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Baguio Regreening Movement to Fence Busol Watershed

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) will construct a perimeter fence to protect the Busol Watershed to further encroachment by illegal settlers.

According to Erdolfo Bajadia, chairman of BRM, a total amount of P32.8 million is needed to fence the watershed with a length of

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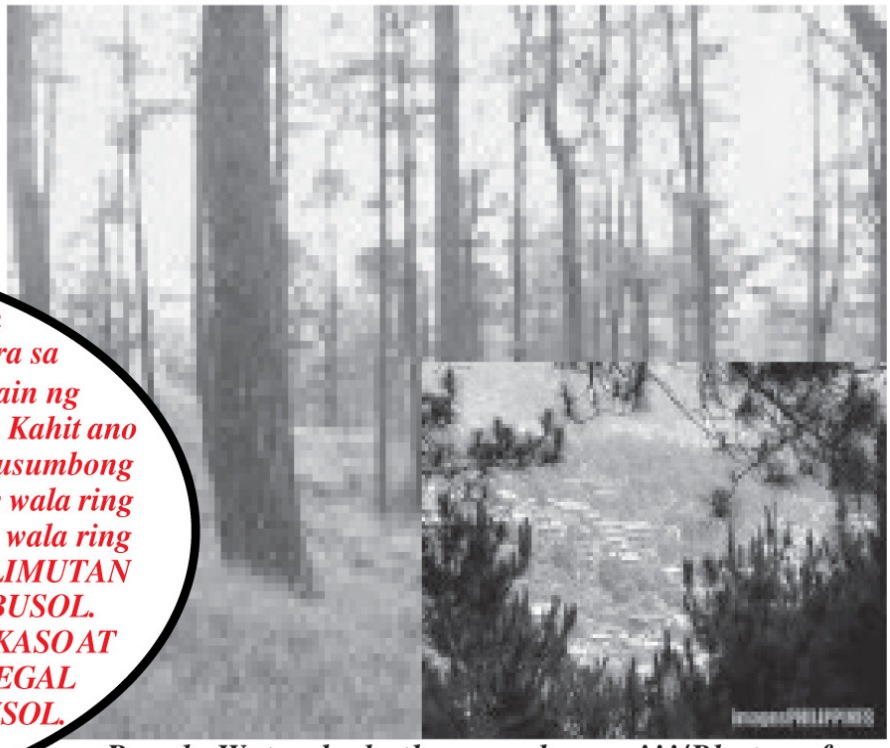
Ano na namang katarantaduhan ito at gagastusan ng P32 million para sa fencing ng Busol? Malaki-laking kikitain ng masuwerteng contractor ng bakuran na ito. Kahit ano pang bakod ang ilagay, kung walang magsusumbong ay wala rin at kung may magsusumbong ay wala ring effective prosecution at pagpapakulong eh wala ring Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM), KALIMUTAN NA NINYO KUNG PAG BABAKOD NG BUSOL. MAKAPAG PA KASO AT ING NG MGA ILLEGAL ATTERS SA BUSOL.



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BY: NESTOR CASTRO

Mayor Cautions Public on Sham Solicitations

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan this week cautioned the public from unscrupulous individuals representing his office and using his name to extract money and solicitations from businessmen.

This as reports reached his office that someone used his name in soliciting twenty thousand pesos from a mall here without his knowledge.

"Let me take this opportunity to tell our beloved businessmen that we do not solicit money or material things from our constituents," he said.

The incident was relayed to Domogan by Cooyesan Mall after a person called them asking for P20,000.00 in the guise of a solicitation for the Mayor.

"I appeal to our businessmen, if they receive any call using my name, do not give anything," Domogan said.

The cellphone number of the person who called the mall was traced by personnel of the Mayor's office and upon verification claimed that he is a certain Senior Superintendent Guttierez of Tarlac.

Domogan said, "the incident proves that there are people who prey on unsuspecting businessmen to get easy money using prominent people."

"We do not authorize anybody to ask money on our behalf, we respect our businessmen," he said./paul rillorta

CBA Lauds Signing of Bangsamoro Agreement

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) is one with the nation in celebrating the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

After 17 years of peace talks between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Philippine government, President Benigno S. Aquino III on Thursday led the signing of the CAB aimed at ending decades-long conflict that claimed the lives of hundreds of people in Muslim Mindanao.

This will pave the way for a new Bangsamoro autonomous political entity that will replace the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and will address various issues in the area such as poverty.

"We congratulate our Muslim leaders and the national government representatives for their patience and perseverance in this diplomatic approach of peacefully resolving the Mindanao issue in order to end the war and start a peaceful reconstruction and development in Southern Philippines." Sadanga, Mountain Province Mayor Gabino Ganggangan, Secretary General of the CBA, said in a press statement.

"It is a milestone in our nation's history that shall be remembered as a day when the whole country stood up for peace in the Southern Philippines, a hopeful attempt to finally resolve the four decades conflict in Mindanao that spelled hundreds if not thousands of Filipino lives," he added.

He also assured that the CBA shall stand with the Bangsamoro as they chart this track and shape a region that shall be a model of unity despite diversity of cultures. "A similar yet very unique track of the implementation of the CAB will more so be challenging," he said.

"As peace-loving Cordillerans also granted a chance on autonomy in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, we are one with the Bangsamoro in welcoming this new chapter for sustainable peace and development that shall bring into reality our collective aspiration for real national upliftment and development in the lives of our peoples."

In 2011, the Philippine government and the CBA-Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) signed an agreement towards the CPLA's final disposition of firearms and transformation into a socio-economic organization to continue achieve the spirit and goals of the September 13, 1986 Mount Data Sipat.

Challenges since mired its implementation, but these were overcome by the perseverance of the parties who saw the agreement as a chance towards meaningful change, a chance towards communities' engagement in governance reform, and a chance to give due respect to the many lives lost in the Cordilleran struggle for self governance and development.

The CAB is the final peace agreement between the GPH and MILF that will serve as basis for the drafting of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL). The BBL, once passed by Congress and upheld in a plebiscite in the proposed core territory, will formalize the entrenchment of the Bangsamoro political entity that will enjoy an enhanced political and fiscal autonomy./RMC-PIA CAR

Baguio City Goes Digital for Tourism

A the world of technology gets better, bigger and even smaller with just a touch or click of a button, the world that we are now is indeed getting smaller because of the social networking sites that we are now into.

That is why, the city government of Baguio in partnership with SMART Incorporated thru its public affairs department in cooperation with Innopub launched the first digital tourism markers in Luzon Monday March 24.

The digital markers open doors of technology in the tourism industry incorporating the use of Quick Response (QR) code and a near field communication chip that will allow local and foreign tourist to learn more about the history, heritage and culture of the place by just scanning the bar code installed in select locations of tourist spots around the city through their smartphones.

14 digital markers were installed in seven sites; 2 at the Botanical garden, 2 at the wright park, 2 at mines view park, 3 at the burnham park, 2 at the lourdes grotto and 2 at the diplomat hotel.

This are only just the beginning of the digital tourism trend, soon the city will also add markers at the camp john hay, PMA, Baguio Cathedral and in Session Road.

"if we want to be a city of the future, we have to embrace and ride the digital wave." Councilor elmer Datuin said.

The markers which is seen as a big step in enriching and upgrading the tourism industry in our city through technology is a boosts in coping with new trends of the global village.

Max Limpag, the co-founder of InnoPub and the brains in the project said, residents should take good care and preserve the markers as it contains the rich history of the city in the digital tourism era. /May Christine Grace Caoili/Intern

BFP Reiterates Warning Against Forest/Grass Fires

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) reiterates its call for community action against forest and grass fires with 35 incidents including two deaths already recorded in Cordillera region this year .

BFP – CAR Fire Safety Enforcement Section chief SFO2 Josesito Dollente reported that from January to present , a total of 54 fire incidents were already recorded in the region with 35 of them forest, grass and bush fires.

As per type of fire incidents, BFP record shows 20 were grass fires with Baguio registering most of the cases; followed by forest fires with 14 incidents – nine in Mountain Province, three in Abra and two in Baguio; one communal forest fire in Mountain Province, and two bush fire incidents in Baguio City.

BFP also recorded 12 structural fire incidents and two vehicular fires.

Dollente also reported two fatalities in forest/grass fires – Nelita Rojas of San Juan, Abra who died of first degree burn after being trapped by a wild grass fire inside her property last March 11, and Frank Tingowan of Sagada, Mountain Province who was also trapped in a mountain forest fire caused by un-attended burning of garbage last March 20.

Tingowan, according to Sagada Fire Marshal SFO3 Pascual Takayeng, was trying to retrieve a chainsaw he kept in the area when he got trapped by fire that razed at least two mountain slopes with about 10 hectares area.

With the onset of summer which is expected to further dry up grasses especially in the high altitude and mountainous parts of Cordillera, Dollente reiterates the BFP's warning against un-attended burning of dried leaves/grasses or garbage pile as it may turn into a wildfire that may spread to nearby structures or forestlands.

Dollente also calls for community vigilance against bush, grass or forest fires. The communities he said are the first line of defense or response team in their respective areas in the prevention or in averting such incident in spreading or becoming wild fires.

The BFP is spearheading the 48th Fire Prevention Month observance this March with the theme "Isulong ang Kaunlaran, Sunog ay Iwasan, Kaalaman at Pag-iingat and Kailangan." /JDP/CCD with reports from Gigi Dumallig- PIA CAR

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PRC - Baguio, industry stakeholders to draft regional Nursing Competitiveness Roadmap

BAGUIO CITY - The Professional Regulatory Commission- Baguio Regional Office (PRC – Baguio) along with the nursing industry stakeholders converged here today at the Saint Louis University (SLU) for a road mapping and capacity building event which generally focuses on the implementation of competitiveness road map for the nursing profession.

Core group for the event were PRC – Baguio headed by Regional Director Teofilo Gaius Sison Jr., Philippine Nursing Association – Cordillera Governor Lolita Oracion, PNA Baguio Chapter President Ruth Thelma Tingda, Association of Dean of Philippine College of Nursing National Vice President Mary Grace Lacanaria and Philippine Nursing Research Society Inc. National President Erlinda Palaganas.

Sison, in a statement, disclosed that the event aims to formulate action plan, program and strategies for the implementation of the regional nursing competitiveness roadmap, in preparation for the ASEAN Economic Community 2015, wherein Filipino nurses will be facing the challenges of global competition.

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Manzala was joined by Board of Nursing chairperson Carmencita Abaquin and BON members Marco Antonio Santo Tomas, Perla Go and Leonila Faire in providing lectures AEC 2015, Global Competitiveness, the PQF, Mutual Recognition Agreement for Nursing, Nursing Competitiveness Roadmap, Continuing Professional Development and the Alignment of the Nursing Law./ CCD with Nitz Domogen – PRC Baguio

City Optimistic on Sablan nod for ESL

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser expressed confidence that the Municipality of Sablan will accommodate the proposed Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) planned to be established in the area.

Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser March 26 said the feasibility study for the establishment of the ESL is still ongoing and would be an integral part of the proposed Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management System (CIWMS) being planned for the city and possibly the BLISTT area.

Recently, the city government entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Robert Brennan representing

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Benguet PENRO Calls for Public's Active Role in Forest Fire Prevention , Forest Protection

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - With the onset of summer and March as Fire Prevention Month, the Benguet Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) calls on the public to take an active role in forest fire prevention and forest protection.

Leandro L. De Jesus, OIC PENRO, said in a letter that with the limited resources of the government, it cannot do the protection of our forest alone, adding that citizens as stakeholders and beneficiaries have responsibility on environmental concern. The mass media, likewise, have the role and capability of reaching out to communities for this cause.

The PENRO listed effects of forest fire and its destructions, which include: loss of forest and minor forest products; loss of lives and properties; loss of water in rivers especially during summer; global warming and climate change; loss of aesthetic value for tourism; soil erosion, landslides, and loss of soil fertility; floods or flash floods; siltation of river system; destruction of habitat and loss of wildlife; and loss of biodiversity or variety of life on earth that sustains lives.

Likewise, PENRO cited benefits of forest fire prevention such as preservation or conservation of forest and forest product, continuous flow of water from watersheds, stabilized soil, reduction of air pollution, cooler temperature, and a better environment.

The public is called on to prevent fires and prepare themselves for fires by taking the following measures: not starting or creating fires within or near forests, urging other people to prevent forest fire, containing fire during farm burning or waste burning, ensuring that cigarette butts they dispose are properly put-off, organizing or creating firefighting crews, constructing fuel breaks, establishing firebreak or greenbelt through planting of fire resistance plants, and detecting forest fire.

Furthermore, the public is advised on how to suppress forest fire: direct attack through water, swatter, branches, or soil; fireline construction, backfiring, and mopping.

Forest destruction through setting of fire is punishable under Section 78 of Presidential Decree 705 "Revising Presidential Decree NO. 389, otherwise known as 'The Forestry Reform Code Of The Philippines".

"Ultimately," said De Jesus, "all of us are affected by the condition of our environment."/JDP/Pryce Quintos-PIA CAR

SALAMAT PAALAM - *Former City Police Director Jesus Cambay Jr receives a plaque of recognition from city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vive Mayor Daniel Farinas in simple rites during City Hall's flag raising ceremony March 24.-/By Bong Cayabyab*

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Breakthrough?

"AFTER THE darkness, sunlight breaks through," says an old regional proverb. Human sa kangitngit, mosidlit ang adlaw. People from cities to rebel camps cited that proverb after Thursday's signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro.

It was also a day of soundbytes. "I will not let peace be snatched away from my people," said President Benigno Aquino III, who broke a deadlock in negotiations by flying to Tokyo to meet Moro Islamic Liberation Front leaders. "Today, we turn to face the light," said Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. "We must steel ourselves for the difficult work of development ahead."

"Tama na," said Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Teresita Quintos-Deles. "Enough." "We're tired of evacuees and scared kids." "A new dawn has come … books, not bullets; rewarding toil, not endless strife."

"The MILF does not claim sole ownership of the agreement," MILF chair Murad Ebrahim said. "This is a shared victory of the Bangsamoro and the Filipino people."

"Beating swords into ploughshares and turning spears into pruning hooks" is an aim that has eluded previous administrations—until today's first faint glimmerings of peace. Four decades of insurgency snuffed out the lives of over 150,000, mostly civilians caught in the crossfire.

Conflict also stifled what could have been the country's national breadbasket. Mindanao today accounts for just a fraction over 14 percent of the nationwide production.

A "peace dividend" could boost gross domestic product growth by as much as 0.3 percentage point, Standard Chartered Plc economist Jeff Ng estimates. Silenced guns could "unleash the human capital of one of the most promising but underdeveloped areas in Southeast Asia," Ateneo political analyst Richard Javad Heydarian wrote.

EDITORIAL

"An eye for an eye only ends up in making the world blind," Mahatma Gandhi once said. Ending one of the region's most protracted conflicts would be a key legacy for Mr. Aquino. And he insists on escorting his elected successor to the Luneta oath-taking in 2016. Many supporters, citing his unprecedented public support, cajole him to stay on.

Mindanao is home to most Muslims who make up about 5 percent of the population, now estimated at 96.7 million. They're also among the poorest and lag in crucial indicators: from life expectancy to health and schooling.

"Life is the threshold at which all other hopes begin." Overall, Filipino life expectancy "shows a stable upward trend, promising sustained progress in the future," reports the latest issue of the Philippine Human Development Report (PHDR). People in La Union, for example, now enjoy life spans of almost 77 years.

In contrast, life spans are shorter by almost two decades in Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur. Other "tailenders," like Mountain Province, Palawan and Kalinga, managed to tuck in a decade longer. This lag persists despite buffered increases in health expenditures, both public and private.

"Parents would pawn their lives for their children's education," a Masbate proverb says. Buhay man ipe-prenda, sa edukasyon san anak ninda. The PHDR found that among the provinces that experienced sharp declines in the schooling index were: Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Norte, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat, Capiz and Ifugao. Lanao del Sur's slump contrasts sharply with Lanao del Norte, which ranked among the gainers.

"The large declines [in the income index] for troubled Mindanao provinces are particularly disconcerting, considering their income levels were low to begin with," the PHDR adds. "These are more comprehensible because of the perennial problems of conflict and human insecurity in these areas."

Take one of the country's most impoverished areas: the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. It will be folded under the new agreement. Its per capita gross regional domestic product is 75 percent lower than that of the rest of the country.

It did have a surplus of "ghost voters." In June 2012, the President approved a joint resolution of Congress that voided padded lists which claimed 1.77 million voters. Nitty-gritty items like padded lists of voters will challenge the Bangsamoro administrators.

Poverty in the ARMM has been whittled down 10.5 percent from the 2000 figure. Maguindanao remains the tailender. ARMM schools generally score poorly, in comparison with those in other provinces, on standardized achievement tests.

The ARMM receives 98 centavos out of every peso from Manila. It has yet to create significant, viable sources of additional revenue.

The PHDR had computers crunch our overall impact of schooling, health and purchasing power into an overall human development index (HDI). How do the provinces measure up?

Twenty-five of 78 provinces slumped. Those showing the biggest losses (in HDIs) included Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Norte, Maguindanao, Basilan, Davao Oriental and Aklan. "Sulu did not change ranks," only because it was previously the tailender—and still is.

Guarded optimism seems to be the reaction. Private armies in Mindanao are "well-entrenched, run by wild oligarchs," cautioned Rommel Banlaoi, executive director of the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research. It would be the responsibility of the Bangsamoro government to tame the wild oligarchs.

"[They] can undermine the peace dividends; even hijack the agenda of the new Bangsamoro government. The annex on normalization made a lot of promises. If they fail to deliver, that will create unmet expectations and trigger more armed violence in Mindanao."

Shakespeare's quip for now suffices: "Both parties nobly are subdued/And neither party the loser."/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MINDANAO POWER

By: Jesus Dureza

DYSFUNCTION — A few days ago, I sat in a stakeholders' forum called by the Mindanao Business Council to look into the power situation in Mindanao. I was shocked to know that the problem is not only about lack of power. There is dysfunction on the level of the key players, PSALM (the government-owned agency tasked to handle the assets of the old NAPOCOR) and NGCP (a privately-owned power distribution company). From what I heard during the forum, both agencies need to put their acts together according to MBC Chair Vic Lao. Power generating companies are complaining about information gridlock.

Businessman Paul Dominguez, my former colleague in government who served under former President Ramos and President Arroyo as "point person" for Mindanao, summarized the core issues: a) dysfunction between NGCP and PSALM; b) dysfunction between NGCP and the power generating companies; c) unresolved dispute between repair contractors in the Lake Lanao's Agus hydro and the locals. (the company already sent notice it would withdraw from the project which will set back the Mindanao hydro power timelines). And many of the participants were surprised to know for the first time that the controlling interest of NGCP are the Chinese. So what happens if our relations with China turns for the worse? They are in control of our core facility!

Hedcor high official Bobby Orig said the fundamental issue of whether the hydro plants will be privitized or not must be resolved first. Otherwise, PSALM which is mandated as "liquidator" of the Napocor assets will not invest billions to upgrade or repair the plants if they would be forced to sell those assets per EPIRA law. Aboitiz Co. vice President Art Milan complained about information dysfunction from "higher levels". As power operators, they are kept in the dark and are agonizing over lack of information.

I had my own complaint as a citizen of Davao del Sur. DASURECO had installed since last December modular gensets courtesy of Alson's Mapalad power company with 15MW operating capacity. All the papers are in but the approvals are still stuck in Manila ERC and while the province was in total darkness, they could not even run the engines even on a stopgap, provisional arrangement inspite of pleadings. How tragic! How calloused and incompetent Manila has become. Then we have a Department of Energy which cannot even resolve the standoff between two competiting electric cooperatives in Davao del Norte's DANECO and lamely escaping its responsibility by saying that the courts have now jurisdiction. I do not know personally Energy Secretary Petilla but from what I hear from those in the industry, he is not technically suited for that job. Up to now there is no clear explanation of why the Mindanao system collapsed on Feb 27 except to say the maintenance and forced outage of STEAG plant was the proximate cause.

When Paul Dominguez asked MINDA's Yo Montenegro if the mechanism of the infrastructure monitoring advisory group (IMAG) was helping, he was shaken to be informed that MINDA now under Secretary Lu Antonino collapsed that mechanism which worked during our own watch. MINDA should have been Mindanao's point agency to help resolve all this. But, sorry to say, it is losing that mandate by default. It is more tragic because it is now a more empowered "authority" (not a mere "council" when Paul and I ran it) and the competent staff are still around. However MINDA will matter only to the extent Malacanang will allow it. Unfortunately, this seems to be not the case.

Mindanaoans cannot wait for another 2 years to see better things in the power sector. In fact, the next 2 years will be worse.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

No concern for Filipinos' difficult lives

By: Batas Mauricio

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "… God spoke all these words… You shall not steal…" (Exodus 20:1, 15, the Holy Bible).

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NO CONCERN FOR FILIPINOS' DIFFICULT LIVES: Here's a repost from 26 September 2013: "I was at the Aparri (Cagayan Province) Public Market one early morning, at the shop of a client involved in a land case in the town, when I chanced upon men and women who were already furiously engaged in the buying and selling of merchandize, valiantly trying to earn for the day.

"And it occurred to me that, without doubt, these are the true and real `honorable Filipinos' despite their apparent lack of formal education or any lofty position. I caught myself asking, did our lawmakers who diverted their billion-peso pork barrel allocations to line up their pockets, fatten their bank accounts, and ensure a good and comfortable life for themselves and their families, have any occasion at all to see for themselves these `little' countrymen of theirs?

"I guess our lawmakers haven't had any chance (or, maybe, interest) at all to witness this grave and difficult lives of the poor and marginalized constituents of theirs… Maybe, just maybe, if only our legislators who love prefixing their names with the title `honorable' had even just a little sense of real honor in their bones, they would have made an effort to know how their voters actually live their daily lives, and therefore temper their greed and tone it down a little bit…

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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER CAN COME ONLY FROM PEOPLE: "But, please make no mistake about it. I am not advocating anything here. Rather, I would go on record in saying that what we, as abused citizens, can do is to offer more prayers for our lawmakers and other government officials, so that God will touch their hearts and teach them how to live according to the `honorable' title that they have conferred upon themselves.

"Prayers of righteous men and women are, after all, both powerful and effective. In fact, I will go one step further than this: I am advocating that those who can no longer stomach the greed and corruption that our officials almost without exception have become addicted to quite greatly is for us, ourselves, to start the change that will matter in this country.

"And this could be done by changing the attitudes of our mind. We must conform no longer to the patterns of this world, and start changing the way we think about things, the way we talk, and the way we act.

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SALVATION FROM THE WORD OF GOD: "How can we stop conforming to the evil patterns of this world and change the way we think, act and talk? By filling our minds with whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is worthy of respect, whatever is just, whatever is commendable, whatever is excellent and

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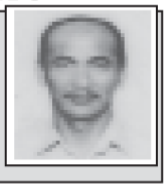

By : Nestor Castro

Babakuran daw ang Busol sa halagang P 32 M !!!- Ano ba naman itong idea na ito na babakuran daw sa halagang Thirty Two Million Pesos (P 32,000.000.00) ang busol para mapigilan ang pagdami ng mga squatter at illegal logger sa nasabing lugar . Wow What A Great or should I say **STUPID** Idea this is. Nang mabasa ko ang istorya tungkol dito na kasalukuyan ay headline story pa ng pahayagang ito hindi ko alam kung ako ay matatawa o maiiyak at mas nakakatawa pa dito ay ang gagastusin na halaga ay P 32 million. Hi! Hi! Hi! Ang suwerti naman ng magiging kontratista nito. Bakit kailangan bakuran eh alam naman natin kahit na ano pang taas ang bakod na ilagay mo ay madali rin pasukan ang busol ? Kung wala naman maayos na mag babantay sa mga kritikal na lugar ay walang silbi ang bakod. Eh di siguraduhin mo na lang na magaling ang mga bantay mo, mga forest rangers o bantay gubat at maganda ang security measures and accountability measures. Ngayon, papaano at ano ang ibig kong sabihin sa magandang security measures at magandang sistema. Simple lang naman ito mga dear readers. Kapag mayroon lumabag sa batas , maging illegal squatting o illegal logging (Ke Sino Ka Man, Ke Sino ang Iyong Backer o Padrino) aba eh kailangan ay makasuhan ka at ang mga ahensiyang kakaso maging ang LGU, DENR, PNP, FIXKAL este Prosecutong este Prosecutors at Korte ay hindi magpapaayos at gagampanan ng tama ang kanilang sinumpaan tungkulin para sa preserbasyon at proteksyon ng Busol Water Shed. Kayo naman Sir Erdolfo Balajadia (Chairman ng BRM), of all people Sir, alam naman ninyo na bilang isa kayong dating City Prosecutor that the best deterrence to crimes and/or crime prevention is an affective law enforcement, prosecution and conviction (if necessary)! Kahit ano pang bakod ang ilagay mo jan, kung wala rin magaling na bantay at hindi bantay salakay , wala rin yan.Pero pina kaimportante ay **WAG MAG PA KORAP ANG MGA KINAUKULAN OTORIDAD NG LGU, PULIS, DENR, PISKAL AT HUES.** Kapag ito ay nagawa ay walang bakod bakod na kailangan pa. Katulad halimbawa sa ibang bansa na walang binabakuran na mga forest reservations at water sheds sapagkat alam ng mga illegal squatters at illegal loggers na mananagot sila sa butas este batas kaya takot sila gumalaw sa loob ng isang water shed . **Eh dito sa atin sino ang takot sa DENR o sa PNP o sa LGU o sa PISKAL ???**

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Mga PNP at DENR na Kontsaba sa pagputol ng puno !!! – Mayroon lang akong mga ilan katanungan, sapagkat ako ay naguguluhan hingil sa ibat ibang mga kuwento ng mga taga CENRO o mga PNP sa ibang lugar at hindi taga Baguio o Cordillera. Sabi ng isang opisyales ng PNP na ang pag implementa raw at pati na rin ang pagkakaroon ng police power pag dating sa PD 705 otherwise known as The Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines ay may police power daw ang mga DENR at CEBNRO na umaresto ng illegal logger, sabi naman ng taga DENR o CENRO na ang PNP ang mayroon karapatan o otoridad na umaresto ng mga illegal logger at sila ay hangang reporting at pag tetestigo lang daw. Hi !Hi! Hi! Basketball na ini, at turu-turuan na at pasahan na ang mga magagaling na ito! Talaga naman itong mga tanga este taga DENR at PNP na ito OO . Palibhasa ay marami sa kanila ay MGA KORAP at WALANG PAKIALAM SA KINABUKASAN NG KANILANG MGA PAMILYA AT MGA MAHAL SA BUHAY-MGA SUSUNOD NA HENERASYON, kaya ok lang sa kanila na kalbuhin ng mga illegal loggers ang ating mga kagubatan. **MABUTI NA LANG AT WALA PA AKONG NAKIKITA NA MGA MGA KORAP, TANGA AT INUTIL NA MGA MIYEMBRO NG DENR-CENRO AT PNP DITO SA BAGUIO AT BUONG CORDILLERA. Hi !Hi! Hi! AGA AMO TAYON . Pweeee, mga *^&%$#@;?'><+*&&&$# kayo!!!**

FAIR AND SQUARE

The Truth About LTFRB Case No. 97-01-1337; etc…

By: Atty. James Valeros

During the hearing of our petition for legalization of irregularly-issued CPCs on 4 March 2014, I was almost castigated by the Honorable Board for allegedly seeking relief as counsel for petitioners "without clean hands". This was because in the Inventory or List of Irregularly Issued CPCs submitted to the Board by LTFRB-CAR, my name appears as a CPC co-grantee of one Regina Sibayan of twelve (12) units of UV / VFH, all under Case No. 97-01-1337.

I had to deny the allegations thereby taking exception to what the Honorable Chairman may have possibly believed that I acted and sought relief as counsel for the petitioners "**without clean hands.**" For, it was clear to me then, as it is now, that I have never applied for any CPC application nor even acted as counsel for new CPC applications since moratorium was declared, except for two (2) applicants who were able to secure exemptions to the moratorium. How could I possibly have filed that application when I have been a consistent oppositor to CPC applications being filed in contravention / violation of the moratorium since 1998, until now.

Never did I know until lately (as per call received from LTFRB Region 1) that there was an application "pre-docketed" as Case No. 97-01-1337 allegedly filed by one James Valeros to operate Vehicle-for-Hire with the use of one (1) unit (not even described) on the route: Baguio City to any point in Region1. According to its Record Officer, however, the application was not pushed through and it remained a pre-docketed application until now.

Of course, this is not surprising to me because I know even then that there were many applications / grants of CPCs docketed by "unauthorized person" and "without records" in LTFRB Region 1 as testified to in the Affidavit-Complaint of its former Records Officer, Ms. Arlene Rimando that even reached the DOTC and the Office of the Ombudsman, but nothing happened to it.

What is surprising to me is the fact that after 8 years or in 2005, the LTFRB-CAR issued a Decision granting CPCs to an application denominated as: "**Application for Change Party Applicant for the amendment of route with substitution of units of an application for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to Operate a Vehicle-for-Hire service"** in the name of JAMES VALEROS – First Party, REGINA SIBAYAN– Second Party, authorizing the applicants to operate twelve (12) units of Vehicle-for-Hire Service in Baguio City to any point in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), based on an application merely pre-docketed and was never granted.

In the records of LTFRB-CAR itself, the application was filed on 24 December 2004, then a Notice of Hearing was issued on 13 January 2005 by Atty. Guillermo Kadatar signing for Hearing Officer, Atty. Brenda Poklay and the hearing and reception of evidence thereof was conducted by Atty. Brenda Poklay herself being the designated Hearing Officer then.

As a former Regional Director, I could safely say that this application signed and filed by Regina Sibayan alone (as Second Party) and the hearing conducted thereof by LTFRB-CAR were very irregular to say the least, and not within the ambit of procedural rules and policies of the Board. **For instance**:

1. There is no such thing under the rules and policies of the Board as an application for change

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Abra Bamboo Producers Undergo Nursery Establishment, Hut Construction Trainings

BANGUED, Abra - Existing and potential bamboo producers and growers from the different municipalities of the province participated in trainings on nursery establishment (Grow-out) and bamboo hut construction this month.

The training on nursery establishment was conducted simultaneously at the Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology (ASIST) – Main Campus in Lagangilang and at the Bamboo Setum in Brgy. Gaddani,Tayum.

The bamboo hut construction training was also done at the Bamboo Setum.

Conducted by the Cottage Industry Technology Center (CITC), the Department of Trade and Industry -Abra and ASIST, Lectures/sessions and hands-on training were provided by Dr. Fatima Tangan and bamboo consultants and experts from the CITC under the Regional Operations Group of the DTI-Cordillera.

The trainings are parts of the multi-pronged components of the Bamboo Industry Assistance Project of the province as approved by the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council.

The project aims to provide households and farmers opportunities to establish their own enterprises as sources of revenue augmenting activities and eventually the starting stage of the industry value chain. /JDP/MTBB – PIA CAR, Abra

Mt. Province Celebrates 47th Foundation Day and 10th Lang-Ay Festival

BONTOC, Mountain Province, March 27 (PIA) — Activities are all set in celebration of the Mountain Province's 47th Foundation Day and the staging of the 10th Cultural and Lang-ay Festival next week with highlights on April 7.

The Foundation Day will be highlighted with the street dancing and cultural performances.

The street dancing will be participated by four clusters namely the Eastern Mountain Province (composed Barlig, Natonin and Paracelis) which is represented by the Barlig street dancers; Western Mountain Province (Bauko, Besao, Sabangan, Sagada and Tadian) to be represented by Tadian; Central Mountain Province (Bontoc and Sadanga) to be represented by the Bontoc street dancers, and the Provincial Government of Mountain Province Cultural Group.

The week-long celebration starts on April 1 with Eucharistic celebration, opening program, formal opening of the agro-industrial trade fair, ceremonial signing of documents for the "Sustainable Traditional Indigenous Forest Resource Management System and Practices (STIFRMSP) for the Balangao tribe of Natonin and Barlig, awarding of the outstanding farmers in the province.

There are also fora and summits to be conducted which are scheduled on different dates and venues like the farmers' investment forum cum techno demonstration on April 2-3; cooperative forum, and the provincial tourism summit on April 3; simultaneous conduct of the provincial disaster risk reduction and management summit for local chief executives, and the coffee pavilion/coffee testing on April 3 – 4; simultaneous conduct of the regional corn and cassava stakeholder's forum and workshop, and the provincial youth summit on April 4 -5.

On April 2 – 4 is also the simultaneous conduct of medical, dental missions and 'Operation Tule' at the Bontoc General Hospital, and the Cordillera Administrative Region prayer gathering at the Eyeb open ground, and on April 5 is the main pageant for the search for Miss Mountain Province 2014.

There are also selected sports activities to be conducted on different dates and venues such as billiards on April 2, futsal on April 3, wrestling on April 4, wushu- April 5, boxing- April 6, First Governor Leonard G. Mayaen Cup on April 5- 6, and Phytopharma marathon on April 7.

The 1st Governor Leonard G. Mayaen cup is a shoot fest in coordination with Foresite 1911 gun Club and Mountain Province Provincial Police Office. This will be conducted in two categories: one is strictly for Mt. Province based shooters only and the other one is open category wherein all shooters within and outside the province are invited./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

DOST's Goal of Having a Scholar from every LGU in Cordillera Nears Realization

BAGUIO CITY - The goal of the Department of Science and Technology –Cordillera (DOST - CAR) to have a scholar in every community in the region is now becoming a reality.

Only 16 out of the 75 municipalities and two cities in Cordillera have no representation in the 153 new scholars of the DOST for academic year 2014 – 2015.

DOST-CAR Regional Director Julius Caesar Sicat, in a kapihan media forum Wednesday, reported that there are 153 students from Cordillera that passed their scholarship qualifying exam wherein only 16 municipalities in the region (14in Abra, one in Apayao and one in Kalinga) are not represented.

Towards the attainment of its goal, DOST has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Regional Development Council for the conduct of review classes to applicants of DOST scholarship qualifying examination.

Sicat also proudly reported that promotion of Science and Technology courses to the youth is gaining ground in Cordillera as from the 95 qualifiers last year, the region achieved a 61 percent increase with the 153 new scholars for this coming academic year.

To further expand the promotion of DOST scholarship programs down to the grassroots level, Sicat bared that in partnership with the Cordillera Regional Development Council they are conducting review classes for those who opt to take the DOST scholarship qualifying exams.

For this year, 46 scholars of DOST will be graduating mostly in engineering courses. Others are graduating from the Bachelor of Science in Physics, Mathematics, Information Technology and Biology.

In addition, Sicat also disclosed that DOST – CAR has 318 other scholars enrolled in various S&T – related courses, majority (187) of whom are enrolled in Saint Louis University in Baguio City.

Meantime, Sicat outlined the importance of having more Cordillera students embarking on Science and Technology – related subjects. Aside from the high employability, such courses can open the door for entrepreneurship.

"If the region is going into regional autonomy and development, having more S&T graduates is essential. Our youth just need to believe in science, it really works", Sicat stressed.

In the said media forum, two former DOST scholarship grantees and two graduating scholars also shared their own stories and experiences being S&T scholars.

Jasmine Lee Donaal, 1995 scholar who took up Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in SLU and graduated as Cum Laude, is currently employed at DOST-CAR as a Science Research Specialist.

Mildred Bolinget (2009 grantee) who took up Secondary Education, Major in Mathematics at SLU and graduated Magna Cum Laude, is now working as a Math Teacher at the University of Baguio High School Department./JDP/CCD with Jobelle Lustria – PIA CAR

SLU Ready for ASEAN Integration With Academic Calendar Shift

BAGUIO CITY -Setting itself at par with other Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in the ASEAN region, Saint Louis University(SLU) here has officially announced that it will adopt the August-July academic calendar in all levels, including its laboratory elementary and high schools, effective academic year 2014-2015.

SLU President Rev. Fr. Jessie M. Hechanova, in a statement, said that in a meeting among the Board of Trustees held on March 22, 2014, the Board made its decision to adopt the new academic calendar "after careful consideration of existing laws, thorough reflection and study, series of meetings, and due consultations with internal stakeholders as well as external partners."

Hechanova further stated that the shift in the academic calendar in synchronization with other ASEAN HEIs is part of "the general strategy to internationalize SLU's programs, which is in keeping with the ASEAN Integration by 2015". He also emphasized SLU graduates' chances to work in other ASEAN countries, adding that students, faculty, and researchers will be more globally competent when they embark on opportunities such as conferences and exchange programs that can enhance their professional expertise and skills.

The university President assured that SLU, as an institution geared towards transformative education, "will carry on its task by remaining deeply rooted in its missionary character".

Meanwhile, the University of Baguio (UB) has no official announcement that it will adopt a new academic calendar. However, according to UB Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Miranda, they have officially forwarded their application for a shift in class opening to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

CHED recently stated that its stand on the issue on the academic calendar and Philippine Higher Education is "rather straightforward". On the issue of internationalization, CHED sees the pros, but also sees gaps that must be addressed by HEIs if they are to fully engage the international academic community such as requirements for work permits, tax regulations, and in the case of public HEIs, the issue of non-tenure for non-Filipino academics.

The Commission also expressed concern on the issue of ASEAN Integration, posing questions on the readiness of students to engage with students from other ASEAN countries and whether or not HEIs produce students who have adequate skills and competencies.

On the issue of climactic factors as reason for academic calendar shift, CHED stated that class suspensions spike from July to October so to shift the academic calendar does little difference.

CHED 's statement, signed by Chairperson Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, also cited socio-economic and cultural considerations and synchronization with DepEd's calendar as reasons for the practicality of sticking to the June academic calendar.

The Commission "does not advise a change in the academic calendar." But with the existence of varied start of academic calendars of HEIs, CHED believes that the common concern of HEIs is the provision of the requisite academic hours within an academic year. CHED calls on HEIs to set their sights on "establishing and sustaining the quality of academic programs" and "producing Filipino graduates who possess the knowledge, competencies and values necessary to meet the needs of the country and the challenges of the 21st century." /JDP/Pryce E. Quintos-PIA CAR

City Optimistic...

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Organic Power Ireland allowing the foreign company to conduct a feasibility study in establishing a workable system for the administration and infrastructure development of the waste system of the city.

The company which introduced a large scale commercial Anaerobic Digestion in Ireland seeks to explore potential collaborative opportunities with the city in establishing and building its solid waste management system.

Under the MOU, the company will conduct the feasibility study at its own expense incorporating into the system a Central Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the Environmental Recycling system (ERS), Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL), Health Care Waste Treatment Plant (HCWTP) and the Anaerobic Digester (AD) as its flagship.

The company has proposed to build and operate the first Anaerobic Digestion Plant in the city promising a 500 KW capacity as demonstration of the technology's functionality and applicability in the country under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program.

Domogan said, "the plans of the city was relayed to Sablan Mayor Arthur Baldo and was thoroughly discussed with its Planning Officer."

"Mayor Baldo said they will join the city in establishing the planned ESL," he said.

The mayor also said if the Waste to Energy facility will push through in the Municipality of Sablan as a major component of the ESL, then part of the revenue generated will also go to the coffers of the host municipality including payment of acquiring the lot where the ESL will be established.

Domogan said, "the city is very willing to comply with Environmental and legal requirements needed in order to fast track the development of the ESL site.

"We will also prioritize the employment of residents in the vicinity of the ESL for as long as they are qualified," Domogan added.

The planned waste system is seen as a revenue generator in the form of clean electricity and considered environmentally safe./paul rillorta

Police Cordillera...

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Candidates must be a college graduate of any baccalaureate degree recognized by the Commission on Higher Education.

The Department of Budget and Management recently released a total amount of P942 million for the hiring of more than 20,000 police officers in the entire country in line with President Benigno S Aquino III bid to strengthen the PNP law enforcement capabilities.

This is a good news as this would means better police visibility that will help curb down criminality especially in areas with high crime rates./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

City Inks...

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takes to beautify and conduct re-greening and reforestation activities in the area in consonance with the Urban Tree Management Plan of the city.

Both parties signified their intention to preserve and protect the park as well as its maintenance and further improvement.

The MOA is binding for 5 years and renewable for another five years upon agreement of both parties.

The CEPMO which oversees all city parks delineated the area for adoption and encourages would be adopters to do the same in all other parks in the city which needs development and upkeep.

The adopter is mandated to coordinate all activities it will undertake in the area including the planting of new species of plant varieties not stipulated in the management plan.

The signing of the MOA was witnessed by the Regional Legal Adviser of Guardians CAR and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, Councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr., Councilor Fred Bagbagen who is also the Chairman of the Ecology and Environmental Protection Committee of the city and former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Jesus Crispin 'Boying' Remulla of Cavite./paul rillorta

DA Targets...

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week, disclosed that providing anti-rabies vaccination is a continuing program of the national government, in line with the goal of achieving a rabies-free Philippines by year 2020.

For Cordillera, Sagayo reported that from January to present, they have already provided vaccination to 11,177 dogs all over the region and hopefully the can reached their 2014 target of around 109,000 or at least 80 percent of the 136,437 dog population of Cordillera, based on their registry.

Sagayo called on the public to be responsible pet owners and bring in their dogs for vaccination. Anti-rabies vaccines are available free in every provincial, municipal and city veterinarian office and free-vaccination activities are also being scheduled in the different barangays regionwide, she said.

In terms of rabies cases, Sagayo reported that 14 positive canine cases were recorded in 2013 – four each in Kalinga, Ifugao and Mountain Province and one each in Benguet and Apayao. For this year, there is already one rabies case confirmed in Kalinga.

In the same media forum, Baguio City Rabies Prevention and Control Program Coordinator Dr. Ma. Lourdes Pakoy reports that Baguio has been rabies- free for the past nine years. But she reminded city folks to be wary of animal bites, especially dog bites, as cases recorded in the City Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC) remain high.

Pakoy reported that in 2013, there were 4,016 animal bite cases recorded in the city ABTC. The figure includes 1,665 transient cases or those cases or patients coming from nearby provinces.

Comparedto the 3,190 animal bite cases in 2011 and 3,563 cases in 2012, there is an increasing trend which Pakoy attributed to better awareness and health seeking behaviour of the people.

Pakoy reiterated that prevention is still better than cure as she reiterated that pet owners should have their dogs vaccinated./JDP/CCD – PIA CAR)

DPWH-CAR Activates Motorists Assistance Program

BAGUIO CITY - In preparation for the expected influx of motorists in this Summer Capital of the country, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)- Cordillera has activated its motorists assistance program.

According to DPWH- CAR Edilberto Carabaccan, the 'Alalay Sa Manlalakbay", which involves the creation of composite teams dispatched along strategic roads going to Baguio, is now place.

He said that DPWH personnel with equipment are strategically assigned along the stretch of the highways to give support to travelers.

Carabaccan also assured that all roads going up are well maintained and free from any obstruction.

'All roads going to the city are ready and safe to traverse. We have painted the road lanes to assist in drivers travelling at night', he announced.

Carabaccan added that load limit in Kennon Road will be strictly enforced on vehicles with more than 10 tons in weight to prevent further deterioration and weakening of foundations of the bridges.

For safe travel, the DPWH also advised motorists to check their vehicles especially their brakes before travelling.

Drivers should also obey traffic rules, regulations and speed limit, Carabaccan said./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

City Draws 27...

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LCD TV is Dalmacio Padsoyan of No. 97 Purok 11, Upper Pinget, Baguio City under ticket number 5945, 5th prize ' Tablet' are Maribel Alaban of No. 16 Parisas Compound, Richview Square, Bakakeng under ticket no. 308 and Remedios Cardeno of Purok Cudirao, Loakan Proper under ticket no. 7911.

6th prize winners 'microwave oven' are Lolita Belen of No. 26 Purok 7, Bakakeng Norte under ticket no. 10345 and Evelyn Go Chan of No. 3 Urbano Street under ticket no. 4614.

4 lucky taxpayers also won 7th prize or brand new 'cellphone' each namely; Evelyn Castillo of No. 103 Engineers Hill (4883), Julia Kelly of No. 123 Odigan Village, Upper Irisan (8790), Celia Aromin of No. 142 Liwanang Loakan(4105) and Alfredo Labi, Sr. of MB 220 Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet (4377).

Ten taxpayers won emergency lights as 8th consolation prize and they are Katherine Moreno (7144) of 1-A Fish Proper, City market, Luzviminda Onia (8118) of No. 5 Strata Subdivision, San Luis Road, Ben Quitata (3814) of No. 64 Middle Quezon Hill, Celedonio Halili (5469) of 133 SLU-SVP Old Site, Bakakeng, Enre Ymana (8565) of 49 Km. 3 Asin Road, Martan Development Corporation c/o Rosita De Vera (10988) of marcos Highway, Eshwer Castaneda(8927) of 28 Purok 2, Brookspoint barangay, Floro Habon(3060) of Nio. 50 St. Patrick, San Carlos Heights, Garyson Capegsan(155) of LB-43 Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet and Leni Bernaldo(9148) of No. 24-B Purok Sadjo, Loakan, Baguio City.

For the last consolation prize of comforter sets, five taxpayers were drawn comprising Marnelina Caido(11195) of 28 Rodriguez Building, kayang Street, Teresa Del Rosario(5735) of No. 61 Dominican Road, Anastacia Bedana(5954) of No. 30 Purok 1, Happy Hallow, Maria Rosa Cacho(9508) of No. 2 Laubach Road and Annabel Tumapang(3349) of No. 14-D General Lim Street, Burnham-Legarda Barangay.

Onoza advises the winners to present the raffle stub and a valid identification number (ID) when claiming the prize.

Prizes can be claimed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday at the City Treasury Office. /paul rillorta

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SPS. MOISES & MARILYN TIKCHAP, Rep. By: SHELDON MARK G. TIKCHAP
Applicant(s)
LTFRB Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0393

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - FAIRVIEW and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 16, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 24th day of March 2014.

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

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

ANDRES P. LUKEN
Applicant(s)
Case No: 88-01-3012

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UCAB and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 16, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 25th day of March 2014.

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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

GM BANK OF LUZON, INC.,
Petitioner/ Mortgagee,
-versus-
SPOUSES ARNOLD SABELA and LILLY MAY SABELA, Atty-In Fact of SPOUSES ANDRES SEGUNDO and JACINTO ONSE SEGUNDO,
Respondents/ Mortgagors.
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CASE NO. 14-EXF-1769

For:
Extra-Judicial Foreclosure Of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, As Amended

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by GM Bank of Luzon, Inc., an accredited Rural Bank, duly organized and existing in accordance with Philippine laws with head office located at Brgy. Dimasalang, Maharlika, Highway, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, represented in this act by its Assets Disposal and Remedial Management Head, Alfredo F. Nagayo, herein after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, against SPOUSES ARNOLD SABELA And LILY MAY SABELA, of legal ages, Filipino Citizens and residents of 125-A Lopez Jaena St., South Sanitary Camp, Baguio City, by the virtue of the Special Power of Attorney made and executed by SPOUSES ANDRES SEGUNDO And JACINTA ONSE SEGUNDO, of legal ages, Filipino citizens and residents of Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 30, 2013 amounted to TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO and 52/100 (2,718,472,52) PESOS ONLY, Philippine currency, including interest, penalties and other charges thereon, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on April 8,2014, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real properties including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 016-2011001874

" A parcel of land (Lot 1- A, Psd-1-05554, being a portion of Lot 1 PSU-223719, L.R.C Rec. No._), situated in the Barrio of Bahong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 1-C. Psd-105554; on the NE., & E., along lines 4-5-6 by Lot 1-I, Psd-1-05554; on the S., along line 6-7 by Antonio Luna; on the SW., along line 7-8 by Mateo Lomeros; and on the NW., along line 8-1 by lot 1-B Psd-1-05554. Beginning at a point. XXXXX....containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (7,487) SQUARE METERS XXX"

-and-

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 016-2012001796

" A parcel of land (Lot 1- I,Psd-1-05554, being a portion of Lot 1, PSU-223719, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Bahong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2-3-4-5 by Lot I-H. Psd-1-05554; on the NE along line 5-6 by Mateo Lomeras; on the E., along lines 6-7 by Lot 2, Psu-223719; on the S., along line 7-8 by Antonio Luna; on the W., along line 8-9-10 by Lot 1- A Psd-1-05554 and on the NW., along line 10-1 by Lot 1- G, Psd-1-05554. Beginning at a point., XXXXX....containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY SEVEN (7,067) SQUARE METERS X XX"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 29, 2014 at the same place and time without further notice.

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

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation, on March 16, 23, and 30, 2014;

Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet, Regional Trial Court-office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 14th day of March,2014

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF BENGUET

By:
(SGD) JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA
Sheriff IV
Publication dates: March 15, 22 and 29, 2013

Advocacy Mindanow... from page 4

SABAH —I was still head of MEDCO (now MINDA) several years ago when I last visited Kota Kinabalu (KK) in Sabah, Malaysia. Of course, the controversy involving the Sultanate of Sulu had intervened in the meantime that cooled off relations and the connections got lost in the various channels. The cooperation arrangement under the Brunei , Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippine East Asean Growth Area (popularly known as BIMP EAGA) was one of the unintended casualties of the incident. But that's behind us now.

According to Malaysian Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir, there are still about 700,000 Filipinos in Sabah and a good number are availing of the formalization process of getting "documented". This is still work in progress. With the forthcoming signing of the peace agreement with the MILF, I foresee a "surge" in the re-connections between Malaysia and Mindanao, especially in the business sector. Governments, due to the usual protocols, are usually slow in responding. But the private sector must take over the driver's seat and be the engines of growth as envisioned. But that window is narrow.

RECONNECTING — A few days ago, I re-connected with Sabah by meeting its 12-member delegation during their visit of Davao City. Pretty Susan Chang, one of the moving spirits in BIMP EAGA during my time, brought her business delegation from Kota Kinabalu (KK) in a roadshow for the forthcoming Sabah International Expo (SIE) in September, 2014. Datuk Seri Panglima Wong, a prominent businessman and head of Sabah's educational association met with University of Mindanao president Willie Torres in an effort to establish linkages across borders in the higher education sector. I had a long chat with one of the SIE movers retired Brig Gen. Datuk Arulpragasam over dinner hosted by ConGen Abdullah. BIMP EAGA old hand Angie Angliongto of the local chamber of commerce was on hand to escort them all throughout. I seemed to get the feel that MINDA missed up on its usual good staff support this time on a visiting delegation. Congen Abdullah I was told had to do last minute hotel room arrangements for them.

The visitors were expecting to meet MINDA Chair Lu Antonino but for one reason or another, she failed to make it causing the group to cool their heels the whole morning until flight time to Cebu. Well, preparations in Manila for the March 27 peace agreement signing of course must take precedence. But that's not good enough reason to miss out on the visitors who by the way always spread the red carpet everytime anyone of us from Mindanao visits KK.

Kota Kinabalu is now prepositioning itself to be the "hub of the Far East" just like Dubai to the Middle east. I can see it's steadily moving in that direction. It's good that business cooperation will effectively put back in the backburners the political issues involving Sabah.

GIANTS' SHOWDOWN —The world's giants are in a verbal showdown before the eyes of the world on Russia's "reclaiming" Crimea from Ukraine. The US and the European Union announced "sanctions" while Russia just sneered. Let's see who blinks first. We hope however that those skirmishes remain verbal and do not escalate to being physical, otherwise the whole world will be in deep shit!

NO VIOLENCE PLS. — While we all should rejoice the forthcoming signing of the peace agreement with the MILFÿ let's not forget that the MNLF agreement of 1996 is still there waiting for convergence. I was speaker during a Rizal Park rally on March 18 to commemorate the famous Jabidah Massacre which triggered the muslim rebellion years ago with Nur Misuari. I asked for unity and a stop to violence.

WORRIED — I am a bit worried about the MILF agreement timetable of an early plebiscite and early elections. The MILF is not ready yet to plunge into some political exercise. Kagi Murad and the MILF are not yet prepared politically. They need more time to ripen. They will stand no chance at all if pitted against the savvy and long entrenched politicians. MILF should not ever think that they will get the political positions in the new bangsamoro entity in a silver platter in an open elections. It is also a mistake for the MILF to rely totally on Pres. Aquino to win the public vote. He will be an exiting and lameduck president by then, just like all others. My unsolicited view is that the short preparation for the holding of the plebiscite ÿ 2015 ÿ and the elections ÿ2016ÿ is a big gamble and the odds are not good. . They may have succeeded in getting an agreement. But it may not work on the ground as envisioned. If there is still time, that transition period should be further extended. But all is not lost if no changes are made before the March 27 signing. Congress is still empowered to move the periods when it acts on the proposed organic law to implement the agreement. There is still a way.

HEALTHY LIVING — I attended the opening of a healthy food exhibition at Abreeza Mall last Saturday called Abreeza Organic Fair 2014 upon invitation by Ms. Baby Montemayor of event organizer "Konkordans". It's good to know that many are now so concerned about the food they eat and the health problems that we suffer for putting the wrong food in our mouths. The exhibition will run until March 28. I donned the chef's apron during the opening and gave support to my daughter Ning's GREEN AGENDA juice for good health!/**ADVOCACY MINDANoW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)**/*Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow*

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 4
FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTATION OF THE MINOR CHILD HANNAH KATE MANAGDAG-OCAMPO AND CHANGE OF HER NAME FROM HANNAH KATE MANAGDAG-OCAMPO TO HANNAH MANAGDAG BLAKEMORE.

SP. PROC. CASE NO. 442-A

SPS. EDWARD JOHN BLAKEMORE and CARMEN MANAGDAG BLAKEMORE,
Petitioners,
x----------x

ORDER

The petitioner , Sps. Edward John Blakemore and Carmen Managdag Blakemore, filed this verified petition praying for the Honorable Court declare Hannah Kate Managdag Ocampo as their adopted child and to change her surname to "Blakemore"

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City, on June 18, 2014 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place , date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show and cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction Newspaper, a news paper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks not later than March 23, 2014.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the assigned Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case studies on the child Hannah Kate Managdag Ocampo and the adoptee. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the Court the case study reports not later than April 11,2014.

The Judicial Affidavits of the Petitioners and their witnesses together with their exhibits are due for submission not later than May 12, 2014.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, the Court Social Worker of the Regional Trial Court in Baguio City, the Petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN THE CHAMBERS, this 10th of March, 2014, at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) MIA JOY C. OALLARES- CAWED
Presiding Judge

Publication dates : March 15, 22 and 29, 2013

Baguio Regreening...

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25,369 meters.

The fence will be made of concrete hollow blocks reinforced by a concrete post, making it very sturdy, he said.

An initial fund of P5 million from the BRM will be released once the fencing project will start, he said.

Balajadia rallied the various civic groups, schools and individuals to help raise funds for the realization of the fencing of the Busol watershed, the city's biggest watershed.

'The fence will help in preventing intrusion of people in the watershed. It is everyone's campaign to protect and take care Busol watershed. It is the source of water and water is life', Balajadia said.

The Busol watershed supplies 15 percent of the water needs of the Baguio./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

Fair and Square...

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party with amendment of route and with substitution of 10 units based on a pre-docketed application for one (1) unit only;

2. If at all it was acceptable to the Regional Director exercising discretion thereon, it should have been made with the knowledge and consent of JAMES S. VALEROS, the alleged First Party applicant.

3. The hearing was done and completed based on submitted false and erroneous documentary evidences and Formal Offer of Evidence, such as the following:

a) The copy of newspaper submitted in the case was yet an issue of May 2001, or four (4) years before the application was filed and the Notice of Hearing as published in the said paper refers to an application by Regina Sibayan in Case No. 2001-BC-444 for 15 units which was a different case.

b) the units submitted were mostly owned and registered to other persons but no deeds of conveyance were executed in favor of applicant Regina Sibayan.

c) even my Proton car which is not a van but a sedan and therefore not acceptable as vehicle for hire, and the commuter van of my daughter, Mrs. Melody Brawner, which was already disposed of in 2004 were both submitted as units applied for without our knowledge. And, both the CRs and ORs of our motor vehicles presented thereof were yet issued in 1997 or not current as per requirement of the Board.

d) the financial proof of bank deposit was not current (last dated 15 March 2004) and having a balance of P55, 963.06 which was insufficient as financial capacity for 12 units of vans.

e) the Information Data Sheet of Operators and Drivers contained only one (1) driver for 12 units of vans in the person of her husband, who was then an active member of Philippine National Police

f) the proof of garage for the 12 units applied for was yet issued in April 2003 (not 2005) by the Punong Barangay of Brgy. Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet where applicant Regina Sibayan was not a resident (she had always been residing in Camp 7, Baguio City)

g) there were no markings of documents or exhibits submitted and formally offered by applicant Regina Sibayan which were all unabashedly admitted by the Hearing Officer.

All told, the hearing or reception of evidence obviously was a moro-moro, as we call it. This could not have happened if there was no conspiracy between applicant Regina Sibayan who was a popularly known influential fixer and the Hearing Officer thereof. Even the use of my name as First –Party applicant was probably a part of the conspiracy. We can only surmise what the motives and purposes of the authors were!

Consequently, I had to explain to the Honorable Chairman that I could not have possibly filed that VFH franchise application in 1997 because at that time, in fact, I had already filed an affidavit-complaint about irregularities in the issuance of franchises in violation of the moratorium declared by the Board en banc against Regional Director Daniel Tapia and some of his staffs. Thus, I assured him that in the instant case I have appeared before the Board and sought relief for my clients with "clean hands" as I always had in all cases before LTFRB, the courts and other fora. These I attribute not only to the ethics of this profession I have chosen to follow after my retirement from the military, but also to the Honor Code ingrained in me by our Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy, admonishing me at all times not to lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do.

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The history of franchising in Region I and CAR is replete with irregularities in the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience. The above case as illustrated is only a tip of the iceberg so called. Thus, the Audit Team sent by the good Chairman Ginez to investigate and audit the franchising records should not confine their focus and attention alone on the 1400 irregularly issued CPCs inventoried and submitted by the LTFRB-CAR to the Board en banc. If the Audit Team intends to be thorough, it should consider the facts that:

1) About 50% of all existing CPCs in CAR were issued during the moratorium period from 1996 to the present.

2) All the vans that were given CPCs as VFH starting 1997, then converted as Mega Tax (now full fledged taxis), Point-to-Point (PsP) express service, Garage-to-Terminal (GT service) and now UV Express Service were all in violation of the moratorium under Memorandum Circular No. 98-026 which is still in effect.

3) All PUVs that were issued CPCs in the first instance from 1996 to the present were in circumvention of the moratorium, hence, irregularly-issued.

4) All derivative franchises, that is, CPCs that were sold and transferred from franchises issued in the first instance from 1996 to the present and subsequently renewed are all likewise irregular.

5) CPCs described in the Affidavit of the former Records Officer, Ms Arlene Rimando and the Memorandum arising from the audit report of Atty. Flordeliza Reyes but not included in the said Inventory are likewise irregular.

This is, if the Audit team would like to be comprehensive in their audit and investigation of all irregular CPCs to enable the Board en banc to appropriately decide whether or not the petition for legalization could be granted. The legalization of irregular taxi CPCs issued in violation of the Public Service Act was after all "legalized" by the Board en banc under its Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019.

We truly hope the Honorable Board will do the same!

Incidentally, considering that the irregularly-issued CPCs have as its origin in the LTFRB Region 1, its personnel who have been designated members in the present Audit team should have declined being included in the team, not because of anything, but out of "delicadeza."

Kakampi mo ang Batas...

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praiseworthy. Surely, a mind that is filled with the truth, purity, loveliness, respect, justice and excellence will never even think of greed and corruption.

"Here is an example of what is true, pure, lovely, respectful, just, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy: `Be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God so that you maybe able to stand against the schemes of the devil….

"For this reason, take up the full armor of God… Stand firm therefore by fastening the belt of truth around your waist, by putting on the breastplate of righteousness, by fitting your feet with the preparation that comes from the good news of peace, and, in all of this, by taking up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God…"

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

AERIAL SOMERSAULT - A select group of students from various schools perform an acrobatic dance number during the unveiling of Digital Marker at City Hall. The Digital Marker intalled in various parks and heritage sites in the city will provide tourists the history of the site by just tapping the Digital marker with their IPhones , Ipads or android gadgets from a shared website./By Bong Cayabyab

Police Cordillera Needs 249 Policemen

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Police Regional Office – Cordillera (PRO) is recruiting a total of 249 police officers to beef up its personnel in the region.

According to P/Sr. Supt. Joseph C. Adnol, chief of the regional personnel and human resource development division, said PRO-COR is now accepting application folders for Police Officer I (PO1) under the Recruitment Program of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Interested qualified applicants can visit the nearest police station in their area to submit the needed documents for screening purposes.

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City Inks Pact with Bayang Pino on Park Conservation

BAGUIO CITY – the guardians brotherhood has turned park guardians after they adopted a portion of Burnham Park here.

The Guardians Bayang Pino Pilipinas Inc. (GBPPI) a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization represented by its Over-all Chairman Prosecutor Elmer Manuel Sagsago, City Chairman Judge Adolfo Malingan, Regional Adviser Albert Yen and Chapter Chairman Councilor Joel Alangsab signed a memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the city government represented by

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and City Environment and Parks management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana for the adoption of Burnham Park particularly a portion of the Pine Trees of the World Park.

The MOA is part of the Adopt-A-Park program of the CEPMO wherein GBPPI under-

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DA Targets Anti-Rabies Vaccination of Around 110,000 Dogs in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - In observance of Rabies Awareness Month, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health remind the public to be responsible pet owners and submit their dogs for an anti-rabies vaccination.

DA Regional Rabies Prevention and Control Program Coordinator Dr. Arlyn Sagayo, in a DOH- led kapihan forum last

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City Draws 27 Lucky Taxpayers

BAGUIO CITY – the City Treasury Office (CTO) this week revealed winners of the raffle draw for the Social Marketing Program of the city government here.

The program was conducted at the One Stop Shop March 27 where 15 consolation prizes, 9 minor prizes and 3 major prizes were drawn by city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

City employee Camilo Estepa of the Mayor's Office won first prize consisting of a 'Dining Room Showcase' under raffle ticket number 11305.

The second prize winner 'Kitchen Showcase' is Mauro Carrillo of Marville Homes, Tuba, Benguet under raffle ticket number 9645 while the 3rd prize 'Bedroom Showcase' is Ernesto Gutierrez c/o Vivian Romero of no. 23 Honeymoon Road under raffle ticket number 4810.

Winners of the consolation prizes are; 4th prize '32 inches

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SUMMER VACATION 2014 is about to start or just have started which includes the closing of classes, celebration of various occassions such as the Holy week, town fiestas, and other related activities. Many of you are thinking to go to other places using your motorvehicle or otherwise inviting your friends or relatives to go ever here in the summer capital of the Philippines might as well consider our friendly reminders\crime prevention tips:

>Plan your trip and make sure somebody you trust know is/are aware of your travel
>Bring mobile phone and keep numbers of the police
>Bring back-up cellphone and hide it in your clothes/apparel
>Avoid using jewelries and carrying big amounts of money while travelling
>Avoid stopping for strangers and or taking them as passengers
>Avoid stopping in isolated place/s
>When your vehicle is bumped from behind or side do not alight immediately, instead jot down the plate number and description of the other motor vehicle and the description of the occupant/s and proceed to the nearest police station
>Do not stop when flagged down by men in police uniform but on board civilian vehicle/s. Instead proceed to the nearest police station.

So there. Happy Vacation!!! ;)

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