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Lawmaker to AFP and PNP: Use Your Intel Funds, Put A Stop to Unrest and Insurgency in Mindanao

Senate minority Alan Peter Cayetano lamented the seeming inability of both the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) to stop the series of bombings and acts of terrorism in Mindanao despite the huge amount of intelligence funds made available to them.

The senator noted that in 2011 the AFP was given P124.397 million in confidential and intelligence funds while the PNP was given P270.029 million.

For the proposed 2012 budget, PNP's budget is still pegged at P270.029 million while AFP's budget is slated to in-

crease to P136.397 million.

"With intelligence funds this big, why are these agencies still unable to get to the masterminds of these bombings and put a stop to continuing acts of terrorism in the country?" he asked.

The minority leader pointed out that the failure of government to stabilize peace and order particularly in Mindanao is one of the major factors why foreign investments and development of local economy continue to be hampered.

"If our own citizens do not feel secure in their own country, how can we expect investors to come in? If investors become scarce, how can we expect to boost the country's

economy?" he asked.

"Must we wait for a 'VIP' to be harmed before our law enforcers intensify their intelligence efforts? I have no doubt our soldiers and policemen have the capability to act swiftly and effectively but why aren't we seeing the results?" the senator asked.

Cayetano urged the leaders of both the PNP and the AFP to step up their intelligence gathering in order to justify the millions of funds they receive for this purpose.

"Show us that the taxpayers' money is being used for its intended purpose. Show us the results. Use your intelligence funds and safeguard our country better," he said. / Office Of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Inaugurates Mines View Satellite Market

The city inaugurated last Monday a four-floor satellite market at Mines View Park to serve as relocation area for souvenir shops blocking the steps to the popular rock view deck overlooking the former gold mines and mountains of Itogon, Benguet.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Rep. Bernardo Vergara led in the ceremonies, with Bishop Carlito Cenzon, Catholic vicar apostolic of Baguio, heading religious leaders in blessing the edifice that will soon house 201 souvenir stalls, the barangay hall and district clinic.

"This multi-purpose hall is our commitment since years back," the mayor said of the long-delayed project that was finally launched in January last year.

"After seven years, it is (now) a fulfilled dream," noted Vergara who, as the city mayor then, signed in February, 2004 with the Mines View Barangay and the Mines View Open Market Vendors Association an agreement setting the guidelines for the construction and awarding of stalls on a joint management scheme.

With the building completed, Domogan said the foremost issue would be the rate of lease of the stalls the city will impose after consultation with the beneficiary vendors and the barangay officials, in accordance with the agreement.

City councilor Peter Fianza, who had talks with officers of the association and barangay officials during his term as city administrator, recalled the vendors had sought a rental rate that would allow them to develop their business rather than based on the city's recouping capital for the construction.

The agreement created a Mines View park Satellite Market Committee composed of the city mayor, the punong barangay and a representative from the vendors association. It will over and supervise the awarding of stalls to members of the association "as legitimate occupants", determine the qualification of applicants other than members of the association, perform other functions as may be assigned by the mayor, and to jointly manage the satellite market.

The agreement was required by the city council prior to the confirmation of the contract for the construction of the building.

Construction, supervised by the city building and architecture office headed by Engr. Oscar Flores, began in January last year under Goodrich construction with an initial fund of P38.2 million. The city council last January added P12 million for the completion of the same.

The relocation of the vendors to the building may yet lead to the restoration of the park's status as a national tourist destination. The Department of Tourism de-listed it as such for the proliferation of stalls that destroyed its ambience.

The park's down-grading, however, appeared to have no effect on the flow of tourists who, aside from finding their way through the maze of stalls, are offered commercial photo opportunities on horseback or with pet dogs at the rock promontory. / Ramon Dacawi.

Giant Tablet Helps Restore Dominican Hill's Spiritual Significance

The Guinness Book of World Records has certified a wall bearing the Ten Commandments mounted on Dominican Hill here as the biggest of its kind,

triggering celebration when the official record was presented last Wednesday morning.

Measuring 152.90 square meters, the slanting

wall of an A-frame prayer building was made to look like two giant stone tablets bearing the Ten Commandments. Its construction was commissioned last February

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Ambuklao Dam begins a new era with a 105 MWatts Hydro-electric Power for Luzon

B O K O D , Benguet - A 105 Mega watts(MW) of renewable, reliable and sustainable energy for the province of Benguet and the rest of Luzon. This is what the SN Aboitiz Power (SNAP) promised to offer during the blessing and the inauguration of the Ambuklao Hydro-Electric Power Plant (HEPP), Thursday, SNAP-Benguet

Inc., President and CEO Emmanuel Rubio, in his welcome remarks, stressed that there is none more fitting for them than to celebrate such momentous day with the host community and other stakeholders in Ambuklao. This is truly a result of engineering science and collaboration and will remain a mark of enduring commitment to renewable energy and partnership as

we continue to work together in creating shared value towards a shared future, he said.

The Ambuklao Dam and Hydro-electric plant was first inaugurated by President Ramon Magsaysay in 1957. After Luzon was hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake, Ambuklao experienced siltation and damages that affected its technical

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Guv Pushes for Strengthening of Family Values

BONTOC, Mt. Province - There is a need to enhance Christian teachings and strengthen family values to curb the increasing suicide incidence among the youth in the province.

Thus, emphasized governor Leonard Mayaen during the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) meeting where reports indicate a rising trend of suicide cases in both in and out of school youths.

Arlene Fillag, head nurse of the School Division Office of the Department of Education, here reported that since last school year up to September of this year, at least nine suicide cases were documented in the municipalities of Bauko, Sabangan and Bontoc.

Mayaen, who is also the PCPC chairman, said the involvement of religious sectors in moral values is needed to reinforce whatever youth resiliency measures the schools are initiating to prevent suicides.

He said the crucial role of the family should also be stressed in the values formation as it is the first source of care and emotional support for the young.

Fillag said initial investigation on the suicide cases reveal that most of the victims come from families with dysfunctional problems.

With two of the victims died of insecticide poisoning, Fillag urge local officials to come up with measures to tighten the access of minors to such substances.

Fillag said they earlier wrote Bauko Mayor Simon Lacwasan requesting him to institute measures to regulate the sale and access of children on the pesticides.

School authorities also urge local officials to look into the unregulated selling of alcoholic beverages to minors as alcoholic consumption was to have a direct link to three reported suicide cases.

Mayaen requested concerned officials to report suicide incidents in their communities including bullying in schools so the council will analyze and come out with whatever further interventions to undertake to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents in the future./JDP/ABD-PIA CAR, Mt. Province



WELCOME TO PRO-COR P/CSUPT. BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG !!! Regional Command turn over ceremonies were held at Camp Bado Dangwa. At left is outgoing and retiring P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag witnessing the turn over ceremonies between PDG Nicanor A. Bartolome, Chief PNP (at center) and incoming PNP P/Chief Supt. Benjamin B. Magalong (at right).

SK chair campaigns for PPUR's bid to the New Seven Wonders of Nature

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet, Oct. 26 (PIA)-- Be proud to be a Filipino, let us all help and support the bid of Puerto Princesa Underground River (PPUR) of Palawan to become one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature.

This was the call made by Barangay Matiyaga, Puerto Princesa Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chair Armando Palanca Golifardo Jr., in a kapihan media forum at the Ben Palispis Hall of the Benguet Provincial Capitol, Tuesday.

Palanca visited this capital town of Benguet on the invitation of La Trinidad SK Federation President Brendan Quintos.

Palanca stressed that it would be a big honor, not only for them Palawenos but for all the Filipino people, if the Puerto Princesa Underground River will be named as one of the New Seven Wonders of the Nature.

In 2010, small scale mining gold production accounts to about 62 percent of the country's gold production.

According to Palanca, out of initial 440 entries/locations worldwide, PPUR topped the 77 preliminaries chosen through voting through the internet and as well as in the voting for the 28 finalists.

And now as the 11.11.11 (November 11, 2011) final announcement of the New Seven Wonders of Nature reaches the final stretch, Palanca reiterated his appeals to the people of Benguet to support the PPUR's bids, which they can do by texting PPUR to 2861 and/or by putting in their vote by logging in to www.new7wonders.com.

Palanca also proudly shared that the PPUR has been awarded by UNESCO as a heritage site and is considered as the longest navigable underground river in the whole world. In addition, Palanca also attested that a geographical association from Italy conducted a re-

search study inside the PPUR and discovered several minerals that can be found nowhere else in the world.

Meantime, Quintos said that they have invited Palanca to personally promote the PPUR in the Baguio-Benguet area and to be a resource person for the La Trinidad SK Federation Planning and Budgeting seminar-workshop, particularly the Balili River (rehabilitation) project, which they plan to be included in the major programs of their federation.

President Benigno Aquino III, also takes PPUR's bid for the New & Wonders of the World as one of his personal advocacy in which he also directed the Department of Interior and Local Government to spearhead an information campaign to the different local government units nationwide./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

legal use of explosives and mercury, and the direct discharge of toxic mine waste directly to river. **Cont. on page 11**

Marketing Coop and Crop Programming: Benguet's Answer to Veggie Farmers Woes

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Just like the other parts of the country where the agriculture sector is being confronted by different problems including the effects of climate change, the provincial government is

addressing the concerns of vegetable farmers in the province through marketing cooperatives and crop programming.

This was bared by Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso in a

situationer on the vegetable industry of Benguet he gave during the Regional Cooperative Month Celebration held at the Benguet State University Gymnasium on October 27.

Pacalso reported that in the

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DENR-MGB Pushes for Unified Policy Standard for Small Scale Mining

BAGUIOCITY- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources Mines and Geo-science Bureau (DENR-MGB) is conducting Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board (P/CMRB) Summit in the regions in efforts to come up with a unified, harmonized and standard policy and procedure on the application and process of the small scale mining.

According to DENR-MGB Na-

tional Assistant Director Elmer Billedo, the P/CMRB summit is very significant as up to now there are two laws governing the small scale mining industry, which are the Presidential Decree 1899 issued in 1984 and Republic Act 7076 or the Small Scale Mining Act of 1991. After 19 years of simultaneous implementation of the two mining law, it has brought more harm than good to the small scale mining

industry, which in effect also unnecessarily and unjustly drag the large scale mining sector into the controversy and the mining industry as a whole, he said.

One million people depend on small scale mining as a means of livelihood. Small scale mining is taking place in more than 30 provinces, nationwide with over 300,000 miners engaged in its operation, including 18,000 women and children.

A Future Not Our Own

That full page paid ad, on page 14-A in the Inquirer of Oct. 26, startled many. It bore the title: "Fr Fausto 'Pops' Tentorio: Beloved Servant of the Masses"—referring to the 59-year Italian priest, gunned down in North Cotabato mid-October.

The advertiser claimed to be: "Southern Mindanao Regional Party committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines". Siegfred M Red, "secretary" signed the ad. This is the first time ever the CCP deployed paid ads.

The Party, for instance, confirmed the death of spokesman, "Ka Roger" in a statement emailed to Inquirer October 10. CPP's website carried a black and white portrait of the 64-year old Batangueno, who used laptops for "people's war: A one line caption read: "Gregorio 'Ka Roger' Rosal, 1947-2011." That was all.

EDITORIAL

This full page ad shatters the last half

century's pattern. Is this an exception? Will this continue? What's going on here?

Look at "Father Pops" and his 33 years of service. "For many years, (Fr. Tentorio) served the people of the Philippines in a courageous and indefatigable way", wrote Pope Benedict XVI. "He was "a good priest, a fervent believer."

Tentorio shepherded his flock with the sacraments and cobbled programs, from child immunization to adult literacy. Thousands of those he had cared for trudged alongside his coffin to Balindong cemetery.

"Your dream is my dream", Tentorio wrote: in his last will and testament, made public by his PIME confreres. Scribbled in the Visayan dialect he was fluent in, Fr Pops added: "Your struggle is my struggle. Therefore, you and I are one: companions in building the Kingdom of God".

As pastor, he "sought justice for lumads or indigenous people, dispossessed of their land, harassed by armed men, when government seemed to abandon them", Kidapawan bishop Romulo de La Cruz recalled at the funeral. Siding with the oppressed, "can earn you enemies who go after even the kindest of men."

AFP's Eastern Mindanao Command denies it had any hand in Tentorio's rubout. But it did tag the priest as "friendly" to the NPA, admits Lt. Col. Leopoldo Galon, EastMindcom spokesperson. "He welcomes sinners and tax collectors". Wasn't that also the tag slapped on Fr. Pops' Master?

Catholic Bishops Conference and PIME are pressing government to nail the killer and mastermind. "What makes us so indignant is the injustice, the impunity of the perpetrators," Italian ambassador Luca Fornari fumed.

Justice Undersecretary Francisco Baraan has started what seems a hard-nosed professional enquiry. Baraan is hamstrung by mistrust of the military among potential witnesses. Like it or not, government's probes find themselves in a race. The Reds dumped this "blood debt" at doors of the 6th Infantry Division "Revolutionary forces vow to bring revolutionary justice for Father Pops," their ad pledges.

"CCP-NPA is the longest-running Maoist insurgency in the world." Diana Rodriguez and Soliman M. Santos, Jr write in the new book "Primed and Purposeful." Armed clashes, across four troubled decades left 4,745 killed and injured 1,534, incomplete tallies claim. Most were civilians. And 1.2 million became refugees.

Military victory eluded both security forces and rebels. "Nor is it likely in the future". Communists are bogged down in strategic defense of it's 'protracted people's war.'. They've never achieved a "great leap forward" of mass adherents, Rodriguez and Soliman add.

Indeed, from it's peak in the 1980s, the CCP 'withered and splintered', Australian National University's Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet writes in Philippine Human Development Report. Weakened by internal pogroms, an CCP evaluation confirms "ideological superficiality."

"Mindanao's communism party building was notably weak... Communist ideology is part of leaders' vocabulary. (The paid ad, for example, is studded with jargon: "bureaucrat capitalism", "commandism" our-time-imperialism", etc.)

"But for most ordinary members, that is not the case." It is abuse and injustice. In Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province, the movement has morphed "into a struggle for Cordellera identify."...Some NPAs evolved a "kind of business enterprise that sells protection in exchange for money and other compensation.

Fr Tentorio was selfless, not because of **Cont. on page 11**



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Death and its significance

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



One of the several versions of the death of former Libyan strongman Moammar Gaddafi was that he died like a rat and his death was lauded by critics as a death he deserved. Critics reasoned that he who lives by the gun will die by the gun, he who lives by the sword will die by the sword. Close to halfway around the globe, another strongman died almost simultaneously with a heart attack. Ka Gregorio Rosal a.k.a. Ka Roger lived by the gun fueled by his passion for revolution yet he did not die by the gun. He died from illness or via natural means. Steve Jobs, inventor and avant-garde of technology changed the lives of millions. He invented several applications or computer programs that made lives easier and enjoyable. Yet, he died at a young age somewhere in his 50s. He was reported to have said that he did not intend to be the richest man in the cemetery.

He was a man of power, of science, of technology yet he was to succumb to the cancer. Earlier, criminals of war survived their eighties and nineties. They did not contribute much to making people's lives comfortable but instead made lives like hell for many. Some of those who do good die young and many of those who did evil died late. Some of the most evil men died in peace.

Father Pops or Faustino Tenorio, Italian priest, gave his life to siding with the lot of indigenous peoples of Mindanao. He did not hold a gun but he died from gunshot wounds. His fate is similar to another Italian priest, Fr. Tulio Favali, who was beheaded.

Children as young as several days or months before birth die from abortion or from being murdered by their unprepared mothers. Yet, the children are as innocent as the angels and can be presumed to be as sinless as virgins. Nevertheless, they die with violence or die after being starved to death by their parents or after being left alone in a cold, in a dump, or in a garbage pit.

Indeed, there are so many ways of dying and we need not enumerate them all. It should be clear that how a man died should not be correlated at all with their character. Not all of those who died from violence lived a life of violence. Not all those who lived peacefully lived a life of peace. In short, there is no significance at all in how a man died.

Yet, dying peacefully is a grace that many men aspire for. It is considered as grace even if dying via violent means out of one's belief can also be considered as martyrdom or heroism and, thus, a grace or gift from one's creator and Lord.

Is one manner of dying really significant?

Jesus Christ was a man of peace, He is the Lord of love and peace yet he died by the cross, by the nails, and by the spear. He died a violent death and yet he died peacefully to resurrect again peacefully.

Practically all or many of the apostles of Jesus died a violent death. Simon Peter died on the cross when he was crucified in a downward position. The first Christian martyr, Stephen of the Books of Acts, died from stoning. St James the Less or the Younger was also known as the "brother of Jesus"—although they were only cousins—was stoned to death and finished **Cont. on page 9**

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

IF I WERE THE PRESIDENT

BY: JESUS DUREZA



STRING OF INCIDENTS — It saddens me to see these series of violent incidents in several parts of Mindanao just over the last few days. First, it was the Tagamito attack by the NPAs in Agusan, then the landmine explosion in Payao in Zamboanga Sibugay, followed by the Basilan ambush by the MILF, then the NPA attack of Sumifru in Compostela Valley followed by the killing of Fr. Pops Tentorio in Arakan, North Cotabato; then the latest incident in Alicia, Zamboanga Sibugay again with the MILF killing several policemen and soldiers. Not to mention a few bomb explosions here and there lately.

What's happening, Mindanao?

I am convinced that there is a breakdown in the so-called "peace equilibrium" that was previously maintained and nurtured. The government, with the help of the private sector, must arrest this downward trend otherwise, we squander on the gains that have been earned over the previous years. What is disturbing is that civilians now are seeing how the policemen and soldiers who are supposed to protect them are being clobbered left and right. Of course, our government forces are gaining ground in several fronts but violent incidents where our soldiers are at the receiving end attract more public attention and reaction.

Something must be wrong somewhere.

AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF — The recent slaughter of the soldiers in Basilan should be instructive.

If I were the president, I would have immediately flown to Basilan and conducted an AFP command conference at the AFP camp in Tabiawan, Isabela and ordered immediate but calibrated, focused punitive action against all those responsible for the killing of the soldiers. No, not an "all out war" as some are saying. I would have issued a strong warning to the armed groups and the enemies of the state that an attack on the soldiers was an attack against the Republic. I would have reiterated the primacy of the peace process in Mindanao and ordered OPAPP Secretary Ging Deles and Panel Chairman Marvic Leonen to immediately initiate the convening of the ceasefire committees of the government and the MILF to investigate the incident and pursue next steps without delay. I would have immediately flown to Zamboanga City, visited the wounded soldiers in the Zamboanga hospitals, pinned them some ribbons or commendations if appropriate and dropped by at the wake of the slain soldiers and consoled with their loved ones, and hand them some modest but much-needed cash to tide them over for the meantime. And as commander-in-chief, I would have extolled the dead soldiers for being heroes for sacrificing their lives for the country and forthwith ordered an investigation as to whether there were operational lapses by the AFP units concerned. And before leaving Basilan or Zamboanga, I would have met with Bishop Jumaoad and other Islamic religious leaders of Basilan and dialogued with Basilan mayors and officials and sought their assistance. Then I would have directed an alter ego, a cabinet official to stay behind in Zamboanga, encamp there and manage the situation as if the president had not left.

Yes, if I were the President. The problem is: I am not the President.

And please don't get me wrong. I am not showing off or boasting that I know better. I am just applying my recollection of how former Presidents Ramos and Arroyo performed in the past faced with a similar crisis. Of course, former President Estrada handled it differently. And President Noynoy Aquino is entitled to do it his own way. Some of what I have mentioned above he must have already done by now.

But I tell you, incidents like these are not easy to handle and manage. You have to contend with the angry public crying for swift retaliatory action. You have to mollify the grieving soldiers who feel as one when a comrade in arms is killed in action. Then the need to preserve the gains in the peace process. This is not an easy task. I don't want to be in President Noynoy's shoes now.

END OF THE ROAD — It was the end of the road for Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. I recall my two meetings with him in 2001 in his desert tent in Sirte, his hometown, when I was chief negotiator and also in a tent in Tripoli in 2008 when I was press secretary. His repeated exhortation was for the Philippine government and MILF to find a mutually acceptable solution to the Muslim problem in Mindanao. During one

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Manila inmates decry slow trial

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God maybe thoroughly equipped for every good work..." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, the Bible).

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WHERE IS WANING? Ok, the AFP has taken over a supposed encampment of around 100 outlaws led by Waning Abdusalam of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Payao, Zamboanga Sibugay. But where is Waning? And where are his trusted lieutenants? They were able to escape the military dragnet once again?

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MONITORING HOW P5 M DONATION TO MILF WAS SPENT: Assuming the MILF will submit a report on how it spent the P5 million which the Aquino government donated to it, is there a way by which Malacanang can countercheck if the report is true, and verify that this huge amount was not spent in buying the guns and bullets that were used to kill the 19 officers and men of the AFP in Al-Barka, Basilan?

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CITY JAIL LECTURE ENDS UP WITH A BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER: Last October 26, 2011, I got a chance to go inside the Manila City Jail in Sta. Cruz, Manila because I was brought there by Dr. Art Platon, a past president of the Rotary Club of Intramuros, upon the invitation of the Caritas, Tondo, Manila, a socio-civic organization whose members are helping jail inmates one way or another.

If you are not used to visiting places like the Manila City Jail, it would be kind of creepy the first time, because as you pass through its gates which are immediately closed behind you, and as you pass by rows and rows of tattooed inmates, you will be invaded by thoughts like, what if a riot would erupt, where would you go or hide?

Anyway, after waiting for about 30 minutes for inmates to come to the place where we were supposed to talk to them, a group of about 20 or so detention prisoners came, prompting us to proceed with our lecture.

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INMATES DECRY SLOW TRIAL: Wow! It was a devastating experience, because many of those who were present were all complaining about how slow their cases were moving, so that even if their complainants were no longer attending hearings and have displayed disinterest *par excellence*, they continue to be detained for as much as 10 years already!

While I promised to do something to help, as much as I can, I told them that there was only One who could really help them, and it is the greatest lawyer and judge of all time, God Almighty.

To me, that was the highlight of this visit, because I hammered in on them that even if they got nothing from me that afternoon about their immediate release from detention or about their other concerns, they would be winners through and through if they will always remember that God is good—and just—all the time, and that if only they would seek God all the time, His goodness will come upon them without fail.

Was I glad when, in response to that spiel, the prisoners chorused, "Amen"!

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PARANGALAN!!! Part 2

BY : ORWEN TRAZO



Nung nakaraan nating column mga dear readers nag bigay ako ng ilang suhestiyn sa ating butihing one and only the best Mayor in the world este the Philippines, not other the Mayor Mauricio Domogan. Sa putnong ito ay nais ko naman hinlingin sa kanya na huwag ng ipatupad yun kaniyang panukalang maniningil ng P 20 sa bawat residente ng Baguio ng makalikom ng malakilaking kwalta para gagamitin sa pagtulong sa problema ng basura. Aba mga dear readers. Mahigit anim na milyon piso ang makokobra ni Mayor kapag kanyang ipatutupad ang nasabing kotongan estg kolektahan at ang nakakatakot dito ay paano na ang accounting ng pondong makokobra? May resibo ba na ibibigay at sino ang hahawak ng kwalta at sa para saan gagamitin. Ilan lamang ito sa aking mga agam-agam kung kaya ayaw natin na ma isatupad ang ganitong uri ng kotongan este koleksyon, alam nyo naman mga dear readers na marami sa ating mga elected/appointed/ government civil servants ay ubod ang HONEST sa kanilang mga tungkulin at hindi sila KORAP, kaya nakakatakot na sila ay pahawakan ng malalaking kwalta. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Ngayon kung talagang gusto ninyo maka raise ng kwalta Mr Mayor ang the best na masusugest ko ay ikaw at ang mga tongsehal este konsehal ay mag donate na lang ng inyong pera. Halimbawa ikaw Mayor mag donate ka ng Ten Million (P 10,000,000.00) at ang lahat ng tongsehal este konsehal ay mag dodonate ng tig Five Million (P 5,000,000.00) ng sa ganitong paraan ay makalikom na salapi na Eighty Million Pesos

(P 80,000,000.00). Oh hindi ba maganda ang aking suhestiun mga dear readers, tatal naman **SISIW** lang kay Mayor ang halagang 10M at 5 M sa bawat konsehal. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Ngunit ang ganitong suhestiyn ay mananatiling isang pantasya lamang sapagkat sa aking palagay masmadali munang pumuti ang uwak o maka piga ng dugo mula sa bato bago maka pag donate ng malakilaking halaga ang ating Honorable City Mayor and City Councilors!!!

Nais ko munang mag share sa ating mga dear readers hingil sa MGA FAMOUS QUOTATIONS from some Famous Personalities hingil sa nakaraan isyu ng trashslide kung saan ang mga may-sala, responsable at dapat na managot ay dapat na mabigyan ng AWARD at PARANGAL at the very least, ngunit hangan sa ngayon ay hindi pa sila na-aacknowledge para sa kanilang magiging na gawain at sa halip ay sinisisi at binabatikos pa ang ilan sa ating mga lokal na opisyal katulad ni Mayor Domogan and Company. Hay-Yay-Yay. Kawawa naman sila, ang babait at ang gagaling na mga opisyal kung bakit sinisisi ng mga kalaban nila sa politika. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Kung ako lang ang masusunod hindi lang parangal ang aking ibibigay sa kanila kung hindi cash award na rin. Hi ! Hi ! Hi !

“Presidential adviser on environmental protection Juan Romeo Nereus “Neric” Acosta earlier said the officials in this city should be held responsible for the tragedy for violating Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. Acosta criticized local government officials for their failure to close down the dumpsite despite an order from the National Government. RA 9003 stipulates the closure of open and controlled dumpsites by February 16, 2004 and February 16, 2006, respectively. Among others, the law requires the establishment of materials recovery facilities (MRFs), also known as ecology centers, in every village or cluster of villages to promote and support waste prevention and reduction at the grassroots level. As early as 2009, when piles of trash were already seen spilling over the dumpsite due to continuous rains, residents of Baguio’s Irisan and Asin Road villages and Tuba town’s Tadiangan village have demanded for the closure of the dumpsite, which has been affecting nearby residents since the 70s. “We have been protesting ever since for its closure but officials never listened to us,” said Amado Binwag, a resident of Purok 7 in Asin Road village....” ***** “Environment Secretary Ramon Paje, meanwhile, agreed with Acosta on making local officials liable for the tragedy....”/ Government agencies probe Baguio trash slide/ *With Sun.Star Baguio/Liway C. Manantan-Yparraguirre/Virgil Lopez/AMN/Sunnex*) Published in the Sun.Star Baguio newspaper on August 31, 2011.

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String of bad news

First, the hot topics:

On the legislative side Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago is accordingly going to continue will her campaign for a seat in the International Criminal Court (ICC) during a visit to the United Nations headquarters in New York. She left for New York yesterday for the second leg of her campaign tour and is scheduled to personally meet with the ambassadors based in New York to campaign for one of six seats available in the ICC. That’s good news specially if Sen. Santiago, who hails from Iloilo, nets one of the seats available in that select circle.

Meantime, President Noy has reiterated that he won’t order an all-out war against the MILF despite a growing clamor from the public to do so. Well, that’s the price of being the President of the land. One is un-reluctantly exposed to pressure. Moro rebels are accordingly determined to continue killing government troops if the latter will again go “astray” into their lair and not of that of the Abus.

President Noy, however, vowed that his administration would intensify military operations, specifically targeting personalities in the MILF who are behind the series of attacks, particularly in Al-Barka, Basilan and in Zamboanga Sibugay.

But the thing is, more that that of the public’s opinion, P-Noy needs to quell the purported growing outrage by military ranks owing to his “indecision and weakness in handling the latest outbreak of violence in Mindanao” the *Tribune* said.

Justice is a word too necessary for the 19 soldiers massacred last week in Basilan ditto with the peace negotiations with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

It’s slated to begin in Malaysia next month.

The sad things, however, is this. P-Noy could only playing “soft” against the military’s perceived enemies as the pounding on Minda land has begun with air and ground assault on suspected position of a breakaway faction of the MILF.

Well, it could only be for starters and the next is, before they knew it, an all-out-war is already in their midst.

What’s this that we heard? But this could be some kind of a demolition job.

It is reported that drug trafficking, kidnap-for-ransom and other criminal activities remain as MILF’s main sources of funds in carrying out its armed operations, a senior military intelligence official, who requested anonymity, said. That’s really disturbing.

Just imagine what will happen then to their constituents once they get to succeed in their cause and finally be the rulers on their turf?

That could be the reign of terror of narco-politics!

On the electoral fraud issue, a joint team of elections and justice officials tasked to conduct preliminary investigation into the alleged cheating in the 2007 polls has allegedly summoned Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, retired elections chief Benjamin Abalos Sr. and several others to personally appear before the joint panel to explain their side. Their first appearance has been scheduled Thursday, Nov. 3.

Will the case prosper? Let’s wait and see.

Meanwhile, former Senator and Mr. Expose Ernesto Maceda listed a series of bad news for P-Noy in the last two months.

Here they are:

1. The widespread floods hit Central Luzon, Cagayan Valley, Northern Luzon, Metro Manila and most of Mindanao, causing 100 casualties and P13 billion damage;

2. NPAs occupied three mines in Surigao del Norte for nine hours burning buildings and more than 100 pieces of equipment including 20 bulldozers;

3. The Al Barka, Basilan massacre where 19 soldiers including four officers were killed and 12 wounded by MILF forces. No retaliation mounted;

4. Italian priest Fr. Fausto Tentorio is shot dead in his church compound in Arakan, North Cotabato;

5. MILF attacked Alicia and Kabasalan towns in Zamboanga Sibugay killing four soldiers and three policemen. They also occupied two elementary schools in Talusan town and destroyed property;

6. NAIA 1 rated No. 1 worst airport in the world;

7. The Philippines dropped to 136th place out of 183 countries surveyed by the World Bank on the ease of doing business in the countries surveyed

Government Programs Reach Benguet Town Remote Sitios

KAPANGAN, Benguet - Government programs and services are being felt in the remotest sitios in the barangay with the financial, livelihood and infrastructure assistance implemented by the various agencies of the government.

Kapangan Mayor Robert Canuto said that the Department of Labor and Employment-CAR (DOLE) is carrying out livelihood training for the women and youth on food processing, bamboo charcoal making, welding and practical electrical wiring.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) gave assistance in the amount of P100,000.00 to the women of the Kapangan Market Vendors Association and a feeding program for day care children from the agency's Kabisig ng Kalahi Feeding Program.

For the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the construction, widening, concreting and asphaltting of Tublay, Kapangan, Kibungan national road especially on critical areas are on going.

Meanwhile, silk which is the one town one product (OTOP) of the municipality, is growing with the help of the Fiber Development Authority. The buyers are coming from as far the Visayas, where they combine their piña fabric with silk. According to Canuto, sometimes the local silk growers cannot meet the high demand of buyers.

Canuto explained that with these assistance coming from the government, poverty will hopefully be alleviated in the municipality.

"We should sustain all programs whoever the next leader will be, institutionalize it for the economic welfare of the masses so we can alleviate poverty", Canuto said. (JDP/JBZ- PIACAR)

Probe into Sinking Areas Pushed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved a resolution requesting the Mines and GeoSciences Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-CAR to conduct an investigation on the circumstances of the continuing erosion and sinking of portions of Crystal Cave, Bakakeng Central to aid the city in planning and adopting necessary legislations in protecting the area.

In a resolution authored by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., the body asked the findings and recommendations be turned in within 30 days upon the start of the probe.

In his measure, Cosalan noted that Pinewood Street at Crystal Cave, Bakakeng Central is not currently passable to all types of motor vehicles as a portion has caved in cutting the road and threatening to sink at least three residential structures.

"The road condition deteriorated through the years, and that road portion collapsed as an aftermath of the recent typhoon Mina," he noted.

He said the continuing erosion and flooding at that portion of Crystal Cave, Bakakeng Central Barangay poses imminent danger to life and properties.

"A comprehensive report on the geological status and condition of the said area is very important not only as forewarn to residents but also for appropriate consideration relative to any development plan over the area," Cosalan said. /A Refuerzo

Ochoa to PMA: Continue Fight for Peace

BAGUIO CITY- Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa Jr. on Saturday urged government troops and Philippine Military Academy (PMA) cadets to continue fighting for peace as a fitting tribute to soldiers, two of whom were alumni of the country's premier military institution, who died recently in an encounter in Basilan.

At the 113th Foundation Day of the PMA, Ochoa

conveyed President Benigno Aquino III's deepest condolences to the fallen soldiers and pledged to properly equip, arm and train government forces and future fighters so that their sacrifices in service to the country will not be in vain.

"I know many of you knew the two brave heroes who gave their lives in Basilan, and it is only right that we mourn those who have passed on," Ochoa, said refer-

ring to 2nd Lt. Jose Delfin Keh and 1st Lt. Valdimir Maninang, who along with members of the Army's Special Forces, died after a nine-hour clash with members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Al-Barka, Basilan.

"We should also remember that there is no greater tribute to our brave heroes than by fighting for what they themselves fought for: to win the peace. Peace with principle, peace

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RuMEPP Assists 46 Ifugao Handicraft Enterprises

LAGAWA, Ifugao - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) here under its Rural Micro Enterprise Promotion Program (RuMEPP) provided a comprehensive assistance to 46 existing and potential Micro Enterprises (ME) under the handicraft sector in the province.

Jose Damona Jr, RuMEPP Provincial Officer, said that the project which started in 2010 seeks to provide the target ME beneficiaries the following business development services (BDS) namely: to further enhance the knowledge of small enterprises engaged in handicraft thru enterprise development assistance and to equip the target ME beneficiaries on the basic skills in the bamboo craft industry.

With a total fund of P390,000.00 coming from RuMEPP, the project was able to develop new prototypes to be adopted by target ME beneficiaries and to educate them on basics of exporting and developing new indirect local exporters.

According to DTI, RuMEPP recognises the handicraft industry in Ifugao as a potentially substantial source of employment since they impact on the daily lives of many families in the province engaged in the handicraft industry.

RuMEPP is a seven-year, US\$22.826 million programme assisted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development with DTI as the lead implementing agency.

The project seeks to help poor entrepreneurs and rural families in the country by providing technical and financial support for micro enterprises, which can, in turn, benefit other poor families through job opportunities. /JDP/VDB-PIA CAR, Ifugao

Mayor calls on Communities to help put up a Better Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - 'As citizens of Baguio, we must all be proud and work together in putting up a better city not only for us but also for all the tourists that come and visit the city each day.'

This was the challenge posed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, who is also the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASKI) chair, in a meeting he presided at the Barangay Lualhati Covered Court, Friday afternoon.

According to Domogan, they have moved out the ASKI meetings from the City Hall to the different barangay districts to inform the public and the communities of the programs of the city especially on cleanliness, and to show that the city government is serious in its implementation and in getting the support and co-operation of the public.

"Along with Congressman Vergara and Councilor Alangab, we did not come here for politics. We want to show you

that we are serious in our work and programs. We need to work together and help each other and sustain the beauty and peace and order of Baguio, primarily for us and for the tourists that are visiting the city," Domogan said.

The mayor called foremost on the public's help in the city government's greening program, especially on the problem on garbage. "We are all mandated by law, Republic Act 9003, to segregate our garbage. I assure you that if each and everyone of us would only do our obligations to segregate, we can solve our city's garbage problem", he said.

Domogan also appealed on the barangay's help in ensuring peace and order in the city, in which he called on barangay officials and folks to be extremely vigilant against lawless criminals and activities in their areas and have a close coordination

with the police authorities regarding such matter.

"Through vigilance, you can surely know or notice if there are suspicious people coming in or activities happening in your respective communities and you should immediately report this to the authorities and need not to wait for you or your fellow constituents to become a victim of any lawless activity or crime" Domogan said.

Moreover, the mayor sought the help of barangay officials in the strict implementation of city ordinances, particularly on the curfew of selling or offering liquor in commercial establishments.

According to Domogan, based on police reports, crimes against person which include physical injury, are the leading cases recorded in the city, and majority of these cases involve drunk or under the influence of liquor persons. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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Any member-consumer who wishes to include any agenda to be acted by the Assembly must submit them to the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than November 11, 2011 at the BENECO Office DPS Compound, Baguio City.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late AGUSTIN CHAN who died on October 4, 2001 at Barangay Paeng, Vigan, Ilocos Sur without will, consisting of one (1) unit of ISUZU Jitney with Motor No. 107928, Chassis No. 2001-16387-C and Plate No. AYK-548 and covered by a franchise under LTFRB Case No. 93-CAR-965 had been the subject of EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 12 October 2011 as per Doc. No. 121, Page No. 025 Book No. XXVII, Series of 2011, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

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FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 11-305-S

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with a beating on the head. He died violently but his last wish, just like Jesus, was for God to forgive the men who killed for they know what they are doing. St. James the Great or the older James was also an apostle of Jesus. He was the apostle who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. Yet, he was the first apostle who was martyred when he was captured and killed by the sword. He was actually the first apostle who has proven by his death that even men of peace dies by the word.

Thus, it is not so much how a man died that is of prime of importance of how he lived his life to the full. In the final analysis, all men become dust or ashes on dying and this alone should suffice to indicate that the life of one person does not lie on how he died but on how he lived.

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Prangkahan Tayo.....

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Government Secretary Jesse Robredo said the investigation into the Irian dump tragedy here at the height of Typhoon Mina would determine the liability of local government officials. "We are looking into the accountability of local officials since the law holds them primarily responsible for solid waste management in their areas of jurisdiction," Robredo said in Manila...."/ **Posted by Northern Philippine Times on Sep 15, 2011 in Baguio City, Environment Watch, Front Page**

"Acosta said local officials could be held liable for violating Republic Act 9003 also known as the Solid Waste Management Act for failing to shut down the Irian dumpsite, which collapsed during the onslaught of typhoon Mina.

"We've known for a long time that the solid waste situation in Baguio City is untenable. Dumpsites are not advisable there because it is built on a hillside, the topography is not flat. The possibility of an avalanche of garbage is there, which is exactly what happened," Acosta told radio dzMM. / 'Baguio execs liable for garbage avalanche' / by David Dizon, abs-cbnnews.com / Posted at 08/29/2011 5:23 PM / Updated as of 08/30/2011 2:32 PM

"BAGUIO CITY — A former city councilor called on residents affected by the August 27 dumpsite tragedy in this city to join in the snowballing outrage against what he calls a man-made disaster.

Jose Molintas, a former city councilor here, said it is clear there was negligence on the part of the City Government on its implementation of the Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. Local officials concerned must be held liable for the tragedy that claimed three lives. He said people will never accept the incident as a force majeure or an "Act of God." "It could have been foreseen from the beginning that once you pile up a lot of garbage it will eventually fall down," Molintas said.

Molintas, a lawyer, said a case of reckless imprudence or negligence may be filed against concerned officials who will be made accountable for the collapse of the wall

based on the results of the investigation.

His group is also calling on incumbent officials and those directly involved in the tragedy to resign or file a leave of absence while the investigation is ongoing. This, he stressed, is important in ensuring transparency and for results of the investigation to be tainted or covered up.

He explained that although the investigation would trickle down to the previous administrations who administered the operations of the dumpsite, he believes former Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.'s closure order of the site in 2009 should have been continued by the present administration. However, he claimed the current administration under Mayor Mauricio Domogan did not totally close the dumpsite but instead continued hauling residual waste in the area...."/

(Sun.Star Baguio/Sunnex) Published in the Sun.Star Baguio newspaper on Sep-Ochoa to PMA

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with honor, peace without sacrificing our sovereignty," Ochoa said. "Our goal has always been peace because history has taught us no country has ever benefitted from long drawn-out internal conflicts."

In the midst of this tragic event, however, the Executive Secretary said the real challenge remained. "[I]t is to honor their memory by being true to the values they lived and died for: courage, integrity and loyalty—the three words that all PMA cadets and alumni live by."

Ochoa lauded the men and women in uniform who graduate from the military academy and those who enlist with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for their sacrifices to ensure the security and safety of the people. Despite the risks, he added, many young Filipinos aspire to enter the PMA and serve the nation.

So far, the PMA has produced over 7,000 officers, including 45 graduates from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey and the United States. This year alone, 16,000 individuals aspired to enter the academy, but over 6,000 were allowed to take the entrance exams. Only a thousand passed and have been deemed qualified for the physical examinations, and only 200 will be accepted to begin their cadetship in April

To strengthen its reputation as a premier military training institution, several projects and programs are in now in various stages of implementation to keep in step with the demands of the times, which require, among others, the academy to prepare its graduates for the tasks of the modern soldier, he said.

According to Ochoa, the dramatic change in character and conduct of warfare and the rise of terrorism as a serious global threat only underscore the need for officers and troops to develop a world view that will enable them comprehend the nuances of the law, statecraft, diplomacy and intelligence.

"Aside from addressing the issues concerning modern combat, the academy must also prepare its graduates for duties that do not involve warfare," Ochoa said, like in disaster response operations and mitigation, which require an understanding of the adverse impact of the weather phenomena on logistics and planning involved in mass evacuation scenarios and rescue operations, mobilization and resource management, and public and community rela-

t i o n s .
"In these initiatives you are assured of the support of your President, who recognizes the valuable role of the academy in the government's efforts to ensure security, justice and peace in our country," said Ochoa. "[T]his Administration is committed to implementing reforms to build the capability of our military as well as uplift the welfare of our men and women in uniform."

One of these key initiatives is the proposed legislation to extend the AFP Modernization Act until 2025, which calls for the acquisition of Air Force, Navy and Army equipment and material, to boost the capability of the Armed Forces to repel threats within and outside the Philippines borders. It also authorizes the Department of National Defense and the AFP to sell, lease and forge joint venture agreements involving defense real properties, and to enter into public-private partnerships to raise the funding requirements for the military modernization program.

"In short, your government wants to put all of you—those who are now in our Armed Forces and those of you who will soon join them—in a position to successfully fulfill your duties and responsibilities to flag and country," said Ochoa, who also chairs the Cabinet cluster on security, justice and peace. */PIA CAR/PMA

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This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of unit to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 9, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

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EULOGIO M. BUSTAMANTE - Vendee
Applicants

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DSWD's NHTS-PR Identifies 79,816 Poor Households in Cordillera, 5.2 M Nationwide....From Page 1

households, where they are, as well as the gathered other important facts and data that would help the government effectively bring in social protection and poverty reduction programs to these poor households.

During the said NHTS-PR launching event, Reynoso reported that the NHTS-PR, through Proxy Means Test – a statistical model of gathering data that is being used internationally, has identified 5,255,118 poor households nationwide, out of the about 10.84 million households assessed.

In the Cordillera, the NHTS-PR listed about 79,816 poor households distributed in Abra with 47,138; Apayao – 10,838; Benguet – 14,180; Baguio City -3,767; Ifugao – 12,229; Kalinga – 13,605 and Mountain Province – 30,866.

“What is important here is not just identifying who and where these poor households are, but what makes it better is that we have regional profile where we can also get other important data from the NHTS-PR database”, Reynoso said.

Reynoso also presented during the launching the housing condition, access to electricity, safe water and sanitation – which includes toilet facility and access to health services and other programs and services being offered by national government agencies, local government units and non-government organizations.

Aside from the household's profile such as its composition, education of family member, occupations, tenure, status of housing tenure, other information or data that can be accessed on the NHTS-PR database and Geographical Information System Map.

Reynoso also stressed that aside from being the basis of DSWD's beneficiaries for their banner social protection programs such as the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), the Department of Health and Philhealth are now also using the NHTS-PR in line with the Aquino Health Agenda of providing free Philhealth membership and health care services to all the poor households in the country.

Reynoso also stressed that other NGAs could also use the NHTS-PR in converging their programs in ensuring a better and quality life for the poor Filipino families./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Advocacy Mindanow....

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meeting, he recalled how he had at first supported the rebellion in the Philippines due to the fact that he was made to believe that Muslims in the country were being persecuted and exterminated as a government policy. He said he was shown a video of killings and massacres. (This must be the Jabitah massacre during President Marcos time.) When he learned later that the reported persecution and extermination committed by the Philippine government were not accurate, he committed to help in a peaceful settlement as a way of atonement.

Of course he had pleasant memories of former First Lady Imelda Marcos. I now recall his initial statements to President Arroyo during that meeting in 2008. He immediately asked: “How is Imelda?”

PEACE PACTS IN LIBYA —It was in

Tripoli where the historic 1976 peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) with Chairman Nur Misuari during the Marcos regime was signed. (Twenty years later in 1996, the Final Peace Agreement was signed under President Ramos' incumbency.) Again, in 2001 when I was chairman of the government panel, we signed in Tripoli the Agreement of Peace with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) which became the framework agreement for the succeeding conduct of peace negotiations. The late MILF Chairman Hashim Salamat was still alive at that time and his successor, now Chairman Al Haj Murad was my counterpart as MILF chief negotiator.

Gadhafi's son, Saif Al Islam whom I have also met (and who was reportedly wounded and now in a hospital in Libya) was the principal player in the peace efforts. He presided during the signing ceremonies in Tripoli in 2001. In fact, he had travelled to the Philippines and had reportedly been to Cotabato to meet the MILF at one time.

SURRENDERED BUT DEAD—Those who have watched the video clips on how the Libyan leader died or was killed have started raising questions. Was he executed or was he caught in a cross fire as the new leaders of Libya are now saying. I remember Iraq's Saddam Hussein, who was also captured alive was imprisoned, brought to trial and then sentenced to death. And he was hanged. Gadhafi who voluntarily surrendered and pleaded not to be shot ended up dead. Let's wait for the results of an investigation that is most likely to follow. But the initial signs of public outrage at the way Gadhafi was handled when he gave up are starting to surface. Killing someone who has surrendered is plain and simple murder.

But then, I remember that favorite line: Everything is fair in love—and in war! Or is it?

Ambuklao.....

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operation and by 1999 it was totally de-commissioned.

In 2007, under the government's Power Sector Privatization Program, SNAP won the bidding for the Ambuklao and Binga Dam HEPP. In 2008, the company started the \$325 million rehabilitation project.

SNAP Benguet VP for Corporate Communications, Atty Mike Hosillos stressed that this is a new era of Ambuklao. According to Hosillos, the newly rehabilitated Ambuklao, which is a result of a good public and private partnership, will offer a 105 MW capacity which is a model for renewable energy.

“What we have here is new and additional capacity for renewable energy as well as energy security and reliability and benefits to the community”, Hosillos said.

He also assured continuing benefits for their host communities through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. “Since we started the rehabilitation of the plant in 2008, we also started developing the community, in partnership with the provincial and municipal local government units and the indigenous people (IPs) through livelihood, education and other sustainable development programs including environment protection. We can make sure that the facility and its assets would not only benefit this generation but the next generation as well”, Hosillos said.

Benguet Congressman Ronald Cosalan and Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso, in their messages, openly welcomed the continuing partnership with SNAP and expressed their appreciation of what the company already invested for Benguet, especially to their host communities of barangays Ambuklao and Tikey in Bokod and the neighboring municipality of Itogon particularly barangay Tinongdan.

Other SNAP officials who delivered their messages during the inauguration were Aboitiz Power Generation Group EVP and COO Antonio Moraza and SN Power Norway, EVP for Southeast Asia Erik Knive./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Marketing Coop

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profiling they have done, involving more than 27,000 farmers in the province, capitalization remains to be the number one hindrance in improving their production, which is also being affected by concerns on control of pest/diseases, irrigation and soil management.

For the post-harvest part, veggie farmers concern includes the need for road improvement and post-harvest facility and technology.

Pacalso also affirmed that the many people ‘in-between’ the farmer's produce from their farms before it reach the market is also another concern that makes the price of vegetables higher when it reach the consumers but at lesser income to the farmers.

For the provincial government's action in trying to address the vegetable farmers concerns, Pacalso reported that in partnership with the farmers themselves, they have already organized a farmers Marketing Cooperative that is already registered with the Cooperative Development Authority and is now coming up with a plan that would help improve the agricultural industry in Benguet.

According to Pacalso, if the Marketing Coop do the marketing of the veggie produce of their farmer members, it would eliminate the anxiety of long period of waiting for the farmers before they can dispose their produce; it would eliminate the mark-up amount of middle men which will result to better pricing of veggie for farmers; and most importantly, it would result to a lower or better price of vegetables for the consumers.

Pacalso also stressed that as members of the marketing cooperative, farmers will get their fair share from all the gains of the coop, aside from the assistance the cooperative could provide in terms of additional capitalization, needed equipments and as well as being a conduit to other technical assistance that government agencies and non-government organizations can offer.

On the problem of lack or over supply of some varieties of vegetable produce, Pacalso also reported that the province is now working into crop programming, which is just timely and necessary, to improve the production of the province's vegetable industry.

According to Pacalso, without proper crop programming some farmers tends to dedicate large track of their farmlands to a single product which results to over-supply of some vegetables and lack of supply to some variety of vegetables./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Geant Tablet

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by Grace Galindez Gupana, founder of the Kingdom of Jerusalem Halleluyah Foundation International.

The total structure costing P5 million was the 10th Guinness record for Gupana, a businesswoman from Nueva Vizcaya who is introduced in her foundation brochure as its "Prophetess and Ambassador for Peace and Goodwill for Israel to the World".

Among others, Gupana earlier commissioned seamstresses who stitched the biggest flag (Israel), biggest banner (777 Yahweh's banner), aside from registering with Guinness the largest diabetes screening, blood pressure check, blood identification and cholesterol test.

In 2008, she had the biggest Philippines flag (100 meters by 200 meters) unfurled at the Baguio Athletic Bowl to mark the country's 110th Independence Day.

Beyond placing the city in Guinness, Gupana explained the tablet, built facing north after the entrance to the hilltop that used to be the prayer grounds of priests of the Catholic Dominican Order, was in response to a high calling for her to abide.

"On the highest mountain a miracle happens", she said, adding "God chose Baguio (as site as it is) the nearest to heaven". She equated the place to a "Mount Sinai in the New Testament".

Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines Menashe Bar-on graced the ceremonies, congratulating Gupana for the feat. He drew comparison to the Hebrew celebration of Shavuot, the day the Torah, including the Ten Commandments, was revealed by God to the Jewish nation through Moses at Mt. Sinai.

"This is a glorious achievement," agreed Minister Abraham Okoliko of the Nigerian embassy who represented King Governor Jonah David Jang of Jos City who was a benefactor of the giant tablet project.

Guinness representative Vic Fabellana read and presented the world record certificate covering the tablet, copies of which were given to Bar-on, Domogan and Okoliko.

City officials agreed would provide moral compass to a city that, in the recent past, came out with the "largest tossed salad" and "longest longanisa line" as part of its tourism come-ons.

In his weekly press conference later in the afternoon, mayor Mauricio emphasized that the prayer structure will be open to people and groups of any religious or spiritual beliefs. He said the city will soon set guidelines on its use.

Rep. Bernardo Vergara expressed hopes the structure, which houses an altar and a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, would serve to drive away evil spirits spawned by disasters, aside from the evils of illegal drugs, gambling and prostitution.

"Let this place be used properly," vice-mayor Daniel Farinas prayed as he welcomed the dignitaries, past and present city and barangay officials, spiritual leaders, the religious and the curious who gathered in front of the prayer building.

The promontory on which the building stands is surrounded by mature pine, eucalyptus and camphor trees and recently installed cellular telephone and similar communication towers.

To the aging trees around, the dignitaries and city officials added an olive seedling they planted on the left frontage of the

new, three-story structure.

Dominican Hill was originally developed as a prayer area for priests of the Dominican Order. It was later turned into a hotel before it was taken over by national government. The property was later transferred by then President Arroyo to the city government.

The original giant edifice, constructed for the Catholic religious order using the skills of Japanese stone masonry artisans, is now an abandoned skeleton of its magnificence, stripped bare of its interior fittings by vandals and robbers over the years.

Reports from guards also had it that treasure hunters had also dug up portions of the compound.

A foundation led by former Ambassador to Germany Delia Albert had petitioned its rehabilitation into a mining museum accenting on the city's development as a mountain resort serving four of the country's biggest gold mines that sprang around Baguio in the early 1900s.

Mayor Domogan, however, said the foundation has agreed to instead rally for the use of a sequestered property along the road to Mines View as site for the mining museum.

That leaves the city to decide on what to do with the historic hill which spiritual significance has been partially restored by the introduction of the record-setting tablet./Ramon Dacawi.

DENR - MGB

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ers and creek, which has direct impacts on lives, health hazards, victimize the environment and other social concerns.

These are just some of the hard facts given by Billedo in his keynote address in the P/CMRB Summit, Tuesday at the MGB-CAR Conference Hall here.

According to Billedo, the results of the regional summit will eventually be submitted to the national government and will be presented to the League of Governors. If the provincial governors agree, by next year the country will have a solid and concrete Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) or a Law on Small Scale Mining.

"At the end of this summit, MGB-CAR and the P/CMRBs should come out with agreements, resolution or commitment for the natural goal of having a unified and standard policy on Small scale Mining on process, monitoring and production of the environmental compliances and of course the government share", Billedo said.

Invited to the two-day summit were Provincial/City Environment Natural Resources Officers, Local government units, PMRB-TWG and P/CMRB members, small scale mining operators, mining and exploration company representatives, media, non-government organizations and the academe./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Organic farms.....

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he is currently undergoing continuous development of his farm into agro-organic eco-tourism destination.

"Our purpose here is to create awareness among our consumers, customers or clients on the consumption of organic vegetables. At present my farm offers home stay that could accommodate about 10 people or about 20 to 30 walk-in farm visitors. We can offer them tours around the farm, lec-

tures on basic organic farming; a taste of our freshly harvested safe, healthy and nutritious naturally grown vegetables and other local cuisines as well as a market site for them to buy organic veggies that they can bring home to their families", Laruan said.

There are about nine organic farms who are undergoing development of their farms to be an eco-tourism site in the province under the project, he added.

In a statement, Monina Hernandez of the AusAID Philippines-Australia Community Assistance Project (PACAP) lauded the said JVOFI initiated project as it does not only address the environmental protection aspect, but also aims to address poverty alleviation by providing alternative livelihood for organic farmers.

"For this project, we are proud to say that we have been a part of it, we have assisted this LaTOP project since 2008, as we believe on its environmental impact, which is a priority or one of the pillars of AusAID, as well as the social enterprise or livelihood aspect of the project", Hernandez said.

In the same forum, JVOFI and the provincial government of Benguet represented by Vice Governor Cresencio Pacalso also signed a memorandum of agreement for the implementation of the project along with representatives of other partners namely the Department of Tourism, Baguio Tourism and Special Events, Hotel and Restaurants Association of Baguio, Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club, National Association of Independent Travel Agencies (NATAS) Baguio chapter, radio station DZWT and Sky Cable./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Aditorial.....

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his priestly vocation but "because he learned from the masses," the ad claims. "The masses alone are the creators of history." This is, of course, Mao Ze Dong 101. "Party members should take their cue from the masses, and re-interpret policy with respect to the benefit of the masses", the Great Helmsman wrote...

Sundays, Tatay Pops would give "brief but sound homilies that affected people's lives", the paid ad says. "In his sermons, he guided peasants and the masses...to embrace the national democratic struggle. That's communist shorthand for conflict.

The military, meanwhile, insists they did not tar Fr Tentorio as "communist" — and thereby become a target for hitmen. "The ad...is a deceptive attempt to insinuate that the military is behind his murder", Col Galon protested.

Remember Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador? He became the strongest voice against government lawlessness, after murder of Jesuit Father Rutilo Grande who defended the poor. Romero was shot while saying mass in March 1980. A UN Commission later established that death squad leader Roberto D'Aubuisson ordered the killing.

Romero wrote what Tentorio lived: "The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision...We merely plant seeds that will one day grow....We are ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."/Juan L. Mercado

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

Actionline for Human Trafficking Victims Launched

BAGUIO CITY - Are you a victim or do you know of any victim of human trafficking who needs assistance? If yes, call 1343.

The Commission on Filipino Overseas, chair of the Advocacy and Communications Committee (ADVOCOM) of the Inter-Agency Council Against Human Trafficking (IACAT), established and launched this year the 1343 Action hotline aimed to respond to requests for assistance from victims of human trafficking 24/7.

IACAT Secretariat Head Ruby Ramos said the helpline is a quick response system operating round the clock to direct any concerned agency to respond to any given circumstance.

For the Metro Manila areas, the 1343 actionline may be contacted directly but for areas in the provinces, it could be accessed using the area code or dial (02) 1343.

Apart from assistance on emergency rescue, the actionline also caters to legal assistance, counseling and temporary shelter, medical, psycho-social services, prosecution of trafficking cases, reintegration and rehabilitation programs, livelihood skills training, educational assistance to trafficked children and capability-building for local government units and law enforcers.

The actionline also complements existing hotlines of other government agencies. It systematizes the referral and follow-up of cases with government agencies or non-government organizations.

It protects rights of victims and witnesses by avoiding repetitive investigations. It also encourages public vigilance in reporting cases of human trafficking.

According to CFO officials who were in the city last week to conduct a Speakers' Bureau training, there were already a total of 5,156 calls received since its launching in March to end of September.

Of the total calls recorded, 50 were actual cases of human trafficking, illegal recruitment, mail order bride among others were assisted while 110 persons were repatriated utilizing the hotline.

The helpline is an installed system that fosters stronger partnerships of all stakeholders to synchronize all efforts of the said program with a resounding call tagged, "Laban Kontra Human Trafficking Laban nating lahat." /JDP/SCA PIA-CAR



THE THREE STOOGES - Three kids enjoy calm and cool afternoon playtime under the cover of fog along Pinsao Pilot Project.— By Bong Cayabyab

BFAR Conducts Hook and Line Fishing Contest at Burnham Lake

BAGUIO CITY - The city's premier park with its beautiful scenery is a popular place to walk, jog and have a family picnic or enjoy a boat ride. Soon, public and tourists alike can also enjoy hook and line fishing along the Burnham Park Lake.

Last Friday, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - Cordillera (BFAR-CAR), in coordination with the City Government of Baguio, held a hook and line fishing contest at the Burnham Lake with about 20 third year students from the Baguio City National High School as participants.

After 30 minutes of dropping their hook and line in various parts of the lake, Gwen Awing emerged as the winner for having the biggest catch, while Jonathan Pilo and Donita Malapitan landed second and third, respectively.

Congressman Bernardo Vergara, the guest of honor during the activity, provided P2,000

cash prize for the winners, while BFAR provided scientific calculators to all the participants for gamely joining the contest.

In addition, Vergara also promised to include the winner for the scholarship program that he and Mayor Mauricio Domogan are jointly implementing.

According to BFAR Regional Director Dr. Rebecca Dang-awan, the said activity is in line with the celebration of Fish Conservation Month this October, which adopts the theme, "Karagatan Pagyamanin, Isda Paramihin, Buong Mundo Pasiglahan."

The BFAR previously stocked the lake with fishes to breed.

During the event last week, Dang-awan and Vergara also lead the stocking of 240 colorful 'Japanese Koi' at Burnham Lake.

Vergara lauded BFAR for coming up with such an activity. According to Vergara, promoting Hook and Line Fishing along Burnham

Lake can be an added attraction to boost the city's tourism industry.

"First of all, I congratulate BFAR, through their Director Dr. Dang-awan for coming up with this momentous occasion. If we can practice this more often, such as putting this as one of our activity during the city's Panagbenga or Flower Festival celebration then it would further boost the city's tourism", Vergara stressed.

One program of the BFAR is the dispersal of fingerlings to replenish the supply of fish especially in areas where there are many common and fisher folks who are fond of fishing in streams and lakes.

The BFAR has found out that despite its terrain and not so many bodies of water, aquaculture such as fish farming is viable, sustainable, and profitable business here in Cordillera, and is promoting such.*/ JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Organic farms as Eco-Tourism sites pushed in Benguet

LA TRINIDAD Benguet - Have an actual experience of a farm life, learn about organic farming, taste the freshness and richness of the province's local cuisine while enjoying cozy, serene and natural ambiance of an eco-agricultural site.

This is what the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc (JVOFI), in partnership with the Benguet Provincial Government, the La Trinidad Organic Producers (LaTOP) cooperative and other stakeholders, offer in a new project

which is being funded by the Australian Assistance for International Development (AusAID).

In a kapihan media forum at the Benguet Provincial Capitol, Tuesday, JVOFI Executive Director Ma. Rosario Lopez explained that the project dubbed 'Replicating LaTOP Success through Capacity Building and Eco-Tourism', is a follow up of their previous project in partnership with AusAID that worked for the up-scaling of organic production in Baguio and Benguet.

"This time it is

the first eco-tourism project here that would showcase our organic farms that aims to showcase unique tourism destinations to both local and foreign tourists, which aside from providing an additional livelihood or income to our organic veggie farmers, the project also hopes to heightened awareness on organic farming that is essential in the conservation of our environment," Lopez said.

According to LaTOP member Jeff Laruan, owner of the Lily of the Valley Farm in Puguig, La Trinidad, Benguet, as beneficiary of the project,

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