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## DOTC Strengthens Anti-Colorum Drive



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BAGUIO CITY - Regional Director Celina Claver of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) announced continuing efforts to crackdown colorum vehicles in the Cordillera.

Claver said that their office continue to carry out different strategies in order to prevent the increase of numbers of colorum vehicles particularly taxis with expired franchise. She said their monitoring is abrupt and sometimes they conduct it during night time in different locations.

She admitted that DOTC lack personnel to do enforcement so DOTC has deputized police force whose deputization has to be renewed every three months

"Majority of our enforcers now are job contracts. We are forced to hire job orders because if we don't hire there is no enforcement."

"Colorum vehicles are those vehicles which franchises are already expired and are yellow plated, **Cont. on page 10**

*Madam Director Claver , tutuhanan ba yan sabi ninyo? Walang LOKOHAN ha!?!?*

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## 20-40 Years for Carnappers – Special Body to Combat Robbery Cases in the City Urged

Senator Chiz Escudero is seeking stiffer penalties of up to 40 years imprisonment against carjackers in a bid to stop the string of car thefts in the country.

The senator said penal provisions had rendered the existing law inutile in the face of the series of carjacking and had allowed criminal syndicates to carry out the criminal activity with ease.

Escudero, chairman of the Senate committee on justice and human rights, has filed a bill increasing the penalty for carjacking to a minimum of 20 years to 30 years if the offense was committed without violence and intimidation.

When carjacking is committed by means of violence against a person, Escudero wants

a jail term of 30 years to a maximum of 40 years.

Under the current penal provision of Republic Act No. 6539, carjackers face a minimum of 14 years to a maximum of 17 years jail term, and 17 to 30 years imprisonment if the crime is committed by means of force or violence.

As such, it falls short of the minimum period for *reclusion perpetua*, which is at least 20 years and one day, a requisite to deny bail as a right under the above cited constitutional provision to be present.

"The criminal minds are no longer deterred by our penal code. Under the current law, the accused is entitled to post a bail as a matter of right. The crime has become very lucrative for these carjackers that they can just eas-

ily shell out money to post bail and walk scot-free," Escudero pointed out.

The senator explained that once the minimum penalty is increased to 20 years and one day, it will satisfy the period covered by *reclusion perpetua*.

According to Escudero, strengthening the penal provision for carjacking would also deter the proliferation of other crimes.

"Logically and naturally, you will not use your own vehicle if you plan to commit a crime. Gunrunners, robbers, drug traffickers have always been found to use a get-away vehicle snatched from other innocent individuals," the senator said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

## Use of Protective Gears in the Workplace Urged

BAGUIO CITY – Soon, workers in the city will be mandated to use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the workplace.

The city council is considering a proposed ordinance authored by Councilor Richard Carino for this purpose.

In his proposal, Carino said employers need to be aware of their responsibility to insure a safe and secure environment for their employees.

"There are risks

involved to the life and health of the employees. The threat of physical harm coming from performing one's duty is always palpable and sometimes fatal. Even exposure to hazardous element is a regular thing in the performance of their duties," he said.

"Determining and supplying the proper protective equipment is also the employer's responsibility," he said.

The measure intends to cover all employers and employ-

ees engaged in hazardous or non-hazardous occupation.

It spells the responsibilities of both the employers and employees in establishing and maintaining a safe and healthful work environment to ensure the greatest possible protection of employees in the work place.

In general, employers are responsible for: performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards;

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## Lawmaker Summons MRT, LRT for Full Audit Report on Non-Rail Revenues

Amid plans to raise metro rail fares, Senator Chiz Escudero wants the

Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and the Light Rail Transit (LRT) to submit to the Senate the full details and accounting of their revenue sharing

from the advertisements and lease operations of the Metro Rail Transit

Corporation (MRTC) and the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA).

Escudero, chairman of the Senate justice and human rights committee, said these non-rail revenues can be tapped to subsidize the fare increases the government was planning to implement.

"If only the government gets its full collectibles from non-rail revenues, pressure to raise fare levels would be unloaded off its shoulder. From the way it looks now, there is a dismal proportion in

terms of revenue sharing realized from non-rail revenues between the government and the MRTC," Escudero said.

The MRTC, which operates the MRT, has been collecting and receiving income from ads and lease operations through its subsidiary, the MRT

Development Corporation (MRTDevCo).

The MRTC, however, failed to settle its outstanding debt to the government, which now runs to more than P1 billion.

"While it is true that the government needs to look for viable measures to address the huge subsidy, it continuously shoulders the costs of our rail transport system, and raising fares should not be the first option," Escudero said. "We have existing options that are just waiting to be explored. In this case,

rate.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier also expressed concern on the proliferation of petty crimes in the city despite police reports that said crimes had dwindled statistically.

City police director David Lacdan earlier assured that the city's crime situation "remains at a

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non-rail revenues should be maximized and utilized for fare subsidies.

Based on a study by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, the government at present subsidizes the fare of each commuter at P95.00 per day, or an annual subsidy of P23, 850 per rider.

The senator said the country should already be implementing what all rails in the world are doing: using non-rail revenues to subsidize fares.

A Japan Bank for International Co-operation study conducted in 2007 showed that non-rail revenues of MRT and LRT can still be improved by increasing the advertising rates and the retail tenant leased areas to deflect the fare hikes.

LRT's non-rail revenue share is only 2.6 percent of the total earnings.

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## Mayor Calls on Anti-Gambling Groups to Douse Jueteng Phoenix

BAGUIO CITY—Jueteng is back.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week called on the Baguio Inter-Denominational Council (BIDC) last week to once again aid government in stepping-up the drive against illegal gambling.

This, even as the illegal numbers game jueteng has reportedly resurfaced.

During the 'Ugnayan' press conference hosted by DZEQ 'Radio ng Bayan', January 26, he revealed he received information that operators of the 'in-again-out-again' poor man's 2-number pair lottery has once again started operations in Baguio.

BIDC is led by former councilor and pastor Galo Weygan and Baguio prelate Carlito Cenzon.

He said he received the information January 24 from unnamed sources and already called at-

tention of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), January 25, to apprehend those who are involved.

He quipped, "The fight against jueteng is not just BCPO's concern... the community should be involved by reporting the people behind the operations."

"Admittedly, operators of this illegal numbers game are getting stronger to the point of claiming they have connections with other highly-placed government officials."

"I challenge members of the BIDC to once again come out and help us in the drive to stop the entry of jueteng without letup," he added.

Domogan likewise revealed BCPO chief David Lacdan have formed teams for the government's anti-jueteng campaign.

Last August, Domogan formed "Task Force Jupiter", a multi-agency group against illegal gambling that apprehended 58-persons and over P9-thousand in bets in so short a time.

It could be remembered then that Domogan asserted jueteng and other forms of illegal gambling can only be stopped "if we have a collective effort" and that there is a "clear-cut order from the highest officials [to] the local government units and the police."

He said it is only when various sectors of society categorically says no that an illegal gambling-free situation can be achieved.

"For as long as somebody places a bet and he finds happiness in placing bets, gambling will never be stopped," he added. */ISL*

## Publisher Survives Attempt on Life

THE publisher-editor of **Ilo-ilosThe Daily Guardian** was attacked Wednesday night right in front of the paper's editorial office.

Lemuel Fernandez suffered a deep cut on the back of his head after an unknown attacker hit him from behind with a hard object while he was about to get into his car parked outside Viosils Arcade along M.H. del Pilar St. in Molo district.

According to executive editor Francis Allan Angelo, the incident happened around 9:30pm as they were both leaving the business and editorial offices after putting together the paper's Thursday issue. They were getting ready to leave and have late dinner before heading home.

Angelo was already inside his car when he heard Fernandez yelling for help. He immediately

got out of his car and assisted the publisher-editor whose head was already bleeding profusely.

Fernandez said his attacker, who escaped on foot toward the direction of Hotel Del Rio in Molo, was wearing a white shirt and maong shorts. Fernandez also noticed another man standing at the right corner near the Viosils parking area. Seeing that Fernandez was still standing, he ran towards the direction of UP Visayas.

Angelo also stressed that when he sought help from the security guard on duty, the guard was nowhere to be found. It was later learned that security guard Mike Sangines of Code One Security went to the restroom on the building's second floor when the

incident happened.

Angelo cannot pinpoint the angle behind the attack, but said it may be related to one of the issues the paper carried in the past or has been carrying since the New Year.

The incident was condemned by various media organizations including the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP-Iloilo), Iloilo City Hall Press Corps (ICHPC), Iloilo Capitol Press Corps (ICPC), Iloilo Police Defense Press Corps (IPDPC), Philippine Tri-Media Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PTMC), NUJP-Negros Occidental, and Negros Media Council for Press Freedom (NMCPF).

Meanwhile, the Police Regional Office (PRO-6) has created Task Force Guardian to investigate the incident.

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**TRIPPLE PARKING** - Knuckle-headed vehicle owners illegally park their vehicles even along the pedestrian crossing to the detriment of the public along Yandoc Street./By Bong Cayabyab

## P1.6 B Worth of Illegal Drugs Seized in CAR In 2010

BAGUIO CITY — A total of P1.6 billion worth of dangerous drugs were confiscated by operatives of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine National Police and other law enforcement units or groups in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) in 2010.

According to PDEA-CAR Acting Director Edgar Apalla, bulk of the confiscation was on the confiscated 7,601,433 pieces of full-grown marijuana plants valued the P1,520,286,600.00. This was followed by 846.78 kilos of dried marijuana leaves in brick form valued at P21,169,375.00; 329,555 pieces of marijuana seedling - P13,182,200.00; 431.60 kilos of plain, dried marijuana leaves - P10,789,986.75; 68 kilos of dried marijuana stalk - P8,500,000.00 and 43.31 grams of shabu-P259,869.60 are in; 1,400 grams of marijuana resin-P35,000.00; 1,370 grams of marijuana seed -P34,250.00; and PhP15,693.75 are in tablets and ampules of dangerous drug with accepted medical use.

Such illegal drugs were nabbed in 115 anti-drug opera-

tions, which involved 53 buy-busts or entrapments, 37 searches and seizures, 18 marijuana eradication, six warranted searches and one warranted arrest.

The operations also resulted in the pinning down of 93 pushers and 17 possessors of dangerous drug, one financier of illegal drug trade, and one cultivator of marijuana, or a total of 112 arrested persons, four of them minors. 94 of the arrested were men and 18 were women.

PDEA also bared that seven of the arrested drug law violators are in the Target List of Drug Personalities and 12 are in the Watch List. Eight are identified members of local drug groups. There was also one foreign national arrested.

A total of 86 drug-related cases were subsequently filed before the different prosecutor offices and courts all over the Cordillera Region.

Apalla also reported that during the 115 drug law enforcement operations, nine vehicles were impounded and 98 ammunitions, deadly weapons and firearms, and 31 communication equipment were confiscated as non-drug evidence.

Records show

that drug-supply-reduction accomplishments in the Cordillera Region from January 1 to December 31, 2010 had generally increased by 26.80% as compared to the same period in 2009.

Apalla believes that such achievement was brought about not only by the good intelligence work of various drug law enforcement units in the region, but also by a more informed, educated and responsive Cordillera communities against drug abuse, and illicit cultivation or manufacture, transport, distribution, prescription and sale of dangerous drugs.

PDEA-CAR had conducted 91 seminars, trainings, symposia and fora in schools, barangays and workplaces in 2010 reaching out to about 22,025 Cordillerans, mostly of youths and community leaders.

Complementing these drug-demand-reduction initiatives were numerous film showings, photo exhibitions, distribution of reading material, open houses, public destruction of dangerous drug, outreach programs, mass media activities, religious affairs, sports fests, green campaigns, participation in barangay fiesta, medical-dental missions, parades, among others./PDEA/PIA



## Correct Nameplates

"The beginning of wisdom is to call all things by their right names," a Chinese proverb says. Will that axiom help when talks between the Philippines and festering insurgencies, restart? Australian National University's Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet thinks so.

Facilitated by Malaysia, discussions between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and government resume in Kuala Lumpur February 9-10. Brokered by Norway, aborted peace talks with communist rebels restart in Oslo February 15 to 21.

"A Different View of Insurgencies" is sketched out by comparative politics professor Kerkvliet in the new "Philippine Human Development Report". Titled: "In Search of a Human Face", this book is co-published by Human Development Network and UN Development Programme.

## EDITORIAL

There've been seven PHDRs since 1994. They've covered themes from education to political institutions' impact on human development in the Filipino context.. "In Search of a Human Face" revisits earlier PHDRs.

Kerkvliet has written on extensively on topics ranging from the Huk rebellion to "Beyond Hanoi: Local Government in Vietnam". His essay focuses on the 2005 PHDR which dealt with "Human Security and Armed Conflict." Excerpts from his essay follow:

Government accounts, news reports and academic publications depict NPA fighting to establish a communist or socialist political economic system. Muslim insurgents are portrayed as seeking a "new nation, Bangsamoro, independent or at least autonomous from the Philippines, (that'd) be perhaps an Islamic state."

Is there hard evidence for these claims PHDR 2005 "does not show that communism, Islamic nationalism or any recognizable ideology, has much to do with the conflict's causes or objectives."

Poverty itself is not the cause for both communist and Muslim insurgencies, PHDR 2005's sophisticated probe concluded. But "deprivation and injustice lie at the heart of armed conflict"... These range from lack of water, health care to rural families having no or too little land...and being cheated of their fields."

From it's peak in the 1970s and 1980s, the Communist Party of the Philippines 'withered and splintered... A party evaluation showed signs of ideological superficiality. Mindanao's communism party building was notably weak..."

"Many new recruits joined not because they were attracted to Marxism (or Maoism), but to avenge personal, family or community tragedies caused by military abuses. Their objectives are better termed "reformist", rather than revolutionary.

Communist ideology is part of leaders' vocabulary. "But for most ordinary members, that is not the case" From Davao to Nueva Ecija, their ideological framework is systematic oppression of the many by a few in Philippine society

People Power overthrew the Marcos dictatorship while communists quarreled, in safe houses, over methods of struggle. These triggered internal pogroms ("Ahos" to "Cadena de Amor") that ended up in killing hundreds of CCP members. That sowed chaos in the party.

This shaky ideological scaffold shifted in the Cordilleras. For many NPAs in Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province, their fight was against "government initiated development projects that infringed on highlander's land, property, community-use rights. "The guerrilla movement evolved into a struggle for Cordellera identify..."

In recent years, some NPAs evolved a "kind of business enterprise that sells protection in exchange for money and other compensation. It's customers include corporations, gambling and drug syndicates, government agencies and large landowners. Extent of this gunslinging-for-hire remains to be documented.

PHDR showed extent of deprivation and injustice that hobble Muslim Filipinos. Their provinces are debilitated by the highest levels of penury and infant deaths. These interlock with lowest life expectancy and cellular educational attainment rates. "The dismal picture has not improved."

But there's patchy proof that Muslims "are driven by a Moro ideology or even a sense of Moro identity" Consider the ethnolinguistic make-up. Of the Muslim

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*RP is among the worst in the global peace index*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



A national paper reported that RP ranks 130<sup>th</sup> in the 2010 global peace index. We discuss here the details based on four annual reports of the Institute for Economics and Peace: 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

First, it must be emphasized that there were 149 countries that were evaluated. Out of 149 countries, the 130<sup>th</sup> ranking means that the Philippines belong to the bottom 20 countries of the world in which the peace situation is worst.

Second, New Zealand, Iceland, and Japan were ranked as the most peaceful countries of the world. Japan, the land of Yakuza, was rated as far more peaceful than the Philippines.

Third, even the former killing fields, Cambodia, is far more peaceful than the Philippines. Cambodia at the 111<sup>th</sup> has outranked the Philippines.

Fourth, Bangladesh, one of the countries of the world in which poverty rates are highest, has also outranked the country as the 87<sup>th</sup> most peaceful country of the world.

Fifth, several countries that are expected to be less peaceful than the Philippines have somehow overtaken the Philippines as more peaceful: Laos ranked 34<sup>th</sup>, and Vietnam ranked 38<sup>th</sup>.

Sixth, the world body on peace itself, the Institute for Peace and Economics pointed out that the Philippines has been deteriorating sharply in its peace situation. The Institute for Peace and Economics attributed the sharp fall in RP peace scores to elevated crime levels and internal disharmony.

Seventh, the Philippines is lumped with countries like Syria who are among the countries that have a deteriorating peace situation.

And eight, the deteriorating peace situation in the Philippines has been attributed by the Institute of Peace and Economics in 2010 to the following:

- fatalities caused by the Abu Sayyaf increased in 2009 from the 2008 level or to 163 from 82;
- insurgency from the New People's Army;
- high incidence of kidnap-for-ransom;
- escalating cases of homicide;
- and a high proportion of citizens in jail.

New Zealand, the country with the highest peace score (low number indicates high score, high number indicates low peace score) got a peace score of 1.188. The Philippines got a peace score of 2.574 while Iraq, the country with the lowest peace score, got a score of 3.406. Movies depict America as a country where crime syndicates are very strong and yet the United States has a peace score that is much higher than the Philippines at 2.056. Further, the United States is ranked as the 85<sup>th</sup> most peaceful country of the world versus the Philippine ranking of 130<sup>th</sup>. What makes the facts we have enumerated so appalling is that we Filipinos know that we are among the peace-loving peoples of this planet.

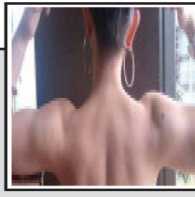
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## MOSH PIT

THE AX(is) ART  
PROJECT BAGUIO CITY

BY GRACE BANDOY



The 2011 Ipitik Festival will be featured during this year's Panagbenga Celebrations in cooperation also with NCCA's celebration of this year's International Arts Festival. The Ipitik will highlight numerous cultural and artistic events at the Burnham Rose Garden starting from February 20 to the 1st week of March.

Local and visiting artists will showcase different art performances and exhibits like film showings, song and dance performances and other art exhibits.

One of the highlights of the said festival is the AX(is) ART PROJECT, described below:

## Group description:

A Radical solution an accident waiting to happen.

Access to art should go beyond those already active in the art community. The responsibility of moving art works into the awareness of the general public in Baguio, therefore rests on us local artists. Thus the AXis Arts festival is designed to inspire community involvement that is total and not exclusive. This is a declaration that art is relevant in all walks of life.

As vehicles for the perpetuation of Baguio's unique hybrid culture, local artists will spearhead Art happenings in Public spaces throughout the city. Visiting artists will also come from different parts of the country, as well as other parts of the world. We encourage collaboration beyond the realm of visual arts by including film, performance, music, installation and literature.

A colorful tent constructed collectively from used clothing (ukay-ukay) will serve as the hub of the festival. Although a bulk of the AXis events will be centered in this tent and its surroundings, happenings will reach out to other barangays. The essential navigation guide will be an Art Map connecting the various venues and activities.

Besides encouraging the use of public spaces for artistic expressions, AXis will be opening artists' studios to the general public. Hopefully the intimate face-to-face interaction will allow artistic inspirations to spill over into the public for whom we make our art.

The festival will culminate hopefully, in a totem pole to be carved from the oldest tree in Baguio (It died recently after its estimated 600 years of giving shade to Benguet oldtimers and tourists.) The 12-meter tall sculpture by Cordilleran carvers, an homage to our beginnings and a reminder of our responsibility to our environment. In this light we hope this celebration of art will be a catalyst for communication which leads to a creative change within the community.

Go to AX(is)ART PROJECT BAGUIO CITY: look for them on facebook

358 Nurses To Be Deployed in CAR  
Under The RN Heals Program

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), is set to hire 10,000 unemployed nurses nationwide for training deployment on government hospitals and Rural Health Units (RHUs), under the Registered Nurses for Health Enhancement and Local Service (RN HEALS) program.

DOH-CAR Regional Director Myrna Cabotaje the Cordillera gets an initial allocation of 358 slots which shall be distributed as follows, Benguet with 85, Ifugao – 92, Kalinga- 37, Abra - 67 and Mountain Province -77.

Cabotaje explained that the project aims to make essential health services available to the Filipino people and to help unemployed workers to gain work related experience.

'The project aims to help our unemployed nurses gain work related experience as qualified beneficiaries of the project will be deployed for a six months training in a government hospital and another six months to Rural Health Units (RHUs). They will be given a training certificate after they finish the program.

It also aims to address the issue that some of our nurses even need to pay some hospitals just to have a training experience,' Cabotaje said.

The nurses will be receive a monthly stipend of P8,000 and Local Government Units (LGUS) are also encouraged to provide

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JUETENG NANAMAN !!!  
Mga Lasengong Tanod !?!

BY : KENSHI



**MGS INUTIL NA OPISYALES** - Pasensya na kayo mga dear readers at mukhang na —uubos na ang aking pasensya dito sa ating mga opsyales, kabilang dito ay si Mayor Mauricio Domogan at P/Sr. Supt David Lacdan. Bagamat pareho silang nagsasabi na ayaw nila at hindi nila papayagan ang Jueteng [lalo na itong si Mayor Domogs magaling lang sa kiao-kiao na ayaw daw nya ng Jueteng, magaling lang sa praise release] eh bakit nakaka umpisa pa rin ng operations ang jueteng. Lumalabas na talagang **INUTIL** at hindi ginagalang itong si Mayor Domogs at CD Lacdan. Kaya sa dakong ito ay nais kong bigyan ng pabala ang dalawang opisyales na ito na walang magagaw ang anu man praise release at kiao-kiao na inyong ginagawa. Ang kailangan naming ay konkretong aksyon at hindi lang panay kiao-kiao na kung saan ay master kayo sa puros salita. Sa mga darating na araw at hindi pa ninyo ma — ipatigil ang operasyon ng jueteng, maka aasa kayo na

mangunguna ako sa pagsampa ng reklamo laban sa inyo sa opisina ng Ombudsman este Ombudsman, at idedenonunce ko rin kayo sa DILG etc...Tiganan sa baba ng kolum na ito ang ilan mga litrato higil sa patuloy na operasyon ng jueteng.

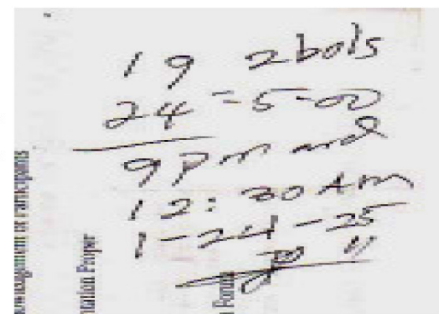
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**MGALASENGO AT BIOLENTE NATANOD**— Ayon sa ilan natin very reliable sources, ito raw si Kapitan Emmanuel Cabe na Punong Barangay ng Barangay Ferdinand kung saan naka base ang opisina ng Pahayagang ito ay kumuha ng mga Tanod na EX CONVICT [ayos lang naman ang ex-con basta reformist na ], LASENGO at BIOLENTE at lantaran nag iinuman sa gilid ng kalsada na malapit lang sa Barangay Hall. Ano kaya ang nagyari ditto kay Kap Cabe at naisipan nyang kumuha ng ga Tanod na ganitong klase. Kap Cabe —may problema ka ba ??? Pang psywar mo ba ito sa inyong mga residente na bwisit na bwisit na sa iyong mga tanod !!



Tayaan sa Dangwa Bus Station

Patunay na pag  
taya ng ating  
impormante

Tayaan sa Kayang St. duon sa naka  
tuldok na kulay red.



# 1st-APLUMA!

## Sound economy good crime deterrent

IT's a good thing that President Aquino did not join the bandwagon calling for the revival of the death penalty for heinous crimes, after the gruesome deaths of two car dealers.

The President stressed during an interview that he is not keen on reviving capital punishment, saying that the country's imperfect justice system may lead to the conviction of the wrong person.

P-Noy is correct in saying that the clock cannot be turned back if an innocent person is executed. Hindi mo na mabubuhay pa ang taong binitay na walang kasalanan.

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In a study conducted in the United States involving some police chiefs and other law enforcement agencies, it was revealed that they do not believe that the death penalty has any deterrent effect on individuals who commit violent crimes.

The officers rank the death penalty last as a way of deterring or preventing violent crimes. They ranked it behind many other forms of crime control including reducing drug abuse and use, lowering technical barriers when prosecuting, putting more officers on the streets, and making prison sentences longer.

They responded that a better economy with more jobs would lessen crime rates more than the death penalty. In fact, only one percent of the police chiefs surveyed thought that the death penalty was the primary focus for reducing crime.

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Many are saying that the "eye for an eye" rule should be used on hardened individuals who commit heinous crimes.

But how about Jesus Christ's "let those who do not sin cast the first stone?"

Mas maganda siguro na pagdusahan na lang ng isang kriminal ang kanyang pagkakasala sa bilangguhan kung saan araw-araw niyang nanaising mamatay dahil sa hirap.

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Death penalty is not the solution here. In order for the justice system to work, the four pillars of justice should be implemented properly.

First, laws should be enforced properly without fear or favor. Authorities should not be beholden to anyone because above the law.

Second, offenders should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Third, the judicial system should be cleansed so as to assure that justice to the victims will be served.

Fourth, an effective correction system that will rehabilitate offenders.

We have so many existing laws to deter these crimes. They should be followed to the letter and not implement a quick-fix but unproven solution.

I rest my case. React: [esns03@yahoo.com](mailto:esns03@yahoo.com)

## "Pabaon" Probe Should Extend to all Former Chiefs of Staff

The Senate blue ribbon committee should extend its current investigation to all former chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to determine if the "pabaon" practice has been going on for a long time, Senator Chiz Escudero said today.

This after a retired lieutenant revealed in yesterday's Senate hearing that former AFP chief of staff Angelo Reyes received a P50-million

post. Rabusa said he brought the money to Reyes together with then military comptroller, Lt. Gen. Jacinto Ligot.

"I urge the blue ribbon committee to seriously look into this matter. It should include former chiefs of the AFP because if this is really an ongoing tradition, it must be nipped in the bud," Escudero said.

"It is an outright mockery of justice that while soldiers who really fight

"sendoff" gift, or what's commonly known in the military circle as "pabaon". On top of that, Reyes was said to have received a monthly take of at least P5 million during his 20-month stint as chief of staff.

Retired Lt. Col. George Rabusa had admitted into delivering the money amounting to P50 million to Reyes' quarters in Camp Aguinaldo in 2001, the year when the late retired from his

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

### Panagbenga 2011 signs on!

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATION:** "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God..." (Romans 13:1-2, the Holy Bible).

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**'PANAGBENGA 2011' SIGNS ON:** The annual flower festival in Baguio City called "Panagbenga" will officially start February 1, 2011, and will last until March 6, 2011, a dispatch from the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc., coursed through veteran Ilocano newsman Larry Madarang, said.

Those interested to see Baguio City and its beautiful and breathtaking flowers all a-bloom, in this annual event that has made Baguio famous the world over, must know that for more than 30 days this year, they can go up to the Philippines' summer capital and enjoy themselves with flowers and the city's hospitality.

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### CALOOCAN RELEASES RPT SHARE OF BARANGAYS:

Our informants at the Caloocan City Hall told us that the city's barangay captains and their constituents are now having a belated celebration of Christmas 2010 or, perhaps, are having an advanced celebration of Christmas 2011.

This is because City Hall apparently now found it in its heart to release to the city's barangays their share from the real property tax collections dating from around 2005 or so—obviously as an aftermath of the case filed by Grace Park, Caloocan City barangay captain Jerrboy Mauricio, a nephew of mine, against the city's Liga ng mga Barangay President, Ricojudge "RJ" Echeverri, a son of the city mayor, before the Ombudsman.

The fund releases should now push barangay projects that have been put on hold because of lack of funds, and should be a stark reminder to City Hall authorities that it does not pay withholding funds which the law earmarked for the barangays.

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### BOMBING PART OF DESTABILIZATION PLOT:

Abu Sayaf's handiwork or not, the bombing of a passenger bus in Makati City this week seems to indicate that there is an on-going effort to destabilize the Aquino government and picture it as an inept and ineffective administration not worthy of the people's support.

It would seem the objective in the bombing, and in all the other heinous crimes occurring in the country in succession with an almost deadly precision prior to it, is to take away the continuing high trust rating President Aquino is enjoying at the moment.

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**GREATEST IRONY OF ALL:** The question is this: why would someone attempt to diminish the trust of the people in the President? To make it easier to remove him from office?

If this is the objective, then it is going to be the greatest irony of all, because if he is successfully removed, that is actually allowed under the 1987 Constitution which was enacted during the time of the President's mother, President Corazon Aquino, by virtue of the so-called "people power" provisions, which allows the people and their organizations to meddle with a presidency and replace it with another one.

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hard die in the field, their officials swim in cash while cooling their heels inside their air-conditioned offices," he added.

Escudero, chairman of the Senate defense and security committee, also wanted to probe the other officers involved in slashing funds in order to come up with a slush fund for distribution to ranking officials and outside recipi-

ents. Rabusa said almost a billion was pooled from the "provisions for command directed activities" (PCDA) fund and

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*Linis Gobyerno*

## ATTENTION LTO HEAD-ASEC. VIRGINIA TORRES, LTO REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGION 1 – PATRICIO P. URMZA



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*Makikita sa larawang ito si Mr. Edgar Felix [in white t-shirt] na siyang nagsasagawa ng inspection of motorcycle. Alam ba ng taong ito ang kanyang ginagawa? Ngunit higit pa sa aspeto ng kaalaman, mayroon ba siyang kinaukulang ligal na autoridad para magsagawa ng ganitong tungkulin ?*

## Mayor Orders Closure ff City's Major Roads for Panagbenga Celeb

BAGUIO CITY – several roads in the city's Central Business District (CBD) will be temporarily closed come February and March during the holding of the much awaited Flower Festival here.

The move is to ensure the public's access to view the crowd drawing events lined up during the Panagbenga celebrations.

The South drive Teachers Camp gate to Military Cut-off rounda to Lower Session Road and the whole stretch of Session Road and Harrison Road will be closed to vehicular traffic on February 1 for the Panagbenga opening parade, February 26 for the grand street parade and February 27 for the Grand float parade from 4 am to 1 pm.

The Lake drive will be closed from February 1 to march 6 for the

## Regulated 'Parking' ordered anew

BAGUIO CITY – City mayor Mauricio Domogan Monday expressed concern over traffic woes that might arise for the incoming crowd drawing activities in the city.

He pointed out city and barangay streets have been converted as private parking spaces for motorists even at night.

The mayor said 'parked vehicles in

certain areas within the Central Business District (CBD) is causing major traffic problems which needs to be resolved the soonest'.

'The parked vehicles impedes the flow of traffic most especially during rush hour', he stressed.

The mayor also cited the need to implement appropriate measures to ease the expected occur-

rence of traffic jams more particularly along business and commercial centers with the expected influx of foreign and domestic tourist coming to the city.

Major activities like the flower Festival, PMA Alumni homecoming, graduation, Holy Week and summer vacation rakes in tourists who usually come in the comfort of their vehicles adding



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**nagaganap. Ang tanong nga lang ay marami nga b a n g korapsyon ang s i y a n g nagaganap sa tanggapan na ito ?**

**Gng. Marilou C. Gapuz, pinuno ng LTO Naguilian Extension Office**

## Number Coding Scheme Suspended Anew

BAGUIO CITY – City Mayor Mauricio Domogan this week approved the suspension of the number coding ordinance following the expected arrival of foreign and local tourists for the Flower Festival celebrations here.

"There is a need to suspend the implementation of the number coding ordinance to cater to the needs of visitors who will flock the city with their respective families to spend an uninterrupted break", Domogan said.

The number coding suspension is slated from January 31 to March 4 or a span of 33 days covering private vehicles only.

The mayor said visitors will enjoy more if they can go around the various tourist spots and business areas in the comfort of their vehicles.

The city is also expecting more visitors this year including those attending the Alumni Homecoming of the Philippine Military Academy on February 17 to 20.

The suspension is anchored on City Ordinance No. 1 Section 6 as amended by City Ord. No. 103 series of 2008 which allows the suspension of the number coding scheme in major activities and events sponsored or co-sponsored by the city government. / paulrillorta

to the now congested streets.

'Traffic situation in the city will surely get worst especially in the CBD which will cause inconvenience to the motoring public and pedestrians alike', he

said.

With this, Domogan directed the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to strictly implement Administrative Order No. 4 series of 2007 "prohibiting the parking of vehicles

along Session Road from 6:00am to 9:00am and from 4:00pm to 7:00pm commencing on Monday, January 31.

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A G O S T O  
C O L L A D O  
DAGOYEN JR.,  
*Petitioner,*

versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR  
OF LA TRINIDAD  
BENGUET,  
*Respondent.*

SPECIAL  
PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO. 10-C-  
1666

FOR:

CANCELLATION  
OF THE FIRST  
DELAYED  
CERTIFICATE OF  
LIVE BIRTH

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ORDER

**Petitioner,**  
Agosto Collado  
Dagoyen, Jr., through  
counsel, filed a verified petition averring that;

1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino and a resident of Lot 4, Block 1, West Quirino Hill, Baguio City, Philippines where he may served with summons and other court processes;

2. The respondent, Office of the Local Civil Registry which is herein represented by its Local Civil Registrar and the Office of the National Statistics Office is hereto impleaded in its official capacity as the custodian of the records of the certificate of Live Birth of herein petitioner;

3. That petitioner was born on June 29, 1978 in Tubo, Abra and the facts of his birth have been duly registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Tubo, Abra.xxx;

4. When his parents transferred residence in La Trinidad, Benguet, they registered his facts of birth in La Trinidad, Benguet so that he will have a certificate of live birth to present.xxx;

5. However in order to correct the erroneous place of birth and facts of birth of herein petitioner, his birth was again registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Tubo, Abra where he was actually born. Such facts were the ones he had been using in all his records including his Certificate of Marriage, xxx passport, xxx, among others;

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, an order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office to cancel and expunge from their records the Certificate of Live Birth of Agosto Dagoyen, Jr., on file with their office.

Finding the Petition sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course.

This case is set for hearing on 25 February 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, at which time, date and place, the petitioner shall present evidence in support of his petition. Any person interested in the matter may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner for at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Benguet. The last publication shall not be later than February 13, 2011.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order and the Petition and its annexes be furnished the following: the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Civil Registrar of the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet; and, the National Statistics Office.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN  
CHAMBERS, 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 2011  
at La Trinidad,  
Benguet.

By: (SDG) DANILO  
P. CAMACHO  
Judge

**Publication Dates:**  
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**February 5, 2011**

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LINDA GOLOCAN,  
*Mortgagee,*

-versus-

CARMEN N.  
ESTOLAS,  
*Mortgagor.*

FORECLOSURE  
CASE NO. 11-245-S

FOR

EXTRA JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE

UNDER ACT 3135,  
as amended.

SHERIFF'S  
NOTICE OF  
AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135, as amended filed by LINDA GOLOCAN, herein-after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of CARMEN N. ESTOLAS, herein-after referred to as the MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 5, 2006 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND P E S O S (P430,000.00), Philippine Currency, excluding accumulated interest after January 5, 2006 up to the present, attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the fore-

closure proceedings, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on February 23, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the real property/properties together with all improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

ASSESSMENT  
OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 01-07005-021748

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Baguio City,  
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Department of Transportation and Communications  
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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

BENJAMIN RIMANDO  
Applicant

Case No: 2001-0434

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: FROM AND TO THEIR RESIDENCES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL W/IN BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on February 14, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Paochal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 by 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 CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

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

ANICIA GO  
Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0630

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 21st day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

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

ROMEO D. LOPEZ  
Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0819

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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This application shall be acted upon by 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 CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 6th day of December 2010.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV



## DOTC Strengthens Anti-Colorum Drive..from page 1

and Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) which are operating without franchise and are green plated."

Other colorum vehicle includes taxi units which were dropped from the service due to out-modeled units and are still operating on the streets.

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AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**FERNANDO CONG-O**  
Applicant  
Case No: 91-CAR-216

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BAKAKENG NORTE / SUR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on February 14, 2011 at 9:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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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 by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidence submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

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

**PROEBE DIWAG**  
Applicant  
Case No: 2000-BC-067

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ATOK TRAIL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on February 21, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 26th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

## Use of Protective Gears

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Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees; training employees in the use and care of the PPE; maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE; and periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program.

The employees in turn should: properly wear PPE, attend training sessions on PPE, care for, clean and maintain PPE, and inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE.

The proposed penalties for violation are fines amounting to P2,000 for employers who fail to issue PPEs to their employees and P1,000 for employees who fail to wear PPEs.

The proposal will be tackled on second reading by the city council soon./A Refuerzo

## The Peace Combatant

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Except for Lapu-Lapu and his people, we have welcomed the Spaniards and we have been good to Americans. We are known to be a hospitable people.

We are probably not as materialistic as many Americans and probably we are just as peace-loving as the New Zealander and the Japanese, especially so because we had initiated a World War II. Thus, it is unfortunate that we have a peace score that is among the worst. Is poverty the main reason why we don't have high peace scores? Probably not because we have better poverty figures than Bangladesh and, yet, unfortunately, we belong to the lower peace category than Bangladesh.

In short, there is a comfortable space for proving our peace scores.

(The author can be contacted through artboquiren2040@yahoo.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

## 358 Nurses to be Deployed

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additional allowances and benefits worth at least P2,000 for these nurses. PhilHealth and the Government Service Insurance System are also being tapped to provide group insurance to the nurses while private corporations are encouraged to chip in through their available resources.

Cabotaje explained that in line with the P-Noy administration to converge all its social programs targeting the indigent families and the poorest communities in the country, nurses under the RN HEALS program will be deployed to DSWD pre-identified communities which are also beneficiaries of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program of the government.

According to Emy Ferrer of DOLE-CAR, as of Monday there are already 35,000 nurses nationwide who applied for the program. Application for the said program is done online or through the DOLE website [www.dole.gov.ph](http://www.dole.gov.ph) and deadline of application will be on February 4. DOLE will short list the applicants based on the program's criteria.

Ferrer stressed that applicants with no working experience and job related trainings will be given priority as well as those who residents or located to the municipalities

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**TEODORO RESPONDE - Assignor**  
**SUSANA RESPONDE - Assignee**  
Applicant

Case No: 99-01-2564

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for approval of ASSIGNMENT of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on February 7, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 17th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

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**MARILYN MARTINEZ**  
Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-1434

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - FERNANDINO SUBD. (IRISAN) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on February 14, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 21st day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

## Mayor orders Closure

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conduct of the Market Encounter and Landscaping contest.

Starting February 28 midnight to March 6, the whole stretch of Session Road (from SM rotunda to Mercury Drug of Malcolm Square) including roads and backstreets intersecting Session Road, Gov. Pack Road, Calderon Street, Assumption Road, Fr. Carlu Loop, Perfecto Street and Malcolm Square will also be closed to vehicular traffic for the conduct of the Session road in Bloom.

The loading and unloading of passengers for Victory Liner buses will be at the Baguio Convention Center grounds on February 1, 26 and 27 at 5am to 12 pm.

'This will ensure unobstructed use of Upper Session Road as assembly point for the participants of the Panagbenga opening parade, grand street parade and grand float parade', Domogan said.

Re-routing schemes for affected Public Utility Vehicles (PUV's) will be implemented by the Baguio City Police Office Traffic Management Branch for the duration of said activity.

Meanwhile, in a separate AO, Domogan also ordered the suspension of classes for elementary and secondary levels for both private and public schools come February 1 while classes for the college level is suspended on February 26./paulrillorta

covered by the Health Facilities Enhancement Program of DOH and Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or the Conditional Cash Transfer of the DSWD.

The list of successful applicants with their area of assignments shall also be posted online at the DOLE website./( Lito Dar /PIA CAR)



**Publisher Survives Attempt****... from page 3**

Fernandez was discharged from St. Paul's Hospital Thursday afternoon after receiving medical treatment.

He said he is not pinpointing anybody "because we have no evidence".

"Since the attacker was not identified and arrested, we cannot make any speculations as to the real motive of the mastermind," he said.

He assured that the paper will not waver in its avowed mission and vision in serving the ends of journalism./ **Tara Yap/TDG/PNS**

**Special Body to Combat****... from page 2**

manageable level" as police records showed that all crimes, both index and non-index, along with the city's Average Monthly Crime Rate (AMCR) decreased but he admitted that although the number decreased, robbery cases have "remained alarming" necessitating immediate counter measures.

In the resolution, the city council said there is a need to create a special body to break the trend especially since major tourist activities are up for staging in the city and hordes of tourists and vacationers are expected to come up to the city in the coming months.

"In the advent of Panagbenga, school graduations and Holy Week celebrations, tourists, both local and foreign, would be trooping to Baguio" and the danger of their becoming victims of these crimes would be present, Bilog said.

"The (police) must fast-track the investigations and give special attention to these incidents in order to impede the increasing incidents of robberies and theft," he added.

He said that to achieve this, the police need "to create a special task force which be composed of trained and specialized police officers who shall study and investigate the (matter)."

The measure also calls of the submission of a report on robbery and theft cases that were investigated and solved and number of persons apprehended on a monthly basis.

In calling for the PRO-COR reinforcement, the body said the hordes of tourists expected to come to the festivities would be too much to handle for the undermanned city police force and more personnel would be needed during these occasions to ensure the safety of the visitors and avoid mishaps.

Mayor Domogan earlier expressed confidence that despite the alarming situation, the city police is on top of the situation and is doing its best to curb the incidents.

Lacdan earlier said that an anti-crime offensive is in the works to stem the tide of robbery cases dubbed "BCPO Implan 26.2010" or the Crime Prevention Strategic Plan which spells out counter measures and tactics to boost crime prevention in the city.

The strategy is anchored on beefing up intelligence operations, improving personnel movement, implementing a 12-hour service among operatives, increasing police visibility and mobility among others.

Domogan also directed the activation of peacekeeping units in the barangay level to assist in preventing and responding to crime incidents in their areas of responsibility.

He said the citizens should also do their share by pursuing the filing of cases against petty criminals to give them a lesson. — A Refuerzo

**Lawmaket Summons MRT, LRT****... from page 2**

Whereas in neighboring countries, their light rail systems get more than 20 percent of the non-rail revenues.

Escudero has been pushing for a congressional inquiry to determine ownership and full operational control of MRT 3 so that proper steps could be taken on how to deal with fare subsidies, among others./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

**Panagbenga opens Feb.1****... from page 12**

Board of Trustees and later to barangay officials for planting on available spaces.

Other events that would take place are: Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom painting event at Melvin Jones, Feb. 12; Pre-Valentine Event and Fluvial Float Parade at the Burnham Lake, Feb. 13; Grand Street Parade, from Session road to Athletic Bowl, Feb. 26; Grand Float Parade, Feb. 27; Session Road in Bloom, Feb. 28 to March 6; Pony Boys' Day at the Athletic Bowl, March 2; and Grand Closing Ceremony at the Athletic Bowl while the Fireworks Display shall be done around the city on March 6, Sunday.

Interested individuals as to additional flower festival activities could inquire from the Panagbenga Secretariat Office at the BCBV bldg., Burnham Park, tel. no. (074) 442-4315 and (074) 442-4088; or email address: [panagbenga.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:panagbenga.secretariat@gmail.com)./ [juliegfianza](mailto:juliegfianza)

**Editorial****.....from page 4**

population, Maranaos and Maguindanaos make up for a quarter each. About 9 percent are Yakans. Iranons make up 4 percent.

Despite years of appeals to Bangsamoro nationhood, insurgents and relatives identify themselves by their tribes. Moreover each group is often split "along clan, familial, generational cleavages as well as rivalry among leaders.

The Moro National Liberation Front is composed primarily of Tausugs Moro Islamic Liberation Front ranks are staffed by Maguindanaos. (Abu Sayyaf is really a "number of armed gangs) "Power rivalry is a prominent dynamic among armed insurgent Muslims....Underneath the Islamic veneer...is the stark reality that fuels the Muslim rebellion in Mindanao: economic and social exclusion.

Ordinary people – unemployed, with little social status, meager education and finances – join the MILF, driven by need....The rank and file (in the MILF) don't talk of preserving Islam but of military abuses and of their need for land and livelihood...The ideological gap between the leaders and rank and file is wide and palpable.

Calling these insurgencies "communist" and "Moro" encourages military responses. Talking about justice as the basis of these insurgencies emphasize reforms that lead to development that focus of people.

Gaps in current studies range from consequences of aging communist leadership to massive corruption of some Muslim leaders. But "In Search of a Human Face" helpfully underscores that "the beginning of wisdom is to call all things by their right names."/J.L.Mercado

**"Pabaon" Probe Should****... from page 6**

"savings" from the personnel services budget of the military.

"These former officers have a lot to answer for because if what Col. Rabusa is saying is true, that is not only graft and corruption that is definitely technical malversation," the senator pointed out.

The senator said the testimony of the colonel should be reduced to an affidavit or if his testimony was made under oath, it should immediately be used to file a plunder complaint against Reyes.

"The 'I cannot remember' answer of Secretary Reyes was not an outright denial in spite of the categorical accusation. If it were totally untrue, he'd be defending himself to his teeth," he said.

According to Escudero, it was appalling to learn that the excesses of these military officials account for the decrepit supplies of the soldiers who are really in the line of fire and are actually fighting.

"Now we don't have to wonder why we have defective arms in the military, why our soldiers are ill-equipped and why they are poorly-rationalized in the field: their officials have busied themselves fully arming their personal bank accounts," Escudero said./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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**ARSENIO COLCOL - Vendor**  
**ELIZABETH S. BELINO - Vendee**  
**Applicants**

**Case No: 2001-01-2034****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the approval of SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ - JITNEY Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ATOK TRIAL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on February 14, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

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**ARSENIO P. COLCOL**  
**Applicant**

**Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1262****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ - Jitney Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ATOK TRIAL BRGY. and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of January 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV



## MGD sees 'Juvenile Law' Amendment as Salvation from Petty Crimes, Violence

**BAGUIO CITY** – Despite decrease in criminality rate in the city in year 2010, mayor Mauricio Domogan last week announced he is supporting efforts to amend the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act (RA 9344).

During the City Hall flag-raising ceremony, January 24, he said criminality rate in the city can be reduced further with the amendment of RA 9344.

He said, "Up-surge of reported crimes involving children leaves us with only one logical conclusion: the application of RA 9344 is inapplicable to our cultural backdrop."

Physical injuries continue to top crimes against persons with 1,792-cases in 2009 albeit being reduced to 1,409-cases in 2010.

On the other hand Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) reported 1,200-theft

cases in 2010 as compared to the previous year's 1,792.

Without saying kids are involved in the commission of the city's top-2 crimes, Domogan expressed fears more kids are getting involved in the commission thereof.

He revealed during his stint in Congress, he has been pushing for review of RA 9344.

"Hopefully," he added, "Congress could now see that instead of protecting our kids from crimes, the same law has in fact emboldened them to commit the same."

RA 9344 is a virtual reproduction of Western juvenile laws. Penned by Senator Francis Pangilinan who received much criticism for the measure, it was signed into law in 2007.

The law provides, kids 15 years of age and under at the time of the commission of an act or

omission are generally exempt from criminal liabilities.

Pundits claim they are regarded as 'acting without discernment', even if they knew the consequences of their actions for as long as they are within the age of infancy provided by the statute.

As such, kids 15-year-old and below can commit a crime and walk away from possible prison terms otherwise provided in penal laws.

Before passage of RA 9344, children over 9- but under 15-years of age can be held liable if found by the courts to have acted with discernment.

However, their liability is suspended and they are committed to a children's institution until they reach the age of emancipation – 18.

Domogan vowed to take up the matter with Baguio representative Bernardo Vergara./isl

## VS. Illegal

long to the Muslim community or an Igorot tribe, as long as you violate our laws by occupying and plying your trade along the sidewalks without any permit, then you are liable," the mayor stressed.

The mayor also appealed to the public to contribute to the campaign by not patronizing the products of these illegal vendors.

"If we buy their products, naturally they will multiply so let's do our share by buying only from our licensed and legitimate vendors," the mayor said./A Refuerzo

## The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



**"YOUNG FIRE FIGHTERS" - City Fire Marshal Richard Villanueva takes time out to give lecture and briefing to schoolchildren from Quezon Hill Day Care Center on fire safety and precautions./By Bong Cayabyab**

## Panagbenga opens Feb. 1

**BAGUIO CITY** – It's all systems go for Panagbenga 2011 as it opens February 1, Tuesday next week with a grand parade which doubles as streetdancing eliminations for elementary participants, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said last week.

The mayor made the pronouncement during the regular media Ugnayan as he invited the general public to watch and participate in the Baguio Flower Festival five-week activities.

The Panagbenga park along Camp John Hay gate shall be inaugurated at 7 AM before the parade which ends at the Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park. The Market Encounter and Landscaping exhibit at the Jose Abad Santos Drive, Burnham Park and Barangay beautification and landscaping contest starts on the same date, Feb. 1, and ends on March 6.

Mayor Domogan expressed hopes that with the support of the community, the 2011 government-led Baguio Flower Festival would be more improved and more

memorable as compared to those in the past.

Authentic dance numbers are expected during the streetdancing exhibition with the synchronized enhancement seminars conducted since last year for dance trainers and choreographers. The six Cordillera provinces shall be represented by contingents wearing costumes and performing corresponding dance steps, hand movements and over-all choreography with the ethnicized Panagbenga hymn. The addition of gongs and the solibao to the Panagbenga hymn is authorized by composer Dean Macario Fronda of Saint Louis University, it was learned.

The traffic number coding scheme has been suspended through an administrative order issued by the mayor starting Monday, Jan 1 up to March 4; the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) has the Public Safety Plan in place; additional manpower has been requested from the Police Regional Command; auxiliary and volunteer

groups have organized to help in the peace and order situation, parking spaces were assured for visitors; the Baguio Water District has assured of sufficient water supply for the city and according to the mayor, the committees assigned for each event has been working very hard to address the needs of locals and visitors alike. Businessmen along Session road have also expressed their desire to help in the conduct of the festival through beautification and sanitation of the area.

Local artists have also their own events: Ipitik, a wine brewing and tasting contest, as with a wood carving contest. Contingents from other areas, such as La Union and Pangasinan have also signified their intentions of joining the flower festival.

According to the mayor, every effort is centered on the theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> staging of the Panagbenga, "The Environment and Community in Harmony."

Seedlings shall also be distributed to the Panagbenga

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## More resolute stance up vending

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city will assume a more resolute stance to curb illegal vending in the city, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said on Wednesday.

The mayor said he has formed the anti-illegal vending task force anew to spearhead a more aggressive campaign to curb the proliferation of itinerant vendors along the sidewalks within the central business district.

Upon the mayor's directive,

lawmen last week enforced a crackdown against illegal vendors groups operating on the sidewalks along Session Road and rounded up a score of itinerant traders mostly from the Muslim community.

The mayor appealed to these vendors to stop their illegal trade to avoid brush with the law even as he assured that the city will observe fairness in the enforcement of its laws.

"There is no discrimination here. Whether you be-

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