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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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High body count of drug suspects prompts Baguilat to call a probe

Some 23 drug suspects have been killed by cops since President Rodrigo Duterte took over the reins of the country last June 30, and this bothers Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat. As such, Baguilat filed House Resolution (HR) 61 which calls for an investigation on the "spate of extrajudicial killings and/or summary executions of suspected violators of laws on illegal drugs and other suspected criminals".

The politiko said that the House

probe will be done in aid of legislation.

Baguilat further noted in his resolution that some 25 drug suspects were also slain by law enforcers between June 16 and 20, or just before the "Digong" assumed the Palace seat.

Baguilat reckoned that these incidents "demonstrate a shocking increase in police-perpetrated killings" in the new

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City to bid out hauling of waste to Urdaneta 381 drug suspects yield in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – The City government will bid out next week the hauling of its residual waste to the engineered sanitary landfill in Urdaneta City, Pangasinan.

City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio said the conduct of the annual public bidding for the hauling of the city's residual waste outside the city is part of the compliance of the local government to the stringent requirements of the Commission on Audit (COA) for the conduct of periodic bidding to lessen the cost of the hauling of residual waste.

"There were no takers when we bid out the hauling of the city's residual waste to Urdaneta City that is why we were forced to re-bid the hauling next week and we hope that there will be takers," Concio stressed.

At present, the city is spending some P932 in hauling cost and P500 tipping fee or a total of P1,432 per ton just to bring the city's residual waste to the engineered

sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

However, the management of the Urdaneta City engineered sanitary landfill reportedly matched the P500 tipping fee and that the hauling cost is expected to be reduced by more or less P200 per ton that would mean a significant reduction in the hauling cost of the city's waste outside the city.

According to him, the local government will be realizing around P5.5 million annual savings from the budgeted hauling cost of garbage to the engineered sanitary landfill in Capas or Urdaneta City.

For this year, the city government appropriated some P85 million for the hauling of the city's residual waste outside the city.

It was learned that the city is hauling out at least 130 tons of residual waste from the transfer station in Longlong, Puguig, La Trinidad, Benguet to the Capas, Tarlac engineered sanitary landfill daily.

One of the require-

ments of prospective bidders for the hauling of the city's residual waste outside the city is the provision of a transfer station that will serve as a staging area for the trucks of the contractor.

Concio admitted that there were two interested haulers who visited their office to secure the necessary bid documents but they were not qualified to participate in the bidding next week because they were not able to present proof of the existence of a transfer station for the staging area.

In 2010, the hauling cost of the city's residual waste from the city to the lowlands was pegged at P3,400 per ton but because of sustained negotiations and the competition among the management of the Capas and Urdaneta City engineered sanitary landfills, the cost was eventually lowered to P1,432 per ton. Such cost could be further reduced depending on the results of the re-bidding of the hauling project next week./Dexter A. See

BAGUIO CITY – The unrelenting and uncompromising campaign of the government against the proliferation of illegal drugs continuous to gain success in the Summer Capital following the surrender of a total of 381 drug suspects to the Baguio city Police Office (BCPO) over the past several weeks, Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo, BCPO City Director, said here Friday.

The police official said the increasing number of drug suspects voluntarily giving themselves up to the local police force only shows the willingness of the persons to embrace reform for them to be given a chance to be embraced by the members of their families and the people in the community where they live.

"We will continue to aggressively put pressure on the drug suspects who remain to defy our appeal for them to surrender and give up their involvement to the illicit drug trade. We do not want to inflict injuries to the drug suspects who try to fight it out with us that is why we are now making a final warning for them to surrender or face the consequences of their continuous illegal activities," Daskeo stressed.

The BCPO chief added continuous monitoring is being done by the members of Baguio's Finest to those individuals who already voluntarily surrendered to the police and promised to

give up their involvement in the drug trade to check their compliance to their signed promissory notes in order to totally rid the city of the proliferation of illegal drugs.

According to him, around 10 percent of those show voluntarily surrendered to the police stations are drug pushers while the rest are drug users who already informed investigators where they are getting their drug supply.

Daskeo said law enforcers will now focus their attention in going after the drug suppliers

once the different police stations are able to account for the identified drug pushers and users in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

The BCPO official appealed to barangay officials and even residents to report to the nearest police station any illegal activities of their neighbors so that they can conduct the necessary surveillance operations keeping their identities confidential so that more people will become vigilant to what is happening in their neigh-

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Mayor reconstitutes CADAC

BAGUIO CITY – With the new set of officials holding key various positions who are responsible in the formulation and implementation of different anti-drug abuse programs and projects, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Administrative Order No. 062, series of 2016 reconstituting the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council

(CADAC).

CADAC is a coordinating body that is mandated to look into and reconciles all anti-drug interventions of the government agencies, the local government and private sector in order to formulate a holistic approach in curbing the proliferation of illegal drugs in the city that pose a serious threat to the

future of the youth sector.

Domogan will chair the CADAC with vice mayor Edison Bilog as co-chair. The members include the chairman of the committee of human rights, peace and order and public safety, league president, Baguio City Police Office city director, city social welfare and development officer, Department of interior

regional director, National Bureau of Investigation-CAR regional director, two representatives form accredited youth organizations and two representatives from the religious sectors.

In the order, the CADAC's program shall focus on effectively and efficiently addressing the local drug situation of the city and shall endeavor to provide a doable and sustainable institution-

al support to the implementation of the desired programs. Said programs shall be consistent with the National Drug Abuse of Action.

Also, the CADAC's goal is to effectively and efficiently implement a well-coordinated set of programs on advocacy, treatment and re-integration, law enforcement and institutional building designed to increase community involvement

among all sectors to significantly reduce the incidents of drug use.

Moreover, with the anti-drug campaign of President Rodrigo Duterte, 381 drug users and pushers confessed and surrendered to the different stations of the BCPO in coordination with the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC)./Jho Arranz



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LGU solid waste management plans must be implementable – EMB-CAR

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Environmental Management bureau (EMB-CAR) said the benchmark on the approval of the 10-year solid waste management plans of local government units by the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) is that the plans must be implementable in order to effectively and efficiently address the solid waste concerns of the different places.

Engr. Reynaldo Digamo, EMB-CAR regional director, said regional offices of the bureau are not in a position to comment on previous actions by the NSWMC in outrightly approving 10-year solid waste management plans of various local governments, including the city government of Baguio, without the resolution of endorsement from the concerned municipal or city councils.

“What is important for us is that the prepared 10-year solid waste management plans of local governments are implementable by no less than the local governments in order to address their

respective solid waste problems which is now common among all local governments not only in the region but also in the different parts of the country,” Digamo stressed.

Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 mandates all local governments to close the operation of their respective open dumpsites and work out the establishment of controlled dump facilities or whatever available environmentally feasible technologies applicable to help preserve and protect the environment and the health of their constituents.

Digamo pointed out whatever action of the NSWMC on submitted solid waste management plans should be respected considering that the plans pass through the scrutiny of a pool of experts on solid waste management that would mean that the submitted plans are already implementable.

However, he explained that concerned municipal or city councils can still introduce appropriate amendments in order

to improve the plans considering that there will always be developments that emerge in the process of implementation and this could always be submitted to the NSWMC for upgrading and updating of the plans.

According to him, local governments in the region must strive for the crafting of their 10-year solid waste management plans to come up with the appropriate solutions to whatever problems that will emerge in their areas of jurisdiction, especially in rapidly growing urban centers, in order to prevent the occurrence of serious garbage concerns that might compromise the state of the environment and the health of the people.

He assured local officials that the EMB-CAR is willing to extend technical assistance to the local governments that are in need of help for the eventual crafting of their respective 10-year solid waste management plan to serve as the basis for working out lasting solutions to current and future garbage problems./ *Dexter A. See*

Health Office reiterates strict implementation of 4 o'clock habit (as dengue cases rise)

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Health Services Office (HSO) reiterated its call for residents to strictly practice the ‘4 o'clock habit’ to be able to control the spread of dengue.

Dr. Donnabel Tubera, HSO chief epidemiologist, on Friday, said that between January and June, they have already recorded 947 dengue cases compared to the 181 cases recorded in the same period last year.

The ‘4 o'clock habit’ involves the stop, look and listen approach against dengue.

Tubera said ‘stop’ means to drop everything and

‘look’ for breeding sites of dengue-carrying mosquitoes and destroy these breeding sites.

‘Listen’ will involve listening to announcements or instructions from the authorities on how to improve on a synchronized implementation of the ‘4 o'clock habit.’

Of the 947 dengue cases, Barangay City Camp has the highest at 104 cases compared

to 24 cases in the same period last year.

Barangay Engineer's Hill has 71 cases compared to four cases last year, Tubera said.

Other barangays with dengue cases include Asin, 45 cases; Atab, 81; Atok

4 barangays to manage common MRF in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY- The common materials recovery facility (MRF) of Lualhati, Gibraltar, Pacdal and Mines View barangays is now fully operational upon the compliance of certain conditions agreed upon for the purpose, after the assessment conducted by the representatives of the Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR).

The MRF will initially be handled by the ornamental vendors utilizing the front area under the supervision of a designated accountable official.

The EMB-CAR requested the concerned barangay councils to pass a joint resolution designating Kagawad Julius Ampal of barangay Lualhati as the accountable official.

Gibraltar Punong Barangay Edward Aclophen volunteered the use of their barangay vehicle to transport recyclables from Gibraltar, Mines view and Lualhati to the MRF and that there should be a drop-off

center for every purok where the residents can drop their recyclables.

As for Pacdal, it was agreed that scrap buyers will handle the transport of their recyclables to the MRF. A recorder should be present in the area to record the names of the residents with the corresponding weight of their recyclables. Payment will be given to them after the recyclables are brought to the MRF. The schedule of collection will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 3 pm.

EMB-CAR regional director Reynaldo Digamo said the buying price of the MRF should match the buying price of the ambulant buyers and that the determining factor of the price of recyclables will be the current market value at the end-point junk shops.

Earlier, the four barangays passed a resolution banning the entry of ambulant buyers in the said barangays which must be strictly implemented to allow the full potentials of the MRF.

However, the pre-registered scrap buyers of Pacdal can still collect recyclables from residents and that they are mandated to bring their collections to the MRF for subsequent payment.

The four barangays were also mandated to formulate a proposed development plan to be submitted to the city government since the dispute over the fencing of the MRF remain to be unsolved and that any possible fencing of the MRF might add to the already stressful situation between the claimants and the city government.

Digamo proposed that the four barangays come up with a proposal regarding the re-operation of the clustered MRF to address the predicaments faced by the barangays and the MRF operation, and to request the local government for a financial assistance worth P100,000 to serve as the MRF's seed money.

He said that 10 percent of the amount will be given out as incentives as agreed upon by the barangay officials of the four barangays.

While the fencing of the property awaits approval and implementation, it was agreed upon that the ornamental vendors will continue to utilize the front area to protect the facility from any horse-related activities./ *Dexter A. See*

Trail, 29; Aurora Hill, 71; Campo Filipino with 28; Irisan and Quezon Hill with 51 cases each; Loakan with 96; Lucban with 86; Mines View with 25; Pacdal with 18; Pinsao with 70; Quirino Hill with 68 and Scout Barrio with 53 dengue cases.

The HSO and other private, public and non-government agencies are drafting an anti-den-

gue proposal which will include prevention and control measures to mitigate dengue cases in Baguio City.

Tubera added the dengue fever and the more severe form, dengue hemorrhagic fever, is caused by an infected day-biting female Aedes mosquito which transmits the viral disease to humans./ *PNA/PGL/JOJO LAMARIA*



MARCHING ON - Baguio's new set of government officials and department heads join the City Hall Choir for the singing of Baguio March during City Hall flag raising ceremonies July 4.m/ By Bong Cayabyab

President Duterte must break the cycle of human rights violations

The Philippines' new President Rodrigo Duterte must fulfill his inauguration pledge to uphold the country's commitment to international law and lead a break with the country's poor human rights record, Amnesty International said today.

"President Duterte has been elected on a mandate to uphold the rule of law. It is encouraging that he spoke of honoring the Philippines' obligations under international law in his inauguration speech. But now he is in power, he needs to lend substance to those words and break with his earlier rhetoric," said Rafendi Djamin, Amnesty International's Director for South East Asia and the Pacific.

Throughout his election campaign, President Duterte made inflammatory remarks that, if translated into policy, would mark a sharp deterioration in the already problematic human rights situation in the Philippines.

President Duterte's promises to adhere to the rule of law and [must be] translated into actual policy and implemented in practice.

Rafendi Djamin, Amnesty International's Director for South East Asia and the Pacific

Since winning the presidential election, President Duterte triggered widespread alarm by calling for the restoration of the death penalty, vowing to preside over a wave of extrajudicial executions, threatening journalists, and intimidating human rights defenders.

This is in a context where a climate of impunity for human rights violations prevails in the Philippines, including for torture and other ill-treatment by the police. Only one police officer has ever been brought to justice under laws criminalizing torture, and few have been held accountable for killings of journalists.

"President Duterte's promises to adhere to the rule of law and to Philippines' international obligations mark a welcome change from earlier rhetoric, but it is important that they are not merely issued to placate critics but are translated into actual policy and implemented in practice," said Rafendi Djamin.

EDITORIAL

The death penalty

Among President Duterte's many troubling positions is his intention to restore the death penalty. Doing so would reverse a decade-long ban in the Philippines on this cruel and irreversible punishment. For this position, the Philippines is a regional leader as it went against the grain of other countries in the region.

President Duterte has said that he intends to apply the death penalty to a range of crimes including offences that do not meet the threshold of "most serious crimes," which is the only category of crimes for which international law allows the death penalty.

"There is no evidence that the death penalty serves as any more of a deterrent than prison. At a time when this cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment has been abolished in the majority of the world's countries, reimposing it will set the Philippines in the wrong direction," said Rafendi Djamin.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases, regardless of the crime. The organization has additional concerns about deep and structural flaws in the Philippines' criminal justice system, which serve to compound the injustice of the death penalty.

There is no evidence that the death penalty serves as any more of a deterrent than prison. Reimposing it will set the Philippines in the wrong direction.

Rafendi Djamin

A 2014 Amnesty International report, *Above the Law: Police Torture in the Philippines* documented the widespread use of torture and other ill-treatment to coerce 'confessions'.

Extrajudicial executions

In recent weeks, President Duterte promised large sums of money as rewards to urge people to kill suspected drug smugglers, said that security forces will be allowed to carry out "shoot-to-kill" orders against criminal suspects resisting arrest, and has displayed a callous disregard for killings

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A leader must be a terror to the few who are evil, in order to protect the lives and well-being of the many who are good.

DUTERTE 2016

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Duterte challenged: Present proof vs generals

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies?" (Proverbs 4:2, the Holy Bible).

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ACCUSING WITHOUT PROOF IS HEIGHT OF IRRESPONSIBILITY: With the grave and deadly accusations made by President Duterte the other day against five generals of the Philippine National Police, charging them as protectors of drug lords who are responsible for the proliferation of illegal drugs in the Philippines, one would think that he would right away present proof showing the culpability of the generals.

After all, Duterte is a lawyer, a former prosecutor, a former mayor and a former lawmaker, who had been trained under the principle that mere accusations would not be enough to prove the guilt of anyone, and that if one accuses another with a crime, he, the accuser, must be ready to substantiate his claims.

Yet, quite glaringly, all that Duterte did was to accuse. He did not offer any piece of evidence against any of the generals, although the accusations hurled against them by the highest officer of the land already destroyed their names, their careers, and their reputations, and sent their families agonizing in shame. With due respect, what Duterte did was, to me, the height of irresponsibility!

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"STICK TO DUE PROCESS": And, I am not alone in this perception. Lawyer Patricio Patnubay Liboon, the grand archon of the UP College of Law Sigma Rho Fraternity who inducted me as a Sigma Rhoan, decried in his Facebook timeline, the shaming and branding under the present government, because of the possibility of abuse, and of mistakes.

With his permission, I am reproducing Liboon's post: "If i remember right, there was this point in American history where people were branded as communists and led away to prison. The idea was to keep America safe from the communists. The problem is, it was used for political and sinister purposes.

"I support Duterte's campaign against criminality. But, shaming and/or branding is bound to be abused. Mistakes do happen too. A branded person whose reputation is sullied would have difficulty in regaining whatever was lost in the process. My two cents on this is: stick with what is time tested. Stick to the law and the observance of due process."

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"DETAILS, PLEASE": My editor in a Cagayan De Oro newspaper, Herbie Gomez, chimed in: "I can't wait to read a report about the evidence against the generals linked to the illegal drug trade. To my disappointment, I came across none as of this posting. What I see are stupid 'Tards linking the named generals to a defeated presidential candidate and the fishy Novotel gathering shortly before the elections.

"OK, so the generals were or are partisan. But why is that evidence of drug links? That merely suggests that the police generals were partisan, that they may have supported one of the President's rivals. Now, that is suspect. If the President's pronouncements were based on A-1 info which is likely the case, and given that

he already named and disgraced these generals in public--and shamed their families, it would only be proper for him to give details. Evidence, please..."

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PALSIT

Disiplina ti Kasapulan

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

Mabalinmo a padur-asen ti panagbiagmo no sayaatem ti panagpampanunotmo. Napintas daytoy a pagsasao. Maiyataday nga amirisen dagiti kakabsat a tarigagayna unay a dumur-as ti panagbiagna. Aglalo kadagitiy a panawen a marikna unay ti kinarigat ti panagbiag. Nangato ti gatad dagiti tagilako. Saan met nga umnadu ti mateggedan iti inaldaw. Awan pay ti agtalinaed a panggedan.

Ammo ti kangrunaan nga aramiden tapno maleplepan iti panaggasto iti nabuslon: BELT TIGHTENING a kunada. Wen, nasayaat no ammuen dagiti kangrunaan a kasapulan. No ania dagiti kaskenan a gatangen, isu laeng ti ipangruna nga ilatangan. Masapul a ni kabsat, ammona ti natatpateg a tagikuaenna: WANTS wenno NEEDS?

Ti WANTS ngamin, isu dagitay alikamen a di met pamastrekan ngem, ketdi, nalabit, isu pay daytay pagpalabasan ti oras. Gumatangka kadagitay home appliances: television, refrigerator, electric fan, etc. Nupay mabembennat ti kuarta, dagitoy met ti ipangruna – paggastosan amin dagitoy. Nupay adu met ti ipaayna a pagnam-ayan.

NEEDS, kangrunaan a kasapulan: taraon, agas, kdp. No agkamtud ti taraon, nalabit, saan a nasayaat ti panagtrabaho. No saan, mangitunda iti panagsakit. No agsakitka, dika makapagtrabaho. Gumatangka ti agas. Aggastoska, awan pay ti mateggedan bayat ti panagsakitmo.

Disiplina iti bukod a bagi ti rumbeng nga aramiden. Dika matay nga agteppel nga agaliwaksay babaen ti panagatang kadagiti bambanag a di pagsayaatan ti bituka a kunada.

Masapul nga adda latta umdas a taraon. Uray KBL – Kamatis, Bugguong, Lasona ti sida. Uray ugsa (uggot ti saluyot) ti sida. Ta makapasalun-at ti naimas a bulong ti saluyot. Paggaayat a sida ni Cleopatra a kunada man.

Panawen ti innartapan, kunam? No dimo maipakita dagiti kukuam iti sabali, makuna a napanglawka. Ket, dimo kayat ti maawagan ti napanglaw lattan. Ta kapaipapananna ngamin ni nakapimpiman. Ipakitam nga adda kukuam/alikamenmo tapno madlawda nga adda inalotmo. Kasta ngamin ti adda iti ulo ti dadduma. Isu nga agatangda ti home appliances. Uray installment. Daytoy ti adatna ngamin. Iyutang ti di pay nateggedan. Narigat ti kasta. Uray adda panggedan. Kananon no gulpe a naikkatka iti trabaho?

Dimo itantan ti trabahom. No ania ti sumaruno a kuditen, masapul nga ITAN nga aramiden. Narigat no iyuray pay laeng iti sumnaruno a bigat. Ngamin, ti oras, nakuerdasan. Masapul a danggayam ti aglabas nga oras. Ti maaramidmo ita, sabalinto manen iti sumaruno a bigat.

Wen, narigat ti tungtungkua a trabaho a kunada. No agangay, malebleban, pagammuan, di malagipen.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Sa pag-unlad ng bayan, disiplina ang kailangan.

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas ...from page 4

PROOF VS GENERALS: In the radio program “Tambalang Batas at Somintac” (aired at DZEC, 1062 kHz, Mondays to Fridays, at 6 a.m.), my partner, Vic Somintac (DZEC’s Malacanang reporter), and I hurled a challenge on Wednesday, July 06, 2016, to Duterte and his government: disclose the details of the generals’ participation in the illegal drugs trade, to justify the public and dramatic accusation against them, made by the President no less.

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Mga Heneral Pinahiya,
Personalan Kaya!?**

BY: NESTOR “PAKEN” CASTRO

Ano ba naman itong si Presidente Dudirty, Amaraming mga mistulang pagbabago na nagaganap at kitang-kita naman ng dalawa nating mga mata na maraming sumusuko, maraming na sa-salvage na mga tulak daw ng droga at nakita na rin natin sa wakas na mayroon tayong isang pangulo na mukhang ipinatutupad ang kanyang mga binitiwang salita. Kitang-kita naman natin ang pagbubunyag ng pangalan ng mga limang heneral ng PNP. Yung tatlo sa kanila ay nasa aktibong serbisyo pa at ang dalawa ay retirado na. Kung bakit nga lang pati yung na sa pribadong sektor na si retired Heneral Garbo ay kanya ring pinangalanan - ito’y hindi ko maunawaan. Yung tatlo na nasa aktibong serbisyo, OK lang at yung isa na public official pa rin na siyang Mayor sa isang bayan sa Cebu ay OK rin, ngunit yung isa na kasalukuyan ay pribadong mamamayan ay kanya ring binanatan.

Ang mas nakapagtataka ay nang sabihin ng ating mahal na pangulo na dapat sila ay imbestigahan ng Napolcom etc... at ni hindi man lang siya nag-labas o nagbunyag sa atin ng matibay na ebidensya na siyang basehan ni Pangulong Dudirty kung bakit niya inakusahan ang limang mga Heneral?!

Ang tanong ko ngayon ay ganito, halimbawa ay na absuwelto ang mga ito o ang ilan sa kanila, paano na yung nangyaring tumbok na akusasyon na binitiwang ni pangulong Dudirty na isang napaka saklap at tindi na iligal na krimen? Paano na yung reputasyon ng pamilya at ng mga na-akusan sa isang napakatinding akusasyon? Ano ang gagawin ni pangulong Dudirty? Magbibigay ba siya nang kanyang sorry at nagkamali siya???

Para sa akin, ang dapat na tamang proseso na isinagawa ni pangulong Dudirty ay pinasampahan muna niya ng reklamo o kaso ang limang mga Heneral at saka niya ibinunyag sa atin ang kanilang mga pangalan. Alam naman natin na alam ni Pangulong Attorney Dudirty ang sinasabi na due process and that everyone is innocent until proven to be guilty. Eh ano yung zarzuela na kanyang ginawa, isang matinding PSYWAR!!!! Para nga naman sabihin ng karamihan na, ayon o nakita naman ninyo kung mga Heneral binabangga kayo pa kaya!

Para sa akin ang pinakitang pagkilos na yaan ni pangulong Dudirty ay isang uri ng pinakamalaking KA-EPALAN!!! Anak ng)*&^%VJU#&G mayroon ka namang dose-dosenang spokesman, mga miyembro ng gabinete, napakaraming mga medyas na sigurdong pipick-upin ang isang napakatinding balita at issue kung sakaling nasampahan na ng reklamo ang mga Heneral na yan. Kung bakit ikaw pa mismo pangulong Dudirty ang kailangan magpabalita at ni walang ano mang reklamo na nasampa sa kanila. Ito ang isang **NAPAKALAKING PALAISIPAN para sa akin. O BAKA NAMAN MAY PERSONALAN NA ANGGOLO AT MAS MALALIM NA DAHILAN ITO? ANONG PAL PALAGAY NINYO MGA DEAR READERS ??? PWEENE...**

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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, at <http://www.eaglebroadcasting.net/radyo-agila> and at www.youtube.com (type DZEC Radyo Agila Tambalang Batas at Somintac 1062 Live), 6 to 7 in the morning, Philippine time. Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com

Senior Citizens to be given over-the-counter meds discount

BAGUIO CITY – Senior Citizens may now avail of the 20% discount for over-the-counter medicines even without the doctor’s prescription but with other requirements.

This is embodied in a resolution introduced by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda and approved on June 20, which resolved to implement Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Advisory 2014-054 which states...”the public is further informed that a doctor’s prescription is not required for over-the-counter medicines to avail of the 20% discount.”

However, to avail of the 20% discount in any hospital, private retail or pharmacy, the senior citizen needs to present requirements such as; Identification Card (ID) issued by the municipal or city mayor, or the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA), or punong barangay of the place where he is a resident. The purchase booklet and the SC’s Philippine passport may also be presented.

Any government issued ID is honored; drivers’ license, voter’s ID, Social Security System (SSS)/Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) ID, Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) card, Postal ID and others, as long as the elderly’s birthday is clearly stated therein.

The discount is part of Republic Act 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010; wherein “the state provides an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and shall give priority to the needs of the marginalized sectors, which includes the elderly.”

Earlier, senior citizens complain of not being accorded the 20% discount for medicines because of the absence of a physician’s prescription./Julie G. Fianza

BeGh up for modernization

BAGUIO CITY – Advanced medical techno machine services, particularly for renal dialysis may now be availed of at the Benguet General Hospital (BeGh), along the La Trinidad highway.

The Computed Radiography (CR) and Computerized Tomography (CT) scan machines, worth P17M may also be used as soon as its cable, which costs P1.3M is purchased and installed. Said machines present cross-section images of the body, detect tumors and location of lesions which are not done by ultrasound and fluoroscopy machines.

The medical facilities were blessed and turned-over last week with former Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Regional Director Amelita Pangilinan, newly-appointed BeGH head Dr. Maria Imelda Ulep, Physicians Josefina Luspian and Gloria Molintas, along with other provincial officials.

Other machines; Mammogram machine, Portable X-ray machine and additional patient-transport vehicle are being awaited, it was known. Once these are in place, BeGH serves as complementary hospital as well as medical training facility for the Baguio-Benguet and neighboring areas.

These could hike up the hospital’s accreditation, presently now on level II.

According to Dr. Ulep, a drug-test center is envisioned within the compound, as with a rehabilitation section and advanced microbiology facilities. An expansion of private wards which could increase the earning capacity of the hospital is also expected within the more than 32,000 sq. m. BeGh area, Ulep said.

The then 50-bed hospital, established for general operation in 1971, is now a 150-bed economic enter-

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of journalists.

Summary killings of criminal suspects are extrajudicial executions, which violate both international and Philippines law. The authorities should make clear to the security forces that they will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Security forces may use

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Segundo M. Ramirez who died on March 25, 2016 in La Trinidad, Benguet that it has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement executed by the heirs of said deceased on May 25, 2016 and registered and docketed as Doc. No. 302; Page No. 61; Book XIV; Series of 2016 of the Notarial Book and Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

June 25, July 2, and 9 2016

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

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MAURA LOSNONG, a resident of AD- 163 Central Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet, who died on November 10, 2008, has been extra judicially settled by the heirs through the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with simultaneous Deed of Absolute Sale involving a motor vehicle bearing plate number ABW 131, acknowledged on November 25, 2015 before Notary Public Atty. Robles G. Calabias as per Doc no. 387; Page No. 78; Book no. CXXXVII; Series of 2015.

July 2, 9, and 16, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with simultaneous waiver of rights

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased spouses Maximo B. Guzman also known as Maximo Candiao and Emilia Pog-e Guzman who died on September 18, 2013 in Kapangan, Benguet and January 14, 2013 in Baguio City, respectively, that the estate has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights executed by the heirs of said deceased executed on April 14, 2016 and registered and docketed as Doc. No. 27; Page No. 6; Book XIV; Series of 2016 of the Notarial Book and Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

July 9, 16, and 23, 2016

force only when strictly necessary and to the extent required for carrying their law enforcement duties; they may not use lethal force except when strictly unavoidable in order to protect life. The governments should ensure that those responsible for extrajudicial executions are brought to justice.

"Extrajudicial executions will deliver neither the justice that victims deserve nor the security that people in the Philippines seek. What the Philippines needs is an overhaul of its judicial system to end delays, enhance investigations, ensure that criminal suspects are prosecuted in fair trials, and protect victims and witnesses from threats and reprisals," said Rafendi Djamin.

Safety of journalists

Duterte's disregard for the safety of journalists is striking in a country where seven journalists were killed last year, and more than 150 media workers have been killed with impunity over the past 30 years.

"President Duterte makes full use of his right to freedom of expression. He should respect the fact that others also have this right to write and speak freely, and the authorities must respect and protect their right to do so without fear of imprisonment, threats, or violence," said Rafendi Djamin.

Program of action

Amnesty International has published a program of action for the Duterte administration, outlining that the new administration should prioritize putting an end to extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, and secret detention, as well as torture and other ill treatment.

The organization has also highlighted concerns about abuses by non-state actors and has called for the disbanding and disarmament of private armies, and establishment of control and accountability over the military, police and other state-sponsored forces./Amnesty.org

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

CHRISCILLE SAPINO - Vendor
CONSTANTINE PUNTILLAN - Vendee
Applicants

Case No. 2012-CAR-207/2016-CAR-324
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of Sale and Transfer with Dropping and Substitution of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI SERVICE for the transportation of freight and passengers 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 Board shall hear this application on July 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director this 8th day of July 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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administration.

The solon also learned that police officers killed another 68 drug suspects from January 1 to June 15.

"It behooves Congress... to scrutinize the circumstances behind the aforementioned

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borhood.

He added that those who voluntarily surrender to the law enforcers after the lapse of several days will be subjected to the mandatory drug test and if found to be positive of the use of illegal drugs, they will be appropriate charged before the courts for violation of the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9165 or the

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vincial Government of Mountain Province, City Government of Baguio, City Government of Tabuk, Benguet State university, University of the Philippines Baguio, SLU Extension Institute for Small Scale Industries Foundation, Regional Development Council-CAR, Civil Service Commission-CAR, Department of Agriculture-CAR, Department of Agrarian Reform-CAR, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-CAR, Department of Interior and Local Government-CAR, Department of Health-CAR, Department of Labor and Employment-CAR, Department of Science and Technology-CAR, Philippine National Police-CAR, Philippine Information Agency-CAR, Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board-CAR, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority-CAR.

The awarded agencies are "private sector partners who are being recognized for actively supporting the DTI CAR's programs and services particularly in the development of our MSMEs and being partners in the implementation of Negosyo Centers, promoting the competitiveness of our local government units, advocating consumer welfare and protection, and the provision of funding and technical support to the DTI's programs," Gallardo said.

The best SSF projects were also awarded. These are the Dangdang-ay di Bila MPC-SSF on Coffee Processing in Mountain Province, Gabriela Women's Asso-

killings, with a view to ensuring that the people's rights and lives are protected, especially by law enforcers," the congressman said.

The tough-talking Duterte won the May 9 presidential race via landslide after weeks of promising heavy-handed measures against criminals, especially drug peddlers./politics.com.ph

Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Law, particularly the use of illegal drugs.

Daskeo said drug personalities should not wait for them to be charged before voluntarily surrendering but instead, avail of the grace period given to them to surrendered so that they will have the necessary peace of mind rather than being constantly bothered once they will not pass the prescribed drug test before the local crime laboratory./Dexter A. See

ciation-SSF on Chicharon Processing and Packaging in Abra, and Hojap MPC-SSF for Blacksmith in Ifugao.

The top eight feature stories about MSMEs were also awarded on the said event. Awardees are as follows in descending order: "Carlo's Bamboocraft Furniture and Furnishings: An Epitome of Success and Passion" by Moulin Roe B. Urbano of Dalit National High School in Abra, "Weaving Wealth Inspired by Love of Culture" by Ruff Louie M. Manganip of Tabuk National High School in Kalinga, "Deaf-Mute Couple Weave Business to Success" by Charene T. Dacwag of Bangaan National High School in Mountain Province, "The Queen of Crafts" by Mercy Grace A. Tacloy of Tabuk City National High School in Kalinga, "Businesswoman and Selfless Heroine" by Aubrey Dominique M. Bermudez of Luna National High School in Apayaop, "What's Cookin': Veggie Noodle Project" by Shekinah Armenta of University of Baguio, "TuBengCoGa's Beans of Accomplishment" by Shekinah Armenta of University of Baguio, and "The Livelihood of my Parents" by Irene Ag-A from Bangaan National High School in Mountain Province.

The Small Business (SB) Corporation also awarded accounts to eight local enterprises. Beneficiaries are Dhu Mye Agri Products, Naduma Enterprises, Sije's Farm, LJ88 Homebuilders & Construction Ltd. Co., Dandelion's Enterprises, Extraordinary Precision Contact Solutions, Polyfilm Farm Technologies, and Hart & Zoe Print Ads./Zarena Amado/PIO intern

PRO-Cor welcomes new chief

Mining stakeholders in CAR to prove responsible mining

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet -- Police Chief Superintendent Elmo Francisco Oco Sarona assumed as the first chief of the Police Regional Office – Cordillera under the Duterte Administration.

The new Acting Regional Director was welcomed with the traditional arrival honors led PRO-COR OIC Police Chief Superintendent Robert Quenery at the Camp Bado Dangwa here followed by the official assumption ceremonies on July 4.

Sarona, a member of Philippine Military Academy Sinagtala Class of 1986, was the chief of the police Firearms and Explosives Office prior to his assignment in the Cordillera.

In his message, Sarona reiterated the three important virtues that he wants to engrave in the character of every personnel of PRO-COR - to embark on Discipline, Deep Sense of Commitment and Teamwork

which are indispensable factors to ensure the attainment and success in achieving the organization's goal.

"Neither I nor you can do this mandate alone, but if we will work together and work as a team, there is nothing impossible for us to accomplish. Let us manifest Discipline, have a deep sense of Commitment and work as a solid Team in this PRO," he said.

Sarona also stressed in an interview that the Cordillera police should give priority to solve the problem on illegal drugs, corruption and criminality which is the priority of the President Rodrigo Duterte and PNP Chief, Director General Ronald Dela Rosa.

"As the newly assigned Regional Director of the PRO-Cor, I have directed the PNP force of the Cordillera to intensify their campaign against illegal drugs, corruption and criminality, in line with the focus of the new

administration," Sarona said.

He also challenged the Cordillera police officers and personnel to leave the police service if they cannot perform their duties. "I challenge all the officers assigned in the region as early as now to resign if they cannot perform their job well or measure up of what is expected of us."

Sarona said that series of activities have been conducted and initiated in the region such as drug operations including internal cleansing in order to have the moral ascendancy to carry out the mandate in implementing the anti-illegal drug campaign of the new administration.

The new police chief visited the province of Abra on Wednesday to look into the peace and order situation of the province. He also led the conduct of drug test on all the police officers in the province. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*

ist to the national search for his outstanding work performance.

He was the chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, and chairman of the PNP Board of Inquiry of the bloody Mamasapano clash in 2015, who stood his ground and fought for the truth particularly for his fellow Special Action Force brothers.

Meanwhile, Chief Superintendent Benjamin Macli-ing Lusad of PMA Class of 1985 was named by de la Rosa as the acting director of the Special Action Force. He will lead mostly Igorot police officers in the SAF which is considered the bravest among the police units.

Lusad who hails from Mountain Province led the Benguet Provincial Police Office as the Best Police Provincial Office in the Cordillera Region in 2010. During his stint, Lusad strength-

BAGUIO CITY -- Government agencies and mining companies in the Cordillera Region will have to step up to prove to the new administration that they are practicing responsible mining.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau-Cordillera with the different mining companies based in the province of Benguet expressed this during a media forum with the DENR and the Environmental Management Bureau last week.

MGB-CAR Regional Director Faye Apil said that the government agencies involved in the environment and mining in particular, will have to work with the different mining companies and other stakeholders to prove to President Rodrigo Duterte and newly appointed DENR Secretary Gina Lopez that indeed responsible mining is being practiced in the region.

"It is upon us from the mining industry to prove to that there is such thing as responsible mining," Apil said as she answered queries on the initial thoughts of Lopez on mining.

An anti-mining advocate and chair of the ABS-CBN Foundation, Lopez has gone around the country campaigning against mining, particularly in Palawan and other eco-tourism sites, advocating the need to protect the country's rich biodiversity.

On the first day as DENR Secretary, she spent much of her time talking about responsible mining in the country and her first order of business ened the province tourist police program as well as training for the highland force.

He was the executive officer of the PNP directorate for operation in Camp Crime prior to his new assignment. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*

is to audit all existing mines in the country.

The Cordillera Region particularly Benguet is home to at least three large scale mining companies that have been providing source of income for thousands of families.

During the media forum, the big three mining companies namely Philex Mining Corporation, Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corporation, and Benguet Corporation stressed they are practicing responsible mining and are in fact certified with the International Organization for Standardization 14001.

MGB-CAR Mine Safety and Environment Chief Felizardo Gacad explained that the DENR issued Department Administrative Order 2015-07 mandating mining companies to be certified with ISO 14001 or the standards which provides practical tools for companies and organizations of all kinds looking to manage their environmental responsibilities.

Gacad said that the



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three large scale mining companies are in full compliance with the ISO 140001.

Meanwhile, the mine company reps namely PMC legal officer Eduardo Aratas, BC lawyer Froilan Lawilao and LCMC's Eddie Borromeo said they are not worried of the change of administration and assured that they are responsible miners.

The mining industry stakeholders and the DENR through the MGB hope that they would be given a chance to have an audience with new administration in order for them to show how they operate as responsible miners. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*

3 Cordilleran generals in PNP top posts

BAGUIO CITY -- Cordilleran police officers were chosen to lead the police force with the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Newly installed Philippine National Police Chief Director General Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa has named three highly decorated Cordillerans police officials to join him in leading police force under the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Dela Rosa picked Deputy Dir. Gen. Francisco Uyami Francisco Uyami of Lagawe, Ifugao as the PNP Acting Deputy Chief for Administration while Police Director Benjamin Magalong of Baguio City as the Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Chief for Operations, the second and third highest posts in the PNP, respectively.

Uyami and Magalong

are both members of Philippine Military Academy Sandigan Class of 1982, and classmates of retired PNP Chief Director General Ricardo Marquez.

Uyami is the first general from the capital town of Ifugao. He was the Acting Chief of Directorial Staff before being promoted to his new position. As an officer, he received numerous medals, wards and commendations. He was recently recognized as one of the outstanding sons of Ifugao who received the Ifugao Achievers award during the 50th Founding Anniversary of the province.

Baguio boy Benjie Magalong served the City of Baguio and the Cordillera command. He was lauded for being the recipient of the Regional Presidential Lingkod Bayan award and for qualifying as a semi-final-

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prise hospital, Dr. Ulep said. The hospital's mission includes quality, affordable and compassionate health service to the public. The hospital is presently earning for its expenses, with a subsidy fund. */Julie G. Fianza*

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Chairperson of the Committee on Public works, Councilor Lilia A. Fariñas was selected as the Chairman of the Committee on Social Services, Women, Urban Poor while Councilor Edgar Avila was chosen as the Chairperson of the Committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing.

Sembrano will be the city council to the representative to the City Health board, Yangot will seat as a member of the Baguio City Market Authority, Bomogao will be a member of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee, Avila will seat as a member of the City Housing board and the City Lands Identification Committee and the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals Ortega will seat as a member of the City Peace and Order Council, Datuin will be a member of the Baguio tourism Council while Fianza will be a member of the City School Board. */Dexter A. See*

DTI opens first Arabica Coffee Postharvest Processing and Cupping Lab

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) opened on July 7 the first ever Shared Service Facility (SSF) Project for Arabica Coffee Postharvest Processing and Cupping Laboratory in the country at the Benguet State University (BSU) in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Strategically located at the BSU in La Trinidad, Benguet, the Coffee Postharvest Processing and Cupping Laboratory is expected to continue research and extension services of the University to coffee farmers, improve the quality of Arabica coffee products in the Cordillera Region, enhance income generation of coffee farmers and processors from quality Arabica Coffee products, which will also eventually create alternative job opportunities to coffee farmers and their families.

The facility is also expected to improve

postharvest processing methods of Arabica coffee in the production of quality coffee products; provide excellent service to coffee producers and processors; establish quality protocol in the production, postharvest processing, packaging and marketing of coffee products; and disseminate developed technologies on quality production, postharvest processing; and packaging to coffee farmers, processors and other stakeholders.

DTI-Regional Operations Group (DTI-ROG) Supervising Undersecretary Zenaída Maglaya said that the facility will be a big boost not only to the coffee industry but to coffee farmers as well.

"We have partnered with the Benguet State University to lift the coffee industry, especially the Arabica coffee. As we all know, Arabica coffee is one of the ten high value crops in the Cordillera Administrative Region and is recognized to be

of excellent quality by the Coffee Foundation Institute of the Philippines," Maglaya said.

Under the agreement, BSU will be the laboratory's cooperator that will manage and technically assist the facility while DTI-CAR Regional Office will regularly conduct monitoring and evaluation on site to ensure efficiency of service.

The DTI identified BSU as cooperator for its active research, extension, instruction and production of organically grown Arabica coffee.

Initially, the facility shall serve as a coffee laboratory and will later become a service center for coffee postharvest processing in order to attain its objectives. The use of the facility shall be free on the first year of operation and minimal service fees shall be collected on succeeding years.

The total project cost for this SSF Project is P4,048,000./DTI-CAR

Admission is now free at Kabayan and Kiangnan Museums

BAGUIO CITY -- As the country welcomed change in its leadership last June 30, change is also happening in the field of arts and culture.

Starting on July 1, 2016, admission to the National Museum and its regional museums in the country will be free of charge for all visitors, Filipinos or foreigners, the National Museum of the Philippines announced in its social media page.

This new policy of free general admission aims to build upon significant spikes in viewership especially among younger Filipinos.

The National Museum located in the City of Manila, has 14 branches and flagship museums which include the National Art Gallery,

Museum of the Filipino People, and National Planetarium.

In the Cordillera Region, these include the Kabayan Museum in Benguet and the Kiangnan Museum in Ifugao.

The other regional museums are located in Vigan, Ilocos Sur; Angono-Binangonan Petroglyphs in Rizal; Tabaco, Albay; Tagbilaran, Bohol; Butuan; Zamboanga and Jolo, Sulu.

The Kabayan Museum was established to ensure the proper implementation a presidential decree that declares the Kabayan Mummy Caves of Kabayan, Benguet a National Cultural Treasure.

Aside from a real mummy as part of the exhibit, the Kabayan Museum houses Ibaloi, Ikalahan or Kalanguya

and Kankana-ey material culture such as wooden bowls to contain food, baskets to store and contain agricultural produce, a bulbous pottery jar to store and contain a ritual rice wine called tapuy, and a ritual skull of a pig.

On the other hand, the Kiangnan Museum serves as a showcase of priceless Ifugao artifacts and ancient traditions. It stands on the historic Philippine Veterans Affairs Office compound facing the Kiangnan war memorial shrine.

It houses Ifugao carvings on wood; household items like spoons, bowls and dishes; ritual paraphernalia.

Wooden granary idols or binulloll in various positions; baskets of different forms and sizes; metal weapons such as

Benguet looks into alternative means to help reform drug suspects

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - - The provincial government is supportive of exploring ways to help and extend assistance to apprehended users and pushers and those who voluntarily surrendered in the light of the national government's campaign to end the proliferation of illegal drugs in the country.

Governor Crescencio Pacalso expressed the provincial government's willingness to offer alternative means for those involved in drugs who are caught or voluntarily surrendered in coordination with concerned offices.

Pacalso informed that he already called the attention of concerned provincial offices such as the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and

Development (OPSWD) to help in pushing for programs to uplift the lives of these people.

Under the OPSWD, he is looking into the remaining budget to extend financial and food assistance and offer livelihood opportunities to sustain their daily needs.

He also informed that they are closely coordinating with the Philippine National Police and other offices for the necessary services.

The provincial government would also coordinate with the Department of Agriculture on the development of cacao plantations as possible livelihood for these people. Areas in Kibungan and Bakun where marijuana plantations are rampant may be

converted into cacao and coffee for vast production if further developed could serve as their One-Town-One-Product, Pacalso said.

The governor said his office is still awaiting the list of possible beneficiaries. As reported, a toll of 130 have yielded in Benguet on the PNP's intensified crackdown on illegal drugs as ordered by President Duterte. More are expected to come out in the coming days.

Pacalso said he is happy that marijuana cultivators, drug users and pushers are listening to their officials as he enjoined other drug personalities to better give up and find other gainful employment or jobs to sustain their needs./JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet

Cordillera Month renews pursuit of regional autonomy and development

BAGUIO CITY - The Regional Development Council's "Unity Gong" will once again

tour the different provinces of Cordillera this month to sound the call for support and strengthen ties of local government units and communities bringing economic growth and progress through the attainment of regional autonomy.

RDC Cordillera officials, in a kapihan media forum, launched the 29th celebration of Cordillera Month, which for this year adopts the theme, "CAR @29: Working together for an Autonomous and Empowered Cordillera".

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Since May this year, the National Museum of the Philippines and its regional sites offered free entrance to all visitors. This was extended in June as part of the 118th Independence Day celebration./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

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From Ifugao, it moves to Tabuk City, Kalinga

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Complaint filed with Ombudsman vs Aquino, Abad

MANILA, Philippines— A week after former President Benigno Aquino III stepped down from office, progressive groups filed a case against him and his Budget Secretary Florencio Abad over the implementation of the Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP), parts of which were earlier declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Aquino and Abad are facing charges of technical malversation, usurpation of legislative powers, and graft and corruption before the Office of the Ombudsman.

"The DAP was nothing but presidential pork taken from forced savings, then realigned for pet projects of the President. It was not a stimulus program, as many of the projects approved by Aquino has nothing to do with stimulating the economy," said Bayan Muna Representative Carlos Zarate, who was present during the filing on Friday, July 8.

Aquino's representative, former Malacañang Deputy Spokesperson Abigail Valte, said the former President has not received a copy of the

complaint and cannot comment on the matter.

She said, however that the complaint was expected from these groups.

"As soon as PNoy stepped down, they mobilized to rally at his Times Street home, unwilling to extend to him a peaceful homecoming. Unsatisfied, they mobilized again the next day, deliberately provoking the policemen assigned there in the hope of manufacturing violence to boost media coverage of their shenanigans. It is clearly part of their continuing harassment of a president who refused to be cowed by their chest-beating during his entire term," she said in a statement.

The DAP story

DAP was an expenditure scheme crafted and implemented by Malacañang, supposedly to boost public spending to help improve economic growth. Before the end of the fiscal year in 2011, the Department of Budget and Management realigned the "savings" of various departments, including funds for unfinished projects, and allocated them for the projects of

other departments. The move was seen as usurpation of Congress' exclusive powers to allocate funds.

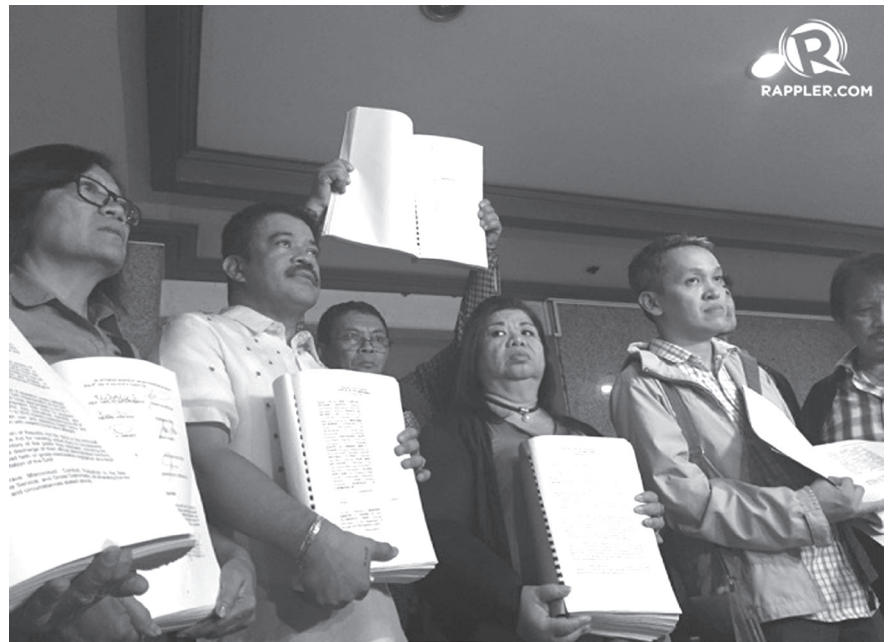
It drew criticism when Senator Jinggoy Estrada revealed in a privilege speech that some senators received millions of additional lump sum money in their pork barrel after the late Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona's conviction.

Abad denied that the DAP allocated to the 20 senators served as bribes to vote for Corona's impeachment.

In July 2014, the Supreme Court ruled

that some parts of the program were unconstitutional: the creation of savings before the end of the fiscal year, the withdrawal of these funds and their transfer from one department to another, and the allocation of funds in programs not detailed in the General Appropriations Act.

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales said in September 2015 that her office had initiated its own investigation into Aquino and Abad's liabilities.



Progressive groups say former President Aquino and former Budget Secretary Abad face charges of technical malversation, usurpation of legislative powers, and graft and corruption over the DAP

The office cleared Aquino just a month after, but found sufficient basis to pursue the investigation against Abad and his Undersecretary Mario Relampagos.

"Noong mga panahon na 'yun, si Presidente Aquino naman ay may immunity pa at 'di tahasang sinasabi na walang pananagutan si Pangulong Aquino. Ngayong wala na siyang immunity, sa tingin namin napakalaki ng pananagutan ni Presidente Aquino sa DAP," Zarate said.

(During that time, President Aquino was immune from suit [but] it was not directly stated that he has no accountability. Now that he is not immune, we think, he has a huge accountability for DAP.)

"Sa mga dokumentong naka-attach sa aming complaint, kitang-kita, klarung-klaro na may consent si Mr Aquino sa DAP. In fact, siya mismo ang pumipili anong proyekto ang papayagan sa DAP," Zarate added.

(It is very clear in the documents attached to our

complaint that the DAP has Mr Aquino's consent. In fact, he himself chose the projects for DAP.)

The groups that filed the complaint were Bayan Muna; Alliance of Concerned Teachers; Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees; Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption; Juana Change Movement; Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas; Gabriela; and Kalipunan ng Damagang Mahihirap/Rappler.com/Patty Pasion

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then to Luna, Apayao on July 11; Bangued, Abra on July 12; Bontoc, Mt. Province on July 13, and La Trinidad, Benguet in the morning of July 14, then back to Baguio in the late afternoon of the same day.

DILG Regional Director Marlo Iringan said the Gong's journey has already been coordinated with the provincial governors and local chief executives as their presence for the turn-over ceremony has been part of the tradition.

DSWD Regional Director Janet Armas, in a statement, outlined

the importance of the local chief executives as well as the communities' support for the pursuit of regional autonomy which is mandated by the Constitution.

Armas shared that they are already bringing in the autonomy advocacy

to their program beneficiaries, down to the grass root level, to explain to them what benefits autonomy could bring in their respective localities.

DSWD, who chairs the RDC Regional Social Development Committee, is the chair of this year's technical working group for the celebration./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



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18 local businesses receive DTI Bagwis Award

DTI-CAR awarded the Bagwis Awards and certificates to local businesses during the opening program of the NKATBP.

12 gold and 6 silver Bagwis Awards were awarded. The golden awardees are National Bookstore – Abanao Square Branch, National Bookstore – Abanao Branch, National Bookstore – SM City Baguio Branch, Puregold Price Club – Marcos Highway Branch, Puregold Price Club – Baguio Branch, Puregold Price Club – La Trinidad, Benguet Branch, Ricmar Diesel Center, Robinson's Handyman Inc. – Baguio Center Mall Branch, C & Triple A Express, C & Triple A Supermarket, Easter Weaving Room, Inc., and Toyota Baguio. The silver awardees are ADTEMPCO Coopmart – Lagangilang Branch, ADTEMPCO Coopmart in Bangued Branch in Abra, Norcar Speedworks in Benguet, Shape-Up Fitness Gym Company, Lamut Grassroots Savings & Development Coop-One Stop Shop in Ifugao, and K Servico Trade Inc.

“(Bagwis) awardees are business establishments who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to uphold the rights of consumers and practice responsible business where consumers get best value for money”, DTI-CAR Division Chief Samuel D. Gallardo said.

DTI-CAR also awarded partner agencies with certificates of recognition on the said event. Recognized DTI partners are as follows: Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry-CAR, Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Cordillera Overseas Contract Workers Multipurpose Cooperative, Cordillera Network Development, Shontoug Foundation, NARDA's Trading Corporation, Dr. Virgillio Bautista, Abra SMED Council, Apayao SMED Council, Baguio SMED Council, Benguet SMED Council, Ifugao SMED Council, Kalinga SMED Council, Mountain Province SMED Council, Provincial Government of Abra, Provincial Government of Apayao, Provincial Government of Benguet, Provincial Government of Ifugao, Provincial Government of Kalinga, Pro-

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Council re-organizes standing committees

BAGUIO CITY – The city council reorganized the chairmanship and memberships of its standing committees following the assumption of the new set of members of the local legislative body for the term 2016-2019.

Five members of the council, particularly Vice mayor Edison R. Bilog and Councilors Roberto Ortega, Peter Fianza Michael Lawana and Elmer Datuin retained the chairmanships

of the Committee on Ways and Means, Human rights, Justice, Public Protection and Safety, Peace and Order, Education and Culture and Historical Research, Barangay Affairs and Youth Welfare and Sports Development and tourism, Special Events, Parks and Playgrounds, respectively.

Neophyte City councilor Arthur Alad-iw was chosen as the Chairperson of the Committee on Employment, Livelihood and Coop-

eratives and Persons with Disabilities while Councilor Joel Alangab was voted upon as the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, Governmental Affairs and Personnel.

Councilor Ellaine D. Sembrano was chosen as the Chairperson of the Committee on Health, Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection while Councilor Faustino Olowan was voted upon as the Chairman of the

Committee on Laws.

Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. was selected as the Chairman of the Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce while newcomer Councilor Benny Bomogao was selected as the Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation.

Councilor Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon was placed as the

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I SWEAR - Newly elected officers of the Baguio Burnham Park Massage, Therapist and Manicurist Association headed by Carlota Molina take their oath of office before Mayor Mauricio Domogan as Councilor Elaine Sembrano witnesses the simple rites. The group were allowed to ply their trade temporarily at the city's premier park for their livelihood program./By Bong Cayabyab

More than just mops: A story of a city utility worker

A lot of us have been hardwired to think that utility workers are “just” utility workers: sweeping empty hallways, wiping windows with asthma-inducing aerosols, taking the trash out of buildings before the gates open for the day, and cleaning up the mess in parties when everyone else has left. Danilo Dizon, a utility worker for the City Hall, is, well, not too different. Danilo-or Danny, as he prefers to be called--comes to the City Hall the earliest and leaves the latest to maintain the cleanliness of the two male comfort rooms tasked to him: the one in front of the Mayor's office, and the one beside the ATM on the first floor of the building. But beyond what most would expect, Danny is more than just mops and brooms.

Danny is known in the City Hall for being the “interior designer” of the main male CRs on each floor of the building. The CRs he maintains have more plants than the number of urinals, and it might not be a big-time supermarket but you are always welcome to come again. Each urinal has

a rug, and all corners of the room, including the divisions of cubicles, have indoor plants to freshen not only the air, but also the people who use the CR. The lavatory is also enlivened with flowers and ornamental plants. The doors alone are bordered with tall plants, some courtesy of Danny himself. The CRs are more of gardens than public restrooms.

“Di ka pwede maglinis ng CR kung maraming tao. So dinevot ko ang Sunday morning hanggang 12 para maglinis at palitan yung mga bulaklak. Para pagdating ng Monday, ready na yung CR. Pagdating ng Friday tatanggalin ko na yung mga bulaklak kasi roses yun, magwi-wither na yun after 5 days. Babalik ulit ako ng Sunday para maglagay ng panibago,” Danny explains his weekly schedule.

Before his current job, Danny was a roadside inspector of the city's Roadside Inspection

Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT), apprehending smoke belchers and owners of vehicles who need to get their engines cleaned. After four and a half years of confiscating license plates, testing car exhausts, and inhaling a considerable amount of roadside smoke and dust, Danny decided to apply as an administrative aide (utility worker) in the General Services Office (GSO) of the city hall. “I was looking for a change in my working environment,” Danny says. “Kabisado ko na yung mga mechanics sa smoke belching eh. Gusto ko ring makatulong sa ibang department naman. Luckily na-meet ko naman lahat ng requirements.” In 2014, Danny was permanently appointed by mayor Mauricio Domogan assigned in GSO.

When Danny got to the City Hall, he noticed that people were as busy as the cars in the streets where he used to work. “The people here in City Hall are very busy and stressed. I wanted to give something special

kasi madalas puntahan ng mga tao yun,” Danny shares. It was then when he decided to transform comfort rooms into actual comfort rooms, where people can feel relaxed and comfortable as they take their respective 3-minute breaks.

“Nung nasa smoke belching pa ako, I attended seminars about the environment in connection to the atmosphere, sa plants, at sa health,” Danny shares. “Health is very, very important sa mga tao to achieve their goals. Kasi pag sakitin ka, hindi mo mase-share ang knowledge mo and good services mo. So I decided to clean the CRs very well and gawin siyang environment-friendly para na rin sa health ng mga tao.”

Today, Danny continues to maintain the two main male CRs on the first and second floor of the City Hall. “Ginagawa ko din ito para yung mga gumagamit at nakakakita ng CR, gagayahin din nila. They will admire what they see sa loob ng CR. Mare-retain nila sa mind nila yun.”

“If you really want to boost up, i-elevate mo yung job mo, then you can do it kung talagang interesado ka,” Danny says in closing./ Zarena Amado/PIO intern

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