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# Buses, Vans Ban On Kennon Road Ignites Uproar

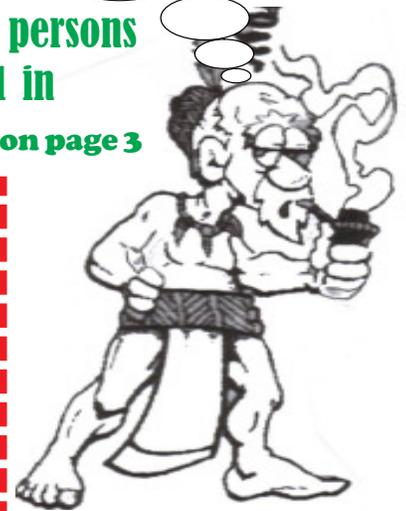
Tuba, Benguet – A ban by the Department of Transportation and Communication –Cordillera on buses and vans from plying the Kennon Road route to Baguio City has ignited an uproar among residents, town officials and the transport sector itself.

Worse, Tuba town officials want newly appointed DOTC-Cordillera regional director Federico Mandapat Jr. to be declared “persona non grata” (undesirable). A September 1, 2007 memorandum by director Mandapat Jr. banning public utility buses, vans and the like from plying the Kennon Road route and directing them to take Marcos Highway instead is detrimental to residents and passengers along Tuba town said Vice Mayor Val Carantes.

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Dapat ibawal din ang mga malalaking trucks sa Kennon at maging consistent dapat ang DOTC.

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WHAT A SHAME! – The center of the road along Kayang Street has become a garbage dumping area, parking area and bagsakan area of vendors to the detriment of market goers and motorists. – By Bong Cayabyab

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

The Need for Immediate Action in Mount Pulag, 1st Part

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



## To Stop Mulcting Traffic Enforcers, DOTC-Cordillera Seizes "TOPs"

BAGUIO CITY – Although admittedly a bitter pill to swallow, Department of Transportation and Communication-Cordillera regional director Federico Mandapat Jr. seized temporary operators permits (TOP) tickets issued to all traffic law enforcers in the Cordillera.

Including the Traffic Management Group (TMG) and policemen, deputized traffic enforcement agents were "skinned off" of the TOPs, which accordingly are being used for alleged mulcting activities along the highways.

On August 13, Mandapat Jr. directed

the TMG and all policemen in the region including agents earlier deputized by the DOTC to give back the TOP tickets after the regional director received complaints from motorists that these are being used to extort money.

Immediately, TMG-Cordillera chief Supt. Jesus Cambay and his men respected Mandapat Jr.'s order and returned their TOPs, but maintained that he will not tolerate any extortion activity of his men (if there is). He encouraged supposed victims to come forward and file charges. Mandapat Jr. warned though against

inaction of policemen including the TMG on their traffic functions. Any law enforcer, the director said, is legally bounded to implement traffic laws and arrest anyone whom they find violating even warrantless as long as they are caught in the act. He said, "the TOP is no more needed in such cases as arresting a violator".

But the practice by traffic enforcers of getting the license cards of supposed violators was erased with the recall of the TOPs, Mandapat Jr. said, adding, and also the dark practices coupled with the violation tickets./ Artemio A. Dumlaog

## "Great Loss In Town's Hero and Idol" 2006 PMA Topnotcher Succumbs To Cancer

Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur – Not so long ago, Lt. Ariel Toledo's town mates, relatives and friends In Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur were the proudest Filipinos.

Producing the first ever Ilocano topnotcher at the Phil-Mar, First Lady To Honeymoon In Baguio?

BAGUIO CITY – Blushing red on a personal question by a "palengke" leader, "Mr. Palengke" – Senator Mar Roxas – did not only made rounds at his turf here but he circled around when he is due to the long table.

Baguio Market Vendors Cooperative President Victor

Calimlim begging off first on making the personal question before the more serious ones candidly asked Roxas, perhaps one of the country's most eligible bachelor at 50, "when will he take a first lady".

Roxas went around the bush and said he loves Baguio's lush green mountains and

the rest of his 324 "mistahs" (classmates) of the PMA's "Mandala" class of 2006, died of cancer on Wednesday afternoon in V. Luna Hospital in Quezon City.

His long bout with disease was his "tough battle", in fact maybe his toughest yet, before go-

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lovely breeze and will always love visiting the Vacation Capital up north.

The Senator, who is romantically linked to ABS-CBN's chief correspondent Korina Sanchez admitted though that, "pagdating ng panahon na meron na (first lady), dito rin ang honeymoon."

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAGUIO!** - Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. and Cong. Mauricio Domogan blow the candles as Baguio Toddlers in their colorful costumes hold the ceremonial cake to mark the 98th Charter Anniversary celebration of Baguio.— by Bong cayabyab

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## Wanted persons arrested in Cordi

Any person who has broken the law is liable and must face the consequences. LOI Manhunt is an intensified operation where intelligence and investigation personnel are working on a 24-hour seven days a week operation to arrest and bring to court wanted persons for proper disposition. The information received from concerned citizens and the cooperation of witnesses are very important factors in helping solve crime and file appropriate charges for the court to decide on the fate of the offender. The accomplishments of police personnel in the arrest of wanted persons is an indication of dedicated service to the community and efficient performance in police work.

On August 31, 2007 at about 3:00 PM, personnel of La Trinidad MPS, Benguet arrested **ALBERT**

**LAMSIS JR Y LORENA**, 16 years old; **DINER OTASY MAYO**, 18 years old; **KEVIN DAKAY Y KIMPA-OY**, 21 years old; all residents of Sagpawe, Shilan, La Trinidad, Benguet by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Hon. Judge Delilah Gonzales-Muñoz, Presiding Judge of MTC, La Trinidad, Benguet docketed under CC Nr 8869 for **SLIGHT PHYSICAL INJURIES** with recommended bail bond of three thousand pesos (3,000.00) each. The arrested persons are subsequently detained at Benguet District Jail, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Likewise, on September 3, 2007 at 9:00 AM personnel of La Trinidad MPS arrested one **GRITZ BAO-AN Y COMILES**, 24 years old, single and a resi-

dent of Tebteb, Shilan, La Trinidad, Benguet by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Hon Judge Benigno Galacgac of RTC Br 63, La Trinidad, Benguet for **ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE AGAINST OR INTIMIDATION OF PERSONS** with a recommended bail bond of one hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00). He is now detained at Benguet District jail.

At about 10:30 AM same date, one **LEOPOLDO BAI Y CALADO**, 58 years old, native of Tue, Tadian, Mt Province and a resident of Acupan, Itogon, Benguet was arrested by La Trinidad PS personnel by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Hon Judge Benigno Galacgac for **ROBBERY WITH HOMICIDE** with no bail recommended. He was turned over to the court concerned for proper disposition.

## Benguet to sponsor more scholars in 2008

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The provincial government has increased the quota of scholars per municipality due to the clamor of constituents inasmuch as there are poor but deserving students who want to finish a degree but could barely afford due to the unprecedented tuition fee hike and cost of living.

This is following the amendment of Provincial Ordinance No. 04-92 which was crafted in 2004 establishing a College Educational Scholarship Program for poor but deserving students with corresponding fund appropriation.

Provincial Ordinance No. 07-120 series 2007 now establishes

the Benguet Provincial Scholarship Program (BPSP) for a four-year or five-year courses.

Noteworthy provision of the Ordinance is to increase the number of scholars from two to four per municipality and increasing the allowance or assistance from P5,000.00 to P6,000.00 per semester or equivalent to P12,000.00 a year.

Another provision of the measure is the budgetary allocation of the scholarship program under the general fund for a four-year period beginning fiscal year (FY) 2008 are as follows: FY 2008, P1.56 million; FY 2009,

2.184 million; FY 2010, P2.496 million; and FY 2011 - P2.808 million.

Also included is the creation of a Provincial Scholarship Program Committee (PSPC) chaired by the provincial governor whose role is to screen and select qualified students.

Like any other scholarship program, a grantee has to obtain passing grades in all enrolled subjects in order to enjoy the scholarship.

To qualify for the program, the grantee shall have the following qualifications: must be born and a bonafide resident in the province with either parent belonging to any of the ethnic tribe of Benguet;

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## Philex's 98-hectare Open Pit Mine In Benguet Facing Very Rough Sail

La Trinidad, Benguet - After the staunch opposition of host indigenous peoples on its 98-hectare gold rich open pit mines in Benguet, Philex Mining Corporation is really facing a very rough sail.

The Benguet provincial board on Monday sided with indigenous villagers of Ampucao in Itogon and Camp 3 in Tuba in their fight against Philex's operations that accordingly will adversely affect their water sources, livelihood and environment.

Benguet legislators upheld the request of the residents for the cancellation of their special permit by the DENR that accordingly lasts till next year pending their approval via a Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) certification.

The Benguet board concurred with the residents' claim that

expansion mining activities of Philex did not go through regular processes like consultations with affected residents.

Even earlier, the Itogon town council requested the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) who issued the Special Permit on July 13 this year, be cancelled.

Mr. Eddie Amuasen, Benguet board's environment committee chairman said the special permit of Philex must be recalled. "There is a need to get the consent also of Itogon town because of boundary issues (within the open pit operation)."

Board member Juan Nazarro, a lawyer said, "Philex should respect the IPRA law". He explained, "it should convince the indigenous peoples to favor an FPIC before they continue with their operations."

The Mining Code

## CAR leaders oppose transfer of Apayao, Kalinga police offices to Region 2

BAGUIOCITY - In efforts to keep the Cordillera region intact, all the region's representatives to congress unanimously expressed their strong opposition to the transfer of the administrative and operational supervision and control of the Kalinga and Apayao provincial offices from the Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-COR) to Region 2 as contained in NHQ-PNP General Order Number DPL 07-11 issued on August 30, 2007.

The lawmakers appealed to President Gloria Arroyo to reconsider said order so that

Kalinga and Apayao PPOs will remain under the authority and supervision of PRO-CAR.

In their letter to the President dated September 5, Congressmen Elias Bulut, Jr. of Apayao, Manuel Agyao of Kalinga, Solomon Chungalao of Ifugao, Victor Dominguez of Mt. Prov., Samuel Dangwa of Benguet and Mauricio Domogan of Baguio and Congresswoman Cecilia Luna of Abra said they are compelled to oppose and move for the reconsideration of the order because they were not fully consulted about it.

They also cited

of 1995 mandates firms to obtain an FPIC from affected residents.

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples-Cordillera regional director Amador Batay-an, a lawyer, said that the ball rests on the hands of Philex to convince the people. He insists that Philex should get an FPIC because "that is the law and they (mining firm) are aware of it."

Atty. Batay-an said that he had advised Philex management to suspend its open pit mines at the area for the meantime (while it had not obtained an FPIC), maintaining that a special permit cannot supercede an FPIC in its behalf. But he admitted the NCIP has no power to enforce a closure.

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that such move violates the provision and intention of Executive Order 220 which created CAR. They said the move is prejudicial to the concern of the people of the Cordillera to stand and administer itself as one region.

"Having a common cultural heritage and history and being one in their struggles for recognition and autonomy, the Cordillera peoples can better work together towards the pursuit of their plans and aspirations. It is but proper to allow them to deal with their problems,

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## Parroting Mao on Home Turf

"It is sometimes necessary to kill the chicken to scare the monkey". That's how Mao Zedong fobbed off his murder of party leaders who bucked his paranoid rule. This grisly proverb resonates in the Netherlands where police arrested, for murder, Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder : Jose Ma. Sison From Utrecht, the 68-year old Sison "gave orders to murder his former political associates in the Philippines, Romulo Kintanar, in 2003 and Arturo Tabara in 2004," the Dutch national prosecutor's office said. Courts in the Hague will now determine whether Sison can be detained further until trial begins.

Kintanar and Tabara, who led a faction that broke away from the Sison's group in the early 1990s, never got a trial. They were rubbed out by the New People's Army assassins. Thus, the US and European Union list CPP and NDF as terrorist organizations.

Sison's allies staged knee-jerk protests. What scholars have tracked is more telling : Since 1992, the CPP adopted assassination as policy. In three major studies, for example, Pierre Rousset of Europe Solidaire Sans Frontiers , documented how this policy caused hundreds of deaths.

"A first set of death sentences were publicly announced," after the split party splintered in 1992, Rousset wrote. Leaders who opposed Sison were condemned: "Ricardo Reyes (today hunted down), Romulo Kintanar (killed 2003) Benjie de Vera from Mindanao; Arturo Tabara (killed 2004) ; Popoy Lagman (killed 2001) from Manila.

"After Kintanar's assassination. Sison explained sometimes it was necessary to 'kill the chicken to scare the monkey', the study says. During inner party struggles, Mao would kill a lower official to warn higher officials he was fighting. Thus, Hector Mabilangan's murder, in April 1994 "was a warning to Rolly Kintanar and others".

"Killing the chickens to scare the monkey" escalates the threat beyond the Left, Rousset notes. It signals recalcitrant tax sources, pressurized by a financially strapped CPP. This is specially true on costly "permits to campaign" (PTC).

Rousset's latest study is: "The CPP-NPA-NDF "Hit List" - A Preliminary Report."

Individuals and organizations were pinpointed as "counter-revolutionary," by the party's International Department. Published by Ang Bayan ( February 2004 ), this became in effect a hit list."

"The policy of assassination is turned against the whole independent Left.( in the party's drive) "to impose monopoly of power", it notes. "We are faced with an overall policy of threats, death sentences and killings, deployed by the CPP-NPA-NDF on a national scale, something that no other group is doing".

Programs preceeded the post-1992 bloodbath : from "Kadena de Amor" ( 1982) in Quezon-Bicol to "Olympia" in Metro Manila (1998-99). In his book "To Suffer Thy Comrades: How the Revolution Decimated It's Own," former UP student Robert Francis Garcia gives chilling eye-witness accounts of these executions.

CPP chair Rodolfo Salas admitted to 1,800 pogrom executions in a 2003 Inquirer interview. UP professor Walden Bello claims 700 were executed in purges that netted five government agents. No one knows for sure.

But killings continued under the post 1992 policy - now object of Dutch inquiry. Among the victims were: Stephen Ong, boyfriend of Tabara's daughter; Daniel Batoy, senior RPA-ABB commander and daughter; Lito Bayudang of Nueva Ecija.; Donie Valencia in Bataan , \*Akbayan's Florente "Boy" in Agusan del Norte. Quezon province peasant leader Reymundo "Teteng" Tejeno, Conrado Balweg, Cordillera;

At least 16 activists were tarred as "counterrevolutionaries" by the CPP. They can be salvaged anytime. "Charges against "opponents" are fabricated by the CPP-

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## DIRETSAHAN

EO 02 at EO 03 ala  
Martial Law  
(Reprint)

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Bakit kaya isinisisi sa mga establisimentong inuman kumbakit nagiging malala ang karahasan at kriminalidad dito sa lungsod ng pino?! Karamihan daw kase sa mga insidenteng nangyayari ay dahil sa impluwensya ng alak na nagbunsod tuloy kay Apo Meyor Peter Rey Bautista para mag-isyu ng "Executive Order EO 02" na naglilimita ng operasyon at pagtititinda ng nakakalasing na inumin particular sa mga establisimentong may inuman. Nakapaloob din sa nasabing EO 02 ang ibang probisyon kaugnay sa mga negosyong inuman.

Kung susuriin itong nasabing order ay parang ibinalik lang nila ang administrative order (AO) 114 ni dating Meyor Braulio Yaranon. Ang AO 114 ay pansamantalang pinawalang bias mismo ni Peter Rey Bautista nang siyay naupong "Acting City Mayor" nang masuspinde bilang Meyor si Lolo Yaranon sa paniwala nitong hindi lubusang epektibo ang AO 114 para bumaba ang antas ng kriminalidad na ayon ay base rin sa report na nagmula sa local na pulisya.

Pero mukha yatang nag-iba na naman ang hip ng hangin mga suki at nag-isyu ng EO 02 ang ating mayor B na parang kinopya lamang ang AO 114 ni ex mayor Y! ang resulta? Marami ang nagprotesta, hindi lamang mga negosyanteng appektado kundi mga ibang sector! Kase naman, hindi man DIRETSAHANG sabihin ay para na rin silang sinabihan na magsara ka na ng negosyo para wala ng mag-iinom at para wala ng maglalasing at para wala na ring krimen!! Pwe! Di para na rin nilang sinabi na, huwag ng gumawa ng alak at sigarilyo para wala ng magkasakit, para wala ng maospital at mapunta sa punerarya, kundi ba naman KABOPOLAN!

Sigurado, "bilang kunswele de bobo" ay inisyu ngayon ni Meyor B ang EO 03 na inaamendahan ang EO 02 bilang remedyo at gamot sa ala martial law na di makatuwirang EO 02.

Hindi naman talaga ako tutol mga suki dito sa nasabing EO 02 na sa totoo lang ay suportado ako dahil ang ibang probisyon at restriksyon na nakapaloob ay nakakabuti sa madlang pipol of Baguio. Katulad halimbawa sa pagbabawal na makapasok o mag-istambay sa mga inuman ang mga menor de edad, may mga dalang armas, mga lasing, atbp. Ganun din ang pagbabawal sa pag-inum ng alak sa mga pampublikong lugar katulad sa mga parke, sementeryo, kalye, kalsada, terminal ng bus, etchetera! Pero, dito sa paglimita ng napakaaga para sa oras ng operasyon ng mga establisementong inuman ay mukhang wala ito

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