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On the killing of Calbayog City Mayor Aquino

PNP says shootout; family claims ambush

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TACLOBAN CITY- The gruesome killing of outgoing Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino remains to be shrouded with mystery as police authorities maintain that he was killed in a shootout amid claims of his family that he was ambushed.

Aquino, 59, on board in an Hi-Ace van, was traversing in Barangay Lonyoy at around 5:30 pm last Monday(March 8) when the incident took place as he was on his way to the family-owned resort to attend the birthday party of his son, Mark.

The city mayor, who was serving on his last term, sustained several gunshot wounds on the different parts of his body which resulted on his immediate death.

Also killed inside his vehicle were his driver, Dennis Abayon; and his police escort, S/Sg.Rodeo Sario. Wounded was Man-

sfield Labonite, his civilian aide.

Killed on the side of the operatives were Capt. Joselito Tabada, chief of the provincial anti-drug enforcement unit; S/Sgt. Romeo Laoyon, assigned at the provincial intelligence group. Wounded was S/Sgt. Neil Cebu, assigned at the K9 unit of the Samar police provincial office.

A civilian, Clint Jan Paul Yaunder, a City Hall employee, died after the vehicle he was on board was hit in the crossfire.

Aquino is the second mayor of Calbayog to have died while in office.

Then mayor Reynaldo

Uy was shot dead in 2011 while attending a fiesta celebration in Hinabangan town. His death remains unsolved up to this time.

Police claimed that it was from the city mayor's group which made the first shots as they allegedly sense that they were being tailed.

"Two groups were involved in the shooting incident. One was the group of Mayor Aquino and the other group was composed of police personnel. A shootout took place with the first volley of fire came from the group of the mayor. It was not an ambush incident as there was an ex-

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SLAIN. Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino, 59 and serving on his third and last term, was killed in a still unclear circumstances. The police says he engaged operatives in a shootout while the family insisted that he was ambushed on March 8 while he was on his way to attend the birthday of his son, Mark.

Soldiers, health workers at the 8th ID get Sinovac shots; Major Gen. Diñoso says vaccination among soldiers not an 'option'

TACLOBAN CITY - The 8th Infantry Division has also started its vaccination program against the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Thursday (March 11) with a ceremonial vaccination held at their headquarters located



Major Gen. Pio Diñoso III, the commanding officer of the 8th Infantry Division, lead in the vaccination among soldiers and medical staff of the division on Thursday (March 11). The division received the Sinovac vaccine from their national headquarters. (VICENTE LUKBAN)

in Camp Lukban, Catbalogan City.

The 8th ID received a total of 1,200 vials of Sinovac vaccine from the Armed Forces of the Philippines Headquarters for its first

batch of the rollout enough for two doses for each soldiers and health workers of the division.

At least 600 soldiers and health workers of 8ID see Soldiers/page 9 ...



NEW FMR STATION --- House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez (left) and Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez (2nd left) congratulates FMR (Favorie Music Radio) station manager Danny Requiez (right) during the launching of the new FMR Station in Tacloban City on Friday(March 12). The Romualdezes reminds Taclobanon and the people of Eastern Visayas to continue follow the health protocols as the vaccines for ordinary people is coming soon. photo by Ver Noveno



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Hospitals in the region start vaccination using Sinovac and AstraZeneca vaccines

TACLOBAN CITY-Various government-run hospitals of the region have started their vaccination of their health workers using the Sinovac and AstraZeneca vaccines.

The region has so far received 8,900 doses of Sinovac vaccines as its allocation from the national government. And on Wednesday (March 10), 10,000 doses of AstraZeneca arrived in the region to augment its need for more vaccines against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In Northern Samar, its provincial hospital based in Catarman town, received 2,000 doses of Sinovac and 450 doses of AstraZeneca on Thursday wherein 650 of its medical workers are expected to receive either vaccines.

Dr. Ninfa Kam, chief of hospital of the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital, who was the first to be inoculated using the China-based vaccine, said that she did not feel 'only minimal pain' and felt okay after five minutes.

In Southern Leyte, 224 health personnel of the Salvacion Oppus Yniguez Memorial Provincial Hospital based in Maasin City, are targeted to receive the 2,240 AstraZeneca vaccine.

At the Biliran Provincial Hospital, its top officials headed by its chief of hospital, Dr. Joyce Cañeja, were inoculated on Wednesday using the Sinovac vaccines.

The said hospital, located in naval town, received 100 doses of China-manufactured vaccines with 277 of its medical workers projected to be administered of the said vaccine.

In Samar, 200 doses of Sinovac was received by the Samar Provincial Hospital based in Catbalogan City of which out of its 510 medical and staff workers, 172 of them have signified to be inoculated.

In Eastern Samar, 330 doses of AstraZeneca was delivered to the province wherein 220 doses are to be administered to the health workers at the Eastern Samar Provincial Hospital and 110 for the health personnel

of the Felipe Abrigo Memorial Hospital located in Guiuan town.

In Tacloban City, 165 medical personnel of the Tacloban City Hospital are to be inoculated using the Sinovac vaccine.

Several private hospitals like the Divine Word Hospital, Remedios Trinidad Romualdez Medical Foundation have also conducted their own inoculation using the Sinovac vaccines.

At the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC), the biggest government-run in the region based in Tacloban City, 1,200 doses of Sinovac have been delivered by the Department of Health with all of its close to 2,000 medical and service workers to be given the vaccine.

The DOH in the region said that so far 1,561 health workers across the region have received the vaccines.

The region has around 27,000 health workers. (JOEY A. GABIETA/PETER D.PAREDES)

Spanish ship to visit Guiuan as part of the 500 years anniversary of Magellan landings

TACLOBAN CITY - The Spanish navy training ship Juan Sebastian De Elcano is set to arrive in Suluan Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar on March 16, 2021 as part of its journey to retrace the first circumnavigation of the globe 500 years ago.

Elcano is expected to arrive in Suluan Island from Guam in the morning of March 16. In the afternoon it will sail near Manicani Island for the people residing in the mainland of Guiuan and its neighboring towns have a closer glimpse to it.

On the 17th, it will sail close to Homonhon Island where people can view the ship from Barangay Pagbabangnan where a marker commemorating its 500 years anniversary will be unveiled.

It was in Homonhon Island where the group of Portuguese-born Ferdinand Magellan landed which is known in the history as the 'rediscovering' of the Philippine on March 16, 1521.

Activities in the island are only for official delegates or participants who

are allowed by the local government to attend the Quincentennial activities. However, this are going to be livestreamed at the social media account of the RTVM, St John the Baptist Church, and the Diocese of Borongan.

On the 18th, Elcano will again sail closer to Manicani Island and wait for the arrival of President Rodrigo Duterte who will lead the unveiling of the Quincentennial marker in Brgy Ngolos, Calicoan Island.

The ship will sail on the following day to Cebu.

The ship sailed from Spain through Atlantic Ocean going to Argentina, then through the Strait of Magellan, a sea route in southern Chile separating mainland South America to the north and Tierra del

Fuego to the south. From there it sailed to Pacific Ocean to Guam before coming to Philippines and before returning back to port of Cadiz.

"Due to the pandemic, it will not dock anywhere. In fact, it hasn't docked anywhere (where the) Magellan fleet docked," Kinna Kwan, Guiuan municipal administrator said.

"Because the Elcano is the third largest tall ship in the world, it needs a depth of between 15 to 30 meters for its anchorage, and the area near Manicani is closer to it can get to the mainland for greater public appreciation," she added.

Elcano's crew will also only stay inside the ship during their three-day stay in Guiuan.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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NPA couple steps down from the mountains for the sake of their child

TACLOBAN CITY- A couple and four other alleged members of the New People's Army (NPA) have surrendered to Northern Samar police officials last Monday (March 8).

Colonel Arnel Apud, director of Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO), welcomed the returning couple identified as alias Alas and alias Sam, both members of sub-regional committee (SRC) Emporium.

"Our government is serious in its campaign to end the insurgency. Since you decided to surrender and return to the folds of the law, we will help you to avail of the benefits offered by our government once the needed documents are processed," Apud told the couple during their meet-

ing at the police provincial headquarters.

In a statement, Apud said the couple "will be en-

rolled in the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and the Local So-

cial Integration Program (LSIP), to provide them

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A couple, who have been active members of the New People's Army, have decided to leave the armed group for good for the sake of their child. The couple met with Northern Samar police director, Col. Arnel Apud, on Monday (March 8).

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Senate honors cacao farmers with passage of bill declaring Davao City as Chocolate Capital, Davao Region as Cacao Capital



Sen. Cynthia Villar

cacao and its vital contribution in making the Philippines world-renowned and sought-after by chocolate makers from the United States, Japan and Europe.”

In sponsoring the measure, Villar cited the Philippine Statistics Authority data saying that approximately 78.76 percent of the annual production of cacao in the Philippines comes from the Davao Region or Region XI composed of Davao del Sur, Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro, and Davao Occidental. There are also more than 20,000 hectares of cacao farms in the region, and Davao City has the largest area.

“The Philippines has about 15,000 cocoa farmers nationwide. The bill hopes to make Davao City and the Davao Region become an inspiration and a

see Senate /page 7 ...

Police Regional Director De Jesus says all cops involved in the Aquino killing now under their custody

TACLOBAN CITY- Police Regional Office-8 Regional Director B/Gen. Rolando de Jesus said that all police officers involved in the incident that resulted to the death of Calbayog City Mayor Rolando Aquino are all accounted for.

De Jesus he said that all police officers involved are now in the custody of their own commanders and have submitted their affidavit regarding the incident.

He, however, did not say as to how many policemen are now in custody together with their firearms.

It was learned from the police regional director that the officers from the scene of the crimes operatives (SOCO) are now collating all the evidences obtained from the said encounter.

“All of their service fire-



arms used in the encounter, underwent ballistic examination,” De Jesus said in a radio interview aired over ‘Bombo Radyo’.

Based on the initial report, while Aquino, 59, and his aides, on board a white van, one of his security personnel fired at vehicles, which they allegedly thought were suspiciously tailing them.

The other vehicles, which later learned to be carrying Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel from IMEG (integrity monitoring and enforcement group) and DEU (drug enforcement unit), retaliated, ensuing a firefight.

The incident took place in Laboyao Bridge in Barangay Lonoy village at about 5:30 pm Monday (March 8).

Dead on the spot were Aquino; S/Sgt. Rodeo Sario, S/Sgt. Romeo Laoyon; Dennis Abayon, the mayor’s driver. Wounded were S/Sgt. Neil Cebu; and Mansfield Labonite, mayor’s aide.

Clint John Paul Yauder, an employee of the city government whose vehicle was hit during the incident, died.

Laoyon was in one of the vehicles reportedly tailing the mayor’s car while Sario, Cebu, and Labonite were in the same car with Aquino.

The body of Capt. Joselito Tabada, chief of Samar PNP DEU and acting chief of police of nearby Gandara town, was recovered under the bridge on the same night.

Tabada was onboard a van said to be tailing the mayor’s car. His death was not included in the spot report due to the late discovery of his body, police said.

The mayor and his aides were heading to their family-owned resort to attend his son’s birthday party after playing tennis when the

lance unit.

As of Friday, the region’s COVID-19 cases now stand at 15,978 of which 15,311 of them declared to have recovered from the ailment. The region’s death toll due to COVID-19 is now at 236 with the latest confirmed death involved a 69 year old man from Ormoc City who died on March 11.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

incident occurred.

Aquino, who was on his third and last term as mayor of Calbayog, assumed the post as chief executive in 2011 after then mayor Reynaldo Uy was killed in a fiesta celebration in Hinabangan, Samar.

De Jesus made clarification that the operatives of IMEG and PDEU were not targeting the mayor, and that they were just doing a routinary patrol against PNP scalawags, it just so happened that their vehicle was running behind the vehicle where Aquino was on board.

According to De Jesus, he was able to talk to these police officers and all of them denied that they knew who were inside the car and whose vehicle they were tailing. They were late to realize that the vehicle was owned by Aquino.

De Jesus also made sure that no white wash will happen in the investigation of the Special Investigation Task Group Aquino and the Crime Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG).

The PNP Internal Affairs Service is also investigating the incident to check on the accountability of the police officers involved said De Jesus.

“If proven guilty they will be answerable to the law” added de Jesus.

He also denied that Aquino is in the drug watch list.

“We were not able to monitor any illegal activities involving Aquino,” De Jesus added.

De Jesus also informed that to date there is no communication between the PNP and the family of Mayor Aquino.

Meanwhile, De Jesus alerted the PNP units in Calbayog City to maintain peace and order in case tension arise due to Aquino’s death.

De Jesus prays for the immediate result of the investigation that may lead to immediate resolution of the case.

(LIZBETH ANN ABELLA)

10,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines to be distributed to various hospitals in the region

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Health (DOH) in the region said that about 10,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines are to be distributed to different hospitals in the region that caters patients suffering from coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

On Wednesday (March 10), 10,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines arrived in the region together with the additional 2,000 Sinovac vaccines, Dr. Teresa Caidic, chief of the DOH-8 local health systems and development, said.

Caidic added that all hospitals in Tacloban City including the Schistosomiasis Hospital in Palo town, where health personnel had signified to be vaccinated with



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Sinovac, are done with their vaccination.

Since March 5, a total of 1,561 health workers had been vaccinated with the Sinovac vaccine.

Health workers in the city who were not eligible for the Sinovac vaccine will be vac-

nated with the AstraZeneca.

Of the 1, 561 health workers who have been inoculated with Sinovac, the DOH-8 recorded a total of 23 cases of adverse reaction like increase of blood pressure, nausea, numbness, itchiness,

and pain in the arm.

The health workers were assisted and monitored after experiencing the experienced adverse reaction according Roderick Boyd Cerro, chief of the DOH Eastern Visayas regional epidemiology and surveil-

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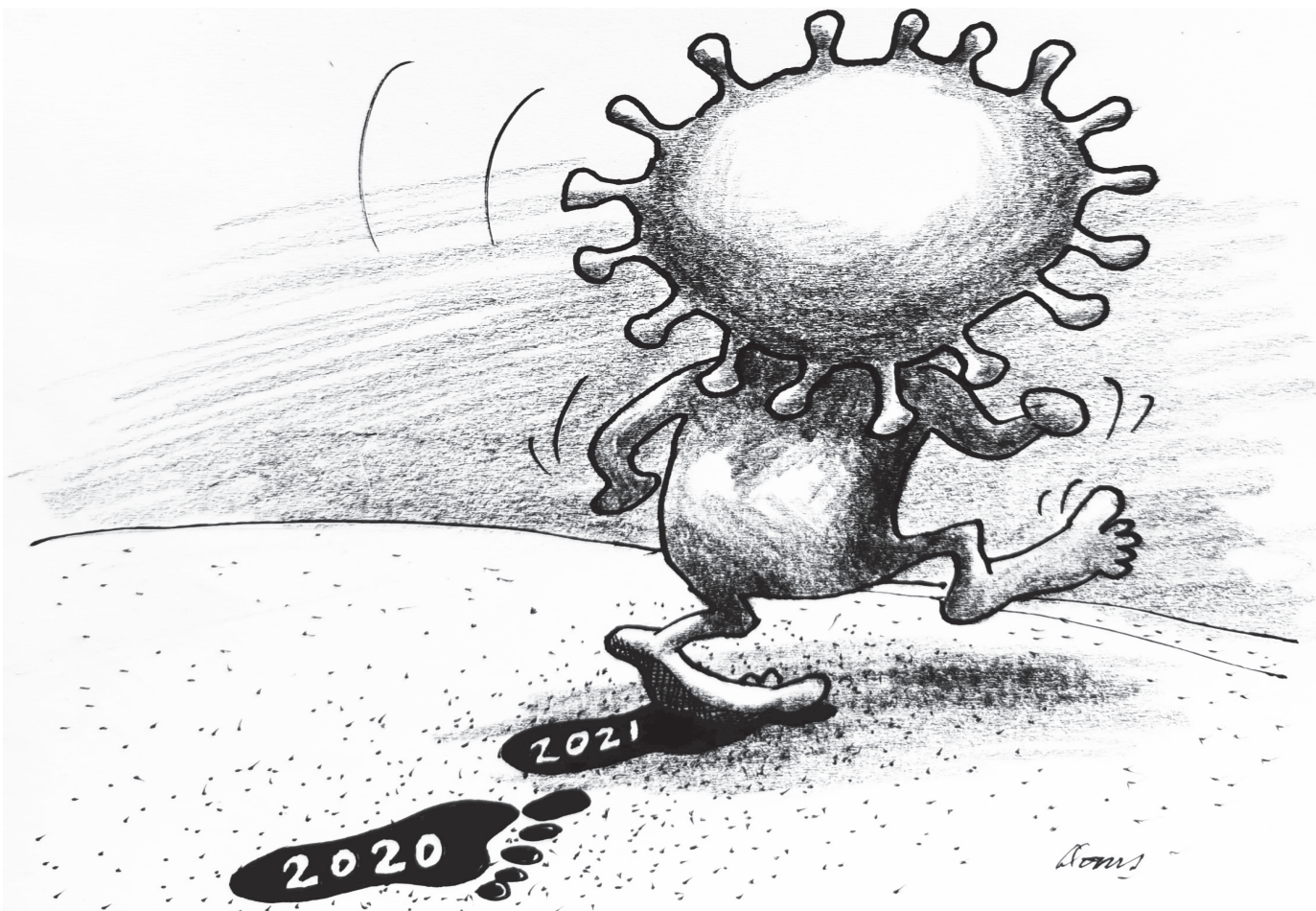
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A year of pandemic

It's

exactly one year now when our country resorted to placing much of the archipelago into lockdowns due to the advent and spread of the coronavirus, starting in Metro Manila followed by Luzon and the central and southern portions of the islands.

The quarantine that was initially set to last for fifteen-days in the metropolis had expanded into a nationwide phenomenon with an indefinite duration such that, up to now, the entire country is still under such a declaration. Our positive impressions that the virus will not last that long proved to be a miscalculation as the virus stubbornly stayed.

Days turned into weeks; weeks turned into months; months turned into a year, and who

knows until when this pandemic will drag on. It could probably linger on for years more. Which is contrary to what the government and the people wished for. For who would want such a pandemic to even visit us?

Imagine the devastating effects of this pandemic! Millions had lost their jobs and livelihoods. Businesses had closed shop and the few that continued their operations had suffered so much losses. Households had gone poorer and families went hungry. Worst of all, thousands had gotten sick, the rest even died as a result of this virus.

At the moment, the country's only hope humanly speaking is an effective vaccine. We hope that, in the near future, medicines that could cure the virus would be discovered. And may God finally vanish this virus off the face of the earth.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Protocol defiance

While our health authorities keep on reminding us to observe health protocols at all times, anywhere we are, some of our countrymen just take their admonitions lightly, not really taking them into serious consideration.

Forgetfulness, of course, is the quick and frequent excuse when they are confronted by authorities for their violations. Alibis such as "Am not going too far", or "Our house is just nearby" and the likes are also common excuses to justify

one's failure to wear the necessary protection from the virus.

Considerate authorities would just accept such alibis, but the more tough ones do not, hence the occasional clashes between people and the implementing authorities. The least that could result is a heated argument. Because at times, fed up authorities impose harsher sanctions on violators, including physical punishments.

Partly, this could be the reason why the virus lingers on in the country and is not contained as it has been in other countries. Some people are not just cooperative enough and stubbornly defy ad-

monitions and even simple instructions. They would follow, yes, but with modifications in their self-implementation of rules.

For instance, people in wet markets are wearing facemasks, but the same do not necessarily cover the nose and mouth, the intended body parts that facemasks ought to cover to avoid contracting or spreading the virus. They just place the masks on their mouths, leaving their noses uncovered. That defeats the purpose because, should there be viruses in the air, they could just inhale them all the way

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What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

After Supreme Court dismissed BBM protest

VP Robredo, 35 others charged with sedition; angry Leni fighting back!

After months of investigation & case-building, Secretary Medardo Guevara finally declared that the Department of Justice has filed their Resolution of Sedition against Vice-President Leni Robredo and 35-named respondents.

It will be recalled that on July 18 last year, the Philippine National Police - Criminal Investigation & Detection Group, through its National Capital Region Field Unit, filed sedition / inciting to sedition, cyber libel, libel, estafa, harboring a criminal, and obstruction of justice against Robredo and 35 other officials and personalities.

Witness / respondent Peter Joemel Advincula, alias "Bikoy," the self-confessed hooded man in the "Ang Totoong Narcologist" videos that were uploaded on YouTube, that created an uproar then among viewers, tagged Robredo et. al, for their clandestinely-hatched "Project Sodoma," -- a plot to overthrow Duterte.

Criminal complaints were also filed against Senators Leila de Lima of the Liberal Party, Risa Hontivers of Akbayan Party List, former senators Antonio Trillanes IV of Magdalo & Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV of

the Liberal Party.

Included in the list of respondents were Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines vice-president and Caloocan Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, former CBCP president Ligayan-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas, Cubao Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, retired Novaliches Bishop Teodoro Bacani, Jr., former education secretary Armin Luistro, Ateneo professor Jesuit priest Albert Alejo, Fr. Robert Reyes (a.k.a. Fr. Ruben Reyes, the so-called "running priest") and Fr. Flaviano Villanueva.

Also named respondents were "Otso Directso" senatorial candidates -- former Quezon representative Erin Tanada of the Liberal Party, former Magdalo representative Gary Alejano, lawyer Jose Manuel "Chel" Diokno of the Liberal Party, lawyer Florin Hilbay of the Partido Aksyon Demokratiko, the former solicitor general during the term of Ex-President Noynoy Aquino, lawyer Romulo Macalintal and Samira Gutoc of the Liberal Party.

Additional respondents named were officials of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), namely, incumbent president Domingo Egon Cayosa, former president Abdiel Dan Elijah Fajardo as

well as former Supreme Court spokesman & Free Legal Assistance Group member Theodore Te.

Also in the list is former PNP senior superintendent Eduardo Acierto.

In the complaint, Advincula claimed that the respondents, particularly Ex-Senator Trillanes and Ex-Congressman Alejano, both used him to act as "Bikoy" in a video presentation and spread lies about Duterte, members of his family and some close friends.

The "Oust Duterte" plot was hatched in a series of meetings at the Jesuit Communications Building at the Ateneo de Manila University compound in Quezon City from February to May last year.

- ROBREDO EYES 2022 RUN -

For so many months, Vice-President Leni kept on evading questions regarding her presidential plans, but with the developments above-written, Vice-President Leni Robredo has finally declared that she is "open to the possibility of running for the presidency in the national elections next year!"

To several reporters, she said "As the highest elected official of the Liberal Party, I know I have an obligation at the national level; and I know there are people who are urging me to run; -- at least our allies are urging me to run for president...."

"But ... the circumstances can still change. Perhaps the earliest I can make a decision would be in September, just before the filing of Certificates of Candidacy on October 1 to 8. But right now, I am open to anything. Wherever I am needed, I will go there!" she added.

Wow, with this latest



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

When we have to go beyond our means

IT'S, of course, commonsensical that if we want to avoid trouble in our life, we should learn to live within our means. We need to do careful budgeting of our resources, to see that not only would we survive but, more importantly, that we can manage to duly attend to all our needs. We should avoid being extravagant, wasteful, spendthrift, because living beyond our means can only lead us to disaster, sooner or later.

But there are times when we need to go beyond our means. This is when out of love and in situations of extreme necessity

development, would it be Sara-Bongbong or Bongbong-Sara of the rumored Tapang at Malasakit Alliance or TAMang Partido vs Leni-Kiko (Pangilinan) or Kiko-Leni of the Liberal Party vs Tito Sotto-Ping Lacson or Ping-Tito of the Nationalist Peoples Alliance?

But now, with the above rumored 'tandems' this Columnist's media sources in Metro Manila openly ask "Eh, where does that put the (also) rumored PKP (Pambansang Kamaong Partido) of Senator Manny Pacquiao, who is said to be spending millions for his radio-television-newspaper and social media exposures?"

Oh well ... as I usually end many of my columns with unanswered questions, "Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!"

ty or urgent and emergency needs, we just have to do whatever we can, regardless of whether we have the means for them or not. We should just plunge into the challenge.

In these cases, we can still count on some means that are actually always with us, and they never run out. Sad to say, these means are often disregarded or are considered of little or no value at all. That's unfortunate because these means are actually the most powerful and dependable of all the means we can have.

I am referring to our spiritual and supernatural means, namely, the grace of God who never spares in giving it to us as long as we live by faith, hope and charity that are supported by a working life of piety. More than just means, they are actually our greatest treasure that we can never run out of. Neither can they be spoiled, stolen or lost.

That is why Christ said: "Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Mt

6,19-20)

It's important that we realize that more than storing the necessary material goods to help us in our material needs, we should store up more of these spiritual means by constantly strengthening and deepening our faith, hope and, most of all, our charity. The spiritual means have priority over the material means, since the former have limitless effectiveness while the latter can only go so far.

We should be always asking for the grace of God, even if we know that God will always give it to us unsparingly. That is how God is, since he is full of love and mercy. And let's accompany that petition with the appropriate virtues of fortitude, generosity, magnanimity, patience, etc.

When we have such faith, hope and charity that are ably supported by virtues and the appropriate lifestyle, we can always manage to stay confident and optimistic all throughout our life, in both the good times and the bad times, the ups and downs, the twists and turns of our life. Nothing can disturb us actually. And we can manage to stay focused on doing what is most essential in our life.

We need to spread this Good News about these abundant spiritual and supernatural means that we can always avail of. People nowadays, especially in our current condition where many find themselves in dire need, have to know about the power of these means that are all there for the taking. They are all for free, gratis. It is just faith in God that holds the key.

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)

RIAS to conduct parallel investigation on the killing of Calbayog City Mayor Aquino

TACLOBAN CITY - The Regional Internal Affairs Service (RIAS) 8 is also conducting investigation in relation to the death of Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino in an alleged shootout with personnel belonging to the Samar Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit of the Philippine National Police 8.

This was disclosed by Police Col. Joker Cuanso, RIAS regional director, who stressed that their investigation will focus solely on possible administrative sanctions, if any, to be meted to police personnel involved in the incident.

"If policemen are involved, we conduct administrative investigation. So we are informing the people on the administrative aspect when we refer to the employment of police personnel who are involved in this incident, we are conducting administrative investigation," he said.

"The conduct of our investigation is already provided under the provision of RA 8551 which dictates that if there was discharge of firearms of a police personnel the RIAS will conduct moto proprio investigation," Cuanso added.

Cuanso said that as of

now they are still determining if how many policemen are involved in the incident which resulted in the death of Mayor Aquino, his security personnel, his driver, and civilian who is said to be caught on the crossfire, and two policemen from the Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit.

Part of the investigation is to coordinate with the Regional Crime Laboratory and from other agencies to get evidences to come up with a fair investigation result.

PCol Cuanso added that their investigation will take for about 30 days from determining who are the policemen involved to issuing recommendation on actions to them which may include demotion, administrative penalties, dismissal from services or suspension.

While the RIAS investigation is ongoing, firearms of identified policemen will be accounted for further investigation.

Aside from RIAS, the Special Investigation Task Group Aquino is also conducting investigation regarding the incident.

Department of Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra through Department Order No. 057 had also mandated the National Bu-

reau of Investigation to also conduct investigation on the mayor's death and other fatalities.

The NBI is given 10 days to submit report to the secretary on the progress of their investigation.

Prior to the order of Sec. Guevarra, top officials of Samar which includes Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento and Governor Reynolds Michael Tan had asked the DOJ to also conduct a separate impartial and thorough investigation.

"As governor of the province of Samar, I am pleading to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to call on the DOJ to send their most notable investigators and make immediate and necessary crack downs on the series of horrifying killings that has plagued Calbayog and the rest of the 1st District of Samar for years, leading up to this most unfortunate incident," Tan said in a statement.

"The violence and the senseless deaths must come to an end," he added.

Rep. Sarmiento, a political ally of Mayor Aquino, in calling for an investigation to be conducted by the NBI, said that justice should be served to the slain mayor's family.

"I am appealing once again to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and this

time to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Menardo Guevarra to allow the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to investigate what happened since uniformed personnel who are supposed to be the protectors of peace and order were involved in the shooting incident which led to the death of a fellow public servant, no less than the Local Chief Executive of Calbayog City," Sarmiento said.

Diocese of Calbayog Bishop Most Reverend Isabelo Abarquez, in a statement, also urged for a thorough investigation on the mayor's death and condemn the incident.

"The taking of human life and the inflicting of injury and suffering on the anyone, whether as an act of aggression or to sow fears in the hearts and lives of the people can never be justified," Bishop Abarquez said in a statement.

"The Diocese of Calbayog does not tolerate any form of repression especially through extra judicial killings. The right to life is a gift for everybody and no one has the right to take it. The wheel of justice is the proper venue for resolution of any case," he added. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA/RONALD O.RYES)**

3 NPA rebels yield to policemen in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY - Three members of the New People's Army (NPA) surrendered to policemen in Leyte on Tuesday (March 9), turning over firearms and ammunition.

Leyte police provincial director Col. Rodelio Samson identified the former rebels only as alias Jack, Arwin, and Ruel. They belong to the NPAs Amandawin Command in Leyte as intelligence officers.

They yielded to the operatives of the 1st Leyte provincial mobile force company in Gaas village, Baybay City around 3:50 pm on Tuesday.

They turned over two homemade shotguns, two Arisaka rifles, a .45 caliber pistol, and several ammunitions.

"My appeal to the other

member of the communist terrorist group to lay down their arms and return to the fold of the law and take advantage of the government's program and live a normal life with their love ones," Samson said in a statement on Wednesday.

The police official is upbeat that the surrender of these NPA members will further weaken the communist terrorist group in Leyte province.

The NPA, which has been waging a five-decade armed struggle against the government is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. **(SARWELL Q. MENIANO)**

PSA begins March 2021 labor force survey

TACLOBAN CITY - The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has started its March 2021 round of the monthly Labor Force Survey (LFS).

PSA Regional Director Wilma Perante said that the field data collection is being undertaken from March 8 to 27, 2021.

She added that the monthly LFS, which started in February 2021, aims to provide high frequency statistical information on the Philippine labor market information to better monitor and understand the current job situation and economy in the Philippines as well as the impact of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) health crisis.

"Results of the monthly LFS will serve as basis for planning, formulation of policies, and implementing programs to create gainful employment and bolster livelihood opportunities for the Filipinos particularly those who were adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis," Perante said.

Perante clarified that the March 2021 LFS will use another replicate of the 2013 Master Sample (MS) used in the January 2021 LFS round which was about 10,700 sample housing units nationwide.

In Eastern Visayas, 672 sample households will be enumerated. Data collection will employ Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system.

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the benefits that could propel their new life, and raise a family."

According to the former rebels, they decided to surrender to have a better future for their five-year-old son.

In Baybay City, three former NPA members voluntarily surrendered to the First Leyte Provincial Mobile Force Company.

They were identified as alias Jack, alias Arwin, and alias Ruel, all members of "Militia ng Bayan" under SRC Levox.

They also turned in two homemade shotgun with five rounds of ammunition, two Japanese-type Arisaka with 17 rounds of ammunition, and one caliber .45

The director explained that the mandate of PSA to conduct surveys emanate from Republic Act 10625 or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, which states that PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts.

She claimed that PSA adheres and commits to the confidentiality of information as stipulated in Section 26 of RA 10625 (Confidentiality of Information) and Section 8 of RA 10173 (Data Privacy Act). All data obtained from the survey will be released only in summary form or statistical tables.

"The office assures the public that required public health and safety measures to contain

COVID-19 will be strictly observed in all phases of field operations. All PSA personnel and hired statistical researchers who will be deployed are in good health condition and will strictly follow precautionary measures against COVID-19, such as wearing of face mask and face shield, physical distancing, proper hygiene and sanitation, and wearing of PSA ID. They shall likewise observe all protocols laid down by the local government units (LGUs)," Perante said. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

with SN 649317 and loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

Another rebel also surrendered in Arteche, Samar following the "intensified anti-insurgency campaign and intelligence-driven operation" of 801st Maneuver Company and Regional Mobile Force Battalion-8.

Authorities identified the surrenderee as alias Jingoy, an alleged combat medic of SRC Levox operating in Leyte.

He also handed over one caliber .45, one magazine, and eight live ammunition.

Police Regional Office-Eastern Visayas said a total of 47 former rebels surrendered in the region from January to March 8. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

Senate...

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benchmark to motivate other local government units to emulate," Villar said.

Villar also noted that Davao City is home to Malagos Chocolate, which has won 28 international awards. The brand was also designated as one of the 16 heirloom cacaos in the world by the Heirloom Cacao Preservation Fund, which is an initiative of the Fine Chocolate Industry Association.

The lady senator also stressed that the bill is not intended to give any special financial assistance or privileges to the city and the region, and that the 1-page bill will simply give recognition for the pioneering and outstanding collective contribution of the cacao

farmers who are mostly small holder farmers supplying dry cacao beans to mostly small to medium-scale enterprises processors and manufacturers locally and abroad.

Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa in co-sponsoring the measure, said the bill, if passed into law, would "recognize our beloved cacao farmers and growers with great respect and appreciation, worth more than what any international award could give."

"After all, it is to them that we owe the honor we enjoy today, the honor of producing chocolate that ranks among the world's best, truly deserving of chocolate's other name-'food for the gods,'" he added.

Sen. Christopher Lawrence Go, who hails from Davao, is also one of the co-authors of the bill. **(PR)**

Popcom in the region pushes for localization of population programs

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stakeholders.

“Popcom’s strategic interventions and its resources shall be focused toward the efficient and effective mobilization of LGUs to take the lead in the implementation of the population management strategies and attainment of its identified objectives and targets,” Pulma said.

Since January this year, Popcom has conducted orientation and strategic planning workshop with LGUs in identifying key population issues and investment programming for family planning, reduction of adolescent pregnancies, and other population-related interventions.

Popcom has already conducted orientations in Tacloban City; Isabel and Palo, Leyte; Biliran and Culaba in Biliran; Saint Bernard, Macrohon, Malitbog and Maasin City in Southern Leyte; Calbiga, Paranas, Sta. Rita, Gandara and Matuguinao in Samar.

About 40 of the 149 LGUs are being targeted for localization by Popcom this year of which both parties are to enter into a

memorandum of agreement.

Grants shall be released to each of these LGUs in support to their strategies addressing critical population issues.

Under the high court’s Mandanas doctrine, the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of LGUS should come from all national taxes, as mandated under the 1991 Local Government Code and not from just the taxes collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) within the respective jurisdictions of LGUs.

Due to increase of budget of LGUs as a result of Mandanas-Garcia ruling, it means more devolved functions and services and generation of more basic social and health services on the part of the LGU.

Popcom shall take this opportunity to advance the interest of the PPMP by promoting the population program in close coordination with the LCEs utilizing the increase IRA budget due to the effect of Mandanas-Garcia ruling. **(LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)**



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ Petilla hand over checks as financial assistance to the 16 barangays of Tanauan, Leyte for the improvement of their respective villages. The recipients were the villages of Buntay and Licod, both worth P150,000 for the installation of CCTVs; San Isidro worth P150,000 for the construction of barangay road; Bislig and Catmon each worth P150,000 for the construction of tanod outpost; Bantagan and Malaguicay each worth P150,000 for the pathway concreting; Tugop in the amount of P150,000 for the renovation of health center; Arado in the amount of P150,000 for repair of day care center; Talolora, Kiling, and Cahumayhumayan both worth P150,000 and for the construction of a concrete pathways; Maghulod worth P150,000 for the construction of a barangay road; Guindagan worth P150,000 for the improvement of multi-purpose hall; and Calogcog worth P150,000 for the concreting of a farm-to-market road. The distribution was held at the New Governor’s Office on March 2. **(GINA P. GEREZ)**

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are expected to get vaccinated from March 11-16 and will get the second dose after 28 days.

Major General Pio Diñoso III, the commanding officer of the division, received the first dose of Sinovac’s vaccine to inspire the soldiers and health workers to also receive the vaccine.

“Many lives have been lost here in 8th Infantry Division. One of our Stormtroopers had perished from COVID-19. With the vaccine around, it gives us a glimmer of hope that we can return to our normal day-to-day lives,” he said after receiving the first dose of the vaccine.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT and PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MA. VICTORIA APAS-PENICKA, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicate over a portion of a parcel of land, Lot No. 857-A-Z-A-3, situated in Poblacion, Zone 23, Baybay City, Leyte, covered by TCT No. 115-2017000567, containing an area of 186 square meters, more or less, Tax Dec No. 2015-07-0023-00784. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RAYMON APAS SERATO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No.307, Page No. 62, Book No. LVII, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSELITO S. SYDIONGCO heir of the late GLORIA C. SALAZAR extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land Lot No. 3276 with improvements thereon situated at Brgy. Mudburon, Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-13122, containing an area of 148,179 square meters, more or less and one fourth (1/4) of said parcel belong to GLORIA C. SALAZAR, is the owner of 37,044.75. A Deed of sale was executed by Ofelia C. Salazar her share in favor of GOD GIVEN GCS HOLDINGS CORPORATION as vendee for the above-described 1/4 portion of property; per Doc. No. 265, Page No. 54, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rafael Antonio M. Acebedo. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late OFELIA C. SALAZAR namely: Ryan Christopher Neduelan and Itan Salazar Neduela extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 3279-C, with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Mudburon, Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-13122, containing an area of 148,179 square meters, more or less and 1/4 of said land, Ofelia C. Salazar is the owner of 37,044.75 square meters, more or less. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of GOD GIVEN GCS HOLDINGS CORPORATION as vendee over a portion of the above-described property of which Ofelia C. Salazar is co-owner; per Doc. No. 20, Page No. 5, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rafael Antonio M. Acebedo. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

As of March 2021, the 8th Infantry Division has already recorded 92 confirmed COVID-19 cases, one of whom has died due to complications.

“Soldiers vaccination is not an option. It is our duty to receive the vaccine. So, this is not just a privilege. Our leaders are giving us a weapon in this vaccine so that we can more efficiently, more effectively perform our jobs and serve the people,” Major Gen. Diñoso added.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Dayag, head of the Camp Lukban Station Hospital which is located inside the headquarters, said that 100 health workers and soldiers will receive the first dose of vaccines until March 16.

But before the inocula-

tion, the vaccine recipients have to undergo screening to make sure that they are healthy and do not show symptoms of COVID-19.

Dayag stressed that the vaccination is not an assurance that they will no longer be infected with COVID-19 but is only a protection that they will no longer experience severe effect or symptoms.

Camp Lukban Station Hospital health worker, Marites Reyes, one of the first to receive the vaccine said that she is grateful to be given the anti-COVID vaccine.

“I did not felt any pain or side effect,” she said, adding that she was confident on the efficacy of the Sinovac vaccine.

(ROEL T.AMAZONA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MARIA TINA BAMBI SYDIONGCO and JESSICA JESSETTE PIDO-ACEBEDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 3276 with improvements thereon, situated in the barrio of Mudburon, Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 148,179 square meters more or less and covered by TCT No. T-13122 and 1/4 of said parcel of land belongs to GLORIA C. SALAZAR with an area of 37,044.75 square meters more or less and A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GOD GIVEN GCS HOLDINGS CORPORATION as vendee for a portion of 37,044.75 from the above -described property portion; per Doc. No. 264, Page No. 54, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Rafael Antonio M. Acebedo. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH CONFIRMATION OF DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that WINEFREDA SALAZAR CASTILLO, heir of the late MODESTA M. SALAZAR executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land, located at San Joaquin, Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 13887, containing an area of 2,410.67 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed on January 16, 1982 between Severino R. Salazar and Spouses Orlando S. Plazueta and Evelina Salazar Plazueta and hereby confirm the said sale in favor of said Vendees for the above-described property; per Doc No. 425, Page No. 85, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Crispin Simoun Cercado. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANECIO T. DUERO, JR., executed an affidavit of claim over a Savings Deposit Account with the Philippine Veterans Bank, Tacloban Branch under Savings Account No. 0025-030665-100 with a balance of P37,495.06, and heirs hereby request the Philippine Veterans Bank-Tacloban Branch, to release the balance of said deposit account in favor of LILIA G. DUERO and transfer the said balance of said deposit account in her name, having waived our rights ver the said deposit account; per Doc. No.113, Page No. 24, Book No. XIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Barbette Joanne Reposar. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

when placed wrongly, elsewhere.

And this social distancing—my, many people are ignoring it already, especially in crowded places where they are lining up for something and they want to be prioritized. In their haste to be next in line, they can’t seem to wait for their turn, each competing against the others in making it to their target.

Why do people behave this way? Is it to openly defy authorities? Is it because they

are not afraid of the virus anymore? Is it because they are not convinced the virus is that deadly? Or is it due to mere hard-headedness?

Well, they have their own reasons. Whatever it is, they will have to take charge of its consequences. Problem is, they could affect others in the process.

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to their lungs and thus contract the disease.

Some, on the other hand, are “wearing” face shields, but instead of putting these in front of their faces to cover the latter, they place it on top of their heads, perhaps for ease of pulling it down to their faces when caught by authorities. Again, this defeats the purpose because the face shield is supposed to protect the face from flying viruses. It’s of no use

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that NATIVIDAD D. REDUBLA married to Romeo B. Redubla, heir of the late SUSAN REGERO BARKS extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land together with improvement thereon, designated as Lot No. 214-A, Psd 08-0005052, situated in Poblacion Burauen, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-24335, containing an area of 103.50 square meters, more or less. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of KENVER R. CORDERO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No.009, Page No. 03, Book No. XII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena F. Goc-Ong. **LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021**

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change of fire between the two groups," Police Lt. Aileen Velarde, spokesperson of the Special Investigation Task Group (SITG) Aquino, said in a phone interview.

Velarde, however, could not say how long the exchange of fire took place saying their probe is still underway to determine other factors relative to the incident that took place in Barangay Lonoy in the said city.

She disclosed that they are also in the process of determining how many operatives were involved though she said that firearms have been collected from them to be subjected for a forensic examination.

Velarde also stressed that the group of the policemen were not aware that the vehicle that they were following belonged to the city mayor and he was on board.

"They were in the area as part of their Red teaming inspection to determine on the readiness of the police in case there is an incident. They were not aware that Mayor Aquino was on board of the vehicle. He was not a target," she said.

But for the family and allies of the slain mayor, what happened on that day was an ambush.

Mark Aquino, the eldest son of the city mayor, said that the operatives targeted the vehicle of his father.

"How could that be a shooting incident as they claimed? They were already at the crime scene before papa's vehicle passed by. They were waiting for him. They positioned themselves with the intention to shoot and kill my father. It was an ambush," he said, adding that the assailants were armed with high firearm like an M203 and machine gun.

The 38-year old son also said that the policemen were on bonnets and on civilian attire.

While his father and his police escort were able to fire back against the law enforcers, they were 'outnumbered and overwhelmed,' he said.

The young Aquino, who served as Calbayog

councilor from 2010 to 2013, said that they believed that the killing of their patriarch was politically motivated as previous killing incidents involving at least 10 of their barangay leaders in the city just this year alone.

"There is no other reason why he was murdered. It was politically motivated as what was the reason why 10 barangay chairmen, who were our supporters, were killed just for this year alone," he said.

It was learned from him that the slain mayor was to seek for the vice mayor position, the same post he held when then mayor Reynaldo Uy was killed in 2011 during a fiesta event in Hinabangan town, in next year's elections.

While he did not directly mentioned who could be behind on the murder of his father, he concluded it was by their political rivals.

He also dismissed allegations that his father was involved in the illegal drug trade saying almost all government security agencies, 'except perhaps the PNP province,' has cleared his father's name.

"And he was not among those so called narco politicians as mentioned by Pres. Duterte earlier," he added

Meantime, Velarde said that they welcome the investigation to be conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) saying the two probes have the same purpose which is ferret out the truth on what really happened on that day.

"We welcome the investigation to be conducted by the NBI. We have similar goal which is to determine what really happened on that day," she said.

She also assures the family and allies of Aquino and the public in general that their investigation will be 'speedy and impartial.'

"We are giving the assurance to the public that the task group was created primarily to ensure that those responsible be held accountable and that justice will be served to the family of the city mayor. The investigation will be transparent and impartial," Velarde said. **(with RONALD O.REYES)**

6 major areas in the region now accept tourists but health protocols is still a must, says Tiopes

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Tourism (DOT) has released a list of provinces and cities here in the region that now accepts domestic and regional tourists.

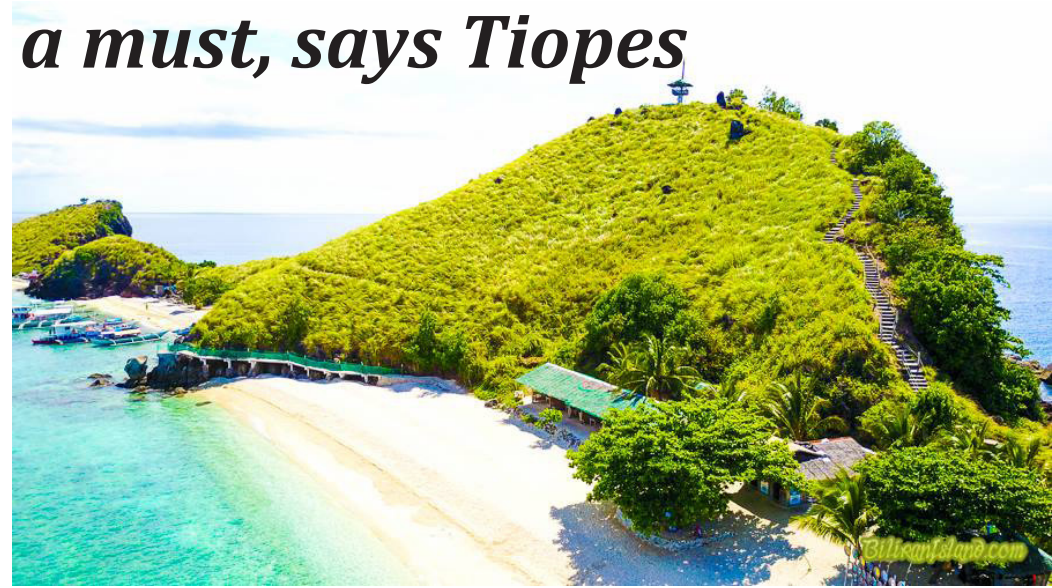
These provinces includes Biliran, Southern Leyte, and Eastern Samar, and the cities of Catbalogan, Tacloban, and Maasin, the DOT said on its advisory issued Thursday (March 11).

However, these areas still require tourists who will visit to follow certain protocols, DOT Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes said.

Tiopes added that Leyte, Northern Samar, and Samar provinces are not yet included in the list as they have not yet issued executive order for entry protocols and on allowing tourists to enter their respective provinces.

In Biliran, regional and domestic tourists who would want to visit the place would need to present valid identification card (ID) and have to undergo health assessment upon arrival in the province.

Those who will stay for



The Department of Tourism (DOT) announced that several provinces and cities in the region are now open for tourists like the enchanting Sambawan Island in Biliran province. However, with the pandemic still raging, tourists are to observe health protocols, the DOT says. (Photo by Jalmz)

24 hours and more have to present proof of booking to an accommodation facility or proof of sponsorship from a Biliran resident where they will stay.

Those who do not have proof of booking shall be facilitated by the tourism assistance booth at the provincial border.

For Southern Leyte province, requirements includes valid ID, Southern Leyte QR Code, and health assessment upon their arrival.

Those who want to visit Eastern Samar, visitors will only have to present their identification cards.

In Catbalogan City, tourists' requirements include valid ID, Catbalogan QR Code, and health assessment upon arrival.

In Tacloban, requirements includes valid ID, Tacloban City QR Code, and health assessment upon arrival.

In Maasin City, requirements includes Maasin City QR Code, valid ID, and

health assessment upon arrival.

"To give due consideration to the new carrying capacity, we highly advise that a pre-booking be secured thru the provincial and city tourism offices before travelling," Tiopes added in the advisory.

Contact numbers of provincial and city tourism officers are posted at their official Facebook Page, DOT Eastern Visayas. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

With vaccines now available, EV officials, health execs appeal public to be vaccinated

TACLOBAN CITY – Now that the vaccines against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) are now available in the region, government officials and medical practitioners urged the public to allow themselves to be inoculated.

In Biliran province, Governor Rogelio Espina Jr., who is a doctor by profession, administered the vaccination to Dr. Joyce Pla-Caneja, chief of Biliran Provincial Hospital.

The province has an initial 100 doses allocation of Sinovac vaccine.

According to Espina, while having the vaccine could make one 'safe' against the virus, health protocols mandated by the government should still be strictly followed.

"Getting vaccinated doesn't mean you are already safe from COVID-19. You can still be a carrier even you have

been vaccinated. We still need to wear mask, face shield if necessary, washing of hands and physical distancing," Espina said before the inoculation started.

The Samar Provincial Hospital (SPH) has also started the vaccination drive with the Department of Health (DOH) which provided the said health facility of 200 vaccines.

Chief of Hospital Dr. Jonathan Gabriel Paquit, chief of hospital of SPH, said that of the 510 hospital workers including their service personnel, 172 of them have signified to be vaccinated with Sinovac.

None on the 28 personnel who get vaccinated on the first day manifested adverse reaction, he added.

Now that the government had rolled out the inoculation drive against COVID-19, Dr. Paquit encourages residents of

Samar to have themselves vaccinated once the vaccine for the general public is already available.

"We need the people's support in the fight against COVID-19. If we will still wait for the best vaccine to arrive, you might have been infected with COVID before you get vaccinated," Paquit said.

"The best vaccine is what is available at the moment," he added.

While Biliran and Samar provinces received the Sinovac vaccines, the provinces of Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, and Southern Leyte received AstraZeneca.

In Southern Leyte, 24 vials or 224 doses of AstraZeneca were allocated by the DOH regional office for the medical frontliners of the Salvacion Oppus Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital based in Maasin City.

In Eastern Samar, a

total of 330 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines were turned over by the DOH for the hospital staff of Eastern Samar Provincial Hospital in Borongan City, and Felipe Abrigo Memorial Hospital in Guiuan town.

Northern Samar provincial health officer, Dr. Ninfa Caparoso-Kam said that the province received 200 doses of Sinovac vaccines and 45 vials of AstraZeneca with 10 doses each or can inoculate 10 person.

In Leyte province, the Leyte Provincial Hospital (LPH) had vaccinated 104 health workers while 94 are still waiting for the vaccination. The hospital has also 14 remaining staff who are still undecided.

The LPH has received 100 doses of Sinovac vaccines and 13 vials with 10 doses each of AstraZeneca. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

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

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NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

August 10, 2020

GLORIA C. SALAZAR, MELINDA C. SALAZAR, CHARITO C. SALAZAR and OFELIA C. SALAZAR
Old Road Sagcahan, Tacloban City

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No. : **TCT-T-13122**
TD No. : **08-02-038-00629**
Lot No. : **3276-D**
Approved Survey No. : **Psd-08-032563-D**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **20.6262 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **0.6262 Ha.**
Location : **Brgy. Mudboron, Alang-alang, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **0.6262** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x)Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **FORTY THOUSAND SIX PESOS AND 74/100 (Php 40,006.74)** covering **0.6262** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

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

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NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

February 26, 2021

JUAN V. DE VEYRA JR. married to SEGUNDINA BUDLONG
Pob., Tanauan, Leyte

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No. : **TCT-T-14849**
TD No. : **08-02-014-00153**
Lot No. : **2503-A-1 & 5**
Approved Survey No. : **Psd-08-042521 (AR)**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **1.8239 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **1.3596 Has.**
Location : **Brgy. Bobonon, Alang-alang, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **1.3596** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x)Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PESOS AND 11/100 (Php 129,248.11)** covering **1.3596** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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

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Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

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CARPER LAD Form No. 51
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NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

November 3, 2020

SPOUSES VENTURA CAÑETE and PASTORA OBERA
Brgy. Ikiran, Alangalang, Leyte

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No. : **OCT-34112**
TD No. : **08-02-029-00029**
Lot No. : **4485**
Approved Survey No. : **Psc-15**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **1.4995 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **1.4995 Has.**
Location : **Brgy. Ikiran, Alang-alang, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **1.4995** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x)Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED PESOS AND 43/100 (Php 280,600.43)** covering **1.4995** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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February 26, 2021

WENCESLAO C. YU married to TRINIDAD CALDOSA
Santisima Trinidad St., Brgy. Poblacion
Alangalang, Leyte

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No. : **TCT-T-7012**
TD No. : **08-02-024-00211**
Lot No. : **1650-A, E, F, G, I & L**
Approved Survey No. : **Psd-08-042476 (AR)**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **5.0711 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **4.7617 Has.**
Location : **Brgy. Capiz, Alang-alang, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **4.7617** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x)Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS AND 47/100 (Php 695,912.47)** covering **4.7617** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

January 5, 2021

LUIS TIRSO RIVILLA, SR. married to LOURDES V. RIVILLA
Brgy. Bagaba-o, Leyte, Leyte

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No. : **TCT-T-5410**
TD No. : **08-23004-00051 and 52**
Lot No. : **1, 3, 4, 6 to 11, 13 to 16, 19 to 23**
Approved Survey No. : **Psd-08-041712 (AR)**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **23.6905 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **21.6721 Has.**
Location : **Brgy. Bagaba-o, Leyte, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **21.6721** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x) Compulsory Acquisition.

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

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16 farmers' groups in Biliran receive tractors, rice reapers from DA

NAVAL, Biliran-Some 16 farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) in Biliran province received 15 four-wheel tractors and 16 rice reapers during the turnover ceremony of the Agricultural Machinery Distribution for Region VIII under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Mechanization Program (RCEF) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) held at the Provincial Capitol Grounds on March 9.

The 16 FCAs of the province are recipients of the 2019 (2nd Batch) and 2020 (1st Batch) of the DA-8's RCEF-Mechanization Program (RCEF).

The Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMec) in Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija, is the re-

sponsible office under the DA for the distribution of the modern farm machineries under the RCEF-Mechanization Program.

The distribution of farm machinery under RCEF is one component in the modernization of the industry under Republic Act (RA) No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Law signed in 2019 with Senator Cynthia Villar as principal author.

The following FCAs in the province of Biliran have received the modern farm machineries: Barangay Tamarindo Farmers Association, Barangay Tamarindo, Almeria Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; Hugpa Farmers Association, Barangay Hugpa, Biliran, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor and four (4) units rice reapers;

Kasabangan-Balaquid Irrigators Association, Inc., Barangay Balaquid, Cabucgayan, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor and two (2) units rice reapers; Sitio Guindulangan Farmers Association, Barangay Binohangan, Caibiran, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; and Binohangan Farmers Association, Barangay Binohangan, Caibiran, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor.

Kawayan-Anas-Ungale Farmers Association, Inc., Barangay Anas, Kawayan, Biliran with one(1) four-wheel tractor; Talustusan Farmers Association, Barangay Talustusan, Naval, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor and

see 16 farmers / page 15 ...



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

Please be informed that the landholdings described below had been placed under coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) per Notice of Coverage as indicated below:

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. LETRILITA BOHOLST DOMINGO	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR DAILY INC.	TCT-T-9334	2	5.9402	MERIDA, LEYTE	SAN ISIDRO	MARCH 22, 2021
2. MARGARITO TULFO	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-5125	203	5.3397	DAGAMI, LEYTE	PATOC	MARCH 24, 2021
3. DIONISIO COSTIMIANO	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR DAILY INC.	OCT-P-16485	259	2.7259	DAGAMI, LEYTE	SAWAHON	MARCH 25, 2021
4. ARTURO EBALES	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-26356	2	7.8375	SAN ISIDRO, LEYTE	TAGALWAHAN	APRIL 5, 2021
5. TEOFILO SALAS	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	TCT-T-2493	9403	2.0001	KANANGA, LEYTE	MASARAYAO	APRIL 6, 2021

In this connection, may we invite you or your authorized representative to participate in the Conduct of Joint Field Investigation as scheduled on the above date at 8:00 in the morning.

Your failure to participate in the Field Investigation shall be a waiver on your part to question the findings thereof.

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
PARPO II

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EPIFANIO ARANAS LIPATA and PLACIDA BANTILO LIPATA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, under OCT No. 084808081440, Registry of Deeds, Catarmán, N. Samar, Lot No. 6586, Cad 765-D, C-12, containing an area of 16,660 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ROMMEL BALANQUIT GALIT married to Charisma Lingling Galit as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 62, Page No. 13, Book No. II, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Johannes Monje. LSDE: February 27, March 6 & 13, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE INCLUDING FRANCHISE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DAVID T. ARCENA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a motor vehicle including franchise and is more particularly described as follows; Make: KAWASAKI; Plate No: 080110; Engine No: BC175AEBE2205; Chassis No: BC175J-BA0865; MV File No: 0801-00000292249; Franchise Case No. MCH2006-9-773; Police No: MCH2020-0558 and heir JEDALYN ARCENA ABELLO hereby WAIVED all rights and ownership over the above-described property unto my brother, BHONEMAR Y. ARCENA. Per Doc No. 497, Page No. 42, Book No. VII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GORGONIO C. ADVINCULA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot No. 272, Case No. I, CAD 822-D, situated in the Poblacion, Tolosa, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 00398, covered by OCT No. P-64065, containing an area of 2,086 square meters and herein Generosa Advincula hereby Waive, Relinquish and Renounce over the above-mentioned properties in favor of MANSUETA C. ADVINCULA and CERELINA C. ADVINCULA. A DEED OF SALE was executed by Mansueta C. Advincula and Cerelina C. Advincula as vendors in favor of SUERTE JOHN PAUL D. BALAYON as vendee for a portion of 324 square meters, more or less, identified as Lot No. 272-B from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 346, Page No. 69 Book No. IX, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Atty. Asterio A. Villero. LSDE: February 27, March 6 & 13, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ZALDY B. DEVORA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 1, situated in the Brgy. Camasihay, City of Tacloban City, Leyte, containing an area of 23,423 square meters and MA. RIZA D. DEVORA constituted and appointed MARITA D. DEVORA as Attorney-in-fact on Feb 17, 2021, Marco Rafael D. Devora named, constituted and appointed Marita D. Devora as his Attorney-in-fact on Jan 11, 2021 and Marlon Ryan D. Devora named, constituted and appointed Marita D. Devora as his Attorney-in-fact on Jan 11, 2021; per Doc. No. 278, Page No. 57, Book No. XII, Series of 2021 of Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno. LSDE: February 27, March 6 & 13, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF CASH DEPOSIT

NOTICE is hereby given that BROHElda M. GREEN, surviving spouse of JOHN ROY GREEN executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a cash deposit with the Bank of Philippine Islands (BPI) Tacloban Branch under Savings Account No. 9153-0381-28. That said deceased left no will, no debts and has no other known heirs, who are of legal age and lawfully entitled to claim said cash deposits. Per Doc No. 72, Page No. 16, Book No. IV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Harold S. Mape. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ANA LESSA PABILANDO GAJOL, heir of the late SPS. LUCIA PABILANDO AND FRANCISCO PABILANDO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 923-A situated at Brgy. Sagkahan, Tacloban City, Leyte containing an area of 49sq.m., under TCT No. T-23791. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CIPRIANO B. DADO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 291, Page No. 60, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Edwin B. Jomadiao. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE INCLUDING FRANCHISE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUNIE NIELO FLORES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a motor vehicle including franchise and is more particularly described as; Make: SKYGO; Plate No: HY4312; Engine No. 156FMI21565282; Chassis No: LX8PCJ508JE028751; MV File No: 0801-228563; Franchise Case No: MCH2006-9-773; Police No. MCH2020-1224 and heir, IRENE IGNACIO FLORES hereby WAIVED all rights and ownership over the above-described property unto JAIME JON I. FLORES. Per Doc No. 524, Page No. 107, Book No. VII, Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE INCLUDING FRANCHISE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

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RA Form No. 9.1 (LCRO) Republic of the Philippines Province of Samar MUNICIPALITY OF CALBIGA Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION In compliance to Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that Mr. Leo Jay Jabonete has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from MAYET to MARIETTA, in the Certificate of Live Birth of Aurora Mayet Gabieta Asistol, who was born on 27 August 1960, at Patong, Calbiga, Samar and whose parents are Leoncio Asistol and Pureza Gabieta. Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office within ten (1) days from the publication of this notice. Issued at Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar, Ground Floor, Municipal Hall, Calbiga, Samar, this 18th day of January 2021. (Sgd.) MARIO D. CABUJAT Municipal Civil Registrar LSDE: March 6 & 13, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF RELEASE AND QUITCLAIM WITH INDEMNITY UNDERTAKING

NOTICE is hereby given that SHEILA LOMO NIVERA, heir of the late LISBON TAÑOLA NIVERA executed an Affidavit of Release and Quitclaim over Bank Deposits described as: BDO Unibank, Inc. Savemore, Tacloban City, under Savings account number 006050179106, and 006050132312 with a total of Php108,178.27; per Doc. No. 50, Page No. 11, Book No. 93, Series of 2021. of Notary Public Atty. Jaress Amores Neri. LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO BAUTISTA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. San Rafael, Dulag, Leyte identified as Cad Lot No. 6807 covered by TD No. 08-13-0041-00314 containing an area of 24,260sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ROY T. VERONA AND MYRA C. VERONA as vendees of a portion measuring 500sq.m., from the above-described property including all improvements thereon. Per Doc No. 490, Page No. 98, Book No. VIII, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Aluino O. Ala, CPA. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is here by given that heirs of the late ROSITA P. GO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2688 situated at Brgy. Picas, Sagkahan, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-5780 and Tax Dec. No 2012-01-0013-01286, containing an area of 8,742 square meters, more or less and was subdivided into 3 parts, and parties hereby affirm and confirm this Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Rosita P. Go, per Doc. No. 508, Page No. 103, Book No. XI, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena F. Goc-ong. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LETECIA DAYLO ORTEGA heir of the late MAXIMA DAYLO, ORTEGA, sole and compulsory Prospero Daylo, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land, Lot No. 411 situated at Brgy. Cavite West, Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-030-0003-00158. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 109 square meters from the above-described property in favor of RAYMUND Y. CABILES as vendee; per Doc. No. 393, Page No. 80, Book No. XVI, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Enrico D. Asis, CPA. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late NILA R. QUINTANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1935-C, Cad 822-D situated at Brgy. Capangihan, Tolosa, Leyte covered by TCT No. 115-2019001367 containing an area of 6,380sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 430, Page No. 87, Book No. V, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Maria Wilma P. Pascua. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SANCHO MAULION extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 40, Case No 4, Cad Record No. 1378 situated at Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 183sq.m., more or less covered by OCT No. 2921. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARGIE GRACE T. ANG as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 153, Page No. 12, Book No. XXI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Asterio A. Villero. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT G. TY, heir of the late CATHERINE ROSE Y. TY executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land with all improvements thereon designated as Lot No. 11142-A, Psd-08-027761-D being a portion of Lot No. 11142, Cad 407 situated at Brgy. Baras, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 1,500sq.m., embraces by TCT No. TP-24669. Per Doc No. 574, Page No. 104, Book No. II. Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Granney R. Varona. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY A SOLE HEIR OF THE DECEASED SPOUSES CANDIDO FORNILLOS, JR. AND EUFRACIA DUMAS WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that IMELDA F. MENDEZ heir of the late SPS. CANDIDO FORNILLOS AND EUFRACIA DUMAS executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 3 properties particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 138 situated in Barrio of Cavite East, Palo, Leyte containing 227sq.m., more or less under TD No. 3002-00201; 2) A residential building with concrete flooring containing an area of 77sq.m., more or less which is built on Lot No. 138 under TD No. 30002-00202; 3) A parcel of land situated at Barrio Rizal St., Palo, Leyte containing an area of 104sq.m., under TD No. 16714. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ZENY S. GANDY as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 457, Page No. 92, Book No. XCVI, Series of 2003. Notary Public Atty. Alberto T. Eramis. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO TONIDO ROBIÑO, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 284 with improvements thereon situated at Poblacion, La Paz, Leyte containing an area of 6,957sq.m. more or less, covered by TCT No. T-7034. A Deed of Sale was executed NILE APRIL PELLERO ROBIÑO as vendee of a portion containing 315sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 151, Page No. 32, Book No. V, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Joy B. Templonuevo. LSDE: March 6, 13 & 20, 2021

Publication Notice RA 10172 Republic of the Philippines City Civil Registry Office Province of Eastern Samar City of Borongan NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. 9048 Change of First Name & Correction of Clerical error, a notice is hereby serve to the public that REYNALDO ALIDO DUZON has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from TEOFELO to REYNALDO & Correction of Child's Last name & Child's Father's Last Name from DOZUN to DUZON in the Certificate of Live Birth of TEOFELO ALIDO DOZUN who was born on September 2, 1960 at Borongan, Eastern Samar and whose parents are TEOFILO DUZON and LOURDES ESTIL ALIDO. Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than 19 March 2021. (Sgd.) MA. LUISA M. AZUL III City Civil Registrar LSDE: March 6 & 13, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUAN DACARA ADRALES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit in the Land Bank of the Philippines with Account No. 00001736183680 with a Deposit in the amount of Php216,426.56. Per Doc No. 94, Page No. 21, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Karyl Trinidad C. Acerden. LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ANADEL F. SOLIS, heir of the late MARCELA DELA CRUZ FERRERAS executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of land described as; 1) An agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2778, Cad 986-D, Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg: 2017000335, TD ARP No. 09-008-00155 with an area 3,122sq.m., located at Brgy. Canoyoyo, Marabut, Samar; 2) An agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2858, Cad 986-D, Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg: CARP2016000152, TD ARP No. 09-008-00057 with an area 6,778sq.m., located at Brgy. Canoyoyo, Marabut, Samar. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MELISSA D. RAQUIZA as vendee of the above-described properties. Per Doc No. 301, Page No. 62, Book No. 2, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Julio A. Sebandal. LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ROGELIO N. LAURENTE, surviving spouse and sole heir of GLICERIA LAURENTE executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a one-half portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 10834-A-P with an area of 6.5 hectares and covered by Tax Declaration No. 2101600168-R13 issued by the Municipal Assessor of Kananga, Leyte. Per Doc No. 257, Page No. 52, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rovelson R. Velmonte. LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PERPETUA ABEDEJOS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2023 situated at Brgy. Doos del Norte, Hindang, Leyte containing an area of 507sq.m., more or less covered TD No. 08-15009-00058 and OCT No. P-35958. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of IMELDA F. SINOHIN AND AGUSTIN M. ABEDEJOS as vendees of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever. Per Doc No. 08, Page No. 02, Book No. LXIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. PETERS-Phua. LSDE: March 13, 20 & 27, 2021

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR Tacloban City NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that TEOTIMO L. ASTORGA has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner) Office a petition for change of first name from TEMOTIO to TEOTIMO in the Birth Certificate (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted) of TEMOTIO ASTORGA who was born on JANUARY 20, 1958 at Tacloban City and whose parents are CIRILA LUCENDA and TOMAS ASTORGA. Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than March 17, 2021. (Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA City Civil Registrar LSDE: March 6 & 13, 2021

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR Tacloban City NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that HERMINIGILDA D. CABILLAN has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner) Office a petition for change of first name from GERMINA to HERMINIGILDA in the Birth Certificate (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted) of GERMINA DUEÑAS who was born on JUNE 14, 1962 at Tacloban City and whose parents are LEONILA IDO and GERMAN DUEÑAS. Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than March 17, 2021. (Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA City Civil Registrar LSDE: March 6 & 13, 2021

Modernong Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas, katuwang sa mabilis na pagpapatupad ng NTF ELCAC

Ang National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) ay itinatag ng pangkasalukuyang gobyerno upang tuldukan ang mga gawain ng mga armadong grupo na nagnanais pabagsakin ang pamahalaan, na matagal ng problema ng bansa. Matapos ipawalang bisa ng mga kabilang partido ang peace talks, idineklara ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang Communist Party of the Philippines-National People's Army bilang isang terrorist organization at itinatag ang NTF-ELCAC sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order No. 70. Makalipas ang ilang taon, isa ang NTF ELCAC sa mga pangunahing Task Force na layuning pabagsakin ang mga armadong komunista at tulungang paunlarin at pasaganahin ang pamumuhay ng mga taong nakatira sa mgaliblib na pamayanan – mga lugar na siyang madalas na ginagawang kuta ng mga komunista. Katuwang ang iba't-ibang ahensya ng gobyerno kasama ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), ang NTF-ELCAC ay patuloy na ngayong naglulunsad ng mga programang pang-kaunlaran.

Dahil nga isa ito sa mga pangunahing mandato ng pangulo na ang AFP dapat ang may mahalagang responsibilidad sa pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto ng gobyerno, binigyang diin ng mga pinuno ng AFP na magiging kaakibat sila ng taumbayan sa pagpapatupad ng bansa sapagkat ito ang kanilang sinumpaang tungkulin. Dagdag pa rito, kumpara sa ibang ahensya ng gobyerno na nanggasiwa ng seguridad at kaunlaran ng bansa, ang AFP ang nasa posisyon upang maging magandang katuwang ng mga local government units at iba pang kalinyang mga ahensya para magbigay ng serbisyong publiko at mag-sagawa ng mga proyektong pangkaunlaran. Lingid sa kaalaman ng karamihan na nagsasabing ang tungkulin lamang ng mga sundalo ay humawak ng baril at makipagdigma, ang ilan sa mga sundalo ay kasapi ng

Kongreso at nagsisilbing department heads at mga kalihim mula sa iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno, na siya namang tumutulong sa paggawa ng mga polisiya at programa upang pagtibayin ang seguridad at kaunlaran sa bawat panig ng bansa.

Ayon kay Lieutenant General Antonio Parlade Jr PA, ang pinuno ng Southern Luzon Command at tagapagsalita ng NTF-ELCAC, kailangan magtulong-tulong ang AFP at lokal na pamahalaan upang mabilis matugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan at lubos na masugpo ang armadong kilusanlalo na't madalas na puntirya ng mga ito ang mga katutubo.

Walang dapat ikabahala ang mga mamamayan sa mga lugar na ito dahil sa pagsasabatas ng Republic Act 11479 o ang Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020, maka-kaasa ang mga Pilipino ng mas pinaigting na mekanismong ilalatag ng gobyerno upang mahadlangan ang mga banta at mga pagtatangka ng mga terorista sa sambayanan kabilang na ang mga dayuhang terorista na nagtatangkang magtatag ng kanilang lokal na grupo sa ating bansa. Gayunman, binigyang diin din sa batas na ito na maaaring magkaroon ng activism sa ating bansa pero hindi maaaring magkaroon ng terorismo

Homonhon Island, Guiuan to be energized in time for the quincentennial celebration

BORONGAN CITY- Some eight barangays in Homonhon Island will be energized in time for the quincentennial celebration of Christianity in the Philippines.

A generator set with 80 kilowatts (KWts) will be used in energizing the said island.

The said generator is from the National Power Corporation (NAPOCOR) and is located in Barangay Casuguran, Homonhon Island.

According to Danilo Azura, member services division chief, this electrification is under the Small Power Utility Group

o anumang uri ng panghikayat patungo sa armadong pakikibaka.

Malaking pondo man ang binibigay dito ng gobyerno, malaking responsibilidad din ang bitbit ng NTF-ELCAC at AFP dahil nakasalalay dito ang malaking parte ng pag-unlad ng bansa. Dahil nga malaking papel ang ginagampanan ng sandatahang lakas sa paglunsad ng mga gawain at proyekto ng NTF-ELCAC, nararapat lamang na mapabilis ang modernisasyon ng AFP upang mas matugunan nila ang kanilang mga katungkulan. Ang modernisasyon ng AFP tulad ng patuloy na pagtaas ng kalidad ng mga kasangkapang militar at mas matalinong sandatahan ang pinagtutuunan ngayon ng pansin ng NTF-ELCAC upang maisakatuparan ang matagal nang layuning mawakasan ang komunismo at itaguyod ang kapayapaan at kaunlaran ng bansa.

Ang magandang pamamahala, mahusay na paghahatid ng mga pangunahing serbisyo, at paglikha ng matatag na komunidad na humahadlang sa mga komunistang grupoang siyang kailangan ng mga mamamayan. Ito ang ginawa, ang ginagawa, at patuloy na gagawin ng sandatahang lakas katuwang ang NTF ELCAC para sa mamamayanat para sa bansa. (PR)

(SPUG) program of NAPOCOR.

The SPUG is the one that constructed electrical and overhead lines in eight barangays.

"The generator set is a reliable and stable power supply. It is a significant factor in developing the lives of the people in Homonhon primarily in tourism, education, health and other sectors in the society," Azura said.

Before, resident would only enjoy electricity from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. but with the new project, they will

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3 arrested in anti-drug operations in Tacloban City; shabu worth over P900,000

TACLOBAN CITY- Anti-drug operatives in Tacloban City arrested two suspects and confiscated 100 grams of alleged shabu and marijuana with estimated worth of P720,000 Tuesday (March 9).

Tacloban City Police Station 2-Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) identified the suspects as Jovit Andacahao, 29, and Marian Martinez, 10, both residents of the city.

They were arrested during the buy-bust operation in Barangay 21, Tacloban around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, police said in the report.

On Wednesday (March 10), police arrested in a separate anti-drug operation a fish vendor who was in possession of alleged shabu worth P202,500 in Tacloban City.

The suspect was identified as alias Alvin, 39, and listed as a high-value individual.

"This significant accomplishment will prevent the proliferation of illegal drugs particularly in Tacloban City and will surely save the lives of our children from drug addiction," said Tacloban



Police director Colonel Darwin Miranda.

Appropriate charges have been readied against the suspects as they were charged for vi-

olation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (RONALD O. REYES)

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six (6) units rice reapers; Culaba Farmers Association, Barangay Virigina, Culaba, Biliran with four (4) units rice reapers; Victory Irrigators and Farmers Association, Barangay Victory, Caibiran, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; and Nagkaisang Mag-sasaka ng Caibiran (NAMACA) Cooperative, Barangay Victory, Caibiran, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor.

Other recipient organizations are: Tucdao-Anas Farmers, Irrigators Association, Inc., Barangay Tucdao, Kawayan, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; Mapuyo Farmers Irrigators Association, Barangay Mapuyo, Kawayan,

Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; Magbangan, Libertad, Bunga (MALIBU) Irrigators Association, Inc., Barangay Magbangan, Cabucgayan, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; Balaquid cabucgayan Agri-Farmers Association (BACAFA), Barangay Balaquid, Cabucgayan, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; Binongto-an Farmers Association, Barangay Binongto-an, Culaba, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor; and Culaba Farmers Association, Barangay Virginia, Culaba, Biliran with one (1) unit four-wheel tractor.

Biliran Congressman Gerardo J. Espina Jr., who was present during the turnover ceremony, said that

the province is fortunate for being chosen as one of the 57 provinces in the country which received said modern farm machineries.

Biliran Governor Espina, who was also present, requested for additional funding for the implementation of the Rice Tariffication Law from P10-B to P100-B to further improve the lives of rice farmers not only in the province but of the whole country.

(Idl/rsv/PIA Biliran)



10 Eastern Visayas bays now red tide-free

TACLOBAN CITY – At least 10 bays in Eastern Visayas have been cleared from the red tide toxins after months of infestation, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) said in its advisory issued on Friday.

These red tide-cleared areas are the coastal waters of Guiuan, Eastern Samar; Cambatutay Bay in Tarangnan, Samar; Zumarraga, Samar; coastal waters of Daram, Samar; Leyte coastal areas, Leyte; Matarinao Bay stretching across the towns of General MacArthur, Hernani, Quinapondan, and Salcedo in Eastern Samar; Biliran in Biliran province; Carigara Bay in Leyte; San Pedro Bay in Basey, Samar; and Ormoc Bay in the towns of Ormoc, Merida, and Albuera in Leyte.

Only the Cancabato Bay in Tacloban City and

coastal waters of Calubian in Leyte remained in the red tide-hit list in Eastern Visayas, said BFAR Regional Director Norberto Berida.

“This is really good news for Eastern Visayas since our fish farmers can now resume the gathering and trading of shellfish in their areas since these products are now safe for human consumption,” Berida told the Philippines News Agency (PNA).

Weather disturbances early this year that brought heavy rains, strong water current, and cold weather have dispersed red tide organisms.

Although the shellfish ban has been lifted in these 12 bays, the fisheries bureau regularly monitors these areas to check possible recurrence.

Berida said they expect that dry season and sudden heavy downpour may trig-

ger another red tide phenomenon.

Meanwhile, all types of shellfish and *Acetes* sp. locally known as “alamang” gathered in Cancabato and Calubian are not safe for human consumption.

“Fish, squid, shrimp, and crab are safe to eat provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking,” the advisory added.

Local government units are advised to regulate the gathering, marketing, and transport of shellfish from the affected areas.

Red tide is a term used to describe a phenomenon where the water is discolored by high algal biomass or the concentration of algae.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

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be enjoying the electricity perks for 8 hours for the first year and will be upgraded annually until the services becomes 24 hours a day.

The eight barangays have 941 potential households that can be energized with the project.

“Each household will receive a free complete set or package of household wiring which amounted to P2,500 from the National Electrification

Administration (NEA) through Eastern Samar Electric Cooperative (Esamelco),” Azura said.

“They will receive a complete set of household wiring materials,” Azura said.

“Once there is a new household constructed in the island after the 2013 survey of potential HH, they will need to apply their electricity personally,” Azura added.

Homonhon Island can be reached from Guiuan through sailing rough seas for four hours. This island

is believed to be where Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his Spanish Armada landed to get fresh water and rest after years of navigation.

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) is the government agency in charge of the country’s rural electrification program, with the aim of reaching the country’s currently unserved or underserved areas in a cost-effective way.

(SDC/PIA-E. Samar)



NEW LAKAS MEMBERS --- House Majority Leader and Lakas-CMD Party President Rep Martin Romualdez (3rd left) administers the oath taking of new Lakas-CMD Party Members led by Pakil Laguna Mayor Vincent Soriano (3rd right), Jayson Fumera (2nd right) and Zoilo Becano Jr (2nd left) during a simple ceremony at the House of Representatives. Looking on are Lakas-CMD Executive Vice-president and Pampanga Rep Mikey Arroyo (left) and Lakas-CMD VP for Legislative Affairs Rep. Xavier Jesus “XJ” Romualdo (right).

photo by Ver Noveno

DA holds capacity enhancement for the operations of CFBW in Tacloban City; CENRO assists hands-on training

TACLOBAN CITY- The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center VIII of the Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management is conducting a series of hands-on activity on the Capacity Enchantment for the Operations of Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Wastes (CFBW) here in Tacloban City.

The blended learning approach training which started with a two-day lecture held last March 8 and 9 is participated by representatives from different LGUs

in Region 8.

Each participant is to undergo a Face-to-face Hands-on/Demonstration for one day at the Tacloban City Materials Recovery Facility being operated by the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO). Said face-to-face demo which is limited to only 16 participants per day, in the observance of COVID-19 health protocols, runs from March 10-19.

Meanwhile, CENRO who has been a big part in the success of organic vegetable gardening in some areas in the city, particularly in the northern barangays, was chosen to be a resource

person/office of the said training/practicum; the Department head Mr. Jonathan R. Hijada facilitates the demonstration himself.

The city government of Tacloban through CENRO is glad to be an instrument in the spread of the proper operations of Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Waste (CFBW) throughout the region.

“We hope that the technique and experiences that we have shared in this training shall be replicated or may be improved by the participating LGUs in their respective areas, thereby promoting organic farming systems,” says Hijada. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

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