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Noveleta suffers worst calamity in years due to typhoon Paeng



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By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE – Days after typhoon Paeng ravaged the eastern and western parts of Luzon, cities, and municipalities in the provinces of Cavite, Laguna and Quezon were left with severe devastation with millions lost in property, livelihood, and agricultural crops.

The municipality of Noveleta was among those who suffered the worst disaster which

according to municipal town Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua was unexpected.

According to Mayor Dino Chua, the raging flood waters came from the river because the flood-control dike particularly along the public market area gave way from the amount of water that continuously rushed down from the upland areas of Tagaytay, Maragondon, Ternate, and Silang.

“Noveleta is a catch basin for rainwater coming from the upland towns, and the continued rainfall coupled

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Barzaga asks colleagues for financial aid for Mabasa heirs

By Jose Cielito Reganit

MANILA – Following the reported death threats and intimidation continuously made against the family of slain veteran broadcaster Percival Mabasa, Cavite 4th District Representative Elpidio Barzaga Jr. on Monday filed a resolution calling on his colleagues to make voluntary contributions in favor of the heirs of Mabasa, who is also known in the media industry as Percy Lapid.

In filing House Resolution No. 508, Barzaga said members of the House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker Martin G. Romualdez, was able to earlier raise PHP5 million in voluntary contributions as reward money for anyone who can provide information that will lead to the

arrest of those responsible for the crime.

On account of such reward money, self-confessed gunman, Joel Escorial, surrendered on Oct. 17, 2022 and provided authorities with information on his alleged accomplices in the conspiracy to kill Mabasa.

However, Barzaga said that as reported in media accounts, Mabasa’s family has also been receiving death threats from unknown persons.

“While the giving of reward is commendable for the immediate apprehension of the perpetrators of the crime, it is also equally important that we provide aid to the heirs of the slain journalist whose relatives are now suffering from threats and intimidation in their lives,”

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No major hitches as public schools join full F2F class

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – Almost 98 percent of public schools nationwide have joined the full face-to-face classes on November 2, the Department of Education said Monday.

In a press briefing, Education spokesperson Michael Poa said only 2.36 percent have resorted to blended learning modality, adding that “97.5 percent po ng lahat ng public schools ay nag-implement na po ng five-day in-person classes... Ito pong (97.5 percent of all public schools have implemented five-day in-person classes... This) blended learning, I would have to emphasize na this is a moving number.”

Generally, the transition to a full in-person setup went smoothly except for typhoon-hit areas, he said.

“Naging maayos ‘yung pagre-resume natin ng classes. Wala naman tayong major incidents although syempre, mayroon pa rin tayong apektadong schools dahil pa rin po sa typhoon Paeng (The resumption of classes went smoothly. No major incidents were reported. But of course, there were still the affected schools due to Typhoon Paeng),” he added.

Poa said schools that conducted blended learning were either used as evacuation centers or have sustained infrastructure damage or still under cleanup operations.

As of November 6, at least 435 schools are still being used as evacuation centers while 324 schools have sustained infrastructure damage.

“Tayo naman po ay nakikipag-ugnayan na sa mga LGUs, na ma-decamp na kung pwede ‘yung ating mga paaralan (We are already coordinating with the local government units if our schools could be decamped),” Poa said.

The DepEd, meanwhile,

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‘Vax-Baby-Vax’ campaign isasagawa ng DOH sa Metro Manila

By Jimmyley Guzman

LUNGSOD QUEZON -- Inaanyayahan Department of Health Metro Manila Center for Health Development ang mga magulang sa isinasagawang ‘Vax-Baby-Vax’ campaign.

Simula ngayong araw, Nobyembre 7 hanggang Nobyembre 18, magtungo

lamang sa mga health center para magbigyan ng karampatang bakuna ang inyong mga anak edad 0-23 months para sa routine catch-up immunization.

Maaari ring magtanong sa inyong barangay health workers tungkol sa kahalagahan ng pagbabakuna sa mga bata. (DOH MMCHD/PIA-NCR)



FULL IN-PERSON CLASSES. Education spokesperson Michael Poa gives updates on full face-to-face classes on Monday (Nov. 7, 2022). The majority of public schools nationwide have already implemented full in-person classes. (Screengrab)



Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

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primary greenhouse gas emitted through human activities.

“Malayo ang mararating ng simpleng pagtatanim ng mga puno. Ilang henerasyon ang maisasalba nito mula sa sakuna o trahedyang. ‘Yan po ang tungkulin natin, hindi lang sa ating bayan, kundi sa ating kapwa tao (Simply planting trees will go a long way. It will save many generations from disaster or tragedy. That is our duty, not only to our country, but to our fellow human beings),” he added,

He expressed confidence that joint societal efforts will help the country and the world deal better with climate change.

This month, the Philippines will reassert its entitlement to support and assistance to fight climate change during the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which opened at Sharm el-Sheikh City, Egypt on Sunday.

Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyza, who leads the delegation to the November 6 to 18 event, said the Philippines would again call on developed countries to step up to obligations and “deliver without delay on their commitments on climate finance, technology

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transfer and capacity building.” Continued assistance

Marcos likewise gave updates on continuing efforts to assist areas and people affected by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng (Nalgae) last week.

Among these are rescue operations by the Philippine Coast Guard; clearing of roads by the Department of Public Works and Highways; distribution of food and other forms of assistance by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Office of Civil Defense; and distribution of seeds and financial loans to farmers by the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Marcos, the concurrent DA Secretary, said Paeng wiped out at least PHP1.3 billion worth of agricultural goods.

He recalled visiting disaster-hit areas in Cavite, Maguindanao, and Western Visayas to assess response and relief efforts.

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However, he also acknowledged some areas of improvement, particularly in terms of aid distribution.

He reiterated the need to do away with bureaucracy in providing assistance to those affected by natural calamities as he recalled the ticketing system imposed by a barangay official

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also expressed their appreciation to China, Japan, and Korea for their continued support and commitment to enhancing the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry.

“We are expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Plus Three countries for diligently sharing resources and expertise to the region towards the attainment of a shared goal under the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation,” Undersecretary Panganiban said.

He added that such collaborations are critical in ensuring that no one will be left behind.

During the AIMMAF, on the other hand, the participants agreed to further strengthen collaboration in the priority

in Leyte in the onslaught of Supertyphoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in 2013 to prevent multiple claims of relief goods.

Marcos said it is the government’s job to ensure immediate dispatch of relief goods and make other adjustments for a more efficient distribution.

“Dapat ay abot kaagad. Nasalanta na nga eh. ‘Yan ang mindset na gusto ko sundan ng lahat ng ating ahensya pagdating sa disaster response. Na ang tulong ay wala ng pinipili (We should make distribution faster. That’s the mindset that I want all our agencies to follow when it comes to disaster response. We don’t choose whom to help,” he said.

Marcos said he would continue to strengthen the whole-of-government approach to disaster preparedness and response.

“Ganyan ang pamamahala na ating isinusulong. Mga ahensiya na may kusa at inisyatibo sa kanilang ginagampanang bahagi. ‘Yan po ay isang gumaganang sistema ng pamamahala at ‘yan po ang patuloy nating hahasain pa (That’s the kind of management we promote: Agencies that have initiatives in their role. That is a working management system and that is what we will continue to improve on),” he said. (PNA)

areas to address climate change, sustainable agriculture, conservation and nature positive agriculture, climate resilient agriculture, and sustainable soil management to ensure the sustainability of the agro-ecological system.

“India’s assistance to improve collaboration on digital technology systems and platforms is essential and plays an integral part in our region’s resilience especially since environmental and climate change challenges have become part of our survival,” the DA Undersecretary said.

He also urged fellow member states to keep pursuing cooperative activities and putting projects and initiatives for the food, agriculture, and forestry sectors into action. (GCB/DA-AFID)

Nigerian ‘love scammer’, cohort fall in Cavite

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan Balik”.

MANILA – Police arrested a Nigerian national and his cohort who are involved in an internet love scam worth PHP2.2 million in Bacoor City, Cavite.

In a statement on Thursday, Lt. Michael Bernardo, team leader of Quezon City District Anti Cybercrime Team said Ikenna Onouha, 37, Nigerian national; Jacel Ann Paderan, 28, were arrested in an operation by QCDACT and the Quezon City District Special Operation Unit personnel in Molino, Bacoor City, Cavite on Nov. 1.

The suspects have pending arrest warrants for swindling/estafa issued by the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 230.

The case stemmed from the complaint of Onouha’s victim whom he met at a dating site.

The victim claimed that her relationship with the suspect started in April 2020. The suspect then introduced himself as a Turkish national named “Demir

In the course of their virtual relationship, the victim said the suspect made a lot of promises which she believed.

The suspect managed to convince the victim to send him money, totaling PHP2,282,000.

Police said the money was sent to the bank accounts of Paderan and a certain Cristine Mae Elizares.

The victim said Onouha told her that he has a dormant account in a bank in the United Kingdom and that he needs money to settle it.

“When the suspect asked for more money from the victim, it was then that she realized that she was being conned and decided to report the incident to our office,” Bernardo said.

The third suspect, Elizares, remains at large.

They are facing charges of swindling/estafa and abuse of the use of information and communications technology under the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012. (PNA)

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Building on the successful operations, similar enforcement was conducted in Malabon and Caloocan City, 17-21 October. The teams seized 839 pieces of ceramic plumbing fixtures (sanitary wares), Edison screw lamp holders, electric fans, electric food mixers, electric kettles, PVC electrical tapes, extension cord sets, helmets and their visors, inner tubes for tires, low-carbon steel wires, monobloc chairs/stools, plugs, self-ballasted LED lamps, snap switches, socket-outlets, television sets, and tires for automotive vehicles worth Php341,771.50.

Ending the month strong, the firm enforcement operation in Quezon City, last 24-28 October has led to the sealing of 404 pieces of uncertified low-carbon steel wire, tires for automotive vehicles, electric coffee makers, and electric grills worth Php973,763.50.

Out of the 347 firms inspected, 61 non-compliant stores were issued Notices of Violation (NOVs), mandating them to explain within 48 hours from the receipt of the notice.

The nationwide campaign of DTI against uncertified items in the market underscores the enforcement of DTI technical regulations mandating compliance with Philippine Standard Certification Mark Schemes, particularly Department Administrative Order No. 02, Series of 2007.

FTEB OIC Director Atty. Porciuncula emphasized that the Department is consistent and steadfast in its enforcement activities to address the persistence of uncertified products in the market.

Meanwhile, Consumer Protection Group Officer-In-Charge Atty. Ann Claire C. Cabochan expressed full support by heading the enforcement operation in Quezon City.

“We express our support for legitimate businesses and issue a reminder for sellers to be compliant with our regulations. FTEB’s sustained efforts in the market through regular enforcement operations play a critical role in ensuring the welfare and safety of consumers,” said Asec. Atty. Cabochan. (dti/pia-ncr)

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the ways forward of the AMAF and its working groups,” Undersecretary Panganiban said. He added that the country remains robust in implementing various recovery efforts amid different threats and it puts great importance to public-private and multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaboration for the agriculture and fisheries sector.

During the AMAF Plus Three meeting, the officials discussed priority areas for cooperation and the implementation progress of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy, ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement, and the ASEAN Plus Three Food Security Information System.

The ASEAN ministers

YOU SHOULD NEVER REGRET ANYTHING IN LIFE. IF IT'S GOOD, IT'S WONDERFUL. IF IT'S BAD, IT'S EXPERIENCE.

Consider risks of natural disasters in building homes: VP Sara

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – Vice President Sara Duterte has urged families in Cavite to resort to building more resilient homes as risks of natural calamities remained inevitable.

In a speech on Sunday, Duterte said residents must take time to consider natural disasters that often hit the Philippines.

“Kapag tayo ay nag-design at nag-iisip kung saan natin ilalagay ang ating mga bahay ay iniisip din natin ang tubig baha, lindol, at hangin dala ng bagyo (When we design and think where to place our homes, we should also think of floodwaters, earthquake, and typhoon winds),” she said.

She noted that the house structure must withstand the brunt of calamities.

“Dapat ay maging resilient ang pag-iisip natin kung saan tayo manirahan at saan tayo maglalagay ng ating mga bahay at kung anong klaseng disenyo ng bahay ang gagawin natin (We should think with resilience in setting our home, the location of our house, and even its design),” she added.

Duterte said having this consideration is a significant,

especially since the country faces an unpredictable set of typhoons each year.

“Yun pong bagyo hindi na po mawawala sa ating bansa yan. Lagi po yan dadaan, A-Z ang pangalan. Taon-taon dadaan, mayroong malalakas na bagyo, mayroong mahina. Ang problema ay hindi natin nape-predict kung saan dadaan at minsan mahina siya (Storms will never be gone in the country. It’s always there, with its name from A-Z. It annually traverses, there are strong typhoons, and weak ones. The problem is we cannot predict its path, as well as its strength),” she said.

Duterte, meanwhile, led the distribution of family food packs to over 5,000 residents in Cavite who were affected by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng.

These included 3,000 residents in General Trias and 2,500 residents in Imus City, who suffered from the devastating winds and floods during the Paeng onslaught while it traversed Luzon.

The OVP partnered with the local government of Cavite to distribute the aid to affected residents. (PNA)

Barzaga...

he said.

“This representation, taking into consideration of the plight of family members of slain journalists like Percival Mabasa, believes that we must also provide financial assistance to the heirs of the deceased commentator,” Barzaga said.

Under HR 508, all donations from House members will be given to House Secretary General Reginald Velasco not later than Nov. 30, 2022. After

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the said date, the total amount remitted to the Secretary General shall then be given to the heirs of Mabasa.

By way of seed money and as sponsor of HR 508, Barzaga is giving PHP100,000 as his voluntary contribution for the heirs of Mabasa.

Barzaga’s call comes on the same day that cases are set to be filed in connection with the murder of Mabasa, who was shot dead in Las Piñas City last Oct. 3. (PNA)

Noveleta...

with the high tide level caused the immediate rise of the water that broke down the river dikes, and the water entered into the barangays of San Antonio, and San Juan,” the Mayor recounted.

Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWDO) Officer Jinky Sidocon stated, “We were prepared and yet unprepared. We had evacuated two barangays along the coastal area, San Rafael III and IV during the pre-emptive evacuation, and brought the families to the town’s evacuation centers.”

MDRRMO reports said that ten out of sixteen barangays in the municipality were affected by the typhoon.

MSWDO Officer Sidocon said, “What made it even worst is that the water came with timbers, trash, and other debris that caused more devastation.”

This was a very traumatizing event especially for the children because there was a report of children trapped in a van that was washed away by the heavy water current during the typhoon onslaught.

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“These children that experienced these horrific events must be given psychological first aid,” Sidocon said.

Barangay San Jose II Chairman Jay Lontoc stayed up and remained on duty for rescue operations all throughout the onslaught of typhoon Paeng.

“This is the worst flooding ever experienced by our town since typhoon Ondoy. The water level submerged the barangays near the river, and families were forced to get on top of the roof or seek shelter from neighbors who have two-storey houses,” Lontoc told reporters.

As the water receded, the aftermath of the disaster dawned on the residents with their houses and what was left of their belongings buried in mud.

“An estimated Php100M in livelihood was lost or damaged due to the flooding. Stores and commercial establishments could not operate because most of the merchandise is soaked, and covered with mud,” Mayor Chua stated.

He hopes that things will normalize for his town in a



AID TO CAVITE. Vice President Sara Duterte hands over a food pack to a resident in Cavite on Sunday (Nov. 6, 2022). The Office of the Vice President and the local government of Cavite have distributed relief goods to over 5,000 residents in the province. (Photo courtesy: OVP)

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assured the downloading of necessary funds for the cleanup and building of temporary learning spaces.

Besides the effects of Paeng, some Metro Manila schools also faced challenges due to congestion.

“At least sa NCR, talagang may congestion that’s why may mga schools tayo na ipagpatuloy ang blended learning modality (At least in NCR [National Capital Region], there is really congestion. That’s why there are schools still continuing the blended learning modality),” Poa said.

Padrino system

Meanwhile, the DepEd defended Department Order 49, saying it only reiterates existing civil service policies and intends to uphold professionalism among employees.

“You know what we are trying to depoliticize here is the padrino system, basically... Parati nating sinasabi na ah basta may padrino ka, dun lang matutugunan ‘yung request mo (We always say that as long as you have connections, that will only be the time that your request shall be responded to). And that’s not true. We in DepEd, we want to be as responsive as we can to the needs of our teachers and our personnel,” Poa said.

He added that the

week, with electric power slowly restored, work in government offices, and in business establishments to resume, and the children can go back to their schools.

The town chief appeals to the neighboring cities and towns for support: financial assistance to help with rebuilding the houses damaged during the typhoon; relief goods because people could not go to work; manpower and equipment especially with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) fire trucks to help with hosing down the mud to speed up the cleaning of the offices, and schools in the town.

The Provincial Government of Cavite had recently declared a state of calamity in the province. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

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DepEd has its “proper channels” and even a direct line to the office of the secretary, denying that DO 49 infringes on teachers’ and personnel’s freedom of expression.

The DepEd clarified that communication on social media between teachers and learners is not discouraged, as long as it covers class instructions.

“What are we discouraging? ‘Yung communication outside the school setting... For as long as we’re talking about instruction, as long as we’re talking class matters, hindi po ‘yan outside the school setting. Ano po ba ‘yung gusto nating ma-discourage dito? ‘Yung nagiging very personal na

‘yung relationship between the teacher and the learner (That’s not outside the school setting. What do we want to be discouraged about? The [instances] were relationships between teacher and learner become very personal),” he said.

Vice President and Education Chief Sara Duterte earlier said the DO 49 also aims to protect teachers and learners from criminal activities, whether they be suspects or victims, recalling the instances of sexual harassment against learners, and a teacher being killed by a learner.

As of now, teachers involved in alleged sexual harassment in Cavite are under preventive suspension while the probe is ongoing. (PNA)

Kaso ng HFMD sa Calabarzon, umabot na sa 40

By Patricia Bermudez

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA – Pinag-iingat ng Department of Health (DOH) ang publiko mula sa banta ng Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD).

Batay sa datos ng DOH Calabarzon noong Nobyembre 2, umabot na sa 40 kumpirmadong kaso ng HFMD sa rehiyon.

Sa kanyang panayam sa programang Sulong Calabarzon, siniguro ni DOH Calabarzon Infectious Disease Cluster Head, Dr. Evamarie Torio na patuloy ang kanilang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga local health officer para sa monitoring ng mga kaso ng HFMD sa rehiyon.

Kasalukuyan ring binabantayan ng DOH Calabarzon mga naitalang kaso ng HFMD sa lalawigan ng Batangas kabilang na ang mga bayan ng San Pascual, Bauan, Rosario, Cuenca, Padre Garcia, at San Luis, gayundin ang Batangas City.

Aniya, kadalasang nakukuha ng mga batang edad lima (5) pababa ang sakit na HFMD mula sa virus na Picornaviridae, genus Aphthovirus na humahalo sa sipon, saliva o laway, at sugat.

“Sa loob ng 3-7 araw na incubation period ng virus nito ay maaaring maiwasan ang hawahan dahil ito ay nakukuha sa respiratory droplet. Bukod sa pagsusuot ng face mask,

siguraduhin natin na laging malinis ang ating kamay bago kumain, matapos kumain, at matapos gumamit ng palikuran bilang pag-iingat sa hawahan ng HFMD,” payo ni Dr. Torio.

Agad namang nagpaabot ng technical at logistical assistance ang kagawaran sa mga lugar na apektado ng HFMD, tulad ng pamamahagi ng mga IEC material tungkol sa HFMD at mga disinfectant.

Upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng virus na dulot ng HFMD, pinayuhan ni Dr. Torio ang publiko na agad na mag-isolate kung makakaramdam ng sintomas ng nasabing sakit tulad ng lagnat, rashes o sugat sa kamay at paa, at mouth sores sa bibig at lalamunan.

Subalit maaaring maiwasan ang pagkalat ng HFMD sa pamamagitan ng proper hygiene.

“Ugaliin nating gumamit ng face mask, at gumamit ng malinis na tubig sa paglilinis ng kamay bago kumain at matapos gumamit ng palikuran.” payo ni Dr. Torio.

Siniguro naman ni Dr. Torio sa publiko na ligtas ang mga bata mula sa banta ng HFMD, kasabay ng muling pagsisimula ng face-to-face classes sa rehiyon dahil mayroong sapat na kaalaman ang Department of Education (DepEd) na katuwang ng DOH sa kanilang information drive para sa mga magulang at mag-aaral. (PB)

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EDITORIAL

Proactive approach to terrorism

For the government of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., it must take stock of the problems caused by such groups as the Dawla Islamiya and the BIFF.

At least one passenger and several others were seriously hurt when an improvised explosive device was detonated inside a bus as it was traveling in Tacurong City in Sultan Kudarat province noontime Sunday. Investigators were looking at the use of a smartphone as a triggering device.

To describe the attack as cowardly would be an understatement as the placement of the bomb on public transportation showed that those behind it were targeting hapless civilians, a "to whom it may concern" sort of attack.

The chief of the Tacurong City police, P/Lt. Col. Joan Maganto, told reporters that a unit of the Yellow Bus Company from Cotabato City was on its way to the city terminal when the bomb was detonated by the miscreants.

The fatality at press time, one of 12 passengers hurt from the blast, succumbed to shrapnel wounds. Police and military authorities withheld the names of the victims pending the notification of their relatives.

Both the Dawla Islamiya and its ally the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters are suspected of involvement in the attack as groups that style themselves along the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

The commander of the 6ID, Major Gen. Roy Galido, said the terrorists took advantage of their being busy with relief operations related to devastations caused in the region by severe tropical storm "Paeng." Galido vowed to do their best to "identify, along with the police, the people responsible for this atrocity, a clear act of terror."

The Dawla and the BIFF are known to bomb businesses that refuse to pay them protection money or those that fail to pay their monthly "quotas."

For P/Brig. Gen. Jamili Macaraeg, the police regional office 12 which he heads, is digging deep into intelligence report and information that could unmask those behind the attack.

The same bus company, it should be pointed out, was also the target of a bombing attack three months ago when an IED exploded in one of its units in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

Even if this is a simple shakedown, the admission that the attackers took advantage of soldiers and policemen being preoccupied with relief operations should not sit well with the central government in Manila.

There's no excuse to be lax in safeguarding people, especially coming off the numerous press releases by the Philippine National Police that it would send into the field 85 percent of its personnel during the Yuletide season.

However, when it comes to attacks like this one in Tacurong, increasing police visibility alone would not be enough as heightened intelligence gathering is a must to get wind of plots before they are carried out by the misfits of Philippine society.

For the government of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., it must take stock of the problems not only caused by communist rebels but also by such groups as the Dawla Islamiya and the BIFF.

As National Security Adviser and National Task Force to End Local Armed Conflict vice-chairpersons Clarita Carlos delivers a talk in Clark City today before local government units, she must update the people on what is being done to eliminate terror groups.

Carlos has been very visible during the campaign period and following her appointment at NSA. Still, she had been uncharacteristically quiet the past few months, even if those doing intel and security work like her are not expected to be media hounds.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Dani Misalucha

GANYAN kung tawagin ng mga kaibigan at kasama niya si Daniel C. Imperial, Jr., 29, aktibistang mula sa College of Music sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas-Diliman na naging kasapi ng New People's Army at napatay sa pagsalakay ng militar nitong 27 Oktubre sa Cagayan Valley. Naging kagawian ng mga aktibista ang magbansag, at may mga panahong nagagamit ang mga alyas – lalo na kay Daniel mula nang siya'y maging NPA.

(1) Maraming pakahulugang natitipon sa pangalang iyan. Ang paghanga niya sa mahuhusay na mang-aawit na babae, kasama na si Lani. Ang husay niya sa pagkanta, gayundin sa pangkalahatang pagpapasaya o pag-entertain sa kausap. Isama na ang pagiging "diva" niya sa totoong buhay: napakatalentado, napaka-maalab sa mga bagay na kinatutuwaan at kinaiinisan, napaka-demanding sa sarili, sa mga kasama at kaibigan.

"Napaka-demanding." May nagbago at hindi nagbago kay Daniel sa pagiging NPA, na makikita sa panapanahong pagdalaw niya. Ang dating mabilis uminit ang ulo, naging mapagpasensya. Ang dating mapangutya, naging mapagpaliwanag. Ang dating nakakanerbyos kausap, naging magaan. Pero hindi siya nagbago sa pananalig na pwedeng magbago at umunlad – ang sarili, ang pakikibaka, at syempre ang lipunan.

(2) Bakla siya, bagay na hindi niya ikinaila kahit kailan at ipinagmalaki pa nga. Alam niya kung paanong hindi matanggap

ng iba ang pagkabakla kaya isinisisi ito sa iba't ibang dahilan, na para bang kaya niyang gumising isang araw at hindi na maging bakla. Nakatulong ito para maunawaan niya ang mahihirap – na ang kahirapan ay isinisisi ng mga hindi umuunawa sa "katamaran," "hindi pagsusumikap" at kung anu-ano pa.

Alam niya kung paano isantabi, maliitin at kutyain dahil sa kung sino siya. Sa ganito, mas naunawaan niya kung paano maging maralita. Naging lagusan ang personal na karanasan niya ng pakikiramdam, o pakikibahagi sa nararamdaman, ng iba. Syempre, alam niyang hindi sa antagonistikong pakikitungali mareresolba ang diskriminasyon sa mga bakla – hindi tulad ng pagsasamantala, pambubusabos at panunupil sa mahihirap.

(3) May mga aktibista, lalo na iyung mga galing sa uring petiburges, na dumaan sa yugto na lubos ang paniniwala sa rebolusyon at mga prinsipyo nito, pero may huling personal na reserbasyon bago yakapin nang buong-buong ang pakikibaka. May iba, kinailangan munang makita ang suporta ng mga magsasaka. May iba, gusto munang makitang hindi paulit-ulit lang at may pag-unlad. May iba, gusto lang makita ang sariling lugar sa lahat.

Si Daniel, ang huling reserbasyon ay sa paggamit ng mga kanta ng kulturang popular para maghatid ng rebolusyunaryong mensahe. Hanggang minsan, narinig niya ang ilang magsasaka na kinakanta ang "Boulevard"

ni Dan Byrd na nilapatan ng mga titik na rebolusyunaryo. Sa puntong iyun, sabi niya, nabuo ang pasya niyang sumampa. Nitong huli, mga rebolusyunaryong kantang mala-Aegis ang ipinagmamalaki niyang likha nila.

(4) May kakaiba siyang gamit sa wika. Noong uso ang pasosyal na wikang bakla, parang pinulot sa kung saang parlor ang mga salita niya: "lapes," hindi "lafang" (pagkain), "was," hindi "wiz" (hindi). Nitong huli, may magagandang baon siya, malamang mula sa erya. "Ayan. Ayan tayo eh..." kapag may pinupuna. Sinabihan daw sila na paghusayan ang gawaing pagpapalawak. Ang sagot niya: "Oo na, oo na. Heto na nga kami eh."

(5) Diva si Daniel, pero hindi mapagmataas. Mas gusto niya sigurong inaalala nang tumatawa, higit pa sa humahanga. Wala yata siyang nakausap nang matagal-tagal na hindi niya napatawa. Kaya mahal na mahal daw siya ng mga kasama at masa. Hindi siya pastar, pero star: isa sa mga bituin ng pakikibaka sa buong bansa. Namatay man siya, patuloy siya sa pagbibigay-liwanag sa mga gustong kumuha ng direksyon at sumunod.

Napakahirap isiping patay na si Daniel. Hindi maiwasang maisip na kung buhay pa siya, pinatigil na niya ang pagbuhos ng mga parangal. Hindi siya komportable kapag siya'y pinupuri. Naglululuxa lang kami ngayon, Daniel. Pero oo na, oo na. Heto na kami.

04 Nobyembre 2011

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-669-22

-versus-

ARLENE G. DUCLAYAN
Mortgagor/s.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY., with business address at Metrobank Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Ext. City of Makati against the Mortgagor/s, ARLENE G. DUCLAYAN REPRESENTED BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT ROMULO L. UDDON, with residence and postal address at San Cornelio, Caba, La Union and Lot 19, Block 11, Kensington 28, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 30 August 2022 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS AND 12/100 (P1,172,429.12), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on 24 NOV 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2020026990

LOT NO. 19 BLOCK NO. 11 PLAN NO. PCS-04-030760

PORTION OF: BLOCK 11, PSD-04-226211: LOTS 1639 & LOT 1656, SDM ESTATE (FRS-04-005861), DECREED NO. 4270, LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BACAO I, CITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	LOT 20, BLOCK 11, PCS-04-030760
2-3	SW	LOT 21, BLOCK 11, PCS-04-030760
3-4	NW	ROAD LOT 11, PCS-04-030760
4-1	NE	LOT 17, BLOCK 11, PCS-04-030760

AREA: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 07 DEC 2022 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, 20 OCT 2022

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Metrobank Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Ext. City of Makati

LOCK LAW OFFICE
No. 88 N. Jacinto Street,
BF Classic Homes Village, Parañaque City

ARLENE G. DUCLA YAN REPRESENTED BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT ROMULO L. UDDON
San Cornelio, Caba, La Union
Lot 19, Block 11, Kensington 28, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-660-22

-versus-

JEFFERSON L. ALAMO
Mortgagor/s.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY., with business address at Metrobank Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Ext. City of Makati against the Mortgagor/s, JEFFERSON L. ALAMO REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT JOSEFA C. LIBRANO, with residence and postal address at No. 23 Guava Street, Brgy. Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City and Lot 55 Blk. 19 Kensington 17, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 31 August 2022 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR PESOS AND 52/100 (P1,595,064.52), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said, date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on 24 NOV 2022 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2019064243

LOT NO. 55 BLOCK NO. 19 PLAN NO. PCS-04-028598
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT'S 1698, (RS-04-001799) LOT 1699, (RS-04-003884) LOT 1701 (FRS-04-005313) ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE & LOT 1726-A, LOT 1726-B, LOT 1726-C, PSD-04-098877, DECREE NO. 4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 56, BLOCK 19, PCS-04-028598
2-3	NW	LOT 57, BLOCK 19, PCS-04-028598
3-4	NE	LOT 1740, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE
4-5	SE	LOT 54, BLOCK 19, PCS-04-028598
5-1	SW	ROAD LOT 26, PCS-04-028598

AREA: SIXTY NINE SQUARE METERS (69), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 07 DEC 2022 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, 20 OCT 2022

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Metrobank Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Ext. City of Makati

SEDIGO & ASSOCIATES
Suite 506, ITC Building, 337 Sen Gil J. Puyat Avenue
1200 Makati City

JEFFERSON L. ALAMO REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT JOSEFA C. LIBRANO
No. 23 Guava Street, Brgy. Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City
Lot 55 Blk. 19 Kensington 17, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-698-22

SPOUSES CORNELIO SALAZAR BAJUM
AND MARICRIS ARANAS BAJUM
Mortgagor/s.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at 11F BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo De Roxas, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, ALEXANDRA RESUELLO AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF SPOUSES CORNELIO SALAZAR BAJUM AND MARICRIS ARANAS BAJUM with residence and postal address at #452 A. Del Rosario St., Caridad, Cavite City, Cavite and Lot 3, Blk. 9, Tapia, General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 30 August 2022 amounts to TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS AND 97/100 (P2,227,159.97), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on 24 NOV 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2020026806

LOT NO. 3 BLOCK. NO. 9 PLAN NO. PCS-04-029303
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOTS 1928, 1929, 1932 & 1933, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE & LOTS 1939-B, & 1939-C, (LRC) PSD-29632, DECREED NO. 4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 4, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-029302
2-3	NE	ROAD LOT 2, PCS-04-029302
3-4	SE	LOT 2, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-029302
4-5	SW	LOT 48, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-029302
5-1	SW	LOT 47, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-029302

AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 07 DEC 2022 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, 20 OCT 2022

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.
RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP- REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
11F BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo De Roxas, Makati City

ALEXANDRA RESUELLO AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF SPOUSES CORNELIO SALAZAR BAJUM AND MARICRIS ARANAS BAJUM
#452 A. Del Rosario St., Caridad, Cavite City, Cavite
Lot 3, Blk. 9, Tapia, General Trias, Cavite

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 21
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE**

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL
FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG
Fund),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118
FC CASE NO. 17559-22

LOLITA S. STEWART married to
ARTHUR DAVE A. STEWART,

Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petition Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200, against LOLITA S. STEWART married to ARTHUR DAVE A. STEWART, mortgagors, with residential and postal address at Lot 121 Block 30 Greengate Homes, Ph. 2, Malagasang II-A, Imus, Cavite and 7711 Coronado St., Guada Viejo, Makati City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2022 amounts to THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS & 61/100 (P356,150.61), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale the undersigned will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 22, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1356490

"A parcel of land (Lot 121, Blk. 30 of the cons.-subd. Plan Pcs-04-023999, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 1846-B, Psd-28429; 1848-B-2, (LRC) Psd-358499 & Lots 1847 & 1849, Imus Estate, LRC Rec. No. 8843) situated in the Bo. of Malagasang 2, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 120, Blk. 30; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 20; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 122, Blk. 30 and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 118, Blk. 30, all of the cons.-subd. Plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, more or less. x x x"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on NOVEMBER 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, October 25, 2022.

(Sgd.) WILMAR M. DE VILLA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
(Sgd.) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358
Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200

SPS. LOLITA S. STEWART AND ARTHUR DAVE A. STEWART
Lot 121 Block 30 Greengate Homes, Ph. 2,
Malagasang II-A, Imus, Cavite and 7711
Coronado St., Guada Viejo, Makati City 1211

ATTY. MAYBELLE JOY E. BERNALES
ANCHOR COLLECTION SERVICES INC.
Bldg. #2 Malakas cor. Mapagmahal St., Brgy. Pinyahan,
Quezon City 1100

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Teachers reminded to keep boundaries with learners

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) reminded Friday its teaching and non-teaching personnel to uphold professionalism and maintain boundaries with learners.

In an interview, Vice President and Education Secretary Sara Duterte said teachers and non-teaching personnel should not have "friendly relations" with learners outside the classroom setup.

"As a teacher, mayroon talagang line between him or her and the learner (As a teacher, there should be a [clear] line between him or her and the learner). Dapat hindi sila magkaroon ng (there should not be) friendly relations with their learners outside of the learning institution setting dahil nagkakaroon ng bias 'yung isang tao kapag nagiging kaibigan na niya (because there would be a bias for the person once they become friends)," she said.

Duterte issued the reminder following the release of DepEd Order (DO) 49, an amendment of DO 47 promoting professionalism in the implementation and delivery of basic learning programs and services.

Under DO 49, teachers are expected to "avoid

relationships, interaction, and communication, including following social media with learners outside of the school setting, except if they are relatives."

The DepEd released the amendment amid investigations on several teachers who were allegedly involved in sexual harassment cases against learners.

"This is one of the incidents we have seen, recent incidents, of our teachers going out with their students and they're involved in, should we say, criminal, not really criminal activities, but they are involved in crime. It's either they become suspects or victims," Duterte said in mixed English and Filipino.

The education chief, meanwhile, assured that learners who filed a complaint against teachers in Cavite, in relation to sexual harassment, were also legally assisted.

While the investigation is ongoing, the teachers involved were placed under preventive suspension.

Another incident of a teacher being killed by a learner also alarmed the DepEd.

"So these instances are preventable if our teaching and non-teaching staff in the Department of Education recognized their boundaries," she added.

Duterte said teachers and learners may still maintain a friendly relationship, but only inside the classroom setting. (PNA)



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**RUSTOMJI BUSINESS GROUP, INC.
6590 C. TARTARIA HOYO ROAD, BRGY. TARTARIA, SILANG, CAVITE**

NOTICE is hereby given that SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of RUSTOMJI BUSINESS GROUP, INC. will be held on the 15th of November 2022 at 1:00 in the afternoon at 6590 C. Tartaria Hoyo Road, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite.

AGENDA:

- Dissolution/Closing/Winding-Up of CORGIFIC CORPORATION;
- Other relevant matters relative to the said Dissolution.

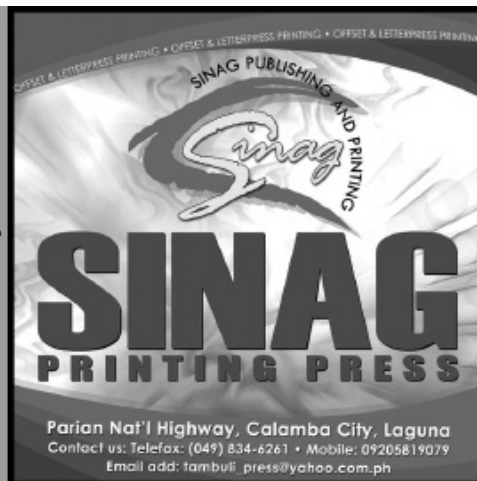
Stockholders who cannot attend the meeting in person are requested to accomplish the attached proxy and return the same to the undersigned not later than November 10, 2022.

By Order of the Board:

Mr. Lorrence Kyle Munoz
Corporate Secretary

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PBBM underscores need to enhance disaster preparedness, response

By Azer Parrocha

MANILA – The national government will continue to prioritize efforts to enhance disaster preparedness and response, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Sunday.

In his weekly vlog, Marcos underscored the need to improve local preparedness and response capacity to prevent and reduce the impact of disasters on communities.

“Ang disaster response at disaster preparedness natin ay prayoridad ng ating pamahalaan na lalo pang pagandahin o palakasin (Improving and strengthening our disaster response and disaster preparedness is a priority of our government),” he said.

He said collective efforts are necessary to safeguard ecosystems, which will ultimately build climate resilience.

“Kapag may pagkakataon, ay lagi ko bini-bring up ang climate change. Hindi ito biro na. Ito ay totoong-totoo na. Kaya’t hindi makakatulong ang paglalapastangan natin sa ating mga kabundukan, ilog o dagat (Whenever there is an opportunity, I always bring up climate change. It’s not a joke anymore. It’s real. So destroying our mountains, rivers or seas will not help us),” he said.

Marcos said planting trees will help reduce the impacts of climate change because they absorb carbon dioxide, the

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HELP. Some 10,000 family food packs and bottled water from the Department of Social Welfare and Development central office arrive at the Philippine Ports Authority in Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City on board the BRP Melchora Aquino of the Philippine Coast Guard on Saturday (Nov. 5, 2022). The food packs will be distributed to municipalities in the northern part of Iloilo province that were affected by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng a week ago. (Courtesy of OCD-Western Visayas)

DTI to consumers: Report sellers of uncertified products

By Susan De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY--The Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) enjoins consumers anew to report retailers, distributors, and manufacturers that sell uncertified products, through the Consumer Care Hotline at DTI (1-384) or consumercare@dti.gov.ph.

To protect consumers or potential buyers of electrical and electronic products; mechanical or building and construction materials; and chemical and other consumer products and systems, DTI-Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) regulates 87 products and systems through implementing Mandatory Product Certification Schemes: the Philippine Standard (PS) Quality and/or Safety Certification Mark Licensing Scheme and the Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) Certification Scheme.

Recently, the DTI – Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (DTI-FTEB)’s month-long focused enforcement operations in October 2022 swept almost 5 million pesos worth of uncertified products from the National Capital Region (NCR).

DTI enforcement teams led by FTEB Officer-In-Charge (OIC) Director Atty. Marimel Dancel Porciuncula and OIC Assistant Director Atty. Joseph Manuel P. Pamittan topped off

the 4-week streak of heightened enforcement in Pasig, Parañaque, Malabon, Caloocan, and Quezon City to ensure the availability of only safe and reliable consumer products.

The DTI enforcement teams kicked off the intensified operations in Pasig City, 3-7 October. The teams have clamped down on 719 pieces of uncertified ceramic plumbing fixtures (sanitary ware), electric blenders, electric fans, electric kettles, inner tubes for tires, low-carbon steel wires, rerolled steel bars, safety belts (seat belts), self-ballasted LED lamps, snap switches, and tires for automotive vehicles worth Php2,814,089.00.

After Pasig, the teams inspected retail firms in Parañaque City, 10-14 October, which resulted in the crackdown of 366 pieces of uncertified products worth Php856,859.76. The sealed products include electric blenders, electric fans, electric food mixers, electric grills, electric irons, electric juicers, electric rice cookers, electric stoves, extension cord sets, induction cookers, lead-acid storage batteries, low-carbon steel wires, motor vehicle brake fluids, ceramic plumbing fixtures (sanitary wares), self-ballasted LED lamp, and tires for automotive vehicles.

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DA takes part in ASEAN ministers’ meetings for food security and sustainability

QUEZON CITY -- The Department of Agriculture (DA), represented by Senior Undersecretary Domingo Panganiban, emphasized “the importance of regional cooperation, robust coordination, and clearly stated goals to continue thriving in the face of pandemic, climate change, and natural disaster risks.”

On October 26, 2022,

the DA participated in the 44th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), the 22nd AMAF Plus Three (China, Japan, and Korea) meeting, and the 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting in Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF).

The meetings focused on the pandemic recovery measures; policy frameworks related to

ASEAN cooperation in food, agriculture, and forestry; food security and nutrition; food safety, handling and product quality; and sustainable development of the food, agriculture, and forestry sector, among other matters.

“The Philippines notes the achievements of the high-level meetings and recognizes the role they play in strengthening

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(File photo)