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## Martial Law victims ask SC to stop Marcos hero's burial



**GOING TO COURT.** Martial Law victims at the Supreme Court on Monday, August 15. Photo by Patty Pasion/Rappler

The Supreme Court petition comes a day after Malacañang's announcement of its firm stand on the matter, as well as a protest rally in Luneta

**MANILA, Philippines (UPDATED)** – Martial Law victims on Monday, August 15, asked the Supreme Court to intervene and stop the planned hero's interment for the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Led by former Bayan Muna Representative Neri Colmenares and activist Bonifacio Ilagan, the petitioners argued that the late president does not deserve a slot in the national shrine because burying him there violates Republic Act 289, which created the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

"The law states that only Presidents worthy of emulation and inspiration deserve to be buried there," Colmenares told reporters in Filipino.

"Marcos is a dictator and should not be emulated or

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# Merger of Baguio barangays pushed Illegal BIBAK structures to be demolished next month

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan wants the long overdue proposal for the merger of the city's 128 barangays to guarantee the maximum utilization of available resources for the development of the smallest political subdivision in the current bureaucracy.

The local chief executive said the merger of the existing number of the city's barangays to a lean and mean number upon proper consultations with the concerned sectors will definitely help in the much-awaited progress and development of the city.

"We have to make sure that our barangays will comply with the provisions of the Local Government Code so that they will have the available resources to spur the desired growth and development in their respective areas of jurisdiction," Domogan stressed.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Code (LGC), a barangay should have at least 5,000 inhabitants in order to legally exist as the smallest

political subdivision.

The city mayor clarified that the merger of the city's barangays will only be pursued after thorough consultations to gather the sentiments of the local residents on the desired merger in compliance with the provisions of the LGC and other related laws, rules, and regulations.

According to him, there are many barangays under the current situation that cannot actually comply with the provisions of the LGC in terms of population thus the need for the local government to revisit the existing number of barangays to comply with the minimum number of inhabitants required for a barangay to independently exist.

However, he admitted that there had been strong opposition to the proposed merger when it was earlier proposed in the early 2000s because there are barangay officials who fear that they might be displaced from their current positions once merged with their neighboring barangays which are bigger in population,

among others.

Domogan claimed the ideal number of city's barangays is 42, but depending on the result of consultations aimed at getting inputs from stakeholders, it could be increased.

He added among the benefits included in the merger of barangays are increased internal revenue allotment (IRA) for the implementation of development projects and improved delivery of basic services, guaranteed salary for barangay officials, the hiring of enough number of workforce that will help in the effective and efficient delivery of services to constituents.

Domogan appealed to concerned stakeholders in the barangays to share their views on the planned merger by actively participating in the projected consultations with the knowledge that the merger of the city's barangays will only take effect after the completion of the term of barangay officials who will be elected this October 2016./By Dexter A. See

## City to pursue LED lighting system

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government is studying the possibility of converting its existing streetlight system into the much accepted Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting system to reduce the cost of lighting public places.

"We have to continue finding ways of reducing

expenses in our streetlight system to have sufficient savings that could be used to improve the system through the purchase of much cheaper but quality LED bulbs," Domogan stressed.

The city mayor revealed an available budget of P12 million for the purchase of LED bulbs to replace the high-pressure sodium

bulbs currently used for the city's streetlights but the city's technical personnel is still evaluating what would be the most practical solution to reduce the expenses of the local government on streetlight operation.

Earlier, Gerardo P. Verzosa, general manager of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO),

active wants to turn over the management of the city's streetlights to the local government as it had been suffering from losses of income in maintaining nearly 9,000 streetlight fixtures in the city's 128 barangays.

BENECO took over the maintenance of the city's streetlights by virtue of an agreement wherein the cooperative was tasked to maintain the city's streetlight system but the city will pay the power utility company an additional two burning hours over and above the original 10 burning hours being paid for city street lighting.

It was learned that 60 to 70 percent of the daily complaints being received by the radio room of BENECO are related to problems of streetlights around the city.

He suggested the ultimate solution to the current impasse

dates.

The illegal structures in the BIBAK property were up for demolition August 2015 but the informal settlers sought the intervention of the court which granted them respite. However, the Regional Trial court (RTC) decided that the informal settlers do not have a right to the property which has been the property of the State.

"We appeal to the informal settlers to start voluntarily demolishing their structures so that they can salvage important materials and personal belongings. We have gone through the tedious legal process and the courts have already spoken," Domogan said.

He revealed that even top officials of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) conducted an investigation on the status of the

occupants of the government property and it found the existing informal settlers not to be considered as urban poor.

According to him, the informal settlers are not also qualified for possible relocation because most of the existing structures are in violation of the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7279 or the Urban Housing and Development Act (UDHA).

Domogan explained he is optimistic that owners of the illegal structures within the government property will comply with the call of the local government for the immediate demolition of their structures and not to wait for the scheduled demolition so as to avoid possible conflict during the demolition is enforced.

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## Local executives warned on modus of enterprising individuals

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Department of the Interior and Local government (DILG) recently warned local officials and employees not to deal with enterprising individuals who misrepresent themselves as close aides of Interior and Local Government Secretary Ismael Mike Sueno and collect from them monetary considerations in exchange for the immediate release of their pending requests with the agency, among other considerations.

In an advisory to all provincial governors, city, municipal mayors, DILG regional directors and other concerned officials and employees, Josephine C. Leysa, DILG Head Executive Assistant, informed local officials that there are some enterprising individuals who misrepresent themselves as an official or employee working or otherwise connected with the agency through short message service, email communication, letter, verbal or in any other form and name

dropping any DILG official or employee, to solicit favour in the form of money and other considerations.

"All concerned are hereby advised to report to the Philippine National Police or appropriate authority any related incident as mentioned," Leysa said.

It was learned that said individuals had been approaching several local chief executives in the different parts of the archipelago and informing them of their influence to facilitate the immediate release of the funds for projects or their pending requests for fire trucks and police cars, in exchange for a certain amount of money.

These individuals disappear after receiving money from those who believe in their modus operandi.

Leysa advised local officials, particularly the newly elected ones, not to entertain such individuals but to directly transact business with the municipal, provincial, city, regional and national offices of the agency to

avoid being victimized by such individuals.

According to her, concerned DILG officials who are in charge of the release of funds and units of equipment being distributed to the different local governments are prohibited from collecting any monetary considerations in exchange for the speedy processing of requests and fixers claiming to facilitate release of pending requests should not be entertained.

She underscored that it is the duty of officials and employees of the agency to work out the release of the requests of concerned local officials without anything in exchange for the grant of such requests, thus, any demand for monetary considerations for such releases should not be actually entertained in the first place.

At the same time, the DILG has not authorized any individual to transact with local officials regarding the processing of their requests as all the work is done within the respective offices and not outside./D. A. See

## 1,980 tuberculosis cases recorded in Cordillera

**B**AGUIO CITY – Health authorities reported decreasing tuberculosis cases but not as fast as they were projected towards achieving a tuberculosis free global village by 2035.

Dr. Alexie Marrero, head of the regional epidemiology and surveillance unit of the Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR), said individuals seeking medical attention for tuberculosis is increasing but the overall actual number of cases is decreasing but not in accordance to the rate that they have projected in order to achieve the goal of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the world to be free of tuberculosis.

"Tuberculosis cases are decreasing but not in accordance to the pace that we have projected. We call on individuals suffering from one to two weeks of continuous cough to immediately seek medical attention because TB is curable," Marrero stressed.

Clint Gil Ildefonso, TB and leprosy program coordinator of the DOH-CAR, said that the health department provided the medication of 1,980 tuberculosis patients by the first semester of this year compared to the 3,594 cases by the end of last year.

According to him, one of the problems that health authorities encounter is discontinuation of medication by patients due to felt side-effects, and this does not cure the illness but instead allows them to contaminate other individuals.

Ildefonso reported there is a 90-percent success rate in the treatment of tuberculosis patients who have completed the 6-month medication cycle which is why health officials are encouraging possible TB suspects not to hesitate in seeking medical attention from the nearest health facility because the TB medicines from the health department are free.


He advised people suffering from continuous cough not to self-medicate because it might worsen their condition, but instead to seek early medical consultation with health experts from the nearest health facilities.

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# Law prohibits Marcos' burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani – Atty. Mel Sta. Maria

*"The late President Ferdinand Marcos cannot be buried at the 'Libingan ng mga Bayani.' The law prohibits it."*

This is what lawyer, professor and broadcaster Mel Sta. Maria said in his opinion column at InterAksyon.com about the planned hero's burial for the late dictator this September 18.

President Rodrigo Duterte gave the go signal for Marcos' burial as a way of keeping his campaign promise.

Sta. Maria cited that Section 1 of Republic Act No. 289 does not allow the burial of Marcos at the hero's cemetery.

"Section 1 of Republic Act No. 289, otherwise known as 'An Act Providing for the Construction of a National Pantheon for Presidents of the Philippines, National Heroes and Patriots of the Country' is quite clear in its purpose – to 'perpetuate the memory of all Presidents of the Philippines, national heroes and patriots for the inspiration and emulation of this generation and of generations still unborn.'"

He pointed out that the cemetery is meant only to be the final resting place for honorable men and women who are inspiring and worth emulating, something that Marcos wasn't.

**EDITORIAL** The lawyer also brought up how Republic Act No. 10368 acknowledged the horrors of the Marcos regime under Martial Law. He quoted this provision:

"... it is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the heroism and sacrifices of all Filipinos who were victims of summary execution, torture, enforced or involuntary disappearance and other gross human rights violations committed during the regime of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos covering the period from September 21, 1972 to February 25, 1986 and restore the victims' honor and dignity. The State hereby acknowledges its moral and legal obligation to recognize and/or provide reparation to said victims and/or their families for the deaths, injuries, sufferings, deprivations and damages they suffered under the Marcos regime.

Similarly, it is the obligation of the State to acknowledge the sufferings and damages inflicted upon persons whose properties or businesses were forcibly taken over, sequestered or used, or those whose professions were damaged and/or impaired, or those whose freedom of movement was restricted, and/or such other victims of the violations of the Bill of Rights."

The late President Corazon Aquino created the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) as her first executive order, Sta. Maria added. He said that the commission has recovered around P170 billion of the Marcoses' ill-gotten wealth and is still trying to recover millions or billions more. He pointed this out as the dictator's "memory" that should not be perpetuated, as provided for by RA 289, and could not be distinguished as a hero's achievement.

Duterte kept raising the fact that Marcos was a soldier, earning him a spot at the hero's cemetery, but Sta. Maria quashed it, saying that that National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) considers Marcos' exploits and medals as a soldier as dubious.

The lawyer cited that burying a "dishonorable and corrupt president" cannot be within the noble intent of RA 289.

Sta. Maria added that this line, "shall be the burial place of their mortal remains" should not be taken as a command, since the Supreme Court has ruled that this should mean "permissive when no public benefit or private right requires that it be given an imperative meaning." He explained that the Marcoses do not have a private right on the hero's cemetery and the strongman's burial at the sacred place does not have any public benefit.

And not all presidents were buried at the cemetery, like the late Presidents Manuel L. Quezon, Sergio Osmeña, Ramon Magsaysay and Manuel Roxas, he emphasized.

Sta. Maria said that pushing through with Marcos' burial will "desecrate" the hero's cemetery.

"To honor him, despite the recovery of billions of ill-gotten wealth (which is still on-going) and in spite of the unequivocal public-policy-recognition of the savagery of his regime against his own countrymen/women, is to render absurd Republic Act Number 289 and desecrate the 'Libingan ng mga Bayani,'" he said.

For those who reasoned out that the burial would mean moving on from the darkest period in Philippine history, he said that while this might not undo what happened, refusing his burial means that the Filipinos refuse to be "subjected to the cruelty and greed of a despotic president."

"And if erasing the memory of one of the darkest periods in our history after World War II is what the proponents of this **Cont. on page 6**



## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**FDA: bottled water "high risk food product"**

**BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO**



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... 'Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything'..." (Genesis 9:3, the Holy Bible).

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**FDA: BOTTLED WATER "HIGH RISK FOOD PRODUCT":** Here's a totally scary information coming from the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) of the Philippine Department of Health: bottled water, which is the source of drinking water for millions and millions of Filipinos today, is classified by the FDA as unsafe because it is a "high risk food product".

In FDA Circular No. 2016-014 which is dated August 12, 2016, bottled water, along with many other food items, are determined by the government to contain harmful chemicals and pathogenic microorganisms that support the formation of toxins or the growth of pathogenic microorganisms (please see <http://thestandard.com.ph/dailypdf/2016-08-18>).

What are pathogenic microorganisms? According to Global Food Safety Resource, in its website [www.globalfoodsafetyresource.com](http://www.globalfoodsafetyresource.com) (<http://globalfoodsafetyresource.com/food-science/pathogenic-organisms>), they are organisms "capable of causing disease in its host. A human pathogen is capable of causing illness in humans. Common examples of pathogenic organisms include specific strains of bacteria like Salmonella, Listeria and E. coli, and viruses such as Cryptosporidium..."

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**OTHER FOOD ITEMS "CAPABLE OF CAUSING SICKNESS":** But that is not the only scary information FDA dished out in its Circular No. 2016-014 dated August 12, 2016. It also classified many other food items and drinks as high risk food products and are therefore unsafe. By way of public service, I am listing these food items and drinks here.

Under the heading "dairy products and analogues: 1. Milk and dairy based drinks. A. Milk (plain) and buttermilk (plain). B. Dairy based drinks, flavored and/or fermented (e.g. chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey based drinks). 1. Fermented and renneted milk products (plain), excluding dairy based drinks.

"3. Cream (plain) and cream analogues. A. Pasteurized cream (plain). B. Sterilized and UHT creams, whipping and whipped creams, and reduced fat creams (plain). C. Clotted cream (plain). D. Cream analogues."

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**WHAT IS FDA DOING ABOUT "HIGH RISK FOOD PRODUCTS"?** In our succeeding columns, we will list down the other food products and drinks that the FDA classified as "high risk food products". The people ought to know that there is such a classification made by the agency of government in charge of looking after the people's welfare when it comes to food and drinks they eat and imbibe.

My only concern here is this: if the FDA determined that these food products and drinks are "high risk food products", what is it doing to either prevent their sale to Filipinos, or to make sure that our health is fully safe-guarded from the debilitating effects of these food items? **Cont. on page 8**

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## FASTRACK

*Is Pacquiao a dumbhead or he just wants to humor us???*

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



In the recent senate committee hearing chaired by Sen. Lacson just last Thursday, one of the guests at the hearing was Ms Aiza Seguerra, Chairperson of the National Youth Commission (NYC). What happened was after Pacquiao addressed the NYC Chair, Pacquiao stated that he does not know how to address Ms Seguerra on whether or not he should call her Miss or Mr to which some of the crowd, and I think even some of the Senators laughed. Jesus Christ, it is truly sad that Juan dela Cruz has to cough out hundreds of millions to finance some of these truly nincompoop senators!

When I actually heard Pacquiao's comments, I must admit that I too had a knee-jerk reaction on my part that sort of found it funny. But of course, if it were said in a private company as backdoor humor, I too may have found Pacquiao's comments as sort of humorous. But for Pacquiao to have made such remarks at a senate public hearing before national TV, simply tells me that this guy Pacquiao still has a lot to learn, at hilaw na hilaw pa para sa Senado at marahil ay itong si Pacquiao ang isang magdadala ng malaking kahihiyan sa Senado. That's why Pacquiao is better off taking the stance of some previous Senators who happen to be part of the committee on silence, while taking to heed the saying that less talk = less mistakes, and no talk = no mistakes.

At any rate, having said my 2 cents, in answer to my question if Pacquiao is a dumbhead or just wants to humor us, my take is he certainly is not a drumhead. On the contrary, I believe he is one very smart guy, having gotten this far, and given the fact that he has his supposed to be learned staff to brief him on how to properly address resource persons of various gender at the Senate. Therefore, I believe Pacquiao was just trying to be funny at the expense of others, the LGBT sector in particular, a sector I must say has no love lost for him after his not-so-long ago same sex marriage remarks that gained international notoriety. Sooner than later, Pacquiao may be in for a big surprise from the LGBT sector, a sector I don't think he would truly want to piss off.

## City tree management programs gaining ground

**B**AGUIO CITY – The tree management and improvement program of the city government is gaining ground with a total of 30 trees rescued now in Burnham and other parks.

City environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana said the salvaged trees underwent tree surgery performed by CEPMO foresters and partners from other agencies including the Green Core Society.

The program began in 2009 aims to rehabilitate trees damaged by typhoons and manage those infected by pests as part of the city's efforts to protect the trees and to maintain the city's green environs.

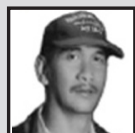
Under the program, trees damaged by pests will undergo tree surgery while those severely damaged or with center rot will have to undergo sanitation cutting to avoid infecting other trees or posing danger to lives and properties.

The management program also covers tree rejuvenation through trimming and pruning as what was done recently to trees at the Rizal Park which elicited

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Ang Baho ng Bunganga !!!*

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



**A**no ba naman itong napasok natin na ito mga dear readers?! Ano ba naman itong Pangulo natin, isang pangulong nagmamalinis at binatikos ang isang senadora hinggil sa imoralidad! Ano ba talaga ang mga issue kay Senadora Desingko este Delima? Sa aking pagkakaalam ang issue ni PDu30 laban kay Delima ay hinggil sa mga drug links diumano ng Senadora na kesyo siya daw ay isang big time drug protector, eh bakit ang isyu ng moralidad ay napasok sa eksena at ang **TUNAY NA KATAWA-TAWA** ay ang nagbubunyag ng isyu hinggil sa moralidad ay si Pope Du30 este Pres Du30 na isang aminadong may dalawang nobya na kanyang dinadala sa motel nuong kasalukuyang siya ay nasa isang relasyon sa kanyang common law wife na si Honeylet! So, ano ba ang pinagkaiba ni PresDu30 kay Senadora, samantalang si Senadora ay hiwalay na. Hindi ako sigurado ngunit ano ba ang pinagkaiba ni Senadora kay PresDu30? Dapat sana ay sinabi ni PresDu30 sa kanyang pagbatikos kay Senadora na katulad ko rin na isa ring taong immoral at hindi niya dinikdik na si Senadora lang immoral na tao dala ng kanyang pagkuha ng lover na driver niya.

**SO WHAT MR. PRESIDENT SIR, EH ANO NGAYON KUNG SAMPONG LALAKE ANG HINIHINDOT NI SENADORA, ANO PAKIALAM NINYO, ANO PAKIALAM NATIN?!?! Mr. Clean** ba kayo sa larangan ng pambababae? Eh kayo nga mismo aminado na isa kayong babaero eh, ano ngayon kung manlalaki si Senadora? Ano pakialam ninyo?

Alam ninyo mga dear readers, tunay na mas kinaiingatan ko at iniwasan ko na makihalubilo sa mga tao na nagmamalinis at yung mayroon bagang holier than thou attitude. Patay tayo sa mga taong nagmamalinis sapagkat sila ang mga sinasabing **IPOKRITONG NAGMAMALINIS, THE WORST KIND OF PEOPLE AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED** at hindi mapagkakatiwalaan.

Kung si Senadora ay lumabag sa batas at sinabi ninyo na isa siyang Adulterer, aba eh hayaan ninyo na magreklamo ang asawa ng driver na sinasabi ninyong kalaguyo ni Senadora. Hayaan ninyo na idemanda nung asawa nung driver si Senadora at ang kanyang asawa na driver. Ngayon, kung OK lang sa asawa ng driver aba eh wala na kayong pakialam sa mga personal na buhay ng mga tao, hindi po ba Mr. Lawyer President?? Ikinahihiya ko ang mga naging mga batikos ni Pres Du30 at wala akong masabi para ipagtanggol ko ang aking Pangulo na ibinoto ko. Kapag kasama ko ang aking mga kaibigan na bumoto kay Grace Poe at kay VP Binay ay sagad hanggang buto ang inaabot ko na kanyaw na hindi ko kayang depensahan ang aking binoto na si Pangulong Du30.

**ANO BA NAMAN ITO MR. PRESIDENT, IPINAGSASABI NA NG MARAMI NA TUNAY RAW KAYONG MAY SAYAD, MAY TAMA DAW KAYO!!! Sana ay haka-haka lang at kanyaw ang mga sumbat na may SAYAD AT TAMA SA ULO!!!**

O mahal na Panginoon at Pilipinas kong Mahal, **ANO BA ITONG PINASOK NATIN???**

negative reactions from some residents.

Lacsamana said that CEPMO does not employ pruning and trimming indis-

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## Open letter to Marcos family

**T**his letter comes as a plea for you to recall your request to have your beloved Ferdinand Marcos buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani, to avoid further divisiveness in this country and make it easier for President Duterte to do what he desires, which is to bring significant change in all sectors.

Although we have been at odds on many issues in the sociopolitical world, at last we have found a common ground: to support our President's goals and dreams for the country. It is his great desire to unite all sectors of society so that our country can move on toward greater peace and prosperity for all.

In his intention to eradicate divisiveness, the President has graciously given in to your call to bury the head of your family in the Libingan, believing that no matter the alleged crimes he committed against the people, he was still a soldier and a duly elected president.

But there are a multitude of reactions that will surely emphasize the divisiveness, and one of the mildest comes from Mel Sta. Maria. In his online article, he quotes nothing less than a law, Republic Act No. 10368, which states: "... [I]t is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the heroism and sacrifices of all Filipinos who were victims of summary execution, torture, enforced or involuntary disappearance and other gross human rights violations committed during the regime of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos covering the period from Sept. 21, 1972 to Feb. 25, 1986 and restore the victims' honor and dignity. The State hereby acknowledges its moral and legal obligation to recognize and/or provide reparation to said victims and/or their families for the deaths, injuries, sufferings, deprivations and damages they suffered under the Marcos regime.

"Similarly, it is the obligation of the State to acknowledge the sufferings and damages inflicted upon persons whose properties or businesses were forcibly taken over, sequestered or used, or those whose professions were damaged and/or impaired, or those whose freedom of movement was restricted, and/or such other victims of the violations of the Bill of Rights."

This law is unknown to many young Filipinos, as seen in the number of votes that Bongbong Marcos received in the vice presidential election. For you to proceed to bury the late president in the Libingan will not only reopen old wounds but also create a greater divisiveness which the President really wants to wipe out. This will only serve to distract his attention from his "war" on drugs, criminality and corruption in our clearly drug-ridden nation. Why bring back to life the dead past and disturb our new President from his focus on more important matters?

I believe that your family is now in a position to help the President bring forth his dream to expunge the divisiveness that he perceives to be standing in the way of a progressive, peaceful and prosperous country, by taking back your appeal to have your beloved Ferdinand Marcos buried in the Libingan. Please consider leaving his remains where they are now; it is, after all, his place of birth where many consider him a hero and even revere him as a saint.

Imagine a scenario where he is buried today in the Libingan ng mga Bayani, and then six years later he is exhumed and brought back to Batangas, Ilocos Norte. I do not believe that this would please you in any way, so for the sake of unity and peace, please consider this letter favorably.

—CONDE DE MAKATI aka George Sison, former political detainee/Philippine Daily Inquirer/12:26 AM August 13th, 2016

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late NORMAN A. RIO who died on November 17, 2013 in Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of PUJ with Plate No. AYB-707 covered by LTFRB Case No. 92-CAR-095, had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 5 August 2016 as per Doc. No. 055, Page No. 011, Book No. XL, Series of 2016, of the National Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

August 6, 13 and 20 2016

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FRITZ RUDOLF KURZ, a resident of 506 Badihoy Street, Pinsao Proper, Baguio City, who died on October 2, 2004, has been extra judicially settled by heirs through the extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with simultaneous waiver and quitclaim of rights involving a 179 square meters of land within a 584 square meters of land bearing tax declaration number 2016-01-002-162232, acknowledged on August 6, 2016 before Notary Public Atty. Eric O. Ueda as per Doc. No. 74; Page No. 15; Book No. XII: Series of 2016.

August 13, 20 and 27 2016

### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Luz M. Mabalot who died without a will on July 9, 1984 and Canuto H. Mabalot who died without a will on March 21, 2016 was extrajudicially settled by their heirs through a Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate before Atty. Melissa L. Quitan-Corpuz and entered into her Notarial Registry as Doc. No 212 ; Page No. 43 ; Book No. XXVII; Series of 2016.

August 13, 20 and 27 2016

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL  
TRIAL COURT OF  
BAGUIO CITY  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BRANCH 3

IN RE: IN THE  
MATTER OF  
AMENDMENT  
OF THE BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE  
OF CRISTINA  
S A N C H E Z  
K E N N I K E R  
aka CRISTINA  
S A N C H E Z  
KENNICKER,

CRISTINA S. KEN-  
NICKER-VIRAY,  
*Petitioner;*

-versus-

THE CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
BAGUIO CITY,  
*Respondents.*

SPL. PRO. CASE NO.  
2549-R  
X-----X

#### ORDER

A verified petition was filed by petitioners, through counsel, praying that:

“after due hearing, the Honorable Court issue and Order ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to cause the amendment of the birth certificate of CRISTINA SANCHES KENNIKER, to indicate:

Place of Birth - JOSE PANGANIBAN, CAMARINES NORTE  
Middle Name - SANCHEZ  
Date of Birth -

OCTOBER 2, 1967  
Mother's Middle Name - ABELLA  
Age of mother at the time of birth - 45  
Age of father at the time of birth - 45  
How many previous births by mother - 12  
Other reliefs appropriate under the circumstances are likewise prayed for.”

It appearing that the instant petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same set for hearing on September 26, 2016 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning before this Court at its Session Hall, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City. Any person may appear and show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication of which should not be later than August 7, 2016 in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City to be determined by raffle pursuant to the provision of Presidential Decree No. 1079; let copies hereof together with the copies of the petition and its annexes be furnished to the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Metro Manila, National Statistics Office (now known as Philippine Statistics Authority PSA)-Solicareld Bldg. I. R. Magsaysay Blvd. Sta. Mesa, Manila and the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio City.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 3rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 2016.

(SGD) EMMANUEL CACHO RASING  
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:  
1. The Solicitor General

2. Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City  
3. Philippine Statistics Authority  
4. Juan Antonio Alberto III  
5. The Junction

*Publication Dates:*  
August 6, 13 and 20 2016

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 62  
La Trinidad,  
Benguet

HANNA BHELLE BASTIAN KANAPI a.k.a. HANNA BHELLE BASTIAN REYES,

*Petitioner;*

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, QUEZON CITY,

*Respondents.*

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO.  
16-C-1877

FOR: CANCELLATION OF SECOND REGISTRATION OF BIRTH IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

X-----X

#### ORDER

Petitioner, Hanna Bhelle Bastian Kanapi a.k.a. Hannap Belle Bastian Reyes, through counsel, filed a verified petition averring that:

1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and with residential and postal address at Bakong, Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet where she may be served with notices and other court processes;

2. Respondents Municipal Civil Registry of La Trinidad, Benguet is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc., and can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet, while respondent Philippine Statistics Authority is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City;

3. Petitioner was born on July 8, 1957 at the Maternity and Children's Hospital, San Nicholas, Manila and [her] facts of birth were duly registered before the Local Civil Registrar of Manila with her mother as the informant. X x x;

4. However, her facts of birth were again registered before the Municipal Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet. That there is a need to cancel said Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner for the reason that she is actually born in Manila. X x x.

X X X

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, this court will issue an order directing the respondents

to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of herein petitioner with the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

This case is set for hearing on 29 September 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, at which time, date and place, the petitioner shall present evidence in support of her petition. Any person interested in the matter may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner for at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Benguet. The last publication shall not be later than 24 September 2016.

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

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS,  
8th day of August 2016  
at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) DANILO P. CAMACHO  
Judge

*Publication Dates:*  
August 13, 20 and 27 2016

### Illegal BIBAK... ...from page 2

icate of title (OCT) No. 1 was ceded to the BIBAK and where several student dormitories were built to serve students from the different parts of the Cordillera studying who were then in the different universities and colleges in Baguio and La Trinidad.

Among the concerns related to the existence of the illegal structures in the area include health and sanitation, solid waste disposal, and peace and order.

Various sectors in the region, including the Regional Development Council and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in the Cordillera, previously expressed support to the demolition of the illegal structures built over the BIBAK property so that the area will be given back to the organization where it rightfully belongs./By Dexter A. See

### 1,980 tuberculosis... ...from page 3

Health authorities are optimistic that more people having tuberculosis will voluntarily visit the nearest health facilities in their respective places to get the necessary free medication to prevent their illness from worsening until the final stages.

It was learned of the 1,980 tuberculosis cases recorded in the region, 327 cases were from Baguio City alone while the rest came from the different provinces of the Cordillera.

He said tuberculosis could be transmitted through interaction with an infected individual that is why people with weak resistance must make sure that they will not get in contact with a tuberculosis patient to avoid contracting the illness and spreading it to their families./By

### Editorial

#### ...from page 4

burial is hoping to achieve, then the right thing to do is for them to acknowledge the atrocities that happened during the Martial-Law years. Then perhaps healing can start and some will finally have closure. No, they cannot just bury former President Ferdinand Marcos at the “Libingan ng mga Bayani” and hope that the memories of his oppressive regime would be buried with him,” Sta. Maria concluded./Sources: ( interaksyon.com, chanrobles.com, gov.ph)



Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BRANCH 5  
Baguio City

IN RE: PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION  
OF ERRONEOUS  
ENTRY IN THE  
CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH  
OF MINOR JUNE  
ELAINE SURAT  
TANYAG,

NORIZA R. SURAT-  
TANYAG, REPRESENTED BY HER  
HEREIN SISTER  
JHONALYN R.  
SURAT-LUCAS

*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
THE CITY OF  
BAGUIO, THE  
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE  
and/or THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY  
& ALLVEE V.  
TANYAG.

*Respondents.*

SPECIAL PRO-  
CEEDINGS CASE  
NO. 2555-R

NOTICE OF HEARING  
Petitioner, through  
counsel, filed a verified  
petition praying that this  
Court, after due notice and  
hearing, issue an Order  
directing respondents the  
Local Civil Registrar of  
Baguio City, and the Philippine Statistics Authority  
to make the correction in

the Certificate of Live  
Birth of Minor child JUNE  
ELAINE SURAT TANYAG  
to reflect the true date and  
place of marriage of her  
parents from 03 March  
2002 in Baguio City to 27  
February 2004 in Palayan  
City, Nueva Ecija, Philip-  
pines.

In Support of her  
prayer, petitioner alleged  
the following:

"1. The Petitioner is NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of 27 Cabanilla St., Sapang Buho, Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, who is represented in this case by her sister JHONALYN R. SURAT-LUCAS, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of 541 Lennec, Guimba, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, where she may be served with the Orders, Notices, and other legal processes of the Honorable Court. Attached hereto as Annex "A" is the authorization issued by Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG to her sister JHONALYN R. SURAT-LUCAS. On the other hand, the HON. LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CITY OF BAGUIO and THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO) and/or THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) are herein impleaded as Public Respondents as they are the repositories and custodians of all documents representing and covering all facts of births, marriages and deaths, and if ever, these are the subject offices who will implement the Court relative to this Petition with respective office addresses at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio Health Center Compound, T. Alonzo St., Baguio City, Philippines, and at the National Statistics Office, 3/F NSO-CVEA Building, East Ave., Diliman, Quezon

City, Manila 1101, Philippines, where they could be served with the notices, orders and other processes by the Honorable Court. Likewise, Mr. Allvee V. Tanyag who is of legal age, married to the Petitioner NORIZA T. SURAT-TANYAG, Filipino, and a resident of 28-A F. Manalo St., Ligid, Tipas, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines, where he could be served with the notices, orders and other processes by the Honorable Court is hereby impleaded as Private Respondent considering that he is the biological father of the minor child whose Certificate of Live Birth is the subject of this Petition. Further, said private respondent stands to be affected or may have interest over the erroneous entry sought to be corrected by this Petition;

2. Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG and Private Respondent ALLVEE V. TANYAG were married to each other on 27 February 2004 in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines as indicated in their hereto attached Certificate of Marriage and Advisory of Marriages as issued by NSO/PSA which are hereto attached and marked as Annex "B" and Annex "C", respectively, however, in 2005, said individuals parted ways and have been living apart since then. The union of the said individuals was blessed with two children named ALEEZA RAINE ROSERO SURAT who was born on 27 March 2002 in Baguio City and JUNE ELAINE SURAT TANYAG who was born on 27 May 2003 also in Baguio City. Attached hereto as Annex "D" and Annex "E", respectively, are the Certificate of Live Birth of the said children;

3. At the time of birth of their children JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG on 27 May 2003 in Baguio City, herein Petitioner NORIZA R.

SURAT-TANYAG and Private Respondent ALLVEE V. TANYAG were not yet married to each other, hence, there said child was born out of wedlock, however, there was no legal impediment for the said individuals to get married at the time of birth of their child and eventually on 27 February 2004, Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG and Private Respondent ALLVEE V. TANYAG got married to each other in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, thus, by operation of law, particularly under Art. 270 of the Civil Code of the Philippines which reads: "Legitimation shall take place by subsequent marriage between the parents", hence, their said child was legitimized by their subsequent marriage. In the Certificate of Live Birth of JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG, however, it appears that her parents herein Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG and Private Respondent ALLVEE V. TANYAG, were married on 03 March 2002 in Baguio City when no such marriage ever taking place. Said erroneous entry having been bracketed and marked as Annex "E-1" in the Certificate of Live Birth of said child. Truth is, the said individuals were married on 27 February 2004 in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija as indicated in their Certificate of Marriage and Advisory of Marriage which entries of the true and correct place and date of marriage of her parents are bracketed and marked as Annex "B-1", Annex "B-2", Annex "C1", Annex "C-2", respectively. Also, it can also be readily seen in the said Certificate of Marriage of the said persons that herein Petitioner's representative and sister JHONALYN R. SURAT-LUCAS was present during the said wedding ceremonies as she was the one who gave to

her herein sister-Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG the consent to get married to the Private Respondent;

4. Accordingly, the reason for such erroneous entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of said child was brought about by the previous experience of Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG and Private Respondent ALLVEE V. TANYAG, wherein it has been the discussion of those around them that their older child ALEEZA RAINE ROSERO SURAT was born without her parents having been married, hence, she is illegitimate and that she even did not carry the surname of her father which fact caused humiliation and annoyance on the part of herein Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG. Issues on morality on the part of the Petitioner and Private Respondent likewise surfaced for having children and living together as husband and wife without the benefit of marriage, hence, if only to protect their second child, herein JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG, from running into the same embarrassment as her older sister and in order to protect and make it appear that JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG was born legitimate and in order for her to carry her father's surname, Petitioner NORIZA R. SURAT-TANYAG conveniently and randomly gave date and place of their marriage to the hospital attendant when she gave birth which date and place of their marriage she gave 02 March 2002 in Baguio City. Further, despite not having been married to each other, the Private Respondent did not oppose to the indication of such erroneous information in the said Certificate of Live Birth of their said children and that he too did not object to the use of his surname by said

child;

5. Said error came about due solely to the foregoing reason and is not in any way intended to hide the true civil status of the parents of minor child JUNE ELAINE SURAT TANYAG when she was born nor was it intended to hide the true identity of the said child and that of her parents and that due to the said error in the preparation of the Certificate of Live Birth of JUNE ELAINE SURAT TANYAG, the said error was registered with the Office of the Civil Registrar General of Baguio City and with NSO and/or PSA reflecting therein the error that the parents of said child were married on 03 March 2002, Baguio City instead of the truth that they were not yet married on 27 May 2003, the date of birth of herein JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG and that they were only married only on 27 February 2004 in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines;

6. In view thereof, it is, thus, most respectfully prayed of the Honorable Court that after due notice, publication and hearing, to issue an Order directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office and/or the Philippine Statistics Authority to make the correction that would reflect the true date and place of marriage of the parents of herein minor child JUNE ELAINE SURAT TANYAG by canceling or removing the erroneous entry in the date and place of marriage of her parents as appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth being 3 March 2002 in Baguio City and annotating therein the true and correct date and place of marriage of her parents as 27 February 2004 in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.

7. The petition is hereby filed in order to correct the erroneous entry in

the Certificate of Live Birth of herein minor JUNE ELAINE SURAT-TANYAG and in order to set things straight and to avoid further confusion as to the true and correct date of marriage of the parents of the said child's identity and that of her parents, and not for any illegal purpose"

NOW THEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing before this Court, at its Session Hall, on October 20, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove the merits of their petition and any interested person may appear and show cause, if there be any, why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in the Junction a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The last publication shall not be later than October 9, 2016.

Let copies hereof be served upon respondents Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the Philippine Statistics Office, and the petitioner through counsel, as well as the Office of the Hon. Solicitor General. Further, let copies hereof be posted at the Bulletin Board of this Court, the City Hall, the City Market, and the Post Office all of the City of Baguio.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MARIA LIGAYA V. ITLIONG-RIVERA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 15th day of August 2016 at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) ATTY.  
ALEJANDRO EPIFANIO  
D. GUERRERO  
Clerk of Court V

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20, 27 and Sept. 3 2016

## Advisory on electronic games, jai-alai awaited

BAGUIO CITY—Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan is awaiting the advisory from the State-owned Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CESA) on the status of the operation

of electronic games and jai-alai which are being used by some local corporations to justify their continuous operations in different parts of the city.

The local chief executive said that he received initial reports that PhilWeb, the on-line provider of

the electronic games, including the electronic bingo operated in the city, has been dissolved after the expose of President Rodrigo Duterte that the chief executive officer Roberto Ongpin is one of the country's oligarchs, while the license of

Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation, which derives its existence from the CESA, is already considered to be illegal after the economic zone authority reportedly dissolved its jai-alai license.

"PAGCOR and CESA must issue the necessary advisories to all local governments on the status of PhilWeb and Meridian so that concerned local officials will be properly

guided on actions to take against the corporations that are operating in their respective areas of jurisdiction," Domogan stressed.

According to him, the regulating agencies should take the appropriate measures in informing the concerned local governments the latest status of the operations of the electronic games and jai-alai that are existing in some of the cities, provinces,

and municipalities in the country.

It can be recalled that a Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Dagupan City, Pangasinan issued a writ of preliminary injunction that barred Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation from continuing its jai-alai operations in the province following the revocation of its CESA license, and the cancel-

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The Philippine Red Cross – Benguet Chapter and the Provincial Government of Benguet deployed the Basic Health Care Unit Services - Dengue Fast Lane at the Benguet General Hospital in response to the increasing number of dengue cases in the province particularly in the capital town of La Trinidad. The three tents set up can accommodate at least 30 patients. (RMC- PIA CAR)

## City conducts actual...

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criminally. On the contrary, pruning is done only to trees that show viability to regrow or rejuvenate and this is done in consultation with experts.

"Some trees, as they age, have difficulty to grow new leaves and branches. That is when you can do trimming and pruning to allow them to rebloom," she said.

## Advisory on electronic...

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lation of the permit granted to PhilWeb as on-line provider of electronic games.

Three electronic bingo outlets, particularly the Highland Gaming Corporation at the Baguio Center Mall, one at the SM City Baguio, and another outlet along Marcos highway, are allegedly operating illegally following the failure of the local government to issue the necessary business permits for the said outlets to legitimize their operations.

Domogan asserted his stand against the operation of illegal gambling in the city, saying that people should not patronize whatever form of gambling eventually making it unprofitable which can lead to the closure of the gambling joints.

He issued marching orders to the police to go after the operation of illegal gambling joints in the city in order to put an end to the gambling problem that continues to affect the morals and values of the residents, especially the youth. /By Dexter A. See

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS...

from page 4

The incomprehensible thing for me here is that FDA Circular No. 2016-014 is not even concerned about addressing the health risks posed by the food and drinks it classified as "high risk". That circular is focused merely on a system of registration of these products by the companies that make them, as if to say, it is okay to make such dangerous food and drinks as long as they are registered with FDA. Wow!

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**PLEASE WATCH OR LISTEN:** "Tambalang Batas at Somintac", a news-commentary radio program, aired at DZEC 1062 kHz and other Radyo Agila provincial stations, and is aired live (and which can be subsequently accessed) at <https://www.facebook.com/Radyo-Agila1062/?fref=ts>, and at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), 6 to 7 in the morning, Philippine time. Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

Lacsamana admitted no definite solution has been found to arrest tree pests and dendroctonus that caused increased morbidity among pine trees in the city but continuous studies are being done in coordination with experts from Benguet State University (BSU), the Environment Research Development Bureau of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and UP Los Banos.

As to the tree replacement program of the city, Lacsamana said the city continues to comply with the requirement of Nat'l Greening Program for each employee to plant ten trees annually in available open public spaces.

The city also continues to partner with private institutions and establishments both local and foreign to boost the tree planting program.

In Burnham Park, replacement of the trees felled by typhoons in the past years has also been made a priority.

An area in the park has been identified as planting site for the tree replacement requirement of the city where applicants for occupancy permits are required to plant ten trees before having their applications approved.

A friendship tree park has also been established in another area of the park where local universities forge alliance with counterparts in other countries through the symbolic

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be a source of inspiration," he added.

Colmenares also stressed that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) guidelines disqualify soldiers guilty of moral turpitude from being buried there. He recalled the massive human rights violations committed during the Marcos regime.

The petition also included the Marcos family's deal with the government during the time of former president Fidel Ramos, which allowed for the return of the late dictator's remains as long as he would be buried in Ilocos Norte. Marcos' remains are in the Marcos family ancestral home in Batac, Ilocos Norte. (READ: Ramos-era deal prevents Marcos hero's burial)

Ilagan said the petition also cited the law recognizing and providing rep-

planting of trees.

University of the Cordilleras planted their friendship tree with Vietnam, South Korea and China which was made more significant when the representatives used water from their own countries to soak the newly planted saplings.

Saint Louis University had theirs planted with University of Merced in California.

Other areas in the park are also being identified for regreening. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

arations for Martial Law victims.

Duterte's decision final sked to comment on the petition, Presidential Legal Adviser Salvador Pabelo said Malacañang will respect "whatever decision" the Court will have on the matter. "We welcome the petition. We welcome any opposition. Let the courts decide as to the validity of the decision of the President."

The petition was filed a day after President Rodrigo Duterte stood firm on his decision to bury the late strongman at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (Heroes' Cemetery).

"There is clarity in the regulations governing the late President Marcos burial. The President shall therefore remain undistracted," Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said in a statement on Sunday, August 14.

Thousands of protesters also staged a rally on

Sunday despite the bad weather to urge Duterte to stop the planned burial for Marcos at the Libingan.

Prior to the rally, allies of both former president Benigno Aquino III and Duterte declared their opposition to Marcos' burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Defeated LP presidential candidate Manuel Roxas II and senators Leila de Lima, Francis Pangilinan, Paolo Benigno Aquino IV, and Risa Hon-tiveros were among those who attended the protest at the Rizal Park.

Senators Aquilino Pimentel III and Alan Peter Cayetano – Duterte's key allies – are also against his decision.

The military has started its preparations for the burial set in September – Marcos' birth month.

The defense department said Marcos is qualified for burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, because he was a soldier, a former war veteran, an ex-defense secretary, and a former president. /Patty Pasion/ Rappler.com

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director forester Reynaldo Digamo, and Mines & Geo-Sciences Bureau-CAR OIC regional director engr. Fay Apil.

On the other hand, the executive committee headed by Domogan together with Datuin, Lawana, Alabanza and Imayaho will act in behalf of the CDC when it is not in session.

The City Planning and Development Office shall conduct sectoral meetings/planning with government offices and NGOs to discuss issues, recommended programs/projects/activities (P/P/As) to be presented to the CDC. /JhoArranz



**THE CHOSEN OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF BAGUIO** will be announced next week by the judging committee says Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a meeting of the Society of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio (SOCOB) committee members. The Outstanding Citizens of Baguio will be feted during the Baguio Day celebration on September 1. /By Bong Cayabyab





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# ATTENTION : ATTY. JOEL EDUARDO NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, DOTC-CAR, HON. ARTHUR TUGADE, Secretary-DOTC



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## ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY – SIBAK SA SERBISYO !!!

### Strike 1, nakalusot; strike 2, you're out!

ng katiwalian!!!

**P**INAL NA ANG HATOL NG CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC). PINA SISIBAK SA SERBISYO SI ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY, Legal Officer ng DOTC-CAR. Hindi na ito isang palaisipan at isa nang magandang halimbawa na isinasagawa ng isang ahensiya ng gobyerno, ang CSC, na kasama sa kanilang mandato ang labananan ng wasto ang korapsyon at katiwalian.

Mabuhay ang Board en Banc ng Civil Service Commission na pinangungunahan ni ALICIA dela ROSA-BALA, Chairperson; ROBERT S. MARTINEZ, Commissioner; DOLORES B. BONIFACIO, Director IV, Commission Secretariat and Liaison Office. Kinagagalak namin na hindi naging kontrabida sa pagkakataong ito ang CSC Head Office sa laban kontra korapsyon at katiwalian. Sa pagkakataong ito ay nabigyan ng tunay na hustisiya ang mamamayan ng Baguio at Cordillera. Nabawasan ng isang matinding tinik

Kung inyong matatandaan, noong nakaraang isyu lamang ng LG Komentaryo nitong August 13, ay ating inilathala ng bahagya ang hinggil sa reklamo laban kay Atty. Poklay na kung saan noong February 2, 2008 ay inutos na sibakin sa serbisyo ni dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza, ngunit noong December 2, 2009 nireverse at pinayagang muli na makabalik sa serbisyo itong si Atty. Poklay ng Civil Service Commission board en banc kaya nanatili ang mga \*%&\$#^() @+& sa DOTC-CAR. Nitong taong 2015, ay mayroon muling mga reklamo na isinampa si Atty. James Valeros na isang concerned citizen and esteemed Senior Linis Gobyerno Adviser laban kay Atty. Poklay. Sa kasalukuyan ay mayroon pang mga naka-pending na reklamo sa CSC-CAR laban kay Atty. Poklay, kung saan nag-desisyon ang CSC-CAR na sibakin siya, bagama't naghain ng apela itong si Atty. Poklay sa CSC Main office. Ngunit kamakailan lang

ay nagkaroon na ng pinal na desisyon ang CSC main (Board En Banc) kung saan ayon sa kanilang desisyon na inilabas nitong August 3, 2016 identified as Decision No. 160839, RE: Conduct Prejudicial to the best interest of the Service; Simple Neglect of Duty (Petition For Review) inyong mababasa ang sumusunod na dispositive portion:

**"WHEREFORE, the Petition for Review of Atty. Brenda D. Poklay, Legal Officer Department of Transportation and Communications-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOTC-CAR), Baguio City is hereby DISMISSED. Accordingly, Decision No. 1500090 dated December 22, 2015 of the Civil Service Commission-Cordillera Administrative Region (CSC-CAR), Baguio City, finding Poklay guilty of Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service and Simple Neglect of Duty and imposing upon her the penalty of dismissal from the service with the accessory penalties of forfeiture of retirement benefits, except accrued leave credits/terminal leave and personal contributions to the GSIS, if any, cancellation of eligibility, perpetual disqualification from holding public office, and bar from taking Civil Service examinations; and Resolution No. 1600007 dated February 11, 2016, denying her Motion for Reconsideration, are AFFIRMED.**

**"Copies of this Decision shall be furnished the Commission on Audit-DOTC-CAR and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), for their reference and appropriate action."**

Hinggil dito ay nais nating manawagan kay DOTC-CAR Regional Director Natividad at Secretary Arthur Tugade na gampanan nang agaran ang kanilang tungkulin at isagawa ang implementasyon ng naturang DECISION. Bagama't alam natin ang due process na nakasaad sa Sec. 70 Rule 13 (Petition for Review) ng CSC rules on administrative cases ay nais rin naming paalalahanin na kung sakali ay mag-hahain ng apela si Atty. Poklay sa Court of Appeals (CA) ay malinaw ang nakasaad na proseso sa Rules of Court, Sec. 12 (Rule 43), at sapagkat bilang isa kang abogado RD Natividad, ay sigurado kami na iyong naiintindihan ang tamang proseso. Hindi po ba DOTC-CAR RD Atty. Natividad?!

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# ATTENTION : DOTC SECRETARY ARTHUR TUGADE, CSC CHAIRMAN ALICIA dela ROSA-BALLA



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## ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY, DOTC-CAR Legal Officer - PINASISIBAK SA DESISYON NG CSC-CAR. MABUHAY KA CSC-CAR REGIONAL DIRECTOR MARILYN E. TALDO

I tong empleyado ng DOTC-CAR na si Atty. Poklay ay sinibak na noon sa serbisyo ni dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza ngunit binalik siya sa puwesto ng CSC.

Kamakailan lamang ay nag-desisyon ulit ang CSC-CAR na sibakin ang empleyado na ito ngunit siya ay nag-apela sa CSC Main office para ipawalang-bisa ang desisyon na ito laban sa kanya ng CSC-CAR for dismissal from the service.

Ang tanong ngayon ay kung muling mag-mamagaling at muling ipapawalang-bisa ng CSC Main Office ang desisyon ng CSC-CAR o magiging isang tagapagtanggol ng kaban ng bayan at tagabigay ng karampatang parusa sa mga korap ang CSC Main office.

CSC Manila, strike 2 na ito. Hanggang ilang strike ba ninyo papayagan ang isang empleyado na manatili sa serbisyo???

Basahin ang ating Komentaryo na tunay nga na isang palaisipan. Mga kaso na nakabinbin sa opisina ng Civil Service Commission (CSC), dapat nang desisyonang ng agaran nang ang mga tiwali sa gobyerno ay mabawasan. Isang halimbawa dito ay ang

kasalukuyang kaso ni Atty. Brenda Poklay na dati ng sinibak sa pamumuno ni DOTC na si dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza ngunit pinabalik sa serbisyo ng CSC Main.

Ngayon ay nag-desisyon na naman ang CSC-CAR hinggil sa mga panibagong reklamo laban sa kanya kung saan siya ay pinasisibak muli sa serbisyo ng CSC-CAR ngunit kasalukuyang naka-apela ito sa CSC Main office. Ano kaya ang magiging desisyon ng CSC Main office? Muli ba siyang ibabalik sa serbisyo sa pangalawang pagkakataon o tuluyan na siyang sisibakin?

Basahin ang mga dispositive portion ng mga sususunod na desisyon. Dahil sa kakulangan ng espasyo ay ang mga dispositive portions lamang ng mga desisyon ang ating ihahayag. Kung nais ninyong malaman ang puno't dulo ng mga reklamo hinggil sa Respondent- Atty. Brenda Poklay maaring kumontak lang kayo sa aming tanggapan para sa kabuuan mga desisyon.

Desisyon mula sa opisina na DOTC  
Secretary Mendoza, Feb 2, 2008

WHEREFORE, premises considered, this Office finds respondent Atty. Brenda D. Poklay guilty of Gross Neglect of Duty and Incompetence and Inefficiency in the Performance of Official Duties. She is hereby meted the penalty of DISMISSAL FROM THE SERVICE with all its corresponding accessories.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished the respondent, the Director DOTC-CAR and the Civil Service Commission.  
SO ORDERED.

29 February 2008, Mandaluyong City, Philippines.

(Sgd) LEANDRO R. MENDOZA  
Secretary

Desisyon mula sa opisina ng Civil Service  
Commission  
(Quezon City), Dec 2, 2009

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, the appeal of Brenda D. Poklay is hereby DISMISSED. However, the DOTC decision dated February 27, 2008 and DOTC Resolution dated November 14, 2008, finding Poklay guilty of Gross Neglect of Duty and Inefficiency/Incompetence, and imposing upon her the penalty of dismissal from the service with all accessory penalties, are MODIFIED. She is found liable only of Simple Neglect of Duty, for which she is suspended for three (3) months.

Quezon City, 02 Dec 2009

(Sgd) MARY ANN Z. FERNANDEZ-MENDOZA  
Commissioner

(Sgd) CESAR D. BUENAFLORES  
Acting Chairman

Attested by:  
(Sgd) DOLORES B. BONIFACIO  
Director IV  
Commission Secretariat and Liaison Office

Desisyon mula sa opisina ng Civil  
Service Commission (CAR),  
Dec 22, 2015

WHEREFORE, Atty. Brenda D. Poklay, Department of Transportation and Communication- Cordillera Administrative Region (DOTC-CAR) is hereby found guilty of Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service and Simple Neglect of Duty. Accordingly she is meted out the penalty of DISMISSAL from the government service with all its accessory penalties of cancellation of eligibility, forfeiture of retirement benefits (except accrued leave credits/terminal benefits and personal contributions to the GSIS if any), perpetual disqualification from holding public office and bar from taking civil service examinations.

Copies of this Decision shall be furnished the Commission on Audit-CAR, and the concerned GSIS Office, for their information and appropriate action.

Baguio City.

(SGD) ATTY. MARILYN E. TALDO  
Director IV



# Baguio Day health fair set August 27

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government through the Health Services Office will mount a Health Fair, an interactive health education program in line with the Baguio Day celebration on August 27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baguio Convention Center.

City health officer Dr. Rowena Galpo said the activity with the theme, “All-Out War Against Diseases for a Healthy Baguio” is open to all families especially those belonging to the low-income group.

“It is an excellent opportunity to educate the public to increase control over and to improve their health,” Galpo said.

The activity will offer an interactive activity which focuses on infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, child and adolescent health, men and women's health, dental health, traditional medicine, spiritual counseling and prohibited drugs.

Several booths will also be set up for other essential services like smoking/

drug counseling, eye screening, physical exercise or “hataw” and others.

First aid kits will be given to the first 1,000 families who will participate in the essential services.

Galpo said the activity aims to implement health risk assessments, information-education-communication (IEC) strategies on health living practices and demonstrate family commitment to health and well-being.

This is also a way of promoting behavioral change to adopt a health-seeking behavior to the public. Health Fairs are a perfect opportunity to demonstrate individual's commitment to good health by availing of the services offered in the event. Health fairs provide the perfect merger of public health and medicine,” she said.

The activity is in line with the celebration of the 107th Baguio City charter anniversary with the theme, “Fostering Meaningful Change through Synergy and Cooperation.”/Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Mayor reconstitutes CDC

**B**AGUIO CITY - Baguio City mayor Mauricio Domogan formally reconstituted the City Development Council who will formulate the long-term, medium-term, and annual socio-economic development plans and policies, the medium-term and annual public investment programs as well as the local investment incentives to promote to inflow and direction of private investment capital; who will appraise and prioritize social-economic development programs and projects, and at the same time who will coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the development programs and projects of the city through Administrative Order No. 084.

Domogan will chair the said committee with

members, congressman Marquez Go or his representative, sangguniang-panglungsod committee on appropriation chair, councilor Elmer Datuin and all the punong barangay in Baguio.

Other members are representatives of non-governmental/private/civil society organizations which include urban planner Arch. Joseph Alabanza, Engr. Felino-Lagman of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers-Baguio Chapter, Arch. Elvis Palicdon of the United Architects of the Philippines-Summer Capital, BENECO general manager Gerardo Verzos, Regional Transport Coordinator-CAR president Perfecto Itiliong, Jr., Philippine Red Cross Baguio Chapter administrator Anastacia Tamayo, Baguio

disabilities in Baguio president Avelino Tomas, 911 On Call Inc. president/operations manager Rafael Valencia, Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations Inc., Baguio Benguet Chapter chairman Engr. Mario Alzona, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. Baguio-Benguet Chapter president Modesto Imayaho, Sr. and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company Baguio head Engr. John Gerald Marasigan.

While members from government sector are city engineer Elpidio Garabiles, city building official engr. Nazita Bañez, Baguio Water District general manager engr. Salvador Royeca, DepEd OIC schools division superintendent Atty. Augustin Laban III, BCPO city director P/Sr.Supt. George Daskeo, DPWH district engr. Alexander Castañeda, DENR surveys and mapping division chief engr. Benjamin Ventura, CENRO-Baguio OIC Rainer Balbuena, EMB-CAR OIC regional

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**A HELPING HAND TO DRUG USERS** - Part of the 789 drug users who surrendered to the police authorities listen intently to City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan who extended a helping hand by providing awareness of the services from the city government. The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) in partnership with Serenity, a non-government organization, conducted a Community-based Emergency Response to Persons with Substance Use Disorder orientation for the drug users to change for a better life./ By Bong Cayabyab

## City conducts actual dog population census

**B**AGUIO CITY - With the Responsible Pet Ownership and Stray Dog Control Program of the city government here, the City Veterinary Office is at the moment conducting actual census of animal population in the city of pines.

Apart from the actual census in every barangay, information materials regarding responsible pet ownership is also being distributed to all households in the city.

City veterinarian, Dr. Brigit Piok stressed that Baguio has no actual data on dog population and what is being used by their office is just a rough estimate.

Piok disclosed that an average of 120 stray dogs are impounded every month and it seems dog owners are not being alarmed with the danger these stray dogs can bring. Thus, there is a need to strengthen the campaign to minimize, if not, eradicate stray dogs.

“One of the aims of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the National Rabies Prevention and control Committee is to vaccinate at least 80% of the estimated dog popu-

lation in the country or about seven million dogs yearly for the next two years,” said Piok.

The conduct of census aims to increase public awareness on responsible pet ownership, to control the population of stray dogs and eventually reduce the risk of rabies transmission, to have realistic data on the population of dogs in the city, to encourage barangays to register all dogs in their barangays in compliance to city ordinance no. 09 of 2008, to ensure that the barangays have done something in the elimination and control of stray dogs in their respective jurisdictions, and to protect human as well as animal health.

Based on records, the city veterinary office has vaccinated 17,268 dogs and cats serving 10,733 pet owners for the first semester.

On animal bite cases in human, there were 2,094 dog bite cases while 320 other animal bite cases for the same period. The CVO has vaccinated 2,304 animal bite victims.

In the monitoring of rabies cases in

dogs, Happy Home Old Lucban barangay was recorded to have positive cases last semester.

Considering that rabies is a public health problem worldwide, it is the mandate of local government units to ensure that all dogs are registered under Republic Act 9482 also known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.

With the on-going animal population survey, the CVO has already covered around 35 barangays in the city. Out of the 17,448 households covered, there are 8,599 who are dog owners.

Moreover, from July 1 to August 15 survey, there are 16,855 dogs; 1,607 cats; 9,361 chicken; 1,430 other avian (birds, ducks, goose, etc.); and 1,113 swine recorded in the Baguio.

“The most frequent way that human become infected with rabies is through the bite of infected dogs, thus, monitoring and control of stray dog population is still one of the important and effective tools for the prevention or rabies in man and animals,” said Piok./JhoArranz

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