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## Pahayagang palaban!!!

# Firefights in Northern Provinces Tri-boundaries Linked to Foreign Mining



Tublay, Benguet The almost two-week long firefights between government security forces and New Peoples Army guerillas in the mountains along tri-boundaries of Abra-Mountain Province and Ilocos is being closely linked to foreign mining.

Although strongly denied by military troopers arguing that their presence in these areas are purely internal security operations against rebels, the firefights that reportedly claimed 7 lives from the soldiers and also a number from the rebel side, is because of the entry of foreign mining firms in these areas. From March 23 to March 27, two OV-10 bomber planes of the government reportedly dropped 250-pound bombs and conducted aerial strafings along the forested area and mountains in the boundary of Tubo and Besao towns and the peripheries of the communities of Pananuman and Tubtuba, both of Tubo in Abra.

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**DEMOLITION AND CONFISCATION** - Memebers of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) headed by Greg Deligero demolished and confiscated the portable tents being used by "Tiangge" vendors along Otek Street. The vendors were found to be operating without business permit./By Bong Cayabyab

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## Status of grazing areas in the Cordillera Region

In the Cordilleras, there are at least 46 Forest Land Grazing Lease Agreements (FLGLA) and 2 Forest Land Grazing Management Agreements (FLGMA) covering 9,372 hectares. Of these, 24 Agreements remain active, 3 are endorsed to DENR Central Office for cancellation while 21 are inactive. Of the 21 inactive agreements, 2 were abandoned due to the disappearance of cattle while 2 agreements were converted for agricultural crop production.

According to Regional Technical Director (RTD) for Forestry Augusto Lagon, prior to year 2000, there were more than 1,000 pasture permits, Pasture Lease Agreements (PLA), FLGLAs issued including those with pending applications. Many of these permits/agreements/applications have either expired, abandoned or cancelled.

RTD Lagon added that inactive agreement holders were warned on their violations but only 11 of them responded positively by paying their annual rentals

while 3 have paid their back rentals. As a result of instant rental increase and inactive lessees non-payment of rentals, the back rentals collected since amounted to almost P5,240,474.00.

In the DENR, an Incentive Scheme was devised and implemented to give chance to the Agreement holders to reduce their back rentals through the introduction of range improvements in their areas. Some lessees responded positively with this incentive scheme and their activities

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## Every Filipino has a role in keeping our water safe and clean

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources thru Secretary Lito Atienza stressed that every Filipino has a role to play in ensuring sufficient clean and safe water today and for the future generations as the country marked World Water Day last March 26.

"The simple act of disposing waste properly contributes immensely to a clean river, which is a basic source of water supply for communities," Atienza said.

Studies show

that 33 percent of water pollution comes from domestic sources, the biggest contributory factor, followed by agriculture-livestock, 29 percent; industry, 27 percent; and others, 11 percent. As a result, about 18 Filipinos die each day from water and sanitation-related diseases.

Other contributory factors to the worsening of the water situation include the over extraction of groundwater, the pollution of rivers, seas and lakes due to

the unmindful dumping of domestic and industrial wastes, and the dwindling supply of surface water due to the overexploitation of forest resources.

In the case of the Cordilleras, most of the polluted waterways are located in urban centers like in Baguio City especially the creeks that flow into the Balli river which is a major river system that feeds the vegetable-farming town of La Trinidad and nearby municipalities. The pollution are mostly due to the large number of people

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## Chiz asks who hogged swine funds

Publishing recipients' list will settle charges of ghost pig deliveries

Senator Chiz Escudero today urged Quedancor, the agency that lent out billions of pesos in swine-raising funds to farmers, to publish - Bar exam results-style - borrowers who have been remiss in repaying their loan.

"Publication is the only way to know if the funds were indeed received by farmers as claimed by Quedancor. The proof of the lending is in the listing", he said.

"The list will tell us who hogged the swine funds, and if the money was indeed used to fatten some pigs or fatten someone's bank account or campaign war chest", he said, referring to reports that implementation of the Quedan and Rural

Credit Corp.'s P2.2 billion pig-dispersal program coincided with the 2004 presidential elections.

The senator said the search for the list of those who likely partook of the swine fund could be likened to the palace's deliberate manipulation of funds to select political minions. "Only that was a figurative pork. Now we are looking for the **literal pork**, to whom did these porks go"?

Escudero said Quedancor officers cannot give the "limp excuse" that the list of beneficiaries was lost "because as a financial institution they are supposed to be as fastidious about records as bankers."

"If the distribution (of pigs) did happen, then there should be a paper trail like receipts and vouchers," he said.

"The only ex-

cuse they can probably think of as to why no records were kept was that the pigs were so numerous that they had to be parachuted into farms, in a massive bombardment of the countryside of airborne swine," he said. If the "pigs did land or if they arrived by other means," then a publication of the names of delinquent borrowers will trigger a "shame campaign" that will force them into settling their account, Escudero said.

If Escudero has a record of them, Escudero said publishing the names of borrowers should not be hard "considering the fact that we regularly publish nursing board result which contains as much as 35,000 names". Office of Sen Chiz Escudero

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## Tax amnesty extension still on hold

**BAGUIO CITY** – Should the extension of the tax amnesty push through, the government will muster new list of taxpayers increasing tax base with a revenue projection of P1 billion more. Quezon Representative Danilo Suarez, Chair of the House Oversight Committee who authored the tax amnesty law, is hoping for its extension which is supposed to have lapsed last March 6. He said technically there were 16,000 additional new taxpayers while another 10,000 more are expected to avail of The government was able to overshoot its P3 billion target by P1.7 billion and expects additional P1 billion should there be room for extension. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who spent the Holy Week in Baguio City, has no objection on the tax am-

nesty extension ‘as long as it is within the legal bounds of the law.’

Republic Act No. 9480 is an act enhancing the revenue administration and collection by granting an amnesty on all unpaid internal revenue taxes imposed by the national government for taxable year 2005 and prior years.

The law was finally passed in Congress and Senate on February 20, 2007 and February 7, 2007 respectively but lapsed into law.

Suarez said he received some written positions on amnesty saying the reckoning date of effectivity is when the Internal Rules and Regulation of the law itself was registered with the University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center according to Supreme Court administrative provision. Suarez said BIR registered the law with the UP Law Center sometime November 7, 2007, and based on this, it must expire by May 7, 2008 yet, as the law has a six-month life.

Section 2 of RA 9480 which underscores the availment of amnesty states “... and

pay the applicable amnesty tax within six months from the effectivity of the IRR”.

He said Finance Secretary Margarito Teves is awaiting the position of BIR Commissioner Lilian Hefti that should here be no legal impediments it would be extended up to May 7, barely a month from now.

Suarez said Tax Management Association of the Philippines President Tammy H. Lipana and other sectors involved in tax management is making appeal if possible to look into their position about effectivity of the date and the time that the reckoning date when it should be effective.

He said there was assurance from the group of the Chinese Federation who will be coming up with a support on the extension and avail of the program. Some did not beat the deadline as they did not understand the memorandum circular of the BIR./S.C. Aro/PIA

## Chiz says Tariff or no Tariff, Rice is already Expensive

Removing the tariff on imported rice will not make it cheap, “just expensive from super expensive,” Sen. Francis Escudero said today in reaction to government plans to temporarily waive the 50 percent duty on foreign rice.

“Lest we all

get excited about it, the fact is, tariff removal isn’t the magic cure to high rice prices,” Escudero said.

Rice brought in at \$735 per metric ton, which was the contract price of one shipment that will come Vietnam and Pakistan, already translates into P30.75 per kilo, duty-free, but still out of reach for most Filipinos,

Escudero said

“Is 31 pesos per kilo affordable? To most Filipinos it is not. If you slap the 50 percent tariff, the cost will be about 46 pesos per kilo, which can be the Filipino version of the Apocalypse,” Escudero.

“So whether duty-free at P31 per kilo, or P46 per kilo to include the 50 percent duty, rice will be expensive. There can



Tiongsan Harrisson on fire. (Photo by Art Tibaldo)

only be levels of pain in between this range,” he said.

“Even if private traders will do the duty-free importation, the floor price will be around P32 per kilo, a level that would allow them to recover their capital, and make a little money on the side,” he said.

Escudero said the NFA should be allowed to import rice duty free “if only to stop this ridiculous accounting practice of booking government’s own tariff payments as revenues.”

“Government’s own revenue report is padded by about P25 billion a year because what the Department of Finance gets from the Department of Budget and Management for NFA duties gets counted as Customs collection, which is a self-deluding exercise because it comes from the government’s own pocket itself,” Escudero said. The rice crisis can give the government a revenue windfall that can arti-

cially shore up its tax collections,” Escudero said.

Escudero also expressed doubts if private groups can source cheap and abundant rice abroad, “given the well publicized crunch in the global rice supply.”

“China is curbing cereal exports. Vietnam has cut rice exports by 22 percent to prevent domestic inflation. India has increased the price of its rice export

by 50 percent. And the price for cargoes of Thai medium-grade 15 percent broken rice has doubled to \$735 a ton

this month, from \$360 at the end of 2007,” he said

“The global hunt for rice can be likened to a desert safari. You may have lots of money to buy a bottle of water, that is if you can find one in the middle of the desert,” he said. / OFFICE OF SENATOR CHIZ ESCUDERO

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## Sapping "Inner" Resources

"Government must be held accountable...at every point of its stay in power", and beyond the 2010 elections, says the eight-point "Action Program", drawn up by Commission on the Social Apostolate of Jesuits in the Philippines. "Democracy cannot be confined to the single act of casting a vote (It is a) continuing process of citizen participation".

Nor can "the search for truth be sacrificed in the name of stability", insists the new "Guidelines for Communal Discernment and Action to Address the National Crisis". Unresolved issues further sap institutions of credibility. Their persistence reinforces today's "culture of impunity."

An analysis anchored to Catholic social teaching, the seven-page "Guidelines" were crafted in response to "our emotionally charged and often confusing" situation, explains Fr. Daniel

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Huang, SJ. They do not constitute an official stand of the Society of

Jesuit in the Philippines.

No one need agree with the whole document, adds the Jesuit provincial who endorsed its circulation. But if "given a fair and thoughtful reception", the document may help citizens reach informed decisions.

Today, there's a "deepening distrust of political leaders and institutions". (This) flows from scandals and cover-up for short-term political survival. "There is a real danger that citizens will become disempowered and disengage themselves from politics." Frustrations can also spur insurrectionary and other unconstitutional options.

"Moral outrage...is critical for a committed response" that must consider long term consequences, it adds. Rebuilding trust in institutional mechanisms of accountability is urgent. (This could) "lead to the transformation of the present culture of one-sided dependency on leaders....Generations of patronage have led Filipinos to depend disproportionately on those who have more resources and more power."

Presidential aspirants for 2010 and some of the elite have taken do-nothing stances. Yet, the crisis opens possibilities for much-needed changes. How citizens respond "will determine whether we can make the most of this opportunity for a renewal of Philippine democracy."

Responses have varied "The economy is good. Let's move on", insists the regime. Some support GMA. Others think the President is the lesser evil, given the alternatives. "Effectively, they do not hold government accountable"

"All are crooks" is another reaction. This takes in "the exhausted, the cynical to the apathetic." Then, there's "Let the 2010 elections resolve this mess". Others clamor: "Resign Gloria". An alliance of the right and left insist "Oust GMA"—thru people power, military intervention, a Cabinet coup, or some combination.

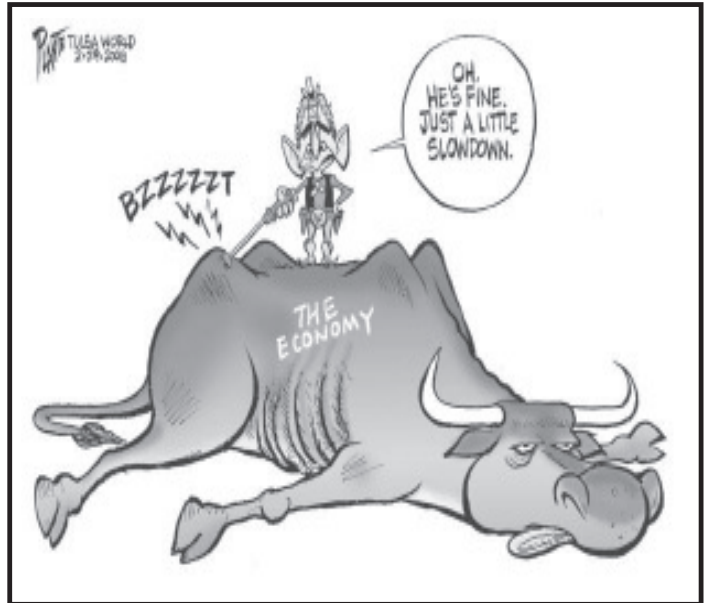
"This range represents a continuum that captures essential differences across groups. Few identify concrete points of action. As a result, they deepen the paralysis. "At all times, participation in the social and political realms, either as individuals or as members of organizations, is a duty to be fulfilled with a view to the common good."

Citizens must fortify institutions like due process, civilian supremacy, rule of law, checks and balances. Such efforts should "champion active nonviolence and protect human rights".

"Philippine democracy is still flawed. (But) the genuine gains that came with dismantling of the Marcos dictatorship and restoration of democratic institutions should not be lost," the Guidelines argue. A military junta, a civilian-military authoritarian regime or a communist government "are even more unstable, unpredictable, unsustainable. A second democratic breakdown, moreover, will be much more difficult to undo".

People Power is "a precious legacy from the struggle against the dictatorship .and restoration of democracy". Active nonvio-

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## DIRETSAHAN

**Bishop Oscar Cruz Saludo Ako  
Sayo!!! Krisis Sa Bigas Gawa-  
Gawa Lamang**

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Dapat magpakatotoo na ang palasyo at ipahayag kung mayroon nga bang rice shortage o wala, at kung mayroon man dapat ipaliwanag kung bakit. Panay kasi ang kiyaw kiyaw ni Department of Agriculture kalihim Arthur yap na wala raw kakulangan sa bigas dito sa bansa samantalang may mga tindahang walang maibentang bigas partikular sa may kalakhang maynila, at paano rin nila maipapaliwanag ang lubhang pagtaas ngayon ng presyo sa bigas kung sapat din lang naman ang supply? Sa totoo lang, kahit ang mga bigas ng NFA ay nagkakaubusan ang rason kumbakit matindi ang pila ngayon sa mga outlets ng NFA

Ang nakakapagtaka ay ang malainutil na posisyon ng gobyerno na pigilan ang nakakalulang pagtaas sa presyo ng bigas, kung noon ay pwede na ang kanin at asin sa nagdarahop na si juan de la cruz, ngayon ay asin na lamang ang kumakasya, at ito ay dahil sa pagkagahanaman ng ilan nating mga kababayan at ang mga korap na opisyal sa gobyerno, kaya't dapat seryosong pagtuunan ito ng pansin lalo na ang DOA at ang NBI, kung totoo man ang bali balita na mayroon tayo ngayong "Rice Crisis" bunsod sa sistemang "Rice Cartel" ng mga ganid at gahaman na nagtatago ng mga bigas at ginagawang pagkakaperahan ang mga bigas ng NFA, dapat ng umaksyon ang mga kinaaukulan para maparusahan ang mga "ungas" na nagiging dahilan na lalo pang nagpapahirap sa madlang pinoy. Aba, hindi biro biro ang kumain ng mais kung sanay ka na sa kanin ano? Ano sila hilo? Hala, bira mga bosing, TIKLUHIN!

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Mulat sapul ay sinusuportahan ko na itong si archbishop oscar cruz ng pangasinan lalo na't kung sa kapakanan ng madlang pipol at bansang pinas ang isyu. Pero sa ipinahayag niya na hindi raw karapat dapat na bigyan ng komunyong si pangulong arroyo ay hindi po ako pabor, dahil mukhang mas pinersonal ng naturangy arkobispo ang isyu. Kumbaga personal na atake ang ginawa ni bishop cruz sa pangulo, kung ibabase natin sa ipinahayag niyang rason ay hindi ito katanggap tanggap. Lalo na't isyu ito sa simbahang katoliko ang pinag-uusapan, aba, kung ang lahat ng may kamalian at kasalanan ay hindi pagkakalooban ng komunyong, eh ilan na lang ang pupuwede? Naku, apo arkobispo cruz, mag-esep esep ka naman. Huwag ka nang humalo o makisawsaw sa pulitikahan kung magiging kontrabida ka rin lang naman sa paningin ng iba. Buti pa ang walang takot mong pagbatikos sa "Jueteng" at sa korapsyon ng gobyerno at talagang saludo ako sa iyo! AMEN!

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Dapat sampolan ng ating kinaaukulan ang mga drayber na walang

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Rice crisis as bad as  
in the time of Marcos*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



The line-ups or queues for rice have not existed for a long time now. Nobody among the young can remember lining up to buy rice. But I do remember lining up for rice during my childhood days. That was during the time of Marcos. My mother, seeing her boys lining up for hours just to buy rice, eventually got fed up and opted to buy the more expensive rice. Later in early 1970s, as high school students, my schoolmates and I, in the desire to re-experience semi-proletarian lives, opted to join the queues in buying for rice—even if our parents had not asked us to do so.

That was our way to understand what was happening to our society during our time. Those were my early attempts to study society and, hopefully, do something someday or somehow. We were students in the Philippine Science High School and somehow we had some idealism. A nun in our school, known as Sister Digna Dacanay, reinforced our idealism. Many of my schoolmates carried the idealism even today—as doctors, as economists, and as workers in government and non-government organizations. Of course, a greater number opted to seek greener pastures and sought citizenships in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe. However, they also sought to help their countrymen after retiring from work.

We never experienced nor recall rice being transported by military men like what is happening today. Asked why they are escorting the trucks carrying the rice, the military men replied that they want to prevent riots from taking place. That was a bad answer. They are anticipating food riots. If they are anticipating food riots then perhaps the problem is worse than our current perception.

Even President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was talking about the start of the rainy months as the critical deadline for food supplies. Rice imports must be delivered in the market before the start of the rainy season. This time, unlike in Hello Garci and in the ZTE issues, she is speaking the truth. In the process, however, she has also confirmed that she has been poorly managing the situation: tomorrow is about to come and yet we are not assured if we will have an adequate supply of rice! Negotiating for food supplies on the eve of the months when we have a relative food scarcity! What? The supply contract was not negotiated earlier when we have a relative abundance of rice? This is not only poor management; this is betrayal!

The trucks, the President's and the military's responses to the interviews, and the way the rice are being packed into one kilo bags: all these suggest that government is anticipating that the problem would eventually get worse. All these are not helpful in calming the market. Rather than preventing hoarding, these only bring more panic to the market. We could see people stocking up supplies good for several months when usually they were only stocking up for several weeks. In other words, besides having a real rice crisis, we have a poor management of the crisis. There can be panic-buying and even riots and we will be in a worst situation.

Again, as stated by **The Peace Combatant** last week, the current crisis is one that is a product of poor governance. Government is expected to anticipate and prevent not manage a crisis that is preventable through anticipation and planning. Rice supplies can be predicted. They can be anticipated by checking at the warehouses, looking at the farmers' revenue and costs figures, rapid aerial look at the farms using aircraft, and various other techniques. Government is expected to be doing these and not simply relying on the market. Gloria-Macapagal Arroyo is an economist but she used economics as an ideology. In contrast, economics must be used as a science. Supplies must be procured by market and non-market means because, as Keynes correctly assessed, markets are not always able to equalize demand and supply.

Perhaps, given the issues being raised against her administration, the President is not only unable to govern honestly; she is also unable to govern entirely.

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## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*BENECO Lungga ng mga  
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P/Supt. Gueverra bulag at  
bingi?*

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**THE GREAT P/SUPT MOISES GUEVERRA-** Masyado na talagang manhid ang marami sa ating mga opisyal. Isang halimbawa nito ay ang patuloy na kobrahan at tayaan ng jueteng sa Lopez Building sa Kayang St. kung saan nanawagan na tayo sa dalawang kagalang-galang na opisyal na hepe ng BCPO na si P/Supt. Moises Gueverra at ang Barangay Captain na si Benjie Pinlac, ngunit mukhang nagbulag-bulagan at nag bibingi-bingihan ang dalawang **MAGAGALANG** at **MAGIGITING** na ito. Magalang at magiting, PWEEEE.... Anyway, sa ganitong sitwasyon ay wala na kaming mga nasa Linis Gobyerno na natitirang gawin kung hindi sampahan muli ng reklamo sa mga kinaukulang opisina itong dalawang kagalang-galang na opisyal na ito na parehong bulag at bingi!!! Paminsan-minsan kasi makinig din kayo kay Bishop Oscar Cruz at baka tamaan din kayo ng hiya!?!?

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**THE GREAT GERRY VERZOSA & CO-** Kayo sa BENECO wala na rin ba kayong natitirang kahihyan kahit na konti lang??? Sa Manila, bihirang bihira mag brown out, samantalang dito sa Baguio wala ng inatupag kung hindi scheduling of brown outs, at kapag minalas-malas na katulad ng nangyari nitong nakaraang Martes kung saan may na disgrasyang poste ng Beneco sa Bokawkan Road, aba eh labindalawang oras bago nila maisaayos ang problema! Mabuti na lang at karamihan sa mga tanga este taga Baguio ay masyadong mababait at pinalalampas nila ang **napaka samang public service** ng BENECO (kung sa Makati o sa Quezon City mo gawin 'yan aba eh hindi ka lang sibak, demanda ka pa...PWEEEE...). Kung sabagay long overdue at matagal ng ipinaglaban ng pahayagang ito ang honest to goodness conversion ng BENECO into an HONEST to GOODNESS CO-OPERATIVE owned by the people that benefits the people and not just a few na mga ANAK NG DIYOS. The problem has been around and has been going on for the past 10 years at least, and things have not improved or gotten better, but the situation has even turned to the worst and that is always the situation when it comes to VERY C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T practices. Papaano, maraming nag galing-galingan na mga medias at iba't ibang ayaw na ma involve at makialam o magbigay ng kinaukulang suporta sa naturang karapat-dapat lamang na conversion, kaya ayun sino rin ang kawawa eh di tayong mga tanga este taga Baguio. At sinong MASAYA, eh di si the **VERY HONEST AND VERY COMPETENT** Mr. GERRY VERZOSA together with his equally VERY COMPETENT BENECO BOARD. Ilang beses ko ng sinabi ito, OK na rin ang Korap at medyo madali-daling tanggapin ang isang Korap na pamamalakad basta't maayos ang serbisyo sa publiko; ngunit kung parating PALPAK at nagdurusa ang taong bayan at tapos ay INEFICIENT at ubod ang PALPAK, aba eh anak ng lintik, sila lang talaga ng ANAK NG DIYOS **at tayong lahat ay puro BOBO AT TOLONGES!!!!** Eto pa, nakakatawa Mayor Bautista Sir, paano ninyo ipo-promote ang City of Baguio as the IT and/or Business Center of the North sa dalas ng mga brown outs? NO WAY -WALANG MATINONG INVESTOR NA TUTUNTONG SA ATING LUNGSOD SA TINDI NG MGA BROWN OUTS. Anyway, mayroon tayong kasabihan na "you get the leaders you deserve" so ganuon din sa Beneco, we get the electric company we deserve which so happened to be runned by #&^%\$#@\*&^%gt\*(-(!! .

## FAIR AND SQUARE

### *What's Wrong With Franchising In The DOTC-CAR?*

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



When an application for mere renewal of franchise takes some three days to be filed, more than one month to be heard and more than a year to be approved or resolved, there must be something wrong with franchising in the DOTC-CAR today.

For, it used to be that the filing of CPC application would only take half a day to file, two weeks to be heard and one month and a half from the time of filing to be approved and released.

Much more, when simple Confirmation of franchise and permit to operate out-of-line which previously could be secured in a matter of one hour would now take three days to be secured by the operators. Or, when applicants have to make a line or queue for days at the Regional Office for days to follow up and supplicate for the approval of their applications or even for the inspection of the required garage during Saturdays or Sundays. Or, when ordinary written complaints and queries are not acted upon within 15 days as required by law.

Worse, when fixers and non-lawyers are allowed to practice law, that is, file applications and other pleadings, appear in the hearing and secure released decisions just like bona-fide lawyers, there must really be something very wrong with the handling of franchising in the DOTC-CAR.

Because all these, just to name a few, never happened before. Why are they happening now? Hard to tell why. It may not also be correct just to attribute them to the incapability of the Regional Director who is head of the DOTC-CAR since he may not even know that these are happening. The reason being that there are confluence of other factors that could have caused these inabilities, such as — Firstly, in effecting the transfer of franchising functions from LTFRB Region I to the DOTC-CAR pursuant to Department Order No. 2002-42, the DOTC also failed to come up with its promise to provide DOTC-CAR with additional personnel and budget. Until now, most of the franchising personnel still are organic personnel of the DOTC-CAR who are performing other duties or functions.

Secondly, the LTFRB under which the operational control and supervision as regards franchising functions was given failed to provide the essential training and proficiency required in the appreciation of quasi-judicial functions and proceedings. Moreover, it also failed to monitor continuously its correct and efficient functioning in accordance with LTFRB rules and established procedures.

Thirdly, under the DOTC-CAR set up as a "little Department" in the region, the Regional Director has not much time to manage and supervise hands on the actual operations of the agencies under him, the LTO and the LTFRB. This has been recognized and admitted by no less than the DOTC, thus, it has now planned for a rationalization program that will revert back to the usual organizational structure in the region of having an LTFRB-CAR separate from LTO-CAR as in other regions, and to be headed by distinct Regional Directors who will have time and energy to attend to their primary duties and functions more effectively.

All reasons having been considered, however, the presumption remains that the chief or the head of office has the bigger slice of blame for the wrongs and the bigger slice of praise as well, for the resulting failure or success in his organization. This is if we believe with the so-called doctrine of command responsibility. The doctrine has been accepted as a truism by many though and they say that whoever does not believe in it is not fit to be in command.

Could this be an explanation for the wrongs obtaining now in franchising at the DOTC-CAR? I hope not!

## TELL IT AS IT IS

### *News this week*

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



> Lawmakers file bill for immunization of newborn babies against Hepa B

> US facing NATO expansion in European continent

> Vatican confirms that Muslims more numerous than Catholics

> Al Sadr pulls militia fighters off Iraqi territory

> Worker's group TUCP to demand wage increase

> Another jobs loss may sink US stock one more time

> Malaysia announces it has no plans to raise the price of rice

> Earthquakes hit Batanes but no injuries reported

> IOC wants Beijing to open Internet during Olympics

> Delegates and Environmentalist await US Gov't to climate leadership

Dear Readers,

Indeed the world has a lot of issues and concerns... may we be aware and not just render passive responses to it.

Happy Weekend to all !

Jenny

For your messages email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo .com

## “No rice shortage in Kalinga” – NFA,

### DA

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Amidst reports of impending rice crisis, the National Food Authority (NFA) and agriculture officials here assured there will be no rice shortage in the province and supply of the staple food will be available even during the lean months of this year. This was guaranteed by Assistant NFA Manager Enrique Baliyang in an interview to downplay public panic of an impending world food crisis that affected the country as shown by the soaring retail prices of rice in the market and even of planned rationing due to limited supply.

“We produce surplus supply of rice more than the required consumption level of our populace. Our total production is 2.5 million bags against our con-

sumption of only 206,605 bags in a year,” Baliyang said.

He said even during the lean months of the year, NFA is ready with its buffer stock of 3,000 bags distributed at 20 bags a week to 67 established Tindahan Natin Outlets (TNOs). “And we still maintain the prevailing price of P18.25 a kilo,” Baliyang added.

Rice Program Specialist Joe Casibang of the Department of Agriculture –Kalinga made the same assurance saying that the average yield in palay per cropping of the province is 90 metric tons from the 17,000 hectares rice production area.

The palay production level of the province brings it to a 400% rice sufficiency index, compared to a per capita rice requirement of 32 kgs/person for the year. From the figures of the Pro-

vincial Agriculturist Office, Kalinga posts a net production in rice of about 110MT per year, after deducting the seed requirement and production losses.

Kalinga, with two palay harvest seasons a year, is known as the rice granary of the Cordillera region.

Casibang reported that food requirement of the province depends mostly on its inbred varieties comprising about 88% of its total rice produce, the rest is attributed to hybrid rice seed commercialization program. Meanwhile, Baliyang informed that NFA will continue its roving store to give access for poor families to avail of the cheapest price of rice adding that NFA still gives priority to accredited distribution channels and programs like the food for school, parochial distribution, TNOs, and bigasang bayan.

Baliyang admit-

**Cont. on page 10**



## **Jueteng Laganap sa Baguio, Betting Station sa CBD mismo!!!**

### **Attn:P/SUPT. Moises Guevarra, PB Benjie Pinlac**

Lantarang tayaan at rebisahan ang diumano ay nagaganap sa Unit No. 5 ng Lopez Bldg, Kayang St. Ito ang impormasyong ipinarating sa atin ng isa nating imporamante na ayon sa kanya ay, ang istasyon na ito ay ilang taon ng nag-ooperate at nagbubulag-bulagan lang daw ang ilang mga kawani ng Media (pati na rin daw ang isang reporter na kasapi sa pahayagang ito), at ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP.

Ayon sa aming dawalang impormante na handang magtestigo at magbigay ng kanilang sinumpaang salaysay, ang nasabing istasyon ng tayaan at rebisahan ay lantarang nag-ooperate at kitang kita ng katabing mga carinderia at isang dental clinic.

Ayon pa sa aming impormante, nakalulungkot sapagkat may isang bagong tayong NGO na di umano ay supposed to be isang volunteer group against criminality na doon pa mismo nagsasagawa ng kanilang oath taking para sa kanilang new members - right beside this betting station!

Ang tanong tuloy ng aming impormante is "hindi na ba bawal ang jueteng at ligan na ba ang operasyon nito kung

saan ang mismong mga miyembro ng grupo ng NGO na ito ay NAG-BUBULAGBULAGAN? Malinaw sa amin sa Linis Gobyerno na matagal ng nagbubulag-bulagan ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP at mg mga Media(s), ngunit bibigyan natin sa pagkakataong ito ang hepe ng Kapulisan na si P/Supt. Moises Guevarra at ang Pinuno ng Barangay na si Mr. Benjie Pinlac at ating hintayin kung ano ang kanilang planong isagawa. Mga di umano'y kagalang-galang na gentlemen, aantayin namin ang inyong aksyon kung mayroon man kayong balak na isagawa at umaasa rin kami na hindi kayo muling MAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN ATTUTULUG-TULOG sa pansitan!!!



*Istasyon ng Jueteng sa tabi ng Center Mall : Makikita sa larawan ang isa pang Jueteng betting station na matatagpuan sa Gomez Bldg., Dagohoy St, katabi lamang ng Center Mall. O, ano pa ang inaantay ninyo TAYAAN NA at kung nalalayuan kayo sa Kayang St., maaring sa Dagohoy St. na lang kayo magpunta.*

At para naman sa bagong organisa na volunteer group against criminality, baka naman hindi ninyo alam na ilegal ang sugal na Jueteng, siguro ay tanungin ninyo ang inyong mga pinuno at advisers, etc...???



*Entrance to Lopez Bldg. Along Chugum St. corner Kayang St. for easy betting. Come one come all, hindi na kailangan pang lumayo!*



*Napakadaling tumaya, may mga guides pa sa mga nakaraang numerong labas. O ano pa inaantay ninyo, halina na, tara na at magsi-tayaan na tayo!!!*

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

ANDREW B. GAWE,  
*Petitioner-Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPS. ROSALIND BUGTONG and GALUAN BUGTONG  
*Respondents-Mortgagors.*

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-Exf-1268

FOR:

x \_\_\_\_\_ x

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

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by Andrew B. Gawe, with postal address and residence at 33-C Tabora Barangay, M. Roxas St. Baguio City, Philippines herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against Sps. Rosalind Bugtong and Galuan Bugtong of Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet herein referred to as the Respondents-Mortgagors, the principal amount of

which is Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Pesos (Php395,000.00), Philippine currency which has long been due since May 10, 2000, with a monthly interest of three percent (3%) or a total of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE and ONE HUNDRED P E S O S (Php1,651,100.00) and which amount stated exclude attorney's fees in an estimated amount of P50,000.00, Sheriff's fees, filling fee, postage and other expenses incidental to this foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at public Auction on April 22, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad,

Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency the parcel of land described as follows:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-5988**

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-107328 being a portion of land described on plan Fp-10884, LRC Rec. No Free Patent) situated in the Barrio of Bineng, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 12 to 13 by property of Gaoan; On the SE., points 13 to 1 by property of Duque Palgue; and points 1 to 5 by Lot 1; and on the NW., points 5 to 9 by lot 3; and points 9 to 12 by Lot

4, all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 34 deg 38'E., 3843.34 m. from BLBM No.1., Bo. Banengbeng, Mpl. Dist. Of Disdis; thence N. 52 deg 37' W., 24.65 m. to point 2; thence S 41 deg 45'W., 60.45 m. to point 3; thence N. 55 deg. 53'W. , 24.42 m. to point 4; thence S. 86 deg 41'W., 15.77 m. to point 5; thence N. 1 deg. 43'E., 64.39 m. to point 6; thence N. 54 deg. 05'E., 25.41 m. to point 7; thence N. 31 deg. 20'W., 8.23 m. to point 8; thence N. 56 deg. 31'E, 24.59 m. to point 9; thence S. 87 deg. 15'E. , 16.64 m. to point 10; thence S. 58 deg. 19'E., 18.01 m. to point 11; thence N. 54 deg. 43'E., 41.85 m to point 12; thence S. 5 deg. 06'E., 76.87 m. to point 13; thence S. 38'W., 25.44 m. to the

point of beginning; containing an area of EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE (8,985) SQUIRE METERS, more or less. xxx

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, March 28, 2008

**FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET**

By: (SGD) JOSELITOS. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV

March 30, April 6 & 13, 2008

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

ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN,  
*Mortgagee,*

versus -

SOFIA SAINGAN, DARIO SAINGAN, and ELEUTERIO REYES,  
*Mortgagors.*

FOR:

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 05-EXF 1055

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORE-/CLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE, Under Act No. 3135, as amended

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN, of legal age, Filipino, married to Marina Palangdan, and with postal address at Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SOFIA SAINGAN, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and with postal address at Asin, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, DARIO SAINGAN of legal age, Filipino, married and with postal address at Asin, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, ELEUTERIO REYES, Filipino, of legal age, married and with postal address at No. 65 Upper Engineers Hill, Baguio City, herein referred as the Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amount to ONE MILLION

(Php1,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, charges and penalties, plus the sum equivalent to ten (10%) of the remaining total obligations due and outstanding as attorney's fees, besides expenses of foreclosure and sale-all secured by the aforesaid mortgage.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on APRIL 29, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan Bldg., Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described unregistered parcel of land, including all improvements existing or which may be introduced thereon, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO.99-001-00809 (Previously 94-001-00715)

"A parcel of unregistered land in the name

of Mortgagor SOFIA A. SAINGAN located at Adapang, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, Philippines, particularly described under the covering Assessment of Real Property No. 99-001-00715 (now T.D. No. 99-001-00809) of the property index of Tuba, Benguet for the year beginning with 1994, as follows:

Boundaries:  
North - Remedios Abat  
South - Saguilec Sacay  
East - Public Land  
West - Public Land  
Area: 10,000 square meters  
Assessed Value: Php2,690.00  
Present Possessor; The above-named mortgagor

WHEREAS, the Honorable Court issued an Order dated December 20, 2007, which reads as follows:-

"When this case was called for hearing on the Urgent Opposition to Sheriffs Notice of Public Auction Sale, Atty.

Reynaldo Cajucom and Atty. Ma Tarahata Arevalo are in Court and ventilated their respective positions.

"After due consideration of the Opposition and respective position of the parties, the Opposition is hereby denied for lack of merit.

"The Deputy Sheriff Gregorio Tadeo is directed to proceed with the Public Auction Sale over the subject property. "The Branch Clerk of Court is directed to transmit the record to Court of Appeals.

"SO ORDERED."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time

and date.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008.

**FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET**

BY: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

April 5, 12, & 19, 2008

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that estate of the late Aida R. Bernal, who died intestate on May 22, 1997 at La Trinidad, Benguet, has settled by her heirs though a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 217 on Page No. 044, Book No. V, Series of 2008.

March 29, April 5, & 12, 2008



Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
Branch 5  
Baguio City

ESTER PONCE  
RESUELLO,  
*Plaintiff,*

-versus-

MARINAG  
MATEO,  
*Defendant.*

CIVIL CASE No.  
6001-R  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
ON EXECUTION

WHEREAS, by virtue of the writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled case, dated February 22, 2008, for the payment by the defendant of the sum of P475, 000, 00, Levy was made by the undersigned on March 5, 2008 with the Register of Deeds Of Baguio City, over the rights, interest and participation of the defendant MARINA G. MATEO on the herein described real property including the existing improvements thereon, to wit:

KATIBAYANNG  
ORIHINALNA  
TITULO  
Blg. P-2242  
Lot No. 44, Ts-01-02-0002

“Beginning at a point marked “1” of Lot No. 44, Ts-01-02-0002, Polo Field Subdivision, Res. Sec. “D” Baguio City, being N., 68-65 W., 944.00 m. from Triangulation Station “Circle” Baguio Townsite; thence xxx .

Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE (371) SQUARE METERS.

All points are marked on the ground by B.L. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 cms.

Bounded on the SE., along lines 1-2 by Lot 46, Ts-01-02-0002; and along line 2-3 by lot 123, Ts-01-02-0002; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 45, Ts-01-02-0002 on the NW., along line 4-5 by lot 42, Ts-01-02-0002; on the NE., along line 5-1 by Sunflower St. (8.00 m. wide).

xxx.  
NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Sec. 19 of the Rules of Court, the undersigned Sheriff will SELL at public auction on APRIL 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and soon thereafter at the lobby of the Hall of Justice of Baguio City, herein described property including the existing improvements thereon to the highest bidder, in CASH and Philippine Currency, to satisfy the judgment obligation plus the fees and expenses of the execution sale.

This Notice of Sale will be published in the The Junction a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and suburbs, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks and not less than twenty (20) days before the sale. Prospective bidders are enjoined to investigate the title to the encumbrances if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, March 24, 2008.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BAGUIO CITY

BY: (SGD)  
NESTOR F.  
RIMANDO  
Sheriff IV

March 30 & April 6, 2008

Republic of the Philippines  
Office of the President

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Community Service Center, NCIP-Baguio City  
Rm. 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Mags. Ave Baguio City

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIMS

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 in relation to Sec. 7(d), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1998, notice is hereby made for the Petition for Identification, Delineation and Recognition of ancestral land situated in Res. Sec. , “L” Baguio City filed by HEIRS SEMIN PALGUE REPRESENTED MARSMAN P. DONGLAWEN as their ancestral land more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land Lot 1, Psu-213325 situated at Res. Sec. “L” City of Baguio and Island of Luzon. Bounded: on the southeast along line 31-1 by property claimed by Castor Smith; Bounded: on the southwest along lines 1-2, 2-3 and 3-13 by SWO-32884(Calatan), property claimed by heirs of Babay and Joseph Gabol respectively; Bounded: on the north west along lines 13-16 by Lot 2, Psu-213325, along lines 16-19 by SWO-39911(Herold Palgue) and along line 19-20 by SWO-32187(Sogue, and; Bounded: on the northeast along lines 20-23 by public land, along lines 23-29 by property claimed by Teodora Catalino and along lines 29-31 by creek. Beginning at point marked “1” on plan being N. 49-01 W. 1115.98 m from Triangulation Sta. “Limestone” Baguio Townsite; N 85-04 W 151.42 m. to point 2; S 87-40 W 52.62 m. to point; S 88-09 W 118.26 m. to point 4; N 45-12 W 92.52 m. to point 5; N 17-27 W 12.77 m. to point 6; N 83-32 W 124.31 m. to point 7; S 74-43 W 94.10 m. to point 8; S 85-58 W 42.76 m. to point 9; N 71-23 W 67.10 m. to point 10; N 05-47 W 40.43 m. to point 11; S 87-05 W 69.26 m. to point 12; N 49-47 W 33.16 m. to point 13; N 84-40 E 244.07 m. to point 14; N 45-55 E 139.80 m. to point 15; N 29-00 W 202.79 m. to point 16; S 48-17 E 88.29 m. to point 17; N 69-53 E 65.06 m. to point 18; N 09-45 W 99.64 m. to point 19; N 32-41 E 110.12 m. to point 20; S 10-16 E 78.37 m. to point 21; S 77-10 E 91.73 m. to point 22; S 52-45 E 30.02 m. to point 23; S 53-51 W 106.93 m. to point 24; S 16-07 E 144.17 m. to point 25; S 16-10 E 22.04 m. to point 26; S 79-26 E 70.49 m. to point 27; S 79-08 E 89.24 m. to point 28; N 22-40 E 114.36 m. to point 29; S 26-54 E 119.39 m. to point 30; S 55-04 E 156.19 m. to point 31; S 28-12 W 163.33 m. to point of beginning containing an area of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE (185,689) sq.m. more or less.all corners marked on the ground by P.S. and old P.L.S. cylindrical concrete monuments 15 X 60 cm. survey was executed by Canuto P. Calatan, Public Land Surveyor on May 21 & 22, 1963, and June 19, 1964 and was approved on April 1, 1965 by the director of lands, Nicanor G. George.

Any protest or opposition thereto must be filed within fifteen days from the last date of publication and addressed to the Baguio Service Center, Room 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay Ave. Baguio City

(SGD) NIEVESLAQUINO  
CDO III

April 5 & 12, 2008

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

ESTHER C. LAWAGAN  
Applicant  
Case No. 2007-CAR-0087  
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: LA TRINIDAD- OINES PARK -LUBAS-TAWANG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 2th day of April 2008.

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

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

DIONESIA B. NISPEROS  
Applicant  
Case No. 99- BC- 034  
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 27th day of March 2008.

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

**Firefights in Northern..****.... from page 1**

Wadagan counts some ninety eight (98) bombs dropped throughout the area. From March 25 to 29, military troopers reportedly shelled with mortars these same areas irking highland villagers.

The 503rd Infantry Brigade said the NPAs in these areas are now on the run from pursuing troopers. But Diego Wadagan, spokesman of the Abra-based Agustin Begnalen Command of the CPP-NPA said the ongoing two-month "offensive" operations in the triboundaries of Tubo, (Abra), Besao (Mountain Province) and Quirino (Ilocos Sur), known as the AMPIS (Abra-Mountain Province-Ilocos Sur) is closely linked to mining. The purpose of the successive full-scale military operations in Ampis is to drive away the NPA and pacify the people toward the smooth entry of destructive large-scale mining projects in the area, he said.

Lieutenant Edward Sia-ed, spokesman of the Abra-based 41st Infantry Battalion however belied Wadagan and claimed such is only a false propaganda of leftists and the NPA. But Wadagan insists that the mineral-rich mountains along the tri-boundary have been the target of mining companies since the 1970s.

Plans however were reportedly thwarted because Tubo and Quirino villages opposed attempts by Benguet Consolidated Inc. (now Benguet Corporation) and Philex Mining Corporation to set up operations.

Since 1998, there have been attempts of foreign and local mining firms like the Newcrest of Australia, Phelps Dodge of US and Almagan-Mayantoc mining firms. But these plans cannot push through because of the aberration of local villagers against mining operations.

In 2007, Dilong Valley villagers in Tubo reportedly drove away representatives of the Chinese Geological Bureau who attempted to set up an exploration program in the area.

Again, the Australian-principal mining firm Philippine Metals Corporation eyes an operation in these areas, but during an earlier consultation with villagers, they failed to get an approval. For terrorizing the Ampis area and for serving the interest of mining firms that aim to grab the Maeng people's ancestral lands, Wadagan vowed, government forces face the NPA. As punitive measures, Red fighters of the Agustin Begnalen Command successfully launched military actions against the operating troops of the 50th IB and 53rd Recon Coy, he said, though the Northern Luzon Command of the AFP insists there was no government trooper killed during these skirmishes.

The 503rd Infantry Brigade however did not deny having its helicopter gunship Bronco OV 10 hit by NPAs.

Wadagan boasted, the ongoing combat operations of the 50th IB and 53rd Recon Coy in (Ampis) is doomed to fail. /Ace Alegre

**Status of grazing..****.... from page 2**

are being monitored and supervised.

Accordingly, it was in 1997 that the last batch of FLGM applications were approved. And from 1998 to the present, 55 FLGLA/FLGMA applications were received. Many of these applications are pending due to the lack of some requirements per the provisions of Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 99-36 and Proclamation 573.

Lagon also said that there were 2 FLGMA approved in 2006 and 2007. Two applications were recently endorsed to DENR Central Office for their approval while 4 were referred to NCIP for clearance. Likewise, 31 applications were returned to the different Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs) for the completion of lacking requirements and another 17 applications were still pending at the CENROs due to the prohibition of commercial grazing within critical watersheds.

There are also some problems and issues affecting range management in the region. One is the squatting or conversion of range lands into residential or agricultural crop lands; another is cattle rustling; the third is the presence or growing of invasive/obnoxious plants which are aggravating the low productivity of marginal range areas; the fourth is the lack of technical assistance extended to the lessees; another is the lack of funds since DAO 99-36 mandates lessees and applicants to shoulder the necessary expenses to conduct the required activities within their range area; and the sixth is that FLGMA application requirements are tedious and costly on the part of the applicants. /rpaio release

**No rice shortage..****.... from page 6**

ted that the problem is the increasing price of commercial rice, the diversion of NFA rice and selling it as commercial rice by some unscrupulous Bigasang Bayan retailers.

Baliyang bared that at present, supply distribution to bigasang bayan outlets is being minimized to give them time to do corrective measures since there are complaints that some are diverting their stocks and selling it as commercial rice at P27.00-P30.00 a kilo.

To insure that government rice supply is not diverted or sold at commercial rice price level, NFA is conducting regular monitoring of its outlets, Baliyang said. "Those caught doing monkey business out of NFA rice will be penalized," he stressed.

He called on partner agencies like the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Education and the media to help monitor the operation of these outlets and programs to ensure that supply of rice reach their intended clientele with the right weight and price. /PIA-Kalinga

**Every Filipino..****.... from page 2**

which live near the creeks who themselves indiscriminately throw their garbage and sewer directly into these creeks.

In a recent pronouncement, Secretary Atienza said that —"A lot of our countrymen take water for granted. They are not aware that many areas in the country are now experiencing shortage in water supply, and the problem could only get worse if we do not act now to stop the degradation of our water sources,".

Atienza warned that inaction in dealing with pollution and degradation of the country's water sources and bodies of water will lead to tragic consequences.

He lamented that not only a few of our water resources have been subjected to environmental stress. "We have several rivers, lakes and other bodies of water which used to teem with fishes and other forms of aquatic life. These lakes and rivers are now devoid of any form of life. They have become biologically dead due to improper disposal of wastewater and solid wastes," he said.

"The situation is not hopeless. We can still do something," Atienza said.

He explained that one of the ways to reverse the degradation of Laguna and Taal Lakes, for example, is by dismantling the fishpens and fishcages which choke the free flow of water in these vital bodies of water. "Plans have been finalized to demolish fishpens in Laguna Lake which can be tapped as an alternative source of fresh water supply for Metro Manila," Atienza said.

The DENR chief emphasized that the quality of a nation's bodies of water may spell its development or stagnation. "Clean waters bring tremendous economic, ecological and aesthetic benefits. Murky rivers and polluted lakes repel development, threaten the people's health, even their lives," Atienza said. Here in the Cordilleras, the Baguio Regreening Movement in coordination with the DENR and other groups is spearheading a Balili River Revival Summit as one of the activities lined-up in observance of Earth Day. Dra. Julie Cabato, the brainchild of the project says that there is an urgent need for everybody especially our local government units and leaders to look into the worsening situation of the Balili river. World Water Day was celebrated in most countries on March 22. The local celebration, however, was moved to March 26, Wednesday, in deference to the observance of Holy Week.

"We cannot survive without clean water," Atienza said. "For this reason, the DENR's battlecry and theme in marking this year's World Water Day is "Ang Tubig ay Yaman ng Buhay." The same theme will reverberate in the nationwide DENR-led nationwide caravan that begins on March 30 and culminates on April 22, in time for the country's Earth Day celebration. /rpaio release

## Editorial

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lence was a defining characteristic of EDSA. But it's current usage is being equated with crisis situations resolved through extra-constitutional means. These would "weaken democratic institutions and install leaders with questionable mandates."

The "Guidelines" argue for "eight action areas" (a) support the ongoing probe into the ZTE-NBN case to ferret the truth and strengthen institutional system of checks and balances; (b) create a credible Independent Counsel to promote accountability (c) Initiate a genuine impeachment process by pressuring the Lower House to hold the President accountable.

In addition, citizens should (d) Seek transparency in all transactions; (e) Promote electoral reforms (f) Search for worthy candidates and potential leaders, parties/coalitions and platforms for 2010, (g) Organize basic sectors, to have a say in democratic processes; and (h) Engage the youth in current issues. "Today, there is an opportunity to do political education and mobilization of the youth on a scale not seen for many years."

Citizens should pursue meaningful reforms "that prioritize the poor." Even in crisis, efforts at electoral, bureaucratic, and social reform should not cease. Many problems are structural and institutional in nature, needing continuing transformation.

"If many Filipinos seem uninvolved or uninterested, it is primarily because of an overriding concern for economic survival during very hard times," the document notes. "The search for the truth is integrally linked to the fate of the poor." Corruption and dishonesty made their lot worse.

"It is precisely during times of great upheavals and crises that the call to hope becomes more urgent," the Guidelines insist. "Desperation and cynicism cannot be allowed to eat up people's inner resources".

## Direksahan.....

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disciplina at abusado sa daan lalo na ang mga kaskasero na "Takaw Disgrasya" katulad nitong drayber ng partas bus line no. 81158 na nakasalubong ng aming sinasakyang van sa may naguillian, la union mga alas tres ng hapon noong abril a dos (2). Matulin na nag-obterteyk ang bus na partas sa kanyang kasundo na muntik muntikan ng bumangga sa aming sasakyan. Mabuti na lamang at nagmenor habang kaagad na iginilid ng aking bayaw ang sasakyan kundi isa na naman sanang masaklap na trahedyo sa kalsada ang nangayari dahil sa "Ungas" na drayber ng partas bus no. 81158.

Atensyon, LTRFB DOTC-CAR Regional Director Bong Mandapat jr. at sa pamunuan ng Partas bus line na may rutang Baguio norte, pakibusisi nyu naman at disiplinahin ang mga ganitong drayber. Sila ang mga "salot" sa ating kalsada. Sampolan!!

OOO

Malas kaya o nagkataon lang na mula nang maupo bilang hepe ng Baguio Fire Department si Inspektor Marquez eh sunod

sunod na ang nagaganap na sunog dito sa lungsod ng baguio. Hindi naman ako naniniwala sa malas. Kaya lamang ay nakakabahala ang mga halos magkakasunod na sunog dito sa lungsod kunsaa ang pinakahuli ay sa tionsan Harrison dahilan para imungkahi ng inyong lingkod na paigtingin ang mga kinauukulang local na pamahalaan partikular ang Baguio Fire Dept. City Buildings ang architecture Office at ang BENECO ang kampanya laban sa sunog at dapat silang maging istriktong sa pag-iimplimenta alinsunod sa mga ordinansang naglalayong maprotektahan ang mga istraktura sa anumang sunog, diba mga bosing?...HOY GISIING!!

OOO

Talaga rin naman itong aking "Bubuwit" at pati buntong ng basura sa may dumpsite ng irisan ay hindi pinalagpas. Ayon sa kanya "nabuking" daw itong mga trak na naghahakot ng basura na basta na lang itinatapon ang mga nakolektang basura ke "Residual" o "Non Residual" sa isang lugar kayat balewala aniya ang "segregation Policy" dahil nagkakahalohalo rin ang mga ito pagdating sa dumpsite. Naku, totoo ho ba ito Meyor Peter Bautista at engr. Nazita banez? Hindi naman po siguro magsisinungaling ang aking "Bubuwit" di po ba? Kung totoo ito, aba, pakiaksyunan nyu naman para di namin isipin na pakitang tao lang ang inyong kampanya sa basura!

OOO

Gusto kong tawagan ng pansin si Punong Barangay Michael Flores ng kabayanihan, dahil wala yatang Barangay tangad... este tanod na puwedeng mahagilap sa mga dis-oras ng gabi. Makailang beses na kasing nagkakaroon ng kaguluhan sa kanyang erya pero kahit isang anino ng kanyang mga tanod ay wala man lang tayong Makita. Meron isang tanod doon na saka na lang eentra kung tapos na ang "Gulo" kumbaga, mahilig umeksena at magpakitang gilas. Ano sey mo dito apo kapitan flores? Tama ba o Hindi atensyon din ABC President and Councilor Joel Alangsab, pakibusisi mo rin ito ser!

OOO

Ngayon, ang mga balita... hinihinalang "salvage victim" pinakuan ng mensahe sa ulo!...aray! *napakasakit na mensahe, kuya eddie.*

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Pangulo ng Palali, napikon matapos kapkapan... *yan ang pinoy, kahit sino kinakapakan... marami niyan sa quiapo.*

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Kontrobersya sa 5 bilyong pisong pondo para sa "Swine" iimbestigahan daw ng senado... *Baka nagkaroon ng foot ang mouth disease kaya dun napunta ang pondo... Imbestigasyon na naman? Sampol muna! To see is to believe!!*

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NFA Rice, pinipilahan sa palengke... *sino o sino kaya ang kumita dito... siguradong hindi ako ha?*

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Mga OFW sa Kuwait "nag-ambagan" parasa blood money sa nahatulang si May Vecina... *"Nag-aambagan" sa Kuwait, "Naguumbagan" dito sa pinas... hoy tigüüü!!*

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Kasabay sa pagtaas ng commercial rice, de lata, mga produkto sa fastfoods at petrolyo, magtataas ang presyo... *nanangkupoo kapitii*

at mga bilihan, tututukan daw ng DTI... *kunwari?*

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Umangat na raw ang ekonomiya ng mga pinoy... *yan ang sinasabi ng mga sip-sep... baka ang ibig nilang sabihin umangat na ang pagekonomiya ng mga pinoy dahil sa walang humpay na pagtaas ng bilihan. Ekonomiya dito, ekonomiyadoon... Buwüshseeett!!!*

## NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late CRISPINA VILLAREAL who died intestate in Baguio City, Philippines on December 19, 2007, consisting of a parcel of land covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-1588, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS located at Siapno Road, Pacdal, Baguio City, was extra-judicially settled as per Doc. No. 57; Page No. 12; Book No. I.; Series of 2008 before Notary Public Servillano A. Abenes Jr., of Baguio City, Philippines.

April 5, 12, &amp; 19, 2008

## NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Joseph Bacday who died intestate on February 10, 2006 at Parapad, Ambiong, La Trinidad Benguet was Extra-judicially settled by the sole heir on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 204; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Jerome W. Selmo

March 29, April 5, &amp; 12, 2008

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

ONOFRE DE MESA

Applicant

Case No. 98- BC-614

## NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. -REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 2th day of April 2008.

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

## Millions of pesos in properties destroyed in Baguio fire

**BAGUIO CITY** - A 12-hour fire razed a building at the central business district here Wednesday, injuring no one but damaging millions of pesos worth of properties.

The fire, which started around 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, lasted up to 3 a.m. Thursday.

A responding fireman was rescued by an emergency group after he suffocated due to the big fire.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire before it spread to nearby business establishments.

Senior Police Officer 3 Virgilio Hidalgo said it was the third fire incident to occur in the city this year.

The first occurred at the Center Mall on January 1 while the second was the one that razed a building of the University of Baguio, causing P200 million in damages during the PMA alumni homecoming last February.

Records show that for the past three months alone, more than 10 structural fires already occurred despite the

fire prevention campaign launched by the authorities early this year.

Hidalgo observed that the Baguio Fire Station (BFS) lacked the "ladderized firetrucks in the previous fire fighting operations as buildings in the business area are already way above four-storiests."

The origin of Wednesday's fire is still being investigated.

Firemen, however, noted that smoke first billowed from the building's fifth floor that serves as the storage area of the bazaar. (PNA)

## One killed, one hurt in police officers duel

**L A G A W E**, Ifugao- One police officer was killed and another seriously injured when they reportedly shot it out in a duel at a store-residential house in Barangay Poblacion South here late evening of March 17.

Killed was Police Inspector Orlando Baguilat Bandao, 52 years old, married, Chief of Police of the municipality of Aguinaldo and resident of Maitab, Poblacion West this municipality while seriously injured was Police Inspector Jimmy Tudoc Pugong, 36 years old, also married and assigned at the Lagawe Police Station.

According to police report, the shooting incident happened at the store of one **F r a n c i s** Gulguluway at about 11:30 P.M.

The report said Bandao together with PSI Marcelo Cabay, Chief of Police of Lagawe, were drinking a bottle of beer at said store when Pugong arrived. Bandao allegedly said 'hoy' to the storekeeper signaling her to bring another beer for Pugong. But Pugong reportedly refused the beer offered and instead went out saying 'why are you calling me hoy'.

Minutes later, Pugong returned in

blue uniform and when inside, both Bandao and Pugong stood up and argued while Cabay tried to pacify but then in-



**OPPOSITION'S PEACE MAKER.** Former Philippine President Joseph Estrada make estranged uncle, Iloilo Governor Neil Tupas and nephew Iloilo Vice-Governor Rolex Suplico shake hands during a banquet in his honor in Iloilo City this weekend while Iloilo Provincial Board member Arthur Defensor Jr. joins them. **PINOY GONZALES/PNS**

stantly gunfire ensued.

Bandao sustained wound on his neck, right back portion of his body and different parts of his left leg while Pugong suf-

fered wound on his left chest and left arm.

Pugong was immediately brought to the PLT Hospital in Bascaran, Nueva Vizcaya for medical

treatment while Bandao was taken to the Ifugao Provincial Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival. The case is currently undergoing investigation./PIA-CAR

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