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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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EMB-CAR warns local officials on solid waste compliance

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR) warned local officials nationwide that they can be imposed a fine of up to P1 million or they could be imprisoned for up to six years once they continue to disregard their mandated compliance to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, specifically the closure of open dumpsites and the establishment of environmentally acceptable solid disposal facilities.

Reynaldo S. Digamo, EMB-CAR regional director, said those local officials who will be charged by the agency will not only be limited to the local chief executives but also include the members of the city or municipal councils and appointed officials such as the municipal or city environment and natural resources officer and others who are directly involved in the management of solid waste.

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Labor Day Protest - Activists, labor groups, and various non-government organizations took to the streets on May 1 to express their sentiments. They are asking the Duterte administration to make good his words particularly on the End-of-Contract scheme and increase in wages. A group of activists also presented a quite catchy presentation wherein they insist that Uncle Sam still has something to do on the worker's woes./Photograph FB: UP Baguio Outcrop, by Divine Loraine Peñaflor

Sana kahit wala na si Gina Lopez ay gawin ng DENR ang kanilang mandato na ipatupad at bigyang ngipin ang ating environmental laws. Di lang dapat sila monitor ng monitor, bagkus ay ipatupad nila ang batas. Kasuhan ang dapat kasuhan, ipasara ang dapat isara!



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Two dialysis patients appeal for help 738 Hired - On- The- Spot at the Labor Day Jobs Fair at Baguio Convention Center

The on-going signature campaign launched by the Baguio media asking the government to make dialysis a free medical service is for 12-year old Evan Mike Bogsit and 36-year old Romeo Garcia whose families are at a loss on how to fund their continuous blood-cleansing sessions in order to survive.

The kid and her mother, Evangeline came to the public information division of the city mayor's office last week, asking help in reaching out to Samaritans who may be able to support the boy's life-time dialysis.

"We are begging your help to help my son," Evelyn said in a hand-written plea, saying the family cannot single-handedly support the kid's twice-a-week hemodialysis set at P2,250 per session or P4,500 a week.

The kid was diagnosed for kidney failure in 2014 after he underwent check-up for urinary tract infection which turned

out to be chronic kidney disease.

Evan's 54-year old father Michael, a vegetable farmer from Amga-leyguey, Buguas, Benguet, was forced to shift to driving a sand-and-gravel truck in La Trinidad, Benguet because of the need for ready cash to sustain his son's continuing treatment and to bring closer the kid to the dialysis center.

"The father's income as driver which is P200 (a day) is very limited to provide the family's basic needs," wrote social worker Irene Tagtag in a social case study report.

The youngest of five siblings, Evan can be reached at FC-198A Central Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. Those who can help may ring up his sister's cellphone - 0910-2670269.

Garcia, of Sapid, Mankayan, Benguet is a widower with two children, Princess Arcia, 7, and Cathy Sy, 4. Who are also bgeset with illness.

The miner of Lepanto, Mankayan, earlier lost his wife, Jane (nee Lamlamag) herself a dialysis patient who decided to go home and die to ease the family suffering.

She left behind children Princess, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia, and Cathy who is epileptic.

Her husband was diagnosed also for total kidney failure when he was confined her in the wake of his wife's death.

Those who can help this orphaned family may contact Romeo through cellphone number 09101116579.

The signature campaign calling for free dialysis was launched earlier this year by the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club, the umbrella organization of Baguio-based media practitioners, the Philippine Information Agency and the Baguio General Hospital and Medical center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association. /Ramon Dacawi.

New schedule of land values presented in public hearing; public urged to submit position papers

BAGUIO CITY - The city government through the city council committee on appropriations and finance presented the proposed revised schedule of market values for lands in another public hearing held last Tuesday at City Hall.

Those who spoke during the hearing did not contest the new rates.

On the contrary, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. Baguio-Benguet Chapter president Modesto Imayaho Sr. expressed support to the adjustment which he said is justified considering that the city government achieved a high collection efficiency placed by city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias at 94.70

percent.

"Had the city's collection efficiency been low, there would have been no need for an increase as what they just have to do is improve their collection but since our city treasurer reported a very high collection efficiency, then there is really a need for an increase as long as it is equitable and satisfactory to both the city and

Labor Day "Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan" (TNK) Jobs and Business Fairs at the Baguio Convention Center was successfully conducted with 738 applicants Hired - On - The - Spot (HOTS).

Eighteen of these HOTS are for overseas employment while 720 of them are for local employment. A total of 2,811 registrants came to the jobs fair, wherein 1,675 applied for local employment and 1,136 for overseas employment.

For the job - seekers, 2,436 were classified as "near hire" or those who have to undergo final interviews and those who need to submit additional documents or to undergo other application requirements such as medical examination that is mostly required for overseas employment.

There were also 273 job applicants that were referred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for skills training or upgrading.

DOLE Cordillera Regional Director Ronie Ezequiel Guzman, during the TNK 2017 Jobs and business Fairs kick - off program extended the Labor Day greetings of

chair Councilor Elmer Datuin and city assessor Almaya Addawe.

Addawe assured that the resulting increase in tax rates in the new schedule was cushioned by the decrease in the assessment levels.

She said they proposed the lowering of assessment levels for land from the current assessment levels of 12 percent in residential lands to just six percent; 35 percent for commercial and industrial land to just eight percent and 12.5 percent for cultural, scientific and hospital to just five percent.

Datuin said that to further temper the impact of the increase, the city is willing to implement the

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III to the Filipino workforce, for their dedication and commitment to serve their families and the country.

Guzman also relayed Bello's assurance that the government, through DOLE, will continue to intensify its effort in protecting the rights of Filipino workers and in shaping - up highly skilled Filipino workforce.

He also outlined that in line with the Labor Department's goal of ensuring a stable and better life to all Filipino, DOLE has the 8 - point labor and employment agenda that includes addressing the continuing concern on unemployment and underemployment; bringing in more labor - related laws; ensuring the protection and welfare of Filipino workers especially those working abroad; bringing in more livelihood programs, and ensuring harmonious relationship between employees and employers.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, who is also the chairperson of the Cordillera Regional Development Council, in his message during the program, also called for

increase in three tranches for three years.

Datuin who was joined by Councilors Edgar Avila and Leandro Yangot Jr. during the hearing said the committee will receive position papers on the proposal within the next 15 days for consideration before they subject the matter to deliberation by the city council.

Addawe said the new schedule was computed based on the current and fair market value for land determined through "geographic stratification" where areas having similar characteristic were identified and grouped under one sub-classification, "sales comparison approach or

a continuing partnership with the government, the industries and all stakeholders in bringing in more employment and livelihood opportunities for the people of Baguio and Cordillera.

Domogan also encouraged the people to also help themselves and bring - out the best in them, may it be as a worker, a family member or as a citizen.

Aside from the employment opportunities, another key component of this year's Labor Day activity is that the Department of Trade and Industry brought in their Negosyo Center and other livelihood services to provide business and livelihood counselling and information campaign, as well as a one- stop - shop for businessmen and entrepreneurs.

DTI Cordillera Regional Director Myrna Pablo outlined that for this year, DTI also strengthened its partnership with DOLE to also bring in livelihood or entrepreneurship opportunities as an option for the people either as for income generation or as an additional way of earning while working./ JDP/CC-/PIA CAR

market data analysis" using sales data and through consultations with bank appraisers, real estate brokers and assessors.

She encouraged those with differing data to submit the same to her office for consideration.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan had expressed hopes that the schedule will finally be adopted by the city council soon for the city to comply with section 219 of the Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code which mandates the city assessor to undertake a general revision of real property assessments within two years after the effectivity of the code in

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New city treasurer implements moratorium on realty tax delinquencies, says no further penalty holiday under his term

BAGUIO CITY – Newly appointed city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias said his office will implement the city council-approved six-month moratorium on real property tax delinquencies but vowed that no more penalty holidays will happen during his term.

Cabarrubias announced last Tuesday that the amnesty on penalties went in effect last March 22 and will run until September 21 this year covering lots, buildings and machineries pursuant to a city council ordinance approved last January.

Under the ordinance, all fines, surcharges, interests or arrears will be condoned upon settlement of real property taxes if paid within the prescribed period.

Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. Baguio-Benguet Chapter president Modesto

Imayaho Sr. said granting the moratorium to benefit erring taxpayers is unfair to those who religiously pay their taxes on time.

Cabarrubias admitted he himself does not approve of condoning tax penalties but he assured that this will not be repeated under his watch

as he will insist on auctioning off to the public properties with delinquencies unpaid for a year.

He said there were only a few taxpayers with delinquencies who benefitted from the moratorium and that the city government grants big discounts to

clients who pay their obligations on time.

The ordinance grants a one-time six-month tax relief to give chance to all real property taxpayers with penalties, fines, surcharges, interests or arrears to settle their accounts.

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Luzon RDCs back operation of Loakan airport

BAGUIO CITY – The Luzon chapter of Regional Development Councils (RDCs) support the long overdue clamor of the RDC-CAR and the region's private sector for the resumption of the operation of the Loakan airport to enhance inter-connectivity of the Cordillera to that of other regions and provinces.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, who also chairs the RDC-CAR, said he brought the issue to the level of the Luzon group of RDCs to generate support from other regional policy-making bodies in sending a strong message to concerned government agencies to prioritize the eventual operation of the Loakan airport.

"We are elated that the Luzon RDC chairpersons supported our repeated call to the national government to prioritize the operation of the Loakan airport, especially for commercial flights, so that we will be able to enhance the inter-connectivity of the Cordillera with other regions and provinces for improved growth and development," Domogan stressed.

The local chief executive claimed what is needed at the airport is for the construction of the alternate road that will totally close the runway to vehicular and pedestrian as well as animal traffic and the provision of funds for the installation of state-of-the-art instrument landing system equipment that will make the airport viable for commercial operations even during bad weather where zero visibility prevails around the airport.

According to him, the rehabilitation of the San Fernando airport was also proposed during the Luzon RDC chairpersons meeting so that it will serve as an alternate airport when aircraft are not able to land in the Loakan airport during bad weather, among other situations.

He claimed the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) was tasked to prepare the pertinent documents to support the renewed call of the Luzon RDC group to open the Loakan airport to commercial flights once its facilities are upgraded with funds from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

Domogan also appealed to concerned government agencies to consider reducing the tedious process in the processing of licenses of airline companies interested to service the Manila-Baguio-Manila route so that more airline companies are encouraged to open the route and provide air and cargo services to prospective clients.

Loakan airport remains open to chartered and military flights but there are no commercial flights that landed at the said airport since 2009.

Domogan underscored the opening of the Loakan airport to commercial flights will definitely spur economic **Cont. on page 5**

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Callamard: PH gov't 'officially informed of my visit'

MANILA, Philippines – What surprise? United Nations Special Rapporteur Agnes Callamard has denied the claim of Palace spokesman Ernesto Abella that the Philippine government was not informed of her trip beforehand.

"I reject the statement issued today by the spokesperson's office of President Rodrigo Duterte stating that the Philippine Government had not been informed in advance of my trip to the country," Callamard said in statement on Friday, May 5.

In a statement released through the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights website on Friday, the human rights expert said: "On 28 April 2017, the Government was officially informed of my forthcoming visit to the country to take part in an academic conference on drug related issues. The Government was also informed that the trip was not an official visit."

"The Government of the Philippines replied with letters dated 29 April and 1 May, acknowledging reception of my letter and reacting to the information about my upcoming academic trip. Exchanges on this matter by phone, mail and email between my mandate and the Permanent Mission of the Philippines continued until 4 May," Callamard added.

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the NGOs who invited Callamard have repeatedly explained the circumstances surrounding her visit.

In her latest statement, Callamard reiterated that she is in the country for an "academic visit" to attend a two-day conference on drug policies. Callamard noted that "it is normal routine for Special Rapporteurs to visit countries to attend different conferences or events, but such activities are not official country visits."

"My current stay in the Philippines is not an official visit, so I will not be assessing the situation in the country, and there will be no report presented to the Human Rights Council," she stressed.

In a statement on Friday, Abella said Callamard's supposed failure to give the Philippine government a heads up on her visit showed she would not be "objective" in checking on allegations of extrajudicial killings in the country.

"We are disappointed that, in not contacting our government in advance of this visit, she has sent a clear signal that she is not interested in getting an objective perspective on the issues that are the focus of her responsibility," said Abella.

In a chance interview with media on Friday, prior to her official statement, Callamard herself made it clear that she was not in the country to conduct an investigation.

CHR Chairperson Chito Gascon also noted that in December 2016, Maina Kiai, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, was also in the country on an "academic visit." The Palace did not issue a statement about his visit then.

"She is not on official mission and we will respect what that means," added Gascon in relation to Callamard, among the guests at the CHR's 30th anniversary celebration on May 4.

A special rapporteur may only conduct an "official visit" upon the invitation of a country. The Philippines extended a formal invitation to Callamard but this came with conditions that "did not comply with the rules and methods of work of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council," said Callamard.

Palace stands by statement

In response to Callamard, while Abella confirmed the exchange between the UN special rapporteur and the Philippines' Permanent Mission in Geneva in relation to the trip, he reiterated that Callamard was asked to "reconsider" it as it coincided with the UN review on the human rights progress of the Philippines, where a Philippine delegation was to make a presentation.

"Ms Agnes Callamard, UN Special Rapporteur, has issued a statement rejecting the Spokesperson's claim that the Philippine Government had not been informed in advance of her trip here to take part in a conference, and that such was not an official visit," Abella said.

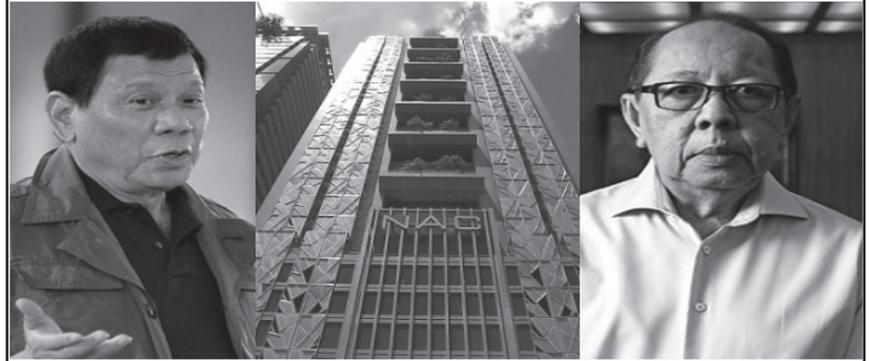
"She conveniently failed to disclose that when the UNHCHR office in Geneva informed the Philippine Mission there. The Mission asked her to reconsider the trip since Philippine officials would be in Geneva at the same time for the Universal Periodic Review, and were expecting to see her, that being the appropriate venue to meet," he added.

Abella said Callamard's "delayed reply came on the day she left for the Philippines."

"This was neither timely nor proper courtesy accorded to a sovereign nation. We stand by our statement," he added.

Callamard was invited by several non-governmental organizations for the Manila forum which covered, among other things, the health and economic aspects of illegal drugs. It will also discuss **Cont. on page 6**

"SAYANG SI GINA, I CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT" -DUTERTE



Nope, the truth is that Duterte is deeply beholden to a mining magnate named Manny Zamora who is a fellow Mindanaoan & owner of NickelAsia, the helicopter that Duterte had used going around in the Philippines for the whole campaign season is owned by Manny Zamora. On top of it, NickelAsia also provided the Duterte-Cayetano team an access to a lavish whole floor of their building in BGC to be their clandestine media operations.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

On "lobby money", who will Filipinos believe more?



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

(Isaiah 1:23, the Holy Bible).

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them..."

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ON "LOBBY MONEY", WHO WILL FILIPINOS BELIEVE MORE? Who do you think our people will believe more on the issue of whether or not congressmen and senators who compose the Commission on Appointments were swayed with "lobby money" to reject the confirmation of former Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Gina Lopez?

We have President Duterte on the one hand saying lobby money "talked" so Gina would not be confirmed, while commission members on the other hand are denying to high heavens they received anything to make them vote the way they voted.

The problem with congressmen and senators is that, the general perception against them has always been that they would grab any opportunity to make money using their lofty positions. They have not been known to uphold the interest of the country and the people. Duterte on the other hand enjoys the trust and confidence of millions of Filipinos, here and abroad, and so people easily believe whatever he is saying!

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I'D SAY, LET US TALK ABOUT THE PAST OF OUR OFFICIALS: The flak that is being thrown the way of Sen. Vicente Sotto III over his purported joke on Judy Taguiwal's being a single mother is totally unjustified. Whether Sotto knew it or not, his comment on the marital status of the incumbent secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development is a very valid point.

Indeed, it is to the best interest of both the government and the people that the personal and official backgrounds, and any other relevant information pertaining to anyone in government, must be made public, and be subject to inquiry. The intention is not to shame but to make sure that the official is fit and qualified to assume the duties and responsibilities of his office.

Concededly, many officials who have had a hand in running the government in this country have managed to hide vital information that would have been material in determining their fitness and qualification, to the detriment of public service. In most cases, many of those who have been elected or appointed to government positions managed to secure their positions even if there are big questions about their past.

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FILIPINOS MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO SELECT THEIR LEADERS: This is the reason why right-thinking Filipinos should endeavor to educate our people about the rudiments of choosing our elected leaders, par- **Cont. on page 6**

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of RA 9003, local officials who will be found to have neglected their duties and responsibilities in solid waste management could be either fined a maximum of P1 million or imprisoned for a maximum of 6 years or both at the discretion of the court.

"We want local officials to unite and work for the crafting of their solid waste management plans that will embody their direction in addressing the solid waste concerns in their respective areas of jurisdiction. We want our local officials to be aggressive in finding solutions to their solid waste concerns and not for them to be fence sitters when it comes to finding solutions to their solid waste problems," Digamo stressed.

The EMB-CAR official called on local officials not to politicize the issue on solid waste management because what matters is the preservation and protection of the state of the environment and the promotion of the health of their constituents that is why there should be a direction in their campaign to find the appropriate environmentally acceptable solution to their solid waste concerns.

According to him, the EMB-CAR will be aggressive in evaluating, validating and monitoring the compliance of local governments to the closure of their open dumpsites and the presence of environmentally acceptable solutions to their solid waste problems and the agency will not hesitate in initiating the filing of appropriate charges against elective and appointive officials who reportedly neglected their duties in finding solutions to their solid waste concerns.

Digamo opined that hauling could be a stop gap solution in addressing the solid waste disposal concerns of local governments but there should be efforts by the local officials to find other practical and doable solutions to the said matter to avoid draining the resources of the local government concerned.

He claimed the EMB-CAR is willing to extend technical assistance to local governments who seek their help in crafting solid waste plans and the putting in place of the appropriate environmentally acceptable technology for solid waste disposal. /By Dexter A. See

New city treasurer...**...from page 3**

The ordinance authored by Vice Mayor Edison R. Bilog and Councilors Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. Peter Fianza and Elmer Datuin applies to delinquent taxpayers as of December 31, 2015.

It covers properties which are undeclared and subject to taxes; declared but the real property taxes have not yet been paid; those included in auctions conducted by the local government but have not yet been purchased by private persons or entities; property owners with pending cases in the court whose ownership are in question and properties sold through public auctions whose ownership has not been officially transferred due to non-issuance of final deed of sale by the local government.

Under the ordinance, all fines, surcharges, interests or arrears will be lifted only upon settlement of real property taxes within the prescribed period.

"Payments of real property tax under the ordinance shall be made either in cash or installment basis, provided that, it will be paid during the amnesty period as fixed and applied as of December 31, 2013; only after the said delinquencies are settled may tax payments be credited to the current period and no further tax amnesty shall be granted after the expiration of the 6-month tax amnesty period," the ordinance read.

It further provides that "no public auction of real properties due to non-payment of tax delinquencies will be held and initiated by the local government during the amnesty period while real properties with delinquent taxes attached after the expiration of the amnesty period shall be offered for sale at public auction to the highest

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS*The "na-ano lang" statement***BY: CLYDE B. SACPA**

The statement of Senator Tito Sotto during the dialogue with the DSWD appointee draw flak from netizens this week. Well, I for one am not surprised. For a person who was a comedian actor with no educational background whatsoever in politics and his educational background is from "Iskul Bukol", it is expected that he'd be doing more of this for the reason that he wants to draw laughter from the audience.

Does making audience laugh by using the misfortune of other people a senatorial move? Or is it the job of senator to make people in the hall laugh at all cost? The answer is a big no. During the Olden times that is the job of the jester. In this modern times, that is the job of comedians.

Well, we cannot blame the senator because before he became a senator he was (and as the incident proves he is still) a comedian. We know for a fact that comedian will do anything say hurtful things and insult other people just to make their audience laugh. If we can recall, a comedian named Vice Ganda did the same thing to Jessica Soho.

Sen. Sotto might have forgotten that he is not in his comedy show when he blurted his "na-ano lang" statement. A joke that I don't consider to be funny at all. Does this show that even the senator's comedic skill became dull as his work as a lawmaker? Well, let's wait for the answer to this question.

In a final thought, we the Filipino voters must share the blame for the "na-ano lang" statement. In the first place if nobody voted for the JESTER then there'll be no JESTER in the senate. The lesson that we must take from this, "Be wise in every decision we make."

New schedule of land...**...from page 2**

1992 and every three years thereafter.

The Department of Finance in its LGU Fiscal Sustainability Scorecard branded the city as 'non-compliant' in the regular updating of schedule of market values and conduct of general revision of property assessment and was given a poor rating the area of revenue generation capacity for the years 2010, 2011 and 2013. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Luzon RDCs back operation...**from page 3**

growth not only to Baguio City but also to the neighboring provinces because more high-end tourists will frequent the city and other potential tourist destinations around it that will contribute in spurring enhanced economic activities that contribute to growth and development for the general welfare of the people.

He expressed his gratitude to the 7-member Luzon RDC group for supporting the proposed reopening of the city's Loakan airport to commercial operations so that the vibrancy of the economy of the whole Cordillera region will be enhanced in the future. /By Dexter A. See

bidder for the sole purpose of satisfying payment of accumulated delinquencies with the corresponding penalties, arrearages, surcharges and interests pursuant to existing laws or ordinances."

It added the application for amnesty under the ordinance shall be filed with the City Treasury Office on a prescribed form to be issued by the same office while the CTO shall also be in charge of the preparation and processing of any compromise agreement together with the corresponding related documents by and between the taxpayers and the City Mayor for and on behalf of the local government. /Aileen Refuerzo

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

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- **UN Special rapporteur paki-alamero**

**BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO**

Secret Jail - Ano ba naman ang nangyayari sa pinuno ng ating kapulisan??? Nangyari na nga, na nabisto ang isang secret jail eh kung bakit naman mismong ang pinuno ng PNP no less than the head and top man of the whole PNP organization, mismong si PNP Chief Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa ay agad na dinepensahan at ipinagtanggol ang gawain ng kanyang mga pulis na wala raw masama o iregular daw sa kanilang isinagawa?! Oh my, mahal na Panginoon. Ano ba namang kagagahan itong naririnig natin mismong sa bunganga ng cheap este chief PNP?!?! Sa pagkakataong ito ay huwag na tayong maging teknikal hinggil sa whether or not alam ni Chief Bobo este Chief Bato na bawal ayon sa saligang batas (constitution) ang ginawa ng kanyang mga pulis.

Sa pagkakataong ito ay pairalin na lang natin ang sinasabing common sense at ito ay simple lang sapagkat kesyo kung anu-ano pang idahilan ng mga pulis -matulis na nagsagawa ng secret jail at kesyo daw masikip na sa jail etc, eh kung wala silang masamang plano na mag-sagawa ng secret jail for illegal intents and purposes eh bakit kailangan pa na takpan ng isang book case ang entrance door ng secret jail at kaya tuloy naging secret jail ito.

Hindi po ba mga dear readers, kung maganda ang hangarin nila at nais lang nila na bawasan ang paghihirap ng mga bilanggo dahil sa over crowded ang bilanguan ay hindi sana isang secret jail ang kanilang ginawa at ipinaalam nila ito sa publiko o sa madla.

There you have it my dear readers, kapag ang isang bagay ay hindi transparent ay malaki ang posibilidad na may mga karumaldumal at kabulastugan na nangyayari at sa pagkakataon na ito ay ang secret jail ay isinasagawa para makapag raise ng pera ang mga nahuli para sa kanilang kalayaan. Ni hindi man lang sila na book or na charge in the first place.

KAYA PARA SA AKIN AY MGA HALANG TALAGA ANG BITUKA NG MGA MASAHOL PA SA HAYOP NA MGA PULIS ANG NAGSAGAWA NITONG OPLAN RANSOM-TUBOS SA SECRET JAIL NA ITO!!!

At ikaw naman Cheap este Chief Bato, huwag mong gayahin ang istilo ng amo mo at hindi mo naman kaya. Linisin mo ng tama at maayos ang PNP at huwag mo ng palalain ang sitwasyon!

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UN Special rapporteur pakialamero - Sino kaya ang nagsasabi ng totoo, si Agnes Callamard na UN Special rapporteur na taga-imbistiga ng mga EJK o ang Malacananag na nag-sasabi na hindi daw tumibre sa gobyerno itong si Calammard hinggil sa kanyang pagdalaw sa bansa? Kasalukuyan ay nasa bansa itong si Canard este Calamay este Callamard. Ayon sa palasyo ay kelangan daw mag-co-ordinate itong si Callamard sapagkat mayroon daw mga protocol na dapat sundin. Hi! Hi! Hi! Nakakatawa naman ang mga ganitong pangangatwiran ng palasyo partikular na si Spokesman Abella na siyang nagbigay ng pahayag na ito! Ano ba namang katwiran ito mga mahal na opisyal sa palasyo? Bakit naman kailangan pa na mag-timbre sa inyo, eh wala naman kayong itinatago hindi ba at malayang makakapasyal ang isang banyaga o dayuhan sa ating bansa hindi po ba?

Ayon kay Callamard ay nasa bansa siya bilang bisita ng FLAG at nag a-atend siya ng forum. Alam naman ninyo na ang isang tunay na imbistigador ay hindi na tumitimbre ng kanyang mga galaw at hakbangin. Tatal naman ay wala kayong itinatago kaya dapat lang na hayaan siyang lumakad kung saan niya gusto. Maganda siguro ay anyayahin niyo sya sa Basilan ng makausap niya ang mga Abu Sayaff. Jok Jok jok lang!

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD LANDER AYKE APOLONIO AND CHANGE OF NAME FROM LANDER AYKE APOLONIO TO LANDER LIWAN WACNISEN,

ROMEO WACNISEN also known as ROMEO LIWAN WACNISEN,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY
Respondent.

Special Proceedings
Case No. 17-A-1059
x-----x

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition for the adoption of minor Lander Ayke Apolonio praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered granting this petition for adoption and that said prospective adoptee be declared the child of the petitioner for all legal intents and purposes.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petitioner is directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home Study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court her REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing

set on September 21, 2017.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than April 30, 2017.

All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Court Social Worker; the Administrator and Civil Registrar General of the Philippines Statistics Authority; the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 17th day of April 2017.

(SGD) MARIETTA S. BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: April 22, 29 and May 6, 2017

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Baguio City
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY, (BENGUET), INC.)
Plaintiff,

-versus-

THERESA FIGUERAS,
Defendant,

CIVIL CASE NO. 5870-R
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NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY
WHEREAS, on November 10, 2016, the Honorable Court, Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City issued a Writ of Execution

in the above-entitled case against defendant Theresa Figueras to pay plaintiff bank the amount of Php 32,236,009.90 plus basic interest of 22% and penalty rate of 12% and in case the defendant fails to pay the amount due, the mortgage property subject matter of the above-entitled case shall be foreclosed;

WHEREAS, the Writ of Execution was served to defendant Theresa Figueras with demand that she comply with the decision of the Honorable Court in the above-entitled case in favor of plaintiff bank, however, she failed, hence, on March 31, 2017, levy was made upon all rights interest, title and participation which defendant Theresa Figueras has or have over that real property subject matter of the above-entitled case which is also the subject of the Real Estate Mortgage dated April 10, 1999 in favor of plaintiff bank, the real property together with all existing improvements thereon is particularly described as follows:

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO Blg. P-2204
Registry of Deeds, Baguio City

"A parcel of land (Tsi-131102-222). Beginning at a point marked "1" of Tsi-131102-222, Res. Sec "C", South Drive, Baguio City, being S., 21-11 W., 36.56 m. from Triangulation Station "Noble" Baguio Townsite: x x x x x. Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (476) SQUARE METERS. All points are marked on the ground by B.L. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x 40 cms." (Complete technical description appears in the title)

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the said Writ of Execution and in accordance with Section 3, Rule 68 and the provisions of Rule 39 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, the Ex-Officio Sheriff through the undersigned will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in PHILIPPINE CURRENCY on May 30, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City the real property above-described in order to satisfy the said Writ of Execution together other legal fees and expenses incidental to

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the experience of other countries in waging a punitive solution to narcotics.

During her keynote speech at the forum on Friday, May 5, Callamard reiterated previous statements that punishment-centric policies against illegal drugs do more harm than the original problem itself. (READ: Is Duterte's 4 million drug addicts a 'real number'?)

Still, Callamard said she "[looks] forward to a positive engagement with the Government of the Philippines on issues of interest to my mandate."

"I remain deeply committed to undertake an official visit to the country," she added. / Bea Cupin /@beacupin/Rappler.com

Improved air and water quality in the city

BAGUIO CITY – Programs for cleaner water and air in Baguio are foremost on the City Environment and Parks Management Office's (CEPMO) agenda, CEPMO head Cordelia Lacsamana reported during the flag raising ceremony Tuesday morning.

Environmental sustainability in cities while dealing with rapid urbanization makes caring for the resources a challenge, Lacsamana said, thankful for the city-allotted P129M for 2017 operations. Major investment projects are funded from other sources, Lacsamana added.

Accomplishments in January to April this year include the newly-inaugurated P15M worth sludge dewatering press at the City Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with a P7M desludging truck.

Twenty-seven sewerage infrastructure worth P40M from the local development fund for 2013 to 2016 were completed, Lacsamana said. Eleven (11) of thirteen (13) projects worth P16M are also completed, with two on-going and monitored by her office.

Sixteen (16) projects worth P24M are on various steps of processes for implementation, Lacsamana reported, as P46.1M worth of 20 urgent sewer projects are funded from the city's Annual Investment Plan (AIP) for this year.

Lacsamana also said her office, together with the Health Services Office (HSO) and City Engineers Office (CEO) are working closely for waste water management, in addition to coordination with other local government units and line agencies for environmental programs.

Japan International Cooperating Agency (JICA) offered a one-month training in Japan

the execution proceedings. Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and its encumbrances thereon, if there be any, for their protection and guidance.

Baguio City, Philippines, April 28, 2017.
FOR THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF:
By: (SGD) DELFINE E. ARIAGA
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: May 6 and 13, 2017

Kakampi mo ang Batas ...from page 4

ticularly those whose positions give them the authority to appoint people to sensitive and important offices. We should impress upon our people certain guidelines that should be used in electing officials.

The first of these guidelines is that, the people to be elected must have the Spirit of God in them, so that we can be sure they will not lie, cheat, or steal. The second is that they must be qualified and competent, and that they must truly hate dishonest gain. The third is that the elected leaders must agree to become "slaves" of the people, not the people's "kings and queens" entitled to perks and privileges.

If we are to measure those who are in elected positions against these standards at this point, I will not be surprised if only a few would be found to be qualified. This is a sorry commentary not only on our leaders, but more on our people, who have allowed themselves to be unwitting tools for the scalawags, the misfits, the criminals and the immoral, to continue lording it over among us.

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for an STP specialist; while a Department Health (DOH), World Health Organization-assisted program for seven trainees start June this year, it was known.

All programs have reference to asian development programs' inclusivity where "no one is left behind," Lacsamana further said.

As to air quality monitoring, areas for particulate matter (PM) 10 and PM 2.5, indicated substantial improvement from "good" to "healthy."

For vehicle exhaust monitoring, motorists now prefer voluntary testing at the North Sanitary Camp venue, from being flagged in the streets. Funds generated from Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) activities and voluntary emission testing are

kept in a trust fund, the report states.

According to Lacsamana, the city is enrolled in the global platform for clean air advocacy and compliance activities are submitted for certification. The program, under the Clean Air Asia will assess and later give out results.

Lacsamana also said the clean air monitoring council adheres to the environmental code provisions.

"The office is overwhelmed with the task of caring for a city with a base population of 400,000, increasing with seasonal visitors, but with the environment code and other relevant laws, provides better direction in environmental management," Lacsamana ended, but creating avenues for partnership and action is still the best way forward." /Julie G. Fianza

**Two Banaue Rice Terraces...
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with Tan, Davies Paints Phl Marketing Communications Manager Joann Virina, Banaue Mayor Jerry Dalipog, Ifugao Governor Pedro Mayam – o and other local officials unveiling the project design beside the rice terraces marker in front of the municipal tourism office.

Tan outlined that such initiative is part of the Rev – Bloom program of the DOT which primarily aims to help sustain the UNESCO World heritage title, wherein aside from the efforts to restore the grandeur of the rice terraces, must also include the enhancement of the communities within.

Development is bringing in more houses and structures within the rice terraces communities wherein instead of native materials are now using concrete and galvanized iron roofing, thus the project aims to enhance them to blend with the natural beauty of the terraces, Tan stressed.

Tan also called for a partnership with the concerned communities for the community enhancement (painting) project as they are the first to be befitted of such program. At the same time, she also encouraged the people of Banaue especially those along the roads and within the

town to help in the re – greening and beautification efforts for the sustainable tourism development of this town that is among the prime tourist destinations in Cordillera.

Virina, for Davies Paints part, said they are very excited for this community enhancement project in Banaue. She disclosed that they are developing unique colours in the shade of brown and green that will naturally blend with the rice terraces.

Dalipog also affirmed the municipal government gratitude and support to the DOT – Davies program that he outlined as aligned to their tourism development plan. //JDP/CCD – PIA CAR



JOB FAIR - Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan gives an inspirational message during the Job and Business Fair at Baguio Convention Center last May 1 in line with Labor Day Celebration undertaken by Department Of Labor and Employment-Cordillera Administrative Region(DOLE-CAR) in cooperation with PESO-Baguio. Domogan advices job seekers to be neater and presentable during job interviews./Photo by Rj Cayabyab

CPA Statement on the CA Rejection of Gina Lopez as DENR Sec

The Cordillera Peoples Alliance condemns the Senate Committee on Appointments' rejection of Ms. Gina Lopez as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. This event only shows who controls government. We cannot help but think that the mining industry and the mining giants mobilised their millions to influence the CA. We ask, what kind of government puts first big mining businesses over human rights and social justice. Years and years of experience in the Cordil-

lera and elsewhere in the Philippines has proven that where there is large, destructive mining, there is State militarisation and human rights violations; irreparable environmental destruction and violation of indigenous peoples' ancestral lands and right to self-determination.

The rejection of Ms. Lopez as DENR secretary is one among the many indicators proving that it is ultimately upon the people, especially mining-affected communities and indigenous peoples, to rely on their own strength in the fight

against the plunder of our resources, ancestral lands and destructive mining.

We will continue to call for the repeal of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and the enactment of the People's Mining Bill. We will continue to resist imperialist plunder in our lands and territories, call for a stop to the operations of large and destructive mines, and for the pullout of military troops in our communities. ***

Reference:
ATB Anongos, Secretary General

War on drugs continues

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio City Police Officer-in-charge Senior Superintendent Ramil L. Saculles disclosed that with the Anti-Illegal Drug campaign plan "double barrel: reloaded" which is being closely coordinated with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the BCPO has arrested 208 drug personalities through police operations.

Also, 2,364 drug personalities surrendered through Oplan Tokhang and Oplan Taphang recovering 208.74 grams

of shabu and 2,380 grams of marijuana leaves amounting to P1,788,129.00.

"The BCPO has accomplished additional 23 arrests of drug personalities and 27 newly drug surrenderers covering the period march to April 20 under the Project Double Barrel reloaded comprising 14 buy-bust operations and five positive police responses," said Saculles.

"Our office has confiscated 30.5 grams of shabu and 24.405 grams of dried marijuana leaves

amounting to P184,830.00.

Moreover, the four declared drug unaffected barangays are Country Club, Happy Hollow, Upper Dagsian and Lower General Luna.

As of December 2016, the Regional Oversight Committee on Illegal Drugs has declared 105 barangays in Baguio as drug cleared.

While seven barangays were recommended for drug cleared barangays still awaiting validation of the Regional Oversight Committee on Illegal Drugs namely, Campo

Japan gov't needs 3 hectares for drug rehab center

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan confirmed that the Japan government is looking for a 3-hectare land area in the city where it could build a state-of-the-art drug rehabilitation center for the care and rehabilitation of the increasing number of drug surrenderers wanting to reform and go back to mainstream society.

The local chief executive met with Health Undersecretary Henry Tong-an and officials of the regional health department who informed him about the plan of the Japan government to bankroll the construction of a drug rehabilitation center primarily catering to the needs of the drug surrenderers in the city and the region as a whole.

However, he advised national and regional officials to request the representatives of the Japan government to pay a visit to the city and inspect the city's available land holdings, particularly in Sto. Tomas Apugan where its 139-hectare property is

Filipino, Quezon Hill roper, Pacdal, Ferdinand, Lower QM, Aurora Hill and Dontogan.

Saculles said that there are 12 more barangays categorized as slightly affected barangays which is subject to clearing operations to free from any

located, but the development of the area entails a huge amount of money because the necessary road system to access it is initially estimated at P200 million based on latest estimates of the City Engineering Office.

"We suggested to Undersecretary Tong-an that if the city's available land holdings will not qualify based on the standards of the Japan government, it would be best to recommend to the funding agency that the proposed drug rehabilitation center be located even outside the city where there can be suitable areas so that the center will not be transferred outside the region," Domogan stressed.

He pointed out the plan of the Japan government to fund the put-up of a drug rehabilitation center in the city is a welcome development because it would greatly help address the concern of the government and private sector on how to attend to the rehabilitation needs of the drug surren-

derers wanting to undergo recover and live a normal life.

According to him, the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the private sector of the city have partnered to work out the initial rehabilitation of the growing number of drug surrenderers in the city but there is really a need for a local drug rehabilitation center where the drug surrenderers could be treated.

He claimed it is difficult for the local government and the drug surrenderers to go to the nearest drug rehabilitation facility located in Dagupan city, Pangasinan for treatment because of financial and other issues that deter their full rehabilitation.

He added the city is willing to coordinate with neighboring towns of Benguet that could offer the available land area if the city's property in Sto. Tomas Apugan will not pass the standards of the Japan government so that there will be a drug rehabilitation center near the city. /By Dexter A. See

Bakakeng Central.

With the collaborative and unified cooperation, participation and support of every individual and the different agencies, the BCPO ensures the safety of Baguio City from drug related incidents. //Jho Arranz

Urban edible gardening contest on

BAGUIO CITY – The search is on for the best urban edible home or backyard garden in the city.

Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. who spearheads the search said 25 barangays entered the contest intended to promote backyard gardening as a means of augmenting food production and of strengthening environmental and solid waste management programs.

The alderman said the entries are now being evaluated by the board of judges composed of representatives from the offices of Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Yangot, Department of Agriculture Cordillera (DA)-CAR, Department of Trade and Industry-CAR, the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc. and from the private sector including urban gardening champion Danilo Aglian.

Cash prizes await the winners of the contest which Yangot said will be institutionalized as an annual undertaking of the city government.

Yangot said the contest will serve as a springboard to establishing demonstration farms in the city which will later be developed as another tourist attraction.

The contest is a joint project of Yangot as chair of the council committee on market, trade and

commerce and agriculture, city mayor's office, DA-CAR, DTI-CAR, BFFFI, Benguet Electric Cooperative, INNABUYOG Cordillera and other urban garden advocates.

“The main objective of this program is the establishment of urban gardens or backyard farms in the city to promote organic food production particularly among the marginalized sector of the population in order to achieve a degree of food security and diversity, that is, to empower the city residents to produce food for themselves,” Yangot said.

He said the other purposes of the program are on the production of medicinal plants as well as preservation of biodiversity of traditional plant varieties.

“The project is in consonance with the implementation of the urban gardening or backyard farming program in various barangays in the City of Baguio to instill awareness to the local residents on the importance of preserving the remaining environment of the city as well as encouraging them to cooperate in the solid waste management program particularly in the recycling of waste materials,” he added.

Yangot said the project is just one component of the urban gardening program which also

includes the conduct of community education to raise the level of creativity of Baguio residents on the use of urban space for food production and value of quality food including technical assistance to ensure the productivity and diversity with appropriate technology.

The contest will include a garden showcase day to allow community members to tour participating gardens and receive gardening tips from the city's top amateur gardeners.

Criteria for the contest include layout of communal garden (creativity or innovation and maximum utilization of area); technology profile (use of deep dug raised bed, compost and natural soil amendments and practice of biological method of controlling insect pest and diseases); functionality (quality and quantity of produce, produce are being sold to community for feeding program or being sold to community at minimal cost, seedlings for distribution and selling and adaption of technology from communal to household; other physical features (provision of clean and sufficient water supply, good drainage and presence of organic fertilizer and pesticide facilities; and management and sustainability. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

1st Cordillera monograph lauded

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan commended the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) and the

Cordillera office of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA-CAR) for publishing a monograph containing the stories of

persons who closely worked with the late Fr. Conrado Balweg and who have direct

knowledge of the armed struggle that resulted in the recognition of the clamor of the indigenous peoples of the region for the grant of autonomy. Domogan, who also chairs the RDC-CAR, said the various tribes in the region have numerous rich time-honored practices that must be documented before they get lost with the passage of time, thus, the RDC-CAR's effort to document untold stories



ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT - City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana gives updates and accomplishment report of her office in waste water management, air quality monitoring, forest and watershed management, and parks management during City Hall flag raising ceremonies May 2. - By Bong Cayabyab

Two Banaue Rice Terraces communities up for enhancement

BANAUE Ifugao - The Department of Tourism, in partnership with Davies Paints, will implement a community enhancement project in two communities of the Banaue Rice Terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The project is part of the DOT Rev - Bloom program, an initiative of DOT Cordillera Regional

Director Venus Marie Tan that aims to re-visit, revitalize and revitalize prime tourist destinations in Baguio City and the rest of the Cordilleras.

One popular Rev - Bloom project of DOT - CAR, in partnership with Davies Paints, is the Mural Community Painting of STOBOSA (Stone Hill, Botiwitw and Sadjap) along Kilometer

3, La Trinidad, Benguet. For the Banaue Rice Terraces project, it will involve around 6,000 square meters of rooftops and roofs along the Batad rice terraces and the rooftops of around 429 houses and structures in Bocos village.

The project was officially launched during the Imbayah Festival last April 29, **Cont. on page 9**

of the armed struggle and those who were indirectly and directly involved in the struggle should be sustained.

However, he advised the RDC-CAR and NEDA-CAR to make sure that all those involved early in the armed struggle must be included in the documentation process to avoid envy and jealousy that might crop up at this time when the region is on the right track in its clamor for an autonomous region in the Cordillera.

“We are happy to note that there will be succeeding chapters of the book that is why we appeal to those who have knowledge of the armed struggle to come out in the open and agree to the documentation of their stories just as what the other pioneer autonomy advocates had done,” Domogan stressed.

He said that while the publication of the book is somewhat late, there is a need for the RDC-CAR and the NEDA-CAR to pursue the publication of succeeding chapters of the book that would focus on the role of key people and various sectors in the armed struggle that resulted in the signing of the historic Mount Data peace agreement on September 13, 1986 between Fr. Balweg and former President Corazon C. Aquino and the subsequent issuance of Executive Order (EO) no. 220 that created the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) composed of the provinces of Abra, Benguet and Mountain Province and the City of Baguio from Region I and the provinces of Ifugao and Kalinga-Apayao from Region II.

According to him, it is important that the book

will be widely distributed to the different schools around the region and even outside the Cordillera so that today's youth will be aware of how difficult the armed struggle was for them to value what their forefathers had been fighting for and in the end, they will learn to understand why Cordillerans are clamouring for autonomy from the national government.

The publication of the Cordillera monograph was the initiative of the RDC-CAR in partnership with the NEDA-CAR to document the untold stories of living personalities who closely worked with Fr. Conrado Balweg or those who actively participated in the formulation of the Mount Data peace agreement and the creation of the CAR up to the crafting of the first and second autonomy laws. / By Dexter A. See

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