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Incident killed 1 cop, wounded other and a civilian

PNP in heightened alert after Samar ambush

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TACLOBAN CITY- The entire police force in the region is now in heightened alert after members of the rebel group, the New People's Army(NPA), staged an ambush in Motiong, Samar Monday (March 11).

And hours after the ambush incident that killed a police officer took place, the NPA admitted that they were behind this latest incident targeting government law enforcers.

Speaking through his spokesperson Supt. Ma. Bella Rentuaya, police regional director Chief Supt. Dionardo Carlos said that

he strongly condemns this atrocity committed by the rebels against the policemen.

"We condemn such act of violence," Carlos said, as he asked the public to be on the lookout for any 'unusual movements' on their areas that could be involving members of the rebel group.

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HEIGHTENED ALERT. Police regional director, Chief Supt. Dionardo Carlos, raised a heightened alert across the region after members of the New People's Army staged an ambush involving police personnel in Motiong, Samar. A police officer was killed while another was injured. The NPA admitted the incident.(Photo Courtesy)

In Samar

Court convicts mother to 15 years for selling her 10-year child through online sex predators

TACLOBAN CITY- The regional trial court in Calbayog City sentenced a 33-year-old mother to 15 years imprisonment after offering to stream live the abuse of her young daughter on March 8.

The mother, who was arrested last year, was sentenced to an additional one

month in prison after she pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography.

As part of a plea bargain, she was sentenced after confessing to the crime of attempted trafficking in persons before Judge Reynaldo Clemens, presiding judge of the Regional Trial Court-Branch 31.

After pleading guilty to her crimes, the accused faced her victims in a reconciliatory meeting facilitated by a social worker and a local church pastor.

"I was hurt when you took pictures of me naked. I felt guilty because I got separated from you for what

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CONVICTED. The accused (in orange shirt) stands inside the court during the sentencing of her crime. (Photo courtesy of IJM)

In Maasin City

NHCP suspends plan of a school to demolish a centuries-old structure

TACLOBAN CITY-The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) has issued a cease and desist order, suspending all activities affecting the 243-year-old watchtower within the campus of a private Catholic school in Maasin City.

"It has come to our attention that the proposed construction of buildings within the compound of Saint Joseph College will affect a Spanish-period watchtower," said Dr. Rene Escalante, the NHCP chairman.

The letter, dated on February 27, was addressed to Bishop Precioso Cantillas of the Diocese of Maasin.

Escalante explained that since the watchtower is over 50 years old, it is considered to be an 'important cultural property'

which is protected under Republic Act 10066 otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009.

The watchtower was built in 1776 by the Augustinian priests.

NHCP also requested from the diocese development plans and site map, with respect to the said watchtower.

It also informed Bishop Cantillas on their next move after they received their requested documents.

The NHCP also furnished the same letter to Maasin City Mayor Nacional Mercado.

Mercado, who furnished Leyte Samar Daily Express a copy of the letter, said he is happy about NHCP's action.

"Many Maasinhons are also opposing moves to

demolish the said structure or plans to demolish to make way for a commercial building," said the mayor.

Earlier, Mercado disclosed they received the diocese's letter dated October 22, 2018, requesting permission to remove the structure to give way for the construction of the additional building to accommodate the said structure.

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Congressional panel reviews feasibility of nautical highways system

HILONGOS, Leyte- The oversight committee on transportation at the lower house of Congress met here on March 5 to revisit an alternate shipping route across the archipelago using the roll-on, roll-off (RORO) system.

Led by House Speaker and former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, the gathering was attended by representatives of regulatory government agencies and top players of sea transportation in the private sector, especially in the Visayas and Mindanao corridors.

Focus of intense discussion was the cost of handling goods while in transit along the lanes of the nautical highways from Davao to Manila and vice-versa, including other charges, mostly land-based, along the way.

Speaker Arroyo was joined by Rep. Manuel Zubiri of the third district of Bukidnon, Rep. Bayani Fernando of Marikina, Leyte Rep. Yedda Romualdez, the local officials of Hilongos led by Mayor Albert Vil-

lahermosa, and Southern Leyte lone district representative Roger Mercado.

Earlier, while waiting for the arrival of the House leader at the Maasin Airport in Barangay Panawan, Rep. Mercado shared the context of the meeting, saying the nautical highways system through RORO ports would be the main topic.

It can be recalled that during her term as president, Arroyo pushed for a function nautical highway as another channel for transporting goods and vehicles anywhere to and from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Under this concept, the western nautical highway connects the ports of Batangas to Calapan then on to Roxas, Oriental Mindoro; to Catigan, to Iloilo City, Bacolod City, Dumaguete City, and up to Dapitan in Mindanao.

The central nautical highway jumps off from Camarines Sur to Burias Island, to Masbate, then on to Daan Bantayan and Bogo, Cebu; then Cebu City to

Tubigon, Bohol; Jagna, Bohol to Camiguin, and on to Balingoan, Misamis Oriental in Mindanao.

The eastern seaboard departs from Pilar or Bulan, Sorsogon to Masbate; Cawayan, Masbate to Naval, Biliran, or Maripipi, Biliran to Naval, Biliran; land travel to San Ricardo, Southern Leyte, then off to Lipata, Surigao, in Mindanao.

At the oversight hearing, the consensus was that for now the cost for traveling perishable agricultural goods and trucking services along these routes, plus freight, stevedoring, and terminal fees, was high, details of which are to be taken up further by the technical working group to find ways and means at lowering these charges.

But a silver lining was the opening of at least seven (7) RORO missionary routes at different lateral points not indicated in the nautical highway, among them the Ubay, Bohol to Guadalupe, Maasin Port, which debuts its maiden voyage on March 8. **(LDL/MMP/PIA-8, Southern Leyte)**

Region has over 260 new police officers to beef up its current number of personnel

CAMP RUPERTO KANGLEON, PALO, Leyte- A total of 260 police recruits have taken their oath of office administered by Chief Superintendent Dionardo Carlos, police regional director.

The activity was held after the flag raising ceremony held on Monday (March 11) at the grounds held here, the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police.

According to Carlos, the new police men were part of the 1,028 applicants covering the quota for the first quarter of the year.

He added that of the 200 recruits, 62 of them were endorsed to the PNP Headquarters at Camp Crame, Quezon City wherein they will be given opportunity to commence their train-

ing to different regions nationwide.

Carlos said that these new breed of police officers will undergo the mandatory training, the Public Safety Basic Recruit Course (PSBRC) for six months at the Regional Training Center (RTC) at Kuta Kankabato, San Jose, Tacloban City which will be followed by another six months of field training program (FTP).

"Today is a new chap-

ter of your lives. May this serve as your humble beginning in the PNP organization," Carlos said.

Carlos advises interested applicants to secure the necessary initial documentary requirements while waiting for the opening of the 2nd Cycle Recruitments which is still to be announced by the Directorate for Personnel and Records Management.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

DPWH-Biliran allocates P222.88 million for the construction of access road leading to Ulan-Ulan Falls

NAVAL, Biliran-David P. Adongay Jr., District Engineer of Biliran District Engineering Office (DEO), has disclosed that the district office has allocated a total of P228.880 million for the construction and improvement of access road project leading to Ulan-Ulan Falls in Almeria town that is seen to boost tourism in the province.

He said that the project is to be implemented on multi-year fund from 2018-2022 under the convergence program of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Tourism (DOT).

"Ulan-Ulan Falls in Barangay Sampao, Almeria, Biliran is one of the most visited waterfalls by local and foreign tourists, thus prioritized for implementation," said Adongay.

"With the accessibility of the tourist site, it will encourage more local and foreign tourists to visit Ulan-Ulan falls," he added.

According to Adongay, the project covers a total of 7-kilometer two-lane road concreting of existing gravel road and rehabilitation of existing substandard concrete road from the national road junction of Brgy. Sabang, Naval, to Brgy. Tamarindo all the way to Brgy. Sampao in Almeria town where the Ulan-Ulan Falls is located.



Biliran District Engineering Office is presently implementing the 1.48-kilometer two-lane road concreting of road leading to Ulan-Ulan Falls.

Under the district's 2018 implementation, Biliran DEO is presently implementing the 1.48-kilometer two-lane road concreting from Brgy. Sampao proper road going to Ulan-Ulan Falls which includes road opening, construction of drainage structures and slope protection structures amounting to P46.880M.

The project, as of February 28, has a 90% accomplishment.

"The completion of this project will reduce travel time from about 30-40 minutes hike from the barangay road, to just 5-10 minutes travel through a vehicle ride and another 5-10 minutes trail to reach the waterfalls," said Adongay.

Meanwhile, Adongay said that this 2019, Biliran DEO will implement the rehabilitation of existing concrete road at the proper road of Brgy. Sampao, Almeria, Biliran to

Brgy. Tamarindo section converting one lane road to a two-lane road with a length of 1.04-kilometer including drainage structure with an allocation fund of P30M.

Adongay added that the rehabilitation of existing concrete road from Brgy. Sampao road proper will continue down to Brgy. Tamarindo and Brgy. Sabang in the next coming years.

The project was prioritized because the existing concrete road from Brgy. Sabang to Brgy. Tamarindo and to Brgy. Sampao where the Ulan-Ulan Falls is located has already shown deterioration posing danger to the travelling public.

The completion of the 5-year project implementation will also provide a better road for around 5,000 residents in three barangays in the municipality, namely, Tamarindo, Iyusan and Sampao. **(PR)**

Families at the resettlement sites continue to suffer lack of water supply

TACLOBAN CITY- Lack of water supply continue to hunt the families living at the resettlement sites located at the northern part of this city.

Lack of water has been one of the complaints of the families since they were resettled at the sites by the government.

These families lost their houses after this city was pummelled by super typhoon 'Yolanda' five years ago.

At the St. Francis Village I, located in Barangay Kawayan, the scarcity of water in their area forced many of the residents to dig grounds just to have water supply.

Nenita Lazara, one of the residents, said while the

city government delivers water at their area, the supply is still not enough for their daily needs.

They are seeking help with the city government under Mayor Cristina

Romualdez to have them a steady supply of water. **(ROSALIO ABORQUEZ, RUTHEL ALPINO, JUSTIN JOYCE GARCIA, MYLA LOYOLA, JOELLYN POLILO, EVSU Student Interns)**

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Expected to lure in more tourists, investments

Naval's tourist island now enjoys 24-hour power supply

NAVAL, Biliran – One of the tourist island destinations of this town will now have a 24-hour power supply which is projected to result in more tourists coming to the area.

The Higatangan Micro Grid was formally opened on March 8 that will provide electricity to the entire island which has become one of this town's top tourist draws.

Edgardo Masongsong, administrator of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), who led the inauguration, said that its full operation would mean more opportunities for the people of the island.

"Few investors are putting up businesses in this island because on the problem on power supply. But now that electricity is here, we expect more businessmen to come in and invest in the island particularly in tourism related establishments to cater local and foreign tourist," Masongsong said.

Higatangan Microgrid is a P15.21 million worth electrification project through the donation of South Korean govern-

ment and ELT Co. Ltd that includes equipment: 10-KW power solar panel photovoltaic, 50-KW power control system, 50-KV diesel generator, and 20-KWH plus 16-KWH extra energy storage system.

The Biliran Electric Cooperative (Bileco), as a counterpart, purchased the lot where the micro-grid was erected.

The island, famous for its 'shifting' sand bar, has two villages, Mabini and Legaspi whose residents welcome the operation of its own power supply.

Legaspi village chairman Milluh Roble said that the microgrid is an answer to their prayer to have a reliable supply of electricity.

"As the leader of the village, let me say thank you in behalf of the constituents for this project that will give us a wonderful opportunity," Roble said.

Rosita Salazar, caretaker of Higatangan Island Beach Resort, said that the full energization on the island would result to more tourist bookings to their resort.

"We have a website where tourists can book online. But since there is

no electricity on the island, the booking is checked online by the owner who resides in Canada then she will call or send a message in mobile phone if there are reservation," she said.

Masongsong said that improving the life of every Filipino is among the main goals of the present administration under its Ambisyon Natin 2040 that represents the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the next 25 years.

This goal of the national government is in line with the target of electric cooperative that is rural electrification to spur rural development.

Although the ceremonial switch-on was already done by the NEA officials and the management of Bileco headed by its general manager Gerardo Oledan, the island will continue to have a 5-hour power supply everyday due to technical problem on the micro-grid equipment but the Korean technicians will arrive next month correct the problem for the island residents to finally experience the 24-hour power supply.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Once an ailing power cooperative in EV

Norsamelco lowers electric rate by 23%

CATARMAN, Northern Samar-In line with the government's effort to bring dependable and affordable electricity in the countryside, Northern Samar Electric Cooperative (Norsamelco) has lowered its power rate from P12.27 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to P9.38/kWh effective February this year.

Engr. Hector Tabilisma, Norsamelco general manager, said the 23 percent discount equivalent to P2.85/kWh is attributed to the commencement of a long-term power supply contract procured

through Competitive Selection Process (CSP) conducted in 2015 including the 10 electric cooperatives in the region.

"The current power rate is affordable, secure, and reliable that will greatly enhance the investment climate and attract investors," said Tabilisma.

Tabilisma informed that the power supply contract with GN Power Dingenin Ltd. Company will be for a period of 15 years and the consumers are assured of adequate and dependable power supply.

He pointed out that despite the absence of a

board whose members irrevocably resigned on August 2013 following allegations of mismanagement and corruption, the cooperative under the stewardship of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), has steadily climbed up to its current rating of A from D, meaning an ailing electric cooperative in 2014.

The level of operating performance of the cooperatives is assessed and rated by NEA with triple A as the highest and D as the lowest, he said.

Tabilisma is hopeful that Norsamelco, under



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla received a plaque of recognition as keynote speaker from Board Member Noli Caña, the Liga nga mga Barangay president Leyte Chapter on February 22, 2019 during the annual provincial convention. The said convention was held at the International Eucharistic Convention (IEC) Center in Mabolo, Cebu, City. (GINA P. GEREZ)

PSA says Leyte highest fish producer in EV for 2018 4th quarter

TACLOBAN CITY – The province of Leyte has produced the highest volume of fishery production in the 4th quarter of 2018, a report from the regional office of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) said.

Wilma Perante, PSA regional director, said that among the region's provinces, Leyte produced the highest volume of fisheries at 9,585 metric tons (MT), comprising 31.5 percent of the total fishery production in the region.

Samar ranked second at 7,650 MT, accounting for 25.1 percent of the region's total fishery production. Biliran, mean-

while registered 1,227 MT, the lowest volume of production which shared 4.0 percent only.

Perante reported that the fishing industry of the region posted a 3.9 percent increase in production during the 4th quarter of 2018.

"The total fish production in the region went up to 30,461 metric tons (MT) during the 4th quarter of 2018 from 29,306 MT in the same quarter of 2017," she said.

Perante also reported that Eastern Visayas accounted for 2.5 percent of the country's total fishery production during the 4th quarter of 2018.

"It ranked sixth among the regions with low fishery production in the country. Volume of production in commercial fishing went up by 6.4 percent, from 2,672 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 2,844 MT in the same quarter of 2018," she said.

Perante said that all provinces registered increases in commercial fishing, except Southern Leyte, which recorded a decline of 51.6 percent.

Leyte recorded the highest increase of 74.7 percent, from 106 MT in the fourth quarter of 2017 to 186 MT in the same quarter of 2018.

Similarly, volume of production in municipal fishing (marine and inland) registered an increase of 5.8 percent, from 18,135 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 19,179 MT in the same of 2018.

"Among provinces

Northern Samar, Samar, and Southern Leyte registered growths in production of 42.1 percent, 18.8 percent, and 6.8 percent, respectively. Decreases, meanwhile, were observed in Leyte (23.7 percent), Eastern Samar (19.5 percent), and Biliran (3.5 percent), the source said.

Leyte produced the highest volume of aquaculture at 7,294 MT accounting for 86.5 percent of the region's total aquaculture production, she added.

On the other hand, Perante said, the volume of production in aquaculture showed a slight decline of 0.7 percent, from 8,499 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 8,437 MT in the same quarter of 2018.

Among the provinces, Samar, Northern Samar, and Southern Leyte recorded increases in production at 96.6 percent, 23.1 percent, and 16.7 percent, respectively.

Eastern Samar recorded the largest decrease in production of 31.2 percent, from 198 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 136 MT in the 4th quarter of 2018, she said.

More than half or 63.0 percent (19,179 MT) of the total fishery production in the region were from municipal fishing. Aquaculture contributed 27.7 percent (8,437 MT), while commercial fishing accounted for 9.3 percent (2,844 MT), Perante said. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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Brace for water shortage

Unless the country will embark on wide-scale water conservation and watershed protection activities, we would remain ill-prepared for the widening drought and thus fail to sufficiently feed the Filipinos in the upcoming months. This after the weather bureau forecasted a longer, warmer, and drier days by May, with up to 33 provinces likely to bear the rage of El Nino phenomenon.

It's not that we don't have enough water; it's just that we take for granted this blessing that God provides for us. We mismanage this resource by failing to conserve rainwater and those that flow through our rivers. To conserve water, the government may require communities to build water impounding facilities and rainwater catchment basins in preparation for water shortages.

Unlike the rain-laden La Nina, El Nino is a weather pattern wherein rainfall is reduced. This weather phenomenon has been affecting some parts of the country since mid-February, and it's accordingly spreading. Pagasa Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section chief Analiza Solis enumerated those provinces with highly reduced rainfall come May, and these include Eastern Visayas provinces.

This should be greeted with alarm that, in turn, translates into action. It's not some kind of a joke that we just ignore. We should take it seriously, knowing that water is a basic necessity. Life is heavily dependent on it, and if we run out of it, life on earth would perish. Say, what about starting to stockpile containers of clean water especially for drinking and cooking purposes? Well, there must be wisdom in it, for sure.



More humor from a vague sexuality

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3. *Humor from people's inability to ascertain their conjectures*

The children, in their resolve to settle their argument, had consulted different people supposedly possessing expertise in figuring out the chicken's sexual identity. But none

of them—their parents, the philosopher Tasio, the poulterer Eduardo Cruz, the sentencer at the cock-pit—could be sure what sex the chicken had.

Kiko was dead sure it was a rooster, but he was seriously wrong. The narrator got it right—it was a hen—

but he wasn't so sure he actually changed his mind later on and agreed it was a rooster when the chicken won in the cockfight, thus ending up wrong. So here was a chicken making a fool of the wiser human species, and causing trouble in society, all because its gender proved too ambiguous.

Such confusion, seriously speaking, is prevalent only among human beings where it exists for real. The perplexing chicken in the story, being merely fiction, is just imaginary and does not exist in real life. But people whose gender is hard to determine based on looks abound in society and can deceive the eyes of many. For this reason, we sometimes mistake a person for a woman due to observable female body parts, plus a lady's outfits that the

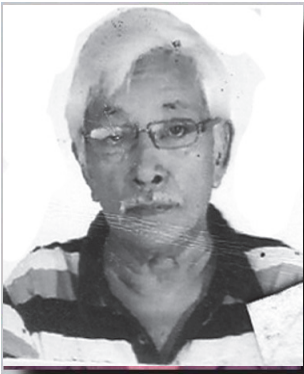
person wears, only to find out that he, after all, is a man.

4. *Humor from the chicken's quarrelsome nature*

How this chicken behaves, the duality of its nature which was neither that of a rooster or a hen's, contributed to the puzzle confronting the characters. Its quarrelsome behavior suggested it was a rooster, but its largely feminine looks implied it was a hen.

This results in inconsistency, ambiguity, confusion, and eventually, humor. It is for this deviation from normal behavior that was giving human observers a hard time identifying what its real sex was for when the chicken ought to

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Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

APEC
(Association of Philippine
Electric Cooperatives)

I am not so keen much less interested in the party-list system in our legislature. The party- list concept is copied from legislatures in other countries to represent marginalized – the poor, the unknown and neglected citizens in a country. We had this problem in our nation that existed since time im-memorial, that is being responded to.

It is unfortunate that in the Philippines the party-list strategy in our legislative governance do not respond for the purpose for which party- list is organized. Many party -list groups do not really represent the marginalized – the poor sector but obviously a nauseating clever strategy

employed by the existing political power sectors, the influential – wealthy politicians with their usual desire to increase and expand their influence the community where they belong for a selfish hold -on to power and wealth enhancement.

In fact there is one in Tacloban a proposed party-list for which objective is to provide an office for an incumbent elective official to occupy because her husband is going to take her place in her present elective position. Everyone knows this!!

I had the chance to talk with a media personality in Tacloban, a publisher of a local paper who is supporting the Association of Phil-

ippine Electric Cooperative (APEC) to be chosen as a party -list in Congress. It has a noble purpose – all for the protection and benefit of electric consumers in our country. Being cooperative by its nature it means it has it's main focus of providing good services to its consumers. The consumers on the other hand possess the power to move members collectively on issues they believe detrimental to their interest.

Small electric cooperatives have been exposed to the danger of being taken over by wealthy and powerful private sectors like what is happening to Panay Electric Coop. which is being taken over by ports mogul Enrique Razon. This is still being investigated. PECO is experiencing an uphill climb in the controversy because they are lonesome cowboys in their fight. If APEC is already operational it will do its best to handle the problem of PECO.

Let us therefore help APEC. APEC is not a tool of the rich and powerful politicians. It stands on its own mission: to help, protect and impose existing electric cooperatives in our land.

We should neither forget that God's mercy will always be around too. As St. Paul also once said, "Where sin has abounded, grace has abounded even more." (Rom 5,20)

Given this fundamental reality of our human condition here, what we should try to do, if only to minimize the incidence of evil, sin and temptations, is to be always aware of our weaknesses, our miseries, and to use them as the reason to always be with God.

Our usual problem is that many times we dare to be on our own, and to regard God as not so important, not so relevant and useful in our life and our activities. We can even go to the extent of considering God as a hindrance, an obstacle to our quest for development, for freedom, for self-fulfillment.

This is the attitude that we should try our best to discard. It simply does not conform to the basic truth about who we are. We are nothing without God. We are supposed to live our life always with God. Without



From A
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JOEY E. CLARIN

NHMFC – Alternative
Source of Housing
Origination

Gen. Rufo de Veyra (Ret.), Chairman of Peerless Housing Cooperative based in Tacloban City invited officials from the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC) Ms. Aileen Velasco and Ms. Brenda Canonero, Accounts Specialists of the Marketing Department to discuss on the NHMFC Housing Loan procedures as an alternative soure of housing origination distinct

and separate from the Pag-Ibig Fund origination. Numerous complaints are being aired by the developers here in Region VIII on the slow processing of housing origination of Pag-Ibig Fund by reason of its centralized system of approval which is in Cebu. It takes an average of 4 months for a housing loan application to be approved and released by Pag-Ibig Fund. The common com-

plaint of developers is the numerous requirements being asked by the Fund. The NHMFC is being eyed as an alternative source of funding and origination for the developers in Region VIII. It offers a socialized housing loan take-out of receivables to bridge the gap of the country's socialized housing backlog by offering a liquidity facility to originators engaged in socialized housing with affordable loan facility to low-income home buyers with a maximum loan amount of P450,000 with an annual interest rate of 4.5% with a monthly amortization of only P2,280. The NHMFC committed to the developers that processing time only takes 7 days up to approval. This alternative source of originating is a breath of fresh air to our housing loan developers in this part of the region as well as to our housing loan borrowers

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act like a hen, it acted like a rooster; when it ought to look like a rooster, it appeared like a hen.

The puzzle became so big an issue that the children who discovered the chicken from then on got preoccupied with having it resolved or else they would be endlessly arguing with each other, like their parents did, resulting in their mother's bursting into tears, and her revelation that their father always made her cry, on various matters, giving her heartaches and pain. Imagine that, it only took a chicken for them to know their father after all had been that cruel to their mother all those years.

With the chicken's behavior, too, the renowned wisdom of their village chief was put to a test, and he turned out to be an ignoramus, after all. Not only him, but even the supposedly more expert Mr. Cruz, who finished Animal Husbandry from UP Los Baños, ended up confused, suggesting that the chicken be butchered and opened up so as to determine what sex it had. Even the sentencer in the cockpit, with his seasoned wisdom of scrutinizing roosters, also failed to tell the chicken's sexuality.

5. Humor from the answer's final disclosure
When all human wisdom failed, nature came to reveal the truth. Finally fielded at the cockpit against a Texan rooster, the chicken's true gender was finally determined, not by the people around, but by its opponent itself. In fact, the people didn't notice it, or failed to interpret what the rooster meant when he fell for his foe, performing a love dance around the puzzling chicken.

People may have found the bird's real gender too difficult to tell, but the rooster being a chicken himself, can tell exactly that their chicken was a hen. That's why he readily fell in love and deliberately refused to fight. Not

only that—he attempted to make love with her. He performed the love dance of circling around the hen as a ritual preparatory to such an act. But the chicken in question was not in the mood for love; it ferociously attacked him, causing his instant, tragic death. At least, before dying, the rooster had disclosed his opponent's sexual identity as a hen. 6. Humor from an iconic ending
The Texan rooster, representing nature here, was then the first to find out the chicken's identity. But nature's revelation did not stop there. While the children were running away

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Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

Our misery
and God's mercy


THIS is something that we should always bear in mind, never daring to take it for granted. This is the basic reality about our life, about our human condition here in this world. It is what should shape the basic attitude we have toward ourselves, toward God and everybody and everything else in our life. We will always be hounded by our human misery that can come to us in many, many ways. Remember St. Paul saying, "I see another law at work in my body, warring against the law of my mind and holding me captive to the law of sin that dwells with-

in me." (Rom 7,23) We should never forget this fact of life. No matter how much we try, the tentacles and claws of evil will somehow catch us or at least threaten us. But instead of getting trapped in anguish, sadness or going wild because of it, we should use that reality as a strong reason to go to God, appealing always for his mercy. We should just apply that Pauline advice: "It's when I am weak that I am strong. (2 Cor 12,11) And that's because St. Paul used his weaknesses and all the evils that hounded him as the very reason and stimulus for him to go to God.



Pray the Holy Rosary daily
for world peace and conversion of sinners
(The family that prays together stays together)

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace. Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)



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JESUS M. PASAGUI, married to
JULIETA DUMDOMA PASAGUI
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0043-2018**

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

JESUS M. PASAGUI, married to
JULIETA DUMDOMA PASAGUI
Brgy. San Agustin, Palo, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
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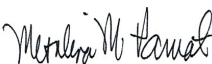
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EPIFANIA EGANA
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0044-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

EPIFANIA EGANA
Brgy. Binongtoan, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
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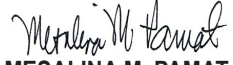
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TEODORA R. TECSON, married to
JESUS TECSON
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0046-2018**

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

TEODORA R. TECSON married to
JESUS TECSON
Brgy. Salvacion, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
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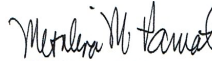
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ALIPIO CASILAN
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0047-2018**

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

ALIPIO CASILAN
Brgy. Hugpa West, Burauen, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
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In Northern Samar DENR exec asserts illegal logging not ‘serious’ to cause massive flooding

C A T A R M A N , Northern Samar— An official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the province belied claims that timber poaching is to be blame for the flooding it experienced when it was hit by tropical depression ‘Usman’ last December.

Paquito Dabuet, community environment and natural resources officer, said that timber poaching activity in his area is not that serious that could be cited why areas, particularly in the first district, suffered massive flooding in the aftermath of Usman’s onslaught.

“The truth is, timber poaching is not really a serious problem here in Northern Samar. What are needed are sustained livelihood opportunities, among other programs, in addressing unemployment and poverty for people living in far-flung villages who have no source of income except depending on forest products,” he said in an interview.

Massive flooding hit various parts of Northern Samar after it was hit by Usman last December which also claimed

the lives of seven people, mostly in Lope de Vega.

The incident resulted for the House of Representatives to call for an inquiry, citing illegal logging as the reason why the province suffered its worst flooding in decades, last January 28.

The inquiry was initiated by both Samar Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento and Northern Samar Rep. Raul Daza(1st district).

Dabuet said that his office is doing their best to control illegal logging activity in the province, particularly in his area.

Among them is the sustained implementation of the National Greening Program and regular consultation in the villages and the Lawin Patrol as watchdog to timber-poachers.

Dabuet, however, disclosed that as part of their accomplishment on the Extended National Greening Program, in 2016 they were able to award 1,400 hectares to 16 peoples’ organizations (POs).

In 2017, around 1,464 hectares was contracted by 30 POs while in 2018 a total of 1,056 hectares were planted by 34 POs.

These are all in the 1st

district with thousands of seedlings were planted as commodities on agro-forestry, timber and fuel wood.

He also said that from January to December 2018,a total of 33 cases were filed in violation of Section 77 of PD 705 as amended by RA 7161 at the different courts with an estimated market value of P965,112.82 of forest products and conveyances.

These confiscated logs are presently deposited in the different municipal police stations and some at their office, Dabuet said.

He added that under their land titling program, they were able to issue free patents to 307 residential, while seven patents were also availed by government schools, among other government offices.

(PETER D. PAREDES)



Pacific Partnership 2019 kicks off Soldiers build evacuation center in northern village of the city

TACLOBAN CITY--The American soldiers, who are part of the Pacific Partnership 2019 delegation, started constructing an evacuation center in Santa Elena, this city.

Pacific Partnership is an annual deployment of forces from the Pacific Fleet of the United States Navy (USN) in cooperation with regional governments and military forces, along with humanitarian and non-government organizations.

This deployment was conceived as a way to provide humanitarian, medical, dental and engineering assistance to nations of the Pacific, and strengthen relationships and security ties between nations.

“I am very thankful that they chose our barangay. They chose Tacloban then they chose Santa Elena. This is the best way to end my term,” Letecia Olino, barangay chairman of Santa Elena, said in an interview.

“We are lucky to be the first one to submit the requirement. The requirement was to submit the legal document that will prove that the land where they

could build the evacuation center is owned by the government and not a private property,” she added.

The US Navy together with the engineers in Philippine Army started the demolition in the first week of February and are now constructing the two-room evacuation center.

The target is to finish the project on March 17, 2019 and to have the turnover ceremony on March 22, 2019. (RICA NIÑA FABILLAR, MA. ESTERLITA HERMANO, CHRISTINE CARDONA, LY-ANN LANI-GAO, EVSU-INTERNS)

PNP...

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The ambush incident in Barangay 1A which is located along Maharlika Highway, Motiong resulted to the death of PO3 Glenn Meniano and injured PO1 Jane Abejar and a civilian, Silvestre Igdalino.

The police officers were on board of their vehicle when they were ambushed by the rebels at about 7:15 am with series of gun shots

and loud explosions heard.

They were returning to their police station after getting water from the nearby police station in Paranas.

Motiong has been identified where insurgency remains to be relatively active.

PO1 Abejar, who was hit at her right thigh, was able to report the incident to her superior, Inspector Alfredo Aquitana, Jr.

She was then brought to the nearest hospital for medical attention.

Carlos proceeded to Motiong to personally look into the incident. He also promised to provide assistance to the family of PO3 Meniano.

And in statement, Roy Santos, information officer of the National Democratic Front-Eastern Visayas, admitted that it was the members of Efren Martires Command who were behind of the attack who used command-detonated explosive.

4th quarter palay production in Eastern Visayas declines by 0.9 percent

Palay production in Eastern Visayas slightly decreased to 290,871 metric tons (MT) in the 4th quarter of 2018 from 293,419 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017, a decline by 0.9 percent.

Decreases were observed among all provinces, except in Samar and Leyte, which posted increases at 17.0 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively.

Northern Samar recorded the highest decrease in production by 35.8 percent, from 31,141 MT in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 20,000 MT in the 4th quarter of 2018.

Among the provinces,

Leyte produced the highest volume of palay at 151,805 MT, which comprised more than half (52.2 percent) of the total palay production in the region. Eastern Samar, meanwhile, had the lowest volume of production (17,946 MT) accounting for only 6.2 percent.

The total area harvested for palay in the region went down by 1.2 percent, from 78,949 hectares in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 78,017 hectares in the 4th quarter of 2018.


Northern Samar contributed largely to this decrease posting a drop of 36.7 percent.

Leyte recorded almost

half or 47.8 percent (37,298 hectares) of the total area harvested for palay during the quarter in review, while Eastern Samar contributed the least (4,931 hectares) accounting for only 6.3 percent.

Yield per hectare for palay in the region slightly increased by 0.3 percent, from 3.72 MT per hectare in the 4th quarter of 2017 to 3.73 MT per hectare in the same quarter of 2018.

Among the provinces, Biliran posted the highest yield per hectare during the quarter in review at 4.44 MT per hectare, while Samar registered the lowest at 2.79 MT per hectare. (PR)



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BLAS URBANA married to
CONCORDIA CALDOSA
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0042-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

BLAS URBANA, married to
CONCORDIA CALDOSA
Brgy. Binotong, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
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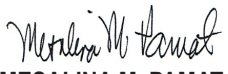
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Clerk of the Adjudicator

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Our misery...

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God, we would be living in some fantasy world that cannot hold on for long. That would be our misery of miseries.

Precisely because of this attitude, we fall into some kind of bipolar life. When things are bad, we would easily fall into anguish, self-pity, depression and the possibility of committing suicide. And when things are good, chances are we get spoiled via pride, vanity, arrogance, greed, etc.

What we should try to develop is the attitude that would make us always aware of our miseries and our need for God. These two aspects of our life should be together. Whether times are good or bad, this should always be in our mind: I am nothing without God. Even in my good fortune, I will always

end up corrupted if I dare to be without God.

It would be good if we could install some means or strategies in our lifestyle that would sustain this kind of attitude. Thus, there is always need for a time for prayer, and to meditate on the basic truths about ourselves that are spelled out in our Christian faith.

And then develop the appropriate attitudes, skills and virtues. In this regard, we need to realize more deeply how God makes himself tangibly accessible to us through the Church, especially through the sacraments, and among the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist.

These facilities are often taken for granted, since they are not properly understood and appreciated. It is indeed a pity that that seems to be the prevalent condition even among Catholics at this time...

More humor...

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from the riot that resulted from their chicken’s victory, the bird itself made its own disclosure. In the arms of one of the boys, it quivered suddenly and dropped a warm, round thing into the boy’s hand, thus confirming that she is a female chicken, or a hen. This is quite ironic. In time when everybody was finally convinced this cockpit conqueror was a brave rooster, she manifested her real identity. Despite the confusion among the human characters, the object of this ambiguity finally reveals the truth in the end. Human opinions were proven wrong albeit credited with superior wisdom. Nature, after all, prevails.

What chicken is it that lays an egg? Of course, it’s a hen. This is what the chicken did to help solve the puzzle—it laid an egg, thereby confirming its true gender identity. We have thus seen how the author used the chicken’s confusing appearance, perplexing behavior, and ambiguous sexuality to generate humor. But, when elevated to the human level, it forms an apparent warning that anyone who manifests sexual ambiguity makes himself/herself an object of ridicule. Further inquiries may probe deeper into perhaps the reasons, social impact, effects, and other issues ambiguous sexual identities could generate besides humor, depending upon the researcher’s intent and critical thought to use.

NHCP...

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commodate the school’s “growing population.” While he is not in the authority to approve the plan, Mercado advised the diocese to write to NHCP. He also asked his constituents to allow NHCP decide on the matter as it’s not within their jurisdiction.

Residents of this city have expressed their strong resentment on this plan of the management of Saint Joseph College calling for the preservation of the structure instead of demolishing it.

The school management want to build a school building where the structure is located.

“I hope that the dio-

cese won’t pursue this. I hope they won’t request further. But rather, save it, take good care of it, and use it to teach this generation more about Maasin, its history and culture,” said Amelia Fe Mancera, a cultural worker from the city.

“My suggestion for the last watchtower in Maasin City is to make it a memorabilia building in the significance of its historical heritage,” posted Armando Gaviola on Facebook.

On February 13, a concerned citizen Adel Macaldo also wrote to the NHCP, asking the commission “to have an exhaustive investigation on the alleged demolition” of the tower.

(RONALD O. REYES)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Vicente Samong, Sr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a aprcel of agricultural land situated in Libertad, Cabucgayan, Biliran, denominated as Survey No. 580, Assessor’s Lot No. 015 and Tax Dec-/ARP No. 00433 R10, with an area of 7,951.40 square meters, assessed value of P6,540.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of HAIDEE G. ESTUDILLO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 281, Page No. 57, Book No. 44, Series of 2011 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Feb. 26, March 5 & 12, 2019*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that Edgardo T. Siabal executed a Deed of Absolute Sale of a motorized passenger ship/motorbanca described as: Name of Ship: MBca “EDMAR’S”; Official Number: 08-0003527; Type of Ship: Passenger ship/Motorbanca; Hull Material: Wood; No. of Engine: 1; Length: 20.07 meters; Gross Tonnage: 8.64; Net Tonnage: 5.88; Breadth: 2.02 meters; Depth: 1.18 meters; Engine Make: Mitsubishi; KW: 70.00 in favor of ARVIE Y. MOSQUERIOLA as vendee/new owner and the name of the ship is changed to MBca RB; per Doc. No. 3293, Page No. 659, Book No. VII, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez Jr. *LSDE: March 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS
NOTICE is hereby given that MARY JOY G. GAMBALA, Store Supervisor of Skygo Marketing Corporation dealer of Skygo Motorcycles executed an Affidavit of Loss of Sto. Niño de Cebu Finance Corporation Official Receipt with serial nos. 004751-004800 to Skygo Marketing Corporation. Said official receipt was given to JEROME CAINTOY. The custodian left for Manila without turning over the Official Receipt but despite utmost efforts to locate, retrieve and recover it still proves futile and of no avail and considered as forever lost; per Doc. No. 460, Page No. 93, Book No. XLVI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro. *LSDE: March 12, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that URSO JOSE O. DELMO heir of late ELMA M. DELMO executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a joint account with the Metrobank, Zamora Branch, Tacloban City under Savings Account No. 3122534147 (Oscar Babiera Garol and Elma Martinez Delmo) which has a balance of P484,507.50 and one half share of his late wife is P242,253.75; and hereby adjudicate unto himself the aforementioned amount of money with the said bank; per Doc. No. 374, Page No. 76, Book No. I, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. de Veyra. *LSDE: March 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of late GEORGE VAL D. DAGONDON died intestate in Tacloban City extrajudicially divided, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 units of motor vehicles described as: a) Make: SUZUKI; Engine No.: F6A-6348719; Chassis No.: DC51T-413234; Plate No.: 900804; Official Receipt No.: 1145854006; Certificate of Registration No.: 198207586; Franchise Case No.: VIII-2014-1113; b) Make: SUZUKI; Engine No.: F6A-5670547; Chassis No.: DC51T-140453; Plate No.: HVU342; Official Receipt No.: 1145758003; Certificate of Registration No.: 204117384; Franchise Case No.: VIII-2014-1113; per DOc. No. 156, Page No. V, Book No. 32, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Daniel Pen. *LSDE: March 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of late PABIANITO OLINO CAPISIÑO died intestate in Dulag, Leyte extrajudicially divided, partitioned and adjudicated over a motor vehicle described as: Make: HONDA-Tricycle; Motor Nr.: KB509E202978; Chassis Nr.: KB509292977; Plate Nr.: HZ9550; MV File Nr.: 0844-00000069021; Police Nr.: MCH2019-1659 and heirs hereby renounces and waived their rights to share in favor of their mother LORNA S. CAPISIÑO; per Doc. No. 348, Page No. 70, Book No.VI; Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Earl Caezar N. Rosario. *LSDE: March 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

Court...

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happened,” the 10-year old girl told her mother, in the local dialect.

She then shared to her mother a verse from the Bible about God forgiving those who ask for forgiveness from people they have wronged.

“Forgive me for what I’ve done to you,” she said to her daughter and niece, also in the local dialect.

“I am ashamed of it. I hope you can forgive me, and we can be together again,” said the mother as acknowledged the crime and expressed remorse.

Aside from the prison terms, the trafficker was also ordered to pay combined fines totaling P775,000.

She was originally charged with qualified trafficking in persons which bears the penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of not less than P2 million but not more than P5 million if the accused is convicted after a full-blown trial that can last several years, said the International Justice Mission (IJM).

“This conviction through plea bargaining affirms that in holding Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) perpetrators accountable, child protection should always be prioritized,” IJM said in a statement.

Members of PNP’s Women and Children Protection Center –Visayas Field Unit (WCPC-VFU) arrested the trafficker during an entrapment operation on July 28, 2018 at her resi-

dence in Sta. Margarita.

She had offered to stream live sexually explicit acts involving her 10-year-old daughter in exchange for money from an online predator.

Police and social workers from the Samar Provincial Social Welfare and Development

Office rescued the girl and the trafficker’s 13-year-old niece and 8-year-old nephew.

Atty. John Tanagho, IJM Cebu Field Office Director said that government, through Prosecutor Jennylyn Sumagang-Durmiendo, obtained swift justice for the victims.

“(The State) also protected the children from the rigors of having to testify in court against their own mother and aunt,” added Tanagho in a statement.

Sta. Margarita Mayor Gemma Zosa also welcomed the conviction, saying “child trafficking is a crime that exploits girls and boys for numerous purposes including forced labor and sex.”

“As the local chief executive of the municipality of Sta. Margarita, it is our aim to protect children from being abused, and to rehabilitate survivors, and help them in rebuilding their lives,” she said, expressing her gratitude to authorities and non-government organizations that help rescued the child.

Regional Prosecutor Irwin Maraya, head of the Regional Anti-Trafficking Task Force – 8,

see Court /page 11 ...

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Elysier G. Margate extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over one-half (1/2) share of conjugal property, described as: a parcel of land, designated in the Brgy. of Caibaan, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-22068, which parcel of land still in the name of GSIS, containing an area of 240 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 625, Page No. III, Book No. IX, Series of 2001 of Notary Public Atty. Alfredo C. Verona. *LSDE: March 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Elesio T. Asis extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated in Brgy. Pinamono-an, Mahaplag, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-25019-00048, containing an area of 5,2147 hectares, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Elmer Alagon Casinillo and Niña VI Maunes-Casinillo as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 238, Page No. 49, BOkok No. VII, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Jason Alonzo. *LSDE: Feb. 26, March 5 & 12, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Marcelina S. Sajorda-Engle executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over parcels of land described as: 1) Parcel of residential land, together with all the improvements thereon situated at the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 444 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. TP-14030 and covered by Tax Dec. No. 99-04003-00442 PIN 044-04-003-02 014 - Residential with assessed value of P18,970.00, Tax Dec. No. 2008-04003-00434, PIN 044-04-003-02-014-1001- Building; 2) Agricultural land, located in Magcasuang, Babatngon, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 3465, Ass. Lot No. 8, with an area of 2.1440 hectares, more or less, with an assessed value of P25,260.00, under Tax Dec. No. 2008-04011-00148, PIN 044-04-011-02-008; 3) Agricultural land located in Magcasuang, Babatngon, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 3459, Ass. Lot No. 13, with an area of 0.9440 hectares cocoland more or less, with an assessed value of P11,120.00 under Tax Dec. No. 2008-04011-00149 PIN 044-04-011-02-013; 4) Agricultural land located in Magcasuang, Babatngon, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 3467, Ass. Lot No. 18, with an area of 1.0660 hectares cocoland more or less, assessed value of P12,560.00, under Tax Dec. No. 2008-04011-00150 PIN 044-04-011-02-018; per Doc. No. 227, Page No. 46, Book No. XI, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Leslie Rose G. Adolfo. *LSDE: Feb. 26, March 5 & 12, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jeffrey Gabiana Espeña extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land with improvements thereon situated in Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City, designated as Lot 10, Block 13, Phase 4, Pcs-08-000010, under TCT No. T-17236/Tax Dec. No. 2012-01-0006-09120, containing an area of 180 square meters registered in the name of Government Service Insurance System and one-storey residential building situated at Brgy. 109 Calanipawan (V&G) Tacloban City, containing an area of 65.1 square meters with an assessed value of P182,450 pesos. That herein Fe C. Espeña hereby presents forever renounce, waive and relinquish all her rights, interest and participation over the above-described property in favor of her children/co-heirs Jeffrey C. Espeña Jr. and Mary Grace C. Espeña; per Doc. No. 168, Page No. 35, Book No. III, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane P. Villanoza. *LSDE: Feb. 26, March 5 & 12, 2019*

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Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **GIORGIANA P. CAÑETE** has filed with *(Complete name of petitioner)*

this Office, a Petition for change of first name from **MERCEDES** to **GIORGIANA** in the *(First name to be changed)* *(New first name to be adopted)*

Birth Certificate of **MERCEDES PEDRERA** who was born on **MARCH 26, 1960** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **MERCEDES HIPE** and **GORGONIO PEDRERA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **March 18, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: March 5 & 12, 2019

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Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HIGINIO B. HOMERES** has filed with *(Complete name of petitioner)*


this Office, a Petition for change of first name from **ANDRES JR.** to **HIGINIO** in the *(First name to be changed)* *(New first name to be adopted)*

Birth Certificate of **ANDRES JR. BELCHES HOMERES** who was born on **JANUARY 11, 1961** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **LUCINA D. BELCHES** and **ANDRES R. HOMERES**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **March 18, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: March 5 & 12, 2019



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DARAB-LEYTE

PETRONILO ERAYA married to
PAZ PEÑARANDA
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0034-2016
DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0035-2016
DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0036-2016
DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0055-2016
FOR: DETERMINATION OF JUST
COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

PETRONILO ERAYA
married to **PAZ PEÑARANDA**
Brgy. Sta. Rosa, Barugo, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

PAULINA S. CANALES
PARPO II
DAR Prov'l., Office
Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City

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DOCKET NO.	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	AREA ACQUIRED	LOCATION
LV-0801-0034-2016	OCT P-28220	7002-A & C	0.9642	0.9589	Brgy. Ibag, Barugo, Leyte
LV-0801-0035-2016	OCT P-28222	6831-A	04267	0.4181	
LV-0801-0036-2016	OCT P-28080	6987-B, D & E	1.0891	1.0185	
LV-0801-0055-2016	OCT P-28081	6980-A	1.3320	1.3132	

The proceeding being summary in nature, you are directed to submit within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof your respective memorandum/position paper and affidavits, supported with pertinent documents and evidence as to just compensation of said property. Parties may examine the claim folder in the Adjudicator's Office.

DAR, LVD Law Bldg., Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City, February 18, 2019.

FOR THE ADJUDICATION

Mesalina M. Pamat
MESALINA M. PAMAT
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: March 12, 19 & 26, 2019

CARPER LAD Form NO. 51
(Revised Carp-LAD Form NO. 51)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Provincial Agrarian Reform Office
Liceo del Verbo Divino, Former Law Building
Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

February 19, 2019

CIRIACO BANTANOS
Poblacion, Alangalang, Leyte

Sir/Madam

This refers to your agricultural land covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6657, as amended by R.A. No. 9700, particularly described as follows:

OCT/TCT No.	: OCT-34165
TD No.	: 08-02-012-00065
Lot No.	: 72
Approved Survey No.	: Psc-15
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has)	: 0.4476 Has.
Area acquired per ASP	: 0.4476 Has.
Location	: Brgy. Binongtoan, Alangalang, Leyte

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **0.4476** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x)Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT PESOS & 15/100 (Php 16,898.15)** covering **0.4476** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

We have already requested the LBP, with address at: Sagkahan Street, Tacloban City to deposit in your name the said amount, in cash and bonds. The release of payments shall be effected or may be withdrawn upon your submission of all documents required by LBP on the release of claims.

Please accomplish the attached CARPER LAD Form 53 (Landowner's Reply to NLVA) within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this Notice and return it to the DAR Provincial Office.

In case you reject the compensation offered for your property or fail to reply to this notice within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, we shall advise the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (DARAB), with address at DAR Regional Office Compound, Sto. Niño Extension Tacloban City to conduct summary administrative proceedings on the matter. In the event that you subsequently accept the value as computed by the LBP based on existing valuation guidelines, you should manifest in writing with respect to such acceptance of the original value, or jointly with LBP manifest in writing with respect to the recomputed value by the LBP, with the DARAB or the regular court.


The DAR shall take immediate possession of the property upon issuance of a Certification of Deposit (COD) by LBP and the concomitant transfer of the title to the landholding in the name of the Republic of the Philippines.

Very truly yours,

Paulina S. Canales
PAULINA S. CANALES
PARPO I / OIC PARPO II

ATTACHMENTS:
CARPER LAD Form No. 50 (Memorandum of Valuation) with Land Valuation Worksheet
CARPER LAD Form No. 53 (LO's Reply to NLVA)

Copy Distribution:
Original - LO
Duplicate - LBP
Triplicate - DARPO
Quadruplicate - DARMO



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DARAB-LEYTE

BLAS URBANA
married to CONCORDIA CALDOSA
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0045-2018
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

X-----X

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

**BLAS URBANA, married to
CONCORDIA CALDOSA**
Brgy. Poblacion, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

PAULINA S. CANALES
PARPO II
DAR Prov'l., Office
Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City

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The proceeding being summary in nature, you are directed to submit within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof your respective memorandum/position paper and affidavits, supported with pertinent documents and evidence as to just compensation of said property. Parties may examine the claim folder in the Adjudicator's Office.

DAR, LVD Law Bldg. Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City, February 14, 2019.

FOR THE ADJUDICATION

Mesalina M. Pamat
MESALINA M. PAMAT
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: March 12, 19 & 26, 2019



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JOSEFINA MARMITA DE AVELINO
married to SERENICO AVELINO
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0048-2018
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

JOSEFINA MARMITA DE AVELINO
married to **SERENICO AVELINO**
Romualdez St., Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

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ARMI PLEIDER
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0070-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

ARMI PLEIDER
Brgy. Wague, Leyte, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

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VICENTE B. SUICO
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0068-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

VICENTE B. SUICO
Brgy. Naghalin, Kananga, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

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Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City


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DAR, LVD Law Bldg. Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City, February 14, 2019.

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SPOUSES BENITO R. CUESTA
and CORAZON G. CUESTA
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0050-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

SPOUSES BENITO R. CUESTA
and CORAZON G. CUESTA
Brgy. Santol, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
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Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

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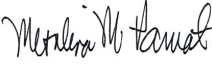
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DAR, LVD Law Bldg. Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City, February 14, 2019.

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AMALIA VELARDE PELINA
and RUBEN PELINA;
EUGENIO PELINA
Landowners,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0049-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

AMALIA VELARDE PELINA
and RUBEN PELINA; EUGENIO PELINA
Brgy. Astorga, Alangalang, Leyte

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

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14th Pacific Partnership in the Philippines with (center) Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez, (from left to right) Councilors Evangeline Esperas, Aimee D. Grafil, Willy Domingo and Maria Elvira Galapon Casal at Patio Victoria Baluarte.

In Naval, Biliran

Mayor issues stern warning against employers playing mobile games while in office: Stop or be terminated

TACLOBAN CITY – Its game over now for on-line game fanatics, at least among workers of the municipal government in Naval, Biliran.

This after Mayor Gerard Roger Espina issued an order prohibiting the municipal employees to play the online game during office hours.

The town mayor issued the order in March 1 after discovering that some employees were tinkering their mobile phones playing the popular mobile legend and PUBG (player unknown's battle grounds).

"It has come to my attention that significant number of employees was reported playing mobile games (ML and PUBG) during office hours. Let it be known to all municipal employees that this act is not included in your responsibility, obligation, and duty as public servants," Espina said on his memorandum order.

Both online games are both multiplayer on-line game that are popular among smartphone users nowadays. In fact ML was confirmed to be the first sports titles included in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games which will be hosted by the Philippines.

"Under the circumstance, I hereby order that employees that are caught playing mobile games during office hours will be terminated upon proven guilty. I hope that with this memo, suspected employees will 'level up' their maturity in terms of the seriousness of public service or 'squad up' to find a new place of employment," Espina said.

Mayor Espina said that the memorandum was to discipline the government employees who are using their working hours for personal time instead of using them to provide services to the people.

"It is embarrassing for the people of the Naval to see, the employees should have use their in a productive way," the town mayor said.

He added that his order was warmly welcome by the municipal employees.

Playing online games during office hours is punishable under the law, according to Civil Service Commissioner Aileen Lizada.

Administrative cases may be filed against violators at the CSC for violating the Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service, under CSC Resolution No 1701077-2017.

Violators who will be found guilty will be suspended for six months and one day or up to one year, and the dismissal from service in their second offense.

Meanwhile, in the town of Isabel, Leyte, a private school has been implementing a no gadgets policy inside its school campus since the third quarter of 2018.

Pastor Joshua Caleb Hocson, administrator of Doane Baptist School and Doane Baptist Academy, said that banning students in using gadgets inside the school campus aims to make them focus more on their lessons and learn to interact better with their fellow students.

"I was just observing them at first if they will hear my exhortation about being balance in studies and other things and learning to focus things like that," Hocson shares.

"And in the third quarter, teachers had been complaining that most students' grades are declining. Even during programs we noticed that some are just staying in their classrooms using their cellphones and playing games in their tablets. So I told them that if they can't balance their studies and using their gadgets 'I will

see Mayor/page 12 ...

Amid increasing number of EV's measles cases DOH want EVRAA athletes to take anti-measles shot

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Health here in the region want all athletes who will be participating a regional sporting event next month to have themselves vaccinated against measles.

The call of the DOH came amid increasing number of measles cases of the region.

As of March 8, about 1,080 people, majority of them children, have been afflicted with measles with 24 deaths, the regional health office said.

Maria Elena Villarosa, coordinator on measles program of the DOH-8, said that by having these young athletes vaccinated against measles, its possible spread among themselves and at the host-city could be avoided.

The city of Ormoc is to host this year's Eastern

Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) Meet slated to be held on April 7 to 12.

About 7,000 athletes from the 13 school divisions coming from public elementary and secondary schools, are to participate the youth annual sporting event.

"We would like to have our athletes participating the EVRAA to have immunize. This way, we can prevent the spread of measles. It's a big event to be participated by 7,000 athletes, to include their respective coaches and trainors," Villarosa said.

She that the move could also spare the city of Ormoc of having more measles cases.

Based on the monitoring of the DOH-8, Ormoc has about 53 measles cases with no death.

Villarosa said that these athletes should have their immunization taken at least a month before the event starts.

She added that these athletes could have their anti-measles shot at their respective health offices as they secure the mandatory health clearance.

The DOH official added that even those who have already received the anti-measles vaccines are encourage to have another shot to serve as a 'booster.'

She assured the athletes that the vaccines has no side effects which could affect their performances during the EVRAA.

"It is safe," she said, referring to the vaccine that the DOH administer on people who want anti-measles vaccine.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Fewer women employed in Eastern Visayas: report

TACLOBAN CITY-- Household chores have deprived majority of women in Eastern Visayas from opportunities to join the labor force in their productive years, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported on Friday as the nation observes the International Women's Day celebration.

Citing the 2018 survey, Zonia Salazar, PSA supervising statistics specialist, said that only 48 percent of women, aged 15 to 64 years old, are participating in the region's labor force. In contrast, 77.5 percent of men are employed in the same working age.

"Many women are not available for paid work because they devote most of their time taking care of their children and do household works," Salazar

told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

She pointed out that long hours spent in unpaid care work hold back women and girls from pursuing opportunities in education, employment, political engagement, and leisure activities.

Rosie Solayao, 34, of San Roque village in Tanauan has stopped selling kids' drinks last year since no adult was left to look after her four younger children. Her husband works as a laborer in a housing project, earning about PHP300 daily.

"I really want to work because my husband's income is not enough to support the needs of our eight children. I have no choice, but to stay home. I'm bothered of what would happen

to our small children if I'm not around," Solayao said.

The PSA said that even for livelihood projects, there are fewer women beneficiaries than men. Records from the Department of Labor and Employment showed that in 2018, only 2,398 women were assisted, less than the 3,716 male recipients.

International Women's Day celebrated every March 8 is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

This year's celebration is anchored on the theme #BalanceforBetter.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

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said the plea-bargained conviction "is a product of the joint effort of government and private stakeholders."

"This 'one team' approach is key to combatting these depredations on the young and innocent," he added.

WCPC-VFU Chief Romeo Perigo hailed the

successful plea bargaining.

"Today's conviction is a win for the government in its campaign against OSEC. The reduced [prison] sentence gives [the perpetrator] an opportunity for reforms – to reintegrate to the community after serving her sentence and take care of her family once she's released from prison."

Based on IJM-sup-

ported cases, 57 persons have been convicted in the Philippines for perpetrating OSEC since 2011.

The organization has supported Philippine law enforcement agencies in the arrest of 193 OSEC perpetrators and the rescue of 454 victims and children at-risk across the country.

(ROLAND O. REYES)

Pacific Partnership 2019

Americans to help in the repair of schools, health stations, and beach clean-up

TACLOBAN CITY- For the next two weeks, residents of this city would be seeing foreign servicemen and women, notably Americans, doing some beach cleaning and repair works of some public schools.

The foreign soldiers, who are mostly assigned in the Navy, are part of the around 200-strong men and women who comprises the delegation in this year's Pacific Partnership who will do series of activities in selected areas in the city.

The two-week activity was formally opened on Monday (March 11) with Mayor Cristina Romualdez expressing her gratitude to the foreign delegation for coming to the city for the second time.

According to the city mayor, their coming to Tacloban will be a big help to the city and its people who still vividly recalled what happened

to them almost five years ago.

Tacloban was considered as the ground zero when the world's strongest typhoon to hit inland, super typhoon 'Yolanda' hit Eastern Visayas on November 8,2013 that resulted to loss of more than 2,200 lives and destruction of properties amounting to billions of pesos.

The group arrived in the city in 2014 which conducted in the rehabilitation of several public schools, among others.

For this year's Pacific Partnership, the participating soldiers coming from the US, United Kingdom, Canada, Peru, Australia, Canada, South Korea, Japan,Malaysia and Thailand, are to conduct repairs of several public schools and health centers in the city as well as help on a beach clean-up.

They will also conduct series of activities related risk reduction manage-

ment.

John Law, US deputy chief of mission to the Philippines, said that they are just too glad to return to the country, one of the world's most prone to natural disasters.

He called their two-week stay in the city as an 'extraordinary mission.'

"We all know that when a natural disaster strikes, it is sudden and without warning. It is always catching people at the worst possible time and if we have not done any preparation.... causes extraordinary devastation to the individuals, to the communities, to the economies and to our lives," he said.

For his part, Undersecretary Ricardo Jalad, representing Defense Sec. Delfin Lorenzana, said that the holding of the exercise in Tacloban is 'very timely and remarkable' in our campaign for disaster resilience.

The Pacific Partnership is considered to be the largest annual, multi-lateral disaster response preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific.

This annual maritime operation will help disaster response preparedness, resiliency and capacity while enhancing partnerships with participating nations and civilian humanitarian organizations within the Indo-Pacific area.



Other highlights of the Pacific Partnership Launching held on Monday at Patio Victoria attended by Mayor Cristina G. Romauldez, other civic leaders in Tacloban, and top Navy and AFP Officials. Pacific Partnership activities will be held in Tacloban from March 11 to 22, 2019.

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Anti-flood control project now underway in Leyte town

CARIGARA, Leyte- To spare residents and properties from the dangers of flood, Rep. Henry Ong is making sure that the P48 million flood control project in two of the villages of this town would be completed before the onset of rainy season.

The project, which

measures 312 meters and is constructed to help decrease water levels brought by the overflowing of Uyawan River and high sea water in the villages of East and West Visoria.

The project also involves repair of sea wall structure measuring 660 meter length for the intermittent section and 10 meter length of the arch section.

The Department of Public Works and Highways 2nd Leyte Engineering district through its district engineer, Gerald Pacanan, said that the completed project can accommodate high volume of water going

through the area which is essential to help protect the lives of the residents against the threat of flash floods during the rainy season.

Moreover, the structure will also help prevent soil erosion that may damage the houses and other properties of the people living close to the area.

The project is funded under the 2018 General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2018 and is part of the Build Build Build program of the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

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