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# Special body formed to start prep phase for barangay merger

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week formed a special committee to take the lead in the preparatory phase and process for the proposed merging of the 128 barangays in the city.

The mayor will chair the body with Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president Councilor Michael Lawana as co-chair.

The members are the Officers and the members of the Board of the Liga ng mga Barangay Baguio City Chapter composed of ABC vice president Wilbert Ponce, treasurer Murphy Maspil, secretary Arturo Rapelo Jr., Stanford Ang, Ignacio Gallente, Clarence Domilies, Carlos Ananayo, Constancio Danao, Julita Sagun and Miguel L. Arnaiz, members of the board with interior and local government city director Evelyn Trinidad, community affairs officer Noel Mabutas, city legal officer officer-in-charge Melchor Carlos Rabanes, city budget officer Leticia Clemente and city planning and development officer Evelyn **Cont. on page 2**



**CHAMP AGAIN** - Apolinario Mabini Elementary School showcased their winning form in the Panagbenga 2017 Street Dance Champion in the elementary division.- By Bong Cayabyab

Mata-gal nang plano yang merger ng mga barangays na nararapat talagang isagawa. Ngunit sa kawalan ng political will at padrino system kaya hindi matuloy-tuloy!!!

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## Measure prohibiting inter-town PUJs from picking up passengers along city routes now an ordinance

**B**AGUIO CITY – The measure prohibiting inter-municipality public utility jeepneys (PUJs) from picking up passengers along existing Baguio City PUJ routes has been upgraded into an ordinance.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed Ordinance No. 8 series of 2017 authored by 12 councilors led by Councilor Benny Bomogao.

The prohibition was erstwhile contained in Resolution Numbered 115, Series of 2014 which was based on a resolution of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee prescribing the guidelines on the operation of the PUJs from outside the city.

But the proponents noted that “the tenets of these resolutions... are ignored” thus the need to “fold it and replace it with a more concrete note” in the form of an ordinance.

As per the ordinance, inter-municipality PUJs are those that come or leave from their original route or terminal area in a municipality or city or province and enter another city or province to deliver passengers or baggage to their final point of destination but passing through the route of PUJ franchise holders within the City of Baguio.

The measure imposes a no loading policy so that they will not be allowed to load passengers along routes already covered by PUV-granted franchise

by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board to operate within the city.

Violators will be meted fines ranging from P1,000 to P3,000.

“Any aggrieved party may initiate or lodge a complaint to the proper court or to the (LTFRB) for proper disposition. Provided, however, that the penalties imposed by the (LTFRB) for violations of traffic rules and regulations shall be distinct from the penalties provided by this Ordinance. Thus, any findings of culpability by the LTFRB shall require the violator to pay the corresponding penalty to the LTFRB and the City Treasury Office. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

## CCTV now mandatory in establishments

**B**AGUIO CITY - Closed circuit televisions (CCTVs) are now mandatory in establishments in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed city council Ordinance No. 11 series of 2017 “mandatorily requiring business establishments to install CCTV cameras, video recorders and monitors for security purposes.”

Also known as the “No (CCTV), No Business Permit Ordinance of the City of Baguio,” the measure authored by five councilors led by Councilor Edgar Avila and Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog, includes CCTVs as a requirement for new and existing business owners

in securing their business permits.

“The advantages of the (CCTV) in crime prevention and solution is of judicial knowledge. The country is beginning to embrace the positive effects of technology as part of the process of modernization. Aside from communication and transportation, the government is gearing towards a modernized criminal justice system,” the measure noted.

“In the City, (CCTVs) are helpful in resolving crimes of theft and robbery. According to the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Council there is a notable decrease in the said crimes from the period January to December

2010, the Baguio City Police Office has recorded 2, 826 cases of theft and robbery incidents while from January to December 2011, it has recorded 2, 495 cases. The decrease can be attributed among others, to the installation of closed circuit televisions initiated by some business owners to protect their businesses.”

As provided in the measure, all business establishments including all restaurants, schools, hospitals, malls, shopping centers, movie houses, theaters, supermarkets, groceries, entertainment centers, office buildings, public utility terminals, banks, shopping malls, department/convenience stores, gasoline stations,

pawnshops, money changers, all bars, warehouses or general merchandise, and other similar establishments are mandated to install and maintain in good working

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Cayat.

In his Administrative Order No. 24, the mayor tasked the committee recommend and submit before the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Baguio the final draft of the rationalization plan or program for the 128 barangays in its reduced number with their corresponding proposed barangay names.

The proposed merger or consolidation or division of the 128 barangays in the city of Baguio should be in accordance with Section 386 of the Local Government Code which provides that a barangay may be created out of a contiguous territory which has a population of at least 2,000 inhabitants as certified by the National Statics Office (NSO) except in cities and municipalities within Metro Manila and other metropolitan political subdivisions or in highly urbanized cities where territory shall have a certified population of least 5,000 inhabitants.

The body was also tasked to formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of massive information drives and public hearings for the proposed merging and oversee the process of the conduct of massive information drive and public hearings for all the 128 barangays.

In his order, the mayor noted that the recent population survey record of the National Statistics Office shows that many of the 128 barangays do not meet the minimum population requirement to sub-

stantiate their existence and to show compliance to provision of the law.

“On various occasions like monthly Punong Barangay meetings as well as in several forums, several issues and concerns were raised and discussed pertaining to barangay boundary disputes, seeming bias allocation of funds for various projects for larger barangays vis-à-vis barangays with lesser area and population as well as the inadequate honorarium of barangay officials,” he said.

“To present a permanent solution to problems involving the barangays and in order to extensively deliberate and thresh out all issues and concerns surrounding the proposed merging of barangays, there is a need to create a Special Committee to take the lead in the preparatory phase and process for the proposed merging of the 128 barangays in the city of Baguio.”

Lawana earlier identified the scheme as one of the league’s priorities with the year-long postponement of the barangay elections to drum up awareness to the merger plan along with its advantages and disadvantages to finally muster the needed support to the long overdue scheme.

“It is timely that we were granted a one-year extension and we hope that within that period, we can conduct an IEC (information-education campaign) to our constituents on the merger,” Lawana said.

He said that under the preliminary plans, the city

will reduce the number of barangays from 128 to just 40-60 by merging adjoining ones.

Domogan agreed that the resetting of the barangay polls will buy time to prepare the merger scheme and implement it come election time in October, 2017.

He said it is high time to consider the scheme to address problems on the financial and administrative stature of some barangays which fall short based on the criteria and requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991.

The merger was first proposed in 2003 but only reached the level of holding consultations.

In 2007, the matter again surfaced but again failed to materialize.

Pro-merger advocates then said the merger would lead to the professionalization of the service and standardization of salaries of barangay heads and councils which will redound to benefits for the constituents. The reduced number of barangays would also make it easier to manage on the part of the city government apart from the fact that it would in effect help the city comply with the requirements of the Local Government Code on the set up of the barangays.

On the other hand, those opposed to the idea cited concerns on the chances of smaller barangays to get a seat in the barangay councils and to get a share from the budgets should the merger be pursued. They also aired concern on the bigger responsibility that the merger would entail on the barangay officials.

/Aileen P. Refuerzo#

condition CCTV cameras, video recorders and monitors and operate the same on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis.

The requirement will also apply to boarding houses with a maximum of five rooms or three units and above, carwash, emission test and auto repair shops.

Pawnshops, money

changing, lending companies, building for rent/lease, business engaged in accepting or delivering baggage, lotto outlet, and the like with or without security personnel whose employees are even less than five are obliged to install at least two CCTVs.

All banks, restaurants, schools, hospitals, shopping malls/centers,

movie houses, theaters, supermarkets, groceries, entertainment centers, office buildings, public utility terminals, department/convenience stores, gasoline stations, pawnshops, money changers, all bars, and other business establishments with a minimum business capital of **Cont. on page 5**

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# Comelec sets special registration for girls and women in Baguio

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) will conduct a Special Satellite Registration for Women and Girls at the Baguio Convention Center lobby on March 8 from 8:30 am to 5 pm in line with its goal to attain inclusive elections and in connection with the

celebration of International Women's Day. In a letter to councilor Lilia Farinas, chair of the city council's committee on social services, women, and urban poor, city election officer John Paul Martin said that Comelec resolution No. 10175 was promulgated to establish

a special registration kiosk for women and girls on March 8, 2017 and that Baguio is one of the venues for the conduct of the activity. He is seeking Farinas' cooperation in ensuring the success of the activity by considering the special satellite registration for

women and girls as one of the major activities for the celebration of International Women's Day in Baguio on March 8, this year. Martin is also asking assistance in informing all groups, non-government organizations and associations that represent the women sector, including

schools, to avail of the special registration designed for them. For her part, Farinas sent a letter to all barangay captains, thru councilor and Association of Barangay Captains president Michael Lawana, requesting them to post the announcement in their respective barangay halls and inform all concerned. "Help us disseminate

this information to girls ages 15 to 17 years old, in line with the upcoming Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections, and to women ages 18 years old and above who have not yet or failed to register in the previous years, in line with the simultaneous Barangay Elections," her letter states. /Gaby Keith and Cassey Francis (pio intern)#

# Project Puraw in full swing this month

**B**AGUIO CITY – Some 2,000 houses in the four barangays of the famous carabao mountain or Quirino Hill will be painted with earth colors under the tourism department's Project Puraw which is expected to be in full swing this month.

Concerned barangay city and barangay officials, together with representatives from the central and regional offices of the tourism department, met at the closed gymnasium of Middle Quirino Hill to discuss the mechanics on how the painting of the houses will be done.

It was agreed that the roofs of the houses will be painted white and house owners can select their desired earth colors for the outside walls of their structures from Boysen Paints which include Makati Haze, My Sanctuary, Robin's Hood, Matted Rug, Oliverio, Stepping Stone, Dusty Trail and Ginger Bread which are all shades of brown, green and yellow.

Middle Quirino Hill Punong Barangay Genesis Gallente said many of the residents objected to the planned painting of the houses with pure white but when the tourism department came out with an alternative to paint the sidings of their houses with earth colors, many of them already decided to support the implementation of Project Puraw.

Project Puraw is one of the flagship project of DOT-CAR regional director Maria Venus Q. Tan to help boost the growth of the local tourism industry and provide domestic and foreign visitors with alternative attractions.

The four barangays of the project are Lower Quirino Hill, Middle Quirino Hill, East Quirino Hill and West Quirino Hill.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said if Project Puraw will be successful in the Quirino Hill, then it might be possible that it could be replicated in other parts of the city to provide added value for residents and visitors.

Earlier, numerous residents raised an uproar on the planned painting of their houses with pure white as it will make their houses look like tombs in a cemetery, thus, the need to incorporate an added color to at least neutralize the situation.

Aside from being an added tourist attraction in the city, Tan claimed Project Puraw will definitely help in addressing the serious negative effects of climate change considering the impact of while color in efforts to preserve and protect the environment.

The DOT-Car official expressed her gratitude to city and **Cont. on page 5**

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# HRW: PH risks being lumped with North Korea, Syria

'The Philippine government needs to understand that their problems with the international community will not go away unless these killings stop,' says New York-based Human Rights Watch of the Duterte administration's drug war

MANILA, Philippines – Would you really want to be mentioned in the same breath as North Korea and Syria?

A Human Rights Watch (HRW) official posed this question to the Philippine government as he urged the Duterte administration to understand "that there will be consequences" for the high death toll in its drug war.

"There's a human rights commission meeting which is starting next week and the Philippines will be high on the agenda. The Philippines will be on the same category as North Korea and Syria and governments like that," HRW Emergencies Director Peter Bouckaert told Rappler, as HRW launched a report on the role of Philippine police in the killing of drug suspects.

Bouckaert added: "So do you really want to go from one of the most vibrant civil societies in Asia to being in a category with those kinds of criminals? But that's the future and that's the risk."

**EDITORIAL** The New York-based organization said in its report released on Thursday, March 2, that

Philippine police were responsible for extrajudicial killings linked to the drug war. It also noted that police planted evidence and faked post-operation reports to justify the killing of suspects allegedly in the conduct of police operations.

"There is a tremendous interest at the level of the international community at what's happening in the Philippines. And the Philippine government needs to understand that their problems with the international community will not go away unless these killings stop," said Bouckaert.

Bouckaert is a veteran of fact-finding missions to Lebanon, Kosovo, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Macedonia, Indonesia, Uganda, and Sierra Leone.

In its report, HRW urged Philippine officials to suspend "buy-bust" operations, which are allegedly used as a cover-up for extrajudicial killings. They also called on different government agencies to investigate allegations of killings committed by police themselves.

President Rodrigo Duterte had suspended all police anti-illegal drugs operations after the death of South Korean businessman Jee Ick Joo made headlines at home and abroad. Police belonging to the anti-illegal drugs group kidnapped and killed Jee inside Camp Crame, the national police headquarters.

The suspension of the police's anti-drug campaign was short-lived. After 4 weeks, or a few days before HRW report was released, Duterte allowed the return of police to the drug war.

## Recommendations

HRW also called on the Philippines' foreign donors to withhold "any financial assistance, training programs, weapons sales, and capacity-building programs with the Philippine National Police" until the drug war is fully suspended and investigations begin.

It also made the following recommendations to foreign donors, including the United States, the European Union, Japan, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank:

- Press the Duterte administration to renounce extrajudicial executions by state security forces and initiate impartial investigations into alleged extrajudicial killings

- Revoke technical, financial, and other assistance to any security forces implicated in widespread or systematic abuses and for which the government has not sought to hold those responsible to account

- Publicly criticize statements by Philippine government officials, including Duterte, that appear to support extrajudicial executions and other unlawful crime control measures

- Support domestic nongovernmental organizations that provide legal or other services to families of victims of extrajudicial killings by the security forces, and those that provide rehabilitative programs to drug users, including children

- Offer to provide support for international law enforcement assistance with investigations into alleged human rights violations

- Fund and encourage programs, including pilot programs, emphasizing best international practices in public health approaches to drug use

HRW also called on the US, a long-time ally of Philippine police, to make the following adjustments:

- Impose a moratorium on planned and future weapons sales to the PNP until the abusive anti-drug campaign ends and **Cont. on page 5**



## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Harry Roque: RP Charter bars death penalty**



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you..." (Psalm 73:27, the Holy Bible).

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**HARRY ROQUE: RP CONSTITUTION BARS DEATH**

**PENALTY:** The greatest argument against unseating Kabayan Rep. Harry Roque is his mind. Among the many asinine-brained lawmakers we have today in both houses of Congress---the House of Representatives and the Senate---Roque stands out as someone who is possessed with logic, and clarity and depth of thinking.

As the guest speaker at the 33rd Charter anniversary of the Rotary Club of Uptown Manila where he is also a member, Roque displayed brilliance that is rarely seen among congressmen or representatives in assailing the death penalty bill. Roque agreed to be the Club's guest speaker upon the invitation of its leader, All Star President Ruel Garcia, a Christian preacher.

His main argument against death penalty? A concept known in international law as "pacta sunt servanda", a Latin term which says that international treaties must be upheld and obeyed by all signatories. In particular, Roque said there are two international agreements where the Philippines was a signatory, in which the country agreed not to impose the death penalty, and not to execute anyone.

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**TREATIES BANNING DEATH PENALTY PART OF RP CHARTER:** Roque's thesis is that since the Philippines is a signatory to those two international agreements---the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its Second Additional Protocol---it is actually legally prohibited from enacting a death penalty law, and is barred from executing criminal.

And these prohibitions are binding and obligatory upon the Philippines, Roque said, not only because they are parts of international law but, more importantly, because by the express mandate of the Philippine Constitution, they have become parts of this Constitution itself.

The lawmaker who remains to be a professor of law at the College of Law of the University of the Philippines up to now explained that under the 1987 Constitution, our country "adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land", so that the ICCPR and its Second Additional Protocol are now deemed part of Philippine law and of the Constitution itself by virtue of Constitutional authorization.

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**SC CHALLENGE VS. DEATH PENALTY SET:** Roque rejected the arguments of his colleagues at the deliberations of the death penalty bill on Wednesday, March 01, 2017, that the 1987 Constitution contains a provision which allows Congress to pass a death penalty law. He said the power of Congress to pass a death penalty law is merely "permissive", because the Constitution uses the word "may" in allowing the House to pass that law.

On the other hand, Roque explained that the ICCPR and its Second Additional Protocol are to be considered "mandatory laws", which are oblig-

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**Editorial**

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those responsible

*meaningful actions are taken to investigate and prosecute*

•The US-led Millennium Challenge Corporation should continue to defer grants to the Philippines on grounds relating to the rule of law and respect for civil liberties, first announced in December 2016, until the Duterte administration ends its abusive anti-drug campaign and takes action to meaningfully investigate those responsible

•The State Department and Department of Defence should continue to vigorously vet all members of the PNP and other Philippine government officials who are involved in US training or joint US-Philippines law enforcement or military operations for possible involvement in gross human rights violations, both as legally required under the Leahy Law and as a matter of policy so that the US is not complicit in serious abuses

•The US State Department should ensure that Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)-funded training to PNP units neither encourages nor incentivizes high numbers of arrests for drug possession and instead emphasizes that arrest numbers are not a valid measure of law enforcement performance

•The US military should reduce direct assistance to and cooperation with the Armed Forces of the Philippines if the Philippine government deploys AFP units to the anti-drug campaign and there are credible allegations that AFP personnel are committing unlawful killings with impunity

**Expected response**

The Duterte administration has been largely dismissive of the HRW probe, calling it "thoughtless and irresponsible." Hours after the report was released, Duterte said in a public event that there will be "more killings" in his drug war.

It's a response HRW expected. After all, Duterte, a long-time mayor of Davao City, is known for his tirades against foreign government, organizations, and even world leaders who criticize his vaunted anti-crime campaign.

"We know exactly what the response of the Filipino authorities will be. They will say that we are a bunch of foreigners trying to meddle in the affairs of the Philippines. Well, we've been investigating the drug war for the last 20 years. We were here during martial law. We've been protecting the rights of the people of the Philippines for all that time and we will continue to do so under Duterte," said Bouckaert.

He said HRW usually provides advance copies of its reports to concerned governments, which are asked to respond "because we're interested in having a dialogue." This, however, was not the case in its report on the Philippines under the Duterte administration.

"We only do that when we think the government is genuinely interested in telling the truth. And in the case of the Philippines, the government right now...we don't think it is possible to have that kind of dialogue," Bouckaert told Rappler. – Rappler#

**Project Puraw in full...**

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barangay officials and the residents of the Quirino Hill barangays for appreciating the benefits of the project that add attraction to the city.

Boysen Paints will provide the supply of quality paints to be used by the residents in the re-painting of their houses to conform to the standards of Project Puraw whereby the roofs of their structures will be painted pure with the sidings in earth colors to depict a pendant when viewed from a distance./By Dexter A. See#

**EL MAESTRO SPEAKS**

**Our Primal Behavior**



**BY: CLYDE B. SACPA**

It is often believed that humans are the most dangerous creature on the face of the planet. In order to survive, they have to destroy the natural order of things. And most of the time, in order to survive, they have to destroy each other.

This primal human behavior still exist even to this modern age even after thousands of evolutionary process. Today, this behavior metastasized to power tripping and using the position someone had to get his way. Whether these people knew it or not, this behavior is destructive to everyone and to the world. Here are some vivid examples of this primal behavior.

A CEO of the company, wants to expand his business but he would be destroying some forest and natural resources. But because of his primal behavior, he would care less about this and would do anything in his power to get his way. A politician wanting to be recognized as the greatest catalyst of change will do anything beyond his power even it means disrespecting the human rights to be recognized as such. A Principal who always thinks of herself and image rather than working for the betterment of the children and his teacher will bend the rules and the truth to come up on top.

The process of evolution, helps the world to move forward and to bring us to a higher pedestal. To us humans, we are fortunate enough that we are given some options on what we should develop. As the human of the modern age, we need to let go of this primal behavior. Let us evolve to become a person of the modern age caring for the other creatures and preventing further destruction of the human race.#

**CCTV now mandatory...**

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P500,000 are also required to install CCTV with corresponding image recorders in their facilities.

Institutions which already have CCTV shall register the installation with the City Treasury Office and the Baguio City Police Office and subject to upgrading of the old installation.

Video recordings from the system shall be preserved for 15 days from the date of recording.

Small store owners whose annual capital income is less than P60,000 and business establishments with less than three employees; boarding houses with a maximum of four rooms or two units; small auto vulcanizing shop and carwash are exempted from the requirement.

Establishments will be required to also post a written notice in bold letters measuring a minimum of three inches directed to the public that the establishment is employing surveillance systems.

"In no case however shall a CCTV camera be installed in any restroom, toilet, shower, bathroom, changing room, and other similar areas;

"All establishments are required to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all video feeds and recordings obtained via the surveillance performed. The use, viewing, copying, disclosure or publication of said video feeds and recordings shall be strictly prohibited except under the following instances: By order of a Court of competent jurisdiction; and in connection with and limited to a criminal investigation or prosecution of an offense, punishable by law or regulation provided that the request is made by the City Director of the Philippine National Police or the Director of the National Bureau of Investigation.

Violators of this Ordinance shall pay a fine of P5,000 and/or imprisonment of one year or both upon the discretion of the Court. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

**MAGKASANGGA TAYO**

**Doktor pinatay, bakit???**



**BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO**

Doctor Dreyfus Perlas, isa sa mga doctor to the barrios na pinili ang manilbihan sa Lanao del Sur kung saan kung tutuusin ay pupuwede siyang magtrabaho sa isang tanyag na ospital at kumita ng limpak-limpak (milyones) na salapi ay mas ginusto pa niyang magtrabaho sa isang malayo at mahirap na lugar para manilbihan sa kanyang mga kababayan na mahihirap. Sa tutuo lang sa aking panananaw ay mga tunay na living heroes ang lahat ng mga health workers na naninilbihan sa ating mga kababayang mahihirap at lalung-lalo na ang mga doctors to the barrios. SALUDO AKO SA INYO at MABUHAY PO KAYONG LAHAT!!!

Ang mga katanungan ngayon hinggil sa kanyang pagpaslang (siya ay binaril sa likod habang naglalakad) ay ganito. Sino at bakit kaya siya pinatay? Sa aking pagkakaalam ay maging sa isang digmaan ay hindi binabaril o exempted sa bala ang mga doktor, sapagkat ang mga doktor ay neutral sa isang digmaan o giyera at tungkulin nila na manggamot ng kahit na sinong tao, maging sundalo ng gobyerno, rebelde at kahit na terorista pa na abu sayyaf ay dapat nilang bigyan ng kanilang serbisyong medikal kung nararapat.

Kaya tunay na nakalulungkot ang ganitong balita kiung saan ang isang doctor to the barrios na kailangan na kailangan sa mga barrio at kadalasan ay sila pa nga ay mahal na mahal ng kanilang mga constituents (mamamayan) ay mapapaslang sa isang pamamaraan (binaril sa likod) na tunay na karumal-dumal at kaduda-duda.

Nang aking malaman ang napakasamang balita na ito ay agad kong naisip at pinalangin na wala naman sanang kinalaman ang tokhang at mistaken identity dito sa insidente na ito. Wala naman sanang kinalaman ang ating mga PNP sa pagpaslang sa doktor na ito. Wag naman sanang masama as one of those collateral damage ang pagakapatay sa doctor na ito!!!

Mr. President Digong and Cheap este Chief PNP Bato, lutasin ninyo sa agarang panahon ang krimen na ito ng walang cover-up kahit na ang resulta ng imbestigasyon ay involved na naman ang inyong kapuklisan o ano mang ahensiya o opisina ng gobyerno. Tunay nanakalulungklot ang mga ganitong pangyayari na sana ay hindi basta-basta babalewalain ni Digong ang pangyayari na ito.

Hay naku, ano nga ba ang nangyari sa ating bansa mula ng maupo ang inyong mahal na presidente?

**Kakampi Mo Ang Batas**

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atory upon all citizens. In a clash between a "permissive" law and a "mandatory" law, the "mandatory" law must be upheld, Roque said.

The lawmaker-Rotarian hastened to add however that, despite his opposition to the death penalty law, he remains an ardent supporter and is committed to promote the legislative agenda and other directions of President Duterte. This is well and good, but his arguments seem to point to the big possibility that if and when it is passed, the death penalty law can be substantially contested at the Supreme Court.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

with SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Nora B. Bucasan who died on November 14, 2016 in Baguio City has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with waiver of rights executed by the heirs of said deceased on February 15, 2017 in Baguio City and registered and docketed as Doc. No. 367; Page 74 Book XVII; Series of 2017 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 4, 2017

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of ANSELMA RARAS RAPACON who died in Baguio City on November 24, 2016 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on February 22, 2017 as evidenced by Doc. No. 06; Page No. 16; Book No. IV; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Romeo D. Lopez.

Feb. 25, Mar. 4 and 11, 2017

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that FLORENCE N. DUGAYEN has executed a Deed of Waiver of Rights in favor of her brother, FLORANTE DUGAYEN (a.k.a. DOODS), as evidenced by Doc. No. 105; Page No. 64; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles dated February 16, 2017

March 4, 11 and 18, 2017

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LYSANDER D. BAROÑA, ERICSON D. BAROÑA and GENEVIEVE B. FUENTES were executed a Deed of Waiver of Rights in favor of their brother, FROILAN JOSEPH D. BAROÑA, as evidenced by Doc. No. 337; Page No. 69; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Elpidio C. Siagan dated February 11, 2017.

March 4, 11 and 18, 2017

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City

LITO SAWANGAN DOMAWAL

Applicant

CASE No. 2000-BC-317

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PMA/KIAS-Springhills, Apugan and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on March 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pactal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 15th day of February 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City

CHRISTENE L. CUTAY

Applicant

CASE No. 2017-CAR-93

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on February 24, 2017 for the approval of NEW ISSUANCE of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a for the FREIGHT SERVICE on the line: BAGUIO CITY - CAR and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on March 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pactal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 28th day of February 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 7 BAGUIO CITY

SPS. ERNESTO AND JOSEFA TRINIDAD, Plaintiff,

-versus-

MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD, PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK, AND REGISTER OF DEEDS OF BAGUIO CITY, Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 8319-R

For: Annulment of a Promissory Note dated May 29, 2009 and Cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 on TCT No. T-96516 with Damages

x-----x SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs, through counsel filed a complaint dated September 2, 2015, quoted verbatim, as follows:

“With all due respects to the Honorable Court.

PLAINTIFFS, by and through counsel, state:

Plaintiffs-spouses are husband and wife, of legal age, Filipino citizens and residents of No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; whereas the three (3) defendants, namely: 1) Martin Felipe V. Trinidad (MARTIN, for short) is of legal age, single, Filipino and a resident of No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; 2) Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank, for brevity) is a domestic corporation doing banking business in the Philippines with principal office and address in PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Street, Makati City 1226 and with Baguio City Branch address at Malcolm Square, Baguio City; 3) Registry of Deeds of Baguio City is a government entity and one amongst its functions

is to record and register transactions and dealings with real properties in the City of Baguio with its office address at the first floor (or, basement) of the Baguio City Hall and it is being included a party-defendant as a nominal party... where they may all be served with Summonses, processes, and Orders of the Honorable Court.

II

In March 2008 plaintiffs decided to purchase a parcel of land from Alfredo Pascual with the intention, as the latter agreed, to have part of the acquisition costs financed by a bank by entering into a loan agreement. The aforementioned parcel of land is more particularly described as follows:

“A parcel of land (lot 4, Block 3, Psd-1-013600, being a portion of Lot 1-A-1 (LRC) (sd-43372) situated at the Res. Sec “L” City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 5, Blk. 3, Psd-1-013600; on the NE, along line 2-3-4 by Road Lot 3, Along line 4-5 by Lot 3, Block 3, Psd-1-013600; on the SE., along line 5-1 Lot 1-B, Psd-24492. Xxx containing an area of ONE THOUSAND

TWO HUNDRED (1,200) SQUARE METERS, more or less.”

III

As the plaintiffs at that time were bound to go back to the United States of America, they gave defendant MARTIN limited authority to enter into a loan agreement with a bank in order to facilitate sale transaction by and between the parties; hence, they executed on March 19, 2008 a Memorandum of Agreement with defendant MARTIN to obtain loan and to correspondingly enter into said loan agreement. Attached as ANNEX “A” and made part hereof is a copy of the said Memorandum Agreement. The specific provisions of the memorandum of agreement showing defendant’s limited authority are hereby reproduced as follows:

“That the FIRST PARTY (Spouses Enesto A. Trinidad and Josefa B. Trinidad) hereby agrees that the title to the property be placed in the name of the FIRST PARTY and SECOND PARTY (Martin Felipe V. Trinidad) for the purposes of obtaining a loan, with PSB or any banking insti-

tution, understood that the SECOND PARTY, has no personal right or interest in the property except that he will be also a signatory to loan application for the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP1,500,000.00) to pay for the parcel of land, later to be subject of Deed of Absolute Sale, to be executed between Alfredo Pascual as the vendor.

That the FIRST PARTY and SECOND PARTY collectively will be application of the loan for the purchase of the lot of Alfredo Pascual.”

IV

On March 24, 2008, to effective the aforementioned memorandum of agreement by and between the parties, plaintiffs executed a Special Power of Attorney authorizing defendant MARTIN to borrow or to obtain a loan/ credit accommodations from defendant PSBank the specific amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,500,000.00). Attached as ANNEX “B” and made part hereof is a copy of the said Special Power of Attorney and its pertinent and relevant

Public Apology

I Reggie Garcia expresses my apology to Mr. Anthony C. Bagtang for whatever anxiety I might have caused him during the incident and whatever public commentary I made.

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provisions are reproduced, thus ---

“To borrow money or obtain a loan/credit accommodations from PHILIPPINES SAVINGS BANK, in the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 1,500,000.00) and under such terms and conditions as our attorney-in-fact may agree upon with said bank or financing institution, as well as any increase, extension, renewal, restructuring, re-availment conversion thereof, and to bind us as principal on said loan/credit accommodations jointly and severally or solidarily, with our attorney-in-fact or

with any other person or entity. (emphasis supplied ours) and, should there be a need for an or any increase of loan, it will only be for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost of the subject real property from Alfredo Pascual ONLY.

V

Acting under such authority, Alfredo Pascual executed a Deed of Sale in favor of the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN subject to the promissory note entered into by the latter with defendant PSBank for the amount of Php1,500,000.00

VI

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defendant PSBank notified, through a letter (ANNEX "C" hereof) of even date, defendant MARTIN of the approval of the mortgage loan of Php1,500,000.00 for ten (10) years for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost. Thereupon, defendant MARTIN executed a Promissory Note (ANNEX "D" hereof) on August 7, 2008 in favor of PSBank via its 'fill-in-the-blank form' for the said specific purpose and particular amount only.

**VII**

In the processing the loan, defendant PSBank was of full knowledge and very much aware of the extent of the authority of defendant MARTIN as it was shown and handed a copy each of the Memorandum of Agreement, and the Special Power of Attorney; thus, thereafter, a loan for the amount of Php1,500,000.00 was extended to the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN through the latter by defendant PSBank.

**VIII**

With the release of the loan of Php1,500,000.00 from defendant PSBank, the acquisition cost of the real property from Alfredo Pascual was fully satisfied, the latter executed the corresponding deed of sale in favor of the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN which document was 'Entered on' August 5, 2008 with the defendant Registry of Deeds of Baguio City; hence, transfer of ownership/title of the subject parcel of land was effected and that said Registry of Deeds issued the corresponding Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E" hereof) in the names of SPOUSES JOSEFA B. TRINIDAD and ERNESTO A. TRINIDAD and MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD. And, with the submission of the necessary copies of the documents adverted to in the preceding paragraphs such as of the promissory note, memorandum of agreement, special power of attorney, the promissory note for Php1,500,000.00 and other papers and instruments to defendant Registry of Deeds, an entry on the Memorandum of Encumbrances was annotated on the title (TCT No. 96516) which is mark thereon as ANNEX "E-1" and repro-

duced as follows, to wit: "Entry No. 4349-40-113-PROMISSORY NOTE dated Aug. 7, 2008 in favor of the PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK for ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P1,500,000.00), subject to the conditions in Doc. No. 348, Page No. 70, Book No. CCCXLIII, Series of 2008 of Notary Public of Makati City, Atty. Jose Hernandez Dy. Entered Aug. 8, 2008, 8:30A.M. File No. T-96516."

**IX**

To the total surprise of the plaintiffs, more than one (1) year after plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and Special Power of Attorney, and after the purpose of the execution of the said document was attained and satisfied, that is, to obtain a loan for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost in order for the vendee Alfredo Pascual of the subject real property to execute a deed of sale of his property, defendant MARTIN, acting in concert and in collaboration with defendant PSBank, executed a PROMISSORY NOTE date May 29, 2009 in favor of defendant PSBank for ONE MILLION PESOS ( P h p 1 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0 . 0 0 ) Attached as ANNEX "F" and made part hereof, is a copy of the said Promissory Note.

**X**

That the said promissory note (ANNEX "F") was entered on June 2, 2009 with the defendant Registry of Deeds, and was annotated in the Memorandum of Encumbrances on the title (TCT No. T-96516) which is marked thereon as ANNEX "E-3" and reproduced as follow, to wit:

"Entry No. 8606-41-226 - PROMISSORY NOTE dated May 29, 2009 in favor of PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK for ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) subject to the conditions in Doc. No. 66, Page No. 14, Book No. CCCLXXVIII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public of Makati City, Atty. Jose Hernandez Dy. Entered June 2, 2009, 8:00 A.M. File No. T-96516."

Knowing fully well the limited authority granted to defendant MARTIN that he can only borrow,

secure and obtain a loan of Php1,500,000.00 for the purpose of fully satisfying the acquisition cost of the real property from Alfredo Pascual, defendant PSBank conspired with defendant MARTIN to borrow and obtain a mortgage loan from it in the amount of Php1,000,000.00 thereby executing another Promissory Note (Exhibit "F") dated May 29, 2009 and other documents using plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E") as the security, to the damage and prejudice of the plaintiffs.

**XII**

Plaintiffs were completely flabbergasted by Entry No. 8606-21-226 (ANNEX "E-3") in the Memorandum of Encumbrances pertaining to the Promissory Note dated May 29, 2009 in favor of Philippine Savings Bank for ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00). That defendant PSBank cannot feign ignorance over the limitations imposed on defendant MARTIN by the PLAINTIFFS on the Memorandum of Agreement and Special Power of Attorney as the same conditions had been annotated in the Transfer Certificate of Title T-96516 (ANNEX "E") as that in Entry No. 4348-40-113 (ANNEX "E-2") dated March 24, 2008 because the annotation pertaining to the Special Power Attorney had been dated well before the first Promissory Note as Entry No. 4349-40-113 (ANNEX "E-1") dated August 7, 2008, and the second unauthorized Promissory Note as Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") DATED May 29, 2009.

**XIII**

Consequently, PLAINTIFFS, having been distressed by the untoward, unauthorized and unlawful actions of defendant MARTIN, find the urgent necessity to seek judicial redress for the annulment, revocation and voiding of that PROMISSORY NOTE (ANNEX "F") dated May 29, 2009 and for the cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") appearing on the Memorandum of Encumbrances of plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E") due to want of consent of the plaintiffs.

**XIV**

Due to the unauthorized and unlawful acts

of defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, plaintiffs suffered sleepless nights, mental anguish agony, loss of appetite and hurt feelings due to the adverse effect of having to face and pay another indebtedness for P1,000,000.00 for not being even a party to a/any/all documents executed in relation to the said loan, for which reason the said defendants must be assessed to jointly pay the amount of no less than Php100,000.00 as moral damages.

**XV**

In order for the defendants MARTIN and PSBANK not to trifle with and not to trample upon the rights of others particularly plaintiffs, they must be assessed to pay jointly the amount of Php100,000.00 as exemplary damages.

**XVI**

Due to the unauthorized and unlawful acts of defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, the plaintiffs in order to protect their rights and interests were constrained to engage the legal services of counsel which they have agreed and have already paid the amount Php50,000.00 as attorneys' acceptance fees plus an agreement to pay an appearance fees of counsel/s in the amount of Php5,000.00 per recorded appearance, for which reason defendants must be ordered to pay and refund to the plaintiffs.

**XVII**

Due to the filing of this suit, by reasons of the unauthorized and unlawful acts of the defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, the plaintiffs have to come back to the Philippines and from that time on they have already incurred expenses and spent the amount of Php120,000.00 as actual damages, for which the said defendants must be assessed to pay.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed unto the Honorable Court that, after due notice and hearing, judgement be rendered, in these manner, thus---

a) declaring the annulment, revocation, and voiding of the PROMISSORY NOTE (ANNEX "F") dated May 29, 2009, and,

b) ordering defendant Registry of Deeds of Baguio City to effect the cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") appearing on

the Memorandum of Encumbrances of plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E")

c) ordering defendants MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD and Philippine Savings Bank to jointly and severally pay the plaintiffs the following amounts, to wit:

- 1) Php100,000.00 as and by way of moral damages.
- 2) Php100,000.00 as and by way of exemplary damages.
- 3) Php50,000.00 as attorney's fees plus Php5,000.00 for each and every recorded appearance of counsel/s.
- 4) Php120,000.00 as actual damages, and,
- 5) Cost of suit.

All other reliefs just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 2, 2015.

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MCLE Compliance No. V-0000154- June 20, 2013; Pasig City

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MCLE Compliance No. Passed the bar examination this 2015 so he will attend the MCLE to be provided for by the

Baguio-Benguet Chapter this 26-29 May 2015 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City."

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, plaintiffs through counsel, filed a Motion for the Issuance of Summons by Publication alleging therein among others that on the 3rd day of November 2015, Atty. Robert B. Mabalot, Jr., plaintiff's counsel, tried to cause the service of summons together with the copy of the complaint upon defendant Martin Felipe V. Trinidad, at No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; that upon information from defendant's father Mr. Willy Trinidad, they do not know his whereabouts or had he contacted them as of that date.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, the Court ordered that summons be served upon Martin Felipe V. Trinidad through publication at the expense of plaintiffs Spouses Ernesto A. Trinidad and Josefa B. Trinidad, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and the Benguet province.

NOW THEREFORE, YOU, MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD, whose present whereabouts are unknown, is hereby summoned through this medium of publication and is therefore required to file through

the Office of the Clerk of Court, your responsive pleading and/or answer to the above quoted Answer with Counterclaim, Cross-Claim within sixty (60) days from notice, serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleading and/or answer upon plaintiffs' counsel. Atty. Roberto Mabalot, Jr. at Units 5 and 6 Ground Floor, Megatower Residences Sandico St. corner Tecson St., Salud Mitra Barangay, Baguio City. Your failure to do so within the period herein prescribed will enable the plaintiffs to take judgement against you and demand from the Honorable Court the relief and remedies prayed for in their complaint. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds therefore as defenses in the answer.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIONGSON-TABORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 13th day of February, 2017 in Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) KARLDON M. EUSTAQUIO  
Clerk of Court V

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continuously studied to allow motorists to freely roam around their desired destinations in the city after attending and witnessing the major highlights of the annual flower festival.

According to him, there is a need for the local government and the organizers to consider various options in the future relative to the closure of major city roads during major events lined up for the month-long flower festival to lessen its impact on the traffic around the central business district area.

He said people must learn to leave behind their vehicles in the hotels and transient houses where they are billeted and walk to their desired areas to view the two major parades to help lessen the monstrous traffic jams all over the city when people converged in the central business district area to witness the said activities.

De Leon said the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc. (BFFFI) and the local government will continue to explore all possibilities to address the two major problems, garbage disposal and traffic management, that continue to be their headaches in the successful conduct of the city's annual crowd-drawing event./By Dexter A. See#

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT First Judicial Region BRANCH 6, BAGUIO CITY

In the Matter of the Correction of Entries in the Birth Certificate of Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza

BERNARDO P. TURQUEZA, Petitioner, -versus-

THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR, Office of the City Civil Registrar, Respondent.

Spl. Proc. Case No. 2608-R

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, petitioner, Bernardo P. Turqueza, through counsel, states that:

On August 17, 1995, his daughter, Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza was born at the Baguio Medical Center, Inc., in Baguio City;

Shane Anne was born to then common-law spouses, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez;

During the time of his daughter's birth, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez were not yet legally married but both were free to marry each other or there was no legal impediment for them to contract marriage.

In Shane Anne's Birth Certificate, it contains erroneous entries particularly the place and date of marriage of her parents which were indicated as follows:

"18. Date and Place of Marriage of Parents July 10, 1995-Baguio City"

On the same date of Shane Anne's birth, her mother, Annibeth C. Valdez, gave the information to the hospital personnel who prepared the Birth Certificate, that she and Bernardo P. Turqueza were married on July 10, 1995 in Baguio City;

His wife, Anniebeth C. Valdez gave the untruth-

ful information to conceal her dishonour although originally it was the date, July 10, 1995, when she was supposed to marry him, a member of the Philippine National Police, were it not for his eventual re-assignment to Abra Police Provincial office based in Bangued, Abra;

On February 7, 1997, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez finally got married in Candon, Ilocos Sur and solemnized by Hon. Jonathan S. Biteng, Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court, Candon, Ilocos Sur; Pursuant to Shane Anne's parents' subsequent marriage though belatedly, her illegitimate status has already been legitimated. In short, Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza is no legitimated.

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, an order be issued directing the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City to cause the rectification and correction of the erroneous or incorrect date in the Certificate of Live Birth of Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza, as follows:

Date and Place of Marriage of Parents From: July 10, 1995 - Baguio City To: February 7, 1997 - Candon, Ilocos Sur

Let the petition be set for hearing on May 19, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be posted in four (4) public places at the Bulletin Boards of the City Market, the Post Office, the City Hall, and the Regional Trial Court, all in Baguio City at the expense of the petitioner.

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished to the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the Philippine Statistics Authority in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City and the

Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioner, and his counsel.

SO ORDERED. February 15, 2017. Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) CECILIA CORAZON S. DULAY-ARCHOG Acting Presiding Judge

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Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRACH 64 FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Abatan, Buguias, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF MINOR MANJA GIANNA BREE MAGUID DAWEY,

S P O U S E S MICHELLE LUMASOC AND CEASAR LUMASOC,

Petitioners, -versus-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and the NATIONAL STATISTICS AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

SPEC. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 6417-A-036

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ORDER

Petitioner Spouses Michelle and Ceasar Lumasoc, through counsel, filed the instant verified Petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, the subject child, Manja Gianna Bree Maguid Dawey, be decreed their legitimate child, for all legal intents and purposes.

Petitioners alleged that they were married on April 5, 2006 at La Trinidad, Benguet. A copy of their Certificate of Marriage is attached to the Petition as Annex "E". Despite having married for more than ten (10) years now, they remained

childless.

On the other hand, the proposed adoptee, Manja Gianna Bree Maguid Dawey, was born on May 3, 2016 at Baguio City, the third child of Spouses Michael Neil Dawey and Bernette Dawey. A copy of the child's Certificate of Live Birth is likewise attached to the Petition as Annex "B".

The biological parents of the subject child, Michael Neil Dawey and Bernette Dawey, gave their written Joint Affidavit of Consent for the adoption of their child (Annex "D").

Petitioners finally alleged that they have all the qualifications and none of disqualifications to adopt the said minor. Likewise, the minor is legitimated to be adopted.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby set for hearing on June 21, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, before the Session Hall of this Court, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Due to the absence of a regular Court Social Worker in this Court, the Municipal Social Welfare Office (MSWO) of Mankayan, Benguet is hereby requested to CONDUCT the required Social Case Studies (Home and Child Case Study) in this case; to SUBMIT her report to this Court before the date set for initial hearing; and to TESTIFY on her reports.

Meanwhile, let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and the Cordilleras, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than February 19, 2017.

Furnish copies hereof, together with a copy of the Petition and its Annexes, to the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Municipal Social Welfare Office of Mankayan, Benguet; the Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD-CAR), # 40 North Drive, Baguio City; the Office of the Solicitor General, # 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; The Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila, for their informa-

tion and guidance.

SO ORDERED. Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 15th day of February 2017.

(SGD) SERGIO T. ANGGANAY, JR. Acting Presiding Judge

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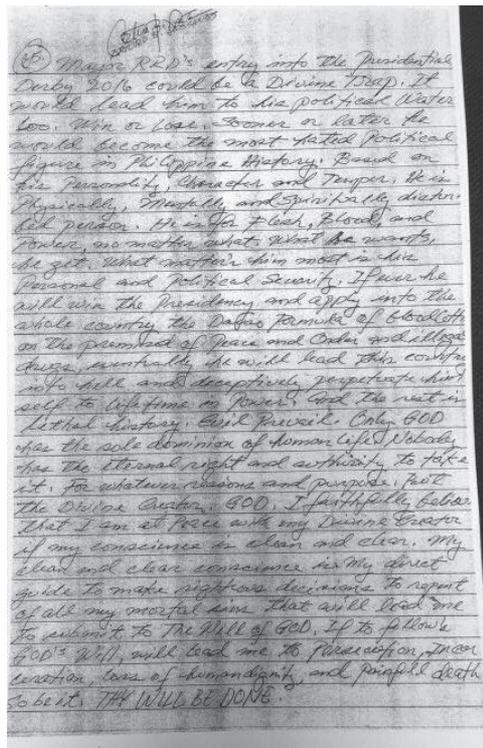
Lascañas pens tell-all journal: Duterte rule 'a Divine Trap'

HE HAD repeatedly denied the existence of the so-called Davao Death Squad or DDS at a Senate hearing just four months ago. Yet last week, retired Senior Police Officer 3 Arturo Bariquit Lascañas suddenly made a turnaround, saying not only that he had been one of the "pasimuno" or major players in the DDS, but also that then Davao City Mayor and now President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had ordered the killings done by the group.

His lawyers said Lascañas had been moved to make the confession because he had been suffering from nightmares about the massacre of a family in Davao that included a woman who was then seven months pregnant and a young boy. In the press conference last week, lawyer Arno Sanidad also said that it had been "maybe a month or two months back" that Lascañas decided to come clean in public about the DDS and his role in it.

But Lascañas may have had laid plans for a tell-all far earlier, having started writing a journal sometime in 2015.

That journal - written by hand on yellow paper - has now reached some 70 pages. In it, Lascañas has apparently scribbled notes about his own career, Duterte's rise to power, and the supposed bloody exploits of the DDS.



Among the few pages he shared with PCIJ is one describing what would later lead to the DDS. Lascañas wrote that after Duterte won "by a slim margin of votes" over then Davao City Mayor Zafiro Respicio in 1988, "the Anti-Crime Task Force was organized by the Mayor (RRD). The Task Force was led by then Major Ernesto Macasaet, a very close friend of Mayor Rody Duterte."

"The Anti-Crime Campaign of Mayor Duterte was so serious and remarkable in its inception, crime rate of Davao City were (sic) observed in its

low level since Mayor Rody became mayor," wrote Lascañas. "He hit hard the organized crime group in the city, w/ the full cooperation of the police force, then the Davao Metropolitan Cont. on page 9

STRICT TRAFFIC COPIS BACK Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomes back dedicated Baguio traffic enforcer SPO4 Alberto Tadeo after the case of internal discipline and misconduct filed against him by a high rank officer at PRO-COR was dismissed by the Regional Internal Affairs Service.



Tadeo is known for his strict enforcement of traffic laws, feared by local motorists but highly respected for giving equal treatment to all traffic violators without fear or favor./By Bong Cayabyab

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District Command.  
**'Bloodletting formula'**

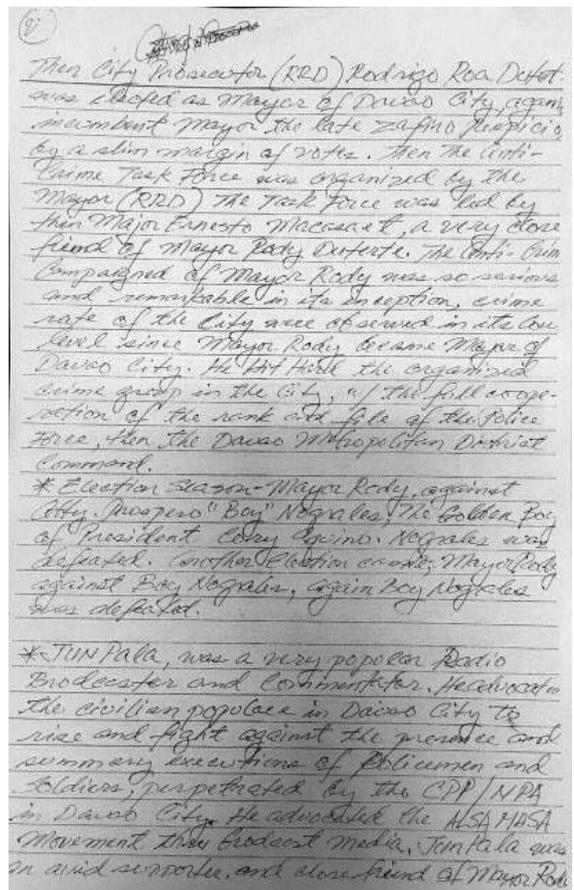
Later pages, however, have this prediction: "Mayor RRD's entry into the Presidential Derby 2016 could be a Divine Trap. It would lead him to his political Waterloo. Win or lose, sooner or later, he would become the most hated political figure in Philippine history."

According to Lascañas, Duterte is a "physically, morally, and spiritually disturbed person. He is for flesh, blood, and power no matter what"

"What he wants, he gets," Lascañas wrote in his journal. "What matters (to) him most is his personal and political security."

He continued, "If ever he will win the presidency and apply in the whole country his Davao formula of bloodletting on the premise of peace and order and illegal drugs, eventually he will lead this country (to) hell, and deceptively perpetuate himself to lifetime in power."

"And the rest," Lascañas said, would be "lethal history, evil prevail(s)."



### 'Like brothers'

Duterte had six full terms as Davao City mayor between 1992 and 2016, during which extrajudicial killings there became rife. (He was a congressman from 1998 to 2001 and was vice mayor from 2010 to 2013, while his daughter Sara was Davao City's chief executive.) Lascañas had worked with the Davao City police for 34 years during that period, too. From 1992 to 2001 alone, the Davao media attributed at least 150 deaths in the city to the DDS and then Mayor Duterte's war against drugs. In September last year, self-confessed DDS hitman Edgar Matobato told the Senate that the DDS, allegedly under Duterte's orders, killed some 1,000 people from 1993 to 2013.

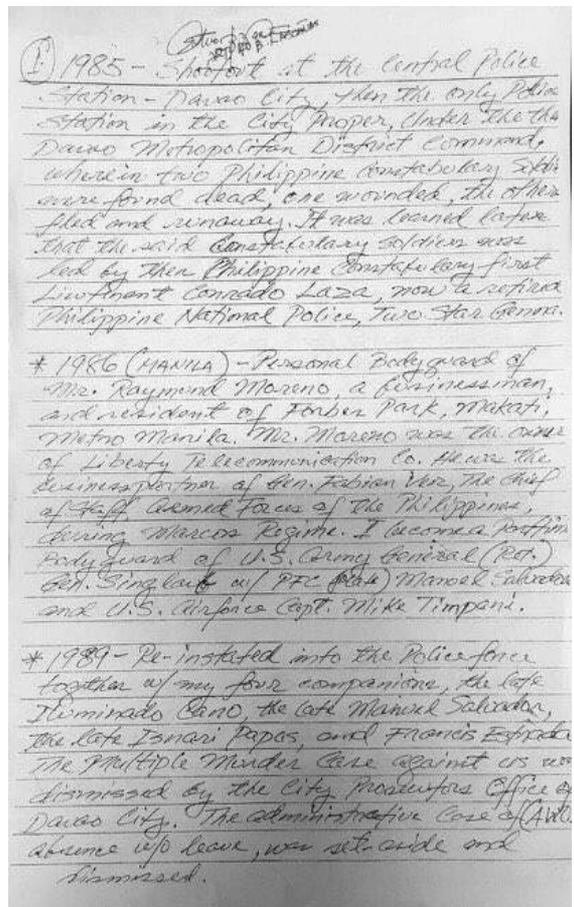
During his testimony at the Senate, Matobato had also pointed to Lascañas as the head of the DDS. He said Lascañas was "talaga ang parang sa tingin ko, parang kapatid, parang kuwan na sila, close na close na sila ni Mayor Duterte (in my view, like a brother, he and Mayor Duterte were really close)."

According to Matobato, Duterte once even told

Lascañas, supposedly after yet another 'hit': "Tur, kung wala ka, hindi malilinis ang Davao ('Tur, without you, Davao would not get cleaned up)."

A few weeks later, however, Lascañas would label almost everything that Matobato said at the Senate as "lies." And as proof that he was not as influential as Matobato had said, Lascañas told the Senate that he had been unable to do anything - "wala akong nagawa" - when two of his brothers who had been involved in drugs were killed in separate incidents by "elements of the Davao City police."

Lascañas also said that when his daughter, then a new nursing school graduate, tried to apply for a job at City Hall, she was not only rejected, but was insulted as well. And this was, he said, when he had been struck by "severe illness" and was on dialysis.



### A journal of guilt?

This was in 2015, which was also the year when Lascañas apparently took up pen and paper and began writing what he would later describe as a journal of his guilt.

"I faithfully believe that I am at peace with my Divine Creator if my conscience is clean and clear," Lascañas said in one of the journal's pages shown to PCIJ. "My clean and clear conscience is my direct guide to make righteous decisions to repent of all my mortal sins that will lead me to submit to the will of GOD."

"If to follow GOD's will will lead me to prosecution, incarceration, loss of human dignity, and painful death, so be it," he also wrote. "THY WILL BE DONE."

Lascañas recently sought religious guidance after making up his mind to come forward. Last Feb. 20, he contacted Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, with whom he had a heated exchange when he testified at the Senate in October last year and denied almost everything that Matobato had said.

### Under close guard

At that hearing, though, Lascañas had admitted that that Philippine National Police Director General Ronald 'Bato' de la Rosa had put him under close guard by a team of policemen. The team, which included SPO4 Sanson "Sonny" Buenaventura (said to be yet another of Duterte's trusted aides), escorted Lascañas

from Davao to Manila and back. De la Rosa himself was present when Lascañas testified at the Senate in October 2016.

"He was under duress and could not move and talk freely," says someone privy to what was happening to Lascañas at the time. "He was also afraid that he and his family would be harmed by the policemen he would implicate and most of all, the president. He was worried about the personal safety and security of his family members who were still in Davao."

Moreover, Lascañas had earlier reportedly received more than enough signals to stay mum. According to the source, "a senior PNP official met with Lascañas before his testimony at the Senate to gauge whether or not he would say anything negative." In fact, says the source, "Police Supt. Antonio Rivera's instruction was that it would be better for him not to testify at all."

Rivera was the spokesperson of the Southern Mindanao police command, and now the incumbent Davao City Deputy Director for Administration.

### Retirement pay

A last but apparently most important reason for Lascañas's testimony of denials in October 2016 was his official retirement from the police service on December 16, 2016. Says the source close to Lascañas: "He was retiring in two months. He was careful not to court the ire of the higher-ups. It would have been a pity if he were to be denied his benefits after 34 years of service."

Lascañas had been on "non-duty status" or inactive service since March 2016, because of his kidney ailment. But at Christmas time last year, after 34 years and seven months in service, Lascañas received a cash payout equivalent to a third of his retirement benefits, or over a million pesos, according to PNP insiders.

A former official with the same rank and tenure as Lascañas said his total benefits should have amounted to P3.1 million, with a monthly pension of about P35,000 on the side. The PNP allows its retirees to get a full year's advance on their pension benefits.

He would have gotten more if his application for promotion to SPO4 had been acted upon. Lascañas even told the Senate that he had followed it up - to no avail.

By contrast, one of the police officers he implicated last week in the murder of a religious group leader, Gaudencio 'Jun' Bersabal, now holds one of the highest positions in the PNP: Police Senior Supt. Rommil Mitra, who was also one of the 22 policemen ordered suspended for six months by the Ombudsman for failure to solve cases of summary killings in Davao City. The police chief of Sigabay at the time of Bersabal's killing, Mitra is now the chief of the Directorial Staff of the PNP Region Office 3 (Central Luzon). - With research and reporting by Nancy C. Carvajal and Davinci Maru, PCIJ, February 2017

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combined efforts have not been enough to clean the garbage left behind by the people who attended the major highlights of the flower festival.

He underscored it will be very difficult on their part to adjust to the situation if the problem is the attitude and discipline of the people in the disposal of their garbage while attending similar crowd-drawing events. De Leon claimed the

installation of garbage bins and other waste disposal containers in all corners of the city will be useless if people do not know how to use them as they simply leave behind their garbage in the places have occupied while watching the festival highlights.

On their other hand, he added effective and efficient traffic management is also a major concern that should be

## PSC wants LGUS to embark on grassroots sports dev't

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) wants all local governments nationwide to be actively involved in grassroots sports development by tapping the skills of the out-of-school youth (OSY) to generate fresh talents that will represent the local governments in local, regional, national and international sports competitions.

PSC Commissioner Fatima Cecilia Kiram, who is the only woman Commissioner of the prestigious sports body, said the Commission decided to increase the incentives of winning local governments in the Batang Pinoy and Philippine National Games (PNG) to empower local governments to discover new young sports talents who can represent the country in future sports competitions.

Kiram turned over to Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan a check amounting to P250,000 representing the city's cash prize for being the overall winner in the 2016 Batang Pinoy games held

in Tagum City, Daveo del Norte last December.

For this year, Kiram disclosed the PSC decided to increase the cash prizes of winning local governments in the Batang Pinoy and Philippine National Games to encourage the greater participation of cities and provinces in the prestigious sports competitions to develop future sports talents from the grassroots level.

The first place winner in the Batang Pinoy games will now receive P500,000, P400,000 for the second placer, P300,000 for third place, P200,000 for the fourth placer and P100,000 for the fifth place winner.

For the Philippine National Games, the first placer will receive P5 million, P4 million for the second placer, P3 million for the third placer, P2 million for the fourth placer and P1 million for the fifth place winner.

Commissioner Kiram underscored the importance of enticing the youth in the grassroots level to deter them from being involved in illegal drugs that might compromise their bright future,

citing by being involved in sports, people can develop a sound mind and body that will help them hurdle the challenges they may meet, including illegal drugs, as they grow to become responsible and dedicated citizens of the community where they belong.

Kiram added the present administration has embraced a policy on grassroots sports development with the increase in the incentives of winners in recognized and accredited sports competitions and the formulation of more sports development programs that will allow the discovery of sports talents from the countryside.

She cited the sports programs being implemented by the local government that has helped earn the city top honors in the various sports competitions accredited by the PSC over the past several years, encouraging local governments to embark on a solid sports development foundation to discover future athletes of the country./By Dexter A. See#

## No movement yet in BIBAK property

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan expressed disappointment over the alleged inaction of some informal settlers in the 5,000-square meter Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) property along Harrison Road to dismantle their structures despite the lapse of over two months since the scheduled demolition of the illegal structures erected on the government property.

The local chief executive said he remains optimistic that the informal settlers will comply with their previous commitment to voluntarily demolish their illegal structures because they have until June 30, 2017, to vacate the area.

"Maybe they are trying to maximize their stay in the area before they will start slowly remove their structures, or else, it will be the members of the city demolition team that will dismantle the structures once the prescribed grace period will expire," Domogan stressed.

He pointed out the informal settlers were the ones who committed to voluntarily demolish their illegal structures that is why the city is closely monitoring the activities of these squatters to prevent further illegal structures from being built and for them to start removing their structures within the prescribed grace period to avoid complications once the deadline expires.

According to him, what is advantageous to the city now is the cooperation of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) is working out the identification of the potential relocation site for the informal settlers who will be displaced from the government property instead of trying to avert the demolition of



**SIGNATURES FOR LIFE** - Members of the Benguet Renal Center Patients and Caregivers Association headed by president Ariel Bastian (extreme right) turns over close to 22,000 signatures of support to the call for free dialysis from residents in the various barangays and schools in La Trinidad and other towns to Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) head Ramon Dacawi (foreground). "This is not just a fight for free dialysis but a fight for life," Bastian said. With him are fellow patients Apolinario Anaydos and Wilson Bacod. The signatures will be collated along with the resolutions of support from the local governments and will be forwarded to the Office of the President, the Senate and House of Representatives, the Department of Health, Philhealth and other national government agencies to come up with a unified Free Dialysis Health Program for the whole country./ Rosa Moresto photo nay an,

## Garbage, traffic management still major concerns for Panagbenga

**B**AGUIO CITY – Local officials and organizers of the annual staging of the Panagbenga agreed that proper garbage disposal and effective and efficient traffic management are still major concerns that must be addressed appropriately in the future conduct of the city's crowd-drawing event.

Anthony de Leon, co-chairman of the Panagbenga Executive Committee, said it was

observed that spectators who attended the grand streetdancing and grand float parades over the weekend and those who stayed in the city's parks have deliberately left behind their garbage despite the presence of garbage bins in strategic areas in the central business district area.

"It all boils down to the discipline of our people. Even if we have thousands of garbage bins around the city if the

people do not know how to manage their garbage, then the garbage bins will not serve their purpose," de Leon stressed.

He revealed the Panagbenga environment committee has over 200 volunteers from the various schools in the city aside from the employees of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) who are assigned in the parks and the streets but their

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the erected illegal structures in the said property.

Aside from committing to voluntarily dismantle their illegal structures, the informal settlers also committed under oath to move for the dismissal of all the cases that they filed against the city before different courts to come out with a peaceful solution to the long standing problem in the area.

According to him, once the informal settlers fail

to dismantle their illegal structures on the prescribed deadline, the demolition team and other volunteers will demolish their structures starting July 1, 2017.

Some 58 residential and commercial structures erected by informal settlers within the BIBAK property have been censured to be demolished by the local government through the years but the informal settlers opted to try their luck in

questioning the issued demolition orders before the local courts where they lost several times.

The embattled informal settlers tried their luck with the Court of Appeals (CA) but they were not again able to get a favourable decision, thus, the scheduled demolition of the illegal structures in the area once they will not comply with their commitments which were executed under oath./By Dexter A. See

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