights Now campaign, with over 300 participants, organizations and communities, seek to secure the rights to build a just and equitable world while protecting our forest and water resources. In Thailand, indigenous human rights defender, Pholchi Rachongcharoen, who had been actively fighting for the rights of 500 indigenous Karen villagers residing in Kaeng Krachan National Park, went missing on April 17, 2014. His whereabouts are still unknown to this day. This madness of grave human rights violations of indigenous peoples shall be stopped right away. The governments should take actions against perpetrators and respect and implement all provisions enshrined in the UNDRIP and UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (UNHRRD). This global problem requires global action. The Land Rights Now campaign, with over 300 participants, organizations and communities, seek to secure the rights to build a just and equitable world while protecting our forest and water resources. /Joan Carling, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact secretary general, belongs to the Kankanaey, Igorot tribe from the Cordillera region in the Philippines. She has been appointed by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as an indigenous expert-member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for 2014-2016./Rappler.com



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Excluding God from the Holy Week

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... For God so loved the world He Himself came down from heaven in human likeness and form, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life..." (John 3:16, The Only Way Translation, the Holy Bible).

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**EXCLUDING GOD FROM THE HOLY WEEK, THE FILIPINO WAY:** As Philippine Christians prepare to commemorate Holy Week 2016, I hope they would focus more on the Word of God, the Bible, rather than on vacations, traditions, and useless religious ceremonies, in keeping with the plan of God to save sinners from the eternal penalty of sinfulness through His coming to earth in human form and enduring physical mutilation and death on the cross. Even now, many of those who profess to believe in God are leaving out God in their preparations for the Holy Week, choosing instead to plan for bunny egg hunts, beaches, food trips, high tech entertainment, movies, and a host of other activities which have nothing to do with Jesus as God and Savior, or at least remembering His great love that took away from those who believe in Him the penalty of being burned and then eaten by worms forever.

And then, even those who consider immersing themselves in annual religious activities that aim to commemorate the passion and death of Jesus on the cross are plunging into those activities purely out of traditions and practices that are in fact abominable and greatly detestable to God, and not out of understanding of what God really aimed for or intended to do.

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**WHY IS THERE A "HOLY WEEK"?** So, why is there a "Holy Week"? It is to remind everyone that God so loved the world that He Himself came down from heaven in human likeness and form, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life. Believers have to be reminded that because of their sinfulness, inborn and acquired, there is no way for them to escape the penalty of eternal hell of fire and worms.

As the Word of God is saying, everyone has sinned and has fallen short of the glory of God. And because everyone has sinned, we are doomed to die the death of a sinner---which is the death in hell, where sinners would be burned with unquenchable fire and eaten by millions of worms, for eternity, with no more salvation.

Yet, in His great love for all creation, God devised a way to rescue us from our sins. He Himself accepted the penalty for our sins. He did this by coming to earth, in human form, enduring both physical and verbal assaults, and dying on the cross as well. He had to do this, because there is no man who could save himself or his fellow men, on account of man's being mired in sin.

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**HERE IS A WAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLY WEEK:** One would think that sinners would be eternally grateful to God for His great sacrifice in saving them, and that sinners would henceforth try to change themselves for the better, by knowing what God's commands are, and then sincerely obeying them. But man, as God rued in the Bible, is naturally imperfect and sinful, and incapable of stopping his mischief.

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Linis Gobyerno

# Ilegal na pasugalan sa Kayang-Hilltop, hanggang ngayon dinedema ni BCPO CD P/Sr. Supt. George Daskeo

Isa talagang palaisipan kung bakit hanggang sa ngayon ay patuloy pa rin ang operasyon nitong isang ilegal na pasugalan sa Barangay Kayang-Hilltop, kung saan mula pa nuong

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Sa puntong naniniwala na kami malakas talaga ang kapit ng pasugalan na ito kaya hindi man lang magalaw, ipahuli

or ipa-raid (kahit moro-moro man lang) ni CD Daskeo.

Tulad ng aming unang nasabi, walang nalalaman sa mga ganitong uri ng ilegal na pasugalan si Mayor Domogan, at lalung-lalo nang hindi niya ito papayagan.

Inyong makikita sa kaliwang bahagi ang reduced shot ng Feb. 20, 2016 issue at pati na na rin ang LG Komentaryo section. Sa kanang bahagi ay ang liham na ating ipinadala kay CD Daskeo dated March 22, 2016.



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P/S. SUPT. GEORGE DASKEO  
OIC-PNP City Director  
Baguio City

Subject: Continues gambling at Kayang Hilltop

Dear P/Sr. Supt. Daskeo:

With all due respect, once again we write you regarding the seeming inaction and tolerance by your office on the on-going gambling at Kayang Hilltop which we have brought to your attention in two (2) previous letters to you dated January 24, 2016 and February 15, 2016 (please refer to the attached letters) and publication at the LG Kommentaryo Section at The Junction Newspaper issue of February 20, 2016 .

Once again our members have brought to our attention the ongoing gambling at the same location as we have informed you in the past. Please refer to the attached photos and video of ongoing illegal gambling taken on the evening of March 21, 2016.

We hope that your office will take the necessary action on this matter, and should your office take whatever action, we would appreciate your informing us about it.

Sincerely,

Nestor A. Castro  
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices

Copy furnish: Hon. Mayor Mauricio Domogan

The greatestness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its

LG letter together with photos & video sent to CD Daskeo on March 22.

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LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Grace Poe's son flaunts P1-M rubber shoes (Limited Edition Nike Mag 10)

A small photo of the son of the Presidential candidate flaunting his expensive shoes. The massive looking photo shared by the son and only son of Senator Grace Poe has attracted criticism from the backers of the independent Presidential candidate for the extension of the display of wealth.

For the most correct, the photo looks ordinary, not like the one that the Presidential candidate's son is flaunting. The photo is a small one, and it is not clear if it is the same person as the one in the photo above.

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ABANGAN!

Shawty's reaction to the P1-M rubber shoes!

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Drop ball. Ilegal ang sugal na ito.



Comelec data leaked... from page 1

This appears to be the first major open leak of elections-related data by a hacker group in the Philippines. The data exposes not only include publicly available information, but also voter data, voter registration data, and databases relevant to the functionality of the website. As of early afternoon Monday, the Facebook post had 3 mirror links to an index of files that could be downloaded. According to the Readme text accompanying the files, these files are “the whole database leak of Commission on Elections.” The group added that while “some of the tables are encrypted by Comelec,” it has “the algo(rithms) to decrypt” the data. The files include comweb.sql.qz, a 312GB archived file.



LULZSEC PILIPINAS. The Lulzsec Pilipinas Facebook page makes a post about their data leak. Screen shot from Facebook.

Meanwhile, the Comelec assured voters that it can protect the votes on May 9 despite the hacking of its website. The security for the poll body’s website “is not as tight” compared to the security of the voting process, which needs to be secure “come hell or high water,” Comelec Spokesman James Jimenez said. He also said that while the Comelec website’s look changed, the databases are intact and were available to the public. The Comelec, however, is taking time to ensure that any malicious code is removed and no backdoors are left by hackers for later intrusions. A review of the site’s databases was also ongoing, with Jimenez hoping that the Comelec’s apps would be operational again by Monday noon, depending on the amount of intervention needed. The Comelec previously figured in an IT-related issue when it downplayed errors in its online voter records, called the Precinct Finder, back when voter registrations were being taken. In some cases, voters who registered were not listed as activated, or eligible to vote. /Rappler.com

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inhabited portion from the reservation. Efforts to abate squatting at the reservation peaked in the 1990s when illegal structures were demolished by authorities but the intruders kept on returning prompting the Baguio Regreening Movement under former Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia and the Baguio-Benguet Medical Society with the DENR-CAR and BWD to spearhead the fencing of the unoccupied portion to ward off further intrusion and prevent expansion of the shanties. According to the BRM, of the 20-hectare reservation area, only about 10 hectares remained unoccupied. Buyog is one of the four major sources of water in the city aside from Sto. Tomas, Busol and Camp 8. It supplies water to the Buyog area including Camdas, Dizon, Pinget and Quirino Hill barangays./Aileen P. Refuerzo

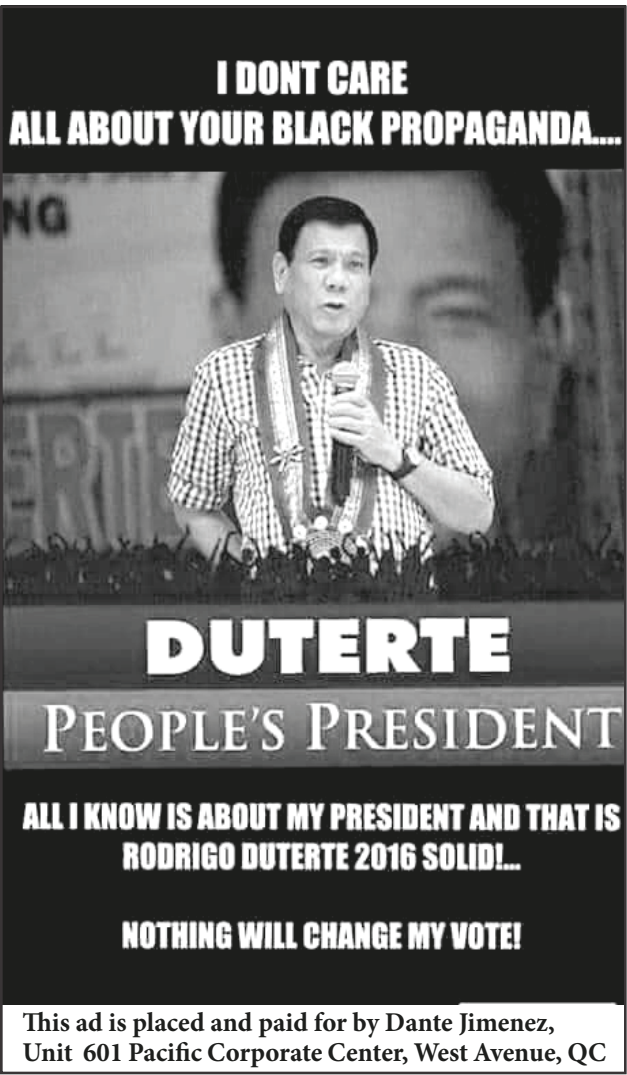
Carmen Pedrosa... from page 9

to come home. That was how he became adviser to BayanKo’s crowdsourcing movement. “In September 2014 I returned again to the Philippines to help in the crowdsourcing movement called BayanKo to fight for constitutional reform. If the movement had any other name I might have missed it. BayanKo was composed by my grand uncle Gen. Jose Alejandrino. It was the protest song against the American Occupation and the battle song of Edsa 86. “I suggested that we go beyond crowdsourcing because the only thing politicians understood was numbers. From BayanKo, we jumped to Katipunan formed by the late Sen. Ernesto Herrera and then on to support Rodrigo Duterte.” These were the building blocks of “crowdsourcing Philippine style.” Today the Dutertistas number in the millions. Quite a crowd!! When he reaches the 14 or more million mark, Duterte will be the next president in a fair and free election but if cheated he will be the head of a revolutionary government supported by mass action that will begin in Mindanao and end in Manila. \* \* \*

Today the numbers for crowdsourcing are in and they do not need to speak or give speeches. It has a different meaning in Iceland from the Philippines. I talked to some of the members of the crowd, both young and old. “We only want to hear Duterte, what he promises and what he will fulfill when we have a new Constitution for a new government,” they said. Thus was crowdsourcing Philippine style born. It is different from Iceland’s crowdsourcing and does not depend on politicians. In Iceland, a panel was formed first, not necessarily of experts. We must let the world know how we developed our crowdsourcing to explain the crowds everywhere that Duterte goes. The citizens had to make sure that everyone was represented in the making of a new Constitution, including the handicapped whose representative came in his wheelchair during the meetings. Why the title Binay, Poe, Marcos, Santiago and of course, Mar Roxas will not win against Duterte? None of them would commit to change the structure of politics and society that was necessary to reform the Filipino nation. They are of the old. Duterte is of the new. Just a few days after Herrera died, I read that the TUCP members were supporting Roxas despite the fact that his ratings were going downhill Ramos’ suggestion that “the country needed a President from Mindanao” worked. He was the winnable candidate we were looking for all this time.

Still, news spread about the possibility that he could be convinced and could be done by substitution that was not until Dec. 10. Groups were formed and these gathered to push him to change his mind. The song “Takbo” was constantly played in social media. The social media is not owned by oligarchy so there was a great chance to be heard. It clicked. His popularity grew and grew each day with concerted action. Today he is the man to beat. \* \* \*

The reason is quite simple. Duterte is a poor man but had governed Davao well. Duterte just presented himself as he was. Despite being in government for many years. he did not enrich himself. I love the posting with his picture in Facebook which said, Nagmumura pero hindi nagbubulsa . In an interview with Reuters he said peace and order was a priority. “If you are a president and you are afraid of criminals, or you are afraid to kill criminals then you have no business being a president. Why? Because it is the number one problem, criminality, and if you cannot solve that issue, that is very paramount, do not go there. If you are one with a bleeding heart, if you cannot see blood splattered all around, and you are afraid of being assassinated by the drug lords here, one day you might be campaigning and they will just blast your souls out of this world, putting a bomb on the stage, it is not for the faint-hearted, if you are afraid to kill criminals or if you are afraid of being killed by criminals, you have no business there. “I hold it as an article of faith that no progress or development can happen in any city, or in a community, or a province, if there is no peace. It has to be peaceful and orderly.”



Duterte’s mission is to bring in the poor and other marginalized sectors into the mainstream. That is the crowdsourcing that won the numbers. Duterte is their man and they will protect him whatever it takes. The pictures of crowds say everything. They will not allow PCOS machines to defeat the people’s sov-

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online at www.mysocob.gov.ph; Nominees should be Baguio-born or Baguio-based and have resided in the city for at least ten years. Nominees should be more than 35 years old and must be known for his integrity and unquestionable good moral character and should demonstrate involvement and achievement in the sector in which he or she is being nominated for. They should have leadership quality for a meaningful change in the city and must have equally performed important and worthy roles in both private and public sectors. They must have the determination and persistence to assert the common good for their constituents and must have a worthy sectoral contribution and participation in socio-economic, socio-cultural and educational undertakings. Nominees should also demonstrate outstanding involvement and achievement in the accomplishment of the vision, mission and goals towards the development of the city as a whole./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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It is for this reason that man must be constantly reminded of what God did for them. Indeed, it is for this reason that Christians must commemorate Holy Week, or the week in which Jesus, our God and Savior, saved mankind from death in eternal fire and worms. At the very least, what every sinner---or what every man---should strive to do during Holy Week is to be acquainted with God by furiously reading His Bible. Can man be fully acquainted with God and His great love for all of us by splurging on the beach, going on fancy vacations, indulging on physical entertainment, or even by religious practices? We all know the answer to this. Nevertheless, for those who have been touched by the Spirit, the way to commemorate Holy Week is by staying in our homes, studying the Bible, and praying to God! -ooo-

PLEASE LISTEN: “Ang Tangang Daan” (The Sole Way): a Bible study and prayer session online could now be heard, 24 HOURS a day, in the Philippines and the world at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan or www.facebook.com/ANDKNK (and look for “Ang Tangang Daan” broadcasts).



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FASTRACK

Obsolete PD 1079, pinagkakakitaan ng mga lokal na peryodiko ng wala sa lugar!!!  
Reprint from lastweek  
BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES

The following is a letter sent by this columnist on July 17, 2014 to the Hon. Henedina R. Abad, Congresswoman, Lone District of Batanes. A reply from her office was received on September 1, 2014. The letter was sent to her and not to any other representative of Congress, thinking that she does not have to contend with any local media in her turf.

####  
July 16, 2014  
HON. HENEDINA R. ABAD  
Congresswoman, Lone District of Batanes  
Room N-307, House of Representatives, QC

Through: Mr. Walter M. Estamo  
Chief of Staff

Subject: Request that your office file a new law or amend PD 1079

Dear Hon. Abad:

With all due respect, the undersigned would like to bring to your attention what I believe is no longer a relevant and outmoded law. When PD 1079 was enacted on January 28, 1977 I am certain that the intent and purpose of the law was indeed relevant and essential; however, due to technological advancements in internet and even digital technology, exposure through local newspaper (most local newspapers at that except for a few) has now become a minor means for information dissemination purposes. Given the not so ideal current economic conditions of Juan dela Cruz, the PD 1079 appears to be discriminatory and goes against a free and open competitive market that causes unnecessary financial burden and/or costs on litigants. At present, local newspapers maintain judicial publication rates that could range at a low of P 160.00/per column inch ( standard Benguet rate) and P 180.00/per column inch ( standard Baguio rate) to a high of several hundreds per column centimeter. Some of these rates are even ridiculously higher than nationally circulated tabloids or broadsheets.

In fact, take for example in Baguio City, to date there are around fifteen (15) local newspapers and the number is increasing. For such a small city like Baguio, I can only surmise that the Baguio Residents are such voracious newspaper readers and/or the Baguio newspaper publishing market must be that big, or could it be that some of these local newspapers are up and around brought about by the evident revenue from judicial publications? After all there are no regulations on the number of copies to be printed per issue and likewise no auditing requirements on the number of copies a newspaper is publishing . It is a fact, a court litigant already has to contend with filing and legal fees; however, pauper litigants and similar not so financially well off litigants are allowed by the courts a reduction or no filing fees; likewise litigants who cannot afford the services of a private lawyer ( although there are countless choices for legal services) have the option to avail of the services of the PAO lawyers, whereas, should there be judicial publication requirements, the litigant has no choice but to contend with the usually pre-set and agreed publication rates among local publishers which is raffled off to the newspaper publications, and the litigant cannot choose his/her choice of publication. In view of this, even without the benefit of a thorough study and assessment of the whole Philippine situation on the irrelevance and the discriminatory value of the PD 1079, I am sure that if your office conducts the exhaustive research, your Honorable Office will realize the need to either amend and/or totally scrap the outmoded, and irrelevant PD 1079. I am sure that should your Honorable Office need endorsements of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the Supreme Court (SC), these institutions would certainly be amenable to a change for the better system, a system or a law not as burdensome for Juan dela Cruz as what PD 1079 is all about. In view of this, I humbly propose the following general suggestions: 1. Perhaps, the new law can consider and make use of Internet and/ or Social Media which certainly is a lot cheaper and with a farther and wider information dissemination base, and costs if any to the litigants would be nil! 2. Perhaps the current website of the supreme court etc..., could

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

>OK lang menosen niyo ang Junction!!!  
>Pumupunta ng giyera, walang dalang bala!!!  
BY: NESTOR “PAKEN” CASTRO

Nakatakatawala ang ibang mga lokal na kandidatong tumatakbo na para bagang sila ay mga masokista. Meron diyan nagko-komento na hindi kailangan mag pa ads sa pahayagang ito sapagkat kakaunti lang naman daw ang nagbabasa nito. Ang mga iba naman ang katwiran ay wala raw silang budget o pondo para sa ads. Ang mga iba naman ay as a group (grupo) daw sila nagpapa-ads, at kung anu-ano pang iba’t-ibang mga palusutan blues. Gusto kong talakayin ng punto por punto ang ilan sa mga komentong pinaratng sa akin ng aking mga kasamahan sa pahayagang ito. Una sa lahat, ang pahayagang ito, tuwing election bi-weekly issues, for the past 5 elections ay ipinamumudmod ng libre sa mga pila ng jeepney atbp, para masiguro natin na makakarating sa mga tanga este taga Baguio ang mga issues na dapat nilang malaman, alang lalo na ang sinasabing mga bagay-bagay na masasabing gusto nilang mantali sa skeletons hidden in their closets. Pangalawa, ang printing natin ay hindi bumababa sa 10,000 copies or kung minsan depende sa mga sponsors ay pwede pa umakyat hanggang 15,000 copies or more per issue at 2 times a week. Kaya sa palagay ninyo, kayong mga BOBONG MGA KANDIDATO ANG MAG ISIP??? Halimbawa ay sa pag a-advertise ninyo sa amin ay nadagdag kayo ng kahit na 5% or 10% lamang (500 – 1000 votes) dala ng ating mga write-ups or ads ninyo sa ating pahayagan, hindi ba at tulong din yan para sa inyong pagka-panalo? Kaya patuloy ninyong menosin ang pahayagang ito sapagkat, ang prinsipyo ninyo in politics is division and not addition. Hi! Hi! Hi! Pangatlo, kung isa kang kandidato at tatakbo ka na wala kang pondo ay wala kang pinagka-iba sa isang sundalong pupunta sa giyera ng walang dalang baril o kulang ng bala. Isipin mo naman Mr. or Ms. Candidate, mayroon kang tatlong taon para sa iyong preparasyon, at kung hindi mo nakayaan, eh kung kapos ka pa rin ng pondo mas mabuting, huwag ka ng tumakbo ng hindi ka mag-mukhang pulubing nag pupumilit na pumasok sa isang 5 Star Hotel o isang trying hard. Alam naman natin na ang pag-takbo para sa isang politikal na posisyon ay nangangailangan ng pondo, maging sa Estados Unidos (USA) ay kailangan ng mga campaign donors kaya atras agad ang mga kandidato kung wala na silang mga campaign donors. EH, MGA IBA SA INYO ANG TATAPANG NG APOG AT NAG PUPUMILIT TUMAKBO KAHIT NA WALANG PONDO. Bakit, kayo ay nangangarap na ma-gaganto ninyo ang mga botante ng wala man lang kayong sapat na gagastusin para mahahalal kayo??? Bakit kaparehas ba ninyo ang kalibre ni Money este Manny Pacquiao??? AGA AMO TAYON!!! Kaya ang payo ko sa inyo, habang maaga pa lamang at nang tuluyan na kayong hindi mag-mukha na dakilang masokista ay, umatras na kayo sa laban at i-paubaya na lang ninyo ang pangangampanya sa mga kandidatong SERYOSO na may sapat na resources o bala, ng hindi kayo maging katawa-tawa at maging Mister o Miss Dakilang Palusutan Blues!

simply be expanded and a portal for this purpose per judicial region could be added?

3. Should the continued use of print newspapers be used, free and competitive market forces should come into play so as to allow the litigant the option to seek or choose for the lowest available publication.

4. Should the continued use of print newspapers be used, minimum number of copies in tuned with the times should be set and an independent and reliable auditing mechanism should be in place to ascertain the true number of copies printed.

Herewith attached are photocopies of the following:

1. PD 1079

2. Supreme Court Circular A.M. No. 01-1-07-SC dated October 16, 2001

3. Various publication rates/quotations (national- local papers) as of year 2012

4. Article/Column of Rafael Alunan at the Business World, July 15, 2014

Finally, your Honorable Congresswoman is thinking that of all persons to make this suggestion, why a newspaper publisher at that; and should a new law come into being whatever obvious revenue is being derived may be gone? In all honesty, I have been living with this irrelevant law that I have, on countless occasions, seen the unnecessary financial hassle and burden caused by PD 1079 to Juan dela Cruz.

Respectfully yours,

Freddie J. Farres  
De Facto Publisher

CC: Office of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court (SC)  
Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)