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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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# Tingting Cojuangco, Bernardo Vergara, et.al..Implicated in a Complaint for Violation of the Omnibus Election Code

Baguio City- A complaint was filed on March 6, 2015 at the Law Department of the Commission On Elections (COMELEC) Manila and docketed as Case No. EO CASE NO.15-359 against the following:

( COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS) -vs- Worthy Acosta, Margarita "Tingting" Cojuangco, Glenn Chong, Bernardo Vergara, Ferdi Balanag, Eliseo Rojo, Alicia L. Onoza, City Treasurer, Baguio City John And Jane Does Personnel of Baguio City Treasure's office for violation of BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881 also known as the OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, more particularly ARTICLE XXII- ELECTION OFFENSES, Section 261. Prohibited Acts. - The following shall be guilty of an election offense:

(z) On voting: (12) Any person who, without legal authority, destroys, substitutes or takes away from the possession of those having legal custody thereof, or from the place where they are legally deposited, any election form or document or ballot box which contains official bal-

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**ARE THESE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED OR NOT ?** The burning question that has to be immediately resolved by the COMELEC. Violation of the Omnibus Election Code is a serious Criminal Offense. At left photo is Former Congressman Bernardo Vergara and Ferdi Balanag, PR Officer of Bernardo Vergara are among the others implicated for violation of Section 261 (z), (12) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881.

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*Kung tutuo ang  
reklamo hinggil sa mga  
gumalaw ng ballot box, aba eh  
matinding pangwa-walang  
hiya yan sa sanctity of the bal-  
lot at kay Juan dela  
Cruz!!!*







**"PROVE THAT I WAS LYING," Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano challenges peace panel to refute claims he made against the MILF, instead of resorting to "squid tactics." Cayetano exposed MILF arms building and terror links in his privilege speech Wednesday.**

## Prove that I was Lying- Cayetano

Peace panel resorting to "squid tactics"

The tact of the government peace panel questioning his involvement in the peace process is but a squid tactic.

Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano on Friday said the panel's latest response to his facts is merely an attempt to distract or confuse the public, likening it to a squid, which is well known to secrete inky material when a predator is nearby.

"The most important question is, was I telling the truth? If I was lying and all the materials I presented were not true, the peace panel should have said it outright."

He pointed out that in the earlier statement issued by peace panel members Yasmin Busran-Lao and Senen Bacani, they said his statements were subject to verification by the intelligence community.

"Kung sinungaling ako, at kung ang mga sinasabi ko ay hindi totoo, sabihin na lang ng peace panel na hindi totoo 'yan. Pero tingnan n'yo 'yung inquirer article, may kasunod - 'kung totoo ang sinasabi ni Sen. Alan, bahala na 'yung sa intel ang mag-verify."

Sen. Cayetano added "And yet Sec. Ging Deles admitted during the Senate hearings that they have an updated intel"

Cayetano said that sources of his statements on the MILF were from the police and military, the same sources of Deles' intel.

"Ang nagbibigay sa akin niyan, pulis at militar, active at retired, at 'yan ay nasa intel. Bakit hindi nila pinansin ang intel?"

He stressed that the emails he presented during his speech at the Senate were

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## Laws Protecting Women Lack Implementation, Info Dissemination - AI Campaigner

BAGUIO CITY - Despite the existence of laws protecting women's rights, there is still lack full implementation and information dissemination, according to a human rights advocate.

Wilnor Papa, Campaigner of Amnesty International Philippines, said few Filipinas know of the existence of Magna Carta of Women (R.A. 9710), which was approved back in 2009 and expounds on the rights of Filipino women.

Papa also said domestic violence still prevails despite presence of "groundbreaking" laws such as Republic Act 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and their children (VAWC) Act of 2004". He opined that society still considers gender-based violence as a personal problem and not as a problem of the society and a crime.

He added that in 2014 there were numerous reported cases of rape. "Rape is an issue of power and not about a man having sexual desires over a woman," he stressed in Filipino. Even if there are gender and development council in local government units, committee on women and gender equality in the legislative bodies, there is still a big lack in the advancement of women's rights.

The problems women faced before are still being faced these days, he said. "But we're not saying nothing has been done." There are laws, he said, but these laws still lack full implementation and information dissemination.

Amnesty International Philippines recently started its annual State of the World's Human Rights Report launch with its first leg here. The human rights organization released its annual report for 2014/15 covering 160 countries and territories./JDP/Pryce E. Quintos-PIA-CAR

## Mayor Urges 'House to House' Collection of Garbage Fees

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday urged barangay officials of the 128 barangays in this mountain resort to take the initiative in the collection of garbage fees here.

Domogan said, "the barangays should already go around every household to collect from their constituents the required P20.00 a month garbage fee per household."

"This will insure that the barangay will get their share of the garbage fee," he said.

The city government has already adjusted the sharing scheme on garbage fees where 70 percent of collections will go to barangay funds and 30 percent will go the city coffers.

Domogan said, "the adjusted sharing scheme is already very advantageous for the barangays."

"This is a challenge for barangay officials, if they really want to get their 70 percent share from collections, then they should take the initiative to go house to house and collect the garbage fees to make it sustainable," he said.

The mayor highlighted the poor collection of garbage fees from barangays and the slow compliance to the waste segregation policy which should be strengthened to insure better waste management.

Domogan also urged the barangays to submit the master list of households

## Mayor Pushes Barangay Merging Anew

BAGUIO CITY - the problem on funding for the honorarium of barangay tanods and street sweepers can be solved eventually if the number of barangays will be decreased.

This was highlighted by Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday during the weekly Ugnayan Presser which he said can address the problem of funding for barangay appointees.

The merging of small barangays is seen as a permanent solution to sustain funds needed for the benefit of appointed barangay workers under peace and order and sanitation.

It can be recalled that the Commission on Audit (COA) directed the barangays to charge against Personnel Services (PS) the honorarium granted to tanods and street sweepers and no longer under the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE).

The said directive affected small barangays which could not apportion an allocation for the honorarium of their respective appointees due to limited and meager budget resulting to the decrease of tanods and street sweepers.

With this development, some barangays requested Councilor Roberto Ortega, chair of the Committee on Peace and Order and Liga President Councilor Michael Lawana to author an ordinance which would subsidize the honorarium of barangays appointees with limited funding.

availing of the services or a complete census of barangay constituents in order to have a rough computation on the actual garbage fees to be collected.

The barangay treasurers are also obligated to collect and enforce remittance, computation of shares and determine the households where fees will be collected.

The barangay officials are also required to monitor the compliance of their con-

The Liga deemed putting up a two-month long trade fair is the most convenient, reasonable and practical means by which it can aid the barangays to raise funds.

Domogan however said, "the planned activity of the Liga poses a problem as it goes against the city's Trade Fair Ordinance."

The proposed trade fair is targeted to be put-up at the Juan Luna Drive, Burnham Park which was supposed to start March 15 until May 15.

The mayor said one of the seen solutions for the problem on funding is to include in the supplemental budget for 2015 the allowances and honorarium of the tanods and street sweepers.

The more permanent solution rests with the merging of small barangays.

Domogan said, "the situation being faced by smaller barangays is that they cannot generate funds due to a small Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)."

Domogan said, "the only fear for barangay officials why they disapprove merging is they might lose if merged with barangays with a higher voting population."

The mayor also clarified if barangay merging is approved, the term of barangay officials will not be affected and they will continue to function.

"It will take effect only after the expiration of their terms of office," he said.

Domogan said, "the proposed merging will make barangays more sustainable."/Paul Rillorta

stituents to the no-segregation-no-collection policy.

Residents who indiscriminately dump their garbage and violate anti-littering ordinances will be meted the following: first offense - warning, Second offense - P500.00 fine and third offense - P1,000 fine.

The mayor said, "this is already a chance for barangays to strengthen collection efforts as this is a very good source of revenue for every barangay."/Paul Rillorta



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## Mayor Pursues Demolition of Illegal Structures to Save Reservation

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan warned of summary demolition for illegal constructions within the Animal Industry forest Reservation here.

In the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday, the mayor said the city will pursue with its thrusts in protecting the remaining watersheds and forest reservations within the city as part of its campaign on squatting.

Reports of massive squatting within the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry has resurfaced anew prompting the mayor to order an immediate investigation and action.

Domogan said, "there are already initial reports that structures have resurfaced in the area without the required building permit."

"We would not allow this, we have no choice but to issue demolition orders for these structures," he said.

Domogan said a full investigation on this rampant construction along Marcos Highway is underway with full support of Tuba Mayor Florencio Bentes with parts of Tuba also affected.

As per initial findings, there are 254 illegal constructions subject for demolition and could reach 400.

Domogan said, "the actual number of illegal structures could not be determined yet but the bulk of which is situated

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## Vandals Warned of Numbered Days

BAGUIO CITY – Pesky graffiti vandals got a stern warning from the head of the city's Anti-Graffiti Task Force here last Monday.

"You are no longer safe (because) we're coming for you. Even if you're juvenile, we're coming for your parents," Anti-Graffiti Management Committee (AGMC) co-chair Charles Niederstadt Sr. intoned during the kick-off of the anti-graffiti program at the city hall last Monday.

Niederstadt who co-chairs the task force with Mayor Mauricio Domogan committed readiness to start implementing the campaign by April 23.

"The tools (for an effective program) have been given by the mayor. It is now up to us to do the work," he said as he rallied residents to contribute to the program by helping remove the graffiti, donating spare materials for the removal of the writings, reporting graffiti acts and making contributions in any way to the task force.

He thanked Niederstadt, a foreigner married to a Baguio native, for taking the lead in the campaign.

The foreigner's crusade against graffiti which took roots from his family's brushes with the vandals even in the United States prompted the city to tap Niederstadt's group Stop Tagging Other

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## AI Annual Report Shows HR Violations Still Exist in PH

BAGUIO CITY – Human rights violations still persist in the Philippines, an annual report for 2014/15 by Amnesty International (AI) shows.

AI Philippines Campaigner Wilnor Papa presented to local media the state of Human Rights in the Philippines when AI started its annual State of the World's Human Rights Report launch with its first ever leg here.

The Philippines is just one of the 160 countries and territories that the human rights organization recorded and investigated for its human rights abuses. AI provided a comprehensive overview of the country's human rights through documents recorded and information received in 2014.

The report said people from poor and marginalized backgrounds fall under the most tortured victims by the police. The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) reported that it recorded 75 cases of torture in 2013 and 28 cases from January to July 2014. In January, CHR exposed a secret detention facility in Laguna where police officers use a "roulette wheel" which contains different torture methods. The Senate then made an inquisition on police torture after AI released a report on December 4 entitled "Above the Law: Police torture in the Philippines".

The report also points out to lack of government protection which continues to bother witnesses to the 2009 Maguindanao massacre and their families remained in danger of threats. With no convictions handed down, no one has been held accountable for these killings, the report further said.

Enforced disappearances as human rights violation were also highlighted in the report. In August 2014, retired general Jovito Palparan was arrested by National Bureau of Investigation for charges of kidnapping, abduction and "serious illegal detention" of two women university students. In February, the Supreme Court had identified a military officer responsible for the abduction and disappearance of Jonas Burgos.

The report also highlighted the Philippine government's signing of a comprehensive peace agreement with the armed group Moro Islamic Liberation Front in March 2014. However, attacks by hard-line Islamist insurgents who oppose the peace accord continued. An attack by Abu Sayyaf in Sulu province left 21 people dead in March 2014 and in December, 10 people were killed and more than 30 injured when a mortar bomb exploded on a public bus in Bukidnon province.

As for violations on freedom of expression, the AI report shows that last year, at least three radio broadcasters and one newspaper reporter were killed by unidentified gunmen.

Last year's Supreme Court declaration of major provisions of the 2012 Cybercrime Prevention Act as constitutional is also included as a highlight on the violation of freedom of expression.

The SC upheld the Reproductive Health Law in April; however, the SC found unconstitutional some eight provisions in the law.

"Unfortunately, the human rights outlook for the coming year will continue to be bleak unless we see a fundamental change to the global response to conflict," Papa said.

AI is a global movement which campaigns fair distribution and full protection of human rights and assurance of enjoyed human rights by all people. /JDP/Pryce E. Quintos and Engelbert S. Nievera – PIA/ UB Intern



"TEAM WORK" - different emergency responders of the city participate in the amazing race during the 18th Anniversary of the Baguio City Emergency Medical Services (BCEMS)/Photo by Paul Rilloria

## Terms for ESL Establishment up for Scrutiny by Council

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will scrutinize the terms of reference for the future development of the city's engineered sanitary landfill in the body's session on April 6.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan submitted the TOR for the council approval after the same was approved by the City Solid Waste Management Board last December.

The council committee on laws recommended an open discussion of the terms in the presence of the members of the CSWMB which the mayor chairs.

The TOR provides for a design and build scheme for the construction of a two-hectare ESL that can accommodate 150,000 tons of compacted solid wastes with an approved contract of P80 million.

The TOR provides guidelines, standards and criteria to be applied in designing an ESL consisting of liner, leachate collection and treatment systems.

As per the terms, the work will involve "developing the most cost-effective design concept to address environmental impact mitigative requirements and developing final designs with final design drawings, construction details, cross-sections, final quantities, costs, technical specifications, tender documents, operating manuals and health and safety plans."

The detailed engineering design services to be provided are field investigations as part of the site investigation and confirmation studies; development of the landfill's detailed process design considering all design parameters and requirements; site development work design to include site preparation, parking, roads, erosion control, sanitary, water supply and fire protection systems and others; quantity and cost estimates for all works and pay items for each component of the design; and tender and contract documents.

The construction of an ESL is one of the strategies of the city's Integrated Solid Waste Management System to address the city's waste problem.

The city is eyeing its 130-hectare property reserved for the public need at Mt. Sto. Tomas to house the ISWMS which consists of other strategies intended for long-term management of the city's wastes among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility and the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines.

A feasibility study on the ISWMS is being conducted by the technical working group co-chaired by city planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat and general services officer Romeo Concio.

The city is fast-tracking the implementation of the project to achieve its target to stop hauling out wastes to Pangasinan and Tarlac the soonest possible time.

The city is contracting out the hauling of 127 tons out of the 360-ton waste output of the city daily requiring a huge budget of more or less P100 million in a year. /A Refuerzo



## This Pope did not Blink

"By now, one thing is clear," writes John Allen in *Boston Globe*. Faced with attempts to hobble reforms, through the character assassination of his reformers, Pope Francis did not blink.

The latest case swirls around Australian Cardinal George Pell, whom Francis put in charge of straightening up the Vatican's finances over a year ago.

Pell is a former Australian Rules Football brawler. Despite criticism against Pell, Francis issued early this month statutes for his operation. "To some extent at least, they amount to a vindication for Pell," Allen writes.

Francis signed the statutes on Feb. 22, but these actually took effect on March 1.

Predictably, some Italian columnists dubbed it a defeat for Pell's ambition to create a body virtually with unlimited powers over the administration of all Vatican assets.

Francis approved a legal framework for all three new financial oversight bodies that he launched last year. These are: the 15-member Council for the Economy, which sets policy; Pell's secretariat, which implements it; and a new independent auditor general, charged with keeping everyone

**EDITORIAL** "on the straight and narrow." Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio of Italy, president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, formalized the discontent.

He would overhaul the Council for the Economy by forming a new group of four or five

cardinals who'd ride herd over Pell. It would curb the lay financial experts who also serve in the council.

In addition, the new group of cardinals suggested slicing off some of the Vatican's biggest financial players, such as the government of Vatican City, from Pell's purview.

The conflict rages. Pell claimed in December to have uncovered hundreds of millions of euros in hidden assets, for instance. In response, Secretariat of State officials insisted that those funds were perfectly legitimate and had been set aside for unforeseen expenses.

The memo was leaked to the press, forcing Pell to scramble to defend his alleged discovery.

A rerun happened in February, when Pell briefed the cardinals. Among other things, he said his office had found a shortfall of almost \$1 billion in the Vatican pension fund. Days later, officials of the fund issued a statement insisting that it's in good shape and rejecting "alarmist" accounts of its viability.

In the end, none of that was sufficient to cause the Pope to abandon Pell. Francis added two assistant auditors to work with the new auditor general.

But the council largely rejected them, and then passed them on to the Pope. "We've seen this show before," Allen writes.

Meanwhile, Francis' popularity rating continues to surge ("very favorable" from 57 percent of US Catholics, and "mostly favorable" from another 33 percent). He will address a joint session of the US Congress on Sept. 24. A White House invite is in the books.

Pew Research Center found that in the latest surveys, every US segment gave the Pope a margin of at least 5-to-2 support. "This nearly unanimous approval of the pontiff is striking even for highly observant Catholics... These would be the envy of any other public figure," Allen writes.

Overall, what's most notable about Francis' reforms is what is not in them, he asserts.

Francis tacked on a small but telling decision. He spurned a suggestion from Coccopalmerio that English be eliminated as a working language in the new offices, in favor of the Vatican's typical insistence on Italian.

Last week, the anti-Pell campaign leaked receipts from his department showing that it had managed to spend more than a half million dollars in its first few months of operation. "When Pell tried to notch a success, somebody inside the system has fired back," Allen points out.

Early on, Francis tapped Italian monsignor Battista Ricca as his delegate to the Vatican Bank. Ricca was to oversee a cleanup operation in the bank.

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**Members of the Board Of Inquiry shown affixing their signatures at the Mamasapano Incident BOI Report. For now the careers of this Officers and Gentlemen are put on hold!!!**

## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

### Time for Paradigm Shift?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



Again, I have some unsolicited thoughts to inflict on everyone. Just thinking aloud on how to move forward. Please consider the following, take it or leave it. But I believe it's high time now that we consider some paradigm shift by changing the discourse from political to development.

**TRACK ONE** — With the debacle brought about by Mamasapano, there is an urgent, compelling and indispensable need of re-engaging the public and the stakeholders, especially of Mindanaoans. This can be done by regional peace summits and/or focused group discussions (FGDs) to exorcise the public mind of the negative spectre spawned by the tragedy and to restore the lost or eroded trust and confidence of the public on the BBL while Congress does its job. Simply, "consulting" with and "listening" to the people. This will also allow the voices of the affected sectors heard loudly rather than be dominated by discordant voices of the "unaffected gallery" or those who are remotely affected by the outcomes. This was done by President Ramos in the 1996 Final Peace Agreement with the MNLF and by President Arroyo after the MOA-AD debacle. I see no reason why this will not work this time.

**TRACK TWO** — While BBL is in Congress, it may be best to make the proposed law more "inclusive" and bring in all together other Bangsamoro sectors who appear to be "excluded" or "sidelined". One way is to consolidate into one road map for all Bangsamoro the new Comprehensive Agreement of the MILF (CAB), the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the MNLF and the IPRA law of the indigenous peoples.

#### MECHANICS—

a) To insure that MILF is put in the loop and will not "walk away" and turn its back to the settlement, a discreet effort by Congress to "vet" with the MILF the proposed changes be done. That means opening up quietly a backchannel "negotiating table" between Congress and the MILF as deliberations in Congress are going on. This will be the mechanism that will explain to the MILF the reasons for the enhancements to the BBL and also to preserve their "maratabat" (pride) that they are consulted along the way and that they have "ownership" of the outcomes.

b) The pending "tripartite review" (GRP, MNLF & OIC) of the 1996 peace agreement with Misuari's MNLF, which is unfinished but abandoned by OPAPP, be resumed and the output of the review can be inputted or consolidated in the new BBL. This may remedy or address the position of Misuari who has since reverted to his call for "independence" due to his perception that his MNLF is being sidelined or excluded from the peace process.

c) Pertinent provisions of the IPRALAW can be consolidated in the new BBL to arrest the apprehension of the IPs that their own ancestral domains will be jeopardized by the BBL.

All this can bring about either a NEW BBL or an ENHANCED OR AMENDED ARMM LAW (RA 9054)

SCENARIOS — There are 4 possible scenarios facing the BBL:

- delay in the approval of BBL
- MILF rejects the final version
- delay in the Supreme Court if a petition is filed
- Supreme Court rules its unconstitutionality

**TRACK THREE** — Considering the above 4 possible scenarios, it may be best to look at Plan "B" or other alternative options. One possible alter-

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Arenas: PNoy must act decisively on sea row*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law..." (Galatians 5:22-23, the Holy Bible).

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**HRET CONFIRMS PANOTES CONGRESSIONAL WIN:** I wish to congratulate Rep. Elmer E. Panotes of the second congressional district of Camarines Norte and, of course, his lawyer who is my sister, Atty. Marisa Mauricio Panotes (wife of Daet, Camarines Norte Councilor Concon Panotes, the congressman's nephew), for winning the second electoral protest that was filed against him in connection with the May 13, 2013 elections.

The House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET) has just thrown out the second electoral protest against Congressman Panotes, confirming his overwhelming victory over his rival, a former high finance official of government.

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**PANOTES SEALS WIN WITH INCREASED LEAD OVER RIVAL:** The HRET found, after a manual counting of the votes arising from the protest, that Panotes even increased his lead over the protestant, from 26,839 votes to 26,852 votes. The protestant could not believe the very big difference between the votes she got and the votes counted in favor of Panotes, and so she filed a protest and asked for a recount.

The tribunal declared however that the protestant, who likewise miserably lost to Panotes in an earlier election, failed to prove that the results of Rep. Panotes was the result of cheating or fraud. Well, congratulations, Rep. Panotes! The moral of this story here is that, if you lose, better accept it, for if you file a protest, your opponent might even increase his lead!

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**PNOY MUST ACT DECISIVELY ON SEA ROW: ARENAS:** Former Pangasinan Rep. Rachel Baby Arenas is asking the Aquino government to act more decisively to assert the right of the Philippines over the islands at the West Philippine Sea which have been occupied and are now being used for military purposes by China.

In an interview Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the DZEC 1062 kHz 6 a.m. daily program "Tambalang Batas at Somintac", Arenas said it is not right for the government to just simply allow China to put up structures in the area the size of which now approximates a big mall, especially at this point that there is already a pending protest at an international tribunal.

Arenas, who is seeking to become a senator in the 2016 elections under the banner of the United Nationalist Alliance of Vice President Jejomar Binay, however cautioned against any rash action as this may ignite a bloody confrontation between the two countries.

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**PNOY DROP IN RATINGS MEANS DECREASED PEOPLE SUPPORT:** Now that President Aquino's trust, popularity, and performance ratings have plummeted once more, we should expect more maneuvers by those wanting to kick him out from office as soon as possible to step up their criticisms against Aquino.

As it were, Aquino's critics are now smelling

## DIMENSIONAL ROAD

*Involving Filipinos' Global Pursuits through the British Council*

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



*"The empires of the future are empires of the mind." — Winston Churchill*

Like other citizens in this planet, Filipinos dream to transcend around the world- their reasons: the desire to look for a greener pasture or to be globally competitive. In their inquests to achieve, emerge unexpected failures. But the dreams don't cease from those points of failures. There could be other chances to replace what went wrong. The cultural-friendly services, the British Council offers could be the best solutions to move on further.

The best way to travel the globe to create a difference in achieving dreams as smoothly as Filipinos can is through undertaking legitimate procedures. Filipinos can have these lifetime experiences by interlinking their interests to an equal -opportunity organization famously known as the British Council. The British council is not a an agency for employment and overseas studies, but it directs to acquire knowledge on how one moves to perform the necessary methods to succeed.

Primarily, the British Council is a non-profit organization extended by the UK (United Kingdom) Educational Council. It welcomes world citizens' opportunities on varied aspects like: world-class overseas studies, internationally-recognized knowledge certifications, English language acquisition, management skills, and humanities or art education without discrimination. It has been conceived in 1991 with its ultimate goal through the establishment of many branches throughout the world.

The significant features which contributed to the British council as an agent of global change among Filipinos and to all citizens of the world could be perceived in the following:

Language development among the students and professionals through the Cambridge University designed examinations for teacher certifications and students proficiency in the English language. The likes of Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT), Business English, English proficiency Certificates, Professional Development Certifications and workshops for teachers, Certificate in English Language Teaching for Adults (CELTA) and Diploma for English Language Teaching for Adults (DELTA) among other offered certifications made available through their programs or by public demand. It is an expected fact that in the international scene, the British Council has been supportive to dynamically-minded individuals who conveniently and successfully studied abroad. It also pushed some Filipino teachers to earn certifications and other academic credentials to teach English globally of which elucidates that these credentials are internationally recognized by world's academic institutions propelling the success of overseas language educators. Additionally, one English-language related examination is the APTIS which is a business-to-business invention that is used by organizations and institutions to benchmark or standardized the English language levels of their employees, recruits, students or teachers.

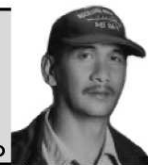
In the field of business management, corporate training consultancy is a main concern of the British council's services where businesses processing outsourcing or subcontracting are enhanced. Many managers in the Philippines and from around the world have benefited from this knowledge aside from their improved organizational leadership and corporate communication best practices which are usually conducted on-site through the organizations' discretion to invite the council.

It offers IELTS (International English Language Testing System) which empowers Filipinos to live study and work globally depending on the acquired results of any candidate who took the examination. It is also advisable to say that the British Council is a trusted organiza-

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Dating Congressman Vergara at iba pa may kilaman daw sa pagnakaw ng mga balota?!!*

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Nang lumabas ang balitang ito sa national TV sa ABS-CBN ay kamuntik na akong mahulog sa aking upuan nung idawit ang pangalan ni kagalang-galang na tongressman este Congressman Bernardo M. Vergara at pati na rin ang kanyang Public Relations (PR) man na isang nangngalangang Ferdie Balanag. Itong si Ferdie Balanag na ito ay hindi ko kilala, ngunit ipinabalita at ikinuwento sa akin na ito raw si Ferdie na ito ay isa raw tanyag na TH Film Director. Ang na meet ko na ay ang kanyang ama na si kagalang-galang na Feberico Balanag ng BARP. Sa ngayon, ay hindi ko na muna gustong bigyan ng komentaryo ang hingil sa merito at detalye ng reklamo hingil sa kanila, bagamat nabasa ko na ng kabuuan ang dalawang affidavit mula kay (Worthy Acosta at kay Sixto S. Brillantes -dating COMELEC Chairman) ngunit aantayin ko muna ang kasagutan ng mga na aakusahan hingil sa isyu na ito. Ngunit kung mayroon katotohanan ang nakasaad sa affidavit ay isang matinding **KABASTUSAN** sa ating lahat ang nangyari, sapagkat, pinkaingat-ingatan natin ang balota hangang sa punto na ibibigay pa natin ang buhay natin tuwing halalan para lamang mabantayan ang pagka sagrado ng balota at pagkatapos ay basta basta na lang yayarukin at wawalanghiyain ang balota ng ganoon ganon na lang !?!? Ngunit sa kabilang dako ay hindi ko talaga maisip na may kinalaman itong si dating Congressman Apo Bernie sa ganitong istilo ng oplan (DT or Dukot at Tamper) kung sn mismong bataan pa niya na si Ferdie ang siyang kasama sa dukutan ng balota. Hay! Yay! Yay ! Yay! ANO BA NAMAN KLASENG KATARANTADUHAN ITO ??? Sa ngayon ay nais kong manawagan sa COMELEC at akin din susulatan ang COMELEC sa ngalan ng Linis Gobyerno kung saan ako ang Director for Anti Graft and Corrupt Practies na kung maaari ay RESOLBAHIN na nang agarang ang nasabing isyu ng hindi na magamit na election issue sa darating na halalan at ayon sa ating mga taga balita ay tatakbo daw muli itong si Apo Bernie as tongressman este Congressman. Eh di kung buhay pa ang reklamo na ito sa panahon ng halalan ay tiyak na magagamit ito as negative propaganda laban sa kanya. Kayo mga dear readers, ano sa palagay ninyo, may kinalaman kaya itong si Apo Bernie sa akusasyon ng pagnanakaw at tampering of ballots? ABANGAN ANG MGA SUSUNOD NA KABANATA HINGIL SA ISYU NA ITO, AT MAKAAKASO KAYO NA UNA NINYONG MABABASA ANG MGA MAINIT NA DETALYE NA WALANG PRENO SA PAHAYAGAN NA ITO AT SA KOLUM NG INYONG LINGKOD. Mabuhay Po Tayong Lahat !!!

tion where IELTS examination could be undertaken through its conveniently slated timetables catering to examinees throughout the year.

To add, British council offers Professional University Examination as authorized by United Kingdom's major examination boards and universities. Skills enhancement in the performing arts are catered through the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) and the Royal Schools of Music (RSM). For professional advancement, Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) is administered for those interested in medicine, veterinary and other related courses in UK universities. English Literature Admission Test (ELAT) is also offered to students who plan to enter University of Oxford to earn degrees in English and literature. Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) is a method to gauge the critical thinking of clients who intend to enter University of Oxford for philosophy, Politics and Economics or Economics and Management degrees.

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the defendants should be adjudged to pay the plaintiffs exemplary damages in such sum as the Honorable Court may determine.

4.06. The plaintiffs, repeatedly, and for years, exerted earnest efforts to arrive at a compromise with the defendants, but the latter refused to cooperate. Because of this plaintiffs were constrained to litigate on the matter to protect their right and interests. Accordingly, the defendants should be made to pay attorneys fees in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) and Ten Thousand pesos (10,000) per lawyer for every appearance, plus the cost of litigation.

## PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of the Honorable Court that Judgment be rendered:

1. Declaring the Deed of Absolute Sale between Albino Reyes and Renato Reyes as void;

2. Incidental to the foregoing, ordering the Register of Deeds for the City of Baguio to cancel TCT. NO. T-99183 under the name Defendant Delia Reyes' name, and/or TCT- NO. 72323 under the name of Renato Reyes.

3. Incidental to the foregoing, ordering the Register of Deeds for the City of Baguio re-issue TCT. NO. T-11579 in the name of Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes and deliver it to the plaintiffs for appropriate proceeding/settlement;

4. Ordering defendants to pay the plaintiffs moral and exemplary damages, and attorneys fees in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 300,000.00.), and Ten Thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) per lawyer for every appearance.

5. Ordering defendants to pay the cost

of this suit.

Other just and equitable reliefs are likewise prayed for.

Quezon City for Baguio City, 8 March 2012.

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**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION**

I, RODIL S.M. REYES, Filipino, of legal age, and a resident of Block 5, Lot 25, Ivory Street, Camela Homes, San Antonio Uno, Noveleta, Cavite, after having been sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state that:

1. I am one of the heirs of Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes, and the attorney-in-fact of the other plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. As such I have caused the preparation of the foregoing complaint. I have read and understood the same and the contents thereof are true and the correct based on my personal knowledge and authentic records at hand.

2. I, and my co-plaintiffs/principals, have not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein.

3. However, the defendant Alben Eric Reyes, filed a complaint against defendants Delia Reyes and Ronald Reyes, seeking to declare as null and void the Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Quitclaim/Waiver of Rights (cf. Annex "F") of the instant complaint, which was docketed as Civil Case No. 2009-0238-D before Branch 40 of the Regional Trial Court of Dagupan City, Pangasinan; to which, my co-plaintiffs/principals and I were not impleaded as parties, and to which we reserve the right to file the appropriate action to assail or to annul the Judgment therein. A copy of such complaint is hereto attached.

4. The foregoing notwithstanding, if I or my co-plaintiffs / principals should thereafter learn that a similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact within five (5) days therefrom to the court wherein this complaint has been filed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012 at Dagupan City.

(Sgd ) RODIL S.M. REYES  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012. The affiant exhibited to me his Driver's License Numbered as NO2-78-063462 issued on April 14, 2011 at LTO, Quezon City.

(sgd) DANIEL T. TERRADO  
Notary Public  
Until December 31, 2012

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Series of 2012.

WHEREAS, RODIL (a.k.a Rodel) S.M. REYES in his behalf, and in behalf of his siblings and co-heirs NELIA EUFEMIA S.M. REYES-ANDERSON, RAUL S.M. REYES, RONNIE S.M. REYES, MILA ROSARIO S.M. REYES-OASAN, MARINA ISABEL S.M. REYES-TUPAZ, and RESTITUTO, the Plaintiffs, through their counsel, on March 29, 2012, filed a verified complaint against DELIA T. REYES, RONALD T. REYES, ALBEN ERIC REYES, RENATO REYES JR. and LIZA REYES, the defendants.

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, by counsel, filed an Ex-parte Motion for Leave of Court of Effect Extraterritorial Service of Summons through Publication, dated July 27, 2012, which was granted by this Court in its Order dated November 13, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE, you defendants DELIA T. REYES, RONALD T. REYES, ALBEN ERIC REYES, RENATO REYES JR. and LIZA REYES, are hereby summoned through this medium of publication and are therefore required to file with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Branch 5, Baguio City your responsive pleading and/or Answer to the above-captioned Complaint, within SIXTY (60) days from date of the last publication, serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleading and/or Answer upon Plaintiff's counsel, Atty. Kristjan Vicente T.

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vinced that he was cheated. He was an incumbent; yet, only placed third in the elections – quite a rare occurrence in Philippine politics.

He also told me that sometime before the elections, someone he did not specify approached him with an offer of victory in exchange for 15 million pesos. He rejected the offer.

Gargantiel, Unit 203, Times Square Building, No. 57 Times Street Corner Examiner Street, West Triangle, Quezon City, and your failure to do so within the period herein prescribed will enable the plaintiffs to take judgment against you and demand from the Honorable Court the relief and remedies prayed for in the Petition.

Let this Summons be published at The Junction Newspaper, at the expense of the plaintiffs, a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the plaintiffs. Furthermore, at their expense let copies of the Summons, this Order and Petition be sent to defendants DELIA T. REYES, RONALD T. REYES, ALBEN ERIC REYES, RENATO REYES JR., and LIZA REYES by registered mail with return slip or private international courier at their last known address. The plaintiffs are likewise directed to submit proof of compliance to this Court immediately.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE JENIFER P. HUMIDING, Acting Presiding Judge of this Court, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013 at Baguio City, Philippines.

ATTY. ALEJANDRO EPIFANIO D. GUERRERO  
Clerk of Court V

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fer.

40. After my meeting with Vergara, Eliseo and I carried the ballots back to Villa Cordillera. I stayed in Baguio City for a total of about three or four days. I remember also formally requesting from COMELEC Baguio for copies of election returns and other official documents relevant to the 2013 elections. I likewise met with Mayor Gregorio Abalos of

La Trinidad to get additional documents."

Due to time constraints it being the final press day prior to publication this writer instead sent a letter to two of the respondents (Bernardo Vergara and Ferdie Balanag) which this paper guarantees to publish their side on its next issue, a copy of the letter sent is likewise published. / *Sermi Agus, the Junction Researcher-Reporter*



Letter sent to Vergara and Balanag

**NOTICE OF SOLE ADJUDICATION**

That an Affidavit of Sole Adjudication was executed by SHARON DIZO, of legal age, single, Filipino Citizen and a resident of No. 61 Honeymoon Road, Baguio City as the sole beneficiary of her late parents ANDRES DIZO and ELENA M. DIZO, as she has hereby adjudicated unto herself the said amount of P 51,028.95 interests and deposits which may have occurred at the Bank of the Philippine Islands-Legarda Road Branch, Baguio City with Savings Account No. 008123-0200-31 in the name of Andres Dizo. Furthermore that her late parents SSS coverage named her as sole beneficiary. That the affidavit of Sole Adjudication was executed before Notary Public Romeo D. Lopez a Notary Public of Baguio City and entered into his notarial registry as Doc No. 22; Page No. 9; Book No. III; Series of 2015

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RODIL (a.k.a. RODEL) S.M. REYES in his behalf, and in behalf of his siblings and co-heirs NELIA EUFEMIA S.M. REYES-ANDERSON, RAUL S.M. REYES, RONNIE S.M. REYES, MILA ROSARIO S.M. REYES-OASAN, MARINA ISABEL S.M. REYES-TUPAZ, and RESTITUTO S.M. REYES,

*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

DELIA T. REYES, RONALD T. REYES, ALBEN ERIC REYES, RENATO REYES ET AL., LIZA REYES, and the REGISTRY OF DEEDS for Baguio City,

*Defendants.*

CIVIL CASE  
NO. 7617-R

For  
DECLARATION OF  
NULLITY OF DEED  
OF ABSOLUTE  
SALE

SUMMONS  
(By publication)

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2012, plaintiff filed a Complaint dated March 29, 2012, hereunder quoted in toto as follows:

“COMPLAINT  
Plaintiffs, by counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, respectfully state:

NATURE OF THE  
ACTION

1.01. This is an ac-

tion for the declaration of nullity of a Deed of Absolute Sale, between the late Albino Reyes and the Late Renato Reyes, for being forged/falsified.

1.02. Because of that void Deed of Absolute Sale, Transfer Certificate tittle (TCT) No. T-72323 was issued by the Register Deeds for Baguio City in favor of the late Renato Reyes, which was later on cancelled when Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-99183 was issued in the name of the latter's living spouse, Delia Reyes.

## II.

### THE PARTIES

2.01. Plaintiffs are the children and heirs of Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes. RODIL (a.k.a. Rodel) S.M. REYES, a Filipino of legal age, files this case in his behalf and in behalf of NELIA EUFEMIA S.M. REYES-ANDERSON, RAUL S.M. REYES, RONNIE S.M. REYES, MILA ROSARIO S.M. REYES-OASAN, MARINA ISABEL S.M. REYES-TUPAZ, and RESTITUTO S.M. REYES, who appointed him as their attorney-in-fact by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney, a copy of which is hereto attached as ANNEX “A”. They may be served with the processes of the Honorable Court through counsel and/or plaintiff RODIL (a.k.a. Rodel) S.M. REYES address at Block 5, Lot 25, Ivory Street, Camelo Homes, San Antonio Uno, Novela, Cavite.

2.02. Defendant Delia T. Reyes is of legal age, a citizen of the United States of America, and with residential address at Barrera, AB Fernandez East, Dagupan City, Pangasinan, where she may be served with notices and compulsory processes of the Honorable Court.

2.03. Defendant

Ronald T. Reyes is of legal age, a citizen of the United States of America, and with residential address at Barrera, AB Fernandez East, Dagupan City, Pangasinan, where he may be served with notices and compulsory processes of the Honorable Court.

2.04 Defendant Alben Eric Reyes, Renato Reyes, Jr., and Liza Reyes are of legal age, citizens of the United States of America, and with residential address at c/o JG'S Restaurant, De Venecia Highway, Brgy. Banaoang, Calasiao, Pangasinan, where they may be served with notices and compulsory processes of the Honorable Court.

2.05 Defendant Register of Deeds for Baguio City is a government agency, and is being impleaded as a nominal party to secure a complete relief. It may be served with summons and other compulsory processes at the Registry of Deeds for Baguio City, City Hall, Baguio City.

## III.

### THE ACTS

3.01. On 06 March 1967, the late Albino Reyes and the late Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes, became the registered owners of the parcel of land then covered by TCT No. T-11579 of the Registry of Deeds for Baguio City. The Said property is more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land (Plan PSU -219170, Civil Reservation Case. No.1, L.R.C.Civil Reservation Record No. 211), situated in Res.Sec. “D”, City of Baguio. Bounded on the NE., and SW., from point 2 to 4, and 4 to 1, by public land; and on the NW., from point 1 to 2, by property of the U.S. Naval Reservation. Beginning at a point marked as “1” on plan, being N.14 deg. 58’ E.,

752.40 m. From Triangulation Station Noble, Baguio Townsite, Baguio City, thence N. 10 Deg.34’E., 72.74 Mm. To point 2; S.72 Deg. 54’E, 10.00 m. To the point of Beginning; containing an area of EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE (871) SQ. METERS, more or less.xxx

3.02 A copy of TCT NO. T-11579 is hereto attached as ANNEX “B”.

3.03 On 12 February 1993, Albino Reyes died intestate in Dagupan City, Philippines, leaving as his heirs the following:

3.03.1 Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes, the surviving spouse;

3.03.2 Renato S.M. Reyes, Ruben S.M. Reyes, Romulo S.M. Reyes, Rito S.M. Reyes, and the herein-plaintiffs Nelia Eufemia R. Anderson, Raul S.M. Reyes, Rodil a.k.a. Rodel S.M. Reyes, Ronnie S.M. Reyes, Mila Rosario R. Oasan, Marina Isabel R. Tupaz, and Restituto S.M. Reyes, the children of Albino Reyes and Isabel Reyes.

3.04. No partition, judicial or extra judicial, involving the subject property, was made by the above-mentioned heirs.

3.05. On 29 September 1999, the Register of Deeds of Baguio City cancelled TCT NO. T-11579, and issued TCT NO. T-72323 in the name of “RENATO S. REYES married to Delia Torio xxx” by virtue of an alleged “Deed of Absolute Sale” purportedly executed by Albino Reyes, with the conformity of Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes on 08 September 1978 at U r d a n e t a , Pangasinan which appears to have been acknowledged before notary public Felipe V. Abenojar, and inscribed in his notarial book as Doc. No. 618, Page No. 331, Book No. XVI,

Series of 1978.

3.06 A copy of that “Deed of Absolute Sale” is hereto attached as ANNEX “C” while copy of TCT. NO. T-72323 is hereto attached as ANNEX “D”

3.07 The alleged “Deed of Absolute Sale” purportedly executed by Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes is falsified, spurious, and therefore void since the signature therein of Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes are forged.

3.08 The Owner's Duplicate Copy of TCT NO. T-11579 has been in the possession and custody of Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes, keeping the same in her cabinet in her house in Dagupan City, but the same was taken without her knowledge and consent by her son, Renato S.M. Reyes, who was living with her in the same house.

3.08.1 Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes Executed a “NOTICE OF ADVERSE CLAIM” dated 13 October 1999, executed and signed by Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes, and duly subscribed before notary public Azucena Espejo Lozada, and inscribed in his notarial book as Doc. No. 154; Page No. 33; Book No. V; Series of 1999. A copy of which is hereto attached as ANNEX “E”.

3.08.2. Moreover, this Notice of Adverse Claim was registered and annotated at the back of TCT no.T-72323 of the Registry of Deeds of Baguio City. (cf. Annex “D”)

3.09. On 20 January 2006 Renato S.M. Reyes died. He was survived by defendants Alben Eric Reyes, Renato Reyes, Jr., Liza Reyes, Delia Reyes, and Ronald Reyes.

3.09.2 Defendant Delia Reyes is the second wife of Renato S.M. Reyes, and defendant Ronald T. Reyes is their child.

3.10. On 22 May 2006, despite knowledge of the Notice of Adverse Claim, defendants Delia Reyes, the widow of Renato S.M. Reyes, and Ronald T. Reyes, her child with the late Renato S.M. Reyes, and Ronald T. Reyes her child with the late Renato S.M. Reyes, executed and signed a notarized document entitled “DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH QUIT CLAIM/ WAIVER OF RIGHTS,” involving the subject property, and acknowledged before Notary Public Villamor A. Tolete, and inscribed in his notarial book as Doc. No. 393; Page No. 80; Book No. XXIV; series of 2006.

3.11 A copy of the Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate with Quitclaim/ waiver of Rights is hereto attached as ANNEX “F”.

3.12. On 22 January 2009, Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes died intestate, leaving as her heirs the following:

3.12.1 The children of Renato S.M. Reyes;

3.12.2 The children of Ruben S.M. Reyes;

3.12.3 Romulo S.M. Reyes;

3.12.4 Rito S.M. Reyes;

3.12.5 Nelia Eufemia R. Anderson;

3.12.6 Raul S.M. Reyes;

3.12.7 Rodil a.k.a. Rodel S.M. Reyes

3.12.8 Ronnie S.M. Reyes

3.12.9 Mila Rosario R. Oasan;

3.12.10. Marina Isabel R. Tupaz;

3.12.11. Restituto S.M. Reyes.

3.13. On May 22, 2009, TCT No. T-72323 was cancelled and TCT. NO. 99133 was issued in the name of defendant Delia T. Reyes because of that DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL

SETTELEMENT OF ESTATE WITH QUITCLAIM /WAIVER OF RIGHTS which she executed with defendant Ronald Reyes (cf. Annex “F”). A copy of TCT No. 99183 is hereto attached as ANNEX “G”.

3.14. The subject property has not been transferred to an innocent purchaser for value.

## IV

### CAUSE OF ACTION

4.01 . The Alleged “Deed of Absolute Sale” purportedly executed by Albino Reyes and Isabel Sta. Maria with Renato S.M. Reyes on 08 September 1978 is falsified and spurious, and therefore void ab initio. It is not binding and has no effect at all.

4.02 In fact, Isabel Sta. Maria Reyes herself, the mother of Renato S.M. Reyes, who allegedly gave her conformity to said sale, executed an Affidavit of Adverse Claim, then registered and annotated the same at the back of TCT NO. T-72323

4.03 Perforce, the transfer of the subject property in the name of defendant Delia T. Reyes through the Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate with Quitclaim/ waiver of Rights is also void *ab initio*, since it arose from a void title, and therefore does not confer rights to the defendants and does not impose any burden on the plaintiffs or to the subject property.

4.04 Because of the fraudulent and malicious acts of the defendants, the plaintiffs suffered mental anguish, moral anxiety and wounded feelings, for which they are entitled to moral damages in such amount that he Honorable Court may determine.

4.05 So as to deter others who might be similarly minded,

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native for this interregnum or possible debacle and in order to address the high expectations of the Bangsamoro — or in a “best case scenario”, soon after a new BBL is entrenched — MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT MUST BE DONE IN THE BANGSAMORO AREA. (akin to the so-called Marshall Plan done in Europe after the World War destruction). The donor community (World Bank, JICA, AUSAID, USAID etc) and the foreign countries that have always been supportive of the peace process must be prepared this early to help the Philippine government for this massive development plan.

**MILF SINCERITY** — First, allow me to help disabuse the minds of many questioning the “sincerity” of the MILF in seeking a peaceful settlement. Take it from me. I have worked with the MILF leadership headed by the late MILF Chairman HASHIM SALAMAT starting in 2001 until 2003 when I assumed as government chief negotiator and more especially with now MILF Chairman KAGI MURAD who was then my counterpart across the negotiating table as MILF chief negotiator. Subsequently, I also headed OPAPP. I could tell MILF’s intentions were clear: to find a peaceful but principled settlement to the Moro problem. They have transitioned from struggle for independence to enhanced empowerment. I can cite many examples but I’ll mention only one. For example: to the credit of the MILF, they have agreed early on (during my “watch” as chief negotiator) to do development on the ground while negotiations were still going on. Hence the formation of a “Mindanao Trust Fund” (with the World Bank as lead) with the MILF organizing its development arm called “Bangsamoro Development Authority” (BDA). It should be noted that this was never done before in any peace negotiations anywhere in the world. The purpose was to “capacitate” them (from combatants to development workers) and to start a modest template of development partnership and to find “comfort zones” with the donor community and the government’s development agencies. The original plan was that after the final peace agreement is done, then a massive development fund can be put together with the MILF taking the lead on the ground to improve the lives of the Bangsamoro.

**CAPABILITY** — While my experience with the MILF convinced me of the leadership’s sincerity, the issue of “capability” however kept bothering me ever since. Unlike our AFP, the so-called command and control of MILF’s forces by its leadership were — and still are — not that tight as we normally expected. Moreover, their communities host all sorts of armed groups (kidnap for ransom, criminals, private armed groups (PAGs) and it is too much to expect the MILF to have full operational control over all of them. Mamasapano is a stark example. Truth is, MILF numerically is a minority but they somehow showed they are carrying the torch for the Bangsamoro. The expectation was that if it is bestowed some level of authority, the MILF can eventually put some semblance of order to the disparate and challenging environment. But leveling of such expectations have some factors to consider. Reality dictates that MILF, even if entrenched, cannot dominate the scene in areas like the island provinces of Sulu, Basilan and Tawitawi obviously due to tribal considerations and the preponderance presence of the MNLF there. All told, tribal and ethnic considerations must be factored in the over-all picture because

those who know these sensitivities are cautionary about this.

**RECALIBRATE** — With the 4 scenarios above at play, we may need to recalibrate things. We know that the “mantra” of rebel groups, MILF included, is to seek a “political settlement” first and foremost, before “development” can be done in their areas, protecting their constituents from being “coopted” and their “cause” consequently shunted aside. The mantra is: peace settlement FIRST before development. Perhaps, we can now all consider a paradigm shift: development SIMULTANEOUS with seeking a final settlement. With the need to restore confidence and rebuild lost goodwill, it may be best now that we jointly re-invent the approaches and the timelines. The MILF can be partners of the government in this massive development work, in order to win or regain lost goodwill and trust WHILE WE ARE ALL STILL FINALIZING OR ENTRENCHING OR NURTURING THE PEACE SETTLEMENT. This is a win-win alternative. Improving the lives of people is always a winner. Then the FINAL political settlement can follow. We need not force the issue now, if we can help it.

But if this is too radical a shift, then the best-case scenario is to change the discourse from political to development. The political settlement can be allowed to slowly evolve. The MILF will not — or should not — reject this because then it may give credence to the suspicion of some sectors that they give priority to political power than improving the lives of the Bangsamoro. For in the ultimate analysis, it is the latter that peace settlements are all about.

**PEACE BUS** — As a final note. Sadly, we are all DISTRACTED from the intended main focus of the day. Investigations, blame games, calls for retributions and vengeance, seeking justice and accountability can well proceed on their own. But, these are all “side streets”.

Our “peace bus” has detoured from the main route. By all means, let’s all recover our lost bearings. Shall we? ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: AMFI\_Mindano/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

### Mayor Pursues... from page 3

within the Baguio side.”

“We will determine the actual number when the investigation is done and the city government will spearhead the demolition of this structures after the issuance of the required notices of demolition orders to the identified owners,” he said.

The City Legal Office, the City Building officials, the Public Order and Safety Division and the City Anti-Squatting Committee will conduct the necessary inventory of the structures built in the area without the required building permits.

On-going constructions will be subjected to summary demolition.

The mayor also warned prospective buyers of lots in the area to verify first the status of the lots they intend to buy in order not to be victimized by fraudulent persons.

“The Bureau of Animal Industry is a forest reservation and should remain protected,” Domogan said. /Paul Rillorta

## Editorial

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Shortly thereafter, the Italian news magazine *l'Espresso* claimed that Ricca was involved in gay relationships while serving as a papal diplomat in Uruguay a decade before.

There was no suggestion of sexual abuse or criminal conduct, but Francis did not blink. Ricca remains on the job.

There’s grumbling about speeches by Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga. He was picked by Francis to coordinate his “G93 council of cardinal advisors.

“Rodriguez seems to regard himself as a vice pope,” sneer critics. “He reveals details of the council’s work or floats ideas

before anyone else.” Despite that, there’s zero indication that Francis has blinked and will ask the Honduran prelate to step aside.

“The moral of the story is if one of the Pope’s chosen reformers is a burr under your saddle, probably the last thing you want to do is leak damaging information or engage,” Allen writes.

Juan L. Mercado was a communication officer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Bangkok. Thereafter, he was posted in FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, as attaché de cabinet. He wrote for the *Inquirer* as a regular columnist from February 2004 until December 2014. /Juan L. Mercado

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE

Notice is hereby given to the estate of the late AWAS TAGUID who died intestate on January 19, 2011 in Tuba, has been the subject of an instrument evidenced by EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE executed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015 appearing in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of Baguio City and docketed as Doc. No. 425, Page No. 85, Book No. X, Series of 2015.

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## PUJ Association... from page 10

gaging in the practice of multi-passenger contracting known as "ulo-ulo" system.

Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. reminded the associations that those who will not comply with the 9:30 p.m. servicing will lose their right over their loading areas as a form of penalty for the violation.

Councilor Peter Fianza noted that all associations should adopt their own policies to ensure compliance with these requirements as what some groups had done.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda also reminded the groups of previous resolutions requiring them to provide contraptions such as appropriate step boards, handle bars and other safety measures.

Councilor Fred Bagbagen initiated the dialogue following complaints from the riding public on overloading which violates Memorandum Circular No. 2011-004 which provides that no PUV (public utility vehicle) operator will carry passengers in excess of the capacity fixed by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

Association heads who spoke said they do their best to comply with the capacity requirement but admitted that this cannot be helped especially during peak hours.

Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association Baguio-Benguet (FEJODABB) officials Perfecto Itliong Jr. and Patricio Evangelista said the federation has been doing its best to remind the associations to comply with the laws particularly on overloading and the service time but it can only do so much as they do not have the police power to ensure that all associations are complying at all times.

The city council referred all the inputs gathered from the dialogue to the committee on public utilities for study and recommendation. /A Refuerzo

## Mayor Warns...

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to the Solicitor General Office and closely coordinate with them," added the mayor.

Furthermore, in the initial investigation, there are 254 illegal structures spotted in the said area. However, in the second investigation, there are already more than 400 squatters who built structures without securing building permits, stressed Domogan.

Accordingly, the owners of the structures said that they will continue to improve their properties unless they will receive a court order stopping them to do the same.

Domogan emphasized that even they owned the lot if they did

not secure building permits, the authorities will have the absolute right to stop them until such time that they have complied with the requirements.

The composite team was tasked to conduct investigation, validation and identification on the location of the structures and at the same time to determine the number of illegal structures built within Baguio City and structures built within Tuba, Benguet.

After the investigation, notices of demolition order from the city government of Baguio and the local government of Tuba, Benguet will be issued simultaneously to concerned individuals. /Jho Arranz

## Prove that I was Lying...

from page 2

from the accounts of Marwan and his brother, which were used by US prosecutors in California.

"Lahat po 'yan ay factual. Bakit hindi po nila buksan ang mata nila at tingnan nila 'yan," Cayetano said, referring to peace panel members.

On the panel's question why he is speaking against the BBL and the MILF only now, Cayetano clarified that he was not part of the peace panel.

"Now and then they hold briefings at the Senate, but because of the numerous activities in the Senate, we have to send staff members to the said briefings."

Cayetano maintained that he initially believed in the MILF and the peace promised by the BBL which was why he signed as a co-author.

"But my signing as co-author of the BBL was subject to the formulation of a Mindanao development plan, because we cannot have peace in the area if we limit it to ARMM. And my condition is that the MILF should be committed to peace and democracy."

He reiterated his challenge to the peace

panel to verify or dispute his claims in his privilege speech last Wednesday.

Cayetano said Marwan was not only being coddled by the MILF, but the group had arms build-up and links to terror groups Al-Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiyah.

He also questioned the peace panel's mindset, as he pointed out that they have been acting as spokespersons for the MILF and are not protecting the interests of the government. This prompted him to ask the President to fire Sec. Deles and Chairperson Ferrer.

He laid down four conditions for the MILF in order to bring back trust and credibility in the peace process.

The conditions are: 1) the MILF put down their arms and prove that they have truly turned their back on terrorism; 2) dismantle weapons factories; 3) stop building new camps and allow for a comprehensive inspection by a neutral international team; and 4) surrender or join government forces in hunting down Usman and Umbra Kato and all terrorists in their areas. /Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

## Vandals Warned... from page 3

People's Property in 2012 to provide assistance in the implementation of the code.

In 2013, the mayor created the AGMC as a private-led government-supported system of management which will oversee the implementation of the Anti-Graffiti Code in consonance with the operational plan which will involve the Baguio City Police Office, students, volunteers, barangays and media.

He tasked Niederstadt as his co-chair with STOPP as the revenue-generating arm to raise funds in addition to the government appropriation beginning 2014 onwards.

Last February, the mayor ordered the finalization of the action plan and the appropriation of the budget to fully enforce the ordinance.

The mayor also incorporated the campaign in the city's clean and green program by making it as one of the criteria in the yearly barangay contest.

Under the code, violators will be penalized with fines ranging from P1,000 to P5,000 and imprisonment. Community service will also be employed as penalty for violators. /A Refuerzo

## KAKAMPI MO ...from page 5

"blood" with the drop in Aquino's ratings, since it is clear that criticisms are now taking a toll on his popularity, and have the effect of diminishing the support of the people for him. Unless Aquino does something miraculous, like saying sorry for the Mamasapano incident, he will never be able to regain the lost goodwill of our countrymen.

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## Tingting Cojuangco, Bernardo... from page 3

lots or other documents used in the election. The complaint alleged that Margarita Cojuangco, Glenn Chong and Worthy Acosta planned the tampering of used ballots in order to prove that there was indeed cheating that had occurred in the previous 2013 elections. The affidavit of one of the respondents Mr. Worthy Acosta alleged that the operation to retrieve the ballots was done in connivance and in full knowledge of former Congressman Bernardo Vergara and Ferdie Balanag the Public Relations Officer of Bernardo Vergara. The affidavit further stated that Mr. Ferdie Balanag and company together with Mr. Worthy Acosta were the ones who were given access where the ballot boxes were stored. For a better understanding of the allegations herewith we are printing en toto selected items of the seventeen (17) pages affidavit, beginning at Item No. 17 to 40.

"17. However, the Maripipi Island plan did not materialize as Tingting suggested that we turn to Baguio City instead. She said we can easily access the Treasure's office in Baguio as she had strong connections in the area, particularly pertaining to former Cong. Bernie Vergara ("vergara" of the lone district of Baguio City.

19. Glenn said Vergara was eager to prove election fraud in Baguio City where he ran and only placed third to victorious candidate Cong. Nicasio Aliping ("Aliping) in the lone district during 2013 elections.

22. While in Baguio City, we met with Vergara at a coffee shop along Session Road. He was accompanied by a man he introduced as Ferdi Balanag ("Ferdi"), his Press Relations Officer. Eliseo stayed out of hearing distance while the three of us discussed. Vergara laid down the details of the retrieval plan.

23. After the meeting, Ferdi, Eliseo and I went to the warehouse where they said the ballots were stored in order to conduct an ocular inspection of the area. It turned out to be an old 2-storey bodega in front of the Motorpool of the City Engineering office.

24. Pursuant to the plan, the following day, I met up with Ferdi at the parking lot of the Baguio City hall. Ferdi went inside the city hall and after a while, came out along with a bunch of people wearing T-shirts which bore the name of the Treasure's office. We drove aboard a convoy of several vehicles towards the warehouse.

25. Upon arrival, the people from the Treasures office unlocked the doors of the warehouse. Within minutes, the doors were open and Ferdi and I went inside while Eliseo and the others stayed out.

26. On Ferdi's signal, we proceeded to the second floor where I noticed ballot boxes haphazardly stacked. I reached for a box in random. As with the other boxes, it was wrapped with brown packaging tape bearing signatures presumably of the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) Which handled it and sealed with metal and plastic seals. I cut the plastic seal, pulled off the tape and opened the box.

27. I hurriedly reached inside my backpack, closed the ballot box and carefully placed the packaging tape back around it. I carried it back to the corner where it was stacked. All throughout, Ferdi lent me assistance in pulling out the ballots and placing them in my bag.

37. When I finished fixing the ballots, I proceeded to Cong. Vergara's home to report. There, I presented to him the ballots without disclosing that they were tampered and that they were only a portion of the ballots inside a ballot box.

39. Vergara looked devastated. He was readily convinced of my story. As it turns out, even before TingTing approached him of the Baguio operation, he was already con- **Cont. on page 6**





**CITY HALL'S MOST POWERFUL WOMEN -** Mayor Mauricio Domogan is flanked by most empowered city government lady executives who outnumbered the men 15 to 10 as City Hall Department Heads (standing, back row) and 2 lady councilors namely Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Elaine Sembrano against 10 (one vacant position) in the city council./by Bong Cayabyab

## Mayor Warns Illegal Squatters within the Baguio Dairy Farm at Greenvalley

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed during his weekly forum last Wednesday that together with the local government of Tuba, Benguet headed by mayor Florencio Bentez, he directed the composite team composed of representatives from the City Buildings and Architecture Office, City Engineer's Office, Department of Public Works and Highways-Baguio City District Engineering Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and the Baguio City Police Office to fast track the investigation regarding the massive squatting within the Baguio Dairy Farm at Green Valley along Marcos Highway.

Domogan stressed that the Baguio Animal Industry is a reservation under the DA, however, more than 62 hectares of the Dairy Farm had been issued a Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) by

the National Commission of Indigenous People (NCIP) in favor of the heirs of Ikang Paus.

It is recalled that the DA filed a case against the squatters occupying said lots and won the case. But despite of this, the DA is still waiting for the writ of execution to carry out the demolition of the illegal structures.

Based on reports, there are significant number of land sold to individuals, thus, proliferation of structures are now seen within the Baguio Dairy Farm in Greenvalley.

Domogan stressed that in the issuance of CALT, it is prohibited to sell and/or dispose a portion of the ancestral land to any individuals unless it is a member of the indigenous people (IPs) since the purpose of ancestral land claims is to preserve the ancestral domain of the IPs.

"We said to the DA to take a picture on the present situation at the Dairy Farm and forward it

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## Drainage Inspection Mulled

BAGUIO CITY - A composite team will be formed here to inspect the drainage network at the city's central business district to determine its state and institute corrective measures.

The city council will confer with representatives of the city environment and parks management office, city engineering office, city buildings and architecture office, health services office sanitation division, Dept. of Public Works and Highways Baguio City Engineering District and the Baguio City Police Office on the matter in the body's session on April 6.

Councilor Fred Bagbagen who broached the matter said there were indications that the drainage system at the CBD is becoming defective.

"Strong obnoxious odor is perennially steaming out from the drainage in the CBD particularly along the stretch of Magsaysay Avenue," he said.

He said this poses hazard to health and must be addressed at once.

He said there is a need to form the team composed of said offices and agencies to conduct an extensive inspection of the drainage system so that the city will determine the condition of the drainage facilities and institute remedial measures.

/A Refuerzo

## PUJ Associations Reminded of Obligations

BAGUIO CITY - Public utility jeepney associations here were reminded of their obligations to provide safe and convenient service to the riding public.

During a dialogue with the city council last Monday, the PUJ groups were asked to comply with the mandated requirements to load passengers within the prescribed capacity, provide units until the cut-off time at night and to ensure that their units are in good condition and equipped with the required contraptions for the safety and convenience of the commuters.

Dept. of Transportation and Communication Cordillera (DOTC-CAR) legal officer Brenda Poklay confirmed before the body that not all associations are providing units until the cut-off time of 9:30 p.m.

She said this contributes to the practice of overloading and the proliferation of taxi units en

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

## Dads to Inquire on Hwa Ping Constructions

BAGUIO CITY - The city council will summon key agencies to their session on April 6 to shed light on the planned constructions of Yu Hwa Ping on a property reserved for the city's use along Chuntug St.

The body last Monday approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Fred Bagbagen to invite the city legal office, city planning and development office, city engineering office, city buildings and architecture office, Dept. of Public Works and Highways Baguio City Engineering District and Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources to give updates on the concern.

Bagbagen said Hwa Ping "illegally titled the said lot to his name and introduced several improvements therein (despite) being part and parcel of the City Hall reservation under Proclamation No. 62 and is not alienable and disposable under townsites sales application (TSA)."

He said that a multi-story building is now being constructed on the lot.

"Such introduction of high rise building may unnecessarily obstruct the City Hall's aesthetic, symbolic, civil and focal point of an urban landscape that should be maintained in which the public has invested tax monies," Bagbagen said.

It will recalled that former city building official Oscar Flores' refused to issue Hwa Ping a building permit citing that the lot is intended solely for gardening, protection and parking.

Flores' move was sustained by DPWH Secretary Hermogenes Ebdane.

However on January 25, 2010, the Office of the President reversed and set aside Ebdane's move and ordered the issuance of building permit to Hwa Ping.

Flores filed a petition for review before the Court of Appeals on Sept. 29, 2011 calling for the reversal of the decision of the Office of the President.

The CA in July 2014, dismissed Flores' petition but Flores again filed a motion for reconsideration which remained pending to this day./

A Refuerzo

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