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Tacloban being the only GCQ in the Visayas

Nothing to be alarmed says Dr. Fabrigas

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- The health officer of this city assured its residents that there is nothing to be alarmed with Tacloban remaining under the general community quarantine (GCQ) category for the entire month of February.

Tacloban City is the only area in the Visayas that has been classified under GCQ by Malacañang, a quarantine status that has been put into effect in the city since September of last year.

Dr. Gloria Fabrigas said that while the cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the city appear to be on the double digits for the past few days, there were also instances that it records single digit or almost none based on the daily reporting of the Department of Health (DOH).

"There is nothing to be alarmed on Tacloban City being still categorized as GCQ. It is better for us not to let our guards down," she said in a phone interview.



NOT ALARMING. With Tacloban City continue to be under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) category for the entire month, city health officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas says there is nothing to be afraid of as they are on top of the situation in so far as containing further spread of COVID-19 in the city.

Fabrigas, however, made it clear that the city government did not recommend for Tacloban to be still be placed under GCQ, saying that Malacañang has its parameters on how they categorize the quarantine status of certain areas.

Aside from Tacloban City, other areas in the country that were placed under GCQ for the entire February include the Metro Manila, Cordillera Administrative Region, Batangas, Davao City, Davao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, and Iligan City.

The rest of the country have been classified under the less restrictive classification of modified general community quarantine (MGCQ).

Fabrigas said that Tacloban City having the most number of hospitals in Eastern Visayas where patients who were later tested positive of COVID-19 are

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With a target of over 28,000 children, Tacloban health office starts measles, polio vaccination campaign



As an effort to fight measles and polio diseases among children below five years old, the month-long vaccination against the ailments was started in the city on Monday (Feb.1) with city health officer, Dr. Gloria Fabrigas and Councilor Elvira Casal, a doctor by profession, leading the vaccination program. They were joined by Health Regional Director Exuperia Sabalberino and national immunization program coordinator Alnelyn Mandras.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

TACLOBAN CITY- Over 50 children aged 0-5 from this city have been immunized during the simultaneous launching of the Measles-Rubella Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR OPV SIA) campaign on Monday (February 1).

Acting City Health Officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, during the ceremonial immunization, was joined by Dr. Exuperia Sabalberino, OIC Regional Director-EVCHD, Councilor Elvira Casal, who chairs the committee on health and national

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Samar mayor told village execs to stop supporting the NPAs or be charged for violation of anti-terror law

MATUGUINAO, Samar- Village officials of this town who are sympathetic or supports the New People's Army (NPAs) were asked by Mayor Aran Boller to surrender before Feb.15.

This directive of Boller was made during a peace rally conducted at the town's gymnasium last Jan.29 attended by residents, village and municipal officials, police and Army officials.

The town mayor said that testimonies and statements made by NPA members who earlier sur-



Matuguinao Mayor Aran Boller demanded for village officials who are sympathetic or openly support the NPAs to give up before Feb.15 or be charged under the country's anti-terror law. A peace rally was held in the town last Jan.29 highlighted with the declaration as persona non grata NPA members and signing of a peace covenant. Photo shows Mayor Boller with 19th IB commanding officer, Lt.Col.Jasper Justito Pecson, among others, during the said event held at the town's gymnasium. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



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DAR to make Tacloban producer of vegetables

TACLOBAN CITY – Despite having been categorized as highly urbanized, this city is still capable of producing tons of your favorite vegetables.

This is what the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) would like to prove as it plans to turn an awarded lot under the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) into a vegetable garden.

In partnership with the Department of Agriculture and the City Agriculture Office, DAR initiated two weeks ago, the plan to make portion of the 23-hectare lot in Barangay New Kawayan, which is covered by a collective Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), into a vegetable garden where the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are guaranteed of sure income.

This project, according to DAR Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay, is dubbed as "Buhay sa Gulay", which Agrarian Reform Secretary, Brother John Castri- ciones, would like to be replicated in urban areas nationwide after the successful initial implementa-



The Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Agriculture and the City Agriculture Office of Tacloban joined forces to boost the production of vegetables in this highly urbanized city under the "Buhay sa Gulay" project.

(JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

tion in Tondo, Manila.

This project is expected to contribute to the sufficient supply of food in the city and neighboring towns, aside from providing livelihood to the farmers.

Here, though the project will initially utilize a one-hectare lot planted to fast-yielding crops such as kangkong, pechay, lettuce, okra and pepino, DA's Romeo Delmo suggested, during last week's planning session, that they will conduct simultaneously Farmer Field School to the 20 members of the New Kawayan-Cabalawan



Members of the New Kawayan-Cabalawan Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers' Association start preparing the one-hectare lot and sowing of assorted vegetable seeds for the "buhay sa Gulay" project initiated by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

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Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers' Association to sustain the project and slowly spread it until the entire 23 hectares are utilized.

Sonny Colete, 46, an agrarian reform beneficiary (ARB) of lot-9, which was chosen to be the demo farm, shared that he agreed to make his area as the demo farm "because it is an opportunity for us to be assisted in developing our lots".

According to him, prior to this project, only a portion of his area was planted with cassava. The rest was



idle.

In this project, DAR will provide the farmers with garden tools and other farming materials, while DA and the City Agriculture Office will provide the seeds and training.

The project commenced last week with the preparation of the land, lay outing, plot making and plant sow-

ing. Planting of seedlings into their assigned plots is scheduled on February 4.

On the last week of February, it is expected that the farmers could already start harvesting.

At the moment, making of 60 plots measuring one-by-20 meters continues.

(JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

Drunk man stabs wife, injures three others

TACLOBAN CITY-A manhunt is on for a 51-year-old farmer who allegedly stabbed his wife and injured three other persons in San Jorge, Samar.

Police identified the suspect as Liberato Cabubas, a resident of Barangay Mo-boob of said town.

The fatality was known as 40-year-old barangay health worker Jennifer Santiago, the suspect's wife.

Wounded were Ricky Labong, 46, farmer; Lolito Tamor, teacher; and Jose Tayam Jr., teacher.

Initial investigation disclosed that the suspect under the influence of liquor approached the victims on Friday afternoon, January 29, 2021, and without any apparent reason stabbed his

wife, Rosales, hitting her breast.

The suspect then stabbed the other victims whom he came across while fleeing.

The victims were immediately brought to Gandara District Hospital for immediate medical attention but Santiago was pronounced dead on arrival by the attending physician, police said.

Meanwhile, the three other victims were referred to Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) in Tacloban City for further medical attention.

Police have yet to determine the motive behind the stabbing incident.

(RONALD O.REYES)

NPA rebel surrenders, yields firearm in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- A 20-year old alleged member of the New People's Army (NPA) surrendered to authorities in Northern Samar last January 30, 2021.

The alleged rebel member known as 'Bam', a resident of Bobon town and member of unit militia un-

der sub-regional committee Emporium, also turned in a caliber .22 with 16 ammunition to Colonel Arnel Apud, police director of Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO).

1st Northern Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company, together with Bobon Municipal Police Station,

Northern Samar Provincial Intelligence Unit, CIDG-Provincial Field Unit, facilitated the surrender of the rebel.

"We hope that there will be more rebels to surrender. Rest assured that every single right is protected," said Apud.

Documents are now being processed for the surrenderer to avail the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) through the provincial government under Northern Samar Governor Edwin Marino Ongchuan, according to the police provincial office.

On January 27, at least 24 former NPA members also received livelihood and financial assistance through E-CLIP during a ceremony in Catarman, Northern Samar.

"Ang E-CLIP natin ay gawin nating inspirasyon sa iba, walang Pilipino nangangarap ng isang pamahalaan o pamayanan na magulo na hindi nagkakasundo, ang pangarap ng bawat Pilipino ay maunlad, mapayapa at sigurado ang buhay sa darating na panahon," said Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Eastern Visayas Director Karl Caesar Rimando.

"Former rebels are also eligible to receive benefits and assistance including safety and security guarantees, Local Social Integration Program (LSIP) livelihood assistance worth P40,000, LSIP immediate assistance of P10,000, and also firearm remuneration," read a statement from Northern Samar Provincial Information Office during

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Region's COVID-19 cases surge to 14,000; doctor among the latest to succumb due to the dreaded virus

TACLOBAN CITY- The number of cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) here in the region has breached to 14,000 as the Department of Health (DOH) reported of 54 new cases on Monday (Feb. 1).

A medical doctor from this city was the latest to succumb due to ailment related to COVID-19.

The 40-year old doctor died on Sunday (Jan.31) while confined in a private hospital here. He was the second medical practitioner from Eastern Visayas to have died due to COVID-19.

With his death, the number of fatalities of the region due to COVID-19 is now at 180.

Meantime, cases of COVID-19 continue to surge in the region as the DOH reported of 54 new cases.

This now bring the total COVID-19 cases of the entire region to 14,081, counting from the start of the health pandemic March of last year.

About 13,264 individ-

uals have recovered from the ailment.

The new cases were from Leyte province with 41 of which 10 were from Tacloban City; two from Eastern Samar and one from the province of Samar.

A lockdown was imposed at the Leyte National High School, based this city and the biggest secondary public school in the region, after one of its teachers was tested positive of the deadly virus.

With the lockdown, which started this Monday, the distribution and retrieval of modules were temporarily cancelled.

The distribution and the return of the modules is expected to resume next Monday (Feb. 8).

(JOEY A. GABIETA)



Leyte mining company starts its rehabilitation

TACLOBAN CITY- Making good of its promise, a mining company operating in a Leyte town is now conducting its rehabilitation activity, just days after it conducted its first shipment of black sand.

The MacArthur Iron Sand Project Corp. (MIPC) rehabilitated the four-hectare of farm lots where it extracted the black sand located in Barangay Maya of McArthur town just days after it shipped out 39,000 metric tons of black sand last Jan.17.

The company shipped out the mineral to China.

Januar Ong, information officer of MIPC, said that this only shows that they are committed on their commitment to have a 'progressive mining' to the community, contrary to the claims of those opposing that this would result to environment destruction and leave the mining areas uncovered.

According to him, the topsoil which they removed from the mined out areas were the same that

they used to back fill the affected lots which could still be used for planting again.

"The topsoil that we have extracted were back-filled to the farm lots where we conducted our mining. We will not leave any hole unfilled. This is part of our commitment of having a progressive mining. That both mining and farming



REHAB. As it promised, the MacArthur Iron Sand Project Corp.(MIPC) immediately started its rehabilitation on the mining sites in MacArthur town, Leyte, days after its first shipment of black sand last month. (Photo Courtesy)

can co-exist and help each other," Ong said.

He added that considering that it is not palay planting season in MacArthur during this time, the mined out farm lots, which have been backfilled, would be planted with roots crops

or vegetables.

It was learned from Ong that 30,000 cubic of topsoil were extracted from the four-hectares with each lots having a 14 meters depth.

The mining company has leased 14 hectares of farm lots in Barangay Maya, Macarthur town from local farmers for two years.

are done and assured that these could still be productive as they immediately conduct their rehabilitation on the affected areas.

The company has a mining claims of more than 2,000 hectares of lands covering the towns of MacArthur, Abuyog, and Javier for 25 years.

WW II vintage bomb recovered in Leyte town

PALO, Leyte – A World War II vintage bomb was recovered in Palompon town, Leyte, a report from

the Police Regional Office 8 (PRO 8) based in Camp Ruperto Kangleon, Campetic, this town, said.

PRO 8 Regional Information Officer Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya told reporters in an inter-

view that the bomb was recovered last Saturday (January 30) in Barangay Central II in the said town.

Rentuaya reported that the recovery of the bomb was reported by Angelo Rufin, 63-year-old, married and a resident of the village.

The police officer said that Rufin personally appeared before Palompon Municipal Police Station (MPS) and turned-over one piece of vintage bomb which was discovered during the dredging on the construction of their septic tank.

Rentuaya said that the vintage bomb is now under the custody of Palompon local police and already coordinated with the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of PRO8 for proper disposition.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Man arrested for illegal possession of firearm in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY- A 59-year old man was arrested for allegedly carrying an illegal firearm in Isabel, Leyte Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Police identified the suspect as Bienvenido Becera, self-employed and a resident of Isabel town.

Elements of Isabel Municipal Police Station, led by Major Miguelito Bocade, confiscated from the suspect's possession .38 caliber short firearm revolver with marking Smith & Wesson without serial number and loaded with five ammunition for caliber .38.

The firearm was tucked and protruding on suspect's waist when it was confiscated around 12:30 p.m. Sunday in Barangay Sto Niño, Isabel, according to the police in the report.

The inventory of recovered evidence was also witnessed by Rey Zaldy Roxas, elected official of Barangay Sto Niño, it added.

A case for violation of Republic Act 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation is now being prepared for filing in court against the suspect.

(RONALD O. REYES)

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the ceremony.

According to the provincial government, 16 former rebels under the Militia ng Bayan received a check worth of P15,000 financial assistance from E-CLIP, while check worth P65,000 representing the P50,000

livelihood assistance and P15,000 immediate assistance is currently being processed for the eight former regular members of the NPA.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) also vowed "livelihood training opportunities" to the rebel surrenderees.

(RONALD O. REYES)



ASF WATCH. Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico 'Mic' L. Petilla presided a meeting on the update situation of the African fever swine (ASF) cases that affects several towns in the province held last Jan.20. The governor expressed his concern on the virus that affected the hogs industry of the towns of Abuyog, La Paz, Javier, and now in Dulag. Present during the meeting were officials of the Department of Agriculture headed by Director Angel Enriquez.(GINA P.GEREZ)



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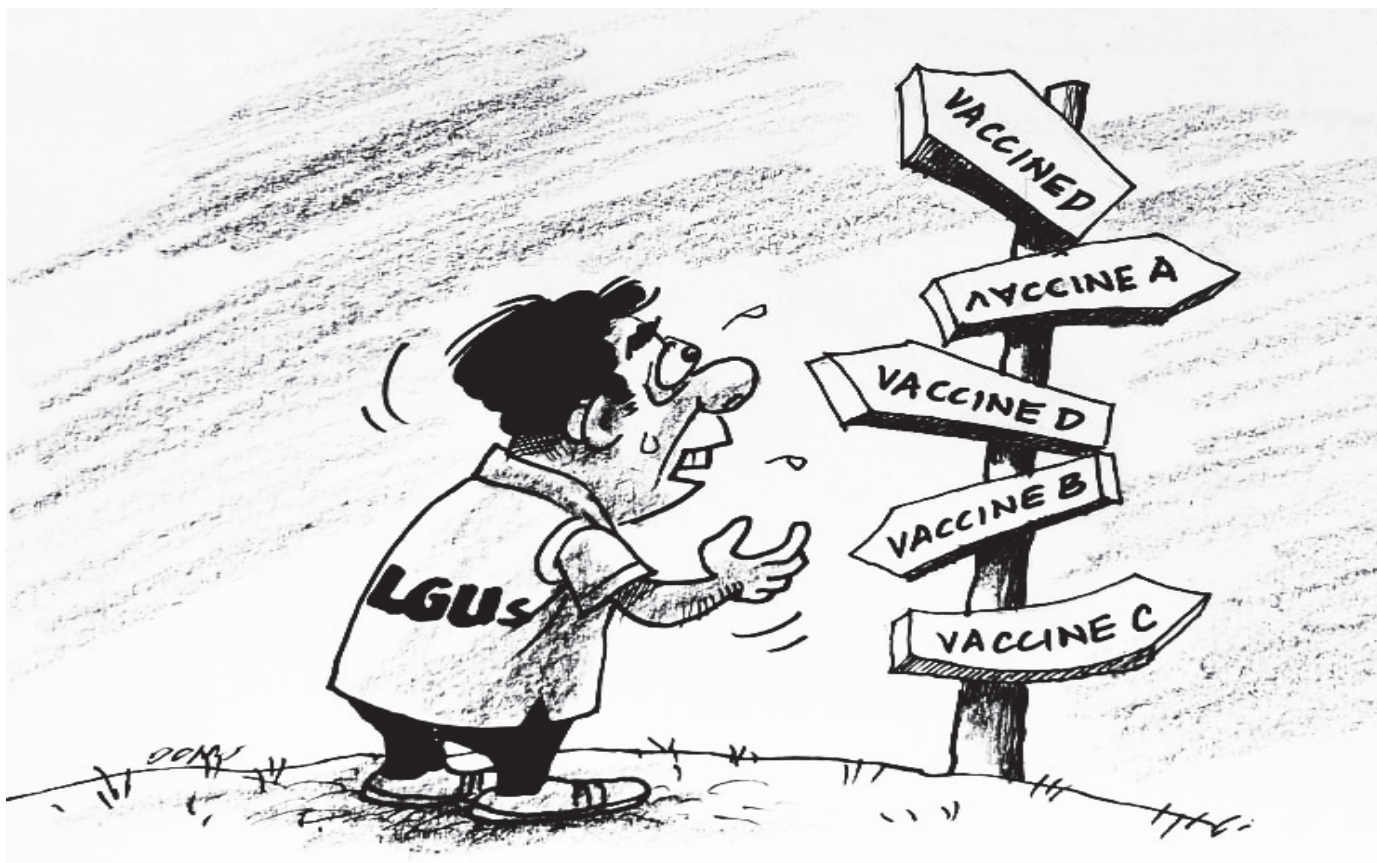
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Choose your vaccine

Amid fears by some citizens that they might be vaccinated with ineffective vaccines, and amid allegations of corruption relative to the purchase of vaccines, the president has made it

clear that the national government is allowing the Local Government Units (LGUs) to choose which vaccines they would like to buy using their own money.

This must have been in answer to prior sentiments that a vaccine from China, with only 50% efficacy rate yet more costly than other brands from other countries, was to be used for vaccination. The clamor emerged: why opt for something costly and less effective when there are others that are more effective and affordable?

Of course, the reason for the initial preference was that, this controversial vaccine came into the scene first, and with the government's

haste to vaccinate the citizenry to protect them from the on-going virus, the choice was prompted. But now that options are available, there is no more reason for the national government to impose a vaccine option.

That is why it is now up to the LGUs to choose which of these available vaccines in the market they would like to get for the vaccination of their people. One thing more is required, though: the law requires that any medicine should first go through the scrutiny of the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) before giving it to the people.

At least now, given the choice, the LGUs can decide on their own without hesitations that they are made to use a vaccine that does not work well. This holds them responsible, however, to make sure that only the vaccines with the highest efficacy and safety are opted. They are to choose the best, not the worst.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

A Facebook comment

Of all the Facebook comments relative to the controversy that UP has gotten into hence the recent termination of the UP-DND Accord, I find the comment of a certain Rolando Galara quite substantial and sensi-

ble. In fact, it has been copy-pasted or shared several times by FB users as they could not help but agree with his statements.

Having been convinced by his logic myself, I decided to quote his lines here

then elaborate a little. This is premised on the fact that, originally, the UP-DND Accord, which prohibited law enforcers inside UP campuses unless they first secure necessary permits from UP management, was meant to safeguard academic freedom. But accordingly to Sec. Delfin Lorenzana, UP campuses had instead become home to progressive organizations under the CPP-NPA-NDF with their militant activities and recruitment of students to the CPP/NPA.

"Up to what extent should academic freedom be exercised?" Mr. Galara asked. "Converting the university into a sanctuary of

CPP/NPA/NDF is going beyond what academic freedom should be," he continued.

Mr. Galara here makes sense—there are limitations to the so-called "academic freedom". Basically, it's just freedom on what to study/teach, and how to study/teach it. There is no need to safeguard this freedom from law enforcers unless there are clandestine activities attached to it. So many state universities and colleges throughout the country are enjoying it without having problems with authorities. It's only the UP that came to have that problem for

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What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Gentle reminders to fellow Waraynons

... And Anybody Who Gets to Read This ...

TO the disgruntled & discouraged government worker, whose job he's had for many years now and already hates it; your job is the dream of many who are unemployed.

TO the same salary you've been receiving for 5 - 10 years na, that salary has been the dream (for many years) of those who are unemployed & don't receive any salary.

TO the so-called tasteless food on your table, which you oftentimes hate so much, that tasteless food is the dream of

those who have nothing to eat.

TO the family with a "poor house" -- your "poor house" is the dream of those who are homeless.

TO the people who hate their old clothes -- the said old clothes are the dream/s of those who have no clothes.

TO the children who hate wearing worn-out shoes; your shoes are the dream/s of children who have no shoes.

TO the children who have defective or "out-of-style" cellphones; those defective or "out-of-style"

cellphones are the dreams of other children who can't afford cellphones.

TO the children who have hand-me-down or worn-out toys -- these hand-me-down or worn-out toys are the dreams of children who have no toys.

-ON THE OTHER HAND -

TO those who are on good health; good health is the dream of those who are sick.

AND DID'JA know that this Columnist has a 21-year-old Van, which sometimes conk out, due to wear and tear? Many of my fellow-Senior Sixty-Centers who don't have their own vehicles, have openly said that they still dream of one day owning a vehicle -- even an 'elderly one' just like my Van!

- WHAT MR. Q HAS TO SAY -

DO NOT LET DIFFICULT TIMES MAKE YOU FORGET THE BLESSINGS THAT YOU HAVE!

countries that include Vietnam, Cambodia, South Africa and Belgium.

Also just recently Red Tide came in SAN PEDRO BAY (Basey, Samar) is now included in the shellfish ban. All types of shellfish and Acetes sp. locally known as "Alamang or Hipon" gathered from the said area are NOT SAFE for human consumption.

Further, the following areas still remain

POSITIVE for paralytic shellfish poison that is beyond the regulatory limit. (No.1, January 12, 2021)

1. Coastal Waters of Zamarraga, Samar
2. Coastal Waters of Calubian, Leyte
3. Coastal Waters of Leyte, Leyte
4. Cancabato Bay (Taclaban City)
5. Coastal Waters of Biliran Islands
6. Coastal Waters of Guiuan, Eastern Samar;

Having these two plague side by side with the COVID 19 and the NEW VARIANT like a triple Sword of Damocles hanging in our necks, seem to tell us that, all hope is lost. But human as we are, we cannot just accept de-



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Sense of responsibility and abandonment

WE should develop the proper sense of responsibility and abandonment. Given our human condition that is marked both by power and weakness, talents and limitations, we should feel responsible for everything in our life as much as possible, as well as learn to live the proper sense of abandonment when faced with our weaknesses, limitations and mistakes.

Let's remember that we are stewards of God's vineyard here on earth. As such we have been given enough powers to undertake our work. We have intelligence and will, very powerful faculties that would enable us to do a great variety of things.

Just like the servants in the parable of the talents (cfr. Mt 25,14-30), we have been given by God, our master, enough talents and gifts for us to make use of. Let's try our best to be like those servants who managed to trade with those talents and gained also as much. Let's remember that with what God has given us, we are quite powerful!

But we should neither

feet and accept our eventual extinction. We must adjust and adapt.

Perhaps it's about time we stop eating this delicious yet deadly staple. The African Swine Flu and the Shell Fish Poisoning had been proven deadly. So we go vegan. We involve the Plant Kingdom in our staple food. We have no choice but stay vegan or combined vegan with some meat or fish

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forget that no matter how much we try to be productive and fruitful, we also have our limitations and weaknesses, not to mention our mistakes and failures in spite of the powerful gifts God has given us.

In this case, we should just leave things with the proper sense of abandonment in the hands of God who, in the end, will take care of everything. Let's remember Christ's words: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" (Mt 6, 26-27)

The important thing to remember is that whether we are able or not to do something in this life, we should just refer ourselves to God. If we are able, if we succeed in something, let's thank God and strengthen our will to do things always in accordance to God's will. This way we avoid getting spoiled by pride and vanity due to our accomplishments.

And if we are not able, or when we fail, which is something that can happen in spite of our efforts, we should just go to God, asking for forgiveness and more strength, etc. Let's remember that there simply are things that are beyond our powers, or are impossible for us to resolve. We should just imitate Christ who in his "failure and defeat" when he suffered and died on the cross, simply left everything in the hands of his Father.

It might be good to echo in our own words and in the mode adapted to the concrete situation we are in, those final words of Christ on the cross: "Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit." (Lk 23,46) Those words express the proper sense of abandonment that we ought to have.

In this way, we avoid getting unnecessarily sad, depressed or discouraged. We would just move on, like a good sportsman, willing to bear whatever adverse consequences our limitations, failures and mistakes can occasion.

God will take care of everything. In this regard, it might be useful to remind ourselves of what St. Paul said in his Letter to the Philippians: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (1,6) It's God who will finish, complete and perfect everything for us!



Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

Simple Living

It is not the most intellectual or the strongest species that survives, but the species that survives is the one that is able to adapt to or adjust best to the changing environment in which it finds itself. — Charles Darwin

The world is changing, time is never the same and that we must adapt or perish. The last phrase extolled by H.G. Wells seems to be the only option we have, its nature inexorable imperative.

Lately, the African Swine Flu (ASF) came to us, towns in the Province made headlines due to the threats. African swine fever is a contagious, viral disease that affects domestic pigs and wild boar, leading to high mortality. It does not affect people. First detected in the early

1900s in Africa, the disease has spread to countries in Asia and Europe. African swine fever is a viral disease that can have serious production and economic consequences for the swine industry, including potential export bans on pigs and pork products from affected countries. In 2018, an outbreak in China led farmers to cull an untold number of pigs, according to news reports, injecting uncertainty into a country where pork is the main source of protein. African swine fever had spread by mid-2019 to

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



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)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CLARITA BRITINIA COLASTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-half portion of a parcel of land, Lot 17, Csd-08001129 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 4476, Cad 220 situated at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tacloban City containing an area of 41,312sq.m., embraced in TCT No. T-6405. Per Doc No. 141, Page No. 30, Book No. LXXX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late IRENE B. SINANGOTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land under OCT No. P-27101, Lot No. 1256, Case No. CAD 641-D with a total land area of 22,570sq.m., situated at Manlabang, Caibiran, Biliran Province. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RO-SALINDA S. SERRANO as vendee of an area being sold is five (5) part portion (5/7) of the above-described parcel of land except the share of Herundina B. Sinangote and heirs hereby confirmed the said sale. Per Doc No. 443, Page No. 89, Book No. III, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Melvin O. Vaporoso. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ARTEMIO BORGUETA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Santa Fe, Carigara, Leyte, designated as Cad Lot No. 3495-Cad 499-D, with OCT No. P-36076, with total area of 17,000 square meters and partitioned into 3 lots; 3,714 square meters to Clarita B. Tolentino designated as Lot 3495-A; portion of 6,643 is assigned to Benita R. Astillo designated as Lot 3495-B and Felix Borgueta with Lot area of 6,643 square meters; per Doc.No. 298, Page No. 58, Book No. 26, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar Tonolete. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL OF PORTION OF A PARCEL OF AN AGRICULTURAL WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED ENRIQUE WAGAS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ENRIQUE WAGAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located at Brgy. Balocawehay, Abuyog, Leyte covered with OCT No. P-7278 under TD No. 99-01016-00925 containing an area of 12,863sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JEROME A. VALIDA as vendee of a portion consisting of 700.8sq.m.,(24x29.2) Per Doc No. 895, Page No. 77, Book No. 87, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Vicente G. Rudas. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WENCESLAO SALOMON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a commercial land located at Brgy. Smo. Rosario, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 114 covered by ARP No. 00551 R11 containing an area of 194sq.m., with an assessed value of Php96,030.00. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARLOU H. SALOMON as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 252, Page No. 51, Book No. 61, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. DEMETRIA TURBANADA AND RICARDO CELAJES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land known as Lot 1867, Pls 24 covered by TD No. 30918 containing an area of 2,455sq.m., covered by OCT No. 3017 situated at Brgy. 1, Poblacion Catubig, Northern Samar. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DOMINGO C. TENORIO AND MAGDALENA REBAY TENORIO as vendees of a portion measuring 200sq.m., from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 144, Page No. 33, Book No. V, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Rammil H. Rolea. *LSDE: Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WENCESLAO SALOMON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land particularly described as; **1)** A parcel of residential land located at P. Innocentes, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 842-P covered by ARP/TD No. 01298 R11 containing an area of 600sq.m., with an assessed value of Php47,520.00; **2)** A parcel of commercial land located at Smo. Rosario, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 115 covered by ARP/TD No. 00725 R11 containing an area of 224sq.m., with an assessed value of Php110,880.00 and heirs hereby WAIVED AND FOREVER QUITCLAIMED in all manner absolute and irrevocable all their claims, interest and participation including all improvements over the above PARCEL ONE to YOLAND H. SALOMON and PARCEL 2 to MARIA FE S. ICONG. Per Doc No. 264, Page No. 53, Book No. 61, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLMNT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENJAMIN T. MARILAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-eight portion of a parcel of land, known as Lot No. 2600, situated in Brgy. Sabang, Municipality of Palompon, Leyte, containing an area of 2,431 square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 02-31035-00476-R11. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of BELEN M. ABAYON married to Doroteo Abayon as vendee for the above described one-eight portion of land; per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 29, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Atty. Augusto C.O. Machacon. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE OF PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIOSCORO M. RACHO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte designated as Lot 4619-B with an area of 742sq.m., more or less covered by TD No. 08-31040-00561 R13. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GEMMA R. HIGGINS as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 451, Page No. 92, Book No. 57, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Villacruis. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BIBIANA G. RIVERA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Cad Lot No. 4636, Lot-1, Survey 519-D situated at Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte covered under TD No. 08-31040-00764 R13 with an area of 0.2162 hectares. Per Doc No. 487, Page No. 98, Book No. LXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Donna Villa M. Gaspan-Cerna. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

SWORN DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that BELEN M. ABAYON executed an affidaivit of Sworn Declaration of real property together with her other siblings over a parcel of land, situated in Brgy. Sabang, Palompon, Leyte. Lot No. 2600-E, with an area of 2,431 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-000884 R13, and executing this affidavit to attest to the truth of the foregoing and to support the application for estate tax clearance of their late siblings Benjamin Marilao and Josephine Trasporte Marilao; per Doc. No. 284, Page No.58, Book No. 38, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty Dante Luz N. Viacrusis. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO TENORIO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land now under ARP No. 00250 R11 covered by Cad Lot No. 644 with a total land area of 12,688sq.m., situated at Bari-is, Caibiran, Biliran. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROSARIO S. VERBA as vendee of a portion measuring 1,784sq.m.,from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 316, Page No. 32, Book No. 5, Series of 2014. Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF RESIDENTIAL LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that OLLAN A. ONGTAWCO AND OLSON A. ONGTAWCO executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of FRANCISCO AURELIO E. RO-SALES III as vendee of a portion of parcel of residential land covered by TCT No. T-4238 containing an area of 1,729 from the total area of 3,280sq.m.,Per Doc No. 180, Book No. 37, Page No. XXXI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Daryl Navaroza-Basiloy. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

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converting the university, according to Mr. Galara, into a “sanctuary” of the state enemies, thus abusing this academic freedom.

He went on to say that “Providing the enemies of the state a safe haven where they plan, operate, implement their own policies guided by the CPP NPA NDF ideology is not only against the national policy but is also teaching young minds how to be traitors to their own country,” he wrote. Indeed, for decades now, we have seen how the UP campuses have been turned into venues of radical mass actions where the demonstrators are waving communist flags, with anti-government placards, and are shouting to fight and overthrow the democratic form of government.

“You can find this scheme under the cover of academic freedom only in The Philippines. Go to countries like Singapore, Japan, South Korea and you will see how academic freedom really works without becoming traitors to their own respective countries,” he wrote on. “Academic freedom does not include the conversion of the state university into a safe sanctuary for the CPP NPA NDF that practice their



After the Advisory Council meeting Chairman, City Mayor Ronaldo Aquino received a certificate of appreciation from city police director PLT. Abelardo J. Llanita for his invaluable support to the police force of the city during the meeting of the City Advisory Council last January 29, 2021 at Magilas Conference Room, Calbayog City Police Station, Barangay Bagacay, Calbayog City.

(Henry Puyat)

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUCRECIA MILANO BALLERDA, heir of the late AURENCIO M. MILANO executed an affidavit of adjudication over a parcel of land, identified as Cad Lot No. 568, located at Brgy Poblacion 1, Hindang, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-15001-00603, containing a total area of 990.77 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ELPIDIO B. CABAL JR. and BETTY CABAL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 475, Page No. 95, Book No. 73, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros Phua. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MA. THERESA C. OGARA heir of the late REMEGIO COMENDADOR executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9773-D, Plan No: PSD-08-038849-D, situated at Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte measuring an area of 200sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. 115-2019004665. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of DIANDEE O. BATALLA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 411, Page No. 84, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kirby Bryan M. Liao. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MANUEL G. COMMENDADOR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 9773-E Plan No. Psd-08-038849-S situated at Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte embraced by TCT No. 115-2019004666 containing an area of 305sq.m.,A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of KATHLEEN LUYA AZAN AND ESTRELLA LUYA AZAN as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 300, Page No. 61, Book No. I Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Abbey Christer G. Miralles. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

ERRATUM

The Extra judicial settlement of late ADULFO CATUBAY, the 2nd parcel should read as **OCT No. CARP2018000044** not **2018000043** as we published last Jan 16,23 &30, 2021. We regret the errors. ED

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Municipality of Guiuan
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Elvira Avila Chua** has filed with this office a *(complete name of the petitioner)* petition for Change of First Name from **MARIA ELVIRA** to **ELVIRA** in the birth certificate *(First name to be changed)* *(New First Name to be Adopted)* of **MARIA ELVIRA LOPEZ AVILA** who was born on *(Complete Name of Document Owner)* **May 2, 1971** at **Guiuan, Eastern Samar** and whose *(complete date of birth)* *(Place of Birth)* parents are **Victor Avila** and **Ermelinda A. Lopez** *(Name of Father)* *(Name of Mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **February 15, 2021.**

(Sgd.) **ESTER R. GERMINAL**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: February 2 & 9, 2021

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Civil Registrar
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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 RA 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **RICHELLE M. VILLAMOR** has filed with this office Correction in the Entry in the Day and/or month in the date of birt from **FEBRUARY 28, 1986** to **FEBRUARY 22, 1986** in the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of **RICHELLE MONTERDERAMOS VILLAMOR**, at Tacloban City and whose parents are **LORNA R. MONTERDERAMOS** and **ILUMINADO A. VILLAMOR.**

Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

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

LSDE: Jan. 26 & Feb. 2, 2021

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rendered would be used against them in filing the charges.

Boller said that based on the testimonies and statements made by these former rebels, there are village officials who openly supported the NPAs like giving them financial support, even sanctuary.

"I am giving you until Feb.15 of this year for you to stop providing support to the NPA members. Otherwise, we will file appropriate charges against you...like (violation of the) Anti-Terrorism Act," he said.

"We need to end this problem for us to have peace. If there is peace, there is development. We cannot achieve development for as long as there are NPA, especially in our far-flung villages," Boller stressed.

Aside from facing charges in court, individuals who will fail to surrender before the deadline may also face persona non grata declaration from their respective villages, Lt Col Jasper Justito Pecson, the commanding officer of the 19th Infantry Battalion, said.

Since the intensified campaign to end-local insurgency problem in the municipality, members and supporters of the communist group had been surrendering to the government, according to the town mayor.

Matuguinao is very important to the com-

munist group because it is strategically located in the tri-boundary of the three provinces of Samar Island, according to Lt Col Pecson.

Of the 20 villages of the town, remaining affected with insurgency are Del Rosario, Ligaya, Carolina, San Roque, Inubob, Rizal, Mahayag, that are located near the provinces of Northern and Eastern Samar.

Some officials of these villages are now living at the town proper for fear of their security.

Once these villages are cleared, they will be identified as beneficiaries of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), a whole-of-Nation Approach, that aims to address the identified issues of the community by bridging the governance and development gaps, and providing the community their needs, and ensuring that development is sustained and peace is promoted.

Lt.Col. Pecson said that they will establish a Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (Cafgu) detachment in either the village of Carolina, Rizal, Inubod or San Roque.

Moreover, before the peace assembly ended, the officials from the 20 villages signed a manifesto of support and resolutions denouncing the NPA in their respective areas.

Matuguinao Liga ng mga Barangay president Edwin Llantos turned over a copy of the resolutions to Mayor Boller and to the police and military officials.

The 20 village officials also expressed their pledge

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immunization program coordinator Alnelyn Mandras.

The simultaneous activity, dubbed "Chikiting Ligtas," organized by the Department of Health and facilitated by the local government through the City Health Office (CHO) aims to immunize 95 percent of all children aged 9-59 months with Measles-Rubella vaccines, and all children under 5 years old with Oral Polio vaccines.

Despite the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, Tacloban City targets to include 28,551 children to be vaccinated.

To reach the said target, the CHO will conduct the fixed post immunization in fixed and temporary fixed posts this February 1-28, as house to house immunization is discouraged.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

to support the anti-insurgency campaign of the local government.

"I am very supportive to the Philippine Army because I have a child who works with the government, and because our government's only desire is for its people to have a better life," Mary Marquez, barangay chairwoman of Santa Cruz, said.

"Our villages needs to be developed and we must protect our residents from the influences of this group who will only destroy their future," she added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

9 fall in drug sting across the region

TACLOBAN CITY-At least nine persons allegedly linked to the illegal drugs trade were arrested in separate sting operations around Eastern Visayas from January 28 to 31, 2021.

In Ormoc City, anti-drug operatives nabbed 37-year-old high-value individual Ronaldo Baltazar around 3:20 pm Sunday (January 31).

A poseur- buyer was able to buy a sachet containing suspected shabu in exchange for P1,500.

Police also confiscated nine sachets containing suspected shabu weighing an estimated 6 grams with Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) value of P40,800, buy-bust money, and other personal items.

At around 4 pm Sunday, police in Tacloban City also arrested three suspects identified as Romeo Mista, Daniel Reubal, and Alfonso Acebo.

As of press time, operatives from Tacloban City Police Office-City Drug Enforcement Unit (CDEU) led by Lieutenant Anthony-Re B Amora, under the supervision of Major Edwin S Cañamaque, are still conducting inventory and markings of confiscated pieces of evidence.

On January 29, drug suspect James Lagarde was arrested in San Miguel, Leyte after he was allegedly seen carrying an undetermined caliber of short firearm.



Responding policemen confiscated from his possession a caliber .38 revolver, and two sachets containing suspected marijuana leaves with an estimated weight of 0.02 grams worth P200.

On the same day, police in Tacloban arrested Tyrone Del Rosario Jr, a watch listed drug personality.

Police confiscated during the operation were a sachet containing suspected shabu, as subject of sale, buy-bust money, and five sachets containing suspected shabu placed inside a coin purse.

The seized illegal drug had an estimated street value of P10,500.

In Calbayog City, joint operatives arrested Jayson Sagadal, 25.

Recovered from the suspect's possession were four sachets containing suspected shabu, and buy-bust money.

In Hilongos, Leyte, another drug watch listed personality was arrested by police and operatives from

Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

An undercover operative was able to purchase from the suspect, Rafael Triston Anadon, a sachet containing suspected shabu with an estimated weight of 0.02 gram worth P500.

Also recovered from suspect's possession were three sachets containing suspected shabu with an estimated total weight of 0.06 gram worth P1,500, and buy-bust money.

Anti-narcotics agents apprehended another high-value target in Burauen, Leyte on January 28.

Confiscated from the suspect, Romeo Avila, were sachets containing suspected shabu weighing 0.3750 gram based on a chemistry report with an estimated market value of P2,550, according to PDEA in a report.

The suspects will be charged for violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

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confined has resulted for its COVID-19 bed capacity to surge.

There were even instances that these patients coming from other areas of the region were counted or considered to be COVID-19 cases for Tacloban.

Still, Fabrigas said, the city government under Mayor Alfred Romualdez is doing its best to contain further increase of the vi-

rus.

Existing health protocols like the wearing of face masks and face shields, social distancing and non-mass gathering are being strictly implemented by the city government.

On Monday, 10 new cases were added to Tacloban's COVID-19 cases, pushing its total to 1,693 with 33 deaths.

Meantime, the DOH reported of 159 new cases, bringing the region's total cases to 13,969.



Personnel of the National Housing Authority and the City Housing Development Office of Calbayog city government conducted a validation among fire victims in Barangay Capoocan. (HENRY PUYAT)

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