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BAGUIO CITY – The Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of the city government's 1995 contract with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) will not affect the tenure of

legitimate vendors at the city market.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed this last Wednesday to belie rumors that the decision would result to the vendors' eviction from the trading center.

"In case you heard that rumor, do

not believe it because it is not true," the mayor told the vendors in his Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing.

He explained that under the terms of the contract with Uniwide, a

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Chiz wants NBI to lead probe on 'tanim-bala' scam

Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero wants the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to step into the probe on the alleged "tanim-bala (bullet-planting)" scam at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

Escudero said this is to avoid doubts on the result of the investigation being done by the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) amid public outrage on the racket of planting a live bullet in the luggage of unsuspecting passengers, mostly OFWs and foreign nationals, so unscrupulous airport personnel can

attempt to extort money from them.

"It is not only the integrity of the MIAA that is at stake here, but the government as a whole. By having the NBI as a third party investigator, we can show the public that the government is serious in getting rid of dishonorable airport officials and personnel," Escudero said.

According to Escudero, he has filed Senate Resolution (SR) No. 1641 to seek an inquiry into the alleged extortion scheme using the "tanim-bala" modus

that is threatening to hurt the Philippine economy.

"Airports are our doors to business activities and further development. If fear is what our airports open to travelers, we are assured of great economic sufferings. Who will come here to conduct business when the moment they step in, threats of abuse or arbitrariness surround them?" Escudero pointed out.

Tourism alone contributed P983 billion to the economy in 2014, based on the share of tourism direct gross value added (TDVGA). Remittances from OFWs reached

P382 billion in first four months of this year.

"We expect a deluge of balikbayans soon. Are we going to put all of them through this Russian roulette of 'laglag-bala' in NAIA?" Escudero asked.

The MIAA leadership earlier said that some 40 personnel from the Office for Transportation Security (OTS), who are manning the X-ray scanning machines at the country's premier airport, were under investigation.

Escudero, however, pointed out that suspicions of possible

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Dengue incidents post 660% increase in October

BAGUIO CITY – Dengue fever cases shot up further last October chalking up a whopping 664.7 percent increase with a total of 260 cases from last year's record of 34 incidents.

The figure topped the 510.71 percent increase in cases posted last August where a total of 342 cases were listed as against the 56 cases for the same period last year.

Records from the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) under Dr. Donnabel Tubera of the City Health Services Office showed that from January 1 to November 4 this year, the city has a total of 1,187 cases as against the 374 cases listed during the same period last year for a 217.38 percent increase, with no fatality.

The incidents started to rise in June by 42.85 percent and ballooned in July with a 211.76 percent-age hike. The upturn peaked in August with 510.71 percent surge and dropped a little last September with a 322.95 percent increase.

For October alone, 28 barangays exhibited a clustering of cases led by Irisan with 18 cases; Loakan Proper and Bakakeng Central with 11 cases each; and Bakakeng Norte and Camp 7 with 10 each.

The other barangays are Trancoville, ABCR, Pacdal, Aisn Road, Dominican Mirador, City Camp Central, Honeymon-Holyghost, Camp Allen, Middle Rock Quarry, Kias, Gabriela Silang, San Vicente, Loakan-Liwanag, Loakan-Apugan, City Camp Proper, San Luis Village, Pinget, Sta. Escolastica, Victoria Village, Sto. Tomas Proper, Fairview, Slaughterhouse, Camp 7 and Poliwees.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and city health officer Dr. Rowena Galpo reiterated the need to sustain the 4 o'clock habit strategy focusing on the stop, look and listen strategy: stop - shift task for mosquito control, look - search and eliminate mosquito breeding places, and listen - heed instructions for the synchronized implementation of the 4 o'clock habit. /A Refuerzo

Pope: It's sad to see priests, bishops 'attached to money'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Friday decried how bishops and other clergy exploit their roles to advance their careers and to increase wealth, in his first public comments following the latest leaked revelations of greedy Vatican prelates resisting his efforts to reform Holy See finances and administration.

"Even in the church there are these people, who, instead of serving, of thinking, of others ... use the church. They are the career-climbers, those attached to money," the pope said during Mass

in the chapel of the plain Vatican hotel where he chose to live, in an example of simplicity, instead of dwelling in the ornate Apostolic Palace.

Looking somber and sounding grim, he added: "And how many priests, bishops we have seen like this. It's sad to say it, no?"

Francis delivered the impromptu remarks during his daily homily, apparently inspired by revelations in two books, which went on sale on Thursday, of leaked documents and conversations.

Three days ahead of

the books' publication, the Vatican announced that as part of its probe into leaked or pilfered documents and information, it had arrested a Vatican employee — a Spanish priest who had served on one of the pope's reform panels — and an Italian laywoman, a publicist who had served on the same advisory panel.

The priest was being held in a Vatican jail cell, while the woman was released after interrogation because she is co-operating with the investigation, the Holy See said earlier this week.

Francis on Friday lamented that the church "so many times is business-deal-minded."

With such a mentality, "one cannot say that this is a church that ministers, that is at service" to the faithful, he said, adding that instead "it is using others."

Francis prayed that the church would be "saved from temptations."

The books, by Italian journalists, detailed mismanagement and internal resistance to the reformist pope and prelates' lavish spending, including for the Vatican's saint-making bureaucracy and by cardinals with penchants for big, lavish apartments.

Francis, a Jesuit from Argentina, was a Vatican outsider who was elected in 2013 by his fellow cardinals with a mandate to clean house, especially the Holy See's long murky financial dealings and bookkeeping and clubby administrative machine. /FRANCES D'EMILIO/Associated Press



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Domogan clarifies emergency tree cutting issuances

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan has clarified the issuance of Emergency Tree Cutting Permits which his office issues to avert physical harm and damage to property.

Domogan said, "residents may apply for an emergency tree cutting permit if the tree is posing imminent danger to lives and property."

"this is the only instance where we can issue an emergency tree cutting permit," he said.

Domogan added, "in the absence of the element of danger, his office cannot issue a permit but personnel conducts an investigation to verify its circumstances."

The request is then endorsed to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for them to issue the necessary tree cutting permit.

The procedure is done in order that applicants for tree cutting permits seek clearance with the DENR and comply with requirements set by the agency.

Some of the requirements for private property owners include, land title, project description, building permits, zoning clearances, clearance from the City environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) and clearance from the barangay of no objection and other pertinent documents.

Aside from these requirements, the applicant will have to endeavour to replace the

trees to be cut.

The mayor stressed there will be no issuance of tree cutting permit in his office if the same is not posing any danger to life or property.

Domogan clarified, "the tree cutting permits issued are for trees that cause imminent danger, it is verified and investigated by personnel before approval."

The mayor explained there are already dead trees that are causing danger which needs prompt and immediate action to spare the public from untoward incidents.

The mayor has tasked the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) to inventory such trees for its immediate removal./

Paul Rillorta

BAGUIO CITY - Political candidates for the May 2016 election are still free to do anything until campaign period starts.

Atty. Julius Torres, Cordillera regional director of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) explained that premature campaigning is no longer in order because of the Supreme Court's decision on the Comelec vs. Penera case.

He said the SC ruling

has superseded the election law which used to consider electioneering outside of the campaign period as an election offense.

A candidate can only be liable for prohibited campaign acts during the campaign period, Torres said.

Republic Act 9369 or the Poll Automation Law states that "any person who files his certificate of candidacy (COC) can only be considered a candidate at the start of

the campaign period" and that "unlawful acts applicable to a candidate shall be in effect only upon the start of the campaign period."

For the May 9, 2016 polls, the campaign period for national candidates starts on February 9, 2016 and on March 25 for candidates seeking local elective posts.

With the SC ruling, we are requesting all candidates to tow the line and campaign only on campaign periods, Torres said./JDP|JBZ-PIA CAR

Benguet records increase in tourist arrivals

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The province of Benguet is getting a bigger share of tourist arrivals with already over a million in the three quarters of

this year.

A total of 1.05 million tourist arrivals were recorded from January to September this year compared to the 543,066 tourist arrivals of the same period last year, based on the records of the Tourism and Cultural Affairs Division. The data was disaggregated into accommodation establishments, day visitors, campers and balikbayan.

For accommodation establishments for both local and foreign tourists, the increase was from 35,343 to 63,692 or 80.21 percent for local and from 1,578 to 3,036 or 92.40 percent for foreign.

For the day visitors, from 48,176 to 949,925 or an increase of 97.17 percent for local and 24,384 to 26,952 or 10.53 percent for foreign tourists.

According to Tourism Operations Officer Francis Likigan, the increase in tourist arrivals for the first and second quarters was attributed to the flocking of tourists in particular destinations coupled with the aggressive recording of tourist arrivals in the designated tourist information centers administered by Municipal Tourism Action Officers.

Topping the list of visited areas among the

locals is Sitio Pungayan in Mt. Kabuyao, Tuba, Benguet, known as "La Presa" in the popular teleserye "Forevermore".

BenCab Museum in Asin, also in Tuba, ranks second in the most visited places in the province mostly by foreign visitors.

Still a favorite place to visit (3rd) mostly among local visitors is the Strawberry Farms in this capital town.

Other top tourist areas visited in Tuba are the mountain resorts in barangay Nangalisan such as River View Water Park (rank 8th), Pooten Asin Resort (11th) and Palm Grove (12th).

Tourist vistas frequented in Bokod both among locals and foreigners are the Ambuklao Dam (4th), Bobok Pine Forest (5th), Spillway View Deck (6th), Indian View Deck (7th), Palansa Panoramic View (9th), Badekbek Hot Springs (10th), Adwagan River (15th), and Banao River (16th).

Also in the top list are Mt. Pulag (13th) in Kabayan and 1300 Level Swimming Pools in Ilogon.

With the onset of the rainy season, a downtrend of arrivals was noted

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Aliping's Bill for Customs Issues passed

In light of the current issues being hurled at the Bureau of Customs, Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. reported the passage on third and final reading in Congress House Bill 5525 or the proposed "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)."

"It primarily aims to address smuggling, one of the country's major economic problems causing huge revenue losses to the government because of the illegal entry of imported goods and services in the local market," said Aliping, a co-author of the bill.

The bill will also address Transparency and Public Accountability in the Bureau of Customs by preventing District Officers and front-liner employees to hold the same position for more than three years. "It also increases the fine and imprisonment penalties for violation of the Act, and reinforces provisions for the statutory offenses of officers and employees of the BOC and other government agencies," Aliping said.

"The measure aims to modernize customs and tariff administration through full automation of operations and thus, reduce the opportunities for corruption and technical smuggling; enact an enabling domestic legislation to make the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines compliant with the Revised Kyoto Convention; update the country's existing tariff and customs law to more effectively address modern business and trade practices; and reduce the cost of doing business due to customs modernization and thus, encourage more trade investments."

It declares it is the State policy to protect and

enhance government revenue, institute fair and transparent customs and tariff management that will efficiently facilitate international trade, prevent and curtail any form of customs fraud and illegal acts.

The measure aligns the Customs and Tariff Code of the Philippines with standards and recommended practices of the Revised Kyoto Convention, thus harmonizing the country's procedures with 140 customs administrations around the world and making it easier for traders, importers and exporters to comply with border requirements.

The measure simplifies customs procedure on express shipments and relief consignments intended for victims of calamities.

It creates the Cong'l Oversight Committee that will oversee the proper implementation of the Act.

"The CMTA bill is among the priority measures of the House in the 16th Congress," said Aliping./

Carl C. Taawan



ALIPING

Under Aquino, we've become the most violent country in Asia, next to N. Korea

That's according to the 2015 rankings by the "Global Peace Index" of 162 countries done annually since 2007 by a panel of international experts in the Institute for Economics and Peace. The Institute is considered to be the world's leading think tank in developing metrics for analyzing peace and to quantify its economic benefits.

The overall index uses 24 indicators to measure a country's peace index, among them, its level of safety, crime incidence, terrorism, and intensity of internal conflict. The Philippine index was low, largely dragged by the indicators for "perceptions of criminality" and "violent crime," both of which registered a 4 on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the worst.

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Under President Aquino, with his "daang matuwid" nonsense, the Philippine ranking has

fallen steeply to 141 this year from 130 in 2010. That means countries such as Egypt, Turkey, Iran, as well as Congo and Honduras, have been graded as more peaceful than the Philippines, according to the panel of experts. Another way of putting it: Since 2010, countries such as Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe have overtaken our country in the peace rankings.

In Asia-Pacific, war-ravaged countries such as Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar were regarded as more peaceful than the Philippines. The Philippines is now competing with only North Korea for the dubious distinction of being the most violent country in Asia.

The assessment isn't at all surprising for anyone looking without yellow glasses on at the sorry state of our nation under Aquino. According to the latest statistics of the Philippine National Police's Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management, index crimes (murder, homicide, and robbery) for the first six months of 2015 increased 37 percent to total 26,592.

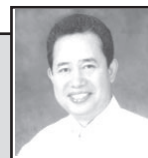
Watching TV news these days is sickening: there isn't any news broadcast when no violent crime is reported, with street murders carried out by killers riding motorbikes' pillion having become commonplace. Given the ubiquitousness of closed-circuit television, every TV news program now has a "CCTV" segment, which depicts a metropolis in an unending crime wave. The rape and murder of teenaged girls no longer shock us, and journalists now seem to be routinely assassinated. Even our airports have become a dangerous place to be, with travelers so relieved when they



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Inane solutions to "tanim bala" and other scams

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons..." (1 Timothy 4:1, the Holy Bible).

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INANE SOLUTIONS TO "TANIM BALA" AND OTHER SCAMS: I am amazed at the inane proposals that are now coming out in an attempt to put up a stop to the "tanim bala" scandal that is shaming President Aquino and the Aquino government and the whole Filipino nation worldwide, in a disgraced extent never before seen in the history of the Philippines.

I say inane, because the offered solutions, principal of which is the reshuffle of government officials assigned at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, are no solutions at all. In fact, they have been resorted to before, when lesser scandals hit the NAIA, but nothing good ever came out of them.

What then must really be done if we are to stop the graft and corruption among government officials and employees? I am now a "broken record" on this, but never mind, I will repeat what I said several times before already: bring back our people to spirituality, to the true fear and love of God, through an honest-to-goodness reading and obeying of the Word of God, the Bible.

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WHY HAVE FILIPINOS BECOME DEVILISH? Again, let me ask: why do our officials and employees of government now have a very strong stomach for stealing, for cheating, and for lying? Why do most Filipinos now easily and conveniently commit crimes and other misdeeds just to enable them to earn a few thousand pesos?

Why do many fathers now have the evil desire to rape their very own daughters? Why do mothers now have the gall to induce a miscarriage of the babies in their wombs and then simply throw them away in garbage cans or in canals?

Indeed, many Filipinos have become worse than the devil himself in their everyday lives. They now have the willingness to kill, to steal even from the poor and from defenseless children and women, and to encourage others to be criminals like them. Really, what has happened to the Filipino?

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BEING EVIL IS NOW ACCEPTED NORM: Being evil in everything that we do now seems to be the accepted norm among all Filipinos. From the rich and the mighty, to the poor, the marginalized, the downtrodden. From the highest government officials, to the lowest official functionaries. From the religious to the atheists to the agnostics. No one appears to desire anymore to do God's will.

We have been told this is going to happen. We have been told many people will turn away from God and godly behavior. We have been told many of us will no longer be interested in sound teaching, but would rather follow deceiving and evil spirits. We know what the penalty would be for all this ungodly conduct, which is death in eternal fire, yet we don't even seem to care anymore.

I am fervently praying that Filipinos would wake up from this malady. But then, this waking up can only happen if we go back to God by reading and obeying His Bible all over again. I pray to God that His chosen and anointed ones will start making their moves, before it is too late.

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North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and President Benigno Aquino 3rd: Other than owing their posts to their parents, they now have something else in common.

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DIMENSIONAL ROAD

**Senator Santiago, a
Philippine Judges' Hall of
Fame Awardee**

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness.

- Napoleon Hill

On October 15, 2015, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago was officially elevated to the Judges Hall of Fame in Pasay City; a recognition much deserve which should have been awarded earlier than this time. Her delivered speech contained significant truth of which when taken seriously will serve as awakening among authorities brought to office by the power of public trust as well as to all citizens of the country who value shared wisdom from well-experienced public servant. Here are some of the noteworthy points to be shared according to the senator's speech.

First, the senator pointed out that the main problem in the senate is that they are almost rib-tickling or laughable in contrast to the Regional Trial Courts (RTCs) which is never a place for amusement or a circus. She emphasized that as a formerly appointed judge in the RTC, every hour is of importance. Every minute counts in the name of one's commitment to public service.

Secondly, the senator stated that **"in the process of justice, the living are governed by the dead,"** which she further elaborated that it is something distinctive about the engagement of the legal profession as a subject in the academe. Being a former law professor herself at the University of the Philippines (UP) after her civil service duty as an RTC judge. To her, jurisprudential terms that are trending or applicable today are stated by lawyers as well as constantly recite cases referring to the old cases which have parallelism or connection to the present, not to mention that these cases cited could even be more currently relevant than at the time they were publicized.

Thirdly, the Philippine Judge's Hall of Fame awardee quoted Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.'s profound perception towards but his words resonate through these days in the government worthy to ponder as credence for all.

"The law, so far as it depends on learning, is indeed, as it has been called, the government of the living by the dead. To a very considerable extent no doubt it is inevitable that the living should be so governed. The past gives us our vocabulary and fixes the limits of our imagination; we cannot get away from it. There is, too, a peculiar logical pleasure in making manifest the continuity between what we are doing and what has been done before. But the present has a right to govern itself so far as it can; and it ought always to be remembered that historic continuity with the past is not a duty, it is only a necessity."

The fourth significant point expressed by the senator was that of the difficulty of being a judge. She further divulged that people perceive a judge to just comfortably listen to both sides of argument. She expanded that being a judge is the zenith of human goals which attempts to provide peace and contentment for all as a wholesome profession. To the senator, the regional trial courts' ultimate aim is to provide unity not to mention the fact that there are some endeavors in the society that shatter things apart.

Finally, Senator Santiago mentioned merging community socialization in the profession as another difficulty faced by judges of the Supreme Court. She enthused that while it is true that they cannot live

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get on their planes without being charged with carrying a goddamn bullet in their bags.

In early October, criminals who claimed to be Abu Sayyaf Islamic jihadists kidnapped two Canadian tourists and a Norwegian resort owner. The kidnappers threatened to behead their hostages in a video that had a black flag looking similar to what the barbarous ISIS in Iraq and Syria have been displaying.

Quite shockingly, Aquino doesn't seem to care, treating it as just a crime incident.

Doesn't he realize that this could be driving away not just tourists but foreign investors as well? If this happened in past administrations, as it did under President Arroyo's time, a high-level crisis committee would be organized, and the rescue of the hostages would be the most important concern of the presidency.

Not under this president.

The assessments of the country by international panels obviously are so different when we don't pay for them, as we did in the case of credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. So far, the Aquino government has spent P3 billion for these agencies' fees and expenses (including first-class fare and ac-

commodations for their staff) for the 12 ratings it has requested them to issue since 2011, all of which painted a rosy picture for the Philippines' creditworthiness.

as monks do, socializing and fraternizing so easily aren't possible. Also, she expounded that cowardice has no place in the profession's practice due to the existence of cases who choose to eradicate judges. For this reason, bravery and firm judgment is highly required. She cited some circumstances like her capability to deny postponement believing that public office is a public trust, paved the way for this former judge to garner earlier awards. As a recipient for the Ten Outstanding Young Men and the Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service awards, she firmly believes that by observing the appropriate protocols during case trials, the visions of the Supreme Court can be exceedingly realized.

She remarked that there were many other treasured components of the judge's tasks that were successfully performed, unfortunately, authorities never recognized due to an existing society where all is almost baffling. To her, to be a judge is an emblem or a source of knowledge and fairness. She explicated, **"A judge walking down the halls and corridors of power summarizes the best in the human being, the desire to be better than ourselves, to help our fellow man, to be a person not only of power and influence, but to be what a human being should be, who helps others obtain the justice destined to be ours from birth."**

The Senator resolutely unveiled that commendation of one to be recognized under an excelled profession should not be a supplicatory process like in the case of the Philippine Judges Association that acknowledges judges' righteous achievement through endorsement. Award-deserving individuals need not beg for recommendation to be recognized. Adoring the bravery and rectitude of judges like herself, she ended her worth absorbing speech with significant lines from William Ernest Henley's poem, *Invictus*.

"It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishment the scroll. I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

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LEVEL OF PEACEFULNESS 2015 ASIA- PACIFIC RANKINGS

	OVERALL RANK	OVERALL SCORE	REGIONAL RANK
New Zealand	4	1.221	1
Japan	8	1.322	2
Australia	9	1.329	3
Singapore	24	1.490	4
Malaysia	28	1.561	5
Taiwan	35	1.657	6
Laos	41	1.700	7
South Korea	42	1.701	8
Mongolia	43	1.706	9
Indonesia	46	1.768	10
Vietnam	56	1.848	11
Timor-Leste	58	1.860	12
Papua New Guinea	96	2.064	13
Cambodia	111	2.179	14
China	124	2.267	15
Thailand	126	2.303	16
Myanmar	130	2.323	17
Philippines	141	2.462	18
North Korea	153	2.977	19
Regional Average		1.881	

Source: Global Peace Index 2015
Institute for Economics and Peace

PHL: Second most dangerous place in Asia

But of what use are these if in the past years interest rates in the world have been dropping, with international banks and investment funds falling over themselves in pushing cheap loans? Of what use are these expensive ratings if the Philippines is perceived as one of the two most dangerous places to live in Asia?

In another ranking system, which we don't pay for – the World Bank's ease-of-doing-business report – the Philippines slipped six notches to 103rd from last years' 97th slot among 189 economies, primarily because of increasing corruption and red tape.

A lot of people have been foolishly claiming that we aren't getting enough foreign investment because of constitutional restrictions. Can't they see that "foreign investors" are not abstract entities, but executives or capitalists (with families) who, like everyone else, value their life and limb?

Why on earth would they want to do business here when other Asian countries with lower wage rates are much safer places for them and their families to live in? Indonesia, for chrissake, was ranked 41 on the list, or 95 notches above us in the global peace index; even Vietnam stood 85 ranks above us at the 56th slot.

And next to Aquino, who is mainly accountable for the country's slide to the lowest peace rank as the most violent place in Asia after North Korea?

Manuel Araneta Roxas II – that's who – as he had been since September 2012 secretary of the interior and local government department. The post automatically made him chairman of the National Police Commission, and therefore, in command of the police. He has also been after all, Aquino's sidekick in the past five years.

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Compliance on voluntary emission testing increasing

BAGUIO CITY - It has been observed that there is an increasing level of compliance on voluntary emission testing of both private vehicle owners and public transport group in the city.

"This is a good sign and development that motorists in the city are getting aware on the importance of having their vehicles undergo voluntary emission testing in order to improve air pollution in the city," said mayor Mauricio Domogan.

However, with the increasing number of motorists availing of the voluntary emission testing and with only two available operating machines at the Sanitary Camp, said motorists need to wait for two to three hours waiting for their turn to be inspected.

Taking into consideration the development of the situation, Domogan mulls of purchasing an additional machine and to conduct emission testing at the Baguio Convention Center and/or at the City Engineers' Office so as to accommodate the motorists.

With the city's continuing campaign on the Clean Air Ord, the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team will be conducting free emission testing along Harrison Rd, Nov 12-13 from 8AM to 4PM.

Motor vehicle owners, operators and drivers found to be violating the clean air ordinance will be subject to polluters' fees to be paid at the Treasury Office.

For first offenders, the motor vehicle owners/operator will pay P1,000 fine and a warning for the driver.

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whitewash may arise since MIAA and OTS are both under the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

"Hindi maiaalis sa ating mga kababayan na mag-isip na baka pagtakpan lamang ng mga taga-MIAA ang kanilang mga kabaro sa OTS. Kaya higit na makakabuti kung hayaan na lamang ang NBI na mag-imbestiga upang maiwasan ang pagdududa sa proseso ng imbestigasyon," Escudero said.

"We need tangible and effective measures in place. Not only do we have to abate such modus operandi but we also need to institutionalize a comprehensive and accountable security policy in all airports," he said.

Escudero said part of a comprehensive security policy is to engage permanent staff dedicated to handling security policies and procedures to ensure that state and travelers' rights and prerogatives are well protected.

"Look at the case of OTS personnel. Most, if not all of them, are contractual but they play an important function in transportation security—from security screening of passengers and baggage to cargoes. They have to be permanent in their duties to ensure quality and consistency of engagement in the performance of their duties. Otherwise, we will keep on training and losing and training people anew," Escudero said. / [chizescudero.com](#); FB: [senchizescudero](#); Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert



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ISSUES ON POVERTY REDUCTION - Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomes the participants during the Civil Society Organizations Assembly cum Local Poverty Reduction team Workshop conducted by the DILG-Baguio field office headed by city director Evelyn Trinidad, November 4./By Bong Cayabyab

P2,000 fine will be paid for the second offense and additional P100 for the same driver.

For the third offense and subsequent offenses, the motor vehicle owner/operator will pay P3,000 fine plus P200 fine for the same driver.

Also, on the third and subsequent offenses, the motor vehicle owner/operator and driver must undergo a seminar on pollution control and management conducted by the Clean Air Monitoring Unit (CAMU) of the city government here.

"Let us help and support each other to decrease the air pollution in the city," said the mayor.

Based on the recent report of the EMB, Baguio has a good to fair air quality./Jho Arranz

Editorial

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Where does Roxas get the audacity to think he should be president, when he has utterly failed in his task of making this country a safe place to live in, so that we have been ranked second only to North Korea as the most violent country in Asia?/tiglaio.manilatimes@gmail.com/www.rigobertotiglaio.com

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during the third quarter.

Governor Nestor Fongwan underscored tourism as one of the activities in the province that trigger economic activities. In boosting such, part of the provincial government's program is the installation of various community police assistance centers in strategic areas for public safety and security and establishment of public toilets along national highways in partnership with concerned stakeholders./JDP|SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet

62nd Annual national mine safety and environment week

BAGUIO CITY - The Philippine Mine Safety and environment Association (PMSEA), in partnership with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, and associate groups will hold its 62nd Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Week here in this mountain resort with the theme "62 Years of Responsible Mining . . . United in Creating Relevant Development for Inclusive Growth".

Hence, the city council recently passed Resolution Numbered 232 declaring November 15 to 21, 2015 as the 62nd Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Week in the city of pines.

The resolution states, "one of the projects of the association is the Safety Networking Action Program (SNAP), which provides an integral approach to prevention, preparedness, and emergency response to natural and man-made emergencies in support to the national government's disaster and coordination program".

The city government here will suspend the Number Coding Scheme to exempt all participants in the said event during the period so as to allow the PMSEA delegates and their families to enjoy their visit and stay in the summer capital of the Philippines as they will contribute in enhancing the promotion of the blooming local tourism industry.

PMSEA is an organization of mining companies and alike the advocates a campaign against occupational safety and health and environmental hazards of mining and its related operations./Jho Arranz

FEATURE

CPA to highlight mining issues during APEC protest

On the Annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Manila on November 18-19, 2015, the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA), along with other environmental groups, will join the Peoples Caravan Against Imperialist Globalization II on November 19 in Manila to highlight the issues of corporate mining by foreign companies in the Cordillera. CPA believes that the APEC Meeting is a perfect time to present to the public the effects of liberalized mining espoused by APEC and to push the peoples demand for a nationalized mining industry.

The Cordillera region is a hotspot of foreign and local mining investments. Data from the Mines and Geo Sciences Bureau reveals that as of 2013, of the 1.8 million hectares approximate land area of the Cordillera, 1.86% or 32, 623.6 hectares is covered by Exploration Permits, Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSAs) and other permits, while 40.89% or 773, 570.46 hectares of land is covered by various applications under process. And among the mining companies seeking applications and operating in the region are foreign mining companies coming from APEC-advanced countries of Australia, Canada, and United States.

Canadian mining companies top the list of foreign mining investors in the region. Among these companies are Columbus; Magellan; Olympus; Solfotara and its subsidiaries such as Adanacex, Canex; Pacific Metals; and Metallum Canada. These applications cover the municipalities of Bokod; Bakun; Kibungan, all from Benguet. In Abra, the municipalities covered by the applications are: Baay-Licuan; Tubo; Bucloc; Boliney; and Daguioman. Calanasan, Apayao is also covered by Canadian mining applications.

Aside from Canadian companies, Australian mining corporations are also in the region such as the Royalco, IndoPhil and Oceana Gold. These applications cover Bakun; Kibungan and Itogon, all from Benguet, and Conner, Apayao. Two US mining companies are also in the region, Phelps Dodge and Freeport McMoran. Their applications cover Balbalan and Lubuagan in Kalinga and Tubo in Abra.

The areas applied for large-scale mining are ancestral lands of Cordillera indigenous peoples (IPs). Based from the experiences and documentation done by grassroots people's organizations and provincial chapters of CPA, mining companies constantly violate the collective rights of the IPs especially on the Free Prior Informed Consent.

Aside from these violations, the mining industry in the Cordillera speaks of plunder and environmental destruction. Among these environmental disasters are the Philex tailings spill in 2012, massive ground sinking in Colalo in 1999 and Poblacion, Mankayan in 2009 caused by the underground mining by Lepanto, and the most recent Virac sinkhole due to the century of mining operations by Benguet Corporation in Itogon, Benguet.

Globalization has further pushed the mining industry towards a complete sell-out of our national patrimony to foreign corporations. The Philippine government has been subservient to the dictates of foreign mining capitalists such as Canada, US, and Australia to liberalize its mining industry. The Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and succeeding laws and proclamations only favor foreign mining in the country, causing economic dislocation, displacement of communities, environmental destruction, health hazards and violations of indigenous peoples' collective rights.

Worse, the areas where mining operations are ongoing or are targeted for mining and other projects are deployed with Philippine military troops that result in numerous human rights violations, including harassment, intimidation and political vilification of community leaders and activists; illegal arrests, detention and torture; rape and threat to the security of women and children; extrajudicial killings; and enforced disappearances.

CPA strongly supports the peoples' demand to nationally industrialize the mining industry as a step forward in developing other important national industries that truly serve the Filipino people. The present set-up of the mining industry only benefits imperialist countries at the expense of indigenous peoples and destruction of the environment.

The APEC should look into an economic cooperation that truly addresses the economic welfare and upliftment primarily of the people. If APEC leaders really prioritize the needs and aspirations of their constituencies, they must not in any way aggravate the plunder of the remaining natural resources through destructive mining and other extractive industries, and uphold peoples' rights./ Santi Mero, Deputy Secretary General/Public Information Commission, Cordillera Peoples Alliance

Mayor clarifies 'non declaration' of state of calamity in city

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan backed the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) in recommending not to declare a State of Calamity for the summer capital during the onslaught of typhoon Lando here.

Domogan clarified certain conditions should be present before a Local Government Unit (LGU) can declare an area in a state of calamity.

The Chief Executive explained guidelines from the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) of the Department of National Defense as the rules to follow during such

events.

As per NDCC guidelines, two or more of the following conditions should be met before a province or city may be declared under a state of calamity.

1. At least 20% of the population are affected and in need of emergency assistance or those dwelling units have been destroyed.

2. A great number or at least 40% of the means of livelihood such as bancas, fishing boats, vehicles and the like are destroyed.

3. Major roads and bridges are destroyed and impassable for at least a week, thus disrupting the flow of transport and commerce.

4. Widespread destruction of fishponds, crops, poultry and livestock, and other agricultural products.

5. Disruption of lifelines such as electricity, potable water system, transport system, communication system and other related systems which cannot be restored within one week, except for highly urbanized areas where restoration of the above lifelines cannot be made within 24 hours.

The CDRRMC explained, only condition five was present during the typhoon and not sufficient to declare the city under a state of calamity./Paul Rillorta

City won't allow use of sports facility if it will cause delays

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan will not allow the use of the Athletic Bowl for any event if it will cause delays in the project's completion.

This was clarified by the Chief Executive Wednesday during the weekly Ugnayan Presser here live over Sky Cable and aired over DZEQ

Radyo ng Bayan.

It can be recalled that the city government allowed the use of the Baguio Athletic bowl to be used by the Saint Louis University Medical Mission and Jehovahs Witnesses annual gathering after a meeting was held by the different stakeholders including the event orga-

nizers, the City Engineering office (CEO), the City Environment and parks Management Office (CEPMO), the Department of Public Works and Highways Baguio City Division Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO) and the project contractor.

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Jovelyn Sicmaten of the Bila Potters Association shows to Bauko Mayor Abraham Akilit (2nd from left) and officials of the Department of Science and Technology how they fabricate clay into pottery which could be used as water filter, during the visit to the facility donated by the DOST in Bila, Bauko, Mt. Prov./RMC-PIA-CAR

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SHERIFF'S
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SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage, under Act 3135, as amended filed by PLANTERS DEVELOPMENT BANK, with principal business address at No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, herein referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the obligation of the QUECH PROPERTIES CORPORATION and BODY NEEDS & BASICS, INC., with principal place of business at No. 5/F Jade Centre, 105 Shaw Blvd., Oranbo, Pasig City, herein referred to as the MORTGAGORS, in real estate mortgage duly executed on 09 August 2012.

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multi-story building will be put up and the first floor will house the legitimate vendors who will remain under the supervision of the city government and not of Uniwide.

The mayor assured the vendors that the development of the market will not happen outright as the city still needs to settle many issues before the development project can push through.

He said foremost, the city still has to wait for the finality of the court order to seal the decision.

After which, the city has to sit down with Uniwide to thresh out issues on whether or not it is still interested to pursue the project. This is expected to include the issue of whether the company still has the financial capability to undertake the project.

"Then there's the issue of the project's cost estimate and specifications which obviously need to be revised because the contract when approved in 1995 was for only P1.7 billion," the mayor said.

He assured that all the amendments to the

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terms will pass through the city council for approval.

Moreover, the city has to tackle ground preparations before the project can take off including the relocation site for the vendors and other needs.

In a three-page notice dated Sept. 2, 2015 by Division Clerk of Court Edgar Aricheta, the high court quashed the petition for review of the Court of Appeals' earlier decisions and affirmed the CA's decision dated Dec.

vires and that irregularities attended the bidding process for the development of the Baguio City Public Market. As such, the presumption of regularity in the performance of the functions of the officials of the (City) should prevail;

"It is settled that factual findings of the trial court, when affirmed by the CA, are entitled to great weight and respect by the Court and are deemed final and conclusive when supported by evidence on record as in this case," the court said.

The court further said that the CA was correct in ruling that the DBL agreement is in the nature of a Build-Lease-Transfer Scheme expressly authorized under Republic Act No. 6957 as amended by RA 7718, and thus no longer needs any approval from the President."

Uniwide won the bid for the project costing P1.7 billion in 1995 but the development project was stalled after four cases were filed separately in 1996 against city officials and Uniwide by the Hilltop Open Market Vendors Credit and Services Corporation (HOMVECSCO) for declaratory judgement, preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order; the group of Sagayo and Gummad et.al., the Baguio Market Vendors Association Inc. (BAMARVA) and the group of Calicdan, Dalida et. al., all for the annulment of Ordinance No. 38-1995, the award of contract and the DBL Agreement, with prayer for the issuance of a Writ of Preliminary Injunc-

28, 2012 maintaining the validity and constitutionality of Ordinance No. 38 series of 1995 which provides the guidelines for the market development along with the award of the project development to Uniwide and the amended Design, Build and Lease (DBL) agreement, the development scheme adopted for the project.

The court also upheld the CA's Resolution dated March 19, 2014 denying for lack of merit the motion for reconsideration of the CA's 2012 decision.

The court said the petitioners Baguio Marker Vendors Association Inc., Magdalaena Navarro and Elizabeth Dino failed to "show that the CA committed any reversible error in holding that (Ordinance No. 038-95) and the (DBL agreement) between the respondents City Government of Baguio and (Uniwide) are valid.

"As correctly ruled by the CA, aside from petitioners' bare allegations, they have failed to show that Ordinance No. 038-95 is ultra

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Baguio job seekers invited to Adivay fair

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio City and Benguet jobseekers are invited to a jobs fair on Nov. 11 and 12 at the Gov. Ben Palispis hall, Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The activity is part of Benguet's 115th foundation anniversary with the theme, "Sustaining Benguet's Gains."

The activity is done with the assistance of municipal PESO, in coordination with the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA)-Baguio and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Baguio and Benguet field office.

In a letter-invitation from Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, all of Benguet's Public

Employment Services Offices (PESO) are members of the jobs fair committee.

The workforce to be filled are in real estate; building and construction; food, restaurant and accommodation services; sales; information and communication services; online tutors; administrative and support services; household service workers; medical staff; skilled workers and others.

Applicants should bring with them several sets of complete employment documents for employers' perusal.

The Ibaloi term "Adivay" meaning "coming together" is a festival of sorts, celebrated with month-

long activities; the jobs fair, medical and dental mission, buntis congress, beauty and body building contests, mass wedding, food fairs, Dongbani Kavajo, agri-farm tourism and trade fair, skills competition, dog shows, health and environment conferences, music and theatrical presentations, coffee and investment forum, mining congress and photo exhibit,

Sports tournament in arnis, mixed martial arts, airsoft, dama, shootfest, football and badminton and a taekwondo exhibition are also part of the celebration./Julie G. Fianza



Fisherfolk of Bokod in Benguet load down fish food supplies for their 'tilapia' in their fish cages in Ambuklao Lake. The Ambuklao tilapia is said to be the best in the country./JBZ-PIA-CAR

City celebrates national children's month

BAGUIO CITY - The 23rd National Children's Month is currently being celebrated by the city government here with this year's theme "Komunidad at Pamahalaan Magkaisa, Pang-aabuso sa Bata,

Wakasan Na!"

The celebration was launched last Monday during the regular flag raising ceremony at the city hall grounds.

The Day Care Children Talent contest, unit level, started last Nov. 3 until Nov. 10 in the different day care centers for three to four years old day care children. While, the city level Day Care Children Talent contest will be held on Nov. 14 at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall.

Children with ages eight to 14 started participating in the Children's Got Talent competition district level in the different barangays and districts and on Nov. 21 will be the Children's Got Talent competition city level at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall.

On the other hand, the deadline of submission of entries for the Search for Child Friendly Barangay is on Nov. 6. After which, the search for child friendly committee will conduct a table assessment on Nov. 9-10.

Said committee will do the visitation and validation to the participating barangays on Nov. 12-13, 18-20.

There will also be information dissemination through lectures/orientation/seminars on laws concerning children such as rights and responsibilities of a child, anti

bullying and others in the different elementary and secondary schools to be participated by elementary and secondary pupils in whole month of November.

An Interfacing of Federation of Barangay Council for the Protection of Children members will be held on Nov. 25-27 at the Mandaluyong City.

There will also be Children's Congress in the different barangays for the whole month.

A simple culminating program will be done at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall on Dec. 4.

In the previous years, National Children's Month is being celebrated in the month of October, however, president Benigno Aquino has signed Republic Act 10661 declaring the month of November as the national children's month.

Accordingly, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) said the law mainly changed the month of the celebration from October to November to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the United Nations General Assembly on Nov. 20, 1989 and the Philippines' signing of the CRC./Jho Arranz

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tion and Damages.

In 2008 or 12 years later, the Regional Trial Court declared the validity of the Uniwide contract and dismissed the said cases and ordered the dissolution of the writs of preliminary injunction issued initially by the court and the cancellation of the injunction bonds and denied the claims for damages by the parties.

Under the lease agreement forged during the term of Domogan in 1995, Uniwide will build a multi-storey building in the area and operate its upper floors for 30 years. The first floor where the main market place and legitimate vendors will be housed will continue to be operated by the city government under the DBL scheme.

Meanwhile, Vice Mayor Edison Bilog proposed a resolution cancelling the DBL agreement in view of Uniwide's dissolution by the Security and Exchange Commission.

"The (SEC) in an en banc decision dated 30 May 2013 ordered the dissolution of all the companies in the group namely: Uniwide Sales Inc., Uniwide Holdings, Inc., Naic Resources and Development Corporation, Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation, First Paragon Corporation and the Uniwide Sales Warehouse Club Inc. pursuant to section 6-1 of the SEC Rules of Procedure on Corporate Recovery due to financial hemorrhage since 1999, with sales and total revenues steadily declining resulting to huge annual losses in its operations from 2002 to 2009 consequently having been denied corporate rehabilitation in 2010," Bilog noted.

"Due to the dissolution of the corporation, the development of the Baguio City Public Market could no longer push through since (Uniwide) is no longer in existence and the proposed contract price of P1.729 billion could no longer suffice to shoulder the development considering that 20 years have already lapsed," Bilog added/A Refuerzo

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Domogan said," the scheduled events can however push thru if portions of the facility will be used such as the bleachers and the stage."

"For as long as it will not impede the early completion of the project, it is okay," he said.

The mayor also said the city is not backing-out from hosting the CARAA scheduled next year.

Domogan said, "the DPWH-BCDEO has already committed that they can finish the work as scheduled."

"We still have the whole months of November, December and January before the hosting of CARAA and rehabilitation works will be finished by then," he said.

Domogan also said," he will communicate with the DPWH and validate with their timetable if indeed the sports facility can be finished in time for CARAA next year."/Paul Rillorta

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to give back to their customers and the consuming public.

Golangco also recognized the continuing support of their partner distributors and retailers for the successful staging of this annual Diskwento Caravan where they earned an average gross sale of P24 million in the past four years.

Other panelists were City Councilor Elaine Sembrano, BDO Merchant Officer Vincent Ocon, Unilever Philippines Customer Development Executive Bob Agpoon, Nestle Phils General Trade manager Rebelle Casem and Kenneth So of Granville./JDP/CCD and Shaura Cuyan – PIA CAR

Baguio Pre-Xmas Diskwento Caravan set on Nov. 20-22

BAGUIO CIT - Consumers can look forward to some discount with over 100 distributors of basic, prime and household products set to participate in this year's "Diskwento Caravan" at the Baguio Convention Center on November 20 to 22.

Dubbed as "Sari-Sari Store Bonanza, Super Mama Mia", the Diskwento Caravan will offer consumers quality groceries and household products at discounted prices. At the same time, it fosters public private partnership and advocates consumer education, entrepreneurship and consumer welfare awareness.

Now on its fifth year, this is partnership among the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), City Government of Baguio, Tionsan Supermarket and other private partners.

Carla Elena Noble of DTI Baguio - Benguet Consumer Protection Division, in a kapihan media forum launching the activity, disclosed that the Diskwento Caravan program

stressed.

encourages businesses to directly grant consumers access to reasonably-priced goods and commodities and promote to consumers to patronize business establishment that comply with Suggested Retail Prices and offer concessions to their patrons.

Through Diskwento Caravan, participating establishments will not only gain additional customers but are also perceived in their communities as socially responsible partners to development, Noble

In lieu of the usual October Consumer Welfare Month schedule, this year's Diskwento Caravan will be a post-typhoon Lando and a pre-Christmas treat, she added.

Jasper Lao Golangco, vice president for Tionsan Harrison Road- Baguio and La Trinidad branches, said that the company's 5-year partnership with DTI and the City government of Baguio, is their way

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Chiz: Scammers, not bullets, the real problem

Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero Surged authorities to focus on the root of the problem in the "tanim-bala" scam prevalent in Philippine airports today, instead of resorting to band-aid solutions that do not address the issue of extortion.

"Yung naglalagay, naglalaglag at nagtatanim ng bala ang problema, hindi yung bala. Kaya kung maghahanap tayo ng solusyon, huwag nating pagtuunan ng pansin yung bala, kundi yung taong nagtatanim ng bala. Paano ba natin sila mapatigil at paano natin maibabalik ang seguridad sa ating mga paliparan?" he said.

Escudero said proposals in Congress to decriminalize the possession of not more than three bullets should be carefully studied as merely decriminalizing the possession of a few bullets does not fix the real problem, which is the existence of extortion syndicates in airports.

"Ang tanong ko: saan nangagaling yung tatlo? Bakit hindi dalawa, bakit hindi lima?" Kasi sa totoo lang, hindi naman yung bala yung problema eh, yung tao yung problema—yung mga taong nambibiktima ng mga bumibiyahang para kumita sila ng pera," said Escudero, who is leading all recent voter preference surveys for vice president in the 2016 elections.

"Hindi natin masusugpo ang problema kung hindi natin tutukuying mabuti ang puno't dulo nito," he said.

The senator also pointed out that those in possession of a few bullets who are allowed to leave the country might end up in bigger trouble when they are apprehended in airports abroad, especially in countries with stiffer penalties for possession of ammunition.

Police, airport and transportation officials have all denied the existence of syndicates that plant bullets in passengers' luggage so they could extort money from them, but the National Bureau of Investigation, which created a special task force to investigate the "tanim-bala" incidents in airports, confirmed the existence of an extortion syndicate that preys mainly on the elderly and overseas Filipino workers.

There have been 1,394 ammunition-related incidents reported in the country's airports from January to October this year, according to the Department of Transportation and Communication. The DOTC's Office of Transport Security

is in charge of airport screenings and inspection.

"Gaya ng marami, ako ay nagtingit sa mga insidente ng tanim-bala. Ngunit naiisip ko rin, paano kung i-decriminalize natin ang pagdadala ng isa, dalawa o tatlong bala, ngunit hindi naman mawawala ang mga sindikato sa airports? Napakadali pa ring maglaglag ng tatlong bala sa bulsa ng mga bagahe," Escudero said.

He said going after the scammers and imposing stiffer penalties on those who would be caught inserting bullets, illegal drugs and other prohibited items in passengers' luggage would be more effective in stopping syndicates operating inside airports.

"We have to identify the real and grave threat, and to find ways to eliminate them," he said. / chizescudero.com; FB: [senchizescudero](https://www.facebook.com/senchizescudero); Twitter: [@saychiz](https://twitter.com/saychiz) @ [chiznewsalert](https://twitter.com/chiznewsalert)



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