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BCPO chief calls on Muslims in Baguio to be partners for peace

BAGUIO CITY - As thousands of Islam faithful pray for lasting peace in Mindanao during the Eid al-Fitr, the city police chief called on Muslims to be partners for peace in the city.

At the Baguio Athletic Bowl last June 25, Muslims, locals and foreigners in the city gathered for the traditional Eid prayers to celebrate the end of Ramadan as they prayed for peace and unity especially for those suffering amid the conflict in the Islamic City of Marawi.

City Police Office Director PSSupt. Ramil Saculles took this opportunity to talk to the Muslim brothers and sisters in the city and to appeal to them to help maintain peace and order in Baguio and help the authorities in preventing terrorism threats and activities to occur in the city.

"I appeal to you, our brothers **Cont. on page 7**



BOKAWKAN VEHICULAR MISHAP - 10 vehicles got involved in a road mishap along Bokawkan Road, July 7, causing heavy traffic that lasted several hours./Photograb - Paeng Valencia

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Bakit ba hanggang ngayon eh di pa nadedemolish ang mga structures ng squatters sa BIBAK? Kung mga mahihirap, mabilis pa alas kuwatro kung mag demolish, pero jan sa BIBAK, mukhang aabutin na ng ilang tao, kung mademolish man. Ay apo kayo met!



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Mayor to meet with truckers for temporary relief

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said he will first meet the officers of the different association of truckers in Baguio and Benguet to ascertain their compliance to the implementation of the temporary relief from the city's truck ban ordinance pending the approval of the amendments being worked out by the members of the City Council.

The local chief executive pointed out he received reports that some of the truckers have questionable stickers that were posted on their trucks allowing them to be exempted from the truck ban while others have reproduced the limited numbers that were provided them to be able to travel from their points of origin to their destinations.

Earlier, 11 members of the local legislative body wrote Mayor Domogan expressing no objection to the implementation of the pertinent provisions of Administrative Order No. 050, series of 2017 that granted exemptions to certain groups of truckers from the coverage of the truck ban.

The local legislators also requested the mayor to adopt measures to deter abuse and the cancellation wholly or partly of exemptions granted for violations committed by those that were granted the exemptions.

Under the Administrative Order, a maximum of 30 trucks loaded with perishable goods like agricultural crops will be exempted from the coverage of the truck ban ordinance while for cutflower truckers, 10 trucks will be exempted from the ban during Thursdays to Saturdays while 7 trucks will be exempted from Sundays to Wednesdays.

Water delivery trucks will be exempted from the truck ban while trucks loaded with finished mine products from Philex mines will also be granted exemption from the ban.

The local legislators admitted the amendments to the provisions of Ordinance No. 05, series of 2017 or the city's truck ban ordinance will have to take a little more time because of the need to balance the interest of the city and the truckers as the implementation of the measure has resulted

to significant relief among the motorists because of lesser traffic congestions.

Mayor Domogan claimed the meeting is intended to thresh out the problems raised during the implementation of the exemptions to the truck ban so that the truckers will not be delayed in the delivery of their products to the markets in the lowlands and Metro Manila.

He explained the issuance of the order was intended to provide a stop-gap measure to the plight of the truckers who were not earlier exempted from the coverage of the truck ban and that the submission of the order to the council for confirmation was intended to involve the members of the local legislative body in granting the exemptions to the sectors who deserve to be exempted from the coverage of the truck ban ordinance.

He emphasized he saw merit in the clamor of various sectors in seeking exemption from the coverage of the truck ban ordinance because of the need for perishable goods to be immediately brought to the markets. / By Dexter A. See

Stakeholders appeal for flexibility in truck ban ordinance

BAGUIO CITY - Stakeholders appealed for flexibility in the truck ban ordinance during the public hearing on the proposed amendatory law the city council conducted recently.

The truck ban prohibits six-wheeler trucks that weigh more than 4,500 kilos, heavy equipment, trailer and dump trucks from plying the city's streets from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to

9 p.m.

P/Supt. Armando Gapuz, chief traffic enforcement unit of Baguio City Police Office said that since the ordinance was implemented, there has been

a positive effect on traffic since trucks do not go with public utility and private vehicles during rush hours.

However, vegetable truckers from Benguet are

AFP, PNP intensify operations against terror threats in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - The Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police are intensifying efforts to prevent any terror activity in the city of Baguio and in the Cordillera region.

During the Joint Cordillera Regional Peace and Order and the Regional Development Council Meeting at the Presidential Mansion House in Baguio City on Friday, both the high ranking officials of the AFP and the PNP said they are working

together to ensure safety and security in the region.

"We are always intensifying our efforts and we will not let our guards down," said 54th Infantry Battalion Commander Col. Leopoldo Imbang.

Imbang said that they are strengthening their efforts in collecting and gathering of intelligence information on the threats both by the CPP-NPA-NDF or the CNN and the threats from the Islamic extremist which are causing the challenges in

Marawi City today.

Imbang said that Baguio City and all other city and provinces in the country are most likely to be targets of any terrorist threat but the AFP with the PNP are beefing up all its operations to ensure that these threat would not happen.

He added that among the efforts being strengthened by the military and police is the collaboration and coordination the different stakeholders and

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More infra projects for Cordillera set this 2017

BAGUIO CITY - In line with the Build! Build! Build! Program of the administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, more key infrastructure projects are up for implementation in the Cordillera this 2017.

This was affirmed by Department of Public Works and Highways - Cordillera Regional Director Nerie Bueno, in a kapihan media forum where she reported on the accomplishments of their office.

For road pavement projects, Bueno reported that 1,761 kilometers of road projects in various parts of the region were completed in 2016. They hope to bring the accomplished paved roads to 2,247 kilometers this year.

For bridge projects, she reported that 55 temporary bridges in the region have approved funds for their conversion

into permanent bridges.

For school building construction projects under DPWH, Bueno disclosed that from the 111 projects approved in 2016, 28 more projects were approved for implementation this 2017.

For other programs and projects, Bueno also disclosed that they have construction and repair of farm - to market roads as well as construction or improvement projects of offices or building of other regional line agencies.

DPWH - CAR is also continuously working to improve in disaster risk reduction and management particularly on clearing landslides and road closures due to earthquake, persistent heavy rains or strong tropical cyclones.

The DPWH Cordillera regional office improved its rank from 16 th to number 8 in terms of

accomplishment. In terms of approved project funds, DPWH - CAR gets P14 billion 2017 budget, five times higher compared to the P3.2 B that was approved in 2016, Bueno stressed.

The increase in budget and infrastructure projects is in line with the "Build! Build! Build!" program of the current administration which aims to strengthen the country's economy and alleviate poverty by 2022 through the development and improvement of key infrastructures in the region, Bueno added.

For the forum, Bueno was joined by Asst. Regional Director Alberto Gahid and all of DPWH - CAR department heads to answer other concerns and clarification of the media practitioners present. / JDP/CCD/L. Casipit a& M. Bartolome-PIA CAR/UP Interns

asking for exemption in the ordinance because the delivery of their perishable goods is affected. It is also for safety of drivers who may be at risk trying to meet the market time.

According to Agot Balanoy of the Benguet Farmers Marketing Cooperative, Benguet supplies 70 to 80 percent of the country's fresh vegetables, so the end result of whatever effect of the truck ban in the city would fall on the farmers

and on the consumers as well.

Trucks delivering vegetables from the different parts of Benguet pass through Baguio when bringing their good to Manila and the lowlands.

The Truck Ban Ordinance 2017 was approved last February 2017 but was implemented only recently. Mayor Domogan has suspended its implementation earlier due to lack of information among stakeholders and

numerous petitions for exemption being sought by some sectors.

Councilor Benny Bomogao, one of the authors of the truck ban ordinance, encouraged attendees of the public hearing to raise suggestions so that the issues of various sectors that are affected will be properly addressed. /JDP/JBZ/M. Paquiz-PIA CAR/UP Intern



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Mayor appeals for understanding in delayed BIBAK demolition

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan asked Baguio residents for understanding on the re-scheduling of the demolition of some 58 illegal structures erected at the 5,000-square meter Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) property along

Harrison Road because the informal settlers need more time to complete their documents for the processing of the release of the funds as downpayment for the purchase of their identified relocation site in La Trinidad.

The local chief executive claimed the decision to

give the informal settlers another deadline for them to voluntarily demolish their illegal structures on August 13, 2017 was collectively arrived at by the inter-agency committee composed of the regional directors of the Cordillera offices of the Department of Environment

and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR), the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP-CAR), concerned department heads and the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) upon the representation of PCUP officials.

"We extensive-

ly discussed the matter with the members of the inter-agency committee and we agreed to give them the final deadline upon the representation of PCUP officials who are assisting the informal settlers in the processing of the pertinent documents with

concerned government agencies for the release of the funds that will serve as their downpayment on their identified relocation site in La Trinidad. We have to understand their situation because they already signified their intention to vacate the government property voluntarily," Domogan stressed.

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Barangays ordered to submit high impact dev't projects

BAGUIO CITY – The City Development Council (CDC) adopted a standing policy mandating all the city's 128 barangays to submit proposals for high impact development project to the city government for funding to prevent unimplemented projects due to lack of funds that affects the performance of the city and its competitiveness in project implementation.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said over the past several years, the city was not able to implement hundreds of millions worth of infrastructure projects that funded by the annual budget because of problems on the target project sites apart from absence of takers of the projects when bid out due to the meagre funding earmarked for the projects.

"We agreed that barangays should submit to the City Development Council for approval high impact development projects to allow the projects to be funded sufficiently and implemented to avoid past projects costing one hundred thousand pesos and below which have not been implemented through the years because there are no takers," Domogan stressed.

He explained that even if the small projects will be undertaken, the process in their implementation by administration is far more tedious than undergoing the rigid bidding process thereby leaving the projects unimplemented and affecting the city's overall performance in the implementation of projects were funded under its annual budget.

According to him, the CDC agreed to realign the funding for the small unimplemented projects so that those projects that should be funded will be the ones to be implemented, especially if there will be no problems encountered in the project site, so that overall development in the city's barangays could be realized.

Further, the CDC approved the shopping list of projects where Rep. Mark Go and the members of the City Council will select projects for funding from the national government and the annual budget of the city next year and that there will no longer be amendments made in the list.


He added the approved shopping list is the product of all the list of **Cont. on page 7**

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SC ruling: Duterte can put 'entire PH' under martial law

MANILA, Philippines (UPDATED) – The Supreme Court (SC), in a landmark decision on Tuesday, July 4, said the Chief Executive should be trusted to declare martial law and should have the sole discretion on its scope.

"The Constitution grants him the prerogative whether to put the entire Philippines or any part thereof under martial law. There is no constitutional edict that martial law should be confined only in the particular place where the armed public uprising actually transpired," the SC said in its ruling penned by Associate Justice Mariano del Castillo.

Del Castillo's ponencia upheld the constitutionality of President Rodrigo Duterte's martial law in Mindanao, with concurrences from Associate Justices Lucas Bersamin, Presbitero Velasco Jr, Jose Mendoza, Bienvenido Reyes, Diosdado Peralta, Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Estela Perlas-Bernabe, Noel Tijam, Samuel Martires, and Francis Jardeleza.

Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio believes martial law should be limited only to Marawi City while Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno and Associate Justice Benjamin Caguioa voted to limit martial law to the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and Sulu.

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Associate Justice Marvic Leonen was the lone dissenter in the High Court, siding with the petitioners' bid to nullify Proclamation No. 216.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief General Eduardo Año and Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa have indicated that they would recommend to Duterte the extension of martial law in Mindanao, which is supposed to end on July 22.

Presidential prerogative

In the 82-page ruling released late Wednesday, July 5, the High Court said all issues of martial law and circumstances of its proclamation are upon Duterte's prerogative.

The SC said the President does not need the approval of the High Court, not even Congress, to impose martial law – it's up to him to determine that there is rebellion and to impose military rule.

"The Court, as Congress does, must thus accord the President the same leeway by not wading into the realm that is reserved exclusively by the Constitution to the Executive Department," the SC said.

The SC also said Duterte has the power to declare martial law not only in the area where he finds rebellion to exist but also in "other areas where present hostilities are in danger of spilling over."

"In fine, it is difficult, if not impossible, to fix the territorial scope of martial law in direct proportion to the range of actual rebellion and public safety simply because rebellion and public safety have no fixed physical dimensions," the SC said.

"The Constitution must have considered these limitations when it granted the President wide leeway and flexibility in determining the territorial scope of martial law. Limiting the proclamation and/or suspension to the place where there is actual rebellion would not only defeat the purpose of declaring martial law, it will make the exercise thereof ineffective and useless," the SC added.

The High Court cited incidents related to the Marawi clashes one way or the other which occurred outside the besieged city, such as the arrest of Maute matriarch Farhana Maute in Masiu town, and even the attack of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in Cotabato City.

Sereno said, however, that the SC should not have given the President carte blanche, or the exclusive discretion to determine the matter.

"Validating a Mindanao-wide coverage is indeed convenient for the Court but it is not right. If, to use the words of the ponencia, the most important objective of Article VII, Section 18 is to 'curtail the extent of the power of the President,' then this Court miserably failed," Sereno said in her opinion.

Probable cause enough

The Constitution says martial law may be declared in the event of a rebellion, but for the SC, Duterte does not need to be sure that there is actual rebellion; he only needs to have probable cause to believe so.

"The President only needs to convince himself that there is probable cause or evidence showing that more likely than not a rebellion was committed or is being committed. To require him to satisfy a higher standard of proof would restrict the exercise of his emergency powers," the SC said.

Carpio, although voting to restrict martial law to Marawi City, agreed that only probable cause is required of the President. "Probable cause is the same amount of proof required for the filing of

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"FOR THAT IS WHAT THIS IS: A SHOW OF POLITICAL POWER. HE [SPEAKER ALVAREZ] IS CERTAINLY NOT PURPORTING TO HOLD THAT MUCH POWER BY HIMSELF: INSTEAD, THIS IS ALVAREZ THROWING THE WEIGHT OF HIS BORROWED INFLUENCE AS A HENCHMAN OF A MORE POWERFUL PATRON. THAT IS WHERE HE GETS THE GUMPTION TO THREATEN THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH IMPEACHMENT."

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Parents cause their kids to become criminals



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Train the child in the way that he should go, and he will never depart from it even when is old..." (Proverbs 22:6, the Holy Bible).

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PARENTS CAUSE THEIR KIDS TO BECOME CRIMINALS: I already wrote it before, and I write it again here: "I took an informal survey... of... parents(who) were actually talking about God and His Word with their families and especially children. Nobody raised their hands, confirming once more that a great number of Filipino families nowadays do not talk about God and the Bible inside their homes anymore."

"Next, I asked who among the parents were reading the Bible. There were three women who raised their hands, and all the rest kept their heads bowed down. The three were members of Christian churches where Bible reading is being taught by their pastors and their leaders. Even among the three, however, they only displayed a passing familiarity, not deep knowledge, of the Bible."

"I then told the parents that, in a situation such as this, it is no wonder that many young Filipino kids are now embroiled in drugs, pre-marital sex, in gang wars and in various crimes. Because Filipino children are no longer taught the Word of God, they have been growing up without God, and, therefore, have become capable of mischief and misdemeanor and, also, criminality."

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PARENTS MUST START BEING SPIRITUAL THEMSELVES: "What then must parents do to assure that their children will learn and know and obey the Word of God? Well, they must first start with themselves---the parents, I mean. Parents everywhere should start going back to the Bible---reading it daily, meditating on it day and night, and carefully obeying everything that is written in it."

"Likewise, they should start attending church and praise and worship services in earnest, together with their spouses and their children, and all others who reside with them in their houses (including househelps, drivers, and other workers). Then, they should also display an eagerness to help their churches with financial gifts, to enable their members to go out and proclaim the Word."

"It is only when the children will realize that their own parents have turned sincere in pursuing a deeper understanding of the Bible and a stronger relationship with God that they themselves will strive to be more spiritual and guided by God. Then and only then will the children be really guided, blessed and protected by God from any and all evil."

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PARENTS, DO NOT FEED KIDS WITH PROCESSED FOODS: Here's a very important reminder from the Department of Health (DOH), for the health, safety, and well-being of the 26 million young children who have trooped back to schools nationwide: prevent them from eating processed meat and

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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Mga Hero na SC Justices - Pagkatapos kong mabasa ng kabuuan ang dissenting opinion ni SC Justice Marvic Leonen (Baguio Boy rin), buong buo ang aking pag sangayon at pag suporta sa kanyang naging pahayag na opinyon, basahin ang parte ng nasabing opinyon:

"The group committing atrocities in Marawi are terrorists. They are not rebels. They are committing acts of terrorism. They are not engaged in political acts of rebellion (underlining). They do not have the numbers nor do they have the sophistication to be able to hold ground. Their ideology of a nihilist apocalyptic future inspired by the extremist views of Salafi Jihadism will sway no community especially among Muslims." Sa kabilang banda ay ganoon din ang explanasyon ng mga sumusunod na mahistrado ng SC na sina Justices Sereno, Carpio and Caguioa na nararapat lang daw na ang Martial Law ay sa ibang mga lugar lamang ng Mindanao at hindi sa kabuuan ng Mindanao. Katulad halimbawa kung ang iyong sasakyan ay naaksidente at na involve ka sa isang minor accident, ang ibig mo bang sabihin ay ipalalatero mo ang iyong buong sasakyan at ipapipinta mo ng kabuuan, siyempre ay hindi, at ang iyong ipagagawa lamang ay ang parteng na aksidente o nasira. Isa pa na halimbawa, kung ikaw ay nabalian sa may kamay mo o sa daliri, ang ibig mo bang sabihin ay buong braso mo ang siyang ilalagay sa plaster/cement cast, siyempre ay sa parting kamay mo lang ang isisimento at hindi ang buong braso. Hindi naman ito mahirap unawain hindi po ba mga dera readers. Ganuon ka simple lang naman ang lohika nitong bagay na ito hindi po ba? Kaya ang aking dasal ay sanay manawari ay ang inyong mahal sa buhay o kayo mismo ay hindi maging biktima ng karahasan dulot ng martial law sapagkat sa ayaw at sa gusto ninyo ang martial law na siyang military rule ay parating magkakaroon ng mga pang aabuso, yun nga na walang martial law maraming pang aabuso eh yun pa kaya na martial law. Konting isip-isap lang po. Ibang iba pa rin ang mabuhay sa isang Malaya na demokrasya na walang takot sa kanino man lalong lalo na sa military. Kahit ano pa ang inyong sabihin na itong martial law na ito ay mayroon kinaukulan safeguards and controls, yaan ay kalokohan at sa tutuo lang ay ang martial law (military rule) in whatever form is prone to abuse. **Period!**

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Billiones na rason para matalo si Pacquiao - Ang pagkatalo ni Pakyaw ay kanya rin pagkapanalo sa kanyang makokobra at ikalalaki ng kanyang bank account. Kitang kita naman natin kung sino ang tunay na panalo, kaya nga lang ang problema sa boxing ay mahirap magsagawa ng isang moro-moro o sarsuela kung saan palalabasin ni Pakyaw at ni Horn na mahina sumuntok si Pakyaw kaya ayun lamang sa dami ng suntok at magagaling na galaw ang ating pambasang kamao, malinaw na siya ang nagwagi. Kasi kung ipinanalang na si Pakyaw ngayon eh di wala nang re-match at baka wala ng makalaban si Pakyaw samantalang kung matalo si Pakyaw ay garantisado ang re-match at BILYONES na kita nanaman si Pakyaw este Pakyaw. Alam naman ninyo kung ilan bilyon piso ang nakukubra ni Pakyaw, kaya hanggang sa muli at sa susunod na scripted na laban ni Horn at Pakyaw pakatatandaan ay pera pera lang ang boxing. O kayong mga natalo nitong nakaraan na laban ni Horn at Pakyaw siguraduhin na kay Pakyaw na kayo pumusta at siguradong si Pakyaw na ang mananalang this next fight nila. Wag kayong OBOB ha.

Editorial

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a criminal information by the prosecutor and for the issuance of an arrest warrant by a judge," Carpio said in his opinion. As for the convincing factors, the SC said the President does not need to be correct but only needs to have "sufficient factual basis" for making the declaration.

"The Court does not need to satisfy itself that the President's decision is correct, rather it only needs to determine whether the President's decision had sufficient factual basis," the SC said.

For majority in the SC, the inaccuracies in Duterte's martial law report to Congress are "irrelevant" in view of the necessary haste in deciding on the imposition of military rule.

"As the President is expected to decide quickly on whether there is a need to proclaim martial law even only on the basis of intelligence reports, it is irrelevant, for purposes of the Court's review, if subsequent events prove that the situation had not been accurately reported to him," the SC said.

The SC also agreed that Duterte does not need the recommendation of anyone, not even his top security officials, for his proclamation to be valid.

The petitioners had cited inaccuracies in the martial law report in seeking to nullify Proclamation No. 216, mostly based on news reports that fact-checked Duterte's report. The SC said news reports are inadmissible.

The SC also said the presence of true and accurate incidents in the report would be sufficient.

The ruling also said that Duterte, as Commander-in-Chief, and not the High Court, can "properly assess the ground conditions."

The SC said it would be up to Duterte if he wants to disclose to the public certain information.

"He cannot be forced to divulge intelligence reports and confidential information that may prejudice the operations and the safety of the military," the High Court said.

Vague martial law?

The Bayan group of petitioners alleged that the martial law declaration was too vague because of its inclusion of "other rebel groups."

In fact, the military's operational directive for martial law in Mindanao also targets communist rebels, drug syndicates, and other peace spoilers.

The petitioners' counsel, Neri Colmenares, even showed a copy of the annex that Solicitor General Jose Calida submitted to the SC listing the BIFF, a splinter group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), as among the peace spoilers in the region.

For Colmenares, rebel groups outside of the Maute network are irrelevant to the case. He accused Calida of inventing facts to justify martial law.

For the SC, the vagueness doctrine only applies to cases of free speech, and martial law is not such a case.

The High Court also said the absence of clear operational guidelines does not make martial law vague. It said it is not the SC's job anyway to determine the legality of operations when ruling on the constitutionality of martial law.

The SC said it would address questions about the legality of a martial law-related operation when raised before the High Court.

"Any act committed under the said orders in violation of the Constitution and the laws, such as criminal acts or human rights violations, should be resolved in a separate proceeding."

Constitutional safeguards

The High Court also cited "sufficient safeguards" in the 1987 Constitution to prevent abuse of the power to declare martial law.

"The Constitution has provided sufficient safeguards against possible abuses of the Command- →

On House Speaker Alvarez' threat to file impeachment case vs. Supreme Court Chief Justice Sereno

BY: SENATOR LEILA DE LIMA

Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez must be drunk from all the power he wields if we are to go by his recent statements about Court of Appeals Justices, the Chief Justice and even the postponement of Barangay Elections.

Typical of the so-called "leadership" style of this administration, when faced with opposition, his reaction was to lash out, curse and threaten the CA Justices with disbarment, the Chief Justice with impeachment, and even threaten the entire judiciary with the dissolution of the CA—all because a Division of the CA performed its duty by unanimously finding merit in a petition for habeas corpus. Last time I checked, that's a subject for a motion for reconsideration and, thereafter, appeal—not an opportunity to flex one's ego and political clout.

For that is what this is: a show of political power. He is certainly not purporting to hold that much power by himself: instead, this is Alvarez throwing the weight of his borrowed influence as a henchman of a more powerful patron.

That is where he gets the gumption to threaten the Chief Justice of the Philippines with impeachment.

That is also where he gets the bloated confidence to announce the postponement of the Barangay Elections and that barangay officials will, instead, be appointed, as if such are already writ in stone simply upon his say-so.

His statements are not just galling to hear, but also very disturbing. They are a manifestation of a grave threat to the Rule of Law and our democratic way of life, for they are geared towards making key institutions and officials vulnerable to undue threats and, ultimately, malleable to the whims and tantrums of bullies and dictators, whose capacity for conflict resolution ranges from inflicting ad hominem attacks, to doing their utmost to ruin the life and career of those who disagree with them.

That is their obvious endgame.

I can only hope that members of the Judiciary, as well as my fellow lawmakers in both Houses of Congress, will find the willpower to continue resisting such threats. I would be the first to say that it isn't an easy task. But it is possible because those who resist will also wield their own brand of power—the power of knowing that we are defending our people by doing what is right.

er-in-Chief's powers; further curtailment of presidential powers should not only be discouraged but also avoided," the SC said.

For the SC, it is enough that the 1987 Constitution limits the basis of martial law to only rebellion, and that it imposed a 60-day expiry on the proclamation.

The High Court said the public should not be scared or biased against martial law because of the country's experience of military rule under the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

"After all, martial law is critical and crucial to the promotion of public safety, the preservation of the nation's sovereignty and ultimately, the survival of our country," the SC said.

The petitioners and opposition lawmakers have expressed fears that the SC ruling **Cont. on page 6**

Republic of the
Philippines
Regional Trial Court
First Judicial Region
Branch 7
Baguio City

IN THE MATTER OF
THE SETTLEMENT
OF THE ESTATE
OF SOLEDAD E.
REYES,

TERESA R.
IGNACIO, represent-
ed by her Attorney-
in-fact, ROBERTO R.
IGNACIO

-and-

CLARA REYES
PASTOR, represent-
ed by her Attorney-
in-fact, RAMON R.
PASTOR
Petitioners.

Special Proceeding
Case No. 432-R
X-----X

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administra-
tion having been issued in
the above-entitled case
in favor of AUGUSTO
REYES AVECILLA of
0312 San Francisco St.
Brookside Hills Subd. San
Isidro Cainta, Rizal.

IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED that notice
be, and the same is
hereby, given to all
persons having claims
for money against the
decendent SOLEDAD
ELCHICO REYES who
died on April 26, 1989,
arising from contract,
express or implied,
whether the same be
due, not due, or contin-
gent, for funeral expenses
and expenses of the last
sickness of the decendent,
and judgment for money
against her requiring
them to file their claims
with the REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT OFFICE
OF THE CLERK OF
COURT, JUSTICE HALL,
BAGUIO CITY, within a
period of not later than
June 29, 2018 after the
first publication on June
29, 2017 in a newspaper
of General Circulation.
Pursuant to Section 3
Rule 86, of the Rules of
Court, let this NOTICE
TO CREDITORS be
posted for three (3) con-
secutive weeks in the
bulletin boards of this
Court, the Justice Hall,
the City Hall, the City

Market and the Post
Office, all of Baguio City.
SO ORDERED.

Baguio City Philip-
pines, this 15th day of
May, 2017.

(SGD) Karldon M.
Eustaquio
Branch Clerk of Court

Publication Dates: July
1, 8 and 15, 2017

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
La Trinidad,
Benguet

SUMMIT BANK
(RURAL BANK
OF TUBLAY
(BENGUET) INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. AMADOR AND
NORMA SEPAL,
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 17-ExF-
1996

FOR: EXTRAJU-
DICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135
AS AMENDED.

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTIONS
SALE

Upon extra-judicial
petition for extra-judi-
cial foreclosure of real
mortgage, under Act
3135 as amended, filed by
SUMMIT BANK (RURAL
BANK OF TUBLAY
(BENGUET) INC., with
principal office and postal
address at Acop, Tublay,
Benguet, herein referred
as the Mortgagee for the
satisfaction of the obli-
gation of SPS. AMADOR
AND NORMA SEPAL,
with residence and postal
address at Ambong-
dolan, Tublay, Benguet,
herein referred as the
Mortgagors, in real estate
mortgage duly entered on
09 December 2009 and 8
October 2013. That as of
05 June 2017, the above-

named mortgagors, SPS.
AMADOR AND NORMA
SEPAL, indebted to the
mortgagee in the amount
of TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND PESOS
(P200,000.00), Philip-
pine Currency, excluding
interest and penalties and
other charges accruing
thereon until fully paid; (b)
Attorneys' fee amounting
to Three Thousand Pesos
(P3,000.00); (c) all cost
and expenses of the fore-
closure proceeding. That
the undersigned Sheriff
announces that he will
sell at Public Auction on
18 JULY 2017 at 10:00
o'clock in the morning or
soon thereafter in front of
the Bulwagan ng Katarun-
gan (Benguet Justice Hall),
Justice Hill, La Trinidad,
Benguet, to the highest
bidder for CASH and in
Philippine Currency, the
mortgage real property
including all improve-
ments, erected thereon to
the following described
properties to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIF-
ICATE OF TITLE No.
P-7885 REGISTER
OF DEEDS FOR
THE PROVINCE OF
BENGUET

"Beginning at a point
marked "1" of Lot No.
2546, Cad 888, Case 2,
Tublay Cadastre, Ambong-
dolan, Tublay, Benguet
being S. 45-08 W., 1185.66
m. from BLBM No. 1,
Ambongdolan, Tublay,
Benguet thence:

N. 46-44 E, 84.30 m. to
point 2; S. 54-02 E, 23.40
m. to point 3;

N. 70-09 E, 20.99 m. to
point 4; S. 6-36 E, 63.03 m.
to point 5;

S. 53-16 W., 33.89 m. to
point 6; N. 59-53 W., 24.47
m. to point 7;

S. 70-16 W., 9-97 m. to
point 8; N. 65-18 W., 54.58
m. to point of beginning.

Containing an area
of FIVE THOUSAND
SEVEN HUNDRED
TWELVE (5,712)
SQUARE METERS. xxx.

Interest/Prospective
bidder/ buyers may
investigate to the titles
themselves the properties
herein above-described
encumbrances thereof, if
any there be.

All sealed bids must
submitted to the under-
signed as above stated
time and date. Nonethe-
less, in the event the public
auction should not take
place on the said time and
date, it shall be held on 08
August 2017 at the same
place and time without
need of republication and/
or further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 20th day
of JUNE 2017.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO
OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO E.
SALES
Sheriff IV
CP No. 0947-600-
1740/0997-524-9160
(074) 424-7200

Publication Dates: June
24, July 1 and 8, 2017

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

In Re: Petition for
the Cancellation of
A nnotation on the
Birth Certificate of
Minor Nathan Simon
Tagata Bacolod

YVONNE MARIE T.
JANAIRRO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF BAGUIO CITY,
JAN MARANZ
BACOLOD,
Respondents.

Spl. Proc. Case No.
2635-R

X-----X

NOTICE OF INITIAL
HEARING

Petitioner, Yvonne
Marie T. Janairo, through
counsel, filed a verified
petition praying that
after due notice, pub-
lication and hearing,
judgement be rendered
ordering the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio City
to cancel the annotation
on the birth certificate of
her minor son Nathan
Simon Tagata Bacolod
which reads:

"ACKNOWLEDGED
BY JAN MARANZ P.
BACOLOD ON JUNE 29,
2012. THE SURNAME
OF THE CHILD IS
HEREBY CHANGED
FROM TAGATA TO
BACOLOD ON JUNE
29, 2012. THE CHILD
SHALL BE KNOWN
AS: NATHAN SIMON
TAGATA BACOLOD,
PURSUANT TO R.A.
9255".

Let the petition be set
for hearing on September

8, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock
in the morning at the
Regional Trial Court,
Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng
Katarungan" (Justice
Hall), Baguio City at
which date, time and
place, all persons inter-
ested may show cause
why the petition should
not be granted.

Let a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
be published in a
newspaper of general cir-
culation in Baguio City
once a week for three (3)
consecutive weeks at the
expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
be posted in four (4)
public places at the
Bulletin Boards of the
City Market, the Post
Office, the City Hall, and
the Regional Trial Court,
all in Baguio City at the
expense of the petitioner.

Let also a copy of
the Petition and Notice
of Initial Hearing be
furnished to the Local
Civil Registrar of Baguio
City, the Philippine Sta-
tistics Authority in
Quezon City, the Office
of the Solicitor General
in Makati City and the
Office of the City Pros-
ecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
upon the petitioner,
her counsel and private
respondent Jan Maranz
Bacolod.

The Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio
City is also directed to
comment on the petition
within ten (10) days from
receipt of this Notice.

SO ORDERED.
June 21, 2017. Baguio
City, Philippines.

(SGD) CECILIA
CORAZON S.
DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: July
8, 15 and 22, 2017

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN RE: PETITION
FOR DECLARA-
TION OF PRE-
SUMPTION
OF DEATH OF

Editorial

from page 5

may embolden
Duterte to
declare martial
law in the entire Philippines. They cited the
"creeping authoritarianism" in the country
under the year-old Duterte administration./
Rappler.com

Kakampi mo ang Batas

...from page 4

other foods with preservatives which contain
big amounts of salt, so you can steer them
away from cancer and other deadly illnesses.

Dr. Ted Herbosa, DOH undersecretary,
made the, in an interview with me and my
partner, Vic Somintac, at the radio program
"Tambalang Batas at Somintac", which airs
daily, Mondays to Fridays, 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.,
over Radyo Agila DZEC, 1062 kHz on the
AM band.

Dr. Herbosa said that it is 100 % a lot better
for young kids and even for adults to be eating
fresh foods, or foods prepared by cooking,
right inside our own kitchens. Among the
processed foods that should be avoided,
Herbosa said, are ham, bacon, hotdog, salami
and the like. Better give our children fresh
fruits, vegetables, and, if it cannot be avoided,
meats that are freshly cooked, he added.

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**WATCH "ANG TANGING DAAN" AT
FACEBOOK:** Please watch "Ang Tanging
Daan", a Bible exposition and prayer session
for everyone, in English and Filipino, at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan. Reactions:
0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058.
Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

A B S E N T E E
JULIAN DULALAS
JR. y SUMALPONG
UNDER ARTICLE
41 OF THE FAMILY
CODE,

LALING DULALAS
y BANG-ITO,
Petitioner.

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 16-E-0142
X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
Amended Petition praying
that after due notice,
publication and hearing,
an Order will be issued
by the Court declaring
absentee Julian Dulalas Jr.
y Sumalpong Presump-
tively Dead, pursuant to
law under Article 41 of
the Family Code.

W H E R E F O R E ,
finding the Petition to
be sufficient in form and
substance, this court sets
it for initial hearing on
October 26, 2017 at 9:00
o'clock in the morning
before the session hall
of this court, Justice Hall,
Justice Hill, La Trinidad,

Benguet. All interested
persons may appear and
show cause, if any, why
this petition should not
be granted.

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the petitioner in the
Junction, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province and the Cor-
dillera Administrative
Region, once a week,
for three (3) consecutive
weeks, the first publica-
tion to be made not later
than July 23, 2017.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the
Office of the Solicitor
General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; and, the Philip-
pine Statistics Authority.
Furnish also copies of this
ORDER to the Junction
and petitioner and
counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 7th day of July
2017 at La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: July
8, 15 and 22, 2017

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SPS. PORSADO & JULIANA VALERA

Applicant

CASE No. 2002-01-841

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 9, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BANGUED - VILLAVICIOSA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 23rd day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROLANDO BARTLET

Applicant

CASE No. 2008-CAR-321

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 9, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - WANGAL VIA BUYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JAN MARC ACAY

Applicant

CASE No. 2016-CAR-326

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 9, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UCAB and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 23rd day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RODEL MACARIO

Applicant

CASE No. 2003-BC-208

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 22, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 3rd day of July 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JEROME BANDA

Applicant

CASE No. 2016-CAR-1056

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 21, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 30th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MARINA ANDRES

Applicant

CASE No. 2016-CAR-153

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 21, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXT. VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 30th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ENERO OLAS

Applicant

CASE No. 99-01-1390

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 21, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXT. VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 30th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SEGUNDO LONOGAN

Applicant

CASE No. 2007-CAR-156

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 21, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - MINESVIEW and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 30th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

DELIA DANTIS

Applicant

CASE No. 2007-CAR-106

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 22, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Poadal 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 30th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AN
AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR
VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JOSEPH GAYMAN, who died on 01 OCTOBER 2012, at BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL 9BGH), BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, consisting of Motor Vehicle, which motor vehicle is more particularly described as an ISUZU JITNEY bearing Plate No. AYP-325, including its Certificate of Public Convenience (PCP) / Franchise granted under LTRFB Case No. 93-CAR-598, has been the subject of an AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE dated 31 MAY 2017, executed by his WIFE/SPOUSE and compulsory legal heir, ROSE D. GAYMAN, which instrument was duly entered as Doc. No. 230; Page No. 46; Book No. XLIV; Series of 2017, of the Notarial Register of Atty. JUN FRED V. PARADO, a Notary Public for and in BAGUIO CITY, Philippines.

June 24, July 1 and 8, 2017

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and sisters from the Muslim community, help us protect Baguio City against the threats from terrorist groups and rebels," Saculles said.

"This is already your city, help us, help the police, help the government protect it," he added.

The police chief said that Baguio like Davao City, Bohol and other areas in the Visayas and Mindanao are tourism destinations which are vulnerable target of terrorism activities, thus the cooperation of all individuals, groups and sectors is very important to prevent violent activities from happening.

The city government of Baguio and the BCPO have been conducting consultation- dialogues with the Muslim community to call for cooperation among them and be partners in the peace keeping efforts in the city. /JDP/RMC & UP Interns -PIA CAR

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priority projects that were submitted to the city by the city's 128 barangays and other priority projects identified by the various offices of the city and this serves as the list for selecting projects to be funded next year from city budget next year.

The CDC is composed of city officials, barangay officials, representatives from the concerned departments of the local government and representatives from accredited non-government organizations.

Domogan reported starting next year, the local government will implement high impact development projects not only within government offices but also in the different barangays to allow the areas in the city to be fully developed aside from improving the delivery of basic services in the different barangays. / By Dexter A. See

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the community particularly with the local government units, national government agencies, civil society organizations, private sectors and other communities.

"We will always be pursuing of high level, high intensity and collaboration efforts, we cannot let incidents in Mindanao be repeated in any part of the country," he said.

Imbang also explained that the recent TV interview of a member of the Bangsamoro Freedom Fighter in Mindanao using a bonnet with markings of "Baguio City" should not be a sign of any terror threats in the city of Baguio or any danger among the residents. "We

are confident that terrorist threat will not happen in Baguio City," he added.

For the part of the PNP, Police Regional Office - Cordillera Deputy Regional Director for Operations PSSupt. R'win Pagkalinawan said that the PNP is also strengthening their presence and efforts in the region.

Pagkalinawan said PRO-Cor intensified its operations including police visibility and the police patrol system in the different vital installations, places of convergence and other places frequented by visitors or tourists not only in Baguio but in the whole region.

He added that they also have conducted dialogue

and consultations with the different security agencies to make sure they are ready to handle and response any untoward incident or terror threat that may occur. They also are conducting forums and consultation with the different vital installations, establishments and industries to make sure of an effective security plan to be undertaken during such threats.

Police stations are also being strengthened with the Oplan Bakal by placing fortifications such as barriers at the different police stations to ensure that these stations would be safer against any threat that may come. It could be remembered that most of the police stations are being targeted by NPAs. /RMC-PIA-CAR

Golf course to be given 10 days to secure business permit

BAGUIO CITY - With the city council approving a resolution directing the Permits and Licensing Division (PLD) of the mayor's office to require all golf courses in the city of Baguio to secure permits to engage in business and to submit a report regarding the compliance within 15 working days, still, one golf course in the city has not secured permit.

It is remembered that there are golf courses in the city that failed to secure the mandatory business permits for its operations over the past decades, thus, depriving the city of the supposed income that it should have been derived from its operations for years.

The existing golf courses in the city are being operated by the Baguio Country Club, Camp John Hay Devel-

opment Corporation and Sta. Lucia Realty and Development Corporation.

In a letter report of the PLD, Camp John Hay golf course has already complied with the Notice issued to secure business permit and arrearages, back taxes and penalties were also paid at the treasurer's office.

On the other hand, a notice to secure business permit for the additional golf course operation of the Baguio Country Club Corporation was issued June 13. However, as of this writing, Baguio Country Club Corporation has not registered nor applied for the said required business permit to operate.

Because of this, PLD will be issuing another notice for the Baguio Country Club Corporation to apply and process

the required additional business permit and will be given ten working days upon receipt to comply.

Also, the treasurer's office will compel the same to pay back taxes, arrearages and penalties. Otherwise, an issuance of closure order for the operation of the said golf course.

Vice mayor Edison Bilog stressed, if ordinary stores are being compelled to secure permits, all golf courses operating in Baguio should do the same.

The income derived from the operation golf course activities will be utilized to augment the city's meager resources in the implementation of development projects and at the same time improving basic delivery of services to the people, added vice. /Jho Arranz

37 market building contracts confirmed

BAGUIO CITY - The City Council confirmed some thirty-seven contracts of market building owners who agreed to renew their expired agreements with the local government for

the final fifteen years of their occupancy in their structures before turning over the same to the city after the expiration of the said contracts.

Members of the local legislative body agreed to

the recommendation of the Committee on Laws chaired by Councilor Faustino Olowan to confirm the contracts of the 37 market building owners which contained the provision that upon



4th of July- Newsman nars padilla recalls the contribution of American builders like Burnham, Lennon, Powell, Malcolm to name a few during the Filipino American Friendship Day at Burnham park before the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, senior citizens of AZCKO barangay and park goers. /Rosa Moresto photo

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He expressed his gratitude to two of the informal settlers who dismantled their structures and left the area even before the earlier deadline last June 30, thus, the other informal settlers will follow within the period given to them to voluntarily demolish their illegal structures.

Domogan asserted after the lapse of the final deadline given to the informal settlers to remove their illegal structures in the area, the city demolition team will be the one to dismantle the remaining structures on August 15-16 before the whole property will be

fenced off.

Further, he added even PCUP officials have committed to the members of the inter-agency committee that the informal settlers are willing to vacate the property and remove their structures but what is preventing them to do so the soonest is the alleged absence of their relocation site which is still being processed pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

According to him, the members of the inter-agency committee will meet after the illegal structures are demolished to deliberate the prepa-

ration of a comprehensive master plan for the property and work out the possible funding of the development of the place wherein one of the major components will be the put up of dormitories for students from the different parts of the Cordillera studying in the different schools in Baguio and Benguet.

Earlier, the embattled informal settlers signed a notarized commitment for them to voluntarily demolish their illegal structures in the BIBAK lot on or before June 30 and that their failure to do so will compel the city demolition team to dismantle the illegal structures that were erected in the area. /By Dexter A. See

the lapse of the 15-year agreement, the buildings and other improvements introduced by the owners in the city-owned land will automatically accrue to the local government.

Earlier, City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias informed members of the local legislative body that 81 market building owners already agreed to sign the renewal of the contracts containing the final 15-year extension for their stay in the structures built through the years while 46 building owners remain adamant in signing the renewed agreement because they want the 15-year provision to be scrapped.

Cabarrubias claimed the market building owners who have not yet renewed their contracts

are given until August 27 to renew their agreements with the local government which will include the provision on the 15-year lifespan of the contract or else the building owners will be compelled to remove their improvements and the local government will bid out the property pursuant to the recommendations of the Commission on Audit (COA).

Based on the investigation conducted by personnel of the City Treasury Office, a building owner in the market is reportedly earning a monthly income of P140,000 from the lease of the available spaces in the structure but remits only P2,700 to the local government as rental.

Under the revised

contract, the market building owners will be paying the city a rental of P6 per square meter per day for the first five years of the contract which will increase by P1 per square meter per day during the sixth to ten year and an additional P1 for the eleventh to fifteen year of the contract.

Previously, the market building owners were paying to the city only P0.25 per square meter per day as rentals before it was increased to P0.75 per square meter per day as rentals over the city-owned lands that they have occupied over the past 45 years.

In an Audit Observation Memorandum, the COA found that the local government had

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FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED

'WAG KANG TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE!' VP LENI ROBREDO WANTS A SENATE HEARING ON WHO FUNDED MANNY PACQUIAO'S TRIP TO AUSTRALIA

QUEZON CITY, Philippines (The Adobo Chronicles, Manila Bureau) – Fresh from her own trip to Los Angeles and Boston to attend a fundraiser and to help her Harvard-bound daughter settle in her apartment, Philippines Vice President Leni Robredo today urged her friends in the Senate to conduct a hearing to

determine who funded Manny Pacquiao's trip to Brisbane, Australia.

The Filipino boxer-turned senator was in Australia for his welterweight boxing match with Jeff Horn. Pacquiao lost to the Australian by the judges' unanimous decision.

Citing the Freedom of



Information Act (FOI), Robredo said that the Filipino people deserve to know if any government funds were used to finance the trip of Pacquiao and the rest of

No fake rice in Baguio, Benguet - NFA

BAGUIO CITY - The National Food Authority (NFA) assures the public that there is no proof that fake rice is being sold in Philippine markets including Baguio City at present.

NFA Baguio-Benguet Provincial Manager Cecilia Concubierta recently led an inspection of the various stalls selling rice in the Baguio Public Market to ensure that fake rice has not entered the city. The NFA also conducted inspection at the market areas in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Concubierta said NFA conducted daily monitoring of the rice market situation and has not found any adulterated or unusual rice stocks in any of the markets covered.

Reports in social media showing alleged fake or plastic rice are being verified by NFA's investigation and enforcement department. NFA management has instructed its field offices to further heighten their monitoring activities and seek out people complaining about alleged fake rice in their respective areas.

On Friday, a consumer from Baguio City posted on social media that they bought fake rice. NFA took samples of the alleged fake rice and conducted laboratory analysis and it was found out that it was real rice and not fake rice.

The public is also being encouraged to be vigilant and report to NFA observations about any unusual features in the rice that they buy, in terms of appearance, smell or tastes, so that the agency can send enforcement agents to the source of the stocks and samples can be taken for laboratory analysis by the agency's Food Development Center.

Meanwhile, in the wake of reports about alleged fake rice in the market, the NFA has released guidelines for the public to ensure that what they are buying is real rice.

For raw rice, consumers should make sure that they buy only from retailers accredited by the NFA or from their "suki" rather than from vendors they do not know or trust. An NFA accredited store displays the trader's full

name and license number.

If the grains are uniformly-sized, there's a chance they may have been made by a machine. All rice grains have a chalky dot or scar at the tip of the kernel where the germ or embryo was removed. It looks like a small groove at the tip of each grain of rice.

Aside from the appearance, consumers should also be aware of the smell of rice. If it smells anything like plastic or any synthetic material, it should be subjected to laboratory analysis to ascertain the composition of the "grain."

For cooked rice, consumers must also make sure it does not smell unusual. There should be no foam-like substance left on top of the rice when cooked. If one feels ill from eating any suspected fake rice, it is best to see a doctor immediately.

Sample of the rice, at least 1 kilogram, should be brought to the NFA-FDC for analysis. For those who cannot go to NFA directly, they may give their address and contact

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same should be relocated," Avila said.

Those who fail to comply with the proposed ordinance's provisions shall have their franchise cancelled and penalized with a fine of P5,000 and/or six months to one year imprisonment or both upon discretion of the

Court.

If the employer is a corporation, its officers and members of the board shall be held criminally liable. Employers who are public quasi or government corporations shall likewise incur administrative liability. Business licenses and

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been allegedly entering into agreements with the building owners for the utilization of the city-owned lands where their structures were erected without any maturation period at such low rates, thus, the city must bid out

the use of its properties for a better deal that will be advantageous to the local government.

On his part, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan explained that despite the COA recommendation to bid out the property,

permits issued by the city government shall also be cancelled.

The measure tasks the business and licensing division and other city government departments, bureaus and other concerned agencies to provide for mechanisms, policy, rules and regulations to implement the ordinance's intent. /Gaby Keith

he went out of his way to reach out to the market building owners to strike out an agreement that is beneficial both to the city and the building owners and majority of them agreed to the contents of the new contract but some of them still refuse to renew their contracts. / By Dexter A. See

Journalists, educators participate in cultural sensitivity training

BAGUIO CITY - More than 100 media practitioners from the traditional and social media from all over Luzon and educators from Baguio and Benguet gained deeper understanding of culture and the indigenous people in a cultural sensitivity training workshop.

Cordillera News Agency in tandem with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency - Cordillera and the Philippine Press Institute conducted the First Luzon Cultural Sensitivity Training on Covering Indigenous Peoples and Culture for Journalists, Social Media Bloggers and Educators last July 3-4 here.

CNA Vice President Domci Cimat said the two-day seminar workshop was aimed to put into proper perspective how indigenous groups should be reported on, the manner of reporting and teaching which highlights the role of arts, culture and heritage in the entire

island cluster of Luzon.

It was also intended to orient media practitioners (print and broadcast), social bloggers and educators on the importance of being culturally sensitive to the needs of IPs in the Philippines.

CNA Executive Director Sonia Daoas said the CNA plans to craft the first manual for coverage, producing a refined list of cultural protocols and "Do's & Don'ts" in covering and writing about IPs for print and broadcast media, social media and for educators.

She said educators are included in this project since they have the power to influence and impart knowledge to their students on the indigenous people and culture, which should start inside the classrooms.

Seven indigenous peoples groups covering the entire Luzon - the Bago tribe of Ilocos in Region I, the Ibanag of Cagayan Valley in Region 2, the Aeta of Mt. Pinatubo area in Region 3, the Ilongot of the Aurora Province in Region 3, the Mangyan

of Mindoro in Region 4b, the Tagbanua of Palawan in Region 4B as well as the group in the Cordillera Administrative Region - were immersed for this project.

PPI Executive Director Ariel Sebelino called on his fellow journalists to be responsible by being respectful and being culturally sensitive in reporting. PIA Regional Director Helen Tibaldo also urged media practitioners particularly from the government sector and those in the provinces to take the lead in making sure that they are culturally sensitive with their reports since they are more knowledgeable of their own cultural communities.

The seminar workshop was made more meaningful with the opening and closing rituals conducted by the Philippine Art Educators Association highlighting the rituals from the cultural communities of the T'boli, Yakan and Matigsalog. / JDP/RMC & UP Baguio Interns

details so that NFA agents can get the samples from them.

Anyone may contact

the NFA Bantay Bigas Hotline 0906-4363133 to report any complaints related to suspected fake

rice or rice trading violations. /RMC, M. Paquiz & P. Otoman-PIA CAR/UP Interns

City has 350,000 bags of stockpiled organic fertilizer

BAGUIO CITY – More than three hundred fifty thousand bags of stockpiled organic fertilizer are available for bidding out to interested individual or institutional buyers for use in the production of organically raised crops for household or commercial consumption.

City Assistant General Services officer Eugene Buyocan informed members of the City Council there are over 8,870 tons of organic fertilizer produced by the city's two Environmental Recycling system (ERS) machines from the conversion of biodegradable waste to compost fertilizer which are ready for disposal to interested individual and institutional buyers.

The winning bidder of the initial 3,000 bags of organic fertilizer that was bid out by the city's disposal committee in coordination with the Commission on Audit (COA) has not yet gotten the items as he cannot come up to the city to haul the said compost fertilizer.

The city's disposal committee declared Rapport Innovations, a

Tarlac-based company, the winning bidder for the purchase of at least 3,000 bags of compost fertilizer after submitting the lone bid of P225,000 for the said organic fertilizer.

Buyocan claimed the city's disposal committee wants to increase the volume of the compost fertilizer to be bid out to a maximum of 20,000 bags at 25 kilos each to attract organic farmers to buy the organic fertilizer this rainy season before they become soaked or carried away by rains.

The organic fertilizer produced from the ERS machines were previously subjected to tests by the regional soils laboratory in San Fernando City, La Union and a Manila-based private company and it was proven that it is organic considering that its nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium content is around 5.3 which is within the 5-7 range of being classified as an organic fertilizer.

On his part, City Assistant Environment and Parks Management Officer Ruben Cervantes said this ERS-produced organic fertilizer is being

used by park personnel in the production of flowers in the different parks around the city and it was proven effective although slow in its effect.

He said that CEPMO personnel want to get more supply of organic fertilizer from the General Services office so that it could use these in the planting and production of various types of flowers in the different parts and champion the use of the locally produced organic fertilizer.

Cervantes said by using the locally produced organic fertilizer in the parks, people will be convinced to use the same in their production of flowers and organic vegetables and they can minimize their expenses in the use of chemical-based fertilizers.

While the local governments still needs chemical fertilizers, Cervantes said the availability of the ERS-produced organic fertilizers from the city's biodegradable waste will definitely help in reducing the expenses of the city in terms of fertilizers for the parks among others. /By Dexter A. See

Assessment of BPOC, last stage for the search for best performing barangay

BAGUIO CITY - The city is still to assess and evaluate the Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC) of all the barangays in the city of Baguio which is one component for this year's search for best performing barangays 2017.

Previously, the assessment team conducted an

on-site visitation to all the barangays evaluating and validating their performances on barangay administration and governance; environmental management; social services; health, wellness and sanitation services; lupon tagapamayapa incentive awards (LTIA) and competitive edge.

ing BPOC who will be conducting table assessment and on-site visitation and validation at the barangays.

Starting July 11, the team will evaluate and validate their BPOC's accomplishment and will end August 11.

The barangays will be evaluated based on the composition of their BPOC, conduct of regular meeting, proposed policies of the BPOC approved by the sangguniang barangay, presence of barangay Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPSP) and its attainability, outcome of the project implementation in



SENIOR CITIZENS JOIN city administrator Carlos Canilao, city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan and city police director Ramil Saculles in the wreath laying ceremonies in honor of Arch. Daniel Burnham during Filipino-American Friendship Day last July 4.

Baguio folk reminded on proper nutrition

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan is encouraging the public to focus on their health thru proper nutrition, diet, exercise and to avoid harmful vices like smoking, drinking alcoholic drinks and doing illegal drugs.

He made this assertion in Monday's launching of the 43rd Nutrition Month Celebration during the flag-raising ceremonies at City Hall with the theme, "Healthy Diet Gawing Habit For Life!"

Domogan and Congressman Mark Go led other officials in unfurling the streamer at the City Hall grounds containing the event's list of activities including seminars on this year's theme; information campaign on healthy dieting and proper nutrition; and many more.

Councilor Elaine Sembrano, chair of the local legislature's committee on health, hoped that the celebration is not only observed in July but all-year-round. "A healthy family

is the foundation of a healthy, productive and responsible community," Sembrano stressed as she invited the public to participate in the month-long activities.

This was seconded by Health Services Office head Rowena Galpo whose department is spearheading the city's Nutrition Month celebration aimed at highlighting the importance of nutrition and reminding the public to look into their dietary routine.

The launching's main program was held at the Baguio City National High School auditorium after the City Hall flag-raising rites. -gaby keith

Re: Ban of PUV stations in heritage sites, pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council has passed on first reading a proposed ordinance prohibiting loading and unloading stations of public utility or service vehicles in heritage areas including City Hall and other historical places in the Summer Capital.

Authored by councilor

Edgar Avila, the measure covers all public utility vehicles (PUVs) in the city that may be relocated to other stations.

The ordinance also declares it a policy of the city government to prohibit parking of PUVs for hire within the vicinity or frontage of the Baguio City Hall and other historical heritage sites.

"We have to give value to heritage and historical areas in Baguio particularly City Hall and other areas. City Hall, for one, is the symbol of government and authority yet as one observer said, we are the only local government unit that allows PUVs to load and unload passengers in its frontage," Avila explained.

He pointed out that some of the said areas have unfortunately been designated parking spaces and/or loading and unloading stations for PUVs.

"This is not only unsightly but is also an affront to the historical significance of the sites, thus t h e **Cont. on page 9**

crime prevention, service delivery performance like absence of crime incidents in their barangay, tanod regular ronda of foot patrol, among others.

Monitoring the performances of the barangays aim to give overall and special awards to the best performing barangays and

at the same time identify the strength and limitations of each barangays for improvement.

Apart from the three major winners for the search for best performing barangays, nine special awards will also be given to barangays with best in LTIA, child friendly,

women, senior citizen, person with disability (PWD), environment, sanitation, nutrition and BPOC.

Winning barangays will be recognized and awarded during the Local Government Month this coming October. /Jho Arranz

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