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Pahayagang palaban!!! Busol Demolition Order Stands – Mayor



BUSOL STAND OFF - Busol Watershed squatters prevent the members of the City's Anti-Squatting Demolition Team from demolishing three illegal structures which are not covered by the Temporary Restraining Order issued by the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) last July 27./By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. Thursday said the demolition order on the Busol watershed illegal structures still stands despite a halt in the operations to sort out legal issues and give time for the city to improve its demolition strategy.

In a press briefing, the mayor said the city sticks by its position that no ruling from lower courts or entities can supplant or overturn the Supreme Court decision giving the city government the imprimatur to pursue the long-delayed demolition.

As this developed, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Cordillera

(NCIP-CAR) hearing officer Brain Masweng Friday extended the 72-hour temporary restraining order he earlier issued on the day of the demolition to stop the city's operations, for 17 more days.

Masweng maintained the powerlessness of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources and much more the city government under the NIPAS Act of 1992 "to evict indigenous communities from their present occupancy nor resettle them to another area without their consent. He also said the owners of the Busol structures "have a clear legal right

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Ang galing naman nitong si Aliping, pati korte Suprema binastos!!!

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Senate to closely monitor CHR probe on alleged abduction, Torture of Fil-am activist

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday said the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights will closely monitor the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) probe on the alleged abduction and torture of a Filipino-American activist and two companions by soldiers in May.

"I offer whatever assistance my committee can offer to CHR chair Leila de Lima in their probe on the alleged abduction and torture of Melissa Roxas and her companions," Escudero said.

Escudero, chair of the panel, said he will give way to the CHR probe and will

not conduct a separate or parallel investigation into the case at this time.

"I do not intend to initiate an investigation but no senator is prevented from filing a resolution into this matter. I urge all parties to cooperate with the CHR so we can know the truth at the soonest possible time," he said.

Roxas, a US citizen and member of Bayan USA, had earlier claimed she and two others were abducted last May 19 while on a medical mission in La Paz, Tarlac and subsequently tortured by soldiers while in detention for six days. The military leadership has denied the charges.

The Fil-Am ac-

tivist recently returned from the US to testify in the CHR investigation.

"International rights groups and foreign governments have already expressed serious concern over the country's deplorable human rights situation. And if proven true, Melissa Roxas's case can only validate these observations," Escudero said.

At the same time, the senator said he will push for the approval of pending bills he authored on involuntary or enforced disappearance and torture when Congress resumes session next week./ Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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Alleged corruption is Arroyo's Darkest legacy - Chiz

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday said the allegations of corruption in high places may very well be the darkest legacy of the Arroyo administration's nine years in power.

"It is ironic that an administration brought to power by a rising against alleged corruption stands accused of

robbing more from the country's treasury," he said.

Escudero said studies show that revenues lost annually to corruption in the Bureau of Internal Revenue is over P200 billion, while around P100 billion is diverted by grafters at the Bureau of Customs.

"Multiply it by nine years and we get P2.7 trillion in funds

lost to corruption in these two bureaus alone, which is about twice our national budget for this year. All these diverted funds, even half of it, could have been used to create more jobs, build more classrooms, and turn around the impoverished lives of many of our people," he said.

Escudero said the Asian Development Bank cited a re-

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PNP Personnel entrapped at McDo Session Road by NBI for robbery extortion

On the morning of July 24, 2009, a successful entrapment operation for robbery/extortion was undertaken by the National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI) Baguio Office. The NBI entrapment team was composed of Agents Ferdinand V. Vitoria, Ma. Elena P. Palaganas and Edwin Fianza all members of the NBI Baguio Office. The complainant Ms. Nomie Vicente y Calibuso filed a complaint against Mrs. Clarita Banaag a member of the PNP Baguio Office (Non-uniformed personnel) and sought the assistance of the NBI for the operation. Based on the Baguio City Prosecutor's Inquest resolution are the following information:

"On sworn complaint of Nomie Vicente y Calibuso dated July 23 and 24, 2009 and referred for inquest proceedings today, July 24, 2009

at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Respondent Clarita Banaag is accused of acts of extortion. The two were apparently parties in a case for Slander which was provisionally dismissed on July 22, 2009. Complainant says the only condition asked of her for the said dismissal was an apology which she readily gave in open court. After the case was already dismissed, she says Respondent started texting and demanding her for the return of her expenses in the case in the amount of P10,000.00 so that she would not re-file the case that was merely provisionally dismissed. An entrapment operation was arranged and the exchange was made where eventually Respondent was caught with the marked bills, hence this complaint."

"Respondent for her part denies the accusation against her, alleging that the money involved was part of

the amicable settlement they entered into for the provisional dismissal of the slander case."

"What is readily apparent is that Respondent did take property belonging to Complainant, with intent of gain, an through intimidation. The assertions of Respondent at this point are matters of defense best threshed out in trial. With the foregoing, probable cause has been established against Respondent, for which the corresponding Information for Robbery/Extortion shall be filed forthwith."

"In the meantime, custody over the Respondent is directed transferred to the BYMP of Baguio City, July 24, 2009, Baguio City, Philippines."

On the afternoon of July 24, 2009, the respondent Mrs. Banaag had posted bail in the amount of P20,000.00 for her temporary liberty./ GP Binwagan with reports from DB Javier



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Proposals for NCCA-funded projects deadline set August 31

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – In efforts to promote and preserve cultural heritage, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is accepting project proposals for funding on cultural development through their respective provincial cluster heads.

Benguet Provincial Tourism Operations Officer and representative to the NCCA for Benguet – Ibaloi and Kankanaey cluster Clarita Prudencio said dead-

line of submission of project proposals is on August 31, 2009. Project proposals covering the Baguio and Benguet areas may be submitted at the Provincial Tourism Office located at the Provincial Capitol here.

Subject to evaluation, generally funded by the NCCA are workshops /congresses /conferences, competitions on arts, street dancing, and the like, production/performance grant, research grant, publication, travel

grant, exhibits, traditional/indigenous festivals, and school for living traditions.

Proponents may be government agencies, non-government organizations, indigenous groups, or individuals but limited to research, film production, and travel grant.

The province so far has the most number of School of Living Tradition projects granted in Northern Luzon since the inception of the funding for cultural development projects according to Prudencio./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

ARMM Official: Cordillera is more viable as an autonomous region

BAGUIO CITY – In line with the celebration of Cordillera Month and the Regional Development Council's information, education and communication campaign (IEC), for the region's renewed pursuit for autonomy, a forum titled "Autonomy Forum: The ARMM experience" was held Wednesday, with Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao Deputy Executive Secretary Atty. Ishak Mastura as the guest speaker.

According to Mastura, the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) is more viable as an autonomous region, compared to ARMM. "The ARMM is not perfect, we are still

struggling towards a real autonomy, a higher level of autonomy," he said.

Mastura bared that ARMM's autonomy is still struggling due to conflict, life and death struggle happens from time to time brought about by insurgency. Cordillera is better in human capital, resources and on insurgency situation as it has a more stable order, he said.

The ARMM official explained

that based on a study conducted by Canadian International Development Agency in 2007, ARMM also lacks fiscal autonomy, as they are still dependent on the national government, through a 70 – 30 % revenue sharing.

"We have a provision in our Organic Act for a revenue sharing of 50-50, with the national government, on our (natural) resources but we are not able to avail of that because our resources are not developed.

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Mayor Wants City Wind Power Feasibility Explored

BAGUIO CITY – A wind power plant Bangui-style in Baguio?

Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. broached this possibility after visiting the Bangui Bay Wind Power Project in Bangui town in Ilocos Norte during a Lakbay Aral tour last July 22-24.

The mayor said he believes that the city has its wind power potential in strategic locations that can be tapped as alternative energy source.

Officials of the Northwind Power Development Corporation which spearheaded the Bangui wind power plant led by lawyer

Ferdinand Dumlao said Baguio being the highest city in the land indeed has potential for the development of a wind power project but a feasibility study is needed to affirm this.

The mayor expressed reception to the idea and said that this would be one of the targets he will pursue in his administration.

The wind power plant located along the shorelines of Bangui bay is the first of its kind in South East Asia.

It started with 15 gigantic wind turbines for its first phase implemented on May 7, 2005 and now has a total of 20 turbines after the

completion of the second phase.

The turbines produce electricity without emitting harmful Green House gases and now has a total generating capacity of 33 megawatts.

It now supplies 40 percent of the power needs of Ilocos Norte. Its benefits the locality through taxes and a share of one centavo for every kilowattour energy produced.

The turbines are aesthetically arranged in a single row and now even serve as tourist come-on in the place opening additional livelihood opportunities to residents in the host community/ aileen p. refuerzo

In Cordillera you already have, you are already earning income and taxes from your resources. Imagine if 50% of those income directly goes to your region, plus given the fact that you have a very good tax base like CDO Baguio.", the ARMM official said.

Mastura also stressed that autonomy in Cordillera cannot be compared

with that of ARMM, as their autonomy is a product of an armed struggle which started with a Government of the Republic of the Philippines – Moro National Liberation Front (GRP-MNLF) agreement, while that of Cordillera is already provided by the constitution.

According to Mastura, CAR is lucky that the constitution already establishes CAR as an autonomous region and it is only the plebiscite that is lacking, though it seems that Cordillerans are not minding it, "Parang binabalewala".

Mastura also stressed that for Cordillera to achieve

autonomy, it must come from the "gut feeling" of the people. "Kung gusto ng tao, ng autonomy, talagang lalabas na lang ng kusa yan" he said.

He also stressed that the Cordillerans should come out of their own struggle and from the struggle among themselves, to see beyond themselves and beyond the region. Mastura also outlined the importance of the politicians/local leaders, for autonomy to succeed, as even if there are IEC campaigns to the grassroots, the autonomy bid will fail if politicians will not work or campaign for it./Lito Dar/PIA

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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People Power's Philippine Saint: Corazon Aquino, 1933- 2009

The arc of Corazon Aquino's life lent itself to maxims, but two hard-nosed ones seem particularly worth pointing out. First, political sainthood is a gift from heaven with a Cinderella deadline — once past midnight, you are a pumpkin. Second, personal virtues are never a guarantee of effective or successful governance.

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Aquino's tumultuous six-year term as President of the Philippines was that those maxims proved untrue. Midnight always threatened Aquino but never struck; and she was a good woman whose goodness alone, at the very end, was what proved enough, if only by an iota, to save our country.

To govern the country, she would need all the good will she could muster. The country was one breath away from the economic morgue, while Manila's brand of democracy was built on reeds. Aquino survived eight coup attempts by plotters who hoped to head off her liberal constitution and the return of a bicameral Congress. She took pride in her fortitude. "I have to project my confidence even more than some men do," she said early in her presidency. "No one can say that Cory did not give it her all."

After the presidency, she ran a think tank and center on nonviolence that carried her husband's name. She also every so often led public protests opposing the policies of her successors, if not her successors themselves. She led demonstrations to remind Ramos that she had promised to dismantle America's bases in the Philippines. He complied. She joined crowds that led to the overthrow the actor-politician Joseph Estrada. She also led protests against her former ally, the second woman President of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, in the wake of corruption charges against Arroyo and her husband.

The Philippines is still a raucous political hothouse. And every now and then it seems to return to the brink. But the dire days of deadly coup plots are over. Corazon Aquino died a revered figure, after an excruciating struggle with colon cancer, at Makati Medical Center.

Whenever the country appeared to be in a crisis, Cory Aquino rose above the bureaucratic procrastination that had always bogged it down, reminding her people that they once astonished the world with their bravery — and that they could do it again. But Filipinos must now take stock. Whom will we march with now that our saint has gone to meet her God? / By Howard Chua-Eoan (time.com)

What was truly shocking about



PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Councilor Aliping – “ako may bayag siya wala” !!!

BY: ODELL “BOMBITO” AQUINO



Yaan mga dear readers ang ka hanga-hangang (o di kaya ay ka awa -awa) ng mga salitang sinabi ni Konsehal Nicasio Aliping against Engr. Nazita Banez, nang nagkakagulo na sa attempted Busol demolition kamakailan lang, inyong mababasa ang buong liham ni Engr. Banez sa page 6 ng pahayagang ito sa LG Komentaryo. Talaga naman itong si Konsehal Aliping o, komedyante talaga ang abogago este abogadong ito, ngunit sana ay siya na lang ang natitirang ganitong klaseng abogadong magaling magpatawa sa IBP Baguio. Ikaw naman konsehal, obvious naman na walang bayag si Engr. Nazita Banez, kelangan mo pa bang isigaw sa lahat, sa buong media yun. Ngunit kung ang paguusapan ay pisikal na bayag aba siyepre alam naman natin na ang female sex- by anatomy ay walang bayag at ang male sex- by anatomy ay mayroon bayag. Ngunit sa salitang kolokial at salitang kalye kapag ginamit ang salitang may bayag ang ibig sabihin ay may tapang, may paninindigan, may katwiran at nasa lugar etc..., Kaya sa tutuo lang maraming mga lalake ang kung tutuusin ay talagang mga walang bayag at maraming mga kababaihan o kahit na miyembro ng third sex ang **tunay na may mga bayag**. Sa insidenteng nangyari kamakailan hingil sa attempted Busol demolition kung saan si Engr. Banez ang siyang Head ng City Demolition, malinaw na ginagawa lang naman ni Engr. Banez ang kanyang trabaho (trabaho lang Mr. May Bayag este Mr. Councilor Aliping), in fact, several years ago ay nabaril pa nga sa likuran itong si Engr. Banez in the line of official duty. Ang tanong ngayon ay yun bang ipinakitang pag-aasta nitong si Konsehal Aliping sa nasabing demolition operation ay tama, makatwiran at makatarungan o ang ipinakita niyang pag asta at pagkilos ay isang kilos na ilegal, kilos ng isang duwag, kilos ng isang pumapapel, kilos ng isang nabayaran, kilos ng isang may personal na interes, ano kaya ang kasagutan sa mga tanong ko na ito? Basahin ninyo mga dera readers ang LG Komenaryo sa page 6 at kayo ang humusga. Kayo ang magsabi kung ating I kokompara

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

God and the elections

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Pampanga Governor Among Ed Panlilio has declared to seek the Philippine presidency in 2010. In justifying his decision, Panlilio says he felt that God is prodding him to run for the presidency.

Panlilio may or may not be a good man. But whatever, it is very discomfoting that he justifies his decision to run based on a supposed God's will. That may or may not be true. However, discerning or proving whether this is really God's will or the devil's can be difficult to do.

Yet, if his running for the presidency is indeed God's will, Panlilio does not need to announce that in order to win.

Besides, in the bible we are told that God sometimes allow a phase of difficulties. We need not be over-anxious to request God a better country from God. Whatever the situation, we must simply continue to do good and do what is just and right.

If God really finds it necessary to directly intervene, he could have done that in one of the 300 years of Spanish occupation. He could have done that during one of the forty-five years of American occupation when several hundred thousand if not millions of Filipinos have died.

He could have directly intervened in one of the four years of the Japanese occupation during World War II.

Why should he directly intervene only today? He did not intervene directly when we were at our lowest points, why should he directly intervene today when we are not at our lowest point?

There is EDSA 1986. But EDSA is people's revolution. It is the people acting as a collective—or almost. Perhaps God acts in a situation when the Filipino people act in unison. That is difficult to verify or confirm though.

In the final analysis, we cannot allow any candidate or any politician to attribute to God his decision to run. We cannot verify that scientifically. That decision may be the devil's and not God's and we will be unable to know that with certainty.

We have no better recourse but to use our capability to analyze instead. Will Among Ed be really able to turn this country upside down and uphold the rule of right over wrong?

Was he able to do well in Pampanga? Archbishop Oscar Cruz of the Dagupan-Lingayen diocese said he did not. So how else can he turn this country upside down when he is not effective in Pampanga yet?

If running in Pampanga was God's will then perhaps Panlilio should consider making good in Pampanga first. More importantly, perhaps Panlilio should consider refraining from using God as a justification for filing a political candidacy. We have so many cases already that God's name or alleged will was used for political careers.

The Spaniards conquered the Philippines in the name of God. Crusades were launched to drive Muslims from their homelands. Similarly, the name of Allah was used to kill civilians and children.

Some kidnap victims of the Abu Sayyaf even claim that they were raped as the Abu Sayyaf supposedly fight for Allah. Likewise, atrocities are also committed against Palestinians in the fight that is supposedly for God's name.

It will be to the interest of God and the people if we do not use God's name in the elections. Instead, we must maintain that the elections should be a fight for platforms on the basis of a track record of service, honesty, and dedicated service.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

A Change Of Heart On The GT Service Issue?

BY: JAMES S. VALEROS



After being put on hold for almost two (2) years now due to the knightly filibustering of the then newly appointed DOTC-CAR Regional Director, Atty. Federico Mandapat, Jr., the GT or the Garage to Terminal Express Service will finally roll-on on the streets of Baguio City.

For, on 8 June 2009, citing as basis the Letter of the DOTC Secretary, Gen. Leandro Mendoza to Mr. Alfredo Gozon, OIC at that time of the DOTC-CAR, Director Mandapat came out with an Office Memorandum directing Ms. Celina B. Claver, then OIC of LTFRB-CAR and Engr. Edilberto Bungaoen, acting CTDO of same office, to now accept applications for conversion of utility vehicle (UV) to GT Express Service.

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This is rather surprising because it will be recalled that it was Dir. Mandapat who made a big howl against the conversion of vans or vehicles for hire to GT service based on the RMC Memoranda issued by the Board en banc to LTFRB Region 1 allowing GT units to operate with base of operation from towns and cities of Region 1 with Baguio City as the common terminus.

The reason given by Director Mandapat being that aside from the fact that the RMCs or Route Measured Capacities prescribed in the Memoranda of about 400 units were not based on actual survey, hence, of doubtful reliability, the DOTC-CAR which supposedly has the say and jurisdiction over portion of the routes touching and entering Baguio City and CAR was not consulted at all, thereby giving all the privilege and control to allocate units on these routes entering Baguio City to the LTFRB Region 1.

Not even then Chairman of the LTFRB, **General Thompson** Lantion, in whose honor the term **GT** was thought about (kuno), could persuade Director Mandapat to relent and give due course to the RMC Memoranda issued for LTFRB Region 1.

Many of us admired him for that. Honestly, we thought of him as the knight in shining armor ever ready to defend and protect us from the onslaught of repeat violations to our existing moratorium. How we rooted for him, in fact, when right upon assumption of office, he started to criticize, nigh castigate, not only his predecessor Director, Atty. Alfredo Mondiguig for issuing excessive franchises despite the moratorium, but also his former colleague in the City Council, Atty. Rocky Balisong, for unlawful usurpation of the power of the City Council to issue the requisite LGU recommendation for exemption to the moratorium, enabling new and additional units to enter Baguio City in violation of the moratorium under MC No. 98-026.

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Now, it appears that a change of heart may have altered the whole equation, so to speak. For, Director Mandapat did not only cause the much delayed issuance of the said Office Memorandum, he also, in the absence of an RMC prescribed for LTFRB-CAR, has come to agree with Director Patricio during the meeting of Regional Directors held in the presence of the Board en banc in Pacdal, last July 24, to share or make use of the RMC prescribed for LTFRB Region 1. And perhaps, to fast track the filing and processing of the GT applications, he will also make use of the monopolistic Resolution passed by the City Council endorsing alone the Cordillera Van Federation for exemption to the moratorium, which may be unfair and unjust to the other legitimate UV or van operators.

Fortunately in the said meeting, the LTFRB Chairman, Alberto Suansing has expressed the opinion that what is best under the circumstances, is to have a prescribed RMC based on actual survey so as to determine truly the ideal number of GT units that should serve the commuting public on the routes to and from Baguio City. Incidentally, the Chairman's opinion coincided with what we submitted as recommendation on the GT issue to the City Council's Ad

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**ABUSADONG KONSEHAL DAPAT TURUAN NG LEKSYON;
GROUND COMMANDER DURING BUSOL ATTEMPTED
DEMOLITION DAPAT MASIBAK**

Attention: Integrated Bar of The Philippines (IBP), Supreme Court (SC), Office Of The Ombudsman (OMB), Office Of The Chief PNP, Civic and Religious Groups/Organizations



Nakalulungkot ang mga ganitong pangyayari kung saan ang isang opisyal ng gobyerno (Engr. Nazita Banez) ay naninindigan at isinasagawa lang naman ng tapat ang kanyang tungkulin li na kung saan siya at ang kaniyang mga kasamahan ay ma aari pang mapasama at ma lagay sa alanganin at mag tamo ng pisikal na karahasan. Ngunit mas-nakalulungkot na ang isang duly Elected Public Official a City Councilor at that (Coun. Nicasio Aliping) an officer of the law, a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, ay nagpakita at before the general public ng isang iligal ng gawain at kahiya-hiyang pag kilos. Nakalulungkot din ang ipinakita ng PNP na malinaw na mayroon double standard ang mga klase ng mamamayan sa kanilang mga mata . Malinaw na ipinakita ng PNP na untouchable and above the law itong si Konsehal Aliping kaya hindi nila ito inaresto. Kung ang ikinilos ni Konsehal Aliping ay isinagawa ng isang ordinaryong Juan Dela Cruz siguradong agad siyang nakalaboso!!!

July 29, 2009

The Executive Department
The Legislative Department
Baguio Re-Greening Movement
The Public
All of Baguio City

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

This is a detailed chronological report of events that took place at Ambiong, Busol Forest Reservation area emanating from the implementation of valid Demolition Orders against some of the occupants thereat, on the day of July 28, 2009, the scheduled day of implementation. Likewise, please allow me to state the observations made during the activity and ventilate the City Demolition Team's overall sentiments.

The REPORT:

7:00 am Received report that barricades have been set up at all regular entry points at the subject area;

7:15 am PSS Bergonia, BCPO OIC, called in to inform that an NCIP TRO was informally given to a PNP personnel stationed as advance party in the subject area;

7:30 am Atty. Fianza, Atty. Perez, Atty Calitong, PNP representatives, City Demolition Team, converged to discuss and decide matters relative to the TRO issued by Atty Brain Masweng, NCIP. Atty Rabanes participated through cellphone.

The shared decision was to respect the TRO, despite contrary to the relative Supreme Court decision, while legal action shall be undertaken regarding the issuance;

Seventeen structures subject of the TRO were identified, leaving only five (5) to be subject of the demolition activity. There are four shanties and one on-going multi- storey structure owned by Benjamin Marcelino;

Atty Fianza stated that he will "address the barricade";

8:00 Awaiting PNP advise as to the status of security at the site;

8:15 am Advised to proceed. Force of ninety members of the City Demolition Team, seventy five were recruited from the private sector; eighty PNP personnel; four members Busol Task force from DENR, BWD and City Forestry Division; one crew-truck of the fire department; two trucks of CEPMO; vehicles of CBAO; medical services; one crew of BENECO; Commission on Human Rights, OCSWDO, were deployed to the site.

8:40 Arrival at Ambiong site and Atty Fianza was already making a speech to almost 150 members of a group thereat;

explained that only five are to be demolished and the rest are protected by the TRO. They were advised to voluntary dismantle

until 10:30.

It was reported that one structure of Aluyen, out of his two structures was being dismantled. It was further informed that the TRO of Benjamin Marcelino is being processed at NCIP.

The group's composition are not all respondents to the demolition order as proven that some arrived late in trickles. The Barangay officials and former officials of other barangays were within the barricaded line.

The group threw intimidating words against the team and unjust libelous personal words against the head of the team, the undersigned.

The demolition team kept their cool and executed maximum tolerance despite the vindictive words being hurled at our faces.

A person gave a speech to the demolition team with words of discouragement to implement. The team was dispersed by the undersigned upon hearing him. It was learned that the person was Attorney Padang.

10:20 As a matter of strategy, I ordered two sub-teams to proceed at the Brookspoint entry point. I requested PNP director Bergonia to give security to the group. He declared that Atty Fianza objected to the idea when first suggested to him by the PNP director himself. I insisted, however, PNP Chief Bergonia stated that he still needs to get clearance from the city administrator. At the end Chief Bergonia adhered to the request after getting the clearance.

10:30 The Barricade was still in full force, the mob still hurling words.

10:40 Atty. Fianza was nowhere in sight.

Engr Greg Deligero was visible at the site and in constant communication with the City Mayor thru cell phone and informing me of the Mayor's sentiments in favor of any legal strategy to implement.

Several lawyers came to the site showing the petition of Marcelino and requesting to defer the demolition and for me to receive the papers. However, they left peacefully after making them understand that I am not in the position to defer in the absence of a TRO and the letters should be received officially at CBAO. Letters were being forced to me by unknown people but they were advised to bring it to CBAO.

11:00 I informed PNP chief that it is time to implement the Order. He advised me to go ahead, however, in the formation the PNP force will be at the back of the Team and the PNP will only act if untoward incident happens. The PNP will not be the one to break the barricade.

Sensing danger for my men, I negotiated for the peaceful entry to inspect and monitor the alleged voluntary demolition and offer assistance. Engr. Deligero came to my rescue and further assured the promise for and behalf of the government.

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Failing with the negotiation, I ordered the team to force through the barricade. While giving instructions to the Team. Mrs Panayo attempted to stab me with a ballpen on my nape but was obstructed by persons nearby.

Two attempts to force the team over the barricade were made, but failed.

Finally, due to pressure from PNP Chief who sensed more and serious danger coming due to the decisiveness of the demolition team, negotiation was made and I was allowed to go through the barricade alone. There I was informed that "Atty Fianza negotiated with them earlier before leaving the site, that the TRO of Marcelino is to be awaited and committed that the team will not execute". They manifested that Atty. Fianza received and signed the NCIP petition and according to their perception this holds the implementation. I made a verification call to Atty Fianza and he stated to me "urayen jay TRO ta. Ikam ti maysa nga oras ta ifollow follow up ko met jay NCIP. Awagan. kan tu no mapirmaan" (Wait for our TRO. Give them an hour since I following it up with NCIP. I will call you when signed).

Engr. Deligero volunteered to inspect the alleged voluntary dismantling and he reported that only one structure out of five was being dismantled.

11:30 Again they were given thirty minutes to voluntarily break the barricade as a final agreement with Atty Fianza.

12:30 Informed Engr. Deligero and PNP Chief, that I will execute the Order and act on the situation as called for. They gave me a go.

Force by the team was executed to break the barrier now creating chaos.

After 3rd attempt, I requested for the fire truck to come in closer since the truck is 100 meters away and out of sight. The presence of the fire truck nearby is perceived to mitigate the tension. The fire officer refused to bring the truck near the site and stated that he has to get clearance first from the PNP chief.

After several minutes, the fire truck finally arrived. At this point, Gloria Ampaguey approached us for another negotiation. PNP chief facilitated the negotiation. The items discussed and negotiated were:

1. One shanty is owned by Edward Gumangan, (Unidentified);
2. Another shanty owned by Lucia Ampaguey (actual occupant is Bartolome);
3. A third shanty owned by Lourdes Hermogeno (actual occupant is Navarro);
4. All the above structures are to be spared for the owners are named in the TRO;
5. Certifications of ownership are to be attested by the concerned Barangay Captain
6. The spared structure owners are to observe status quo, no extensions or improvements during the pendency of the TRO;
7. Aluyen is to continue voluntarily demolishing on his own;
8. The TRO of Benjamin Marcelino is to be awaited until 2:00 pm sharp;
9. Start the demolition of Marcelino at 2 pm sharp in the absence of TRO;
10. Once started, to stop demolition upon receipt of any TRO.

1:00 The barricade was voluntarily cut and the team was divided towards the structures of Aluyen and Marcelino.

Pleas were made not to continue and to further extend the time to 3:00 pm.

Calls were made desperately to the respondent's liaison processing the TRO.

Benjamin Marcelino uttered directly to me "No ituloy yo adda maikatan ti lapayag" (If u continue, to demolish, an ear will be cut off).

He apologized later thus a compromise was made that we can start at 2:00 pm however to start with the third and second floor which were partially enclosed and unoccupied. The occupied first floor will be spared while waiting for the TRO.

The timer for 2:00 pm was the wrist watch of PNP Chief Bergonia
2:00 pm The team started the demolition starting with the second and third floor of the building. Four men physically attacked the members of the team. Stones were hurled from back and side of the building. **The PNP personnel were able to handle the situation by pulling away the perpetrators.**

2:10 **Honorable Councilor Attorney Nicasio Aliping Jr., of Baguio City, without any prior warning appeared on the third floor of the building and went running after the members of the Team and grabbing the tools of the men he can reach. He was commanding them to stop at the top of his voice. Since the third floor was only partially and thinly enclosed, I clearly saw him pick up a scaffold lum-**

ber from the floor and run after two members of my team to an attempt of hitting one laborer with the lumber. By instinct to defend morally the members of the Team, I ran up the slope adjacent to the building. An altercation then ensued between the Councilor Attorney Nicasio Aliping Jr. and I.

Prior to the appearance of Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr., the implementation of the demolition was basically manageable by the PNP security force. There was only physical resistance from four men. The owner of the structure Mr. Benjamin Marcelino was not seen to be physically resisting.

The presence at the demolition site of a councilor of Baguio City, also a lawyer, including his executed intimidating actions and words against the Team merely executing an official act, empowered the spectators to turn into a mob and became unruly.

Many men turned their attention to me and many ran towards my direction to attack me physically. Fortunately the PNP SWAT personnel were on their toes causing failed infliction of grave physical injuries or even possible death. The SWAT after great effort, were able to extricate me from the danger zone.

2:30 **Councilor Aliping further declared to the media during his interview and caught by camera and tapes the words "Ako may bayag siya wala" (I have balls, she doesn't have), and other statements against the demolition implementation, (which is believed to be ventilated and resolved in the proper venue and audience, before the implementation).**

2:50 Councilor Aliping sent me a message for a dialogue right there; however, I refused for I believe it is not the proper venue and time for a dialogue.

3:00 The team pulled out from the site due to security reasons, without a significant accomplishment.

Maximum security from the PNP SWAT was provided to the undersigned.

3:30 Reported to the City legal Office informing of the incidents and the intent of filing appropriate legal action against Councilor Attorney Nicasio Aliping Jr., and other perpetrators.

I verbally reported the incident to my direct supervisor, Engr. Oscar V. Flores, City Building Official.

On June 25, 2009, I learned that that an amount of thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) were allegedly being solicited from each respondent and even from non respondents of the Busol Demolition Orders for alleged fees to secure a restraining order.

RECOMMENDATION:

As a result, IT IS RESECTFULLY AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO:

1.) SET OFFICIALLY THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, AN ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO HANDLE THE PRE-DEMOLITION, DEMOLITION AND POST DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES.

2.) GUIDELINES SHALL LIKEWISE BE ESTABLISHED, REFERRING TO AND LOCALIZING SECTION 3: PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES, OF THE IRR GOVERNING SUMMARY EVICTION OF REPUBLIC ACT 7279.

3.) SECURE THE COLLECTIVE SUPPORT (not necessarily physical) OF THE CONCERNED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEMOLITION ORDERS

OBSERVATIONS

Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr, being an organic member of the Local Government, should be aware that the daily rate of laborers receive only a meager 332.13 pesos. His victims, which were recruited from the private sector sacrificed to earn that small amount for that day despite the danger of the job. They never ran away from the dangerous situation which started at the morning stage of the job. The poor laborers were terrified after the incident. One reported to the police and to me cryingly that his cell phone was dropped and lost when Councilor Aliping run after him.

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 10
La Trinidad,
Benguet

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

-- versus --

PRECIL J. AVILA,
Respondent-Mortgagor

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: EXF-1367

FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Republic of the Philippines S REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 10 La Trinidad, Benguet

MARIEL TACIO BARREDO,

Petitioner,

FOR CORRECTION OF GENDER IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH FROM FEMALE TO MALE

versus

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE.
Respondents.

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SP. CASE NO. 09-C4564

ORDER

OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by petitioner-mortgagee SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.) a banking institution duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at 3rd Floor, Sia Lian Ting Bldg., 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City against PRECIL J. AVILA, of legal age, Filipino, single and with residence and postal address at No. 44, Puroc Bakakeng Norte, Baguio City,

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on 3 July 2009 praying that after due notice, publication, and trial, judgment be issued directing the respondents to cause the correction of his gender from female to male in the records of the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Quezon City

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on September 23, 2009 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning

before the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested 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.

Publication Dates: July 25, August 1 and 8, 2009

EDGARDO B. DIAZ DE RIVERA, Jr
Presiding Judge

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-57426
A parcel of land (Lot PCN-131110-000013 being portion of Lots 4-0-2-B & 4-C-2-C PSD-1-008385) situated at Brgy. Pico, Mun, of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 4-C-2-A PSD-1-008385; on the NE, along line 2-3-4 by Ta cay (One Name); on the SE, along line 4-5 by Lot 4-C-3, (LBC) PSD-123985; on the SW along line 5-6-1 by Road-Right-of-Way (4.00 m wide). Beginning at appoint marked "1" on plan being S.39'E, 3647.10 m from Triangulation Station "SOUTHBASE, La Trinidad Benguet, thence:

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All sealed bids must be submitted x

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BAAGUIO CITY OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO CITY SHERIFF

FERNANDO A. TINIPAC,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. JESILINE & GODOFREDO ASTUDILLO,
Mortgagors,

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09i 39-S EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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ARP NO. 2007-01-001-79385 PROPERTY IN-

the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.
In the event the public auction should not take place on the said dates it shall be held on September 25, 2009 at the same time and place without further notice
Done this 24th day of July, 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet
FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By: (SGD) WINSTON P. DULAWAN N Sheriff IV
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DEX NO. 102-01-001-16-LO78-N006
Office of The City Assessor, Baguio City
" A residential building located at Interior 320M from San Carlos Heights Subd. Road, Irisan Brgy., Quzon Hill with a total Market value of P336,765.20 and a total assessed value of 50, 154.78 .
Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any .
All seated bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time.
Baguio City ,Philippines , July 22, 2009
By:(SDG) REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff
EDGARDO F. ANCHETA Sheriff IV
Publication Dates: Aug. 1, 8 and 15

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*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(8th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



Sabbath as a Day of Rest

If we were to pick out the four most important days in the history of humanity, they would likely be (1) creation at Eden, (2) the giving of the law at Sinai, (3) the death of Jesus at Calvary, and (4) the beginning of the new heaven and earth. The Bible clearly indicates that, at each of these events, the Sabbath was or will be observed as a day of rest.

In the beginning, God worked on the first day of the week, today known as Sunday, and rested on the seventh day, Sabbath. Since the dawn of humanity, Sabbath has been the official day of rest. Long before Abraham and the Jewish nation were born, Adam and Eve observed the Sabbath in the garden of Eden.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He has made; and He rested on the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2:1-3.

God blessed, sanctified, and rested on the seventh-day Sabbath, as described in the book of Genesis-written originally in Hebrew. The word for Sabbath in Hebrew is Shabbat, and it literally means "rest" or "intermission". God rested on the seventh day, known as the "rest day". Jews till this day welcome the Sabbath by greeting one another with the words "Shabbat Shalom", meaning "[have a] peaceful Sabbath." Furthermore, in Hebrew, only the seventh day has its own name-Sabbath. All the other days of the week are known by number as the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth days. When the first week of creation was reviewed, no special recognition was given to the first day of the week.

The apostle Paul, writing to the Hebrews about 32 years after the death of Christ on the cross, cited Genesis 2:2 as proof that the Sabbath was still in force and was to be observed by Christians. Paul explicitly states that Christians are to rest on the Seventh day of the week just as God commanded since the first Sabbath, when He rested from all His weekly labor of creation. "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise. And God did rest the seventh-day from all his works." "There remaineth therefore a rest [KJV margin says "a keeping of a sabbath"] to the people of God." Hebrews 4:4,9.

The original Greek of verse 9 states, "There remaineth therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God." Those who are God's people will observe the only day He has commanded us to keep since the beginning of time: the seventh-day Sabbath. The fact that Paul wrote this letter over 32 years after the crucifixion of Jesus, is a strong argument in favor of Sabbath observance in the Christian dispensation.

At Sinai, God explicitly commanded His people in the Ten Commandments to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest. The giving of the law was not in Canaan or Palestine, but in Sinai, a place outside Jewish territory. God may have chosen Sinai to give the law as a testimony that His law was not exclusively for the Jews, but for all humanity. Both Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 cite the Ten Commandments. According to the fourth commandment in each place, the Sabbath is a day of rest, a day on which to abstain from work, and a day to keep holy.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8,11.

God rested on the Sabbath day, but He did not rest on the first day of the week. God blessed the Sabbath day, but He did not bless the first day of the week. God hallowed the Sabbath day-He made it a holy day-but He did not make the first day of the week holy.

"Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee." "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor

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

JANET JOCELYN B. BELENO.-

Plaintiff.

-versus-

JOSEPH L REPUBLICA, LICA,

Defendant.

CIVIL CASE NO. 06-F-1496

for
DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE UNDER ART. 35 OF THE FAMILY CODE

DECISION
XXX

WHEREFORE in view of the foregoing, the Court hereby declares the marriage between the plaintiff, Janet Jocelyn B. Beleno and defendant Joseph L. Republica solemnized by Judge Eugenio A. Dacumos of the Municipal Trial Court of San Fernando, La Union on February 8, 1992 void from the beginning. The plaintiff may now revert to the use of her maiden surname, BELENO. There being no real or personal properties acquired by the parties during their cohabitation, the co-ownership is dissolved. Any property that either may acquire alter the finality of this decision and the decree of nullity having issued shall be considered as his or her own exclusive property. Neither party shall be an heir of the other, whether by testate or intestate succession and the

designation of one by the other as beneficiary in any insurance policy shall be revoked by operation of law even if the same is stipulated to be irrevocable.

The material rights and obligation of the parties towards each other is likewise terminated.

As a consequence of the bigamous marriage, their child is declared illegitimate in accordance with Art. 165, quoted herein below "Art 165. Children conceived and born outside a valid marriage are illegitimate, unless provided in this Code.

Illegitimate children, under this Article, are those conceived and born outside a valid marriage.

Thus, the following children are illegitimate:

- (1) xxx
- (2) x x x
- (3) Children born of bigamous marriages;
- (4) x x x
- (5) xxx
- (6) xxx
- (7) xxx

The rights of the illegitimate children are contained in Art. 176, quoted herein:

"Art. 176. Illegitimate children shall use the surname and shall be under the parental authority of their

mother and shall be entitled to support in conformity with this code. The legitimate child shall consist of one-half of the legitimate of a legitimate child".

Hence, pursuant to afore-cited law, the child will be known as Joenah May Beleno.

Since Summons by Publication was resorted to, let the dispositive portion of the decision be published once a week in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio Benguet.

Furnish copies of this decision to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutors' Office of La Trinidad, Benguet; the National Statistics Office, Manila; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of San Fernando, La Union; the plaintiff and counsel and the defendant.

SO ORDERED.

This 29th day of July 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR. Presiding Judge August 1, 8 & 15, 2009

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

AGERICO MANANGAN
Applicant
Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0787

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TRANCOVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 30th day of July 2009.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Busol Demolition

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to be protected against the summary demolition of their houses as the law provides that the Indigenous Cultural Communities and the Indigenous Peoples are presumed to be holders of native titles over their ancestral claims."

Masweng set a summary hearing on the application of the structure owners for the issuance of a writ of preliminary injunction on August 10.

In the same press briefing, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes said the city plans to file a contempt charge against Masweng for issuing the TRO.

He said Masweng's position was "erroneous" and his disregard of the SC decision is "contemptuous."

"Nothing can stop the ruling of the highest court of the land and the law has to take its course," he said adding that the city was pursuing the demolition not for the sake of demolishing per se but for the sake of public welfare as Busol watershed is a vital water source of the city.

Rabanes said they also decided to just file a written opposition to the 72-hour TRO and opted not to attend the hearing "to avoid any technicality that their appearance in the hearing would be treated as a waiver on their right to question the legality of the proceedings."

The dismantling operations conducted last Tuesday was met with resistance by the owners of the 33 structures eyed for destruction and by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. which resulted to a melee injuring individuals including city demolition team head Engr. Nazita Banez.

The mayor said the lull in the operations would give time to the city anti-squatting team to regroup and fine tune its strategies to make the operations more peaceful and orderly.

The Supreme Court sustained the city government's bid to demolish structures within the Busol Watershed in 2006 by reversing an earlier decision of the Court of Appeals which upheld the jurisdiction of the NCIP to issue temporary restraining orders and later a preliminary injunction to stop the implementation of the three demolition orders issued by then Mayor Braulio Yaranon for the dismantling of the illegal structures constructed by Lazaro Bawas, Alexander Ampaguey Sr. and a certain Mr. Basatan.

Structure occupants Elvin Gumangan, Narciso Basatan and Lazaro Bawas filed a petition for injunction and restraining orders before the NCIP Cordillera claiming that the lots within the watershed are their ancestral lands and that their ownership of said lots "have been expressly recognized in Proclamation No. 15 dated April 27, 1922" which declared the areas as a forest reservation.

Masweng also then granted the petition which was later upheld by the Court of Appeals.

The city government through Rabanes elevated the case to the Supreme Court contending that the NCIP has no jurisdiction to issue the restraining orders and injunction and that the city is governed by its charter and "thus, (lot occupants) cannot claim their alleged an-

cestral lands under the provisions of the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA)."

In its decision, the higher court struck down the appellate court's decision upholding the NCIP actions maintaining that the lot occupants' ancestral land claim was not expressly recognized by Proclamation No. 15 which should have justified the issuances made by the NCIP.

The court said Proclamation No. 15 "does not appear to be a definitive recognition of private respondents' ancestral land claim."/aileen p. refuerzo

Allege corruption

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port by the Department of Finance showing that P242 billion had been lost to corruption in the Bureau of Internal Revenue in 2003 alone.

In the same year, a separate report by the UN Conference of Trade and Development reported a discrepancy of US\$10 billion between recorded exports of US\$44 billion to the Philippines and official government data on the country's imports of US\$34.5 billion 2003, said Escudero.

"Officials or employees of these agencies exercise discretion. In my book, discretion in government offices is equal to corruption," he said.

"The next administration must minimize discretion to minimize corruption. Eliminate discretion and you eliminate corruption. Sadly, this administration has strayed far away from the path of good governance."

Escudero said salaries of officials and employees in these bureaus should be raised to levels that will make them think twice about engaging in corrupt practices even as lifestyle checks are done periodically to further discourage thievery in the ranks.

The alleged widespread corruption in the country, he said, has not escaped the attention of the international community.

Escudero said Freedom House in its latest report said high-level corruption in the Philippines is widespread while cronyism and influence peddling remains unchecked in government and business.

He also noted the Philippines' ranking in Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index has fallen sharply during Arroyo's presidency. In 2004, the country's rank was 102. It continued to plummet in 2005 when the Philippines was ranked 117th.

"In 2006, we were 121st. In 2007, our rank dived to 131st. In 2008, we plunged down to 141. What can be clearer proof that this administration has failed to rid, or even minimize, corruption in government," the senator said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

****SANA (Sana Naipatupad ni Arroyo)

Totoo Series

(In time for the ninth SONA of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, opposition Sen. Francis Joseph "Chiz" G Escudero presents his take on her performance in realizing her administration's avowed core agenda – food security, good governance, jobs, and education. In the SANA-TOTOO series of articles (video), Sen. Escudero contends that President Arroyo failed to deliver on her promise in all four key areas.)

LG KOMENTARYO

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Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. has a penchant of taking the Law into his hands due to the following incidents: Sometime in 2002 or 2003, while the same head, the undersigned was executing a valid Demolition Order at Marcos Highway particularly at the former Victory Liner area, he commissioned the same act of stopping the implementation on top of his voice. He then emphasized that he is a councilor and they (demolition) should follow him. He went up the roof of a structure being demolished and grabbed the crowbar of a member of the team. At Dontogan, this City, only last month, it was publicly reported over the media to have commissioned the same violative act during a demolition activity ordered by The Court. Worst, it was publicly reported that he FIRED A GUN during that demolition activity.

NO COMPLAINT NOR ARREST WAS EVER FILED OR EXECUTED FOR THAT COMMISSION OF THE CRIME.

LET HIM BE REMINDED THAT RESPECT IS GAINED, NOT DEMANDED.

APPEAL:

In every demolition and anti-squatting activities, lives are at stake, including the City Legal Office and the Anti-squatting Committee. During implementation threats are more grave when political posturing is introduced, or, may I say in some instances, when monetary considerations are introduced and in some, due to personal interest.

We, the members of the City Demolition Team are likewise human beings with a family each, voters, and constituents of Baguio City. We deserve equal protective rights. We appeal to never abuse our person and moral in the course of our job and never use our job for other intents.

We serve for the Law to be upheld. We serve not a particular person or persons, but we serve the greater public.

WE APPEAL TO THE HONORABLE BAGUIO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST THE HONORABLE MEMBER NICASIO ALIPING JR.

WE APPEAL TO THE Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) to assist in the possible application of the MOTO PROPIO Principle.

WE APEAL TO the public and the private sector to participate in their own simple ways TO SUPPORT UPHOLD THE LAW.

WE APPEAL to The Media sector to deliver the real messages of the legal actions of the Government in relation to Demolition Orders issuance and executions

COLLECTIVE ACTS SHOULD BE EXECUTED TO UPHOLD THE LAW.

THE ULTIMATE CAUSE IS PRESERVING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF BAGUIO CITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

This, I am respectfully submitting an floating for whatever actions are deemed necessary.

ENGR. NAZITA F. BANEZ
Head City Demolition Team
City Building and Architecture Office
The City Government of Baguio

Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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ang naging kilos ng dalawang opisyal na ito (between Councilor “MAY BAYAG “ Nicasio Aliping and Engr. Nazita Banez) kung sino sa kanilang dalawa ang lumalabas na walang bayag? Kung ako ang inyong tatanungin, ang linaw ng aking nakikita, malinaw pa sa silaw ng araw ng tanghaling tapat kung sino sa kanilang dalawa ang walang bayag!

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Dahil sa kakulangan ng espsyo , nais ko kayong iwanan ng ilan katanungan on the above incident: (1.) Bakit pinayagan ng kapulisan (PN) na umasta ng ganoon itong si Konsehal Aliping at hindi siya agad na inaresto ? (2.) Bakit ganoon katindi ang ipinakitang kilos nitong si Konsehal Aliping, ano talaga ang kanyang interes, motibo o pakinabang sa maipatutupad na demolisyon? (3) Ano ngayon ang gagawin ng mga kinaukulan ahensya katulad ng IBP, Supreme Court, Ombudsman , Baguio City Council kapag sinampahan na ng kinaukulan reklamo ng Linis Gobyerno itong si Konsehal Aliping, ang mga nasabing ahensiya kaya ay tata-meme na lamang at mag bubulag-bulagan o magiging old boys club and a pat on the wrist nanaman ang gagawin kay Konsehal Aliping ?

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Kagalang -galang na Engr. Nazita Banez- **KUDOS** sa iyo at **MABUHAY KA!** Makaaasa ka sa aming tapat na suporta. Magtiwala ka sa ating Mahal na Panginoon at walang sino man ang makakasira sa iyo!

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

ERNESTO CAGAY-AN
Applicant
Case No:89-01-342

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a P.U.J Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TABEYO - LABEY via TUBLAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 28th day of July, 2009.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JOSELITO LLANETA - Vendor
DANIELA L. MATEO - Vendee
Applicant
Case No:2004-BAG- CAR-361

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a P.U.J Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TUDING - MANGGA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

Fair and Square

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Hoc Committee for Transportation and Traffic but was not acted upon by the Committee, until now.

We can only hope that the LTRFB-CAR under Director Mandapat will give due course to Chairman Suansing’s opinion and adopt this as a Solomonic solution to the possible problem of limitless influx of vans under a different tag. In the first place, these vans were given vehicle-for-hire franchises by various Directors before Atty. Mandapat, in circumvention of the moratorium, hence, should likewise be questioned by him just like what he is adopting as a measure against taxi and jeepney franchises issued in violation of the moratorium from 1996 up to the time of Director Mondiguing. Otherwise, it will be iniquitous not to question the issuance of the vehicle-for-hire franchises before giving them entitlement or allowing them to convert their vehicle-for-hire franchises to GT Express Service.

And so we say, we hope that the good Director will adopt measure to control the wanton issuance of CPCs on GT Service so as to decongest the city. This is a chance for him to do what his predecessors miserably failed to do.

This is one chance the good Director, whom we know has always the best interest of Baguio City at heart, should not missed!

COMELEC ready

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ened. They will also be relieved from threat, pressure and human interventions. “Counting will be done by machines in each precinct and every precinct’s results will be transmitted electronically, so there is no need to move the ballots like before,” he said.

Velasco also confirmed that election in 2010 will definitely push through. “In a democracy, we have periodic elections and the next election is scheduled in 2010, so hindi mangyayari na walang election,” he stressed.

In her State of the Nation Address (SONA) Monday, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, also brushed aside the issue of “term extension” allegation, being instigated by her critics. The president stated that she never expressed the desire to extend herself beyond her term, which is until July 30, 2010. With all the allegations/issues being thrown by her critics, the president also stressed that she will continue to be on the job 24/7, ready for any contingency, any crisis, anywhere, anytime as the nation comes first and there is much to do as head of state – to the very last day./lito/PIA

Cerdi Naw!

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thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.” Deuteronomy 5:12,14.

Thus, God considers the Sabbath as His own day, but He does not consider Sunday as His own day. God commands us to sanctify the Sabbath, but He does not command us to sanctify Sunday. God demands that everyone, including guests and animal residing on our home property, rest on the Sabbath with us- but He does not demand that anyone rest on Sunday. God Himself rested on the Sabbath, and we are to rest too.

At Calvary, the women who were with Mary around the cross that Friday evening kept the seventh-day Sabbath as a day of rest, according to the commandment. “And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:54-56. Notice that this Sabbath observance occurred after the death of Jesus, and His disciples were still observing Sabbath as a day of rest. They would not embalm Him because the Sabbath drew on. They would rather rest on the Sabbath and then return early the next day to embalm Him-that is, on Sunday, the first day of the week.

What about heaven? Which day will be observed there? Will it be Sabbath-or Sunday? Isaiah, the “gospel prophet” of the Old Testament, writes that the redeemed will worship God on Sabbath. Sabbath will remain as the rest day in the new heavens and the new earth.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make , shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 66:22,23.

The marginal note for the above verses in the King James Version states that the original Hebrew text reads “from Sabbath to His Sabbath.” The Sabbath day belongs to God. Remember, Sabbath literally means rest. Every week, on every Sabbath rest, shall all people-not just Jews-come to worship before the Lord on the new earth.

To be continued...



COMELEC ready to automation law

BAGUIOCITY— “We are now preparing for the 2010 election and we are ready to implement the poll automation law,”. Thus stated Commission on Election Commissioner and former COMELEC-CAR director Armando Velasco, in an interview Thursday, during the closing program of Cordillera Month at the Convention Center.

According to Velasco, they are doing their best to pre-

pare for the poll automation and have already set their timetables for the preparation. “Last week we already started our training program for our regional directors. We started at the higher level, then starting next month we will move our training down from our supervisors, Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs), down to the election officers,” he said.

Velasco also stressed that

implement

COMELEC is targeting to distribute 80,000 counting machines nationwide. For Cordillera, the number of machines will depend on the number of registered voters. “We will be clustering five precincts, for every (clustered) precinct, there will be 1,000 voters,” he said.

Velasco also confirmed that with poll automation, teachers will still be tapped as BEIs but workload will be less-

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Tapuey Toast - Cordillera Executives lead by DOT-CAR Director Purificacion Molintas, DTI-CAR Director Myrna Pablo and DOH-CAR Director Myrna Cabotaje raised their indigenous drink for a toast to the success of the recently concluded Cordillera Month Celebrations. Dir. Pablo of DTI also turned over next year's chairmanship of Cordillera celebrations to Dir. Myrna Cabotaje of DOH. Art Tibaldo/DTI-CAR Info

CEISSAFP fences military reservation at Cabuyao

TUBA, Benguet – The hierarchy of Communications, Electronics and Information Systems Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines (CEISSAFP) announces the start of fencing project of the military reservation at Sitio Guisset, Cabuyao, Tuba, Benguet on July 23, 2009 in compliance to orders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The project will be implemented by personnel of 201CECOY, 2CEISG, CEISSAFP as the UPR for the activity is coordination with the Headquarters Philippine Military Academy (HPMA), Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM), the local government of Tuba thru its Municipal Engineer Office and the Provincial Government of Benguet.

The military reservation houses the Cabuyao Road Relay Station (CBY RRS) which is a unit under CEISSAFP. CBY RRS is a 7,814 hectare-plateau lot located at the peak of Mt. Cabuyao, Sitio Cabuyao, Tuba, Benguet.

On 22 February 1965, a portion of lot was excluded from the Sto. Tomas Forest Reserve (Proclamation No. 581 series 1940) by virtue of Presidential Proclamation 362 that allocates the aforementioned lot for military purpose under the administration of the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines. (CSAFP). That lot was later know as the CBY RRS entrusted under the AFP stewardship.

In March 1965, the Philippine Government allowed the US Military to establish a communication facility

by virtue of a Treaty (Exchange of Notes) dated 16 March 1965. To ensure security in the area, American Serviceman constructed two-layered fences: one measuring seven foot cyclone wire with a suspended barbed wire, and another three feet high perimeter fence which is in the outer portion of the reservation.

However, after 27 years of occupation, the US military turned over the CBY Military Reservation back to the Philippine Armed Forces when they left

all its bases in November 1992. The AFP then subsequently delegated the CEISSAFP as the realty administrator.

CEISSAFP hierarchy informs the public that the AFP do not tolerate use of the military-owned property for any private use. Many attempt to encroach into the area with the bid to take advantage of the worn out outer perimeter fence constructed by US Servicemen in 1965 to no avail. Others have claimed owner-

ship of the area but the laws prohibit private ownership of parcel of land previously under Forest Reserve, then further excluded purposely for military use.

The AFP thru CEISSAFP further declare the AFP's strong stance against squatters, land grabbers and bogus individuals who present themselves as the owners of Cabuyao Military Reservation and offer portions of

lots for sale.

Concerned individuals who have knowledge of any transactions that involve mutual agreement, sale of lease of the military reservation at Cabuyao, please report to nearby Police Station, or to Headquarters, 201CECOY, 2CEISG, CEISSAFP at 442-2201 local 3130 or text 09064590175. / Cpt. Mario G. Recentes/ 2CEISG/CEISSAFP

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