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Due to spike of COVID-19 cases and lack of facilities

N. Samar, Biliran seek moratorium on the LSIs return

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TACLOBAN CITY - The provincial governments of Northern Samar and Biliran have sought for the extension on the moratorium on the return of the locally stranded individuals (LSIs) to their respective provinces until the end of this month.

While they are asking for the extension of the moratorium, Northern Samar Governor Edwin Ongchuan stressed that they welcome the LSIs to their province.

decision of the NIATF, we will allow documented locally stranded individuals to enter and return to our province," Governor Edwin Ongchuan posted in his Facebook account.

Documented LSIs are those who made coordination with their respective local government units prior to their return.

On June 25, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año after visiting the region

approved the request of local chief executives in the region to suspend the travel of LSIs for 14 days to help contain further spread of the COVID-19 cases.

The suspension started "While we wait for the on June 28 and last until

> The provinces of Northern Samar and Biliran province have submitted a resolution to the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (RIATF8) and the Regional Task Force on COVID-19(RTF8) for the extension of the moratorium on the return of the LSIS until July 31.

This request of the two provinces was granted by the two body during a joint see N. Samar /page 2 ...



P15.00 IN TACLOBAN

MORATORIUM. As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in their provinces, the governors of Northern Samar and Biliran sought for the moratorium on the return of the LSIs and returning overseas workers until the end of this month. The DILG allowed the LSIs and overseas workers to return again on July 9.Photo shows health workers taking a swab of an LSI from Northern Samar.

(NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL INFORMATION OFFICE)

DILG exec lead regional launching of Disiplina Muna Advocacy Campaign; asks cops to be law-abiding

TACLOBAN CITY -The Disiplina Muna Advocacy Campaign was formally launched here in the region on Monday (July 13) which gives priority on all programs and policies of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The launching was held at the Camp Ruperto Kangleon Camp where the regional headquarter of the Philippine National Police (PNP) is based.

One of the highlights of the launching of the advocacy campaign was the signing of pledge of commitment led by DILG Re-

gional Director Karl Caesar Rimando and Police B/Gen. Manuel Pepino, assistant regional director for administration.

Disiplina Muna Advocacy Campaign is a program of the DILG which promotes its programs, policies, and activities like road clearing, disaster risk reduction and management, anti-smoking, liquor ban, clean-up of tourism sites, ease of doing business, and anti-illegal drug campaign.

DILG Regional Director Caesar Rimando, in his speech during the launching, encouraged policemen to set a good example, not only in their workplace but also in their community by following laws and ensuring that their family members are not involved in vices like

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Cop, health worker among latest to be afflicted of COVID-19 in the region

police officer and a health worker were among the latest individuals from Eastern Visayas who were infected by the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19), raising the region's total cases to

The police officer sickened by the virus is from San Sebastian town, Samar province while the health worker who was also infected by the coronavirus is from Maasin City, Southern

They were among the 21 people who were reported by the regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) on Saturday

TACLOBAN CITY-A to have been infected by ince, a 60-year old man COVID-19.

> All the 21 COVID-19 patients are now in their local government units' isolation facilities.

Still, most of the latest patients of the region were locally stranded individuals

In Leyte, the town of Bato has two new cases with municipalities of Jaro, Alangalang, Mahaplag, Inopacan, Bato, and Palo have one each case.

In Northern Samar, the town of Lavezares has a 14year old girl who arrived from Paco, Manila as its latest patient while in San Jose town, also of the same prov-

who came from Caloocan City was also infected by COVID-19.

In Samar province, aside from the police officer from San Sebastian town, the towns of San Jorge and Basey have one each new case, both LSIs.

In Biliran province, another LSI from Manila is the latest COVID-19 case of Kawayan town.

In Southern Leyte, aside from Maasin, the towns of Bontoc (with four cases) and Tomas Oppus, Pintuyan, and Hinunangan, with one each, have logged new COVID-19 cases. (JOEY A. GABIETA, LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

TACLOBAN CITY -An online portal containing information on locally stranded individuals (LSIs) and returning overseas workers were launched on Monday by the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (RIATF).

The online portal, balik-otos.ph, also aim to make it easy in the contact tracing involving individuals who are infected with the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19), the RI-ATFEID) said.

The portal will store information of returning LSIs and returning overseas workers.

The information will include what vehicles they used in returning to the region, their seat number, their permanent address and the quarantine facility where they will stay.

The portal was developed by the regional office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Information which will be encoded in the portal will be screened by the DOST before it will be posted on the website, Engr. Ernesto Granada, officer-in-charge of the DOST, said.

Each agency will assign an encoder and approver. see Portal /page 3 ...

Once the region's epicenter of COVID-19

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DOH declares Tarangan town as free of COVID-19 transmission

TACLOBAN CITY -After being tagged as the epicenter of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) of the region, the town of Tarangan is now officially out from the list where the virus afflicts its people.

Dr. Minerva Molon, regional director of the Department of Health (DOH), has announced that they have already lifted their declaration of a local transmission in Tarangan due to COVID-19.

About 35 people were confirmed to have been infected in Tarangan with one fatality.



DR. MINERVA MOLON

credited Molon the successful containment on the spread of the COVID-19 in the town to whole-of-nation-approach that both the national government agencies and local government unit did.

"At first, we are confused on how to address the problem but as weeks goes on, we are able to handle the matter properly. In fact, one of the best examples of this is the whole-of-nation approach," Molon said.

Military forces, police and other uniformed personnel, including national government agencies like the DOH, Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Social Welfare and Development with support from the provincial government and the local government, help in

making sure that needs of Tarangnan residents and quarantine protocols were strictly imposed in the entire town.

Molon added that during the visit of World Health Organization (WHO) representative to Tarangnan, they noted the intervention made in the municipality which can be a model if similar situation happens in other areas of the region.

Mayor Arnel Tan had imposed three lockdowns since the coronavirus hit the town.

First was on April 7 where residents of the two sitios or sub-villages of the town were restricted with their movements.

The second lockdown was issued on April 20 affecting residents at Poblacion B. Third lockdown was on April 29, affecting the whole town and the last lockdown was issued on June 1 to 15 in the villages of Poblacion A, B, C, D, E, Imelda and Palencia.

The DOH has declared on April 27 of a community transmission of see DOH /page 7 ...

After losing its 'rabies-free' status, CVO to heighten its anti-rabies vaccination

TACLOBAN CITY-After 14 years of being a 'rabies-free city', the local government of Tacloban through the City Veterinary Office (CVO) will further heighten its anti-rabies vaccination and reclaim its "rabies-free" status, which was revoked following the first human rabies death

City Veterinarian Dr. Eunice Alcantara, in an interview, disclosed that it is unfortunate that the city had its first recorded human transmission of rabies after years of maintaining the said tag.

Alcantara said that the recorded positive human rabies case, who was admitted to a government hospital died on June 30, 2020, is a 27-year-old male from Barangay 94, Tigbao.

The man was bitten by a dog in the first week of May and unfortunately, days after the biting incident, the dog likewise died, CVO re-

According to the city veterinarian, the owner of the dog gave monetary assistance to shoulder the expenses of the victim. However, the latter used the aid for personal interest.

"We were also able to trace and vaccinate 10 persons which he came in contact with — his five drinking buddies, his par-



The City Veterinary Office will strengthen its anti-rabies campaign this year after it loses its rabies-free city. The last rabies case of the city was in 2004.

ents, two children, and his partner," Alcantara stressed.

Being determined to reclaim the status of Tacloban City as a rabies-free, the official is encouraging pet owners to have their dogs vaccinated to be ensured of a rabies-free community in the midst of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) health crisis.

Alcantara explained that this canine rabies is more dangerous than the COVID-19 due to its 100 percent fatality rate.

"No victim has ever recovered from rabies, especially when symptoms appear," she stressed.

Meantime, she added, a person who becomes a victim of a dog bite should immediately wash the wound part with soap and water,

and seek medical attention at the Animal Bite Centers located at the Tacloban City Hospital or the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC).

Sections 15.1, 27, and 28 of City Ordinance 2006-9-264 also known as the Animal Code of Tacloban City state that no animal shall be permitted to roam or walk upon public places, and pet owners are required to let their pets be registered and vaccinated yearly against rabies.

Tacloban City's last recorded rabies case was in 2004. With that, CVO requests the cooperation of the pet owners, as violators will be dealt with accordingly. (C.MERIN, TACLO-**BAN CITY INFORMATION** OFFICE)

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resolution issued on July 10 though the NIATF has yet to give its response to the appeal.

The two provinces cited "limited resources and capacity to quarantine these returning residents" as their reason for the extension.

The two provinces also cited the lack of level three hospital in their respective areas and the limited number of hospital beds as well as supplies and materials for COVID-19 and fewer healthcare workers and professionals.

They added that because of these problems, "the local health care system would be easily overwhelmed in the event of a surge of the coronavirus cases.

As of June 12, the number of COVID-19 cases in Biliran had increased to 22 where seven of which had already recovered and one death, while Northern Samar has 22 cases with 11

recovered cases.

Majority of the confirmed case are LSIs including the two reported new cases in Northern Samar, a 14-year old girl who arrived with her grandparents to Lavazares town on June 15 from Paco, Manila and a 60-year old male from San Jose town who arrived with his wife from Caloocan City to the province on June 18. Both new patients are currently isolated at the respective isolation facilities.

province of Biliran have COVID-19 cases.

These cases are in Biliran (7), Naval (5), Cabucgayan (4), Almeria and Caibiran (3), Kawayan (3) and Maripipi (1).

Six of the 24 municipalities in Northern Samar had recorded cases of COVID-19. These are the towns of Lavezares (10), San Isidro (7), San Jose (2) and one case each in the municipalities of Victoria, San Roque and the capital town of Catarman where the first case in the region was recorded.

Eastern Visayas as of All eight towns in the July 12 has a total of 646 confirmed cases with a total of 535 recovered and with three recorded Covid-19 related deaths.

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illegal drugs.

"Kapag ito ay nakita ng mga mamamayan, sisiguraduhin ko sa inyo na sila ay sasaludo.Sasaludo hindi lamang dahil ikaw ay miyembro ng PNP, kundi sasaluduhan ka nila dahil ikaw ay idolo ng kanilang pamayanan," he said.

Rimando reminded the policemen that they must always do the right thing, follow all laws like wearing of helmet, and especially, protect the integrity of their institution.

"For people to contin-

Portal...

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agencies that submitted the

names will have access to

their personal information.

be able to see the graphs

and number of cases for

each province or city.

However, the public will

"Yung makikita ng pub-

Granada said that the

ue to look at police as their protectors, each must strive to embody the concept of discipline, decorum, distinction, so as to properly represent the organization to the public. People must see the civilian side of the PNP that is disciplined uniformed personnel," the DILG regional director said.

Since, Eastern Visayas region is prone to all kind of natural disaster and calamity, the DILG8 official also calls for policemen in the region to help in the disaster mitigation efforts and not only on preparedness.

Policemen can help the communities by training them on preparedness and what they should do and where to go when a disaster

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The DILG official also reminded the police force in the region to strictly observed and follow all health protocols against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as ways to ensure limiting the spread of transmission of the virus as the world continue to battle against the disease that is until now has no vaccine.

Eastern Visayas has confirmed 646 COVID-19 cases with three fatalities.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

lic, is more sa mapa lang at saka yung magnitude, kung gaano karami, para may data privacy po tayo, yung public hindi nila makikita kung sino ang dumating, kung ano ang pangalan, taga-saan, anong edad, etc., so may data privacy din

Granada added that they will continue to improve the features of the portal which will include the online registration of returning residents and issuance of Quick Response (QR) code.

yun," Granada said.

For the period from June 6 to June, 30, the Eastern Visayas Emergency Operation Center (EOC), which

offices at the Leyte Park Hotel and is under the supervision of the Office of Civil Defense monitored a total of 5,217 LSIs, 631 OFWs and one Balik-Probinsya Program beneficiary.

These figures are provided to the EOC by local government units and government agencies like the Overseas Worker Welfare Administration.

As of July 17, Eastern Visayas has a total of 646 confirmed cases of COVID-19 of which, 607 of them have recovered and three COVID-19 related deaths.

> Of these cases, 426 are see Portal /page 7 ...

As COVID-19 continue to hit the region DOH says nine died, over 4,100 others sicken due to dengue fever

TACLOBAN CITY- At least nine people have died while more than 4,100 others were afflicted by the dengue fever in Eastern Visayas as of July 4.

Based on the port of the regional office of the Department of Health(DOH-8), province has the highest number of deaths with five followed by Eastern Samar with three and one from Samar province.

The total number of dengue fever cases in the region from the period of January 1 to July 4 reached to 4,133 cases.

Last year, the region had

6,301 cases with total fatalities of 27.

Leyte province topped with the number of dengue fever case with 2,142 followed by Southern Leyte, 541; Samar, 516; Biliran, 400; Northern Samar, 269; and Eastern Samar, 265.

Dr. Minerva Molon, regional director of the DOH, had earlier said that while they are grappling with the rising number of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) of Eastern Visayas, they are not also monitoring other diseases like dengue fever that affects the people.

Thus, she said, they are

asking the public to always observe cleanliness of their sorroundings and even their houses to ensure that they would be safe from the mosquito-causing ail-

Eastern Visayas is one of the regions of the country where the COVID-19 cases is rising.

At present, the region has 646 COVID-19 cases with three deaths.

But the DOH in the region said that Eastern Visayas has one of the highest recovery rates at 82.81 percent or involving 535 recovered patients.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Inmate facing of murder and carnapping escapes at the Northern Samar Provincial Jail

TACLOBAN CITY- A prisoner at the provincial jail in Northern Samar is now being hunted after he escaped from his cell on Saturday (July 11) night.

The inmate, Rosendo

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(laminating film and cutter)

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Fernandez,29, managed to bolt from his cell at the Northern Samar Provincial Jail(NSPJ) located in Bobon town, between 10 to 11 pm while his four other inmates at their cell were asleep, Captain Ricardo Banjawan, town police chief, said in a mobile phone interview.

The prisoner, whose been incarcerated at the jail facility for more than a year now for carnapping and murder charges, made his escape by scaling his way at the damaged ceiling of their

And using a still undetermined cutter, Fernandez cut the barbed wires of the

facility's high fence and ran away towards the direction of a mountainous area located at the back of the NSPJ, Banjawan said.

"Based in our initial investigation, the suspect and his wife were having some problem. This could have triggered him to escape from jail," he added.

Banjawan said that both the local police and the personnel of the NSPJ are conducting their manhunt operations against the suspect who was said to be a native of Bohol province.

The NSPJ has about 100

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Stakeholders Support: Great Year for Maghubas Elementary School

BY: JESUS A. DEL PILAR

Supportive stakeholders are necessary in all learning institutions to achieve its vision and mission. Without the support of stakeholders both internal and external, your plans and programs will not be successful.

For school year 2019-2020 is a lucky year for Maghubas Elementary School of Burauen North District, municipality of Burauen of Department of Education (DepEd)-Leyte Division.

A recipient of 1 unit 1 classroom 7X7 Building from ITO Supporting Comity of Tokyo, Japan worth P700,000 and \$500 for the



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Building

school supplies for all pupils television set that brings the and teachers last January

Mr. Ben Gapasin of California, USA donated 6 units of 32" ACE LED TV from Kindergarten to Grade 6

purchase of hygiene kits and with existing two units of



Signing Ceremony on Memorandum of Agreement With ISC Officials of Tokyo, Japan, Officials of LGU Burauen and PSDS of Burauen North District Mr. Reynaldo P. Renomeron

total of 8 units. He sends a package of 380 pieces of assorted books last November 2019 from USA.

Our PTA officers and members donated 1 unit learners' welfare.

(The author is the principal II of the Maghubas Elementary School of Burauen North District, Burauen, Leyte)

DPWH builds P15 M shelters for health workers in Southern Leyte

Department of Public Works and Highways-Southern the buildings will have 8 Leyte Engineering District (DPWH-SLED) based in Maasin City has started the construction of the accommodation facility in Southern Leyte intended to house medical front-liners amid the coronavirus pandemic, a report from DP-WH-SLED, based in this city, said.

DPWH-SLED District Engineer Ma. Margarita Junia told reporters that the four single-storey buildings with a total allocation of P15 million are now being built in Salvacion Oppus Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital (SOYMPH) compound in Barangay

TACLOBAN CITY-The Dongon of said city.

Junia said that each of beds divided by wooden partitions equipped with air-conditioning units.

The program of work for the project also includes construction of kitchen area, dining hall and common toilet facilities in every building for healthcare workers, she added.

"These facilities are solely for use by doctors, nurses and other medical professionals here in Southern Leyte. Each building can accommodate eight persons or capacity of at least 32 people in total. It is also important

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MR BEN GAPASIN of USA donated 6 units of 32" ACE LED TV, with Maghubas Teaching Staff.

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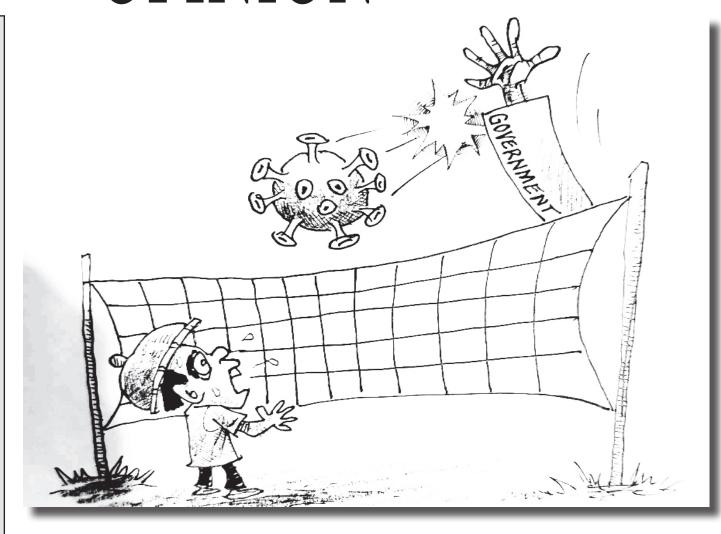
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It's up to us now



fter supposedly exhausting efforts and resources at addressing the pandemic crisis yet the latter proves to be unabated in this country, the government turned seemingly desperate it's almost giving up in the fight,

proof of which is the announcement from the Palace that, this time, it will be up to each one of us to safeguard ourselves against the virus.

This means that, as regards lockdown and quarantine protocols, the government is loosening their enforcements as it must allow businesses to operate to salvage our economy. The measures kill the economy and paralyze both the private and government sectors. This way, too, employment opportunities could be revived so that workers will not go hungry, and jobs could somehow generate.

It can be recalled that when the government imposed strict quarantine measures, companies had closed shop, others had shut down for lack or absence of clients and customers. This was true of merchandising, servicing, and manufacturing industries. Unable to earn while under lockdowns, they failed to sustain their workers as well, and were left with no other option but to let go of their employees without assurances for their sure return.

In the process, the government must have been torn between the needs to enforce quarantine measures and to liberate the business sector. The problem with the former is, it is so costly to sustain and the government just could not afford a prolonged lockdown as it would necessitate monetary support for the quarantined communities. Besides, the state needs to earn from a vibrant business atmosphere, which is impossible to achieve under lockdowns.

So there, the people must then brace for self-defense against this coronavirus, seemingly without much government interventions this time. Had the pandemic slowed down soon, there would have been no problem. But it's rather extending, to the government's "bankruptcy" and the business sector's near-death. The solution to these, though, consequently threatens public safety, hence the need to self-protect.



COVID 19 to us

Now that, based on reports, Tacloban has not had new COVID 19 cases, the people are obviously rejoicing and celebrating, turning dangerously confident the virus is nowhere in their vicinities as evidenced by parties here and there, the invited guests as well as the hosts not anymore observing the safety protocols of wearing masks, social distancing, etc.

In these local parties, eating and drinking take place, coupled with boisterous chats, laughter, sing-

ing, yelling, and howling stance, or sheer drinking even up to the middle of sessions with friends. the night, in time when the neighbors are already retiring for the night. The noise is so intense signs of drunken states show, to the disturbance of other people who are deprived of silence necessary for a good night

I say this because almost each night, I could hear such noises from distant houses in our place. In fact, this is even common right in our immediate neighborhood. There is a new transferee to the house right in front of us, and this family is fond of inviting visitors from who knows where, and they are having parties every now and then, birthday for in-

In these parties, virus transmission in case it's present would happen with ease. People sit next to one another in close proximity; they wear no masks; they are boisterously laughing or talking and thus spraying droplets of saliva; and they don't observe safety measures in general. Contagion could take place quickly, the virus spreading far and wide.

Why are people acting this way? This is like inviting disaster, this risky confidence, for we know nothing if the virus is present in a given time and place or

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`No franchise, no ABS-CBN'

Ano ang kinalaman ng Press Freedom diyan?

The above statement po." sparked an interesting exchange of words during the 12th Congressional Hearing in connection with ABS-CBN's Franchise.

This Columnist invites you to please read the following question and answer portion between Congressman Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla of Cavite and ABS-CBN's President and CEO Carlo Katigbak -

Cong. Jesus Crispin Remulla: "Mr. Chair, I would like to direct my questions to ABS-CBN's President and CEO Mr. Carlo Katigbak."

Cong. Remulla: "Mr. Katigbak, nagkaroon na ba kayo ng issue na Press Freedom sa amin?"

ABS-CBN's President Carlo Katigbak: "Hindi

Cong. Remulla: "Mr. Katigbak, sa pagre-report n'yo ng mga proceedings ng mga hearing dito, would say na balansiado kayo, biased kayo, o' fair kayo? Ano and description n'yo sa inyong coverage ng ating proceedings dito?

ABS-CBN's Katigbak: "Mr. Chair, I would like to believe that we were fair and balanced in our coverages po."

Cong. Remulla: "Kasi hindi ko nakikita yan eh... Alam n'yo, ako'y umaasa sa Google feed. Ang Google kasi, meroong Google metrics, na kung gusto mong basahin, lumalabas."

"Binabasa ko lahat ng mga ABS-CBN feed sa Google tungkol sa mga hearing na ito, pero wala akong nakitang pagcaca-balanse ng mga coverage niyo."

"Example: Yong Citizenship. Sinabi niyo na si Gabby Lopez na Chairman Emeritus ng ABS-CBN, ay 100% Filipino; ni hindi man lang ninyo sinabi na siya'y isang American citizen."

"Tapos, pagdating sa Philippine Depository Receipts o' P.D.R., sinabi niyo na 'Totally Legal'. Hindi nyo sinabi na 'may posibilidad na magkakaroon ng mga problema ang P.D.R."

"Pagdating diyan sa Amcara, sabi niyo meron kayong "Block-time Arrangement" kaya hindi dapat i-sarado ang TV Plus, yon pa la "usufruct violation"

"Ngayon eto ang tanong ko sa inyo - 'Was there a balanced way of reporting or was it really for the prospective of ABS-CBN?"

"Nabanggit ko na ang mga violations ng ABS-CBN, at isinama ko na ang mga violations sa labor laws at non-payment of taxes na ibinanggit ng ilang mga kasama ko dito sa congre-

And just as the above title of this Column asks – "Ano ang kinalaman sa Press Freedom sa Pilipinas ang mga violations na

My dear Readers, draw your own conclusions.

the globe were required wear masks. The requirement suggests that the mask could shield the person from infection of a virus that is deemed airborne. It will also prevent the exhalation that may carry the virus from an infected person into the air.

Later, people warned that the virus could only be transmitted though droplets thus the need for constant washing hands with sanitizing alcohol and the observance of social or physical distancing. The wearing of masks was made a standard requirement to prevent the spread of the covid19 virus through saliva showers between and among persons in close conversation with each other. Whatever is the truth about such directives and the bases upon which they are founded remains unclear. People are just made to follow the directive based on declarations from the world health organization that the covid19 virus is air-

borne or not. But morbid stories



What the quarantine exposes

IN a sense, we have to be thankful for this quarantine time since it actually can act like a reagent that would expose to us the stuff we are made of and of what and how we are making out of that stuff.

Yes, it can give us a good picture of our real self, the real lay of the land of our life, the actual condition and state of our mind and heart. It can show us where our strengths are, as well as our weaknesses. At least, we would be given some ideas of what to do with them.

Many of us may have been caught completely unprepared for this contingency. In which case, the lesson to learn is to acquire the readiness of the Boy Scouts for any eventuality, especially the emergency ones.

Of course, more than materially prepared, we should be spiritually prepared. Our mind and heart should be properly animated by our Christian faith, hope and charity so that whatever happens, we know that we are always in God's hands and that everything would just work out for the good. (cfr. Rom 8,28)

When we notice that we are more dominated by fears, doubts, worries and anxieties, than by a sense of confidence and calm, then let us rev up our faith and hope. God takes care of everything. Remember Christ telling his disciples many times, "Do not be afraid."

These words should always ring out in our ears. We really have no reason to fear, to worry and to be sad.

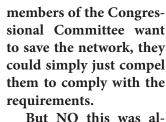
We may have to spend more time and effort in praying and in truly engaging God in a filial conversation full of trust. Perhaps, this is what is lacking in us. Our life of piety is not that strong and consistent yet. Our relation with God is still very tenuous.

Whatever weaknesses in ourselves that we can notice these days, let us learn to convert them into an occasion to craft the pertinent virtues. Let's develop the appropriate attitudes and practices. Now is the time to put our spiritual house in order!

Maybe it may just be a matter of saying some aspirations to calm down our disturbed emotions. Or it could be to focus more on the many urgent tasks that for sure we will never run out, since these days are quite different from the ones we are used to. Our life these days is quite upended. The challenge is how to make good use of our time, observing the proper priorities.

We may also have to

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But NO this was already a chance for them to retaliate.

Another one which I suppose is the strong influence because President Digong has expressed his dislike with the network when he too was a victim of the network's failure to air the political ads of the former Davao mayor



ABS-CBN Closure

information that flood our nation, what immediately rings our mind is the ABS-CBN closure, the Philippine giant network Is a threat to press freedom.

But even as watched, read and heard of the details of the newsshattering episode, I am convinced that this episode that put other media network quite uneasy.

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the argument raised by the Congressional Committee who heard the case is valid, but not a credible issue to deserve its closure. These are issues on non-payment of taxes, maybe unfair reporting, dishonesty like it's non-airing of political ads even if

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These are legitimate arguments to close the media network. But if the



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

Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in **Public Office**

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

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You pro-tect 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)



Covid cure

There are lighter tales that could inspire us amid the fears brought by this covid19 pandemic. Confronted with the grim reality of morbid stories sweeping our country and the world, it is always a great relief to know that of the many infected individuals, many were healed of the covid19 virus. These are the tales that gives hope to every person in this period of uncertainties due to the numerous deaths caused by the covid19 virus.

Those who were tested positive of the virus had to undergo medical intervention that targets the curing of the symptoms that a

person is ill of. This, considering that there still is no medicine or vaccine that could cure the virus which experts tagged as novel. The virus is still the subject of research and studies among experts across the globe. The search for a cure or vaccine is a tough effort as medical experts are facing a blank wall as to the nature and origin of the virus.

Even the nature of the virus had confused experts as the world's health organization keep on flipflopping chiefly on whether the virus is airborne or not. When that world health organization declared that the virus is airborne, peoples across

about those who fell ill and see Covid cure /page 8 ...

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL **COURT** 8th Judicial Region **BRANCH 15**

Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte LAND BANK OF THE

PHILIPPINES Mortgagee-Petitioner,

-versus-SPS. EVELYN and TEODORICO MA-GALLANES, JR., Mortgagors-Respondents, EJF NO. 19-12-47

IN RE: Petition Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real **Estate of Mortgage** under Act 3135 as

amended

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act. No. 3135/1508 filed by AVP BUENAVENTURA V. LEYVA of 2/F LBP Building, Real Street, Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, received by this Court on December 19, 2019 against Sps. Evelyn and Teodorico Magallanes, Jr., a resident of Brgy. San Esteban, Burauen, Leyte, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 16, 2019 amounts to TWELVE MIL-LION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOU-SAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 95/100 (Php 12,674,828.95) excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expens-

es of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **September 01**, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following property with its improvements, to wit;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 115-2016001507 "A parcel of Land (Lot

No. 6847 the Cadastral Survev of Burauen), with the improvements thereon. Situated in the Barrio of San Esteban MP of Burauen, bounded on the E., by Lot 5689; on the ., by lot Lot No, 6849; on W., by lot 7309; and on the NW., by lot No. 7308, Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 66 deg. 14'W., 600.46 from B.B.M. No. 54; thence N. 86 DEG. 15' W., 73.67 m. to point 2; thence N. 1 Deg. 42'W., 112.83 M., to point 3; thence N. 71 Deg. 09' E., 74.78 M. to point 4; thence S. 2 Deg. 27' W., 141.92 M to the point of beginning, containing an area of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty (9,230) Square Meters more or Less."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on September 08, 2020 without further notice.

Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte, July 02, 2020.

(Sgd.) LICERIO M. **MARTINADA III**

Sheriff IV

LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

DPWH clears Southern Leyte road from landslides, rockslides

MAASIN CITY – A portion of the road in San Ricardo, Southern Leyte blocked by landslide and rockslide debris on Thursday(July 9) is now passable after the clearing operation of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Southern Leyte district engineering office chief Ma. Margarita Junia said traffic flow has already been restored in Barangay Camang in San Ricardo town early this morning, July 13.

"I received information last night from my maintenance point person about the landslide along San Ricardo road. Upon being notified about the incident, I immediately directed our maintenance workers to clear the area from blockage because the road is a vital link," Junia

The road section leads to Benit Port, the region's exit point to Mindanao. It is also considered a vital link from Leyte to Mindanao as part of the nautical highway's eastern seaboard route.

The landslide which occurred on Thursday night was caused by the non-stop heavy downpour in the province this week.

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itoring in landslide prone able sections as well as prepositioned equipment in anticipation of rainfall-induced landslides. (PR/FMMT)

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Paul C. Tiston, died intestate last January 15, 2016 in Tacloban City, executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a residential lot particularly described as follows: No. of Parcel One (1) area; 186 square meters; Location: Barrio of Caibaan, Municipality of Tacloban, Leyte; TCT No.: T-30266; Registry of Deeds for: Tacloban City; Registered Owner: Paul C. Tiston; per Doc. No. 426, Page No 87, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Kerby A. Enabore. LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE AMADO RAMOS PALAÑA WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby is given that heirs of the late AMADO RAMOS PALAÑA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as portion of Lot 4388-B-2-C-5-A situated at Brgy. San Isidro, Tacloban City, Leyte containing an area of 200 square meters under TCT No. 122-2016000017. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JENNY G. STIRLING married to IAN JAMES STIRLING as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 442, Page No. 90, Book No. XII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Giovanne C. Taboada. LSDE: June 30, July 7 & 14, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PATRICIO DACUYA ACERO, who died in Remedios Trinidad Romualdez, Capanipawan Rd. Tacloban City extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over an account at the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) - Tacloban City Branch, that heirs hereby by these presents agree to adjudicate among themselves the above-described account with the LBP as the exclusive co-owners by right of succession That heirs hereby appoint name, and constitute our mother ELVIRA B. ACERO, as their lawful attorney-in-fact, for them and in their name to withdraw/collect/claim the outstanding balance on the LBP Savings dollar account of their deceased father Patricio Dacuya Acero; per Doc. No. 133, Page No. 28, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020 Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebricus.

EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DOLORES B. SERDONCILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 552-A, Psd-08-039040-D, which a portion of Lot 552, Pls-163, Sta. Rita Public Land Subdivision located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, containing an area of 16,102 square meters, covered under OCT No. 2720. Whereas heirs hereby SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY in a manner absolute and irrevocable unto said vendee that aforementioned Lot No. 552-A Psd-08-039040-D, with technical description hereto attached containing an area of 15,802 square meters including the improvements thereon located at Brgy, Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, covered under OCT No 2720; per Doc. No. 33, Page No. 7, Book No. X, Series of 2020 of Atty. Rogelio P. Gula

> Republic of the Philippines Local Civil Registry Office Province of Northern Samar Municipality of Bobon

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that MARY ANN P. ALO, has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name in her certificate of live birth from "GIRL" to "MARY ANN", she was born on 19 October 1969 in Bobon, Northern Samar and whose parents are PROCESO PAREDES & ANITA PLANTA.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than (10) days after this publication.

LSDE: July 14& 21, 2020

(Sgd.) LORNA D. LAODEÑO

Municipal Civil Registrar

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE WITH EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUAN PERPINAN namely LOURDES S. PERPIÑAN, EVELYN S. PERPIÑAN, LEVI S. PERPIÑAN, RAUL S, PERPIÑAN, JEAN S. PERPIÑAN, MISAEL S. PERPIÑAN, ELIAS S. PERPIÑAN, MARILYN P. DACLAN AND GINA PERPIÑAN executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of JANICE NEW VILLAMOR-LIN married to HUA LIANG LIN over a parcel of land designated as Lot 3999-A, Csd 08-008477-D situated at Brgy. 104, Salvacion, Tacloban City containing an area of 25,260 square meters, more or less minus the Road right of way equivalent to 2,135 sq,m., covered with OCT No. P-783. Per Doc No. 235, Page No. Book No. Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee. LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSE E. DUPAY, heir of the late PACIENCIA ESTRA-DA DUPAY executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of registered land designated as Lot 2906, Bogo Cadastre situated at Brgy. Cabuynan, Tanauan, Leyte with an area of 13,495 square meters with OCT No. P-58290 and TD No. 08-38-020-00862 R13. Per Doc No. 328, Page No. 67, Book No. IV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. April Lynn L. LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSE R. DYCOCO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1639 located at Mahaplag, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-4222 containing an area of 19,302 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 119, Page No. 54, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aluino O. Ala. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE ANDRONICO AVELLANA MARRIED TO PETIFLORA IBONA WITH PARTITION OF AGREEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANDRONICO AVELLANA married to PETIFLORA IBONA extrajudicially amended, settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot 531 situated at Baybay, Leyte containing a total area of 747 square meters, more or less covered by TCT No. T-5429. Per Doc No. 89, Page No. 18, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020

AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF CLOTILDE AVELLANA WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CLOTILDE AVELLANA extrajuid-cially amended, settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 5 parcels of land described as; 1) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4902 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 3,396 square meters, more or less; 2) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4897 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 3,856 square meters, more or less; 3) A 1/10 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4899 situated at Brgy, Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 21,308 square meters, more or less; 4) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4898 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 2,651 square meters, more or less; 5) A 1/10 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 531 situated at 30 Deciembre St., Zone 11 Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 747 square meters, more or less covered by TCT-T 5429 and heirs hereby CONFIRMED AND AFFIRMED of a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 that the area sold is 54.7 sq.m., while on the approved subdivision plan contains an area of 44 square meters. Per Doc No. 90, Page No. 18, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that RONALLY CALDA DILAO, heir of the late ALVARO V. CALDA & SALLY A. VIÑAS executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 2-F-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-276980 being a portion of Lot 2-F, Psd 10232, LRC Cad Rec. No. 1060 with a building standing thereon situated at Brgy. Marasbaras, Tacloban City under TCT No. T-19357 containing an area of 196 square meters, more or less, A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA, ANGLO ACOL INSON as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 495, Page No. 99, Book No. XIV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Arturo D. Macabasag. LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020

EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rosita Batica Nerviol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a property particularly described as follows: A parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 552-B, Psd-08-039040-D, which is a portion of Lot 552, Pls-163, Sta. Rita Public Land Subdivision, located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, containing an area of 16,102 square meters, covered by O.C.T. No. 2720. Whereas heirs hereby SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY in a manner of absolute and irrevocable onto said vendee that aforementioned hereto attached confirming an area of 11,487 square meters including the improvement thereon located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar covered by OCT No. 2720; per Doc. No. 32, Page No. 7 Book No. X, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rogelio B. Gula. LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF SHARE

NOTICE is hereby is given that heirs of late JOAQUIN L. VITERBO, SR., died intestate in Hilongos Leyte, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a certain real properties described as follows: 1) A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13632 of Assessors Lot No. 057-1001 with boundaries of Residential Building erected on Cadastral Lot No. 13632 under Tax Declaration No. 99-14001-00634, situated at Central Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an total Floor Area of 122.50 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land Cad. Lot No. 13632 Plan Psu-208674, LR Case No. N-65, L.R.C. Record No. N-49389), situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Hilongos, Province of Leyte del Norte, containing an area of 440 square meters, more or less, Tax Dec. No. 99-14001-00633, Commercial Land, covered with Original Certificate of Title No. N-2367; 3) A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13631 of Assessor's Lot No. 056, situated at Central Poblacion, covered with Tax Dec. No. 99-14001-00632 Road Lot, containing an area of 71.60 square meters, more or less; 4) A parcel of land

designated as Cadastral Lot No. 12060 of Assessors Lot No. 005, situated at Brgy. Talisay with Tax Dec. No. 99-14043-00354, Agricultural land; 5) A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13632, Commercial Building erected on Cad. Lot No. 13632, situated at C.V. Alcuino St., Central Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, with Tax Declaration No. 99-14001-00637, containing a total floor area of 48.6 square meters, more or less; 6) A parcel of land (Coco land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 14584, covered with Tax Declaration No. 14002-0003, situated at Eastern Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 6,579.71 square meters, more or less; 7) A parcel of land (Corn Land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 1611, covered with Tax Declaration No. 99-14023, situated at Brgy. Liberty, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 9,214.09 square meters, more or less; 8) A parcel of land (Corn Land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 1611, covered with Tax Declaration No. 99-14023-00571, situated at Brgy. Liberty, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 9,214.09 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 329, Page No. 67, Book No. XII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE AMADO RAMOS PALAÑA WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

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LSDE: June 30, July 7 & 14, 2020

Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Tanauan OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Date: July 6, 2020 CCE-0005-2020 R.A. 10172

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1, series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that ANALYN JARA RAMADILLA, has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the certificate of live birth of ASHLEY JARA RAMADILLA who was born 3 February 2003 at Tanauan, Leyte and whose parents are Analyn Badion Jara and Nestor Bibar Ramadilla.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO C. SALVAÑA, JR.

Municipal Civil Registrar LSDE: July 7 & 14, 2020

DPWH checks bridges up for rehab in Southern Leyte

MAASIN CITY - The Department of Public Works and Highways field office here has kicked off the inventory of bridges in Southern Leyte province to assess and evaluate the conditions of these struc-

District Engineer Ma. Margarita Junia said the inventory has deployed 15 personnel from the maintenance and planning sections that will check the conditions of bridges.

"We have a total of 156 bridges here in Southern Leyte. These structures are now subject to Bridge Management System (BMS). The result of this BMS is the basis for our funding as to what bridge needs repair next year," Junia said.

The BMS bridge data are annually collected based on the bridge inventory and condition surveys being conducted by the accredited bridge inspectors from the district office. The accredited

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regional BMS coordinators from the regional office do the supervision quality checking of the BMS bridge

The bridge data collected from the surveys are encoded in the Bridge Inventory Condition (BIC) stand-alone program and uploaded in the repository of all national road and

The BMS team in the central office manages the uploading and quality assurance of the BMS data, as well as the conduct of BMS analysis.

"Some of our bridges here in Southern Leyte need to undergo major rehabilitation since they have been existing since the 1970s. We need to identify bridges that are up for rehabilitation or repair so that we can request an allocation from the national government," Junia

NEWS

The BMS analyzes and generates a list of priority bridges that require major maintenance and replacement which can be funded locally or foreign-assisted bridge programs in the annual GAA. (PR)

Portal...

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LSIs, 52 are OFWs, 165 are local transmission and three are Balik Probinsya beneficiaries.

Of the six provinces in the region, Leyte has

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COVID-19 in the munici-

Roderick Boyd Cerro, DOH8 regional epidemiology and surveillance unit chief, said that during the first few days of their monitoring in Tarangnan, most of the residents who were subjected to swab sample could be seen outside their

"But when people startat their homes, that's the time that the transmission of the virus was controlled," Cerro said.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

naked reality of our earthly life. We will always have troubles here, but he assured us to stay calm since he has overcome them. (cfr. In 16,33) He also told us that we are actually thrown into a world of wolves, but he advised that we be clever like serpents while remaining simple like doves. (cfr. Mt 10,16)

the most number of cases with 388, followed by Samar with 119, Southern Leyte with 88, Biliran with 26, Northern Samar with 22, and Eastern Samar with three cases.

(ROEL AMAZONA)

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Thus, in planting just one tree -- and seeing to it that it grew, survived -- the one who planted perhaps may not feel it, but such act goes a long way in driving away typhoons out of the province, in addition to other good effects on the environment, the governor said, putting in proper perspective the importance of tree planting.

(ldl/mmp/PIA 8-Southern Leyte)

ERRATUM

T. Sanico Jr. - Old Party Applicant and JM San-Liner Corp.-New Party Applicant, the correct Case No. R8-CN-PB-2020-06-0181/VIII-**2017-0019** not *R8-CC/* EV/PA-PB-2020-06-0185/ VIII-2020-0185 as we published on July 11, 2020 issue.

We regret the errors. ED

Popcom uses media to reach its target clients amid COVID-19 pandemic

By Ronald O. Reyes w/ Lizbeth Ann A. Abella

Reyes, starts her day thinking about how she can reach out to couples in Eastern Visayas who are locked in their homes as community quarantine measures still prevailed due to the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) demic.

"We have intensified our campaign using all platforms in this pandemic era to get the right information and services to couples and individuals who want to utilize any of the available family planning methods," said Reyes, the regional information officer of the Commission on Population and Development (PopCom).

As radio remains a popular and affordable source of news and information in the countryside, Reyes, who was a former radio broadcaster at the Bombo Radyo in Tacloban City, brings the Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RPFP) class of their agency to the airwaves "to reach out to couples and individuals in the communities needing information and services for family planning."

"RPFP-Dubbed as On-The-Air," the radio program serves as a support mechanism for the regional office and its counterparts in the different provinces and towns in Eastern Visayas for its demand generation and family planning service provision.

"We are shaping it into a best practice. It's evolving into its best form just yet," Reyes said.

The program is aired twice a week or every Tuesday and Thursday over a local 'Birada Teleradyo', with simulcast airing on IBC 6, Magik FM, and Idol Radio Palo.

The agency said it wanted to raise awareness, education, and motivate the community at the grassroots level to adopt family planning through the radio program.

As a mother herself, Reyes also applies what she is airing in her program, as she and her husband also practice "tight family planning management."

"It is because of age, which is no longer ideal for giving birth," said Reyes, who is a mother of a seven-year-old daughter.

For 2020, the region-

al population office targets to reach 64, 396 couples to be provided with information and given an informed choice to choose their desired family planning ser-

It also targets to serve 7, 738 couples with any of the family planning methods.

According to Popcom, the radio program will provide its listening couples, women of reproductive age, and other individuals with information on RPFP, which include family planning methods and available services within the community, and other related sexual and reproductive health

The listeners can also be provided referral services of desired family planning methods through the population volunteers in the villages.

The radio program also provides support in the dissemination of accurate information about the coronavirus disease, like on its prevention and referral to appropriate service provid-

"The RPFP Program aims to enable couples and individuals to achieve their fertility intentions specifically on the number, timing, and spacing of children within the context of responsible parenthood and informed choice," said Elnora Pulma, Popcom regional director.

"With multiple community quarantine being enforced, couples and individuals' need for family planning services may be hampered and this can lead to unintended and unplanned pregnancies which will have an effect on our population," she added.

HELPLINE

Aside from the radio show, the regional population agency also established an emergency mechanism or HELPLINE which is also operationalized in all the regions in the country.

This mechanism serves as an integrated information and services delivery network and mechanism "for easier coordination and referral of family planning, adolescent health, and development as well as the coronavirus disease."

Adolescent Health and Development information will also be made available through the HELPLINE to ensure that adolescents and the youth will have access to quality comprehensive health care and services and provide a ready referral for counseling, according to the agency.

The agency trained a pool of HELPLINE responders to provide accurate, relevant and timely basic but essential information on Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning, Adolescent Health and Development, other reproductive health concerns such as prevention of maternal health, men's involvement in responsible parenthood and family planning, gender-based violence and other sexual health con-

It is open for a minimum of eight hours every day from 8 am to 5 pm.

Pulma, however, reminded the public to allow only relevant and important calls to go through so that the responders can provide timely assistance to those who really need it.

As the national government continued to enforce the "stay at home" protocol, the agency urged parents to spend more time with their children.

Not only will this help children feel more secure, but it also will provide parents with opportunities to talk with their children about any concerns they may be having, she said.

Pulma maintained that family planning in crisis-affected population is critical to meeting the needs of women and girls and which can save women's lives and improves their health.

"In times of pandemics, it is also wise to see its effects on demography, as it is important to look not only deaths but also births. Illness, quarantine, and death can all have a major impact on conception, pregnancy, and birth," she

According to Pulma, reaching women and adolescent girls affected by the crisis with family planning is critical to the vision of values of equity and equality among women and

Cooped up inside the home during these days of enhanced community quarantine, where everyone is discouraged to go out in the streets, the agency said this may too, reduce women's access to family planning, and lead to unplanned pregnancies.

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LTFRB Applicant Jose

MAASIN CITY- You may look down the act of planting just one tree, only one, but its long-lasting contribution on mitigating the bad effects of climate change, particularly on tempering raging storms, is already being felt.

This was one of the points stressed by Governor Damian Mercado in his message during the 60th anniversary celebration of the province.

Mercado cited the consistent tree-planting activities initiated by his brother, Rep. Roger Mercado that was supported by all sectors, over the years as a big factor in keeping away typhoons from entering the province.

A typhoon-forming low pressure area that has its initial position east of Surigao City going in general direction to the province usually changes course as it approaches the province, many observers noted.

Generally, this was because of the cool atmosphere collectively generated by the planted trees, based on scientific explanation, Mercado stated.

"Of course, our prayers to Mama Mary for her divine intervention also helped," the governor added, acknowledging the religious-minded inclination of the people.

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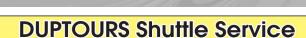
not. If it is to rejoice and celebrate that said virus is nowhere around, they must exercise caution, remembering that the enemy is unseen and takes time to paralyze anyone.

Yes, we ought to be happy that new cases are becoming remote if not totally disappearing, but we should not lower our defenses by doing away with masks, violating social distancing, and many others. We must maintain our cooperation in strictly and religiously observing the standard safety measures. Who knows exactly the virus is nowhere? Is there a temperature check among those party attendees? Have they been tested (swab tests) with their positive results?

I don't know. I would like to think that, aside from their false confidence, they must have some fallback remedies against the virus should they contract it. Perhaps they are relying on local lemon and salabat. and steam inhalation, and the coconut products that some people claim to have curative effects, hence the near-absence of COVID deaths in our region, the recoveries almost close to the number of positive individ-

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SCAN System set to take effect on July 16

TACLOBAN CITY- In order to improve and standardize the COVID-19 surveillance activity in the city, Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez signed Executive No. 2020-07-026 or "An Executive Order Institutionalizing the Tacloban City COVID-19 Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Analysis and Networking (SCAN) System" last July

To be implemented citywide, this system collects and analyses the name, address, and contact details of any individual in Tacloban,

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that we address not only the

need of quarantine facilities

for the Covid-19 patients,

returning overseas Filipino

workers and locally strand-

ed individuals but also the

need for accommodation

facilities of our medical



Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez

including permanent or temporary residents, transients, and tourists so that public health officers can

She said that the construction of these four concrete structures is being fast-tracked and targeted to be completed on August 30,

Once completed, the facility will be operated by the SOYMPH and personnel from the Department of Health, Junia said.

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front-liners," Junia said.

later perished due to the covid19 virus are real signs that the virus is deadly and are transmitted through close contact among persons. It cannot be assumed as airborne, else, the spread would be too quick and widespread. The greater likelihood is that transmission is through physical contact if we are to base on the fact that medical personnel manning the frontlines are greatly at risk to infection. Many of those who got infected succumbed to the deadly virus and their remains were cremated to prevent further spread to

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close family members.

Over half a year since the virus was detected on Chinese nationals who entered our country by government's laxity or toleration, we still are in an uphill battle against an unseen enemy. There are efforts to depict the country as winning the war at so huge a cost on taxpayers' money and borrowings. But the covid19 cases and deaths continues to rise. Without any vaccine or cure, the healing of those infected are increasing too. This may be a clear manifestation that prayers cause the covid cure through God's healing power.

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trol points for non-resident individuals.

non-government offices, business establishments, and industries in Tacloban are encouraged to install the Tacloban Safe City Application in order to regulate the entry of customers, clients, and other individuals in their respective premises.

The executive order, which is set to take effect on July 16, 2020, emphasized that all information collected will be used by the Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the City Health Office and the Department of Health for public health concern purposes only.

(CPDO TACLOBAN)

