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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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Measles cases in Cordillera up by 904 percent

BAGUIO CITY – Health authorities reported that measles cases in the Cordillera drastically increased by a whopping 904 percent for the first seven weeks of the year compared to the number of reported and confirmed measles cases during the same period last year.

Based on the data obtained from the Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR), there were 211 measles cases regionwide for the first 7 weeks of this year compared to the 21 measles cases for the same period last year.

Baguio City recorded the highest number of measles cases with 119 followed by Benguet with 60 cases, Abra – 12 cases, Apayao – 8 cases, Ifugao and Mountain Province with 5 cases each and Kalinga with 2 cases.

Last year, Apayao and Ifugao recorded the highest number of measles cases with 5 cases each followed by Baguio City with 4 cases, Benguet – 3 and Abra and Kalinga with 1 case each.

However, health experts claimed that there were no measles-related deaths that were reported in the region during the reckoning periods.

In terms of age groups, 9-month old infants recorded the highest number of individuals who contracted measles with 43 followed by those aged 25 with 42, 20-24 years old – 35; 1-4 years old – 34; 9 months to 1 year old – 18; 15-19 years old – 16; 5 – 9 years old – 15; and 10 – 14 years old – 8.

According to the health officials, the age range of those who contracted measles is from 1 month to 39 years old with a median of 4 years

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Apayao caraa torch light - Palarong Pambansa 2018 Wrestling Bronze medalist Harry Jones Olivas led the lighting of the 2019 Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association annual sports meet torch during the opening ceremonies at the Apayao Eco-Tourism and Sports Complex in Payanan, Luna in Apayao last week./RMC PIA-CAR

Mayat dayta proposal da nga iparit ti kissing dita Burnham Park. Nagmadi nga kitaen dagita ti ubbing. Inayun da metten kuma amin nga parks.



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Conversion of Maharlika to create hub backed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said that the local government supports the proposed conversion of the Maharlika Livelihood Center into one of the creative hubs in the city to serve as a display area of creative crafts by artists and other stakeholders.

The city chief executive claimed that the Maharlika Livelihood Center is an ideal display center for the different crafts of local artists and artisans considering its strategic location right at the heart of the central business district area but the city government needs to fine tune its position on the matter considering the presence of liquor establishments in portions of the facility currently under the administration of the Human Settlements Development Corporation (HSDC).

“We did not allow the operators of liquor establishments in the area to renew their business permits this year because of a standing agreement they will change

their lines of business, however, the operators of the liquor establishments went to the local legislative body and questioned the supposed conflict between the city’s zoning and tax ordinances and this must be resolved by the said body before we can act on the permanent stoppage of their operations in the building,” Domogan stressed.

He added he is only awaiting the decision of the local legislative body on the request for extension of the liquor establishments so he can align his action with the decision of the local legislators.

According to him, it is will be the po

sition of the local legislators that will be implemented so at this point, there is no ground for blaming him on the continuous operation of the liquor establishments in some portions of the Maharlika Livelihood Center.

Earlier, the affected liquor establishments petitioned

the members of the local legislative body to first reconcile the conflicting provisions of

existing tax and zoning ordinances on the operation of business establishments in some portions of the Maharlika Livelihood Center to clear what business can be allowed in the Maharlika Livelihood Center.

Under the city’s tax ordinance, the Maharlika Livelihood Center is part of the city public market wherein the serving of liquor is prohibited but under the city’s zoning ordinance, the operation of liquor establishments in the area is allowed.

The local legislative body is currently deliberating on the merits of the petition of liquor establishments, especially on whether the requested extension of their operation will be allowed, considering that their permits to operate already expired and that the local chief executive did not allow the renewal of their permits for this year. Domogan urged the local legislative body to fasttrack their decision on the matter so that the affected liquor

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Inventory of trees in Baguio underway

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan confirmed that the inventory of trees in the different parts of the city is now being undertaken by personnel of the environment department in coordination with the employees of the City Environment and Parks Management Office.

Aside from the on-going inventory of trees upon orders of Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, the local chief executive also directed CEPMO personnel to conduct a separate

inventory of the trees that have been planted by those who were required by the

local government to do so as compensatory requirement for the trees that were cut and the survival rate of the planted trees so that the city will have a database on the compliance of applicants for emergency tree cutting permit to the conditions of their issued permits.

Domogan confirmed that the regional, provincial and city offices of the environment department were given one month to complete the inventory of trees in public and private properties in the different parts of the city

pursuant to the mandate handed down by Secretary Cimatu.

“We support the ongoing conduct of an inventory on the number of trees in public and private places in the city with the hope that we will be able to formulate appropriate strategies on how to sustain and preserve the trees, especially the aging ones that are prone to infestation. We also want our CEPMO personnel to also conduct an inventory of the trees that were planted by applicants of emergency tree cutting permits and those which were planted by individuals and groups that actively participated

in the local government’s aggressive reforestation effort,” Domogan stressed.

Under existing laws, rules and regulations, local chief executives are authorized to issue emergency tree cutting

Mayor admits delay in Baguio Convention Center upgrade

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan admitted the slight delay in the ongoing rehabilitation of the city-owned Baguio Convention Center because of the alleged differences between the local government’s technical personnel and their counterparts from the Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR).

The local chief executive claimed that the rehabilitation project was suspended by the DPWH-CAR for quite some time to pave the way for the reconciliation of the differences between the technical people of the local government and the implementing agency that is why the supposed completion of the project this March will not be realized.

“We really want the rehabilitation project to be completed the soonest with all issues and concerns of both parties addressed so that we will be able to have a convention facility that we can be proud of since the Baguio convention Center is our premier

public gathering venue,” Domogan stressed.

He commended Councilor Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon for being able to present to the DPWH-CAR officials the concerns of the local government on the ongoing rehabilitation of the city’s premier convention facility wherein most of the issues have been addressed except for a few that are now being ironed out for the project to be given the go-signal to proceed.

According to him, one of the issues being tackled by the technical people is the type of materials that will be used in the flooring of the convention center so that the sound that will be generated inside will not echo for better sound quality within the facility, thus, concerned parties will have to their homework on the matter.

Earlier, the public department earmarked some P180 million from the 2018 annual budget for the proposed rehabilitation of the city-owned Baguio convention Center purposely to increase its capacity and improve its

current state.

The project was bidded out by the agency in December 2017 and was subsequently awarded to the winning local contractor that resulted to the prosecution of the works in March 2018 wherein the same should have been completed last month.

Domogan expressed optimism that the unresolved issues on the project will be resolved by the concerned parties the soonest so that the contractor will be able to work on the remaining works for the immediate use of the facility considering the numerous local, regional, national and international groups wanting to use the facility for their gatherings in the city.

The 40-year old structure was built by the Ministry of Human Settlements which was then headed by former First Lady and now Ilocos Norte 2nd district Rep. Imelda Romualdez-Marcos to serve as the venue for the world chess championship match between world champion Anatoly Karpov and Victor

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Capacity training on human rights, slated this April

BAGUIO CITY – The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) regional office in cooperation with the city government thru the city human rights action team and the Department of Interior and Local Government will conduct a Monitoring and Continuing Capacity Building Training on Human Rights on April 2 and 3, this year, at the City Hall multi-purpose hall.

CHR regional director Romel Dagumol said the two-day event aims to evolve and sustain a culture of human rights which he defines as the supreme, inherent and inalienable rights to life,

dignity and self-development and it is the essence of these rights that makes man human.

CHR information officer Aloy Igopen said target participants are around forty human rights action officers from different barangays in the city who were also requested for copies of their barangay resolutions establishing their barangay human rights action center and creating their barangay human rights action team.

He explained that the requested copies of the barangay resolutions will be used by the CHR for its reference and monitoring

purposes.

CHR training specialist Marlyn Palangdao said topics to be discussed during the training include basic concepts and principles of human rights; human rights in good local governance; strengthening human rights at the local government units; women and LGBT rights; children and juvenile justice welfare act; PWD rights; anti-torture law and other subjects.

She added that similar activities are planned in the coming months for barangay human rights action officers who have not yet undergone the training. /gaby keith

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Planned hospital site in Scout

Barrio brgy., opposed

BAGUIO CITY -- Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed a city council resolution strongly opposing the plan of the John Hay Management Corporation-Bases Conversion and Development Authority (JHMC-BCDA) to construct a hospital at the open space/camping or football ground area in Scout Barrio barangay here.

Resolution number 27, series of 2019, states

that residents of Scout Barrio barangay have brought to the city government's attention the plan of JHMC-BCDA to construct a hospital facility within their barangay.

The measure reveals that the possible location identified for the facility is the open space/football or camping ground area that is being used by the barangay's constituents for various purposes like community gatherings,

sports activities and evacuation site in time of disasters, among

others.

"Since the location is also identified as one of the remaining open spaces of the barangay, the construction of a hospital or any large structure in the area would only result to ecological damage," it claims.

The resolution points out that although the barangay's residents welcome the construction of a hospital, the facility should not be at the open space/ football or camping ground area./Gaby Keith

Cordillera dengue cases rise

by 71 percent

BAGUIO CITY - Health authorities in the Cordillera increased by 71 percent for the first seven weeks of this year compared to the same period last year.

Based on the data from the Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR), there were 957 dengue fever cases for the first 7 weeks of this year compared to the 560 dengue cases recorded regionwide during the same period last year.

Further, there were 3 reported dengue-related deaths that were also recorded in the region this year which matched the 3 deaths registered by the health department during the same period last year.

DOH-CAR officials noted clustering of dengue cases in some municipalities in Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province and that the same were seen to have exceeded the reported epidemic threshold which is a cause of alarm among health personnel in the said areas.

Health officials advised people in the different parts of the region to ensure that their immune system is strong by eating the right kind of food, having the right exercise and the right attitude toward dealing with whatever situation that will confront them to

prevent them from acquiring the dreaded viral infection.

Dengue fever is caused by any of the 4 zero types of dengue virus wherein all strains are present in the Cordillera.

Health experts claimed that an infected day biting female aedes mosquito reportedly transmits the viral disease to humans and that dengue cases are reported throughout the year but usually the number increases during the rainy season.

According to them, the occurrence of dengue cases may reach widespread proportions if preventive measures of control are

not taken by the individuals and the health authorities.

Among the dengue prevention and control measures include the search and destroy the breeding sites of dengue-carrying mosquitoes, seek early consultation once symptoms are evident, embrace self-protection measures and say no to indiscriminate fogging activities.

The symptoms of dengue fever are sudden high fever, severe headaches, pain behind the eyes, serve joint and muscle pains, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and skin rash which appears 2 to 5 days after the onset of fever.

Health officials advised people who experience the symptoms of dengue fever to immedi- **Cont. on page 6**

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wherein more males or 53 percent were affected.

Further, there were 85 or 89 percent of the total cases who were vaccinated with measles containing vaccine while 111 or 54 percent of the reported cases were not actually vaccinated and 11 or 5 percent of the cases were unknown-.

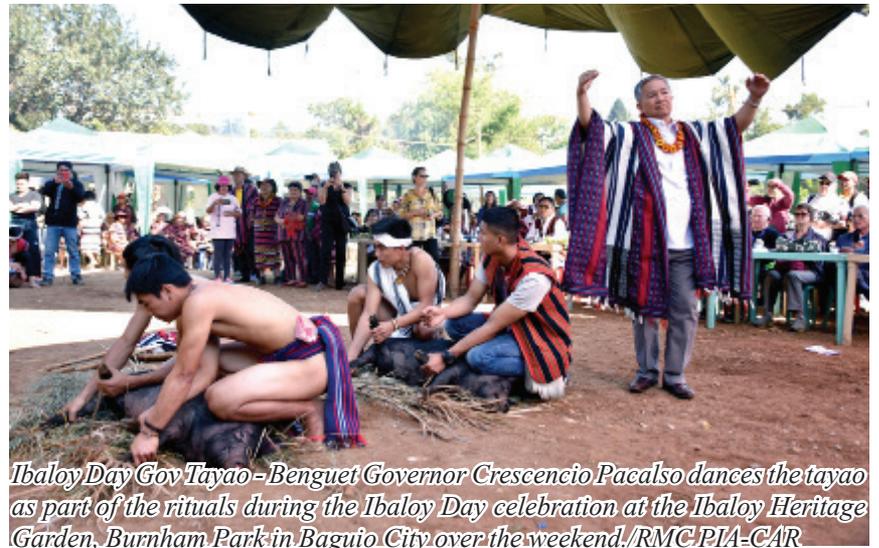
The health department explained that there were 65 laboratory confirmed measles cases, with 27 or 41 percent female and 38 or 58 percent males and that most cases have ages less than 9 months or 23 percent.

Among the signs and symptoms of measles include fever, dry cough, running nose, sore throat, inflamed eyes or conjunctivitis and tiny white spots with bluish-white centers on a red background found inside the mouth on the inner lining of the cheek also called koplik's spots.

Measles is a childhood infection caused by a virus. Once quite common, measles can now almost always be prevented with a vaccine.

Also called rubeola, measles can be serious and even fatal for small children. While death rates have been falling worldwide as more children receive the measles vaccine, the disease still kills more than 100,000 people a year, most under the age of 5.

Health experts advised parents of children aged 6 to 9



Ibaloy Day Gov Tayao - Benguet Governor Crescencio Pacalso dances the tayao as part of the rituals during the Ibaloy Day celebration at the Ibaloy Heritage Garden, Burnham Park in Baguio City over the weekend./RMC-PIA-CAR

More cigarettes "crushed", anti-smoking

pledge sworn to

BAGUIO CITY - Cigarettes and other tobacco products including ashtrays and other paraphernalia worth an estimated P150,000 were ceremonially "crushed" in Thursday's "Hike, Bike and Like for a Smoke-Free Life" program at the Athletic Bowl preceded by a parade along the city's main thoroughfares spearheaded by the Smoke-Free Baguio Task Force.

Leading the rhythmic stomping was councilor Joel Alangsab, principal sponsor of the Smoke-Free Baguio Ordinance (Ord. No. 34, series of 2017), joined by local health officials, representatives from the city government, police, barangays, bike and Zumba groups including those from the transportation, religious, academic sectors and other concerned agencies.

Task force officer

Donnabel Panes of the health services office said the cigarettes and

paraphernalia were confiscated from violators of the ordinance that prohibits the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes/e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places and imposing penalties.

Earlier, two sacks of tobacco products and other items worth around P75,000 were similarly crushed by local officials led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Rep. Mark Go during flag-raising rites at City Hall.

Alangsab reiterated his appeal for every sector to work hand-in-hand with the city government in making the Summer Capital a "smoke-free city" since everybody deserves to "breathe clean air". His call was bolstered by assistant city health officer Celia Brillantes who mentioned the health risks and numerous deaths caused by smoking that

affects others thru second and third-hand smoke.

The alderman also led participants in reciting a Pledge of Commitment to support the Smoke-Free Baguio ordinance followed by the marking thru thumbprints of a commitment board to cement their pledge.

The program commenced with a Zumba dance and included the awarding of Certificates of Recognition to DPS Compound and Lopez Jaena barangays for being "model barangays" in the city's on-going anti-smoking campaign.

Two former heavy smokers who have successfully quit the deadly habit also shared their testimonies and encouraged others to stop smoking for the sake of their health and that of their loved ones. "If we can do it, so can you," they both stressed.

The program ended with a call to end smoking and start a healthy life by Partas bus station manager Ignacio Tadeo followed by a health and wellness fair./Gaby Keith

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level and junior high school level in 2017 as compared to the national passing rates. Elementary got 97.22 percent passing rate while the national passing rate was 57.21 percent. Junior high school was at 82.75 percent while the national passing rate was 69.49 percent.

Other awards and recognition received by the city were first place in the Purple Ribbon Award on family planning - city level, Best Performing City Epidemiology Surveillance Unit; Red Orchid Award; third place, Best Performing Barangay Health Workers Federation; Recognition for Typhoons Ompong and Rosita Response Teams and High Performing Health Facility of the National Immunization Program.

Baguio is a Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner on Nutrition (CROWN) awardee because the city excelled in implementing various nutrition programs and projects in the different parts of the city through the years.

Cayat underscored that Baguio City has enough supply of water on a rationing basis and the city does not experience massive brownouts while its road network is also in good condition, making the city a consistent potential investment hub for tourism-related businesses./Dexter A. See

How Duterte's exaggerations worsened the Philippines' drug problem

We're nearing the midpoint of the Duterte administration, yet we're nowhere near solving the Philippines' drug problem. By all accounts, things even seem to have gotten worse.

For example, over the weekend, Duterte proclaimed, "There are seven to eight million Filipinos reduced to slaves to a drug called shabu. Seven to eight million lost souls."

Last Monday, February 25, he said, "We are facing a serious problem... The Medellin Cartel of Colombia has entered the country so we will be seeing a lot of cocaine."

We don't quite know how accurate these claims are. But in this article I want to argue that painting an ever-darker picture of the country's drug problem is part and parcel of Duterte's overall political strategy: by exaggerating the drug problem's extent and continually framing it as a national security issue, he is able to justify his war on drugs which caters to his authoritarian style of leadership.

In the process of manufacturing a drug crisis, Duterte has inexorably created a real one.

Manufactured crisis

Let me be clear at the outset: the Philippines does have a long-standing drug problem. That much cannot be denied.

But Duterte has been, for the past few years, overstating its scale and scope.

Back in 2016, upon assuming office, he trumpeted that there were about 3 to 4 million drug users in the country. Yet this presidential guesstimate flew in the face of the official figures of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), which in 2015 estimated only about 1.8 million drug users nationwide.

Duterte became extremely defensive when his guesstimate got challenged by his own men, so that when former DDB chair Benjamin Reyes stood by his agency's 1.8 million figure, he was summarily dismissed by the President.

It's easy to explain Duterte's agitation. He could only wage a full-blown war on drugs

EDITORIAL – and sell it to the public – if he could point to a critical mass of drug users out there and paint them as public enemy number one.

Absent that critical mass – or citing a mere 1.8 million – and his war on drugs will fail to look credible or even necessary.

Swelling ranks

But we're almost 3 years into the drug war and Duterte is still at it. For some bizarre reason – and without any supporting study – the ranks of drug users just keep on swelling.

In November 2018, the new DDB chair, retired police general Catalino Cuy, said that there were around 4 to 5 million drug users in the country. Just a few days ago, Duterte updated this to 7 to 8 million.

Supposing for a moment they're accurate, then we've gone from just 1.8 million drug users in 2015 to as many as 8 million in 2019 – a whopping 344% increase in just 4 years.

You would think that these numbers alone are enough reason to stop the war on drugs immediately and indefinitely. Yet, perversely, Duterte is using these exact same figures to argue for the continuation of his drug war.

Indeed, Duterte recently announced that, "The drug war I will extend to the last day of my term." Asked by reporters whether it will be "bloodier," he simply replied, "I think so."

But you can't justify a program by citing numbers that point to its unmistakable failure. Duterte's leap of logic is so epic that even the police are stumped: they don't quite know what to make of Duterte's figures, and are as clueless as you and I where they came from.

The inflated and unverifiable statistics betray the fact that Duterte is manufacturing a drug crisis to suit his own ends.

But aside from this, notice too that he recently elevated the problem "to the level of national security."

This is crucial since security crises are authoritarian leaders' best friends.

In *How Democracies Die*, Harvard political scientists Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt said, "Major security crises...are political game changers. Almost invariably they increase support for the government. Citizens become more likely to tolerate, and even endorse, authoritarian measures when they fear for their security."

Security crises are so important to authoritarian leaders that, throughout history, many have invented them where they don't exist. (Just think of the way the dictator Ferdinand Marcos justified his martial law declaration by citing the fake assassination attempt on Juan Ponce Enrile.)

The present war on drugs is no different: it's the centerpiece of Duterte's policies precisely because it's an easy vehicle for him to consolidate power and execute his authoritarian style of leadership.

Real crisis

If you listen only to Duterte, you can't expect to get an accurate handle on the country's drug problem. He's most likely exaggerating it as part of his overarching political strategy.

But at least one thing is certain: his manufactured crisis has undoubtedly morphed into a real one.

We should have heeded the experiences of other countries early on: any war on drugs – a supply-side intervention – is doomed to fail. That's why many countries today would rather approach their respective drug problems



KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Enrile, Estrada, Revilla, mananalo pa ba?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Huwag kayong humatol, nang kayo'y di hatulan. Sapagkat hahatulan kayo ng Diyos ayon sa paghatol ninyo sa iba, at susukatin kayo ayon sa panukat na ginagamit ninyo sa iba'..." (si Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, sa Mateo 7:1-2, Bibliya).

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PANAWAGAN LUMALAKAS PARA SA MGA BAGONG KADIDATO:

Lumalakas sa aking tingin ang panawagan ng maraming Pilipino na puro bago na lang ang iboto bilang mga senador sa darating na halalan sa Mayo 2019. Ang argumento nila, ayaw na nila ng mga nakaupo, o dating mga nakaupo, na mga senador, kasi wala naman silang nagawang mabuti para sa sambayanan noong kanilang kapanahunan.

Sabi ng mga taong isinusulong ang mga bago lamang na mga kandidatong senador, panahon na upang subukan naman ang mga baguhan. Baka sakali, ayon sa mga botanteng ito, na magiging mas pursigido ang mga bagong mahahalal na senador, kasi gugustuhin ng mga ito na magpasikat sa sambayanan.

Kung tutuusin, medyo hindi kaaya-ayang batayan sa pagboto yung bago lamang na kandidato. Pero, maliwanag namang hindi natin pupuwedeng sisihin ang mga gustong bago lamang ang iboboto, kasi nga matagal-tagal na din namang nauunsiyami sila sa mga datihang mukha sa Senado. Sa tagal na ng mga ito bilang mga senador, mas malaki pa yung kinita nila bilang mga pork barrel kaysa sa naibahagi nila sa mga Pilipino.

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ENRILE, ESTRADA, REVILLA, MANANALO PA BA? Ang isa pang magandang obserbasyon sa Mayo ay kung ano ang kahihinatnan nina dating Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, dating Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, at dating Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. Sila yung tatlong senador na kinasuhan ng gobyernong Noynoy Aquino dahil diumano sa kanilang pakikipagsabwatang sa isang negosyante para maibulsa nila ang daan-daan milyong pork barrel allocation nila.

Of course, absuwelto at inihayag na ng Sandiganbayan na si Revilla ay walang pananagutang kriminal sa isyu. Sa kabilang dako, si Enrile at Estrada ay nakalalaya lamang pansamantala, matapos silang makulong ng halos tatlong taon, dahil pinahintulutan silang magpiyansa. Si Enrile, pinagpiyansa kasi matanda na daw siya. Si Jinggoy, pinagpiyansa kasi lumilitaw na mahina ang ebidensiya laban sa kaniya.

Ang tanong: makaka-apekto ba sa kanilang pagiging kandidato ang pagkakadawit nila sa pork barrel scam? Pagtitiwalaan pa ba sila ng sambayanan upang mailuklok muli silang mga senador ng bayan? Kung sakaling mananalo na naman sila, ang ibig bang sabihin noon ay hindi pinaniwalaan ng tao ang mga akusasyon laban sa kanila?

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NARCO LIST, ISASAPUBLIKO? NAKOW, MAY PROBLEMA YAN: Yung plano naman ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) na isasapubliko daw nito ang listahan ng mga “narcopoliticians” o mga pulitikong sinasabi nilang sangkot sa droga ay mabuti sana, dahil malalaman na sana ng publiko kung sino ang mga kasapi ng drug syndicates sa hanay ng mga pulitiko sa bansa.

Pero, may mga matitinding balakid upang ito ay lubusang maisakatuparan. Ang unang balakid ay ang Saligang Batas mismo, na nagsabing ang lahat ng tao dsa Pilipinay ay may karapatang ituring na inosente sa krimen hanggang hindi napapatunayan ng mga hukuman, matapos ang paglilitis, ang kanilang pananagutan. Pag binalawala ng DILG ito, graft and corruption tiyak ang kaso nila pagbaba ng Pangulong Duterte sa puwesto.

Pangalawa, alam naman natin na lagi ng may bahid ng duda ang anumang listahan ng mga kriminal sa bansa. Lagi ng may tanong: ano ba ang partikular na mga ebidensiya na nakalap ng DILG at ng pulisya na nagpapakitang sangkot nga ang mga nasa listahan sa droga? Kung may litrato o testigo, bakit di na lang sinampahan ng kaso ang mga pulitiko? At bakit ngayong sa panahon lamang ng pulitika ito ilalabas? Para siran ang ilang kandidato?

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from the demand side of the market instead.

Regardless of the approach, any drug policy is supposed to reduce the availability and affordability of drugs. Yet, if you consider recent events, exactly the opposite is happening in the Philippines.

To wit, bricks of cocaine worth hundreds of millions of pesos were recently found floating off the shores of several provinces like Quezon, Camarines Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and the Dinagat Islands.

Before that, prices of shabu (crystal meth) plummeted right after several tons of it came to our shores, got smuggled right under the noses of Customs officials, and eventually flooded the markets.

Thus, we’ve come to a point where drugs can be literally fished out of our waters or are otherwise becoming cheaper and accessible than ever. How can anyone hear these stories and reasonably claim them to be signs of success?

Insane policy

As his grip on power starts to slacken – whether because of ill health or his numbered days in office – Duterte is busy depicting an ever-grimmer portrait of the country’s drug problem.

Yet after 3 long years – and several thousands of extrajudicial killings later – it should be obvious to anyone that Duterte has miserably failed to contain the country’s drug crisis, let alone eradicate it.

Filipinos do not deserve to have several billions of their hard-earned tax money spent on a program that has not just led to innumerable human rights violations but also, by all indications, allowed things to get out of hand.

We’ve given the war on drugs a chance, but it’s high time we tried other solutions.



DISPATCH FROM CRAME

Duterte is No. 1 Marcos Troll

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

When Duterte defends the Marcoses and says that there is no proof that they plundered the government, he is actually defending himself for rehabilitating and condoning not only the Marcoses, but also other allies with records of plunder and corruption. Duterte’s posturing that he hates corruption is thus revealed as nothing but a hoax. If anything, what he loves most is being partners in politics with the discredited and most corrupt political personalities in the country.

One need only to look at his administration’s senatorial slate. This is not a good governance or anti-corruption slate. It is more of a police line-up of suspected criminals, but with one difference. Under this administration, suspected criminals are summarily executed, unless you have stolen millions from the people. In which case, you become Duterte’s ally, get appointed in his government, or even get the chance to occupy a slot in his senatorial slate.

That the Marcoses stole billions from the Filipino people is already a matter of historical and official record. The ill-gotten wealth recovered from the dictator’s family in the past three decades is more than enough proof that the Marcos family enriched themselves at the expense of the Filipino people during their reign. This is affirmed by the Supreme Court in a long line of cases declaring billions of pesos of sequestered Marcos assets as ill-gotten. The recent Sandiganbayan conviction of Imelda Marcos is the latest judicial affirmation that the Marcoses plundered this nation.

Only someone raised on Marcos-sponsored fake news and historical revisionism in social media believes that the Marcoses are innocent. But Duterte is too old to be fooled by the Marcos social media propaganda machine. Duterte is a denier of the Marcos plunder not because he believes the Marcoses are innocent. He is a Marcos plunder-denier because he has chosen to become part of their propaganda machine by spewing the same fake news shared in social media.

Duterte is now the No. 1 Marcos troll.

Inventory of trees in...

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permits to applicants of the same, provided that, the trees that are to be cut are dead, infested or those that pose a serious threat to life and limb.

He explained that the data that will be gathered by CEPMO personnel and those from the regional, provincial and city offices of the environment department will definitely serve as a basis in the formulation of the necessary guidelines in ascertaining the programs, projects and activities that should be implemented by the concerned government agencies and the local government to ensure the increase in the number of grown up trees that will help in sustaining and improving the state of the city’s environment.

Earlier, Secretary Cimatú expressed concern over the increasing number of dying pine trees in the different parts of the city and ordered personnel of the environment department to conduct an inventory on the number of trees in the city to facilitate the agency in formulating programs that will contribute in efforts to preserve and protect the trees and the overall state of the environment in the country’s undisputed Summer Capital.

One of the issues affecting the growth of the trees in the different parts of the city is the supposed infestation that continues to threaten live and healthy trees, thus, the need for the infested ones to be immediately cut to avoid the same from infesting the healthy ones that could result to more damage to the environment./Dexter A. See

As someone (not Einstein, apparently) once said, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.”

This upcoming May elections, let’s all vote for candidates who vow to put an end to this protracted bout of insanity. – Rappler.com

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Conversion of Maharlika to...

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establishment owners can decide on whether or not to change their line of business to conform with the new designation of Baguio city as part of the Creative Cities Network of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for crafts and folk arts which must be sustained within a 4-year period prior to assessment./Dexter A. See

No expert can immediately...

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vehicles in the tourist spots awaiting for their turn to be able to park in the limited parking spaces around the city.

The police officer explained traffic enforcers and police auxiliaries can only do so much in decongesting the main roads from the monstrous traffic jams that happen almost daily but most of the ways to ease the said congestions are to be done by the motorists and pedestrians that is why what is important is for everyone to cooperate and observe the rules and regulations that are being imposed in the said roads to allow everyone to reach their desired destination in the city without being caught into traffic every portion of the way.

He said BCPO personnel are always ready to extend whatever assistance available to the areas where motor vehicles encounter traffic for them to be able to reach their desired destination on time./Dexter A. See

Mayor admits delay in...

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Korchnoi that helped in placing Baguio city in the map of the world as one of the premier sports venues for different competitions.

He added that once the rehabilitation issues shall have been patched up by the involved technical personnel of the local government and the DPWH-CAR, the contractor will resume the ongoing works and will complete the programmed rehabilitation works within the timeframe excluding the period when the project was suspended./Dexter A. See

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

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late SPS. MOISES and MARILYN TIKCHAP who both died on April 5, 2005 in Brgy. Rabon, San Fabian, Pangasinan without will, consisting of the following: (a) Public Utility Jitney with Plate no. AYT-190 covered by LTFRB case No. 2002-BC-288; and (b) Public Utility jitney with Plate No. AYS-763 covered by LTFRB Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-0393 have been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 21 February 2019 as per Doc. No. 245, Page No. 049; Book No. XLIV, Series of 2019 of the notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

February 23, and March 2 & 9, 2019

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

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late AMOR C. IMPERIAL, who died on April 10, 2014 in Baguio City without will, consisting of Public Utility Jitney (PUJ) with Plate No. AYD-915 covered by LTFRB Case No. 93-CAR-1170 had been the subject of EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 8 February 2019 as per Doc. No. 117, Page No. 036, Book No. XLIV, Series of 2019, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

Feb. 16, 23, & March 2, 2019

Republic of the
Philippines
MUNICIPAL
TRIAL COURT IN
CITIES
First Judicial Region
Branch 1
Baguio City

FOR: RECOVERY
OF POSSESSION
WITH DAMAGES

SPS. MICHAEL SY
and NORA SY

-Plaintiffs,

-versus-

LIGHT OF THE
WORLD CHURCH,
Herein represented
by Pastor Arnold L.
Santonia,

-Defendants.

Civil Case No.
14139

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SUMMONS BY PUB-
LICATION

WHEREAS, the plain-
tiffs through counsel,
filed a Complaint on
April 26, 2018 and was
raffled to and received
by this court on May 03,
2018, quoted in toto as
follows:

“COMPLAINT
WITH DUE RESPECT
TO THIS HONORABLE
COURT.

Plaintiffs, through
counsel, unto this
Honorable Court,
respectfully aver:

1. Plaintiffs are
spouses, both of legal
age, Filipinos and with
postal address at No. 4
Pucay Road, Guisad,
Baguio City while
respondent LIGHT
OF THE WORLD, is a
religious corporation duly
organized and existing
under and by virtue of
the laws of Republic of
the Philippines, herein
represented by PASTOR
ARNOLD SANTONIA,
who is also a Filipino
citizen, married and
postal address at No. 02
Pucay St., Guisad, Baguio
City, where it may be
served with summons
and other processes of
this Honorable Court.

2. Plaintiffs are the
owners and possessors of
a parcel of land located
at Guisad, Baguio City,
covered and embraced
within TCT No. T-38281,

a copy of which is hereto
attached as Annex “A”.
The lot is also covered
by an Assessment of
real Property ARP No.
01-04010-63673, showing
the assessed value of
the property to be
P37,572.00 for the entire
area of five hundred five
(505) square meters, thus
giving an assessed value
of P74.40 per square
meter. The ARP is hereto
attached as Annex “B”.
The area subject of this
complaint based on the
survey is 30 to 40 square
meters, which amount
shows that the foregoing
complaint is within the
jurisdiction of this
Honorable Court. A copy
of the survey of the lot
conducted with the rep-
resentative of the Asses-
sor’s Office, CBAO, the
private surveyors of the
parties and the barangay
captain showing the
encroached portion is
hereto attached as
Annex “C”. This portion
is the area sought to be
recovered.

3. Respondent church
is the neighbor or plain-
tiffs.

4. Sometime in the
third quarter of 2014,
respondent started
introducing improve-
ments in their church
premises which improve-
ments encroached on a
portion of the lot of
plaintiffs over an area of
30 square meters to 40
square meters, more or
less. Respondents repre-
sentatives were informed
and were asked to stop
in further introducing
improvements over the
lot of plaintiffs.

5. In order to
address the problem
on the property con-
sidering that respon-
dents is a church and
there must be someone
to represent it official-
ly, plaintiff Michael
Sy filed a complaint
before the office of the
Lupong Tagapamayapa of
Guisad Central barangay,
Baguio City, a copy of
the complaint is hereto
attached as Annex “D”.

6. The improvements
then were posts and
some hollow blocks.

7. There was an offer
and a counter offer
before on the value of
the area encroached
but it did not material-
ize. Since no settlement
was finalized an arrived
at, a certification to file
action was issued by
Alma A. Ramos, Pangkat
Secretary, a copy of
which is hereto attached
as Annex “E”.

8. Prior to the
issuance of the certi-

fication to file action,
plaintiff Michael Sy still
caused a letter sent to
respondent on March 7,
2015, a copy of which
is hereto attached as
Annex “F”. Pastor Arnols
L. Santonia received a
copy of the letter but he
refused to acknowledge
receipt thereof.

9. In response to the
letter, the attorneys-in-
fact of Pastor Santonia
replied to the letter, a
copy of which is hereto
attached as Annex “G”.
No settlement or meeting
occurred after the letter.
It would appear on the
letter that the church
considered the lot as a
right of way, although it
is a part of the property
of the plaintiffs.

10. To the recol-
lection of the plaintiffs,
the lot of respondent
was donated to it by the
owner of an adjacent lot
which has a right of way.
For reasons unknown
to plaintiffs, this was
however enclosed. The
church though has
another access to the
premises.

11. Worse, respon-
dent continued with its
construction in bad faith
knowing fully well that
the lot where it is making
improvements is within
the lot described in the
titles of the plaintiffs.
Such show defiance on
the part of respondent is
a bad example more so
that it is a church and
should live with what
it teaches/copies of the
photographs of the con-
tinuing improvements
are hereto attached as
Annexes “H” and series
while photographs of the
initial work being done
are hereto attached as
Annexes “I” and series.

12. During the
onslaught of typhoon
Lando, last October 2015,
and for the first time,
the basement of the building
of the plaintiffs which
was being utilized as a
stock room was flooded
and a lot of their stocks
and implements were
damaged. Immediately
after the typhoon, plain-
tiffs inspected the are to
determine the source of
water that flooded their
stock room and found
out that a concrete beam
was constructed across
the waterway hence
blocking the free flow of
water thus resulting to
the water flowing back
to the basement of the
building of plaintiffs. This
beam was constructed
under the encroached
portion of the lot of
plaintiffs.

13. Since nothing

happened after the letter
to Pastor Santonia and
knowing that respondent
cannot secure a permit
for a structure over their
lot, plaintiffs through
their lawyer sent a letter
to the City Building
and Architecture Office
(CBAO) hoping to settle
the matter once and for
all without coming to the
Honorable Court.

14. With the
complaint, a memoran-
dum was issued, copies
of which are hereto
attached as Annexes “J”,
“K” and “L”. Despite the
letter of Engr. Banez of
the CBAO, a copy of
which is hereto attached
as Annex “M”, for the
immediate removal of
the concrete beam and
the other improve-
ments, defendant failed
to comply.

15. As shown by
its continuous introduc-
tion of improvement
despite knowledge that
it is within the lot of
plaintiffs and that it has
no permit, defendant
from the beginning had
no intention to remove
its illegal structure or
to respect the rights
of the plaintiffs over
their lot. Respondent is
even making a mockery
of judicial and admin-
istrative processes as
it continued with its
improvements in clear
bad faith.

16. Defendant
clearly encroached on
the property of plaintiff
as evidenced by the
survey plan C Annex
“C”). The survey was
joined by the repre-
sentative of defendant.
Defendant dispossessed
plaintiffs of a portion of
their lot. Despite efforts
to enlighten defendant
through its representa-
tive it chose to ignore
the explanation of
plaintiffs. Plaintiffs were
then forced to engage
the services of counsel
to protect their property
rights over the portion
encroached by respon-
dent wherein they had
to spend P30,000.00 as
Attorney’s fees and agreed
to pay P2,000.00 per
appearance of counsel
in court including the
filing fees which amounts
defendant should made
to reimburse.

17. In order to
teach defendant a lesson
to avoid encroaching
on the lot of others, it
should be made to pay
damages in the amount
of P100,000.00. Plain-
tiffs suffered so much
anguish, sleepless
nights and wounded
feelings because of what

defendant did for which
it should be made to pay
moral damages in the
amount of P100,000.00.

18. Defendant
should also be made
to pay reasonable fees
for the use of the titled
property of plaintiffs.

PRAYER

W H E R E F O R E ,
premises considered, it
is respectfully prayed of
this Honorable Court to
give due course to the
foregoing and after due
notice and hearing, the
Honorable Court issue a
judgement ordering the
following:

a. The defendant to
remove/demolish its
structure which was built
on the lot of plaintiffs
and surrender possession
thereof to plaintiffs,

b. The respondent be
made to reimburse the
actual damages incurred
by plaintiff which are
the filing fees, attorney’s
fees of P30,000.00 plus
the appearance fees and
other fees to be incurred
during the trial,

c. The respondent be
ordered to pay moral
damages in the amount
of P100,000.00 and
exemplary damages
in the amount of
P100,000.00.

d. The defendant
should also be made to
pay reasonable fees for
the use of the property
of plaintiffs.

Other reliefs appro-
priate under the cir-
cumstances are likewise
prayed for.

Baguio City, Philip-
pines, April 17, 2018.”

WHEREAS, on May 8,
2018, a summons and a
copy of the complaint
were issued for service
on the defendant LIGHT
OF THE WORLD CHURCH,
represented by PASTOR
ARNOLD L. SANTONIA;

WHEREAS, on May
29, 2018, a Sheriff’s
Return of Summons
was issued stating that
summons was served to
the defendant through
the daughter of pastor
Arnold L. Santonia in
the person of Miss Sophe
Santonia, however such
service was considered
not valid service by this
court in an order dated
June 6, 2018 the same
having been served not
to one of the autho-
rized representative of
the defendant in accor-
dance with the Rules
of Court, and thereby
directing the sheriff to
serve the said summons
and complaint thru its
president, managing

Cordillera dengue cases...

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ately visit the nearest facility in their places for
them to be provided with the appropriate diagnosis
for their illness to prevent their health from being
compromised by the viral infection considering that
it could result to their untimely demise.

Sometimes, symptoms are mild and can be
mistaken for those of the flu or another viral
infection. Younger children and people who have
never had the infection before tend to have milder
cases than older children and adults. However,
serious problems can develop. These include
dengue hemorrhagic fever, a rare complication
characterized by high fever, damage to lymph and
blood vessels, bleeding from the nose and gums,
enlargement of the liver, and failure of the cir-
culatory system. The symptoms may progress to
massive bleeding, shock, and death. This is called
dengue shock syndrome./Dexter A. See

partner, general manager,
corporate secretary,
treasurer or in-house
counsel;

WHEREAS, on
December 12, 2018,
a Sheriff’s Return of
Summons was issued
stating among others
that summons could not
be served to defendant
despite numerous
services made to serve
the same to Pastor L.
Santonia or any of its
corporate officers as its
corporate officers are
allegedly based in Metro
Manila, hence returned
unserved;

WHEREAS, on
January 21, 2019,
a Motion to serve
Summons Thru Publica-
tion with leave of court
was filed by plaintiffs
through counsel;

WHEREAS, on
February 7, 2019, an
Order was issued by
the Honorable Court
granting that Summons
be effected upon
defendant, LIGHT OF
THE WORLD CHURCH
through Pastor Arnold
L. Santonia or any of its
corporate officers autho-
rized to represent the
same, by publication in
a newspaper of general
circulation selected by
raffle;

NOW, THEREFORE,
defendant LIGHT OF
THE WORLD CHURCH
through Pastor Arnold
L. Santonia or any of its
corporate officers autho-
rized to represent the
same, with office address
at Empire Cinema Bldg.,
Abanao St., Baguio City
are hereby summoned
through this medium
of publication and are
therefore required to file
with the Clerk of Court,
Municipal Trial Court in
Cities, Branch I, Baguio
City, your responsive
pleading and/or Answer
to the above-quot-
ed Complaint within

SIXTY (60) days from
notice or from the date
of the last publication,
serving at the same time,
a copy of your respon-
sive pleading and/or
Answer upon plaintiff’s
counsel, MAY LABANET
D. SOLIBA-KIAT-ONG
with office address at
LOCKEY AND KIAT
ONG LAW OFFICES 204
Lyman Ogilby Centrum
358 Magsaysay Ave.,
Baguio City, and your
failure to do so within
the period prescribed
will cause the plaintiffs
to take judgement against
you and demand from
the Court the remedies
and relief prayed for in
the Complaint.

Let this Summons
be published at the
expense of the plaintiffs
in the THE JUNCTION,
a newspaper of general
circulation in Baguio
City in accordance with
the rules once a week
for three (3) consecutive
weeks, at the expense of
the plaintiffs.

Further, let a copy of
this Summons together
with a copy of the
complaint and the order
dated February 7, 2019
be deposited with the
Baguio City Post Office,
postage prepaid by reg-
istered mail directed
to defendant LIGHT
OF THE WORLD
CHURCH at their last
known address at Empire
Cinema Bldg., Abanao
St., Baguio City, Philip-
pines.

WITNESS the HON.
ROBERTO R. MABALOT,
Presiding Judge of this
Court, this 20th of
February 2019, at Baguio
City, Philippines.

(SGD) ANGELINE G.
BUGAYONG
Acting Branch Clerk of
Court

Feb. 23, March 2 & 9,
2019

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 63
La Trinidad,
Benguet
Regionaltrialcourt-br63@yahoo.com.ph
Tel. No. (074) 422-2812

In the Matter of
Petition for Change
of Name of Teodoro
W. Marcelo a.k.a
Teodoro Basalong,

TEODORO W.
M A R C E L O
a.k.a TEODORO
BASALONG

-Petitioner,

-versus-

P H I L I P P I N E
S T A T I S T I C S
A U T H O R I T Y (P S A)
and THE LOCAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF LA TRINIDAD
BENGUET,

-Respondents.

Special Proceedings
Case no.
19-SP-1963

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**NOTICE OF
INITIAL HEARING**

Petitioner TEODORO W. MARCELO also known as TEODORO BASALONG, through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for the CHANGE OF NAME under Rule 103 of the Rules of Court, alleging in essence, thus:

PETITION

With utmost respect to the honorable Court, Petitioner, through the undersigned counsel, respectfully state that:

1. He is of legal age, Filipino and resident of IC47 Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines. He may be served with notices, orders and other processes of this Honorable Court, through the office address of the undersigned counsel;

2. Respondent Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Local Civil

Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet are likewise implicated in their capacity as the official repository and custodian of all certificates of live birth, marriage, as well as death certificates. Specifically, they are the repository of the records of birth of the petitioner, Respondent PSA may be served with processes, notices, and the other orders of this Honorable Court at their central office address at Sta. Mesa, Manila AND Baguio Office address at Kisad Road, Baguio City whereas the LCR of La Trinidad Benguet at the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet;

3. The petitioner was born on December 8, 1961 at Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines. The facts of his birth are indicated in his Certificates of Live Birth under LCR No. 1155 (1-71), a copy of which is hereto attached and marked as Annex "A";

4. Since childhood, he had been using the name Teodoro William Marcelo as his true and real name based on the name given to him by his grandparents. He is also commonly known in the community by such name and even called by his family, friends, and relatives by said name. he was assured consistently by his parents and grandparents that the said name is his real and true complete name. He therefore used the said name in his later educational undertaking;

5. So when he started his elementary education sometime in the year 1969, he used Teodoro William Marcelo as his true and real name, he was likewise informed by his grandparents that he was not yet registered with the proper Local Civil Registrar. He continued using same name when he entered his secondary education until he finished his vocational course. In all his scholastic records, his name was indicated as Teodoro William Marcelo. A copy of his High School Diploma is hereto attached and marked as Annex "B".

6. When he got married sometime in October of 1984 and sired his children, he used the name Teodoro W. Marcelo in the Certificates of Live Birth of his Children while his said children used Teodoro W. Marcelo as father's name. A copy of the Certificates of Live Birth of his children are hereto marked as Annex

"C", "D" and "E".

7. Sometime in 1985, when he applied for employment with the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO), he likewise used the full name Teodoro W. Marcelo considering that, in all honesty and in utmost good faith, he believed the same to be the real and true facts of his birth and also was based on his previous and existing records. Attached hereto is a copy of his employment certificate from BENECO, marked as Annex "F" while his BENECO Employee Identification Card as Annex "F-1";

8. Sometime thereafter, or in the late 1990'S, petitioner applied for employment overseas. He then applied for a visa with the Department of foreign Affairs (DFA), which later granted and issued his Philippine Passport, the name indicated therein as Teodoro W. Marcelo. He was able to renew his passport several times with the same name. A copy of his Passport is hereto attached as Annex "G";

9. In May of 1996, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) issued his Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate Land Mobile, still his name was indicated as Teodoro W. Marcelo, a copy of which is hereto marked and attached as Annex "H";

10. When he got married for the second (2nd) time in the year 2014 sometime in the month of March thereof, his previous marriage having been annulled, he used the name Teodoro Marcelo (Sr.) in their Marriage License and Marriage Certificate. In fact, his wife now carried the married surname Marcelo and not Basalong. Attached hereto is a copy of said Marriage certificate marked as Annex "I" while the identification cards of his wife as Annex "J";

11. Lately however, or sometime in the later part of the year 2018, when he was about to process the renewal of his passport, he was for the first time required to submit his Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) copy or his Certificate of Live Birth, which he was never required before. Much to his surprise and disbelief, he discovered that based on the document issued now by the PSA, his name was indicated therein as Teodoro Basalong, a name

which he never used or was never known of.

12. Hence, it would appear now that he has two (2) names: one is Teodoro W. Marcelo, the name he had been using since childhood, the one appearing in his scholastic records, in his employment records as well as the name he had used and had been using until now in any and all of his official, business, family and personal records, transactions and/or dealings; and the other is Teodoro basalong, as appearing in his certificate of Live Birth under LCR No. 1155 (1-77).

13. The foregoing has caused extreme confusion and disorder in the identity of herein petitioner not to mention its consequences and implications in both his family and official records, dealings and/or transactions. It will further adversely affect existing rights and obligations, particularly one which involves property rights. Thus, there is a necessity to change the name of the petitioner.

14. Petitioner therefore has to come to this Honorable Court for succor in order to set his records straight and to avoid confusion as to his identity, pursuant to Section 5, Rule 103 of the Revised Rules of Court and in the cases of *Haw Liong vs Republic*. G.R. No. L-21194. April 29, 1966. 166 SCRA 677. 679 and in the Matter of the Petition for Change of name of Maria Estrella veronica Primitiva Duterte. Estrella S. Alfon vs Republic of the Philippines, 1953 ed., Vol. 1. P.660.

15. He has never been charged nor convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude and any violation of the law of the land.

16. The petition is being filed in utmost good faith.
PRAYER

Wherefore, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that after due notice, publication, and hearing, this petition be granted:

A) Ordering the respondents Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to change the name of herein petitioner under LCR No. 155 (1-77) from Teodoro Basalong to Teodoro William Marcelo;

B) Ordering the respondents to issue and original certificate of Live Birth which shall not bear any notation that it is a new or amended certificate;

C) Ordering the respondents Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) that the Certificate of Live Birth under LCR No. 155 (1-77) in the civil registry records shall be perpetually sealed;

D) Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines. January 15, 2019.

ATTY. CYRUS C.
CALAYA

For the Petitioner
PTR No. BGTCF
5358129. February 7,
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WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in the form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on 28 MAY 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Session Hall of this court, Justice Hall Building, La Trinidad, Benguet, where any person interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING be published at the expense of the petitioner in JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than 3 MARCH 2019.

Furnish copies of the Petition and its Annexes to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet, the Office of the Solicitor general, the Provincial Prosecutor's office, the Petitioner and Counsel.

W I T N E S S the Honorable JENNIFER P. HUMIDING, Presiding Judge of this Court, 21 February 2019, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

Atty. MARIANITA J. CAOILE-GAYAMAN
Branch Clerk of Court V

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promenade area with the establishment of sidewalk cafes by interested establishments and the display of flower-inspired products among other souvenir items from the different parts of the country which is part of the annual attraction of the flower festival.

The Liga ng mga Barangay is eyeing the management of the stalls that will be established along Lower Session road as part of its fund raising effort wherein their will only be 62 stalls that will be made available in the area based on the design that was prepared by the foundation.

Domogan clarified that the annual conduct of the BFFFI is not actually intended for fund raising contrary to the perception of some sectors but it is one of the income-generating activities of the flower festival wherein the proceeds will be used to provide for the increase in subsidies and cash prizes of the different events of the month-long festivities and other corporate social responsibility projects of the BFFFI.

Instead of being able to earn a gross income of only P2.17 million from the lease rentals of the stalls along Lower Session road, he emphasized that the foundation went out of its way to increase the subsidy to the barangays to P30,000 each without even having to waste time, effort and resources in overseeing the stalls that will be established considering that it will be the BFFFI that will operate and manage the same for the benefit of the barangays./Dexter A. See

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river with effluents that exceed the normal level despite our operations going beyond the prescribed carrying capacity of the plant unlike during the previous years wherein the city received several notices of violation which were eventually corrected," Cervantes stressed.

As one of the mitigating measures to prevent increase in the effluence being discharged to the Balili River from the sewerage treatment plant, he claimed that a dewatering machine was already installed within the plant to help in treating the water before discharging the same to the river system.

According to him, the local government remains committed in complying with the prescribed standards of water being discharged from the sewerage treatment plant to the Balili River and it is adopting all possible mitigating measures recommended by experts to prevent the facility from discharging water exceeding the normal effluence or pollutants.

Earlier, the local government proposed a P390 million 5-year rehabilitation and upgrading of the facility previously commended by the former leadership of the EMB-CAR but the city is still sourcing out the needed funds for the full implementation of the noble project.

In terms of illegal sewerage connections by some residents in the different barangays surrounding the sewerage treatment plant, Cervantes reported there are no more illegal sewerage connections detected but there are residences that discharge their sewerage water to the drainage system of the city so there is a need for an aggressive campaign in the different parts of the city to check on such illegal connections and to impose the fines on the concerned residents of the city involved in such illegal activity.

The prescribed treatment capacity of the existing sewerage treatment plant is round 8,500 cubic meters per day but it is currently receiving over 12,500 cubic meters of waste water from the existing connections daily overloading it thereby warranting the needed upgrading and rehabilitation to conform with the prevailing trend of the times./Dexter A. See

No expert can immediately solve Baguio traffic

traffic

BAGUIO CITY – Local Police authorities underscored that no expert can come up with an immediate solution to the city’s worsening traffic condition because it takes the active participation of everyone to ensure the smooth flow of motor vehicles around the city.

Police Col. Elisio Tanding, City Director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) claimed that what it takes to solve the city’s current traffic predicaments are discipline among motorists and pedestrians, compliance to traffic rules and regulations and coordination among concerned government agencies and the local government on the implementation of whatever schemes or projects along major roads in the city.

“We do not need experts or scientists to solve our traffic condition because the solution is within us.

We should start reforming ourselves so that we will

be able to help in reducing the traffic along our major roads,” Tanding stressed.

The BCPO official claimed that everyone has a stake in the city’s existing traffic woes that is why they also have a stake in solving the said woes because it is from the motorists and the pedestrians that cause the problems.

He vehemently denied the repeated notion of majority of the populace that when there are traffic enforcers assigned to man the different intersections, traffic is inevitable, saying that traffic policemen are assigned in identified choke points in the city to ease the congestion that is why part of the solution to the traffic is the discipline of the motorists in not insisting on what they want and for pedestrians to adhere to the existing rules and regulations.

According to him, discipline among motorists and pedestrians have been time

and gain reminded to strictly adhere to the existing traffic

laws, rules and regulations being enforced because it will definitely contribute in the congestions along major roads in the city.

He pointed out that there are more than 57,000 registered motor vehicles in the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Baguio city aside from those registered in the La Trinidad LTO and the motor vehicles of visitors who flock to the city during special occasions that is why what is important is for everyone to contribute their share in helping prevent the occurrence of traffic jams by observing traffic rules and regulations.

For visitors who bring with them their motor vehicles, Tanding suggested that when going around their desired destinations in the city, they must use the existing public transport so as not to contribute in the long line of motor

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451 banks now operating in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) said that financial intermediation continues to play a key role in the city’s robust economic growth over the past several years.

City Planning and Development Officer (CPDO) Engr. Evelyn G. Cayat said that to date, there are 451 banks and financial institutions operating in the city, an indications of the good economy the city currently enjoys.

She added there was a significant increase in the number of remittance centers, pawnshops, micro-finance institutions, savings and loans associations with quasi-banking functions and money changers.

Aside from the significant increase in financial institutions operating in the city, Baguio garnered various awards, such as the Lingap Circle Award for implementing community-based rehabilitation programs for persons with substance-use disorders (PSUDs) given by the Rehabilitation alternative

Program Interventions for the Treatment and Prevention of Illegal Drug Dependancy (RAPID), and regional winner and national finalist for the Presidential Award for Child-friendly Cities and Municipalities under the highly urbanized city category.

On the other hand, Baguio remains the educational center north of manila, a preferred choice for educational services by both local and foreign students. In schoolyear 2017-2018, graduation rate in the elementary level, both private and public, was 99.02

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Apayao sports complex - The newly refurbished Apayao Eco-Tourism and Sports Complex in Payanan, Luna in Apayao complete with new rubberized track oval, an Olympic size swimming pool, football grounds, tennis courts, cottages, a club house and an evacuation center is the main playing venue of the 2019 Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association annual sports meet last week./RMC

BFFFI gives P3.84 million to 128 barangays

BAGUIO CITY – The city’s one hundred twenty eight barangays will be receiving from the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc. (BFFFI) a total of P3.84 million as subsidy from the proceeds of the week-long Session road in Bloom (SRB) which will be used for the implementation of their programs, projects and activities geared towards the upliftment of the welfare of their constituents.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan explained that the grant of P30,000 subsidy to each of the city’s barangays was a decision that was reached by the foundation which spearheads the conduct of the week-long event that will represent their much bigger

share from the SRB instead of them having to

earn a maximum of P2.17 million from the supposed lease of stalls in Lower Session road.

Earlier, the local legislative body approved the closure of Session road on March 4-10, 2019 to pave the way for the annual conduct of the SRB and directed all interested groups to participate in the said event to closely coordinate with the BFFFI which will be spearheading the activity, one of the major highlights of the Panagbenga or the Baguio flower festival.

Domogan added that the subsidy will be directly given by the foundation to the barangays in recognition of the important role of the barangays in the annual staging of the flower

festival which has become an internationally recognized crowd drawing event.

“We value the important contribution of our barangays in the successful staging of the flower festival over the past several years that is why the foundation decided to sacrifice in increasing the subsidy which they could use for their programs, projects and activities. We decided that for this year, there will only be a single organizer for the Session Road in Bloom to prevent the repeat of previous problems that had transpired when there were different groups manning the said event,” Domogan stressed.

Session road, one of the city’s main thoroughfare, will be closed to vehicular traffic on March 4-10, 2019 to pave the way for its conversion into a virtual

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JICA willing to assist in upgrade of sewage facility

BAGUIO CITY – The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) underscored the urgency of upgrading the capacity of the local government’s 32-year old Baguio sewage treatment plant with the Japan International Cooperating Agency (JICA) interested in assisting for the realization of the long overdue project.

CEPMO officer-in-charge Ruben Cervantes reported

that some JICA officials and technical people were in the city recently visiting the city’s sewage treatment plant along the Balili river to assess the same and that they were of the opinion on the need to upgrade the facility to conform with the prevailing situation of the city.

JICA funded the construction of the Baguio sewerage treatment plant in 1987 and that it is again willing to extend the needed technical

and financial assistance to the local government to prevent the discharge of polluted water from the facility because it is working beyond its prescribed capacity of over 8,500 cubic meters.

“We were very lucky last year because the local government was never issued a notice of violation by the Environmental Management Bureau for discharging water into the

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