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Evil father rapes daughter, sodomizes son

By Nelson Bolos

Concepcion, Tarlac - - He is a devil reincarnate. Thus said PSupt Luis Ventura Jr to a man who was arrested for repeatedly raping his 8-year old daughter and sodomized his son.

In his report to Tarlac Police Director PSSupt Ritchie Posadas, Ventura identified the suspect of "incestuous crime" as Alberto Lansangan y Nicdao, AKA Loy, 57, of Brgy Corazon De Jesus, here.

Lansangan's "devious abuse of his children" came out when her youngest daughter "Mary Jane" not her real name was accompanied by her maternal aunt Richelld Menese to the police station.

The 8 year old Mary Jane told police investigators that she was repeatedly raped by her own father, and the number of times she was **Cont. on page 2**

Magsumbong sa Weekender!

>Meron ba kayong issue na matagal nang pinaabot sa mga liderato natin ngunit di kayo pinapasin?

>Meron ba kayong sumbong ngunit di niyo alam kung paano at kung kanino ito ipaaabot?

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Sundan ang inyong mga sumbong sa p. 6



MODERN FARMING - Korean technology in seeding and transplanting of rice was demonstrated during the 39th anniversary of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech) and in celebration of the 18th Postharvest Loss Prevention Week (May 22-26) at the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija on Wednesday (May 24, 2017). (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

1 Guro, 3 iba pa, tiklo sa droga

Paniqui, Tarlac - Kung sino pa ang dapat magbigay ng magandang halimbawa at taga-hubog ng magandang asal sa kabataan ay siya pa ang wawasak sa kanilang kinabukasan." Ito ang himutok ng isang source sa naganap na buy-bust operation na

inilunsad nina PO3 Herald Galatiera, Intel PNCO at ilang miyembrong SDEU sa ilalim ng superbisyon ni PSUPT Joel L. Mendoza, COP ng Paniqui MPS kamakailan na nagresulta sa pagkahuli nina Elsa I. Dispo, di-umano ay isang guro sa Eduardo

Cojuangco National Vocational High School at Ained B. Balmocena na pawang residente ng MH Del Pilar Street, habang si John King D. Macaraeg ay naaktohang nagdedeliber ng shabu kay Dispo sa mismong bahay ng nasabing operasyon. Nagsilbing poseur buyer

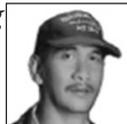
si PO1 Jayson Capinpin. Kasamasina PO1 Marlyn Merca na siyang kumapa Dispo. Si Mr. Eligio G. Garingo ang media representative at Kgd Alex San Diego at Jaydee Abraham ang barangay officials na witness. Kasong paglabag sa RA 9165, section 5 & 11 ang isinampa laban sa mga naturang mga suspek./ *Rem de Leon Galang*

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BY: ROLDAN P. RAMOS

Tarlac City Police joins Brigada Eskwela

TARLAC CITY — Deputy Chief of Police and Police Community Relations Officer (PCRO) PCInsp. Jim Pangilinan Tayag supervised deployed personnel of the various community precincts and partook in the “Brigada Eskwela” activities of the schools here in preparation for the opening of classes this June.

The police personnel repainted classrooms, trimmed trees, cleaned the grounds and did some repair works in Bagong Barrio Elementary School, Matatalaib High School, Sto. Cristo Integrated School, Doña Arsenia Elementary School, Alwindia-Aguso High School, Balibago I Integrated School and Dalayap Elementary School from May 15 to 19.

The cleanup drive of the schools has always been supported annually by the Tarlac City Police, like this year’s “Brigada Eskwela” as

Tarlac celebrates first KanLAHI festival

TARLAC CITY - Tarlac province celebrates its 144th founding anniversary this year with the 1st Kanlungan Ng Lahi (KanLAHI) Festival.

“This is a grand celebration of cultural diversity of the Province. We hope that this celebration will inspire our fellow Tarlaqueños to promote our tourism and be proud of our heritage,” Governor Susan Yap said.

Activities lined up in the weeklong celebration include Food Festival and Trade Fair, Colored Chalk Competition, Battle of the Bands, Bloodletting and Medical Mission, Dog Show,

guided by the theme, “Isang DepEd, Isang Pamayanan, Isang Bayanihan Para sa Handa at Ligtas na Paaralan.”

PCP commanders PCInsp. Herolito Teria, PSInsp. Joy Turaray and PInsp. Wilhelmino Alcantara joined their staff in the “bayanihan”.

Meanwhile, the PCRO staff continued their information campaign with the help of PO2 Diana Orallo, Police Non-Commissioned Officer (PNCO), who distributed flyers in Barangay Armenia in relation to anti-drug campaign.

PCInsp Tayag and PCP 2 Commander PInsp. Joy Turaray, with other police personnel, conducted lecture on Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 in Brgy. San Nicolas on May 12, 2017.

The Tarlac City Police continues to accomplish their missions with dedication and enthusiasm./Tarlac CIO

and Tarlaqueño Got Talent.

Also, Job Fair, 1st Gov Susan Yap Inter-Town Basketball Cup, Mutya ng Lalawigan ng Tarlac Grand Coronation Night, Car Drifting Show, Tarlac National Painting Contest, Sayaw Hataw Dance Contest, Paloro ng Lahi, Grand Float Parade, and Street Party.

“On our actual founding anniversary on May 28 which coincides with National Flag Day, we are awarding our Modelong Tarlakenyo. We are also holding our 1st Motocross Competition, and Mister Tarlac 2017 Grand Pageant Night,” Yap added. (CLJD/CJVF-PIA 3)



Congratulations to our City Chief of Police, PSupt. Bayani M. Razalan! PSupt. Razalan was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his exemplary performance in his anti-illegal drug operation, maintenance of peace and order and public safety and security. The awarding was held at Camp Macabulos, Tarlac City, May 22. Tarlac CIO; Photo by Tarlac City Police Community Relations Office

Gen. Magalong visits TPPO; Commends Tarlac ‘Top’ Cops

Tarlac City - “The maverick Mamasapano investigator graces the camp.”

Thus said with the visit of former Philippine National Police Deputy Director Benjamin Magalong of the Tarlac Police Provincial Office (TPPO), May 22.

Magalong attended the TPPO traditional flag raising ceremony and conferred special commendation to 4 chiefs of police (COP) of the province for their recent “exemplary accomplishments.”

The ceremonies hosted by Provincial Director PSSupt Ritchie Medardo Posadas was also graced by former PNP Region 3 Director retired PCSupt Rudy Lacadin.

Conferred with special commendation were PSupt Luis Ventura Jr, Concepcion COP, PSupt Bayani Razalan, this city’s COP, Psupt Ariel Red, Capas COP and PSInsp Jose Natividad Jr., Pura COP.

In his message, Magalong advised the PNP officers to “lead by example and to always instill inspiration to their

subordinates”.

“A good and effective (police) leader is one who inspires his men and always give them personal thoughts”, Magalong said.

“The Mamasapano case is one among the very controversial issues I handled. (And) I do not regret having done what was expected of me as a policeman; also revealed Magalong.

Magalong, who retired last December, belongs to PMA batch 1982, and was the former PNP Police Deputy Director for Operation, the third highest rank official in the PNP hierarchy. He is much senior than PNP Chief PDG Ronald Dela Rosa but retired after 38 years in the service.

Just before his retirement, Magalong hugged the news, when as Director of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), released his report on the Mamasapano “debacle” where 44 PNP Special Action Force (SAF) members were killed while attempting to arrest the “notorious Malaysian international terrorist and bomb-maker”

Zulkifli Abdhir, also known as Marwan, in Barangay Tulanalipao, Mamasapano, Maguindanao last 2015.

Marwan was killed but the fierce battle between government forces and muslim radical groups left more than 100 dead.

In his report, Magalong included then president Benigno Aquino III and former PNP Chief Allan Purisima as among those “who should be made responsible in the death of the 44 SAF members.”

Those in the know claim Magalong should have been promoted as PNP chief if only he did include Aquino and Purisima in his Mamasapano report.

Magalong, also extolled Posadas as “one among my finest policemen and a very promising officer”.

The 57-year old retired police general also revealed, just before leaving police service, he was offered 2 cabinet positions but declined the government posts. He said he is now in the top management of a P30 Billion private

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abused was beyond her fingers (more than 10 times).

With her “livid staring” Mary Jane appears to be in a “state of traumatic shock” and her medico legal shows that she was indeed raped – “multiple lacerations in her vagina.”

According to her aunt Menese, the young tot, who stopped her prep-schooling, also told her how her eldest brother, 13-year of “Ireneo,” was

also sexually abused by their father.

Mary Jane described how their father “sodomized” Ireneo. “Pinapasok niya titi niya sa puwet ng kuya ko,” said Mary Jane.

“The narration of Mary Jane is very natural and very naively truthful, that’s why we arrested Langsangan. If he is not insane, he must be a reincarnation of the devil. Over what he allegedly did to his children, Langsangan

may do harm to others if allowed to roam around,” said Ventura, the town’s chief of police.

On the other hand, Mary Jane’s mother “Lucila,” though present during the police investigation, refused to utter any word on her children’s allegations of sexual abuse by their father.

Lucila, however, said Lansangan always physically beats him if she fails to bring any food to him.

“Binubugbog niya ako

kung wala akong dalang pagkain,” Lucila said describing her jobless husband who is said to be into drugs.

Sought for comment, Mayor Andy Lacson said, “baka baliw nga ang taong ‘iyan, hindi siya normal, dapat maparusahan sa batas ang taong nang-rape ng anak niyang babae at lalaki, lalo pa mga menor de edad. Dapat din siyang maparusahan sa pambubu-bugbog sa kanyang asawa”.

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3 Nueva Ecija Drug-Pusher Groups, Bulacan-Based Drug Supplier Arrested

Cabanatuan City -- Drugs in this city come from Bulacan?

This question cropped up after police here arrested 3 drug pusher groups and a Bulacan-based drug supplier all in a single day simultaneous buy-bust operations around the city where all the illegal drugs apparently came from Bulacan.

In his report, PSupt Ponciano Zafra said 12 drug personalities belonging to 3 drug groups were arrested.

He identified the first group to be entrapped as Edgar Ramos, alias J-A, 42, Villa Benita Subdivision, Barangay H. Concepcion, this city, Melissa Lepcia, alias Liza, 34 of Barangay San Vicente, Gapan City, Ariel Del Ponso, alias Kalbo, 53, and Iluminada Delos Santos, alias Lulu, 49, both of Poblacion, Plaridel, Bulacan who were entrapped in Villa Benita Subdivision, Barangay H. Concepcion.

Ramos said, Delos Santos and Del Ponso, who both hail from Bulacan, supplied the shabu confiscated from their group. Twenty sachets of shabu were seized from them.

The second group of drug peddlers Zafra said were nabbed at their "hide-out" in Barangay Lourdes who were Vergel Puno, 37, and another minor.

Thirteen sachets of shabu were confiscated from Puno and Salinas

The third group were Jerico Dante Listerio, 34, of Barangay Dulong Bayan, Quezon, Leny Santos, 31

of Barangay Mayapyap Sur, Patrick Anthony San Gabriel, 33, Ernani Coguiz, 33, a government employee, and Alberto Garcia, 33, all resident of Barangay Mabini Extension, this city, who were the first group rounded up.

The five suspects yielded 18 sachets of shabu which they say came from supplier who is also from Bulacan province.

Also arrested was Bulacan-based Marilou Calceta, 41, of Sitio Tubigan, Gayagay, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, who was entrapped at the Central Terminal Station just after she arrived from Bulacan.

Two bulging sachets and a retail-sized sachet of shabu, besides the retail-sized meth, were seized from Calceta. Calceta is reported to be a "regular supplier" of illegal drugs from her hometown San Jose Del Monte.

"We are closely validating this information (drugs coming from Bulacan) and our drug problem will not end for as long as there are suppliers from outside. Hence, our focus now is how to stop the inflow (of drugs) into our city" Zafra said.

"Despite our determined efforts, new groups and individuals come out as drug pushers and suppliers. Since July last year, we have arrested 338 drug personalities, most of them are pushers, from our 208 anti-drug operations. This includes the 131 arrested, within the last almost 3 months. Yet almost every day, new drug users and

pushers are reported to us", Zafra disclosed.

In a related development, barely a week ago, the Tarlac Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) headed by PCInsp Jerrald Jake Manguerra arrested in a police raid a "new drug dealer" Norberto Ramos who said his supplier of shabu is a certain "Pogi" from Plaridel Bulacan.

More than 15 grams of shabu was seized from Ramos.

The 12 persons arrested by Zafra's police team are detained at this city's police station./Nelson Bolos

754 indigent patients in Central Luzon benefit from 'Lingap'

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — At least 754 patients in Central Luzon have so far benefited from the Libreng Gamot Para sa Masa (Lingap) program by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Lingap is a project of President Rodrigo Duterte that provides PHP1 billion to fund medicine assistance for indigent patients.

The "Lingap" program started in Central Luzon on February 22, 2017, a week after the signing of the memorandum of agreement (MOA)

between the DSWD and Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital (JBLMRH) in Pampanga.

Records from the DSWD Field Office III showed that a total of PHP9.04 million has been utilized for the medicines of 754 indigent patients from February to March 2017.

Of the total patients, 510 were family heads and other needy adults, 223 senior citizens and 21 youth.

Most of the patients are suffering from chronic kidney disease, hypertension, heart problem, diabetes and cancer.

Phl Rural Development Project-funded FMR in Nueva Ecija opens

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga -- Department of Agriculture (DA) officials recently graced the opening of the San Juan-Villa Joson-Porais farm to market road (FMR) in San Jose City, N.E. which was funded under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP).

"This 5.17-Km FMR is the first completed infrastructure subproject of PRDP in Central Luzon. It will support the implementation of the Sikkap San Jose Ampalaya Enterprise, another PRDP subproject that will be managed by three proponent groups that

have merged and formed a cooperative called SIKKAP," PRDP Regional Project Coordination Office 3 Focal Person and

DA Regional Technical Director Crispulo Bautista said.

The activity also marked the start of the construction of the ampalaya packing building, which will be used for the post-harvest production of SIKKAP.

During the event, Provincial Agriculturist Serafin Santos recalled the hardship that they went through in order to get the approval of the FMR and ampalaya packing house.

"This FMR is the fruit of our hard work and determination in getting this project. I hope that the 3 cooperatives will enrich the project given to them by the PRDP. You should work together and be transparent to one another," Santos said.

The completion of the FMR reduces travel time and hauling cost and expand production areas of ampalaya. (CLJD-PIA 3)

Marion Cajulao, 30, a kidney disease patient for six years, is thankful that there is "Lingap" program.

"Thank you for the program of President Duterte. It is really a big help for me and my family," he said.

Marion's father, the only breadwinner in the family, earns PHP250 a month as a security guard.

"We do not have other source of income to sustain Marion's medical treatment. We are thankful that there is Libreng Gamot Para sa Masa," Marion's mother said.

Under the program guidelines, indigents who are either confined in or receiving out-patient treatment from identified hospital and need prescription medicines are qualified to become beneficiaries of "Lingap".

Per guidelines, those who want to avail of free medicines should provide a valid identification card (ID), proof of indigency such as barangay certificate or certification issued by the medical social service, and the doctor's prescription, which should have been issued in the past three months. (Zorayda S. Tecson/PNA)

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Another Joke

Another joke. This time about rape. And Martial Law. And how he would support the troops if that happens.

The troops I know would feel deeply insulted by remarks or “assurances” like these. They are professionals who take pride in their flag and in their profession. They fight so that others may live; they do not rape so that others may take the blame.

The country I used to know would feel deeply insulted by words such as these. But then, change has come.

And some journalists and former journalists I know would have been so deeply infuriated. Some, mind you, not all, for a good number of them who have also been gleefully pounding on the evil mainstream media were not exactly the best examples of journalism during their time. Some of them would have been lucky to be called mediocre. But I am being kind.. But then, they may have other considerations.

So tell me please, for the benefit of the bobo and bayarang media, how do you want us to spin this for you?

The comments section can be really fascinating to read. Duon mo talaga makikita na ang “failure of intelligence” ay hindi problema na exclusive sa PNP at AFP/Ed Lingao

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Martial law critics only
want to vilify Duterte*



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “... Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts...” (Isaiah 1:23, the Holy Bible).

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CRITICS OF DUTERTE MARTIAL LAW ARE REBELS, TOO: We truly have become a nation of rebels. I mean, look at how many people, particularly the critics and political foes of President, had been reacting to his declaration of martial law in Mindanao. They say martial law is going to be abused, and will result in the desecration of the rule of law. Truly, this behavior is itself rebellion.

Many are even voicing out their concern that Duterte’s martial law will be the same as the martial law imposed by President Marcos in the 1970s, with the insinuation being that Duterte is going to use his own version of martial law to perpetuate himself in power under a system of one-man rule.

This is very pathetic. It is a rabidly and highly partisan, even if grossly unfounded, accusation, unmindful of the situation in Marawi City, where a priest and his followers had been held hostage and in danger of being killed, a young police official had been shot dead by terrorists together with 10 or so other innocent civilians, where government installations including a hospital have been burned, and prisoners had been set free, among others.

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CRITICS OF MARTIAL LAW ONLY WANT TO VILIFY DUTERTE: What is more revolting and nauseating here is that, Duterte’s critics and political opponents who are assailing his proclamation of martial law are not even there in Marawi City, where the mayhem is on-going, nor in any other place in Mindanao. How could they dare to criticize the President who, because he is the highest official of the land, has access to ground information? **Cont. on page 5**

“Lahat ’yung namatay sa engkwentro, sagot ko ’yun, ako ang magpakulong doon. Klaro ’yan. Huwag mo akong bintangan na kung sino-sinong pinatay diyan na – akin ’yun.”

“If you go down, I go down. But for this martial law and the consequences of martial law and the ramifications of martial law, I and I alone would be responsible. Trabaho lang kayo. Ako na bahala. Ako na ang magpakulong sa inyo. Pag naka-rape ka ng tatlo, aminin ko na akin iyon.”

ON DRUG
KILLINGS

ON MARTIAL LAW



DUTERTROLLS BE LIKE:
“Hindi naman si Duterte ang gumawa!
Bakit siya ang sinisisi mo! Reklamador!
Dilawan! Taga-Luzon!”

#ChangeScamming



Martial law redux

BY: ATTY. RENE SAGUISAG
MANILATIMES.NET

PREZ Digong alarmingly and needlessly cut short by a day his trip to Russia and took the mic energetically on arrival for another rambling performance. He talked of martial law (ML) in Mindanao where the vilified Muslims have been persecuted for centuries.

Those of us born in the last century may have fading memories of ML of 1972. Indeed, how many of us remember, or even just know about the Jolo massacre of February 7-8, 1974 when 20,000 Muslim, Christian, Chinese, etc. lives were lost? (A PMA alum, No. 3 in his class, who joined the Navy and had attended Rizal High with me, first told me about the Jolo assault during ML.) Or the Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat bloodbath of September, 1974, when 1,500 Muslims were dispatched to paradise? Martyrs.

The captive press was silent then, not possible today, given modern technology and militancy.

In our time, Joker Arroyo, Teddy Boy Locsin and I took bullets for Prez Cory. She may speak for a few minutes and then leave it to us or the Cabinet in general to clarify, elaborate or nuance.

But, how Digong loves the mic. Asked a simple short question, he would meander, ramble and cuss (PI! leche, gago, buang, etc.) and leave it to his confused subalterns to explain what he really meant to say. Cussing is not policymaking. And clenched fist is a human rights salute of victims, not of the oppressors. Mga uto-uto. Sipsip.

Now his Cabinet will have to deal with the warning to spread ML to Visayas and even Luzon, hoping to calm down our kin and friends abroad. There are also the investors, tourists and retirees who may need reassurance, let alone conservative Muslims who may be radicalized by a Marawi or Mindanao bloodbath in a faraway place with a strange-sounding name. Terrorism is now global. Not prudent to provoke needlessly with kanto boy braggadocio.

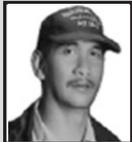
To deal with evacuees and refugees we may need outside help, which Digong rejects, on the supposed advice of Sonny Dominguez, if there are human rights strings attached. Mild-mannered Sonny, a closet hawk? No donor would donate just because we are such nice guys. Gifts come with conditionalities, within reason, and human rights concerns are not beyond it, from our tiny places in the sun. Yet, Digong even wants us decapitated.

Sadly, Digong’s advisers are echoes, not voices, mainly from our common alma mater. “These days, Lex Talionis, Lex Leonum and alumni of San Beda College of Law have formed a united front behind Mr. Duterte, their most famous graduate.” (Special report, Bond of brothers, PDI, May 21, 2017). “Most well-known,” perhaps?

Leila de Lima and I are also Bedan lawyers with a bias for human rights. We wish the President well, for his success is everyone’s. We are not however behind, but in front of, to question and confront, him, if you will, on his attitude towards us, human rights advocates.

Yup, he now wants us decapitated? Rhetoric from the powerful may have a powerful influence on human conduct. He may be our **Cont. on page 5**

- Kelangan ba talaga ang Martial Law???
- Dutertenomics- very nice!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Kelangan ba talaga ang Martial Law? - Ang malaking katanungan o kung sabihin ay the million dollar question, kelangan ba talaga o justified kaya ang pagdeklara ng martial law? Bagama't ayaw natin na mag-kumpara ng mga sitwasyon base sa nakaraan (Zamboanga siege, Mamasapano atbp) sa kasalukuyan ay hindi natin maiwasang isipin at magtaka kung kailangan nga ba talaga ang isang deklarasyon ng martial law. Kayo mga dear readers, ano ang sa palagay ninyo, justified kaya ang deklarasyon ng martial law sa Mindanao and who knows baka some day sa buong Pilipinas?

Kung sa akin ay ok lang naman ako sa deklarasyon ng martial law basta't hindi magkakaroon ng mga bay-olasyon at abuso ng human rights at iba pa na mga abuso ng militar at pulis. Kaya nga lang dahil tayo ay hindi naman pinanganak kahapon at nasa wastong gulang na tayo at katunayan ay malapit na rin akong maging senior citizen at mangamoy lupa, kaya alam natin na mahirap na maiwasan ang mga pang-aabuso ng mga military at pulis sa ilalim ng martial law.

Kaya ayun, patay tayong lahat pag nag kataon.

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Dutertenomics- very nice - Ano ba itong pinag-uusapan ng marami na Dutertenomics na siyang mag papalakas daw muli ng ekonomiya ng bansa na magiging naka ankla sa malawakang pagsasagaawa ng imprastraktura sa halaga ng trillanes este trillion-trillions?

Lumalabas na hati ang opinyon ng marami sa aspeto na ito. Mismong si Joma Sison na buddy-buddy ni Pangulong Digong ay mayroong pabala hinggil dito at ayon sa kanya ay kung manggagaling ang financing sa China ay posibleng ma-hostage at mabaon na ang mga susunod na henerasyon sa China. Hi! Hi! Hi! Hindi pa pinanganganak ay pagmamay-ari na ng China.

Kayo mga dear readers ano ang sa palagay ninyo, tama ba na magkautang tayo ng trillions sa China? Dahil sa ito ay isang malalim na usapin ng economics, global socio-politics (ano yun???), ay wala akong kompetensiya o competency para mag-komento hinggil sa mga bagay-bagay na ito. Alam naman ninyo na grade 1 lang inabot ng inyong lingkod may back subject pa! Hi! Hi! Hi!

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law school's "most famous graduate," per the Special Report. But, if of the entire institution, I would nominate Ninoy Aquino, whose salvaging led me to know Digong's admirably brave Mom, Ma'am Soledad, Tia Soling with whom I marched in Davao in protest over that game-changing August 21, 1983 extrajudicial murder. (An aunt of mine was also named Soledad, a market vendor in Pasig, who I assisted in a mini-stall near hers. I sold eggs as a franchisee, ha ha.)

Ninoy helped Cory and Noynoy to be Numero Uno. Honeylet? Sara? Josme!

Lex talionis of the Old Testament marked a progressive liberal step eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth, for exact equivalence, from a higher baleful 7-1, even, 77-1, exchange rate. But, the New Testament introduced the law of charity, of forgiveness, of turning the other cheek. I co-led the fight against the return of the rape-the-rapist anti-poor death penalty in my time in the Senate (1987-1992).

This penalty is one of several areas where the bloodthirsty **Cont. on page 6**

Critics, Not This Time Please!



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

When you are the Leader and something terrible happened to your group, you'll do everything within your power to contain the situation.

This week a terrorist group called the Maute Group caused fear in the city of Marawi doing what they do best, spreading terror. To contain the situation, the President declared Martial Law in all the islands of Mindanao.

As an observer dabbling in writing, upon observing the situation I would agree that this is but a proper move to restore order. In a research I conducted and based on the previous news, I found out that this Maute Group is trying to pledge allegiance to the ISIS and if they aren't dealt with now then it would be too late for us. We might find our country controlled by the ISIS soon. Thus, my agreement to the President's decision. As of the writing of this article, there is already a confirmation that there are six foreigners who are in the Maute group killed in the Clash against the Philippine army. What does this means? Well, it means that terrorist group from all around the world (some call them Muslim Extremist) are trying to penetrate through the Philippine and build a headquarter here. This only showed that the declaration of Martial Law in in Mindanao is not just proper but also it is the right move.

And to my dismay, people who call themselves the protector of democracy and the bearer of the light of Human rights are in oppose to this action. The funniest thing is that this people have not experienced what is happening in Mindanao because they are in Luzon. I don't know if they even know the situation there. I saw one picture in the social media and this is what was written, "I stand with Marawi, No to Martial Law". My question to whoever wrote this one is this, is writing those words that you sympathize with what happened to Marawi City going to solve the situation? If you don't like the solution being implemented which is the, Martial Law, then do you have any better way to solve the problem? Opposing the solution being implemented without even offering a better solution is in a way DEFENDING TERRORISM.

I am not a DUTERTARD or a pro -Duterte, but I am on the side of tangible results. I am on the side of action. What I mean is if the leader does something that produces a good outcome then I support him. I am for a change not for Duterte, I am for a safe Mindanao, for a safe progressive Philippines, not for Duterte. The thing is as I have observed that he seems to be doing the job that needs to be done and I support the job he's doing.

Critics must stop criticizing the Martial law in Mindanao. Critics have their job cut out for them. All they do is criticize the job and action of someone but if you look into what they have done for the country, you'll see that it's less than nothing. Critics must understand that we have a larger enemy and it's a waste of effort contradicting the effort being done to fight that enemy. We must join force to stop terrorism from gaining a foothold in our country. This fight is bigger than you, your ambition, and your political agenda.

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas ...from page 4

Clearly, the only thing that matters to these critics is the vilification of Duterte. Their only desire is to derail his actions and reactions, with the end in view of ultimately bringing him and his government down. Their ultimate objective does not pertain one whit to upholding the safety, well being, and the interest of our countrymen.



VINTAGE POINT

All Good News



BY: REM DE LEON GALANG

Good news.

Sa wakas ay maisakatuparan na ang pagpapagawa ng tulay ng Barangay Balanti.

Malaking tulong ito sa mga residente lalo na sa mga magsasaka at mag-aaral sa kolehiyo ng nasabing barangay. Malaking tulong din ito sa pagpapaunlad ng kabuhayan ng mga nakatira sa nasabing barangay dahil madali ng maiangat ang kanilang mga ani at ibinebentang hayop sa lungsod at karatig na barangay.

Dagdag pa rito ang pagpapatayo ng isang Integrated High School na malaking tulong din para sa mga mag-aaral sa nasabing barangay at hindi na sila mapapalayo para magaral. Ang nag-donate sa lupa ay ang pamilyang SOLIMAN.

Bad news.

Pero ang lahat ng mga ito ay mawawalang saysay kung papasukan ng poultry ang nasabong barangay lalo na kung hindi nito masihuto ang kaligtasan ng mga sakahan at kalusugan ng mga apektadong mga residente. May mga ulat nga na malapit sa isang prayer house at sa mga shorelines ang itinatayong poultry. Tinatawagan po namin ng pansin ang kaukulang ahensiya ng ating city government upang magsagawa ng kaukulang inspeksiyon at masusing pagaaral at kung paano maibsan man lang ang masamang epekto ng nasabing poultry sa mga sakahan, sa mga mangingisda, at kalusugan ng mga apektadong mga residente.

For the record, ayon sa ating source, mayroon ng mga poultry sa paikot ng nasabing barangay at ito ay matatagpuan sa Armenia, Tibagan, at San Jose.

Good news

Nagbunga din ng maganda ang traffic rerouting at clearing operation ng city government sa pangunguna ni FIRST LADY MAYOR CRISTY C. ANGELES at sa pakikipagtulungan ng TMU sa pamumuno ni ALEJANDRO LISTERIO. Lumuwang ang mga daan at gumanda ang daloy ng trapiko. Maganda ito sa takbo ng negosyo at sa kaayusan ng ating mga kalsada.

Pati ang palengke ay luminis. Ayon sa ating source, sisiguruhing gagawin lahat ng pamahalaang lungsod na tutupad sa kasunduan ang pamunuan ng Victory market base sa kontrata na inapruban ng City Council para sa kaayusan at kalinisan ng palengke (Uptown Market).

All they ever want to happen and are concerned about is to wrest power from him so they could take his place. Truly, these people deserve our collective condemnation and denunciation. If what they have been doing now have been done by them during the time of Chinese leader Mao Tse Tung, they have would been lined up against a wall already, and mowed down mercilessly.

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PENALTY FOR FIGHTING LEADERS: Undeniably, this is rebellion of the highest order. Too, it constitutes a grossly anti-Biblical behavior. Those who belong to any and all spiritual groups are mandated to subject themselves to the authorities, for the teaching is that there is no authority anywhere in the world that God did not establish.

The authorities that exist were established by God. Whoever would be fighting these authorities would be fighting God Himself, and would therefore bring judgment and punishment upon themselves and their succeeding family generations. **Cont. on page 6**

Magusumbong sa Weekender

FROM OUR READERS

Sandamakmak na Langaw sa Tibag!

Sa mahal na Mayora and Mahal na Kapitana ng Barangay, paki-aksiyunan naman po ang araw-araw na kalbaryo ng mga residente ng Sitio Pagasa Tibag at sitio Kasulukan ng Tibagan. Araw-araw po kaming dinudumog ng sandamakmak na langaw. Di na po kami makatulog ng maayos ng walang kulambo. Di rin po kami makakain ng maayos, ang kadalasan dinadapuan ng langaw ang aming pagkain, kape at inumin. Talaga pong napakarami nila. Ang mga langaw na ito ay nanggagaling sa poultry na nasa kalagitnaan ng mga bahay. Sobra po talagang dami. Puntahan niyo po kami, o kaya ay pumunta lang kayo sa lugar namin, buksan niyo ang kotse niyo ng limang minuto at tingnan niyo kung di kayo dumugin ng langaw. Hindi na po nakakatuwa, aksiyunan niyo naman ang problemang ito!

-From 0995-406-xx75

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Walang Tubig!

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Tungkol lang sa water connection namin sa MTCC at ibang offices dito sa new building ng city hall kasama ang mga pulis. Mag 2 months or more na kaming walang tubig. Kawawa naman mga utility namin nagsasalok ng tubig sa baba pa ng building. Dito kami sa second floor, sinabi sa namin sa Mayor's Office, wala naman action until now! Thank you!

-From 0917-51*-410 / May 17, 2017

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Meron ba kayong issue o sumbong na gustong aksiyunan ng ating mga lider na di niyo maipaabot sa kanila, o kaya man ay naipaabot na ngunit di pa naaksiyunan? Isumbong niyo po sa Weekender upang sama-sama po nating katukin ang ating mga opisyal.

Mag text lang sa 09175061005 (Globe) or 0932-907-9810 (Sun), mag e-mail sa tarlacweekender@yahoo.com, o di kaya ay mag PM sa ating Facebook account na Tarlac Weekender!

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas ...from page 5

Indeed, we are told: "Fear the Lord and the king, and do not join with rebellious officials..." for sudden destruction will come on those who do not fear God and the authorities, and on those who join cause with rebels. Not fearing God and the authorities, and joining cause with rebels, are what Duterte's critics and opponents are doing now!

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WATCH "ANG TANGING DAAN" AT FACEBOOK: Please watch "Ang Tanging Daan", a Bible exposition and prayer session for everyone, in English and Filipino, at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan. Reactions: 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

Prez should change course, with his frat brothers, for all of whom I wish the best and the finest during their watch, for our people's sake.

But, the war should be against poverty, not the poor. St. Thomas More said: "No penalty on earth will stop people from stealing, if it is the only way of getting food." Sadly, Digong's brods seem to be echoes, not voices, who do not appreciate More who counselled: "It would be far more to the point to provide everyone with some means of livelihood." What the administration has done in livelihood I have not seen where I move about (limited, cuz of my health issues).

Thus, at 77, and ailing (St. Peter or Satan may get tired of my repeated motions to call later or to postpone; can go any time, like anybody else, including Digong), I can say that a most vital lesson I have learned in life, even if I have not always been able to live by it, is to be kind, not arrogant, and not make enemies where we can make no friends, per Don Claro M. Recto. I won't be harsh. Harshness against the Muslims has not worked across the centuries. They remain our brothers and sisters.

How has the administration done now in a little over a month in its first year, with understandable rookie errors? Good that the death penalty will not now be taken up partly cuz Manny Pacquiao is busy training and reading Genesis. There may be something here for the ethics panel but I doubt if anyone in the Senate cares about the glaring impropriety in Manny's misconduct. Kapakanang pansarile, di pambayan? Taga-Mindanao pa naman. Mga Datu, di datong.

Anyway, for Digong, In traffic, total failure. Bokya. It is worse than a year ago. No emergency powers please, like EJKing the first jaywalkers and reckless drivers.

Are we better off after a year? Did we have a Marawi situation last year?

Of course, Russia would say it is not interested in the power situation here. In 1905, Japan beat the Russkies. In 1979, Vietnam beat back China, with 30,000 casualties, both sides. Earlier, Vietnam defeated France and the US..

Japan and Vietnam—may puso. Do we? Only against druggies, who are sick, not criminals. Digong is to me like how Churchill described Russia, a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

If Marawi will serve as a laboratory for Digong's private population reduction program, heaven help us.

Now, Digong shoots down Harvard men and Yalies. If Digong questions the British royalty's past, he may even say the one behind Yale was a slave-owner, as Jefferson was, who romanced a black slave, Sally Hemmings.

Digong, in a not unusual tantrum a week ago, in Davao City, talked about Ivy Leaguers and our ancestors. He blasted us as "buang, PI!, leche," and said he could toy with us.

At Harvard, I learned that one thing a university should teach, is that poverty is respectable. In San Beda, lo cortes no quita lo valiente. Courtesy does not detract from valor.

Digong has to widen and improve his vocabulary so that his allies would not have too much trouble deciphering and clarifying what he means.

China does not bully Vietnam, which defeated France and the US and fought China to a deadlock in 1979, incurring casualties of 30,000 (both sides). Here, we lose 44 attackers in Mamasapano and the finger-pointing has yet to cease—with government not caring for the Muslim victims, including Sara, 5, and other innocent Muslim civilians, which may partly explain Marawi. We have not defeated any major or minor power, with our long story as colony until we in the Senate decided to end our status as America's last plantation. But, we did not "unfriend" America.

Better the devil we know, than

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- *Mental conditioning*
- *Those who trivialize martial law may regret it*

BY: ROLDAN P. RAMOS



Those who trivialize martial law may regret it- While I consider myself lucky enough to not have experienced martial law as I was not yet born then, nevertheless the good school I came from in Diliman had allowed me the opportunity of extensive learning on the subject and more so I have also had the opportunity to discuss with the numerous victims of martial dictatorial rule experienced during the 70s by this country. Their accounts and experiences make me truly lucky not to have been born then.

If we are to base numerous historical accounts based on actual personal experiences of martial law victims, I cannot by the life of me imagine any sane or rational person approving, much less wanting martial law, and to trivialize it the way a lot of the younger generation are doing right now in social media is truly sad. These IDIOTS who trivialize martial law must have forgotten that all this freedom we are enjoying right now is a product of our rejecting martial law in the past.

Perhaps they had forgotten that during martial law, the first that could go is your fancy internet and social media. Second to go is your outspoken criticism against anything under the sun. Third to go among your civil liberties are your unlimited freedom of access and rights to whatever, etc. and Fourth is you'll have a greater risk at getting picked up by the military forces, detained and never to be seen again.

So you IDIOT people who are either too dumb or numb to understand the ramifications of martial rule, I pray that you or your loved ones will not be among the victims or beneficiaries of martial law. Allow me to share with you, the wiki definition of martial law https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martial_law Martial law is the imposition of direct military control of normally civilian functions of government, especially in response to a temporary emergency such as invasion or major disaster, or in occupied territory. Martial law can be used by governments to enforce their rule over the public.

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Mental Conditioning- While I did not personally count the number of times the almighty PDigong had mentioned in his speeches the possible imposition of martial law, according to some accounts, he had mentioned this in around over twenty times. My God, what is that, is that some kind of subliminal yearning desire to declare it at all cost while getting our minds conditioned through mental conditioning? In my humble opinion, an honest and loving father of the land would at all cost want to avoid the declaration martial law, martial rule is viewed as a last recourse remedy to a very bad situation or situation leading to a very bad ending. In the present case, after having gone through the Zamboanga siege and others that did not see the previous Presidents as trigger happy martial law declarants, it is truly a wonder for yours truly as to how come martial law was declared by the almighty PDigong in this instance. Not content with his declaration, our very eloquent almighty PDigong just had to leave that threat or possibility of seeing martial law declared throughout the whole archipelago. My God. Should martial law be declared in the whole country, one can kiss tourism, investments, growth etc good bye and welcome extreme poverty.

If this country hasn't yet completely gone to the dogs, it certainly is in a hurry to get there!

President Duterte issues E.O. 25, renames 'Benham Rise' to 'Philippine Rise'

TAGUIG CITY - On 16 May 2017, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order No. 25 (E.O. 25) which effectively changed the name "Benham Rise" to "Philippine Rise."

The Philippine Rise is an undersea feature, east of Luzon island. The shallowest part, which is the Benham Bank, is less than 50 meters deep. It is connected to the Luzon margin through the Palanan and Bicol Saddle.

Section 2 of the said E.O. states that, the

National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) shall henceforth produce maps and charts, and indicate the name "Philippine Rise" in lieu of the name "Benham Rise."

The Philippine Rise, formerly Benham Rise, was recognized by the United Nations Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) on 12 April 2012. The UNCLCS adopted in full the submission of the Philippine delegation,

headed by NAMRIA Administrator Peter N. Tiangco, for an extended continental shelf (ECS).

The President also tasked the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), in consultation with NAMRIA, to transmit appropriate notifications to concerned international organizations. He then directed all government agencies to use and employ the name "Philippine Rise" in all official documents referring to the said undersea area. (NAMRIA)

PAGASA reports the start of the southwest monsoon

MANILA - Southwesterly windflow has been dominant over the West Philippine Sea for several days now. This is due to the formation of semi-permanent trough over Northern Luzon-Taiwan area and the eastward migration of the North Pacific High Pressure Area which are the prominent indicators of the southwest monsoon onset in the country.

Likewise, the prevailing weather condition in most parts of Luzon and

Visayas particularly the western section is now warm and humid as characterized by occasional to frequent occurrences of afternoon-evening or early morning rainshowers and thunderstorms. These developments signify the approaching onset of rainy season under Type I climate covering the western parts of Luzon and Visayas.

It is expected that during the remaining days of May light to moderate rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms will prevail. However, it may be followed

by short dry period called monsoon break. Occasional to frequent rains and thunderstorms in most parts of Luzon and Visayas will be experienced in the coming months due to southwest monsoon activity.

PAGASA will continue to monitor the weather condition and updates will be issued as appropriate.

For more information, you may contact the Weather Division at telephone numbers (02) 927-1335 and 927-1541. (PAGASA)

DepEd supports EO on smoking ban, iterates ban on DSAs and tobacco sponsorships

PASIG CITY - Education Secretary Magtolis Briones lauded Secretary Leonor the signing of Executive

Order (EO) No. 26, which provides for the establishment of smoke-free environments in public and enclosed places.

"The Executive Order will sustain the gains of DepEd in its implementation of its own comprehensive tobacco control policy, which has been in place even before the EO was signed," Briones said.

Last year, the Department issued DepEd Order (DO) No. 48, s. 2016, or the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control, which put together the series of issuances on tobacco use and related concerns that the Department has

BOC seizes P6.4-B worth of shabu

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Friday dawn seized 604 kilos of illegal drugs valued at P6.4 billion in two separate operations conducted in warehouses in Valenzuela City.

The BOC acted on the intelligence report provided by Mr. Zhang Xiaohui, director of International Enforcement Cooperation Division of Anti-Smuggling Bureau, General Administration of China Customs, which stated that two warehouses were being used in illegal drugs operation.

The BOC agents immediately proceeded sites and inspected

the warehouses located in Aster Street, Paso de Blas and F. Bautista Street, Ugong, respectively. They were armed with visitorial powers and Letter of Authority issued by Customs Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon.

The agents, in coordination with operatives from the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency PDEA, found methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu hidden in five metal cylinders.

According to Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service Director Neil

Estrella, Fidel Anocha Dee and his sister received the illegal shipment.

The suspects and the drugs are now in the custody of PDEA and NBI.

Faeldon commended all agents, saying the successful operation manifests the strong commitment and cooperation between China and the Philippines in fighting illegal drugs.

"Our level of effective information sharing with China Customs Cooperation sends a strong warning to all those involved in the drugs trade," Faeldon said. (BOC)

released for over a period of more than two decades.

Though it is indicated in the EO 26 that nothing in the order shall compel persons-in-charge to establish designated smoking areas (DSAs) nor prevent them

from instituting more stringent measures in their buildings to better ensure a smoke-free environment in their premises, DepEd, through DO 48, prohibits the establishment of DSAs not only in schools, as mandated by the law, but in all DepEd offices.

DO 48 tasks the Child Protection Committee (CPC) of each school to report violations of tobacco control measures at the school level. The CPC, whose chairperson is the school principal, shall report violations not only of the absolute smoking ban in the premises of schools, but also of the ban on the sale, advertisement, and promotion of tobacco products in and within the 100-meter perimeter of the premises of all

schools. The newly signed EO reinforces this duty and responsibility of school principals.

EO 26 will further ensure the success of DepEd's comprehensive tobacco control policy, as it enjoins local governments to form a local Smoke-Free Task Force. With the EO in place, LGUs will be more responsive to the violation reports being raised by schools.

DO 48 also prohibits all DepEd officials and personnel from partnering with or receiving donations from organizations, entities, associations, and individuals who work for and in behalf of the tobacco industry.

As part of its 10-Point Agenda, the Department will continue partnerships with the private sector, but this does not include tobacco companies



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and NGOs that receive funding from tobacco companies.

The ban on tobacco sponsorship is in compliance to the joint memorandum circular issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Department of Health (DOH) in 2010, pursuant to Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control ratified by the Philippines in 2005.

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Martial law redux

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one we don't.

Just give us money, no questions asked? What about an awakened dragon saying not to raise the West Philippines issue or war? Do we tremble with Digong? Vietnam didn't, but resisted, and wasn't defeated.

We have a long history of captivity and slavery, which we thought we ended on September 16, 1991, when we in the Senate then terminated, by voting "NO!" the US bases.

Digong should talk less, his Cabinet, more, and take the bullets. They should be voices, not echoes. Di siya lang lagi ang bida.

And thank you Gemma Nemenzo for "The greatest Marcos horror story never told," through the eyes of a Moro filmmaker, on Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat. "Even as the AFP denies the existence of the massacre, according to [Teng] Mangansakan [II], the survivors still await reparation from the Commission on Human Rights for the loss of lives and property suffered by the villagers, now 42 years to this day."

Marcosian. Now Dutertesque? Susmariano! /Rene Saguysag/Manila Times On Line

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**“Famous Shabu Queen”
Finally Arrested**

Moncada, Tarlac - - Queen no more.

This said after the police here arrested a “notorious” drug peddler known among drug personalities as “Shabu queen”.

“She is so famous among drug circles. They call her Queen or Fairy Queen”, said PCInsp Palmyra Guardaya, this town’s police chief.

Guardaya was referring to Nory Bamba y Soriano, 36, who is from Barangay Estacion, Paniqui town who was arrested in a buy bust operation at Poblacion 1 here yesterday.

Bamba was arrested just after she disembarked from a north-bound bus and sold a sachet of shabu to a police poseur-buyer.

Aside from a retail-sized sachet, 2 bulging plastic sachets of shabu weighing around 5 grams was confiscated from Bamba, Guardaya revealed.

In her report to Tarlac Police Provincial Director Ritchie Medardo Posadas, Guardaya disclosed that Bamba’s apprehension came hours after the arrest of a group of local drug pushers who identified the Shabu Queen as their supplier of illegal drugs.

Earlier arrested were Isaiah Charles Villatema, AKA “IC”, 23, of Baraangay Pob. 4; Emil Guevarra, 22, of Barangay Camposanto; and Dennis Dalimot, 34, of Barangay Capayaoan.

Villatema’s group were entrapped at Barangay Lapsing, and confiscated from them were 6 sachets

of shabu which they claimed were supplied by Bamba.

According to Posadas, Bamba’s illegal drug operation covers the towns of Moncada, Gerona, Paniqui, and Tarlac City.

“Guardaya’s contribution in our intensified campaign against illegal drugs is commendable. The arrest of one among the very active and very elusive local supplier of shabu (Bamba) is a no mean feat,” said Posadas.

Barely 2 months of her assignment here, the “hardworking” lady police chief have already caused the arrest of 16 pushers in this town. /Nelson Bolos

**Gen. Magalong...
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company, Asia Steel Corporation.

Ventura received the commendation from Magalong, Lacadin, and Posadas for his successful entrapment of 2 Concepcion barangay kagawads who were separately arrested selling shabu. Those arrested by Ventura’s team were Barangay Kagawad Daniel Quilala of Barangay Alfonso and Barangay Kagawad Noel Sanches of Brgy Sta. Rita both from Concepcion town.

For his part, Posadas said, “the visit of General Magalong, one of the most respected and most competent police officer, inspired us to excel more in our efforts to serve the people. We will always remember him as an officer of principle and a venerable leader”./Nelson Bolos

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**Hda. Luisita beneficiaries stay as owners of
farmlots awarded to them under CARP**

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Rafael “Ka Paeng” Mariano has declared that ownership and control of farmlots awarded to farmer-beneficiaries inside the Hacienda Luisita stay with them as all form of contracts they had entered into, be they rent out, lease out and/or sales, among others, are considered void ab initio or void from the very beginning.

Mariano issued this clarification in the wake of reports that any farmer-beneficiaries

found to have sold, leased or rented out the farmlots awarded to them under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) would be disqualified and stripped of their rights as beneficiaries.

“In the first place, no violation was ever committed since the act being imputed to was void ab initio or void from the very beginning, as if no offense had ever been committed,” the Secretary explained.

Mariano cited Section 70, paragraph 2 of the

Republic Act 6657 or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL), which states that: “Any sale or disposition of agricultural lands after the effectivity of this Act found contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void.”

This, he said, is reinforced by the prohibitory acts under Section 73 (f) of the same law: “The sale, transfer or conveyance by a beneficiary of the right to use or any other usufructuary right over the land he

acquired by virtue of being a beneficiary, in order to circumvent the provisions of this Act.”

The DAR chief said the visit to Hacienda Luisita was only meant to stress the fact that the ownership and control over the farmlots awarded to each farmer-beneficiary stay with them as the various form of transferring and/or conveyance the rights over the said farmlots were illegal and, therefore, have no force and effect /DAR.