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# 2 Cordillerans recognized for extraordinary acts of honesty

Two Cordillerans - a vegetable trader and an airport cleaner were recently recognized for their extraordinary acts of honesty.

On Thursday, La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda awarded a certificate of recognition and other tokens to Alice Baguitan, a resident of Barangay Pico, for displaying extraordinary honesty.

Baguitan, a 37 year-old mother of two, went viral over the internet after she returned to the owner P 2.7 million cash which she found inside a restaurant in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.

Alice Baguitan, the honest vegetable trader during an engagement with La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda. (La Trinidad LGU photos)

Baguitan, who went to Laoag City to deliver vegeta-

bles from La Trinidad, said she was eating at a fast food restaurant on August 7 when she noticed a bag left behind by two female customers who left in a hurry.

She opened the bag and she was surprised that it was filled with a large amount of cash. She immediately went outside the restaurant but the women left already.

She reported the incident to the police. Then she remembered the conversation of the two ladies which she overheard that they were going to bus terminal. She proceeded to the bus terminal, and there she saw the women and gave them the bag.

Baguitan said the owners offered a reward money but she refused to take it.

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**POST OFFICE NOT A MARKET PLACE** - Mayor Benjamin Magalong inspects the Baguio City Post Office observing its unkempt state which he likened to a junkyard and a market place. The mayor will ask the Post Master General to restore the facility to its stature as a dignified heritage and historical site./Glenn Pat-ogan

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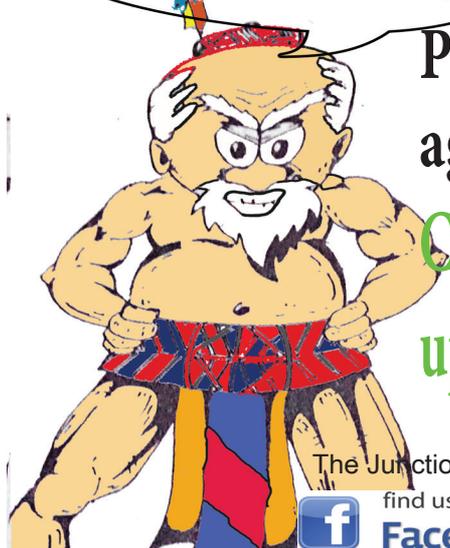
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# PMA urged to withdraw case against Punong Barangay Baguio shuts down 30 biz firms for violations

**B**AGUIO CITY - The City Council appealed to the officials of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) to reconsider the case filed against Punong Barangay Maribel A. Estacion of Camp Allen.

In a dialogue with two PMA delegates, the councillors sought reconciliation between the Punong Barangay and the complainant, Lt. Gen. Ronnie S. Evangelista.

Evangelista, the superintendent of the military base at Camp Henry T. Allen, filed a case against Estacion before the office of the Ombudsman regarding the construction of the barangay hall extension. Evangelista alleged that Estacion had allowed the entry of construction materials despite the disapproval of her request. He asserted that the land is titled and is exclusive for military purposes only.

The councillors expressed concern over the welfare of the punong barangay.

"She was only doing her duty as a punong barangay. In fact, she would be charged with dereliction of duty if she didn't pursue the construction because there's a program of work approved by the mayor. Is there a possibility of withdrawing the case against her?" Councillor Betty Lourdes Tabanda asked.

Councillor Michael Lawana also made an oral motion urging the PMA to withdraw the case against the punong barangay "with consideration for a win-win solution."

Maj. Gerald Cabrera and Maj. Reyner Afan, the PMA delegates, said they will discuss the matter with their superintendent and their camp commander.

Asked about his stand on the case, Acting City Legal Officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes stated that the punong barangay could invoke the equal protection of the laws if it was proven that the PMA officials had

been tolerating the construction of other establishments in the area. Rabanes added that he would provide legal counsel but could not represent Estacion in court by virtue of existing laws. Meanwhile, Estacion was advised to prepare her defenses.

"Hindi po ako nasabihan. May natanggap na lang po akong sulat galing sa Ombudsman," the disgruntled punong barangay said in response to Vice Mayor Olowan's question if she was given notice by the PMA officials before they took the case to the office of the Ombudsman.

Olowan reminded both parties that, in order to avoid exacerbating issues on encroachment in the area, proper communication and coordination should take place so as to inform each other of their plans, projects, or actions. He further stressed the importance of a courtesy call emphasizing that they both "belong to one and the same community." / *Jordan G. Habbiling*

**B**AGUIO CITY - A total of 30 establishments have been ordered closed by the city government here for national laws and local ordinances violations, including "spurious" business permits, an official said Tuesday.

"Their business permit is cafe or restaurant or coffee shop but they are serving liquor. Some of them do not even have a business permit," Mayor Benjamin Magalong said in a press conference.

He said establishments have already been closed for sanitation reasons, violation of business permits, and operating without business permits. Since June 30, several establishments have been ordered to cease operations due to sanitation issues, operating beyond the permit issued, safety and security issues, and road and sidewalk encroachment.

The mayor told around 200 business owners in a meeting recently that



those operating beyond the permit issued them would no longer be tolerated.

Magalong had been going around the different establishments and checked on their operations and sanitation.

"Some were dishonest. What's in their business permit? Restaurant but they are operating as bars. Some even circumvent it, nagiging pilosopo pa sila saying ang beer naman is not alcohol, beverage daw 'yun (some are even trying to be a smart aleck, reasoning out that beer is not an alcohol but a beverage). Look at the definition of alcohol in the tax code -- beer, wine, distilled spirit," Magalong said.

As he begins to

implement changes, Magalong appealed to the residents to "be patient" as he vowed a "better" city in three years.

"Rest assured that we have this passion to institute change in the city of Baguio and I can assure you that three years from now, we can see a better Baguio. I cannot fail you, and I will not fail the people of Baguio," he said.

"We continue to institute reforms in all areas of the city of Baguio, all aspects -- we are doing something about environment traffic, water supply, sewerage system and it requires both quick wins, short term and strategic solutions," Magalong said. (PNA)

## Post master general to act on post office concerns

**B**AGUIO CITY - Postmaster General and Philippine Postal Corporation Chief Executive Officer Joel Otarra promised to act on calls to restore the Baguio City Post Office as a heritage site.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong who on Aug. 20 called out the unkept state of the city post office said he received a message from National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Chair Rene Escalante saying that he had talked to Otarra

who said they will fix the facility and will even look into the possibility of removing the tenants occupying the building.

The mayor who inspected the site expressed dismay over the sorry state of the building which he likened to a junkyard and a market place instead of a historical site or a government facility.

"Granting that the PhilPost owns it and has the authority to lease it out and maximize revenue generation, they have to do it within the standards.

As I see it, that is not the way to take care of a historical site not even the proper way to take care of a government facility," the mayor said.

He vowed to bring to the attention of Post Master General and the NHCP the dismal condition of the compound for proper action.

"It is about time to restore this facility to its stature as a dignified heritage site with its historical value intact. I pose a challenge to the post master general to do something about it," the mayor said.

The post office which stands on one of the prime properties of the Philpost has been leasing out spaces to generate income for its maintenance and operations.

Magalong said there are more than 10 business establishments attached to the building which are unsightly and poorly maintained.

The mayor said he will also check on the status of other places

## Family Tree Program introduced

**B**AGUIO CITY - Councilor Betty Lourdes F. Tabanda wants each family in the City of Baguio to plant and nurture a family tree in their respective barangay or in any available space identified by the City Environment and Parks management Office (CEPMO) or the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

of historical significance in the city including the Baden Powell Hall at the Gov. Pack Road, one of the oldest buildings in Baguio where the Philippine Commission held its first session in the city in 1904.

He said the city government will do an inventory of all historical sites "to make sure that they are well taken care of." / *Aileen P. Refuerzo*

Tabanda's proposed ordinance was approved on first reading during the Council's Regular session. Once enacted, the ordinance will be known as "Family Tree Program of the City of Baguio." The said program intends to "raise awareness on the importance of planting, caring, and nurturing a tree as an effort to save the environment." It further aims to encourage young people to engage in environmental programs initiated by the barangay and the city.

The ordinance will task the CEPMO and the Office of the City Mayor, through the Special Services Division, to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). Once enacted, families who participated in the Family Program

will be given priority in the barangay programs

and benefits in order to encourage greater participation in the community. The Family Program will also be a requirement for the issuance of a Barangay Clearance.

Tabanda emphasized the indispensable role of trees in the environment.

"It breathes in carbon dioxide and releases oxygen, the gas that sustains life," Tabanda wrote in her proposal.

"Human activities and natural causes make the trees disappear rapidly. They are taking a great toll on our survival. The tree planting program is one of the many approaches of the government which elicits greater participation from the private sector and the local government unit," She added. / *Jordan G. Habbiling*

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# Cordillera solons seek membership in RDC

**B**AGUIO CITY - Cordillera congressmen are requesting the Regional Development Council to include them as members of the region's policy making body.

Apayao Rep. Elias Bulut Jr. during the RDC Advisory Committee meeting at the House of Representatives in Quezon City last week said that members of Congress will be allies and partners of the line agencies particularly in the deliberation and passage of their proposed budgets. As members of the RDC, congressmen will have first hand information on the budget of each agency and can defend it during budget deliberations in Congress. They would also know the projects and programs of the RDC which could be harmonized with the programs in their respective legislative districts.

Ifugao Rep. Solomon Chungalao said the RDC will have an anchor in Congress with their representatives as RDC members. It is very important to have a good and close working relationship with the various government agencies to ensure that the provinces would receive budget and ensure the needed development.

"We are happy to work together with you, the RDC, even as special members,

for the best of our province and the Cordillera region as well," Mountain Province Rep. Maximo Dalog Jr. said during the meeting which also discussed the proposed 2020 budget of the Cordillera region.

For his part, Kalinga Rep. Allen Jesse Mangaoang said that he hopes that they be given a chance to work with the RDC to ensure harmonious relationship among local chief executives, regional directors and the congressmen.

Mangaoang said that working with the RDC will also ensure that the pursuit of Cordillera autonomy will have a better chance of passing in the House of Representatives and will be realized and attained.

Abra Rep. Joseph Bernos and Baguio City Rep. Mark Go also echoed the sentiments of their fellow lawmakers to be members of the region's policy making body to ensure development of their localities and the passage of the bill on creating the Cordillera Autonomous Region.

"We will be your lobbyists in pushing for Cordillera autonomy in Congress," said Bernos. He added that he has laid several comments and suggestions to the RDC that should be included in

the drafting of Cordillera Autonomy bill.

Go also backed the call of Bernos for time to review the bill on autonomy saying a submission of the draft to all representatives must be done first for them to review and consolidate proposals from sectors submitted to them.

Lawyer Jerry Marave, chief of staff of Benguet Cong. Nestor Fongwan, also cited that the proposed membership to the RDC is a welcome development that is seen to ensure budget and development for the region.

RDC-CAR vice chairperson and Regional Director Milagros Rimando welcomed the proposal of the Cordillera congressmen to be actively involved in the regular activities of the RDC as this will strengthen the working relationship of Cordillera leaders and the different line agencies.

Under Executive Order No. 325 which prescribes the guidelines in the operation of the RDCs in the different parts of the country, members of the House of Representatives are members of the Advisory Committee serving as the overall adviser of the body in the conduct of its activities and in the formulation of its programs and projects geared towards the overall development of the regions. (JDP/RMC-PIA CAR)

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since I believe that as a Christian, I just did the right thing and I believe that God rewards me with more blessings," Baguitan in vernacular.

This was not the first time Baguitan found and returned a large sum of money. Last year in Laoag City also, she also found a pouch left by a passenger in a tricycle which contained P750, 000.00 which she also returned to the owner.

Baguitan, a native of Bauko, Mountain Province, was praised by netizens and her fellow Cordillerans for showing an extraordinary act of honesty and not accepting any reward.

Salda said that "the extraordinary acts of honesty by Alice Baguitan is a true act of a Cordilleran and is worthy of emulating and be proud off."

The La Trinidad Sangguniang Bayan has also filed a resolution commending her for serving as inspiration and pride to the whole La Trinidad community.

Meanwhile, an honest airport cleaner from Abra returned 7,300 Euro or P430, 000, a wallet and an iPad to its Turkish owner on August 10, 2019.

Sixto Brillante Jr. found a bag containing cash and other items at the male comfort room at the Manila International Airport Authority while cleaning the facility. Brillante immediately tried to locate the owner through the airport paging system and the bag was subsequently turned over to the Lost and Found Section

of the Intelligence and Investigation Division of the MIAA.

A Turkish passenger after going through the verification process, was determined to be the rightful owner of the bag.

"Mr. Brillante could have easily kept the bag and favorably benefited from what's inside it, but he chose to surrender it. I admire him for his integrity. Hearing stories like this makes us Filipinos proud," MIAA Manager Ed Monreal stated.

The airport chief encouraged airport workers to always practice the virtue of honesty in any situation that may call for it.

"Doing good should never be an option. It must be a way of life for all of us," Monreal said. (JDP/RMC-PIA CAR)



Alice Baguitan, the honest vegetable trader during an engagement with La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda. (La Trinidad LGU photos)

# SND Lorenzana bats for evacuation

**C**ITY OF TABUK, Kalinga - Every province must have an evacuation center. Even towns and barangays. The President wants even "ili" (villages) to have one to contribute build a resilient nation.

This was the message of Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary and National Disaster Risk Reduction Council (NDRRMC) Chairperson Delfin Lorenza during his visit to the province for the turn-over ceremony of the Regional Evacuation Center on Aug. 21, here.

He was happy to see the establishment of an evacuation center in this city saying this is alongside the policy of President Rodrigo Duterte for every town and city in the country to have an equipped facility for calamity victims.

Officials gracing the occasion were one in saying that the overall task of government is the protection, safety and welfare of the people. It is incumbent upon LGUs to remain pro-active in this role especially on disaster preparedness, and the establishment of evacuation centers is part of this direction.

Kalinga Rep. Allen Jesse Mangaoang said the Department of Public Works and Highways has so far constructed 82 evacuation centers in 52 provinces including this one while 55 are underway.

Located within Kalinga

breast-feeding, dining, praying, and laundry, separate waste facility and storage warehouse, running water and back-up generator set. A memorandum of agreement was forged between the Office of Civil Defense, Department of Social Work and Development, DPWH, Dept. of Health and the Provin-

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NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on Sept. 3, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and 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 Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 9th day of August 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**  
Hearing Officer

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 5th day of August 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**  
Hearing Officer

# Duterte says safety comes at a price Filipinos should know what that price is

By: Shiela S. Coronel ([www.rappler.com](http://www.rappler.com))

President Duterte was elected on the promise that he would fight drugs and crime and make Filipinos safe. But implicit in the compact he has sealed with voters is this: Safety comes at a price.

I have been thinking a lot about the Dutertean bargain because, along with Mariel Padilla and David Mora, two postgraduate fellows of the Columbia Journalism School, I have been collecting data and documents on Duterte's anti-drug campaign. Our goal is to figure out how many have died so the President could make good on his promise.

This week, The Atlantic published our report, which showed that casualties of the drug war in 3 cities in Metro Manila are two-and-a-half to 3 times more than what the police say. We found the police were not acknowledging large numbers of drug-related killings, even some of those that resulted from police operations. We also found hundreds of homicides that were not recorded by the police but were reported by journalists, parishes, funeral parlor workers, barangay officials, and human rights advocates.

The police say that some 8,000 drug suspects have been killed throughout the country since Duterte became president, some 5,500 of them by the police; the rest by unknown gunmen. Based on our documentation of more than 2,300 drug-linked deaths in 3 cities in Metro Manila in the first 18 months of the drug war, we believe this figure is grossly understated.

## EDITORIAL **But do numbers even matter?**

The terms of the Dutertean bargain do not name a price. Besides, without accurate numbers, it's impossible to know at what point the costs of the anti-drug campaign exceed its benefits. The government is currently under scrutiny by the United Nations Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court, which is looking into whether drug-linked killings are crimes against humanity. Will numbers be part of their calculus?

### Data from the shantytowns

A year ago, I was handed a list. It had 17 names printed in block letters on lined paper torn from a student workbook. A parish worker in a working-class community in the heart of old Manila gave it to me. All 17 lived in the neighborhood, she said, and arranged for me to meet with the wives and parents of the departed, who brought with them death certificates, autopsy findings, sometimes also police reports.

Three of the victims were killed during police raids on their homes. The rest were gunned down within a two-kilometer radius of the church, which sits next to a police station; there's a school nearby, and the streets around are busy even at night with traffic and commerce of all kinds. CCTV cameras abound and the gunmen were recorded as they alighted from their vehicles, approached their unwitting victims, and shot them at close range before fleeing. Ten of these killings were not acknowledged as drug-related by the police, but residents say they were linked to illegal narcotics.

In the shantytowns of Quezon City, I got computer printouts of casualty lists compiled by church workers and barangay officials. I spoke with families of the dead who told me their kin were shot while watching TV at home, playing video games in a shop, dealing cards at a friend's wake, singing karaoke on the sidewalk, or buying bananas from a stall.

I found survivors in tin-roofed shacks near garbage dumps, rivers, and canals; in narrow alleys deep inside sprawling squatter colonies; and on fragile mud slopes reinforced by sandbags. These families were invisible even if they lived in the shadow of government buildings and shopping malls. A priest told me he found out about the killings only because of the stench of a rotting corpse in a shanty near the chapel where he said mass. The family did not have enough money to bury the dead man who had been lying in a wooden casket for weeks.

President Rodrigo Duterte was supposed to inaugurate a building at the Fujian Normal University built in honor of his mother, Soledad Roa Duterte

After Chinese vessel sightings, Carpio urges passage of bill defining sea lanes  
Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio says the measure would aid in the tracking of foreign ships passing through Philippine waters as it can require ships to turn on trackers

Police records collected by journalists or given to us by the police themselves led us to the trail of the drug war dead. In New York, with the help of the Security Force Monitor, a project of **Cont. on page 5**



## KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

*Former Foreign Secretary  
Yasay arrested*

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "...Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge..." (Psalm 16:1, the Holy Bible).

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**FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY YASAY ARRESTED:** As I was writing this column for August 22, 2019, I chanced upon a Facebook post by former Foreign Affairs Secretary and former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Perfecto Yasay Jr., saying he was arrested by the police on account of a warrant of arrest which the Manila Regional Trial Court issued against him.

In his post, Yasay (or Jun to his friends and close associates) clarified that the warrant of arrest against him involved a criminal case against officials of the defunct Banco Filipino where they are being accused of having committed bank anomalies from 2003-2006.

According to Jun, he is not going to post bail right away, and would prefer to stay in jail, until he is able to be brought to the judge of the Manila Regional Trial Court, Branch 10, who issued the warrant, to contest what he said was the injustice in his inclusion as an accused in the case. His point is that, he joined Banco Filipino only in 2009, or three years after the alleged bank anomalies were committed.

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**"I DID NO WRONGDOING"---YASAY:** The arrest (and looming detention) of Mr. Perfecto Yasay Jr. (who was formerly Foreign Affairs Secretary of President Duterte and former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman of former President Fidel Ramos) is sure to send shockwaves in the legal community. The fact is that, for lawyers like Jun, they would know that a warrant of arrest would be coming in the criminal cases being handled by them.

The reason is that, no warrant of arrest will issue to arrest an accused in a criminal case right away. What would come out first is a resolution by the prosecutor (or by the Department of Justice itself) which directs the filing of a criminal case against an accused. Once that resolution is issued, the case would then be filed in court.

The filing of the criminal case in court would then require the judge to study whether there was sufficient basis for its filing. After that study, the warrant of arrest would then be issued. For lawyers who are engaged in daily court battles, they would exert extra effort to monitor what is happening to the case of their clients so that, even before the warrant is issued, they could already post bail for them, thereby allowing them to evade arrest.

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**Help define how our democracy  
will survive**



BY: MARIA RESSA (WWW.RAPPLER.COM)  
(PART 2)

If you're in the middle of chaos, you need to stamp down your fear to have clarity of thought – that's essential to make the right decision. The way to do that is the 7Ps: "Proper preparation prevents poor performance."

So I go back to what I learned in school. Fear is your worst enemy. It stops you from doing what you want.

Whatever you're most afraid of, touch it. Hold it. Embrace it. Because once you do that, nothing can stop you.

In my case, dealing with the fear really started last December. That was when Time Magazine named me person of the year – one of the guardians of truth – and I realized I was the only one among us who was then both alive and free. That was the seed.

Then last April at the launch of the Clooney Foundation's Trial Watch, for some reason, it became real. I realized I could go to jail – 63 years, in fact, as Amal Clooney pointed out. I was on a panel: Mohamed Fahmy, who was jailed in Egypt for 438 days, was to my right. Jason Rezaian, who was jailed in Iran for 544 days.

**I talked to them. I read their books. Could I endure what they went through?**

**What is the worst case scenario I could imagine.**

**Then I embraced it. And robbed it of its power.**

**Prepare for the worst, and hope for the best.**

**Embrace your journey**

The founders of Rappler – 4 of us, women in our 50s now – well, we joke that we jumped off the cliff. In the Philippines, we're the only news group whose business is created and controlled by journalists. That's what we mean by independence.

So it's not a surprise that we would continue doing the story, even if – and especially if – it's bad for business. Yet, despite that, we found a new business model that has our revenues up significantly since last year. We'll take the risk to do the stories that matter.

The first casualty in our country's war for truth is exactly how many people have died in our brutal drug war. The police admit they killed more than 6,000 people – rolled back by PDEA right before SONA to 5,600. But human rights groups and the UN estimate that at least 27,000 people were killed from July 2016 until December last year.

Our impunity series looks at the lives behind these numbers. We fight impunity on two fronts: the Philippine government in extrajudicial killings and the exponential lies on social media – Facebook, which is essentially our internet.

Facebook is the world's largest distributor of news, but it ignored the responsibility that comes with that – the gate-keeping powers of journalism, that determines the quality of our democracies around the world.

I don't know where any of this will end. Like I said, we jumped off the cliff by standing up for our values, by upholding the mission of journalism, and holding the powerful to account.

Facebook is our frenemy: Rappler is one of its 3 fact-checking partners in the Philippines, but finding the lies is a game of whack-a-mole. What's more important is to find the networks of disinformation that spread the lies – and in that you see how all this is connected to geopolitical power play. In our digital forensics, we've shown links to the alt-right in Canada, to the alt-right in the US, to Europe, and to Russian disinformation.

**Embrace your journey. And don't forget to have fun.**

I am daily inspired by our team in Rappler, their spirit, their sense of mission. Despite the threats we face, we are living our ideals now. This is our reality.

What you do today matters.

You will help define what our society will look like and how our democracy will survive and evolve.

This is a time of creative destruction. Even as we see what's being destroyed around us, remember: we are creating the future now.

## Editorial

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the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute, we mapped the killings and saw a large concentration in a barangay called Holy Spirit, along Commonwealth Avenue, not far from the House of Representatives.

### The list keeper

On a visit there early this year, I met Noel Abecendario, the head of the barangay public safety office. A retired army sergeant who once infiltrated communist and Muslim secessionist cells on Mindanao, he turned out to be a fastidious list keeper. His daughter Nowella typed out names, dates, and addresses of the dead in a neat Microsoft Word document, printed them out on legal-sized paper, and kept them encased in plastic sheets in a ring binder.

That casualty list – compiled by a supporter of the drug war – has over 100 names of those killed in the past 3 years, but the police blotter had no record of 18 of them. Going street by street with the women from the community as guides, I found 8 more drug war dead not listed by the barangay or the police or covered in the news. They are the uncounted and missing dead.

We saw the same pattern in Caloocan City, where we counted 839 drug-linked killings in just the first 18 months of the anti-drug campaign. The police say there were only 225. Pablo Virgilio David, the bishop of the Caloocan diocese told us that often, the priests in the parishes where the attacks took place did not know about the killings. "Most of the victims of extrajudicial killings are coming from the informal settler communities who are the unchurched Catholics, not the regular churchgoing Catholics," he said. "These people are not only at the margins of society, they are at the margins of the church."

This marginalization made it difficult to locate the victims. Nor did the families always want to be found. "Many have been involved in the drug trade and have risky coping mechanisms and are constantly under threat," said Lilian Mercado, a co-founder of Baigani, a group that helps families of drug war victims. "They also suffer from stigmatization."

### Unreliable numbers

Our work of the past year documenting and analyzing drug-related killings in 3 cities – Manila, Quezon City and Caloocan – showed us police numbers were unreliable. We found that even deaths recorded by the police in spot and other reports were not included in the drug war count. Adding data from other sources, we discovered that one in 5 drug-linked homicides was not on the police record. (We have posted online an anonymized database of the killings we recorded, including the source of information for each death.)

News reports covered only 40% of all drug-related killings we found; churches and human rights groups, even fewer. We were certain that even with 23 sources of information, many killings were beyond our reach. So we asked Patrick Ball, a human rights statistician, to build a probability model to calculate the number of these undocumented deaths. He estimated that the true count for those cities is three times more than the police's count. (Ball's data and calculations are here.)

### At what cost?

Let's make sure it's the future we want.

Get ready for battle. Embrace your values and your humanity. Embrace your fears and embrace the journey. Class of 2019, our hopes are with you. It's going to be tough but I know you will change the world for the better. – *Rappler.com*

## DISPATCH FROM CRAME Misapplication of RA

10592

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

I don't understand as it is baffling why the justice secretary made the possible release of rape-slay convict Antonio Sanchez and Thousands of other criminal convicts, including the NBP inmate-witnesses in my drug cases apparently without first checking the very provisions of RA 10592 and its IRR and the exact import of the Supreme Court's decision in inmates of NBP v. Delima, et al, (G.R. Nos. 212719 and 214637)

The Supreme Court in Inmates of NBP v. De Lima, et al. did not rule that all sentences connected felons showed be commuted without conditions. The Court only ruled that the rules on commutation of sentences for good conduct under RA 10592 should be applied retroactively to the first day of detention.

This only means that Sanchez and the other inmates showed first meet the requirement for good conduct in order to benefit from the retroactive application of RA 10592. RA 10592 does not automatically grant convicted felons good conduct time allowance. GCTA is pre-conditioned on the absence of preconviction infraction during the service of their sentence.

The documented cares of Sanchez's continuing criminal activities while in prison, such as being caught with shabu and marijuana in his prison cell definitely negates any consideration of good conduct for Sanchez. The same goes for the NBP inmates illegally used as state witnesses against me and who Sec. Guevarra initially said could all be released anytime soon under the Supreme Court ruling. These 13 NBP inmates all confessed to being involved in the drug trade inside NBP. In fact, seven of them belong to the "Bilibid 19" who were all segregated from the rest of the NBP prisoners for illegal drug trading and possession of contrabands as discovered during the Dec. 15, 2014 raid which I personally led where is the "good conduct" there?

Since then Sec. Guevarra has changed his mind after he himself floated the possibility that Sanchez and the 13 NBP inmates will be released soon because of inmates of NBP v. De Lima et al. He now says that something might not be released after all. In the first place, Sec Guevarra did not even have to make that reckless announcement about Sanchez' possible release if Bucor and the Board of Pardons and Parole have not yet received Sanchez's **Cont. on page 6**

Guillermo Eleazar, the general who heads the National Capital Region Police Office, was indifferent to our numbers. Anyone can have a number, he said, but the drug war should be judged by its success: a dramatic decline in overall crime. Officially, the crime rate has declined 20% even as the murder and homicide rates have gone up. "We all know that drugs are the root of all crime," he told me. "Just ask people if they feel safer now than they did three years ago."

Eleazar is right. Surveys show that Filipinos feel safer now and that they approve of the anti-drug campaign. Many cheered when the President said that the drug war will be harsher in the last half of his term. Three years on, Duterte's promise of deliverance continues to have a hold on the Filipino imagination. It beckons like a siren song.

Somewhere between the fear of crime and the longing for decisive leadership, there is a zone of vulnerability, and Duterte has targeted it with deadly aim. The President is telling Filipinos their safety comes at a price. They deserve to know what that price is. – *Rappler.com*

Sheila Coronel is academic dean of the Columbia Journalism School and director of its Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism.

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR PETER JOSH GABRIEL PORTE PLACIDO,

SPOUSES PERRIE NINA ANGELIE P. RAMOS AND MICHAEL D. RAMOS,

*-Petitioner*

*-versus-*

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND AURELIO G. PLACIDO JR.,

*-Respondents,*

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 19-SP-1992

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ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed a verified Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgement be rendered declaring minor Peter Josh Gabriel Porte Placido the child of petitioner Michael D. Ramos and that the adoptee shall be known for all purposes and registered in the Civil Registry of Baguio City as PETER JOSH GABRIEL PORTE RAMOS.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petitioners are directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed

to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court her REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Solicitor General and to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT of the Court Social Worker should be submitted to this court at least fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing of this Petition, which shall be on October 9, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later than August 25, 2019. All interested persons may come to court and show cause, if any, why this Petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Philippine Statistics Authority; and the Court Social Worker. Furnish copies of this ORDER to THE Junction and the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

IN CHAMBER, this 14th day of August 2019, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S. BRAWNER - CUALING  
Judge

August 17, 24 & 31, 2019

**SND Lorenzana...  
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cial Local Government Unit of Kalinga for the operation and management of the center.

Gov. Ferdinand Tubban said it is a great relief for the province to have this complex evacuation center. He committed to provide the necessary support especially

**Dispatch from Crame**

prison record.

It appears to me that Guevarra's premature announcement was a trial balloon of some sort, but which was immediately burst by an enraged public. Maybe it was precisely to enrage the public and to garner public support for the death penalty, that Guevarra announced Sanchez's impending release. If yes, it was a costly tactic that backfired on Guevarra

Clearly, the solution here is not to reinstate the death penalty, but to stop guarding criminals such as those who allowed themselves to be used as perjured witnesses against political opponents.

Hindi po yung batas R.A. 10592 or GCTA law ang problema.

The problem lies in the misapplication or warped or twisted application of the law and possible abuses in the implementation for some insidious agenda.

AADENDUM: Was the premature, reckless announcement

**Kakampi mo ang batas**

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In the case of former Foreign Affairs Secretary and former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Perfecto Yasay Jr. however, it would seem to me that he would be fighting for his position that he could not have been involved in any bank fraud which were found to have been committed between 2003-2006 since he was not with the bank (Banco Filipino) yet during those years, he having joined it only in 2009.

This promises to be a big legal battle involving Jun Yasay. From where I sit, I know that somehow, the basis with which he was included an accused in the Banco Filipino case by the Department of Justice would have to be scrutinized carefully, especially with his claim that he was not with the bank yet during the time.

I do not wish to deal here any further on whether Jun is right or not in his position, for this would already be sub judice. But here is one thing I can say about Jun (with whom I ran as a senatorial candidate in 2004 under Aksiyon Demokratiko of then Sen. Raul S. Roco): he is righteous in his ways, whose faith is rooted in the Word of God, the Bible, and who makes it a point to obey God's commands every second of his life.

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**REACTIONS?** Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308, or my Messenger account in Facebook, Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr. Or you could email me at [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com), [mmauriciojr111@gmail.com](mailto:mmauriciojr111@gmail.com), or send your comments or queries at [www.facebook.com/attybatas](http://www.facebook.com/attybatas).

the maintenance of the complex.

Meanwhile, Mangaoang said to solve the spread of diseases and congestion in evacuation centers and the use of schools and other government facilities, he said he will co-author the House version of bill filed by Sen. Ralph Recto seeking the establishment of descent evacuation center in every city and municipality nationwide or the "one town, one evacuation center program." (**JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga**)

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of the impending release of former Mayor Sanchez, a patently ineligible inmate under the GCTA Law, meant to be a propaganda blitz to drumbeat support for the death penalty?

Huwag dapat sisihin yung batas. Maayos ang layunin ng R.A. 10592. Pero, dahil sa kapalpakan ng ilang opisyal, sinadya man o hindi, pilit nilang binabaluktot ang tunay na diwa ng batas na yan. Pinipilit na naman nila ang death penalty.

Mukhang sinasabotahe nila yung batas para isulong nila ang death penalty. Ginalit na naman nila ang mga tao para mas katanggap-tanggap ang death penalty. Devious minds!

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

**DAISY P. LAVARIAS**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2012-CAR-494**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 22, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on Sept. 3, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and 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 Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 5th day of August 2019, Baguio City.

**ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**  
Hearing Officer

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

**LERIO L. BUCLAY**

**Applicant**

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**RUFINA B. TINGBAOEN**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2001-BC-234**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 22, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY - APUGAN - BET-ANG - PULA(STO. TOMAS) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**TEODORO P. SACPA**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 88-01-1264**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on August , 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - UCAB, KEYSTONE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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**ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**  
Hearing Officer

# Councillor eyes Baguio as new campers' destination

**B**AGUIO CITY - Councillor Elaine D. Sembrano proposed a resolution declaring the month of March of every year as camping month to attract tourists and develop ecological awareness. In the proposal, the city, aside from declaring a camping month, shall also create a program which will focus on attracting tourists who are into outdoor adventures and discovering nature through camping.

Sembrano explained that because of the city's topography and climate, it is a conducive camping destination for visitors looking for new adventure aside from the usual activity of tourists of eating at restaurants, hunting through second hand goods, and going to malls.

"The City of Baguio is host to several camping sites but are not fully utilized because there are no programs being implemented by the city for the purpose," the lady councillor said.

Sembrano added that camping and nature tourism has the potential to give rise to the city's being a traveller's destination and also to help increase the revenue of businesses as well as the areas to be determined in the future as allowable camping sites.

The proposal, once approved, will task the City Administrator's Office to prepare for the plans for the purpose. An ordinance institutionalizing the program would also be introduced in the future should the plan to make the city a campers' destination prosper.

*Leah C. Ong*



**STARTING FROM HOME** - La Trinidad LGU starts its clean-up from very basic - Municipal Hall. We hope it spreads throughout the whole of La Trinidad/LGU *La Trinidad photo*

## Baguio sets monthly...

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country's cleanest and greenest cities.

In 1995, Baguio got the "Hall of Fame" award in the nationwide Search for the Cleanest and Greenest Highly Urbanized City after winning for three consecutive years.

The city's hall of fame award was won due to the collaborative efforts of the local government, concerned government agencies, the private sector, and barangays. *(PNA)*

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

**MELANDRO C. CALIMQUIM**  
Applicant  
CASE No. 2012-CAR-494  
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**ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**  
Hearing Officer

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
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Baguio City

**CHRISTOPHER B. SARMIENTO**  
Applicant  
CASE No. 2005-BENG-CAR-509  
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Hearing Officer

## ERRATUM

**In a Notice of Hearing for Extension of Validity of CPC filed by Sammy Sotel published in this paper issue of April 21, 2018, the authorized route which is: Baguio PLAZA - PNR and Vice Versa as published was incorrect, the route should have been: Baguio Plaza - Liteng and Vice Versa, and not as inadvertently published.**

(SGD) The Junction OIC

### Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the late Delia Aquino Campomanes

Notice is hereby given that the estate of Delia Aquino Campomanes who died on October 7, 2016 at Notre Dame Hospital, Baguio City involving BPI Saving Account number 0573-2379-86 had been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement among the heirs as per Doc. No. 99, Page No. 60; Book no. XXXVII; Series of 2019 dated August 22, 2019 of the notarial registry of Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City

*August 24, 31, & Sept 1, 2019*

### Extrajudicial Settlement of the estate of Spouses Damian and Angelita Domalsin with simultaneous Waiver of Hereditary Rights

Notice is hereby given that the estate of spouses Damian and Angelita Domalsin who died on January 5, 2017 and September 6, 2012, respectively at Baguio General Hospital Baguio City pertaining to a Cogonal land with tax declaration number 7394 located at Loklok Gawana Barlig, Mountain Province is the subject of an extrajudicial settlement of estate with simultaneous waiver of hereditary rights among the heirs as per Doc. No. 25; Page No. 03, Book No. XXXVII; series of 2019 of the notarial Registry of Notary Public Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City on August 14, 2019.

*August 17, 24, & 31, 2019*

### Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of FELICISIMO ESTEBAL, who died on February 9, 2011 at New York City, NY U.S.A was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on August 6, 2019 as evidenced by Doc. No. 76; Page No. 17; Book No. X; Series of 2019 before the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

*August 17, 24, & 31, 2019*

### SALE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Patent and Deeds, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet will sell through oral bidding at exactly 10 o'clock (10:00) A.M. on December 23, 2019 the tract of land described below:

Location:	Res. Sec. "L", Irisan, Baguio City
Description:	RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area:	232 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land:	Php1,775.00 per square meter
Improvements:	Php 1,950,000.00
Reference:	TSA 131102-2230 HILARIO REGNER DIOQUINO

No bid shall be accepted that does not equal at least two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value of the land. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in the bidding, he must, before the commencement thereof, make a deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of his bid. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power-of-attorney and presentation of any authorized identification card. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised to complete the 10% of his raised bid; otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The chairman of the Bidding Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Only deposits in cash, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check and manager's check can be accepted.

All persons interested to participate in the scheduled public auction sale shall submit pre-qualification requirements and subjected to pre-qualification screening on or before fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the auction sale as provided for under the provisions of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-11, series of 2007.

Any bidder must possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to acquire a parcel of land in consonance with the provisions of law; he or his spouse should no be an owner of any home lot within the City of Baguio; he must be equipped with a Certificate of No-Home lot to be secured at the City Assessor's Office and a Voter's I.D. (to verify citizen); marriage contract; and birth certificate, which ever is applicable to be presented to the Bidding Committee before the start of the bidding. non-compliance thereof will be an outright ground for disqualification of any interested bidder.

The successful bidder, if other than the applicant, shall reimburse the latter within a period of 120 days from the date of bidding of the total value of the improvements, the expenses for the publication of the notice of auction sale and the survey cost of the land.

DENR-CAR, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, 18 JULY 2019.

(SGD) CARLOS S. ARIDA, SR., PHD  
PENR Officer

*Aug. 17, 24, 31 & Sept 7, 14, 21, 2019*

# City to provide attractions to perk up session road closure

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government will introduce public attractions along Session Road for people to totally enjoy the closure of its uphill stretch every Sunday.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong last week tasked the City Tourism and Special Events Office under City Tourism Operations Officer Aloysius Mapalo to come up with an activity plan for the whole duration of the traffic experiment at the city's most popular and scenic road.

The traffic experiment which started last Aug. 18 and will run for six Sundays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. was meant to cut air pollution at the heart of the central business district and encourage walking among the residents.

The first day of closure saw people promenading along the road where pocket activities were spontaneously conducted by some groups throughout the day.

Mapalo said they intend

to encourage only simple activities such as busking, chalk art and similar and unstructured undertakings for Session Road.

"Nothing fancy, nothing structured is more like it," he said.

On Sunday, Aug. 25, Mayor Magalong said Session Road will be the venue for the Mindanao fruit festival which he coordinated with former agriculture secretary and now Mindanao Development Authority Chair Emmanuel Pinol.

The mayor on Aug. 23 issued Executive Order No. 66 allowing the conduct of the activity at the premiere street based on Article 45 of the Internal rules of Procedures of the Local Government Code which allowed temporary closure of any national or local road for the conduct of industrial and agricultural fairs.

The mayor said they arranged for the delivery of crates of Mindanao native fruits like durian, mangosteen, lanzones, pomelo and others to the city to be sold at bargain

prices to the city's licensed fruit dealers who in turn will resell them to the public along Session Road.

He said this will be a one-time activity intended to help local fruit dealers and consumers avail of Mindanao fruits at a low cost and at the same time also help Mindanao farmers market their produce.

He tasked Mapalo to take charge of the arrangements with the licensed fruit sellers from the city market and other legitimate groups.

Mapalo said as per agreement with representatives of the vendors groups, 30 fruit vending stations will be strategically put up along the stretch of the road to resell the goods to the public.

Netizens welcomed the rare opportunity to participate in the fruit festival and avail of the bargain-priced crops.

"As we go on, we hope that the activities will evolve into attractions that will entice people to enjoy Session Road to the hilt," the mayor said. **Aileen P. Refuerzo**



**CLEANUP DRIVE.** Mayor Benjamin Magalong looks at a heap of garbage found dumped on a vacant lot. The city government sets every fourth Saturday of the month as cleanup drive day to bring back the cleanliness in the city known for its cool climate and pine trees. (Photo from Benjamin Magalong's Facebook)

## Baguio sends 262-man delegation to Batang

### Pinoy, confident of defending title

**B**AGUIO CITY – A total of 262 athletes and coaches headed by city sports officer Gaudencio Gonzales will represent the Summer Capital to the 8th Batang Pinoy Competition slated on August 25 to September 1 at Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

Gonzales said Baguio is the defending champion of the prestigious annual sporting event for athletes

gold, 81 silver and 194 bronze medals in the more than 20 athletic disciplines last year.

The delegations from Cebu and Laguna placed second and third places, respectively, and are once again expected to give Baguio a tough challenge for the top spot, he added.

"Despite the stiff competition, we are very confident to successfully defend our title this year

as we ask for all your prayers and support," he said.

Gonzales disclosed that Baguio athletes has historically excelled in combat sports like taekwondo, muay thaie, wushu, arnis, judo and the like where most of its medal haul is garnered.

Sports office staff Paul Rillorta said that around 500 delegations from all over the country are expected to participate in the week-long competition. **Gaby Keith**

## Baguio sets monthly city-wide cleanup drive

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government sets the fourth Saturday of every month as cleanup drive day here.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong signed Executive Order 38-2019, issued on August 1, institutionalizing the city-wide cleanup drive that was

first done on July 27. In an interview Tuesday, Magalong said the move is to not just regain cleanliness of the city but also to prevent illnesses caused by dirty surroundings.

He said the cleanup drive was a clamor from the public who saw the need for a collaborated effort from all sectors.

"A lot of people joined and we saw the relevance

of the activity that is why we are adopting it as a regular activity in the whole of Baguio," Magalong said.

Aside from the EO, Memorandum 222 also directed officials in the 128 barangays to participate and mobilize the organizations to serve as

multipliers in the cleanup drive.

He said participation of barangay officials was crucial in the campaign because it would generate the needed support from residents.

Aside from the monthly conduct of a

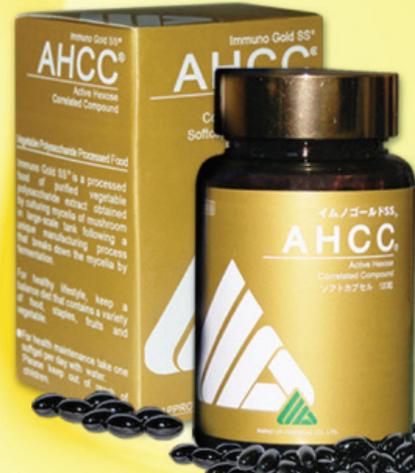
15 years old and below having garnered 85

city-wide cleanup campaign, the city government also institutionalized the Search for Cleanest and Dirtiest Barangays, with the judging done year-round to ensure the sustainable implementation of clean and green programs.

Baguio City used to reap awards for being one of the **Cont. on page 7**

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