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Fight vs Online Libel goes to the UNHCR

(Baguio City)- Harry Roque files petition vs Cybercrime law Last Tuesday, while in Baguio City for their summer session, the Supreme Court denied all the Motions for Reconsideration on Online Libel which it upheld in its Feb. 18, 2014 decision.

It will be recalled that in its Feb. 18 decision, the High Court struck down as illegal the authority given to the Department of Justice to restrict or block access to any online post which it deemed violating the law without any court order.

But it upheld the constitutionality of the online libel that increased the penalty twelvefold. From a minimum punishment of six months imprisonment under the Revised Penal Code, the Cybercrime Prevention Law increased it to six years. The maximum punishment was doubled from six to twelve years in prison.

In our Motion for Reconsideration last month, we reiterated our position that libel, as a criminal offense, under the Revised Penal Code is unconstitutional.

We also contended that with the Cybercrime Law, the Philippine government violated its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

The UNHRC cited this covenant when it declared in the case of Davao journalist Alexander Adonis (who was convicted and imprisoned for libel filed by then Congressman Prospero Nograles) that the libel provisions of the Philippines do not conform with the standards set in Article 19 paragraph three of the ICCPR of which the Philippines is a signatory.

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It now final the cyber on line libel law is in place./Photo by ucanews.com

Patay kayong mga facebook at kahawig na on line cyber komentarists, baka sumabit kayo sa On Line Libel. Anim (6) hangang labing dalawang taon (12) ang kulong !!!

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Domogan Offers Solutions on Demolition of Houses at Palma-Urbano

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and barangay officials of Palma-Urbano discussed on Tuesday possible solutions and actions to resolve the issue with the settlers in a land owned by the city planned as site for a barangay hall.

In the meeting, Domogan sought further discussions to get views of all agencies, including those of the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO), Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) and the settlers.

Punong barangay Alberto Reyes said the need to build a barangay hall is made practical by Palma-Urbano's having to shell out P14,000 every month as rental for the community service center it is presently occupying. That money, he added, could be used instead for social services.

Reyes said another difficulty is that the population of the informal settlers increased and it has made the settlement with them more complicated.

The mayor said the parties can look into the possibility of relocating the settlers in an area they can eventually pay for.

A follow-up meetings with all the parties involved could be scheduled next week or the following week, the mayor said./Dina Cardaño.

City Sets Rules Governing Bicycle Operations and Maintenance at Burnham Park

BAGUIO CITY - Burnham Park is one of the city's premier tourist destination known in the world. One of the attractions and "come on" factors of the park among youth and children is the bicycle rides.

However, all bike operators are doing business both for adults and kiddie bikes causing chaos in the biking lanes.

"It is high time that the city government here to institutionalize the rules and regulations governing the operation and maintenance of bicycles at Burnham Park for its sustainable tug and pull factor among the youth and children sectors

in terms of wellness, safety and fun and ultimately the basis of implementation and enforcement by all concerned stakeholders. Thus, I issued Administrative Order No. 045," said Mayor Domogan.

In the order, the policy on regulation and control are as follows:

The city government will have a full control, supervision and jurisdiction over bicycle concessionaires' operations and maintenance at the Burnham Park; such that all activities, facilities will be subject to control, regulation and licensing by the city government;

The Certificate of Registration/License to operate, maintain, estab-

Sandiganbayan Issues Hold Departure Order vs. Corona, Chavit

The Sandiganbayan third division has issued separate hold departure orders (HDOs) against former Chief Justice Renato Corona and former Ilocos Sur Governor Chavit Singson.

The court said the HDOs are necessary to preserve and maintain the effectiveness of its jurisdiction over the cases.

In both orders, the anti-graft court directed the Bureau of Immigration to hold the departure from the Philippines of the accused "which is necessary to preserve and maintain the effectiveness of its jurisdiction over the cases and the persons of the accused at all times amenable to its writs and processes."

Corona, who became Supreme Court Chief Justice in 2010, was removed by the Senate impeachment tribunal in 2012 for failing to fully disclose his assets in his Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net worth (SALN). Corona and his wife, Cristina, are accused of illegally amassing over P130 million worth of assets. They are facing 8 counts of perjury and 8 counts of violation of Republic Act 6713.

Meanwhile, the case against Singson is based on the petition filed by Save Ilocos Sur Alliance chairperson Estelita Cordero, who alleged that Singson and his successor, Deogracias Victor Savellano, during their respective incumbencies, released a total of P26,060,500 for an allegedly shady firm, Multi-Line Food Processing International, Inc. (MFPPi). Singson is under trial for violation of Republic Act 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act./ANC

lish or conduct bicycle operation will remain valid for one year from date of issue, unless sooner revoked by the city and/or subject to the condition that operators will vacate their areas of operations upon request of the city government in the implementation of Burnham Park development plan;

No leasing or subleasing will be allowed;

Kiddie and adult bicycle operators are prohibited to expand his allocated area, to construct, introduce structure/s, park furniture, additional appurtenances, umbrella and features in their leased areas without securing consent and approval from the City Environment and Parks Management Office;

Bike operators will select

only one line of business, either Adult or Kiddie Bike Operators;

To minimize accidents, the Biking Lane will be exclusively for adult bikers while the Jose Abad Santos Street will be for kiddie bikers;

The premises assigned both for kiddie and adult bikers are subject to site relocation within the park reservation when deemed necessary by the city without prior notice; The concessionaires will provide their own signboards following the specifications prescribed by the city;

Adult bicycle operator is allowed only for maximum of 15 bicycle units plus two reserve, while the kiddie bicycle operator is allowed for maximum of 30 units plus two units reserve;

Any excess unit found during the periodic inspection by the CEPMO will be automatically subjected for confiscation by the inspection team and the operator is willing to safe keep at the Burnham Park Office until such time that it will be redeemed by the operator after paying P10,000 per unit;

No fabrication of bi-

City to Speed up Investigation for the Issuance of Tree Cutting Permits

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will speed up the investigation and preparation of report for the issuance of tree cutting permits for dead trees on public lands which are causing imminent danger to life and property. This was disclosed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during his weekly news forum last Wednesday.

"I directed City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacasamana and Executive Assistant Camilo Estepa to speed up the investigation and issuance of tree cutting permits for dead trees to prevent accidents as what happened recently at Lourdes Subdivision Extension," said Mayor Domogan.

A dead aguho tree accidentally fell down last week along Lourdes Subdivision Extension damaging a Kia Pride taxi and injuring its two passengers.

During the executive-legislative meeting last Monday, CEPMO Officer Lacasamana said, "The owner of the tree requested for a tree cutting permit and the matter was referred to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office for appropriate action way back 2008 since said tree was still alive then."

Thus, Mayor Domogan instructed Lacasamana to forward all the documents to his office to straighten the records.

The mayor clarified the rules and procedure governing applications for a tree cutting permit.

He said an applicant can request for an emergency tree cutting permit at the City Mayor's Office or at the CEPMO. Subsequently, an evaluation and inspection will be done by a composite team for possible recommendation, after which, the city will issue the tree cutting permit with a corresponding fee.

If an applicant is requesting to cut a live tree within his property, the city will issue a clearance and forward the matter to the CENRO for the issuance of tree cutting permit. The city can issue permit to a cut live tree if the same poses imminent danger to life and property./Jho Arranz

cycle frame (any size frame) to smaller frame to suit for kiddie bikers or vice versa by both the adult and kiddie bike operators;

An operator found violating the "17/32 policy" or more than once and/or other provisions of the lease contract will be sufficient cause for the city government to extra judicially cancel the permit/lease contract and there upon for the concessionaires to voluntarily vacate the premises, failure in which the city government will clear the remises without need of court action;

The space vacated will offered to the general public but not to his/her kin within the 4th degree of consanguinity and affinity.

The rules on Business Decorum/Sanitation, Customer's Safety and Vicinity Make-Up, are as follows:

Bicycle operators and workers will maintain at all

times courteous and harmonious relationship with the general public;

Bicycle operators are responsible to maintain the sanitation, cleanliness and beautify their immediate environs in terms of landscaping up to five meters radius from their maintained shed. However, all improvements to be introduced will be with prior consent and approval of the CEPMO;

Bicycle operators will continue to benchmark with other biking operators in the country as basis to improve its operational services and amenities;

Major repair of bicycles will not be undertaken by the operators within the perimeter of its leased premises;

Sleeping within the shed or its environ by operators and workers and/or by the general public is not allowed;

Bicycle operators are

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Licensing Office to Compel Establishment Owners Without Business Permits in 2 Barangays

BAGUIO CITY - It is remembered that the barangay officials were earlier directed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan to conduct inventory of business establishments operating with and without securing business permits and to submit the same to the Mayor's Office to be used as basis and reference of the city in monitoring business establishments operating in the city.

As of this writing, two barangays submitted their reports at the Mayor's Office.

Punong Barangay George Saguid, Jr. of San Luis Village reported that out of the 126 establishments inspected, there were 69 business establishments that were found to be without business permits. While PB Andres Rimorque, Jr. of Upper Q.M. reported that out of the 118 establishments inspected, there were 10 business establishments operating without business permits.

Thus, Mayor Domogan issued memorandum no. 083 to the Officer-in-Charge and Licensing Officer Janet Aguirre of the Permits and Licensing Division of the Mayor's Office to compel and require establishment owners who were found to be without business permits to secure the same immediately. Otherwise, his office will be constrained to initiate appropriate actions.

In the memorandum, Aguirre will submit a report on the actions taken by the Permits and Licensing Division within 15 days./Jho Arranz

Region-Wide Powwow on Autonomy on April 30

Some 1,000 sector representatives from the Cordillera, including most if not all of the seven congressional representatives of this upland region, will converge on April 30 at the Baguio City National High School in a renewed effort towards the crafting and filing of a fourth bill that, hopefully, would finally flesh out autonomy for the highlands of northern Luzon.

The day-long summit, coming 27 years after the 1987 Constitution mandated the creation of autonomous regions in the Cordillera and Muslim Mindanao, was set by the congressional representatives, governors, members of the Regional Development Council and other leaders of the region in a meeting last March 11, according to regional director Mila Rimando of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Rimando said the summit which opens at 8:00 a.m. will focus in inputs from the governors of the six provinces, mayors

Mauricio Domogan of Baguio and Ferdinand Tubban of Tabuk, Kalinga, together with representatives of non-government organizations, the media and the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives based on consultations conducted with their constituents and sectors.

Advocates for self-rule expressed hopes all of the seven congressional representatives would attend to give their responses to the inputs culled from consultations done in the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Mt. Province and Kalinga.

Since not everybody would have the time to present inputs, Rimando advised sector representatives to submit their papers to the secretariat for submission to the Cordillera representatives to Congress.

Baguio Rep. Nicasio Aliping, who is hosting the powwow with mayor Domogan, explained that the Cordillera solons had agreed to craft a new autonomy bill based on the

Lawmaker Presses De Lima: Make List Public now!

Expose and charge Napoles clients. Clear the innocent.

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano on Friday reiterated his call to Justice Secretary Leila de Lima to immediately make public the affidavit executed by detained businesswoman Janet Lim Napoles on the P10-billion pork barrel scam.

Cayetano is asking Sec. De Lima to also verify if people on the list are in fact guilty and are clients of Napoles, or if their names are simply being dragged into the controversy.

"Ito na ang sinasabi ko nung isang araw na habang hindi nilalabas ang affidavit ni Napoles, maraming mga listahan ang maglalabasan, guguluhan ang issue, at yung mga guilty ang makikinabang. Ito na nga ang nangyayari," Cayetano stressed.

"Kaya ngayon nagagamit pa nila napoles at yung mga ibang akusado ang kaguluhan para mawala ang atensyon sa mga kaso nila."

Cayetano said that as early as August last year, he already said the books of his office are open to the scrutiny of the Commission on Audit (COA) for any irregularity.

"Let me state once again: Not a single centavo of PDAF from my office went to a Napoles or any other fake NGO. Everything went directly to the people. In fact, as early as August of last year, I wrote the COA to audit the books of my office and I am confident that they will find no irregularity," he stressed.

"Hindi po ako natatakot harapin ang sambayanang Pilipino dahil wala pong katotohanan itong lumabas sa Tribune."

Cayetano said that before the pork scam issue gets muddled even further, the Filipino people should have a face-to-face with Napoles through the Senate so that she can speak and be cross examined.

"Let us also be wary of black ops and character assassination attempts against the whistleblowers. Evidence is damning, so all that is left is for the guilty to muddle the issue and hope for an ally in the Palace in 2016," he said./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

inputs during the grassroots and provincial consultations and on the two previous organic acts.

Following the summit, Aliping said, the Cordillera solons will set up a committee to help them draft the new measure which will also take into account some of the provisions of House Bill 5595, which was drafted by a committee headed by Domogan on commission from

the RDC and filed during the previous Congress.

The two previous organic acts were rejected in two plebiscites, partly, as per feedbacks, to a weak information campaign and understanding of autonomy, and in the weakening or "mangling" by Congress of the original draft prepared by the Cordillera Regional Consultative Commission.

"That was the



"IN THE EYES OF A CHILD" – Winning piece 'Save a drop, save the world' painted by Kiara Ashley Tenebrancia during the Down-to-Earth Rock Painting Contest is displayed during awarding ceremonies in City Hall April 21./ Photo by paul rillorta

Mayor Hopes Council Speeds up Approval of City Environment Code

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday expressed hopes that the City Council will fast-track the approval of the City Environmental Code here.

This as some sectors feel the approval of the Environmental Code is not being pushed.

Domogan said, "his administration since day one has been very supportive of the immediate approval of the code stating that it should be 'prioritized'.

"We are hoping that the City Council will tackle the Environmental Code soon," he said.

The local government is confident that the crafted 'Environmental Code' can address the rapid urban sprawl the city is currently facing.

The code is a compendium of all environment-related ordinances enacted by the Sangunian which focuses mainly on conservation, protection, enhancement, utilization and rehabilitation of the city's environment including the management and administration of its natural resources.

Drafting of the code started three years ago by the Environmental Code Committee spearheaded by former City Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, City Budget Officer Leticia Clemente, City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana, Architect Donna Tabangin, LMS-DENR-CAR Helma Aboy and Susan Nisperos-Nool and Atty. Kristoffer Lee Dance.

It passed through a series of consultations with the different sectors to facilitate knowledge exchange and was presented for review last year.

The Committee anchored the code to benefit present and future inhabitants of the city, ensuring that it remains as an eco-cultural tourist destination as stated in its declaration of policy.

The code includes more attention on high-risk areas mainly the protection and management of lands within the city focusing on protected areas covering national parks, natural monuments, natural parks, protected landscapes, resource reserves, strict nature reserves and wildlife sanctuaries.

Also emphasized in the drafted code is the liability of a barangay official who tolerates and fails to report illegal construction activities and squatting in their areas of jurisdiction.

Domogan said, "an important provision of the code is the protection of the remaining forest reserves which acts as the city's water shed."/paul rillorta

Culture trap?

The Internet carried this week a riveting article titled "Trapped Between Cultures—Neither Filipino Nor American." The author is Dr. Eugenio Amparo, who has lived in the United States since 1974 when he started residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Now Amparo is retired. "I find time to contemplate [issues ranging from] quantum mechanics to the history of the bra," which has led him to an "uncomfortable conclusion." Neither Filipino nor American, he is "trapped between cultures."

A 2012 head count shows 14,785 Filipino physicians in the United States—a distant second to Indians. And 2,952 Filipino nurses took US licensure exams from January to September 2013—up by nearly 11 percent.

Nurses have a recent face. In his 2013 State of the Union Address, US President Barack Obama said: "When Hurricane 'Sandy' plunged New York University Langone Medical Center into darkness, nurse Menchu Sanchez from the Philippines didn't think of her own home... Her mind was on the 20 newborns in her care." The "rescue plan" she organized—taking babies down eight flights of stairs—kept them all safe.

As a child in Iloilo City, Amparo recalls dreaming of America: cars, supermarkets, snow. "Now, I have a BMW and a Mercedes-Benz in a three-car garage; a refrigerator full of food; and obesity. Add loneliness. I miss the Philippines."

When he visits, "I envy the close family and friendship ties." His first cousins are scattered in Metro Manila. Sundays, they lunch together in Quezon City. "By contrast, I can count on the fingers of one hand the times I met, in the past 10 years, with my brother in Virginia and sister in Oregon."

Amparo's daughter lives in San Francisco—a two-hour drive from his home. They

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to see them once a week.

"Americans are too busy." The world's greatest economic power also has the loneliest people with a very high prevalence of depression. "I am not American enough to resign myself to loneliness, as a consequence of a rugged individualism..."

The solution? Retire in the Philippines? But it takes almost two hours to drive 13 kilometers from the University of the Philippines in Quezon City to the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) in Manila. You can barrel 104 kilometers from Sacramento to San Francisco in the same time. "I'm no longer Filipino enough to be patient with Manila traffic."

Dealing with the US Department of Motor Vehicles or Internal Revenue Service can be frustrating. But it is done without bribes. "Our medical school alumni association donated a cargo container of supplies for [PGH]. It was confiscated by Customs and released only after politicians intervened."

"I am no longer Filipino enough to ignore the chasm between rich and poor. A few minutes from Manila Polo Club, street children beg for coins. In the provinces, an unnerving darkness swallows up the small villages. I'm now too American to ignore all this, although I barely noticed it when I lived in the Philippines."

"As a child I was so dirty and had to be periodically dewormed... My stomach has become too American, but I still long for bamboo shoots, hearts of palm, dinuguan, lechon, and talaba."

What gnaws is the emergency services gap. America lulls you into the feeling that police, firemen or paramedics are a 911 call away. "I don't see how an ambulance can possibly make it through Manila traffic." You bump into armed guards outside gated communities, even in a noodle restaurant. "It seems no one expects the police to be of any help against criminals."

That's a partial profile of the diaspora. Filipino doctors and nurses also serve in Asean countries, the Middle East, Europe. While touring a cardiac center in Bedfordshire, Britain's 91-year-old Prince Philip turned to a Filipino nurse and cracked: "The Philippines must be half-empty. You're all here running the National Health Service."

Today, the Philippines licenses 89,000 nurses who graduate from 491 schools. Another 4,500 new doctors are turned out by 38 medical schools, not to mention 1,240 dentists. But some will join an average of 3,568 Filipinos who migrate daily today. Given half the chance, 19 out of every 100 would scam for good, Pulse Asia surveys found.

Medical services here remain skewed. Private health facilities, considered by clients as providing better services, were heavily used by patients from higher-income groups (about 15 percent) than from the penurious (about 5 percent), the Asian Development Bank notes.

The poor trek to rural health units and village health stations. Despite heroic efforts like Doctors to the Barrio programs, they provide shabby service: "Diagnosis is poor; resulting in repeat visits. Medicines are inferior and rarely available. And politicians try to bore into contracts for supplies—and threaten doctors who balk. So, many altruistic qualified doctors quit."

In a country where legislators gorge on pork barrel, the total health expenditure per capita stands at 3.9 percent of GDP. Contrast that with the Western Pacific regional average of 6.1 percent. There have been attempts at innovative reforms, such as health-sector public-private partnerships, among others.

Migration, however, seeks out talent across the board. Three of our five children have migrated: a pilot, a lawyer, and a United Nations official. That's par for the course.

Health personnel who stay don't begrudge those who scoot. Ever homesick migrants pay back in service to the poorest in their countries of adoption. Dr. Eugenio Amparo, we're sure, is one of those who "bloom wherever they are planted." That service remains to be documented more fully. /Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com



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MILF PEACE PACT: WHAT IF...?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



(The author was formerly GRP Peace Panel Chairman, Presidential Peace Adviser and Presidential Adviser for Mindanao under former Presidents Ramos and Arroyo.)

There are many questions that since have arisen after the signing of the comprehensive agreement for the Bangsamoro (CAB). Most of them are questions projecting worse case scenarios. Or are just plain and simple apprehensions of people who want to see the CAB succeed. It may be helpful if we confront those questions this early so we know how to deal with them when the time comes. Here are some "what if" scenarios (I refer to them as obstacles that we must hurdle) and some practical recommendations to deal with them. I do not wish to appear presumptuous. These are my own preliminary thoughts and given for whatever they may be worth. Some, I admit, may be misplaced. I am sure there are many out there who can further enhance or suggest more scenarios.

I am listing those "obstacles" with some personal recommendations on how to "hurdle" them.

A) CONGRESSIONAL — What if Congress will not approve "en toto" (in its entirety) the agreement that was a product of long and tedious negotiations between the government and the MILF that spanned about 17 years?

What if Congress writes its own version of a peace deal and will change, alter or vary substantive provisions of the CAB in the proposed basic law — as what Congress earlier did in the laws that implemented the MNLF Tripoli peace agreement of 1976 and the final peace agreement of 1996 which MNLF's Nur Misuari denounced?

What if the MILF will not agree to the changes or alterations or enhancements that Congress will unilaterally approve —

given that the tedious negotiations crafted precise language and provisos that were mutually acceptable taking into account their respective negotiable and non-negotiable positions?

Recommendation: DURING CONGRESSIONAL DELIBERATIONS, THE MILF MUST BE INVOLVED SOMEHOW SO THAT THE FINAL APPROVED VERSION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. SOME SORT OF A "NEGOTIATIONS TABLE" BE OPENED BY CONGRESS TO CONTINUE ENGAGING WITH THE MILF DURING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ASSURE THAT THE MILF WILL NOT "WALK AWAY" OR REJECT IT WHEN THE LAW IS PASSED. MILF MUST ALSO TELEGRAPH SOMEHOW TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, ESPECIALLY IN THE BANGSAMORO, THAT THE CAB IS "INCLUSIVE" AND NOT INTENDED TO DISLODGE THEM POLITICALLY OR FOR THE MILF TO ENTRENCH ITSELF AT THEIR EXPENSE.

B) CONSTITUTIONAL — What if legal action is filed in the Supreme Court questioning the CAB — with initial noises about constitutional issues now being raised?

What if the case drags or its resolution delayed in the Supreme Court — knowing how long cases are resolved?

What if the Supreme Court declares partly or wholly the CAB or the organic law as unconstitutional — as what happened in the MOA-AD in 2008?

Recommendation: KNOWING MILF'S PRINCIPLED STAND OF NON-ADHERENCE TO THE PHILIPPINE LEGAL PROCESSES AND THEREFORE

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Release Napoles affidavit now, Lacson urged

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... the truth shall make you free..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in John 8:32, the Holy Bible).

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RELEASE NAPOLES AFFIDAVIT NOW, LACSON URGED: If Rehabilitation Secretary and former Senator Panfilo Lacson is really concerned that the list of congressmen and senators who have been implicated in the "tell all" affidavit of Janet Lim Napoles would not be sanitized to remove the names of the allies of President Aquino, then he should do the most obvious thing to do to prevent such "sanitation" from happening.

As my co-anchor Vic Somintac and I urged last Thursday, April 24, 2014, during our Mondays to Fridays 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. program "Tambalang Batas at Somintac" over radio station DZEC, 1062 kHz, Lacson should now immediately release the details of the affidavit of Napoles which was given to him, especially the names of the lawmakers and the other officials who were linked by her to the P10 billion pork scam.

Lacson owes it not just to the Filipino people to disclose right away the contents of the Napoles affidavit, but more so to himself if he wants to maintain his claim as a "no-nonsense, anti-pork barrel, and fearless crusader" against graft and corruption and criminality, and especially to God, who will ultimately judge him and all mankind.

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NAPOLES AFFIDAVIT ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE: There is no legal obstacle to Lacson's releasing the contents of the Napoles affidavit, even if, as he claimed, his copy was not signed by her, has not been notarized, and is actually wanting in many other details. In fact, that affidavit, even if unsigned and unnotarized and still incomplete, can be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding.

We must remember that it was Napoles herself and her family which submitted it to Lacson, in an attempt to disclose the details of the P10 billion pork scam. It was the Napoles family which sought out Lacson for this purpose. It was the Napoles family which prepared the affidavit, consisting of about one-fourth ream of coupon bond (more or less 125 pages, if one ream consists of 500 pages or pieces).

Then, the details of the Napoles affidavit given to Lacson came from the Napoles family. In addition, supporting documents and other evidence, including a USB containing a phone conversation involving a public official, were also submitted by them to Lacson. In short, the affidavit contains factual details which only Janet Napoles and her family could know, so that, ultimately, that affidavit contains the truth about the case.

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FILIPINOS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW: In using the Napoles unsigned and unnotarized affidavit as evidence, Lacson will not be bound by the hearsay rule in evidence. This is because of the fact that the affidavit contains admissions against Napoles' interest, which is an exception to the rule that a person can testify only on facts that he has personal knowledge of, and not of facts which came or he merely heard from another person.

What is more, the affidavit could also be admitted in court, even if unsigned and unnotarized, as "part of the res gestae", which is to say, a narration or statement of facts made in the course of an event, incident, or on the occasion of a raging controversy.

Withal, Lacson should now release to the public the full affidavit of Napoles. It is to the greater interest of truth and public well-being that this should be done. The people has a right to know what Napoles stated in that affidavit, particularly her list of lawmakers and other

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Mga Opisyaes na kotsaba sa Illegal Logging!!! May Jueteng daw at iba pang mga sugal sa Munisipyo ng Itogon???

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Mga Opisyaes na walang pake sa Illegal Logging!!!-Talaga nga naman oo, napakarami sa ating mga kasalukuyan opisyaes jan sa DENR at sa PNP ang ubod ang **tatanga at ang bobobo, AS IN BOBO-BOBO-TANGA & TANGA**, at bakit ko naman nasabi ito? Para sa konting halaga, konting kwalta sila ay nagpapalusot at sumasama pa kung minsan sa mga lakaran ng mga illegal loggers. Hindi po ba kabobohan at katangahan ang tawag sa isang taong nag bubulag-bulagan, kumokonsente at sumasapi pa kung minsan sa mga illegal loggers? Hindi ba alam ng mga **UNGAS** na ito that it takes 50 years for a tree to grow and only 5 minutes to cut it down! Hindi ba alam ng mga ito ang importansya sa ating kalikasan ng mga puno, maging sa prevention of soil erosion, clean air etc..., at sa kabuuang ecological balance na idudulot ng puno na kakailanganin nang mga mga susunod na henerasyon, maging ang ating mga anak, apo at iba pang mga mahal sa buhay. Eh bakit kaya para sa konting kwalta, itong mga desperadong mga taga **DENR, CENRO, PROSECUTONGS** este **PROSECUTORS** at mismong **HUES (Mahistrado, Judge)** ay nagpapalusot ng mga **UNGAS** na illegal loggers? Katawa -tawa pa nga sapagkat yun isang opisyaes ng PNP may kapatid pa mismo sa Cenro na isa rin Fortester, ikaw talaga bata, sinabihan ka na at kinausap ka na, na huwag ka maging protektor, ngunit sa kakitiran ng iyong utak at kasuwapangan mo ay wala kang pinalalampas dala lamang ng OPM (O Promise Me) sayo ng kahonchaba mong illegal logger. Yun isa naman opisyaes ng Militar na kakonchaba rin ay nagtapos pa sa isang prehistosyong akademya na supposed to be ay ang mga nagtapos dito ay hindi kasing kitid mo ang utak, Oh - Y, Oh - Y, bakit kayo ganyan Lt. Col???

Kung sabagay hindi na natin kailangan pang isipin kung bakit ganyan ang mga opisyaes na ito, kung sabagay ganuan sila katakaw at ka desperado para sa konting kwalta!!! Ngunit sigurado ko na aking masasabi na hindi nila mahal ang kanilang mga anak, apo etc., sapagkat kung mahal nila ang mga ito ay magkakaruan sila ng malasakit para sa mga susunod na henerasyon, eh ang problema ay wala silang ni katiting na malasakit sa mga susunod na henerasyon. Kaya kami sa Linis Gobyerno, mayroon kaming naisip na sa aming palagay ay posibleng maging isang epektibong solusyon para sa mga **UNGAS** na konsintedor at protektor ng mga illegal loggers, abangang ninyo at antayin ninyo kung magiging epektibo ang ating mga naisip na solusyon at akin rin ihahayag sa kolum ko na ito and of course sa online network natin on environmental welfare and concerns kung saan ipinararating natin ang mga karumaldumal na aksyon ng mga opisyaes na ito. **MABUTI NA LANG AT WALA AKONG ALAM NA MGA GANITONG URING OPISYAES SA BAGUIO AT CAR SAPAGKATANG AKING KUWENTO AY TUNGKOL SA IBANG LUGAR!!! HI! HI! HI! AGAAMOTAYON!!**

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DOST Brings "Iba na ang Panahon" Info Campaign to Regions

BAGUIO CITY - In response to the hazards and calamities being brought by climate change, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is spearheading a government inter-agency program called Science for Safer Communities (S4SC) which aims to promote S&T - based information materials and tools that could help local communities in terms of disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM).

Main component of the S4SC is an information and communication campaign dubbed "Iba na ang Panahon" with the goal of equipping local government units down to the municipal level, with knowledge and know-how on disaster preparedness.

DOST - CAR Assistant Regional Director for Administration Rowena Madarang explained that the "Iba na ang Panahon" is a two-pronged information campaign slogan anchored on, "changes in time" - from old tools to S&T - based information tools in designing DRRM plans, and on "Climate Change" effects which compel people to be more prepared for hazards to ensure safer communities.

Madarang disclosed that the "Iba na ang Panahon" info campaign for the Cordillera region is set on May 8 and 9. Expected participants are the governors, municipal/city mayors and local DRRM officers in the region.

The DOST and the Project NOAH (Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazard) group will share information, tools, and technologies which include hazard maps, websites and applications, that are crucial in preparing disaster risk reduction plans for their respective communities.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Mapping and Resource Information Authority will share their maps; the Department of National Defense - Office of Civil Defense will help local governments prepare their disaster plans using DOST's tools and technologies, while and the Department of Interior and Local Government will mobilize local chief executives to participate in the campaign and come up with disaster risk reduction plans./JDP/CCD with Kristal Castillo-PIA CAR

Attention P/Chief Insp. Fernando Botangen, Chief of Police Itogon, Benguet- Sir, as the concerned PNP Official, mayroon kaming mga concerned members who happen to be residents of Itogon, Benguet na nagparating sa amin na lagapan daw ang operasyon (kobrahan) ng Jueteng sa iyong munisipyo, tutuo ba ito Mayor? Apo, sana naman ay hindi ito tutuo, sapagkat tunay na nakalulungkot ang ganitong sitwasyon kung saan patuloy ang isang operasyon ng iligal na pasugalan! Maliban pa sa Jueteng ay, mayroon pa raw mga ibang pasugalan na katulad ng drop ball? Ay naku Apo, I hope na haka-haka lang ito at walang basehan. Pero huwag kayong mag alala APO, padadalhan namin kayo ng supporting research hingil dito kung tutuo nga na mayroon nagaganap na kobrahan sa iyong Munisipyo at ating aantabayanan ang iyong magiging aksyon kung mayroon man kayong gagawing aksyon, and if there is no action on your part you can rest assure na ipararating namin ang aming research and documentation sa tanggapan ni PDG Purisima, Napolcom at sa OMB for the Military! Walang personalan SER, ika nga ng adviser namin na si Manong Bungo!!!

Republic of the Philippines
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First Judicial Region
Branch 62
La Trinidad, Benguet

NATIONAL POWER

ADMINISTRATIVE Case CORPORATION and POWER

No. SECTOR ASSET AND 14-AD-1501 LIABILITIES

MANAGEMENT CORP.,

Plaintiff,

FOR:
-versus

CANCELLATION TITLE

HEIRS OF PEDRO LAMPITAO namely ISNIB LAMPITAO, ET.AL.,

Respondents.

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ORDER

For resolution is petitioner's *Motion for Service of Summons Through Publication* praying that an order be issued directing summons through publication upon Heirs of Pedro Lampitao and upon other persons claiming rights under them.

The private respondents named in the petition upon whom service of summons by publication is sought are the Heirs of Pedro Lampitao are "Isnib Lampitao, Antonio Lampitao, Agustin Lampitao, Rosenda Lampitao, Picad Lampitao and Samenia Lampitao and all other person claiming rights under them." According to par. 4 of the petition, the present addresses of these per-

sons are unknown to the plaintiffs and could not be determined despite diligent inquiry.

In its *Motion for service of Summons Through Publication*, petitioner likewise alleged that based on the Sheriff's Report on Service dated 29 January, it appears that the aforementioned heirs of the deceased Pedro Lampitao are now deceased [see par. 2 Motion] The Sheriff's Report aforementioned [at p. 34, record), states that the Sheriff went to Binga, Itogon, Benguet purposely to serve the Order of this court dated January 17, 2014 and the Notice of Hearing as well as the petition upon the respondents named therein, and they talked to a certain July Lampitao.

The Sheriff's Report specifically stated further as follows:

"x x x Mr. July Lampitao, informed the undersigned that all the heirs of Pedro Lampitao whose name appears and were stated above are all deceased."

Under the foregoing circumstance, particularly the death of the named heirs of Pedro Lampitao as attested to by July Lampitao, one of the heirs of said deceased; and the fact that the other heirs, if any, are unknown and cannot be ascertained with diligent inquiry, court finds that the remedy outlined under Section 14, Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Court, service of the aforementioned documents particularly the Order of this court dated January 17, 2014, the Notice of Hearing and the petition, may be validly resorted to by the petitioners.

WHEREFORE, the *Motion for Service of Summons Through Publication* is hereby granted.

Let the Order of this court dated Janu-

ary 17, 2014, the Petition, the Notice of Hearing also dated January 17, 2014, and this Order, be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, in two (2) newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in the Province of Benguet, the first publication of which shall not be later than April 27, 2014. Likewise, serve copies of the same documents to the known heirs of Pedro Lampitao, namely Mr. July Lampitao and Mr. Eufonio Pungayan.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 2nd day of April 2014 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD.) DANILO P. CAMACHO
Judge

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 62
LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION and POWER SECTOR ASSET AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORP.

Petitioners,

-versus-

LRCCASE NO. 14-AD-1501

For: Cancellation of Title

HEIRS OF PEDRO LAMPITAO namely ISNIB LAMPITAO, ANTONIO LAMPITAO, AGUSTIN LAMPITAO, ROSENDA LAMPITAO, PICAD LAMPITAO AND SAMENIA A

LAMPITAO, and all other persons claiming rights under them, and ATTY. GUERRERO A. FELIPE, in his official capacity as the REGISTER OF DEEDS OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

Respondents,

X-----X

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF TITLE

Petitioners NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION ("NPC") and POWER SECTOR ASSET AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORP. ("PSALM"), by counsel, respectfully state that:

1. Petitioner NPC is a government-owned and controlled corporation duly organized under Republic Act 6395, as amended, otherwise known as "NPC Charter" with a right to sue and be sued, may be served with processes that may be issued by this Honorable Court at its main office in NPC Building Complex, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, and herein represented by its Vice President - General Counsel, Atty. Melchor P. Ridulme.

2. Petitioner PSALM is a government-owned and controlled corporation created pursuant to Section 49 of Republic Act 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 ("EPIRA") to take ownership of all existing NPC generation assets, liabilities, IPP contracts, real estate and all other disposable assets. Under Section 50 of the EPIRA, PSALM was tasked to manage the orderly sale, disposition, and privatization of NPC generation assets, real estate and other disposable assets,

and IPP contracts with the objective of liquidating all NPC financial obligations and stranded contract costs in an optimal manner. PSALM has the right to sue and be sued and may be served with processes that may be issued by this Honorable Court at 7th Floor Banker Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City. PSALM is herein represented by its Acting Vice President and General Counsel, Atty. Frederico P. Quevedo.

3. PEDRO LAMPITAO, then a resident of Itogon, Benguet died (date unknown) and was buried after customary traditions/rituals were performed. A Certification on this matter was issued by Benjamin N. Medino, Punong Barangay of Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet. An Original of this CERTIFICATION dated 10 June 2013 issued by Punong Barangay Benjamin N. Medino of Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet, certifying to the death of Pedro Lampitao is attached as ANNEX "A".

4. Respondents HEIRS OF PEDRO LAMPITAO, namely Isnib Lampitao, Antonio Lampitao, Agustin Lampitao, Rosenda Lampitao, Picad Lampitao and Samenia Lampitao, are residents of Biñga, Itogon, Benguet based on records. The present addresses of the above-mentioned persons and all other persons claiming rights under them are unknown to the plaintiffs and could not be determined despite diligent inquiry, and thus said persons may likewise be served with summons through publication upon order of this Honorable Court.

5. Respondent ATTY. GUERRERO A.

FELIPE is impleaded in his official capacity as the Register of Deeds of La Trinidad Benguet in charge of the registration of titles and other instruments affecting lands within the Province of Benguet. He may be served with summons and other court processes at his offices at Capitol Building, Kilometer 6, Ground Floor, La Trinidad, Benguet.

NPC is the absolute owner of the Property pursuant to a Judgment of Expropriation in 1957.

6. Petitioner NPC became the absolute owner of a parcel of land covered by OCT No. 1633 with an area of 5.1153 hectares pursuant to a judgment of expropriation dated 5 December 1957 of the then Court of First Instance ("CFI") of Baguio City in the case entitled "NPC vs. Laurencio Fianza et. al." and docketed as Civil Case No. 656. Certified true copy of OCT No. 1633 is attached as ANNEX "B". Certified true copies of the judgment as well as its Certificate of its Finality are attached hereto as ANNEXES "C" and "D", respectively.

7. The CFI of Baguio declared the expropriation case closed and terminated in an Order dated 9 July 1973. A certified true copy of the said Order is attached hereto as ANNEX "E."

8. After the expropriation in 1957, Petitioner NPC exercised all acts of ownership on the property covered by OCT No. 1633 (the "Property") and together with other expropriated lands by utilizing the Property for its offices, motor pool, residential houses and other facilities/structures for the Binga Hydroelectric Power Plant.

9. On 8 June 2001, Republic Act 9136 otherwise known as the Elec-

tric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 ("EPIRA") was signed into law by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The EPIRA mandated the creation of Petitioner PSALM. Under Section 49 of the EPIRA, PSALM became the owner, by operation of law, of all existing NPC generation assets, liabilities, IPP contracts, real estate and all other disposable assets which includes the property covered by title subject of this Petition. Section 49 of the EPIRA provides:

SECTION 49. Creation of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation. — There is hereby created a government-owned and -controlled corporation to be known as the "Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation", hereinafter referred to as the "PSALM Corp.", which shall take ownership of all existing NPC generation assets, liabilities, IPP contracts, real estate and all other disposable assets. All outstanding obligations of the NPC arising from loans, issuances of bonds, securities and other instruments of indebtedness shall be transferred to and assumed by the PSALM Corp. within one hundred eighty (180) days from the approval of this Act.

10. PSALM thereafter exercised acts of ownership over the Property.

11. Petitioners are thus entitled to the cancellation of OCT No. 1633 in the name of Pedro Lampitao and to the issuance of a new title in the name of NPC or PSALM under Section 108 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1529.

12. Section 108 of P.D. No. 1529 explicitly provides:

SECTION 108. Amendment and Alteration of Certifi-

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cases. — No erasure, alteration, or amendment shall be made upon the registration book after the entry of a certificate of title or of a memorandum thereon and the attestation of the same by the Register of Deeds, except by order of the proper Court of First Instance. A registered owner or other person having an interest in registered property, or, in proper cases, the Register of Deeds with the approval of the Commissioner of Land Registration, may apply by petition to the court upon the ground that the registered interests of any description, whether vested, contingent, expectant or inchoate appearing on the certificate, have terminated and ceased; or that new interest not appearing upon the certificate have arisen or been created; or that an omission or error was made in entering a certificate or any memorandum thereon, or on any duplicate certificate; or that the same or any person on the certificate has been changed; or that the registered owner has married, or, if registered as married, that the marriage has been terminated and no right or interests of heirs or creditors will thereby be affected; or that a corporation which owned registered land and has been dissolved has not conveyed the same within three years after its dissolution; or upon any other reasonable ground; and the court may hear and determine the petition after notice to all parties in interest, and may order the entry or cancellation of a new certificate, the entry or cancellation of a memorandum upon a certificate, or

grant any other relief upon such terms and conditions, requiring security or bond if necessary, as it may consider proper; Provided, however, That this section shall not be construed to give the court authority to reopen the judgment or decree of registration, and that nothing shall be done or ordered by the court which shall impair the title or other interest of a purchaser holding a certificate for value and in good faith, or his heirs and assigns, without his or their written consent. Where the owner's duplicate certificate is not presented, a similar petition may be filed as provided in the preceding section.

All petitions or motions filed under this Section as well as under any other provision of this Decree after original registration shall be filed and entitled in the original case in which the decree or registration was entered.

13. To safeguard their rights, Petitioners have also caused the annotation of the Partial Decision dated December 05, 1957, Certificate of Finality of the Partial Decision and the Order dated July 09, 1973 on OCT No. 1633 with the Registry of Deeds for La Trinidad, Benguet. The annotation of the Partial Decision dated December 05, 1957, Certificate of Finality of the Partial Decision and the Order dated July 09, 1973 found in OCT No. 1633 (which is marked as ANNEX "B") is marked as ANNEX "B-1".

14. As a final step to secure and protect in perpetuity the government's clear rights to the Property covered by OCT No. 1633, petitioners respectfully come to this Honorable Court for the cancellation of said title in the name of Pedro Lampitao and

for the issuance of a new title in favor of NPC or PSALM, as the case may be.

PRAYER
WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that after due hearing, the Honorable Court issue an Order directing summons through publication upon the Heirs of Pedro Lampitao, and subsequently render judgment:

a. Directing Respondent Register of Deeds to cancel OCT No. 1633 in the name of Pedro Lampitao;

b. Directing Respondent Register of Deeds to issue a new title in the name of the Petitioner NPC or PSALM, as the case may be, free from all liens and encumbrances;

Other reliefs just or equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Quezon City for La Trinidad, Benguet. November 7, 2013

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VERIFICATION / CERTIFICATION

I, Atty. Melchor P. Ridulme, Filipino, of legal age, and with office address at NPC Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and state that:

1. I am the Vice President, General Counsel of National Power Corporation (NPC) and as per Board Resolution No. 2001-134 dated 16 November 2001 (Annex "1"), I am duly authorize to represent NPC in this proceeding, including the authority to sign and execute the required verification and certification against forum shopping.

2. I have caused the preparation and filing of the foregoing Petition and have read and understood the contents of the Petition;

3. I attest that the allegations of fact in this Petition are true and correct, of my own personal knowledge and/or based on authentic documents;

4. I attest that Petitioner NPC has not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues, or the same parties nor seeking the same relief in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency;

or proceeding is pending involving NPC in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or any other tribunal or agency;

6. If there is any other action or proceeding involving NPC which is either pending or may have been terminated, I shall state the status thereof; and

7. If I should thereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending involving NPC before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or any other tribunal or agency, I undertake to report that fact within five (5) days therefrom.

WITNESS
WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 11th day of November 2013.

MELCHOR P. RIDULME
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of November 2013 at Quezon City, affiant having exhibited to me his attached government issued (National Power Corporation) Identification Card with photograph and signature.

(SGD.) **ATTY. RODOLFO M. DE GUZMAN, JR.**
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR QUEZON CITY
Commission No. NP-194

Commission Expires on December 31, 2013

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(Republic of the Philippines)
(Makati City)
) s.s.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, Atty. Frederico P. Quevedo, of legal age, married, with office address at the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM), 7th Floor, Bankmer Building, 6756 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

(1) I am the Acting Vice-President and General Counsel of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) and the duly authorized representative of the President & CEO with authority to commence, initiate and file the foregoing Petition for Cancellation of Title and to verify and certify under oath the filing of such Petition pursuant to PSALM Board Resolution No. 04-38;

(2) I have read the Petition for Cancellation of Title, and the allegations therein are true and correct based on my personal knowledge or the authentic records available to PSALM;

(3) I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any court, tribunal, or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein; and

(4) If I should hereinafter learn that the same or a similar action or claim has been filed or is pending in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any court, tribunal, or quasi-judicial agency, I shall report the said fact within five (5) days from discovery thereof to the Honorable Court.

13 November 2013, Makati City, Philippines.

FREDERICO P.

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QUEVEDO
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this 13th day of November 2013, with affiant having presenting to me his Driver's License No. N04-89-098706 issued by Land Transportation Office on October 05, 2012 known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing Verification and Certification.

(SGD.) CAROLINE V. BALO-ATENCIA
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Respondents.

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ORDER

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

Let a notice of hearing be issued accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, La Trinidad, Benguet, 17th day January 2014

(SGD.) DANILO P. CAMACHO
Judge

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition was filed by the National Power Corporation and the Power sector Asset and Liabilities Management Corporation, through the counsel, alleging among others that:

"x x x

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9. On 8 June 2001, Republic Act 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 ("EPIRA") was signed into law by then President

persons may likewise be served with summons through publication upon order of this Honorable Court.

5. Respondent ATTY. GUERRERO A. FELIPE is impleaded in his official capacity as the Register of Deeds of La Trinidad Benguet in charge of the registration of titles and other instruments affecting lands within the Province of Benguet. He may be served with summons and other court processes at his offices at Capitol Building, Kilometer 6, Ground Floor, La Trinidad, Benguet.

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6. Petitioner NPC became the absolute owner of a parcel of land covered by OCT No. 1633 with an area of 5.1153 hectares pursuant to a judgment of expropriation dated 5 December 1957 of the then Court of First Instance ("CFI") of Baguio City in the case entitled "NPC vs. Laurencio Fianza et. al." and docketed as Civil Case No. 656. x x x.

7. The CFI of Baguio declared the expropriation case closed and terminated in an Order dated 9 July 1973. x x x;

8. After the expropriation in 1957, Petitioner NPC exercised all acts of ownership on the property covered by OCT No. 1633 (the "Property") and together with other expropriated lands by utilizing the Property for its offices, motor pool, residential houses and other facilities/structures for the Binga Hydroelectric Power Plant.

9. On 8 June 2001, Republic Act 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 ("EPIRA") was signed into law by then President

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The EPIRA mandated the creation of Petitioner PSALM. Under Section 49 of the EPIRA, PSALM became the owner, by operation of law, of all existing NPC generation assets, liabilities, IPP contracts, real estate and all other disposable assets which includes the property covered by title subject of this Petition. Section 49 of the EPIRA provides:

x x x

10. PSALM thereafter exercised acts of ownership over the Property.

11. Petitioners are thus entitled to the cancellation of OCT No. 1633 in the name of Pedro Lampitao and to the issuance of a new title in the name of NPC or PSALM under Section 108 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1529.

12. Section 108 of P.D. No. 1529 explicitly provides:

x x x

13. To safeguard their rights, Petitioners have also caused the annotation of the Partial Decision dated December 05, 1957, Certificate of Finality of the Partial Decision and the Order dated July 09, 1973 on OCT No. 1633 with the Registry of Deeds for La Trinidad, Benguet. x x x

14. As a final step to secure and protect in perpetuity the government's clear rights to the Property covered by OCT No. 1633, petitioners respectfully come to this Honorable Court for the cancellation of said title in the name of Pedro Lampitao and for the issuance of a new title in favor of NPC or PSALM, as the case may be.

x x x"

Petitioners pray that after due proceeding, an Order be issued by the Honorable Court directing the Office of the

Registry of Deeds of the Province of Benguet to cancel OCT No. 1633 in the name of Pedro Lampitao and to issue a new title in the name of petitioner NPC or PSALM, free from all liens and encumbrances.

The petition is hereby set for initial hearing before this Court on 27 February 2014 @ 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, at which time, date and place, the petitioners shall present evidence in support of their petition. Any person interested in the matter may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice and the Petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Land Registration Authority; the Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the Cordillera Administrative Region; the Provincial Prosecutor; the Register of Deeds of Benguet; and all the heirs of Pedro Lampitao, impleaded as respondents in the Petition. Let also copies of this Notice be posted at the Municipal Hall and the Post Office of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet, and the bulletin boards of the Office of the Clerk of Court and of this Branch located at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Witness the HON. DANILO P. CAMACHO, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 17th day of January 2014, at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD.) LILYBETH T. SINDAYIN-LIBIRAN
Clerk of Court V

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escapee from Bataan, mostly from recruits in Itogon, Benguet and Eastern Pangasinan, few from other municipalities, plus some escapees of Bataan)

- 12th Infantry – 3rd Battalion (jointly organized by Maj. Bado Dangwa and Maj. Dennis Molintas and composed of recruits from Bokod, Kabayan, Atok and La Trinidad)

The 66th carried the motto: "No where but everywhere".

2. The United States Armed Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon (USAFIP-NL) was organized after the Fall of Bataan and the infamous "Death March". Headed by Maj. Gen. Russell Volkman, who escaped from the Death March, it was organized by resistance fighters who had not reached Bataan before the fall, those who escaped before and during the Death March and those who escaped from the concentration camp in Capas, Tarlac where the Death March ended. It carried as a motto of sorts, "We Remained" in response to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's famous promise, "I Shall Return".

3. The city of Baguio was liberated on April 27, 1945. It was a combined effort of Filipino forces under the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 66th Infantry, and American soldiers under the 33rd and 37th Infantry Divisions of the United States Army. It was a three-pronged strike, with a fourth serving as a blocking force along the Halsema Highway.

FIRST STRIKE (NAGUILIAN ROAD)

The 1st Battalion of the 66th Infantry Regiment was ordered on March 28, 1945 to move from Camp Utopia in Kapangan, Benguet and combine with the 129th Infantry Regiment of the 37th Infantry Division of the United States Army in Burgos, La Union.

Their first big battle was in Sablan Central, Benguet where almost all the men of the 3rd Platoon of "C" Company of the 66th were wiped out in hand-to-hand and foxhole-to-foxhole fighting through the night. The casualties included Lt. Alfredo Agtarap, the platoon leader. Sablan was cleared out on April 10, 1945.

In a curve near the Irisan Bridge two enemy tanks darted out and pushed a U.S. tank into the river. After nearly an hour of battle more than 90 Japanese soldiers were killed.

Among those who figured in the Battle of Irisan were Lt. Tomas Smith and Lt. Benjamin Suello.

Towards the Baguio cemetery, the combined U.S. and Filipino soldiers were met by heavy artillery from Mirador Hill and Tuba. Air support was requested to silence the guns. Eight U.S. tanks lined up the road and bombarded the enemy positions until the road to Baguio was cleared.

On April 25, the joint force was the first to enter Baguio City.

SECOND STRIKE (KENNON

ROAD)

In January, 1945, the 2nd Battalion of the 66th with headquarters at Dalupirip, Itogon, was ordered to move down to Pangasinan where it was attached to the 43rd Division of the U.S. Army at Asingan town.

In February, 1945 the 2nd Battalion was attached to the 33rd Division of the U.S. Army. The combined force fought in the Battle of Sison and then set up their headquarters at Twin Peaks, Tuba, Benguet.

At Ansagan, Tuba, the 2nd Battalion established its headquarters at the residence of Sioco Carino, brother of former Baguio Mayor, Dr. Jose Carino. Here, the Caoile brothers, Albert and Johnny, were inducted to the 2nd Battalion.

On February 12, 1945, the combined forces of the 2nd Battalion of the 66th Infantry and the 136th Infantry Regiment of the 33rd Division, U.S. Army, passed through Kennon Road. The 2nd Battalion of the 66th was ordered to secure high grounds to protect the main column advancing along the road. Since all bridges were destroyed, the mechanized units of the United States Army were left behind at Twin Peaks.

The "H" Company of the 66th under Lt. Antino Carantes and the "F" Company under Lt. Pedro Abubo moved up towards Padcal in what is now Philex Mines. A little past Ansagan, "H" company was bogged down by a company of Japanese rear guards with two machine gun placements.

Sgt. Adriano Carantes and two other men, in the style of Sgt. York, knocked out the two machine guns, thereby clearing their way to Padcal. From Padcal, they moved down to Camp 4, ahead of the 33rd Division. The two companies engaged a platoon of rear guards who refused to surrender and were killed in battle. After clearing Camp 4, the 2nd Battalion entered the Loakan Airfield and proceeded to Camp John Hay. Three days later, the elements of the 33rd Division arrived.

THIRD STRIKE (THROUGH WHAT IS NOW MARCOS HIGHWAY)

Coming from Agoo, La Union, the third strike composed mainly of the 33rd Division of the U.S. Army and a small detachment of the 66th Infantry Regiment, commenced their campaign with the first strike force.

The combined troops moved along Pugo/Taloy Road to Asin Road. They moved up towards Sto. Tomas Mountain while the U.S. mechanized unit from Pugo bulldozed its way to build roads through rough mountainous terrain.

On April 26, the joint force came out of Tuba on what is now known as Tuba Liberation Day.

FOURTH STRIKE (HALSEMA HIGHWAY)

The 3rd Battalion of the 66th made up the fourth strike. Its mission was to harass the enemy retreating through the Halsema Highway. While they conducted ambushes, they eventually pulled back because of the big number of Japanese soldiers, and moved down to San Gabriel then Bacnotan in La Union. They then joined the third strike force along what is now the Marcos Highway.

4. LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATIONS IN TOWNS OF BENGUET:

a. Kapangan - March 7, 1945, moved to March 18

b. Sablan April 10, 1945

c. Tuba April 26, 1945

d. Baguio City April 27, 2045

e. Itogon April 30, 1945

f. La Trinidad May 3, 1945

g. Tublay May 12, 1945

h. Bokod July 14, 1945

i. Kabayan July 19, 1945

j. Atok July 25, 1945

k. Mankayan July 20, 1945

l. Buguia July 27, 1945

m. Kibungan no date

n. Bakun no date

5. The gallantry of Igorot defenders in Bataan, particularly in clearing the jungle to allow tanks sent by Gen. Fidel Segundo to penetrate and wipe out Japanese positions was described in an article in the Feb. 23, 1942 issue of the New York Times;

"Hampered by the dense undergrowth and lost in the confusing

maze of bamboo thickets, vines and creepers, the tankers would have been impotent had it not been for the aid of the Igorot troops of Maj.

Duisterhof's 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry. Hoisted to the top of the tanks where they were exposed to the fire of the enemy, these courageous tribesmen from north Luzon chopped away the entangling foliage with their bolos and served as eyes for the American tankers. From their position atop the tanks they fired at the enemy, with pistols while guiding the drivers with sticks."

6. Among the Igorot heroes who figured in Bataan and at the Death March was Sergeant Florencio Esteban. He was with the 11th Division of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East and the famous 66th Infantry, composed mostly of guerrillas within the Baguio-Cordillera area who, together with the American forces, liberated Baguio on April 27, 1945.

Sgt. Esteban recalled how, during the campaign in the jungles of Bataan before the surrender, he and fellow Igorot fighter Daniel Akia survived by fishing:

"In my case with Comrade (Daniel) Akia, we started to fish at night. Our catch was good for a week. At one point, some monkeys came to play on the trees covering our headquarters. Comrade Akia said: 'Let us wait until those monkeys are a little far from our headquarters and then...shoot some of them for food.'

The two Igorot soldiers later shot one each. "We roasted them and they lasted for at least one week."

7. ABAGUIO BOY'S RECOLLECTION - In one of the programs marking the Liberation of Baguio, war hero Francisco Paraan recalled how he and fellow lieutenant Tomas Smith saw Baguio in ruins during their ascent to Baguio via the Naguilian Rd. with the 66th Infantry and the 37th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army in April, 1945.

The two officers were standing where the Naguilian Road police checkpoint now stands. He went down on his knees and kissed the ground.

"We were home," he said in his Liberation Day speech.

Paraan went on to become chief of

Baguio's Finest, as the blue-uniformed members of the Baguio police force were then called, as the residents' tribute to the quality of its peace-keeping service. Subsequently, he served as head of security of Benguet Corp. where he retired as vice-president.

In 1986, he was appointed by then President Coraon Aquino as OIC-mayor of Baguio.

8. A WALK WITH A HERO - Eugene Pucay, one of the most illustrious Ibaloy sons of Baguio, fought with the 66th Infantry as a lieutenant. In one of his travels to do community work years after the war, he found himself on a promontory over-looking Loo Valley in Buguias, Benguet.

"We lost many men here (in the Battle of Loo)," he recalled.

The late Baguio journalist Wilfredo Caddac, who accompanied the war hero in his return visit, looked at Lt. Pucay and saw tears streaming down his cheeks.

Despite his diminutive size, Pucay was one of the city's best baseball players during the pre-war days. He also served as city councilor and was a builder and pillar of the Baguio YMCA, the Masons, the Anglican Church and the local Boy Scout Council

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The veterans will be headed by Santiao Pitas, vice-commander of the United States Armed Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon, and Col Napoleon Gojo in laying their wreath before the memorial pylon at the center of the park.

They will be followed by the city's floral offering through mayor Mauricio Domogan, Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr., city councilors and punong barangay Helen Medina of Harrison-Carantes Barangay which has territorial jurisdiction over the park.

An added feature will be a reading by journalist May Anne Caddac, editor-in-chief of Sunstar Baguio Daily of some notes on Baguio war history based on the writings, memoirs, reports and recollections of the veterans, all members of the 66th Infantry guerrilla unit who, together with the 33rd and 37th Infantry Divisions of the United States Army, liberated Baguio on April 27, 1945 through a three-pronged attack and a fourth serving as a blocking force.

Among the members of the 66th were former OIC-city mayo Francisco Paraan and his brother, the late lawyer Ricardo, former city vice-mayor Sinforoso Fangonil, Ibaloy patriarch and former city councilor Eugene Pucay Sr., Lt. Tomas Smith, Lt. Pedro Gardingan, Lt. Victor Fianza, Sgt. Florencio Esteban, Cpl. Raymundo Gadgad, Lt. Antino Carantes and Sgt. Adriano Carantes.

They were led by Maj. Bado Dangwa and Maj. Dennis Molintas who both eventually became gover-

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ITS EXPECTED NON-INVOLVEMENT IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, IT MAY BE BEST NONETHELESS THAT IN

THE SUPREME COURT CASE, THE MILF MUST BE IMPEADED AS AN AFFECTED/INTERESTED/ADVERSE PARTY OR AT THE LEAST, ITS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES INVITED IN THE LEGAL PANEL OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE CAB, SO THAT IT WILL BE DULY INFORMED OF THE ISSUES AND UNDERSTAND FULLY THE FINAL RULING WHEN IT COMES. IT WILL ALSO SIGNAL MILF'S TRANSITION INTO EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTIONAL PRIMACY WHICH IS THE END GAME OF THE PEACE ACCORD.

c) POLITICAL — What if in the plebiscite, the incumbent political leaders who have the command votes and who will feel threatened to be sidelined by the new Bangsamoro regime will campaign against it — given that political leaders and their supporters in offices in the ARMM are more politically savvy and entrenched?

What if in the plebiscite it will not be approved by the citizens?

What if after a vote in the plebiscite the Bangsamoro territory that votes "yes" will only cover a smaller area that will render it not viable as a governance unit as envisioned — given that some areas now within the ARMM even prefer to get out of the ARMM?

What if in the 2016 elections the MILF candidates will not win in the elections — being now still in the process of organizing itself into a political party and is expected to compete with well-financed and more experienced non-MILF political players in the field?

What if the MILF aligns and fields its own candidates with a political party in the 2016 elections — given that the issues on Bangsamoro aspiration ought to stay above the divisive political fray?

Recommendations: THE MILF MUST MODERATE OR CALIBRATE ITS POLITICAL PLANS. TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL POLITICAL LEADERS AND MAINSTREAM CONSTITUENCIES AND EVENTUALLY WIN THE VOTES IN THE PLEBISCITE AND THE ELECTIONS, THE MILF MUST INITIALLY FOCUS ON THE REGIONAL OR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNANCE ENTITY AND LEAVE THE LGUs TO MAINSTREAM POLITICAL LEADERS TO SHOW "INCLUSIVENESS" AND OF COURSE GET THEIR SUPPORT. MOST IMPORTANT IS FOR PRESIDENT AQUINO TO INVEST POLITICAL GOODWILL AND CAPITAL TO SEE TO IT THAT THE MILF "TAKES OVER" THE GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW BANGSAMORO ENTITY, AT LEAST IN THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

D) INTERNAL — What if the MILF cannot exercise effective command and control of its forces who are "gung ho" in dominating the areas anticipating a full "take-

over" of the Bangsamoro areas — given the experience in the failed MOA-AD when aggressive MILF elements forcefully dislodged occupants of their claimed ancestral domain lands in anticipation of the MOA-AD implementation?

What if certain MILF commanders start enforcing their own Islamic rules and laws effectively and prematurely challenging regular law enforcement agencies in some Bangsamoro areas and hence contributing to more alienation and loss of support of the masses?

What if due to expected delays in implementation timelines, some MILF elements take unilateral forceful action to express dissatisfaction or impatience that will be disruptive of the process?

What if the MILF leadership cannot address the growing internal bickering or competition that are always normal in empowered or enhanced opportunities that may not be equitably available for all MILF?

Recommendations: THE MILF HEADED BY KAGI MURAD MUST EXERCISE FIRM LEADERSHIP AND CONTROL AND BE THE MODERATING FORCE TO PRESERVE THE GAINS OF THE PEACE EFFORTS.

E) TRANSITIONAL — What if the MILF will not be able to meet the high expectations of the Bangsamoro during the short transition

period or beyond — most MILF elements now still adjusting and needing longer time for capacitation and preparation for governance?

What if there are not enough resources and development

support to quickly bring results — there being now very high expectations amongst the Bangsamoro for the dividends of peace to improve their lives?

Recommendations: WITH THE MILF 'TAKING OVER' THE ARMM GOVERNANCE LEVEL IN 2016, IT MUST SHOW ITS CAPABILITY AND SINCERITY IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE BANGSAMORO. TO ASSURE INITIAL OR START UP BUDGETARY SUPPORT, CONGRESS BEFORE IT VOWS OUT IN 2016 MUST PASS ANNUAL BUDGETS WITH CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPORT ON A LONG TERM THE NEW BANGSAMORO ENTITY (SOME SORT OF A "MINI MARSHAL PLAN"). INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITIES, WHILE THE PEACE EUPHORIA IS STILL STRONG AND BEFORE DONOR FATIGUE SETS IN, MUST BE CONVENED TO DO A PLEDGING SESSION TO COMMIT SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND SUPPORT ON LONG TERM.

F) SECURITY — What if the MILF, in the decommissioning phase, will not declare its actual strength?

What if, as envisioned in the decommissioning stage, the former identified MILF camps cannot be restored or returned — given that IPs or non-MILF elements now claim they were the original occupants and rightful owners thereof?

What if the MILF, being not disarmed and still with their firearms, will use

threats and violence to win the plebiscite and win the votes in the regular elections?

What if the MILF eventually decides not to disarm at all — the phased disarmament being dependent on how the implementation of the CAB is achieved or that their disarmament is dependent on whether other armed groups are also effectively disarmed?

What if armed non-MILF elements will continue to disrupt, making MILF unable to bring peace to the Bangsamoro area — with so many other armed groups operating and the proliferation of firearms?

What if Islamic extremists or fundamentalists and others continue their aspiration for Islamic independence and continue their armed struggle?

My recommendation:

THE AFP AND THE PNP MUST PREPARE FOR THE WORST CASE SCENARIO AND CRAFT OPTIONS AND NOT BE LULLED BY THE "PROSPECTS OF PEACE". MOREOVER, THE MILF IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY SECURITY THREATS THE NATION FACES. (SORRY, I HAVE NO SUFFICIENT STRATEGIC, TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL COMPETENCE TO GIVE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS.)

G) INCLUSIVITY — What if some MNLF and Misuari groups still feel sidelined and will disrupt or undermine the MILF peace efforts?

What if the BIFF of Umbra Kato (now under Commander Karyalan) and other so-called MILF rogue armed elements will continue to operate?

What if there are peace-loving Muslims who do not believe in the MILF as truly representing their aspirations as a people?

What if other Muslims feel lack of ownership in the CAB, the proposed basic law and other outcomes of the peace agreement?

Recommendation: THE MILF MUST NOT ASSUME THAT THEY REPRESENT THE WHOLE BANGSAMORO. IT MUST "WIN" THE SUPPORT OF AS MANY BY THE MANNER THEY WILL PERFORM.

WHILE SEVERAL NGOs ARE HELPING, MORE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS MUST BE DONE IN THE NEXT STEPS IN CONGRESS IN THE CRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW THROUGH EXTENSIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS NOT ONLY IN MANILA BUT ON THE GROUND IN THE FIELD TO WIN WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AND OWNERSHIP

H) BEYOND 2016 — What if due to the delay in Congress or in the Supreme Court, the timetable will not be met and the next Philippine president makes the judgment call?

What if MILF politically aligns with the administration party and the opposition wins?

What if the successor of President Aquino in 2016 will not be as supportive to the CAB?

Recommendations: DURING THE 2016 ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN, ALL CANDIDATES OR THOSE RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE NA-

TIONAL AND CONCERNED AREAS IN THE LOCAL LEVEL MUST BE MADE TO COMMIT TO A PEACE AGENDA AND SIGN A "COVENANT FOR PEACE" WHICH WILL AT LEAST GUARANTEE CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE PEACE PROCESS BEYOND 2016, WHOEVER WINS. THE MILF MUST DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ALIGN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION PARTY. IF IT DOES, TO PERHAPS INSURE VICTORY IN 2016, IT MUST REACH OUT TO ALL OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES FOR SUPPORT AKIN TO A COMMON CANDIDATE SCENARIO. IT HAS TO MAKE A CRUCIAL DECISION ON WHETHER IT IS BEST TO OPENLY SUPPORT A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR NOT SO IT DOES NOT PUT IN JEOPARDY THE FUTURE OF THE BANGSAMORO ENTITY AND DEPENDENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS IN 2016. ALTHOUGH IT IS PREPARING TO BE A POLITICAL PARTY, IT MUST AT THIS EARLY STAGE TRY TO REMAIN "APOLITICAL" AS MUCH AS IT CAN TO INSURE WIDE AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT TO SURVIVE. TRUTH TO TELL, THE MILF WILL STILL BE A NEOPHYTE BY 2016 TO ENGAGE IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF REAL POLITIK. A FINAL SHOT: MILF MUST GET SAVVY POLITICAL ADVISERS THIS EARLY.

LAST CHANCE — I'll stop here for the meantime. I am sure there are still many "what if" situations outside of what I have preliminarily mentioned. But let's all keep in mind those "HURDLES" so we all help in seeing to it that the CAB succeeds as envisioned.

This is our last chance, folks, for a peaceful settlement. If we mess this one up, we may never get the same opportunity again. Mark my word! **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI_Mindanow](#)/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

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as well as advance command post for traffic management and road security operations.

Said personnel likewise visited transport terminals to check the roadworthiness of passenger buses before traveling at a long distance, distributed flyers to motorists purportedly to remind the same to constantly check their Battery, Lights, Oil, Water, Brakes, Air, Gas, Engine, Tires and Self (B.L.O.W.B.A.G.E.T.S.), as accidents happen mostly along national roads, expressways and provincial and city roads, respectively.

Fight vs Online Libel... from page 5

We are dismayed by the Supreme Court's dismissal of all the motions for reconsideration.

Our lawyer, Harry Roque, issued this statement:

"As counsel for journalists Alexander Adonis, Ellen Tordesillas et al., I am of course deeply disappointed with this latest turn of events. In my opinion, the Supreme Court just lost a great opportunity to rectify the inconsistencies in our jurisprudence on freedom of expression. Simply put, while we have adopted the normative value of freedom of expression as the means to ascertain the truth and as the means to form informed public opinion which is indispensable in a democracy, the fact that the Court continues to sanction the imposition of imprisonment for libel contradicts our so-called constitutional commitment to freedom of expression.

"Moreover, I believe that this latest decision is a blatant disregard of the view expressed by the UN Human Rights Committee declaring criminal libel in the Philippines as being contrary to freedom of expression. It is thus a breach of 'pacta sunt servanda', or that treaty obligations must be complied with in good faith.

"The view expressed by the UN Human Rights Committee in the case of Adonis vs. Philippines that criminal libel in the Philippines violates freedom of expression is as clear as the light of day. Whether or not the Committee actually expressed the view that the Philippines should repeal its criminal libel law is not the issue. What is clear is that with the declaration, we are in breach of our international obligation to protect and promote the right to freedom of expression, the Supreme Court should have ensured: one, that we cease and desist from the breach by declaring criminal libel as being contrary to international law; and two, it should have provided compensation to all those wrongfully sentenced for criminal libel. Certainly, to uphold a law that provides for an even more draconian libel law since it provides for a longer penalty of imprisonment doing away with the possibility of parole is a continuing breach of our international obligation."

But we are not giving up. Roque said we will go to the UN Human Rights Committee." The denial of our Motion for Reconsideration now triggers the availability of international remedies against the draconian law. Thank goodness for international law!"

Roque further said, "This latest Supreme Court decision is tantamount to exhaustion of domestic remedies. When we filed our challenge versus cyber libel with Alexander Adonis as petitioner, we were aiming to implement the UN Human Rights Committee view through jurisprudence. Since the highest court of the land has instead put its stamp of approval on the draconian law, the decision is evidence that we have again exhausted all domestic remedies. This will qualify Adonis et al to return to the UN to complaint that instead of implement-

ing its earlier view, the Republic of the Philippines has openly defied it. We will pray for a second declaration that not only does libel under the Revised Penal Code violate Art. 19, but additionally, the Cybercrime Prevention Act equally violates freedom of expression.

"The difference is while the earlier view issued by the UN was against a decision of a Regional Trial Court Judge, this time around, we will ask the Committee to declare a collegial decision of our highest judicial organ as violating international law."

"If we succeed — and chances are that we will — the Court will be put in an embarrassing situation where proven experts in the field of human rights will find a decision of our 15-man court as being erroneous and violates human rights law. This would be downright embarrassing for the Court. When this happens, we can say that when we filed our motion for reconsideration, we gave our Courts the opportunity to avoid the spectacle of an experts view that its decision is wrong. In the end, the Court will only have itself to blame for the ignominy of a decision, which could be condemned by the international human rights community as a violation of human rights law."/By Ellen T. Tordesillas

Kakampi mo ang Batas from page 5

officials who took part in plundering our nation. Everyone who got tainted by this scam must be unmasked before the Filipino people.

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prohibited from selling any items within their sheds, nor allow the storage of merchandise of vendors, nor allow their sheds to be occupied by other enterprising groups like masseurs, henna tattoo, manicurists and the like.

With regards concession personnel bicycle workers must have Identification Cards and appropriate haircut and uniforms whenever they are on duty to identify them from park goers. They will present their updated police clearances on a yearly basis to the BPO, for records purposes. Bicycle workers smelling liquor or under the influence of liquor or drugs will not be allowed to work or report by their operators.

As a general policy, no customer smelling liquor and/or under the influence of alcoholic drinks will be allowed by the operator to rent bicycle. Gambling of any kind by operators/workers and/or by the general public is prohibited. Urinating within the shed premises is prohibited and all children below 12 years old must be accompanied by adults.

On Business hours/charges, the bi-

cycle operating hours is from 6 A.M. until 10 P.M. However, during summer time, it may be extended up to 12:00 midnight in coordination with BPO/CEPMO. The maximum rental rate for adult bikes (P40 per hour for 2 wheeler bikes and P50/hour for 3 wheeler bikes). While the maximum rental rate for kiddie bikes (P40/hour for 2 wheeler bikes and P50/hour for 3 wheeler and 4 wheeler bikes). Any increase in rental rate must have a written consent and approval of CEPMO.

In the order, the various bicycle operators, BPO-CEPMO personnel, in coordination with the Baguio City Police Office and the Security Guard Agency personnel contracted out by the city government will ensure the enforcement and implementation of the rules and regulations.

There will be eight months moratorium after the affectivity for Adult and Kiddie Bike Operators to phase out their unauthorized units./Jho Arranz

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perception, so much so that even some members of the CRCC eventually campaigned against ratification of the organic act which they claimed was watered down by Congress," Domogan said.

The decision of the Cordillera solons to initiate with the RDC the holding of the summit has boosted hopes for a unified stance towards autonomy for this upland region which, despite the tapping if its rich mineral, water and other natural resources for national development, still lags behind the other regions of the country.

"Cordillernas led by its officials have to deliver one message to the national government that we want autonomy," mayor Domogan said. "To be united is the only way we can drive home the point and for us to be heard."

The provision for autonomy for the Cordillera and Muslim Mindano in the 1987 constitution was designed to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the two regions whose provinces belonged to the country's poorest.

Muslim Mindanao eventually ratified its organic act fleshing out an autonomous region. Recently, it obtained a better deal through negotiations with a government panel headed by now Supreme Court Associate Justice Marvic Leonen of Baguio for the establishment of a Bangsamoro autonomous region to replace the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao which President Benigno Aquino described as a "failed experiment".

In the case of the Cordillera, Domogan expressed the feeling that Malacanang is not receptive to the push for Cordillera self-rule as it would mean devolution of some of its key powers and functions, aside from the additional funds needed to set in place an autonomous region here.

Domogan maintained that the quest for Cordillera autonomy must be done peacefully, unlike the forging of a Bangsamoro region which was marked by violence and war.

"Getting into war may appear to be an effective means to get the needed attention from the government but let us make a difference and show them that we can attain our autonomy goal through peaceful

means even if it will take us a long time to do it," the mayor said.

That was also the view of the late rebel priest, Conrado Balweg, leader of the Cordillera People's Liberation Army who signed the truce with then President Aquino in Mt. Data in 1987 to start fleshing out autonomy for the Cordillera.

To speed up realization of the constitutional mandate, then President Aquino issued Executive Order 220 creating a temporary administrative region complete with line agencies mandated prepare the region for an autonomous set-up.

That was 27 years ago./Ramon Dacawi.

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nors of Benguet province.

The 1st Battalion of the 66th based in Camp Utopia, Kapangan, Benguet, combined with the 129th Infantry Regiment of the 37th Infantry Division of the US Army that came up to Baguio via the Naguilian Rd. after fighting in the battle of Sablan and Irisan.

The 2nd Battalion of the 66th and 33rd Division of the U.S. Army made the second assault through Kennon Rd., Ansagan and Padcal in Tuba, with Sgt. Adriano Carantes and two other men did a Sgt. York feat by knocking out two machine gun nests that initially prevented their advance to Padcal.

The third strike force, composed of the 33rd Division of the IS Army and a small detachment of the 66th, moved up along the Pugo/Taloy Rd., Asin Rd. and towards Mount Sto. Tomas, coming out of Tuba on April 26, now known as Tuba Liberation Day.

The 3rd Battalion of the 66th made up the fourth strike whose mission was to harass the retreating Japanese soldiers passing through the Halsema Highway. The guerrillas eventually moved down to Bacnotan, La Union and joined the third strike force that came up through what is now the Marcos Highway.

City councilor Peter Fianza, chair of the Liberation Day program, stressed that the bravery and heroism of members of the 66th who fought in Bataan was noted in an article in the Feb. 23, 1942 issue of the New York Times which said:

"Hampered by the dense undergrowth and lost in the confusing maze of bamboo thickets, vines and creepers, the tankers would have been impotent had it not been for the aid of the Igorot troops of Maj. Duisterhof's 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry. Hoisted to the top of the tanks where they were exposed to the fire of the enemy, these courageous tribesmen from north Luzon chopped away the entangling foliage with their bolos and served as eyes for the American tankers. From their position atop the tanks they fired at the enemy with pistols while guiding the drivers with sticks."/Ramon Dacawi.

Notes on Baguio War History

(From the writings, reports and recollections of Sgt. Florencio Esteban, Lt. Tomas Smith, Lt. Pedro Gardingan, Lt. Victor Fianza, Pvt. Robert Bellasi, Cpl. Raymundo Gadgad and other war heroes under the 66th Infantry)

For: Broadcast leading to Liberation of Baguio Anniversary on April 27, 2014

1. The 66th Infantry was composed of

Filipino soldiers who fought for the liberation of Baguio and other parts of Northern Luzon. Its name came from the numerical sum of the three units that operated in Baguio and Benguet and neighboring provinces:

- 43rd Infantry - 1st Battalion (organized by Maj. Parker Calvert and Maj. Arthur Murphy with some Bataan escapees);

- 11th Infantry - 2nd Battalion (organized by Capt. Rufino Baldwin, an

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Baguio Honors its War Liberators this Sunday

A grateful city will formally honor this morning the Filipino and American war heroes who liberated Baguio 69 years ago today through a flower ceremony and program at the Veterans Park along Harrison Rd.

Maj. Gen. Oscar Lopez, superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, the country's top military school, will deliver the main message at the rites to be at-

tended by surviving members of the 66th Infantry and other war veterans, their Women's Auxiliary, their families, city officials, military and police officers, boy and girl scouts.

Ceremonies will open at 8:20 with the "March with Heroes" from Calderon St., the short street branching out of Session Rd. to the veterans park for the wreath-laying ceremony.

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Women Groups Celebrate Earth Day

BAGUIO CITY - In celebration of earth day, locally-made recycled items by barangay women, for decoration and practical uses; were on display at the SM atrium from Tuesday, April 22 to Saturday last week. The groups joined the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Spearheaded by the office of Councilor Betty Lourdes as chair of the committee on social services, women and urban poor; in coordination with public and non-government organizations, the recycling groups include barangay Sangguniang Kabataan and Senior Citizens.

Participating groups are Dontogan barangay through Soledad Valencia and Caridad Willy with accessories and decorations made from newspapers; San Carlos Heights and Irisan Barangay Sangguniang Kabataan through Jane Basitan and Lucia Kinadoy with their pine needle crafts and Cordillera Weaving products.

Bakakeng Norte and Sur through Pat Medez displayed foil and paper wrapper and sando bag art while Imelda Village through Santos Casuga presented basket wares; Kias barangay women through Virginia Egino showed off clay products and innovative decoration from recycled materials.

Upper Irisan barangay through Lota Bacani exhibited paper and wrapper folding products while Apugan-San Tomas barangay through Jocelyn Taruan promoted their agricultural products such as veggie noodles and some preserved food.

On May 2 and 3, the group shall sponsor their second venture into waste market at the SM open park. The public is invited to sell their recyclables; paper products, aluminum, bottles and glasses, and other re-usables to the group on said dates.

The celebration of Earth Day started on April 22, 1970 in the US through the efforts of a senator to "create awareness for earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts." The endeavor was made international in 1990 and is now celebrated in 175 countries./juliegfianza

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"CPLA OATH" - Mayor Mauricio Domogan administers the Oath of Office of the different officers of the Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army, Fr. Conrado Balweg Command (CPLA-CBA) April 21 at City Hall./Photo by paul rillorta

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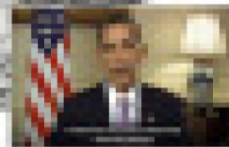
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