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## SM City Trece Martires and SM City Rosario share kalinga packs

SM City Trece Martires and SM City Rosario continue to give hope and to share kindness through kalinga packs distribution to the families and public workers of Trece Martires and Rosario Cavite. This is a joint project of SM Foundation, Inc., SM Cares and SM Supermarket through SM Supermalls which aims to carry on hope for the New Year.

SM City Trece Martires' Assistant Mall Manager, **Normita Bongolan** hand in kalinga pack to Treceño Teacher.



SM City Rosario Mall Manager, **Roxanne Pangilinan** (Right) and Building Administration Manager, **Chrisma Mae Legaspi** (Left), together with the SM Regional Operations Manager for South 2, **Minabelle Llanes** (2nd to the left) turn-over kalinga packs to Barangay Tejeros Convention Rosario Cavite.

# HINDI BAKUNADO, pahina 2 BAWAL MAMALENGKE

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## HINDI BAKUNADO, BAWAL MAMALENGKE

**IPINAG-UTOS** ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Tanza sa Cavite na hindi papayagan ang sino man na mamalengke na wala pang sapat na bakuna.

Sa inilabas na Memorandum Order No. 01 series of 2022 ni Tanza Municipal Mayor Yuri Pacumio, pagbabawalan ang sino man na pumasok sa Tanza Public Market na hindi bakunado at kinakailangan

nilang dalhin ang kanilang vaccination card.

"The market administration ordered to strictly implement "no vaccination card, no entry" policy," nakasaad sa memorandum order.

Ito, ay upang mapigilan ang hawaan ng virus.

Sarado din ang nasabing public market tuwing Lunes para sa disinfection. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Pumugang hitman ng fiscal, balik selda

**MUNTIKAN** pang mawalan ng saysay ang pagpaslang sa Asst. Fiscal ng Trece Martires City matapos na pumuga ang "self-confessed" hitman habang naka-detine sa Custodial Center sa Imus City, Cavite Lunes ng umaga.

Si Marvin Linaban y Tagayon, 44, binata, ng Brgy H2 Dasmariñas City, ang hitman sa pagbaril at pagpatay kay Fiscal Edilberto Mendoza, 48, may-asawa, Asst City Prosecutor, ay pumuslit sa kamay nina Corporal Lynard Pareja at Pat. Dexter Tapawan, duty Jail Officer dakong alas-9:30 ng umaga sa loob ng PDEU office, Camp Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Wilson Candaba, humingi umano ng permiso si Linaban na magtungo sa comfort room upang dumumi kung saan

inasistahan nina Pareja at Tapawan.

Nakalipas ang ilang minuto, nang poposasan na sana ang suspek ay bigla umanong itinulak si Pareja at tumakbo sa likurang pintuan ng tanggapan at tumakas diretso sa creek na malapit sa likod lamang ng kampo.

Agad namang nagsagawa ng manhaunt operation ang awtoridad kung saan naaresto si Linaban at ibinalik sa selda dakong alas-2:45 ng hapon.

Matatandaan na binaril at napatay si Fiscal Mendoza, bisperas ng Bagong Taon at inungusong suspek si Linaban na umamin na pinatay nito ang una sa halagang P25K na naaresto sa isang buy bust operation sa Dasmariñas City. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Minor, 5 pa, dinakma sa nakaw

**SWAK** sa kulungan ang limang lalaki habang nasa pangangalaga ng Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) ang isang menor de edad matapos naaresto sa follow up operation dahil sa pagtanggap sa labinsiyam na rectifier battery ng isang cell site na nagkakahalaga ng P285K sa Ternate, Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Kevin Barlizo, 22; June Rey Dote, 39; Robert Molina, 51; Romeo Latoha, 44; y Castillo, Francisco Castillo, 49, at isang 17-anyos na menor de edad dahil sa reklamo ni Col Ferdinand Puse Liwag (Ret PAF), Security Divi-

sion Head ng South Luzon, Asset Protection Division.

Sa ulat ni PSMsgt Andres Agcaoli, ng Ternate Police, dakong alas-5:51 ng madaling araw ay tinangay ng mga suspek ang 19 na pirasong rectifier battery na nagkakahalaga ng P15,000 bawat isa o kabuuang P285,000 sa cellular cell site ng Sun sa Brgy Poblacion 2, Ternate.

Agad naman ipinagbigay alam ng pamunuan ng Sun cellular sa pamagitan ni Liwag kung saan nagsagawa ng follow up operation ang pulisya.

Ang 17-anyos na menor de edad at si Barlizo ay naaresto sa Brgy Manggahan, Gen. Trias City, habang

## Huwag laging evacuation sites CHIZ: MAGTAYO NG PERMANENTE, LIGTAS NA BAHAY PARA SA MGA PAMILYANG NANINIRAHAN SA PELIGROSONG LUGAR

Matapos ang pananalasa ng super typhoon Odette sa bansa na nakaapekto sa libo-libong Pilipino, isinusulong ni Sorsogon Gov. Chiz Escudero ang pagtatayo ng mga permanente at ligtas na bahay para sa mga pamilyang naninirahan sa mga baybayin at peligrosong lugar upang maprotektahan ang kanilang buhay at ari-arian, lalo na kapag may matitinding kalamidad.

Kasabay nito, ipinapanukala ni Escudero sa gobyerno na ideklarang "no build" zones ang mga lugar na sa tingin nito'y delikadong tirhan ng tao at bukod pa ito sa isang nilalaman ng Republic Act 11038 o ang "Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) Act of 2018" kung saan tahasang ipinagbabawal ang pagtatayo ng mga bahay at iba pang permanenteng estruktura sa mga napakapeligrosong lokasyon.

"Saksi naman ang lahat na sa kada panahon ng tagulan at lalo na kung may malalakas na bagyo, nagkukumahog tayong iligtas ang mga kababayan natin na nakatira sa mga baybayin at peligrosong lugar. Mailigtas man natin sila, sira at giba naman ang kanilang kabahayan at ibang ari-arian," ayon kay Escudero na naging chairman ng Senate Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources noong 15th Congress.

## Sekyu, tiklo sa kable ng kuryente

**DINAMPOT** ang 37-anyos na security guard sa aktong ibebenta ang tinatayang P225K halaga ng kable ng kuryente sa isang junk shop sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng umaga. Kasong paglabag sa PD 1612 o Anti-Fencing Law

sina Dote, Molina, Latoha at Castillo ay natagpuan sa Belmont Subd., Brgy Halang, Naic, kung saan narokober ang 19 na rectifier battery. **GENE ADSUARA**

"Sa pagbibigay ng tuldok sa ganitong mga eksena at pangitain tuwing may bagyo, hindi lamang dapat nakatuon ang pansin sa pagtatayo ng permanenteng evacuation center. Mas importante at higit na kailangan ng mga taong nasa baybayin at delikadong lugar ang permanente, matatag, at ligtas na tirhan kung saan sila rin ay may ikabubuhay," dagdag ni Escudero na kumandidato para sa Senado sa May 2022 national elections.

Binigyang-diin ni Escudero na bukod sa mga tinukoy na "no build" zones sa mga rehiyon na sinalanta ng super typhoon Yolanda noong 2013, kailangan ding maglabas ng gobyerno ng isang komprehensibong listahan na naglalaman ng lahat ng peligrosong lugar sa bansa na hindi kailanman puwedeng tirhan ng mga tao.

Habang nakabinbin ang pagkompleto sa nasabing listahan at ang buong implementasyon ng RA 11038 na nagbabawal sa pagtatayo ng mga permanenteng estruktura sa loob ng 40 metro mula sa baybayin, sinabi ni Escudero na dapat nang maghanap ang pambansang gobyerno at ang mga lokal na pamahalaan ng mga lugar ng relokasyon at maglaan ng sapat na pondo para sa pagtatayo ng mga bahay ng mga maaapektuhang pamilya. **PR**

## KELOT, NIRATRAT DAHIL SA MATAGAL NA ALITAN

**PATAY** ang 22-anyos na lalaki nang pagbabarilin ng dati nitong kaalitan matapos abangan sa iskenita sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Namatay sa pinangyarihan ng insidente ang biktimgang si Gilbert Villantes Jr., binata, walang trabaho, ng Malipay 3, Molino IV, Bacoor City, habang pinaghahanap ng pulisya ang iningusong suspek na si Rule Endang, alyas Bor, nasa wastong edad, driver, ng Sitio Tabing Ilog, Brgy Molino IV.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Edilberto Reyes Jr., ng Bacoor City Police, alas-11:30 Linggo ng gabi naganap ang pa-

mamari sa iskenita sa Pulong Mabilog Brgy Molino IV, kung saan naglalakad ang biktimgang.

Sinasabing naroon na sa lugar ang suspek at inaabangan ang biktimgang na pagdaan ay walang sabi-sabing pinagbabaril ng 'di nabatid na kalibre ng baril na nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

Matapos ang pamamari, tumakas ang suspek dala ng ginamit na baril.

Ayon sa imbestigador, may matagal ng alitan ang dalawa na hinihinalang ito ang motibo sa pamamari.

**GENE ADSUARA**

## 8 sugatan, inararo ng trak

**MASUWERTENG** pawang sugatan lang ang walo katao, kabilang ang apat na babae, nang araruhan ng tanker truck ang nakatigil na pampasaherong jeepney, mga nag-aabang na tao at isang tricycle sa Tanza, Cavite Martes ng umaga.

Kinilala ang mga nasugatan na si Reneboy Ostia y Venida, 50, driver, ng Blk-131 Lot-28 Ph-7, Carissa Homes, Brgy. Punta 1, Tanza; Jessa Solsona y Tugueño, 27, ng 235 Brgy. Punta 1; Aldrin Ardina y Arias, 25, ng 198 Brgy. Punta 1; Dyanbe Borden y Agaban, 34, ng Blk-77 Lot-34 A-7 Carissa Homes, Brgy. Punta; Rosemarie Lopez y Panza, 32, ng Paradahan 1, Tanza; Henilyn Ducusin y Villar, 34 ng

Blk-66 Lot-6 Ph-6 Carissa Homes, Brgy. Punta 1; Joy Roquero y Laude, 28, ng Blk-66 Lot-6 Ph-6 Carissa Homes, Brgy. Punta 1; at ang driver ng tricycle na si Joselito Arias y Paulo, 52, ng Brgy. Punta 1.

Habang ang driver ng tanker truck ay kinilalang si Anthony Laberinto, 59, ng Soroso Karsada, Batangas City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Francis Mark Cortes, ng Tanza Police, dakong ala-5:45 ng umaga naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ni Laberinto ang tanker truck habang binabagtas ang Tanza-Trece Road sakop ng Brgy Punta 1, nang umano'y nagkaroon ng mechanical failure at hindi na niya na-kontrol ang manibela at araruhan ang nakaparadang jeepney na naghihintay ng pasahero, tricycle na minamaneho ni Arias at mga nag-aabang na pasahero.

Dinala ang mga biktimgang pinakamalapit na ospital at masuwerteng pawang sugatan lamang ang mga ito. **GENE ADSUARA**

saan siya naka-duty at tangkang ibenta sa naturang junkshop

Matapos naaresto si Lorenzo ng dalawang barangay tanod saka dinala sa kustodiya ng Bacoor CPS. **GENE ADSUARA**

ng mga barangay tanod na sina Federick Morales at Ronald Francisco si Lorenzo sa aktong ibibenta ang tinatayang P225,000 halaga ng 4 na cords ng 240mm main line wire sa Ikoy's Junkshop sa Bacoor Boulevard Brgy Niog 3.

Ang pagkakaaresto kay Lorenzo ay bunsod sa reklamo ni Chao matapos na umano'y tangayin ang nasabing mga kable ng kuryente sa gusali ng Great Molino Development kung

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Branch 109  
Carmona, Cavite

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-  
EJF-2021-23  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real  
Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135,  
As amended by Act. No. 4118

MARLON L. DAYO married to IRENE M. DAYO,  
Mortgagors.

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#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale Under Act No. 3115, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with postal address at Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the mortgagor, MARLON L. DAYO married to IRENE M. DAYO, with postal address at Lot 6, Blk. 2, Olivares South Homes, Biñan, Laguna, and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of November 5, 2021 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX PESOS & 33/100 (PHP 769,986.33), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized representative will SELL at public auction on February 17, 2022 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Carmona, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property/ies with all the improvements thereon to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2011014462

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, BLK. 21 OF THE CONS./SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-023837, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 844, 845, & 847, CARMONA CADASTRE) SITUATED IN BRGY. OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6, BLK. 21; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 23; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 10, BLK. 21 AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 7, BLK. 21, ALL OF THE CONS./SUBD. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 60 DEG. 26'W., 218.74 M. FROM B. L. L. M. NO. 6, CARMONA CADASTRE; THENCE S. 30 DEG. 22'E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 59 DEG. 38'W., 5.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 30 DEG. 22'W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 59 DEG. 38'E., 5.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQ. METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JANUARY 1906-MAY 1907 AND THAT OF THE CONS./SUBD. SURVEY, FEBRUARY 2-24, 2006 & WAS APPROVED ON AUGUST 31, 2007."  
xxxNOTHING FOLLOWSxxx

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

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

In the event of the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **February 24, 2022**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Carmona, Cavite, January 4, 2022.

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# USAP LANG

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## IRESPONSABLE ANG GOBYERNO?

**HANGGANG** sa kata-pusan ng Pebrero o posibleng aabot pa sa kalagitnaan ng Marso ng kasalukuyang taon ang pag-atake ng omicron virus.

Batay ito sa ating naririnig o nababasa mula sa ilang dalubhasa.

Nangangahulugan na sadyang sisirit pa ang bilang ng mga kaso na tatamaan ng COVID-19.

Inaasahan naman na sa pagpasok ng Marso ay unti-unti na ang pagbaba sa bilang ng mga kaso.

Ang omicron ay sinasabing lubhang napakabilis ang pagkakahawa.

Kaya naman pami-pam-ilya na ang nagkakahawaan sa sandaling umaligid o pumasok na ng bahay ang nasabing virus.

Hindi ang pagkakaroon ng ubo at sipon ang nakakatakot bagkus ay ang pagkakaroon ng lagnat.

Sa sandaling dapuan ng lagnat ay naroroon na ang posibilidad ng pagtama ng omicron.

Gayundin ang chill o ang pagkakaramdam ng matinding pagkakinaw.

Kasama rin ang matinding panakit ng ulo at ang sore throat o sakit ng lalamunan.

Ilan lamang ang mga ito sa itinuturing na senyales ng omicron base na rin sa mga kaalaman natin mula sa ilang dalubhasa.

Usap lang ang ating tropang lansangan na anila ay kahalintulad ang sintomas ng omicron sa trangkaso.

Noon pa man ay ganoon na ang kanilang pananaw tungkol sa COVID-19 alinsunod na rin sa mga

nakikitang symptoms.

Pinagtataka lamang ng tropang kalye natin ay ang pagkakasabay pa sa pagkakaubos ng stock ng mga paracetamol.

Pahirapan sa pagbili ng mga gamot na nakalaan para sa lagnat, sipon, ubo, sakit ng ulo o sa trangkaso.

Last year sa panahon na malamig ang klima ng Enero at Pebrero ay hindi pahirapan sa mga naturang gamot.

Ibig sabihin nila ay natugunan noon ang mga sakit tulad ng ubo, sipon at lagnat dahil mayroong gamot na nabili sa mga botika.

Nasa pandemiya pa rin tayo at alam na sasabak sa malamig na klima na dapat anila ay pinaghandaan ang mga gamot na kinakailangan.

Hindi tuloy naiaalis sa isipan ng tropang lansangan natin ang moromorong senaryo.

'Ika nga nila ay animo'y scripted ang lahat upang ihayag sa publiko ang muling pagsirit sa bilang ng mga kaso ng COVID-19.

Sabi nga nila, ang mga may nakaatang na mabibigat na responsibilidad sa pagharap at paglaban sa COVID-19 ay tila hindi ganap ang pagsuong sa kanilang trabaho.

Palagi nilang sinisisi sa mga tao subalit para sa kanila ay mas nakakalamang ang pagiging irresponsible ng gobyerno. Lyon po ang paniniwala ng ating tropang kalye, kayo ano sa palagay ninyo?

# EDITORIAL

## Moral obligation

MULA ng magkaroon ng pandemiya ay sa kasalukuyan ang may naitalang pinakamaraming kaso ng COVID-19 sa bansa.

Bunsod ito ng pananalasa ng omicron variant na sadyang napakabilis makapanghawa.

Bagaman sinasabing hindi kabagsik ng delta variant ang omicron ay delikado pa rin.

Lalo na sa mga mayroong iniindang karamdaman o umiinom ng tinatawag na 'maintenance' na gamot dulot ng sakit at maging ang hindi pa ganap na bakunado.

Sinasabing kapag fully vaccinated lalo at may booster pa ay puwedeng maging kampante sakaling atakehin ng omicron.

Kaya naman nakasuporta si Pope Francis sa isinasagawang national vaccination ng bawat bansa laban sa COVID-19 dahil ayon sa Santo Papa ay isang moral obligation ang pagpapabakuna.

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## SC orders physical closure of courts in Alert Level 3 areas

**MANILA – Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo on Wednesday ordered the physical closure of all courts in areas under Alert Level 3 until the end of January amid the continued surge in coronavirus infections.**

In Memorandum 10-2022, Gesmundo cited the unabated rise of cases of Covid-19 due to the Omicron variant in the National Capital Region, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, Laguna, and other areas placed under Alert Level 3--Baguio City in the Cordillera Autonomous Region; Dagupan City in Region 1; Santiago City and Cagayan in Region 2; Angeles City, Bataan, Olongapo City, Zambales in Region 3; Batangas and Lucena City in Region 4-A; Naga City in Region 5, Iloilo City in Region 6 and Lapu-Lapu City in Region 7. "All courts in the above mentioned-areas from the Supreme Court down

to the first level courts shall be physically closed to all users and may be reached only through their respective hotlines, and email addresses and Facebook accounts, if available, effective tomorrow, 13 January 2022, Thursday until 31 January 2022, Monday," Gesmundo said.

Under the directive, all in-court hearings suspended but fully remote videoconferencing hearings may proceed on urgent matters, such as inquests, bail hearings, promulgation of acquittals or dismissals, temporary or permanent protection order, habeas corpus suits, and similar cases and election-related cases.

The high court earlier announced the extension of deadlines for all court papers due in January as soaring coronavirus infections affected operations of several institutions. (PNA)

## CA affirms grant of disability benefits to seafarer

**MANILA – The Court of Appeals (CA) has affirmed the grant of US\$60,000 (around PHP3 million) in full permanent and total disability benefits to a Filipino seafarer who was found to have been no longer fit for work by his company's doctors following a medical condition in 2018.**

In its 12-page decision dated December 29 and recently made available, the CA's Ninth Division affirmed the arbitrator's judgment dated November 4, 2020, in favor of seafarer Artemio G. Oberes Jr., and said parties may request a third opinion from a physician in such cases.

Among other things, the CA said Oberes' employer Magsaysay Maritime Corp. (MMC) failed to refer his case to a third doctor despite a request from Oberes and said the assessment of the company-designated physician is not binding.

The CA noted that the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Standard Employment Contract (POEA-SEC) does not require a specific period within which the parties may seek the opinion of a third doctor, and they may do so even during the mandatory conference before the labor tribunals.

"Accordingly, upon being notified of Oberes' intent to dispute the company doctor's findings, the burden to refer the case to a third doctor has shifted to MMC. This the company failed to do so, and Oberes can no longer be faulted for the non-referral. Consequently, the company-designated doctors' assessment of Oberes' disability is not binding," the court said.

In January 2018, Oberes suffered multiple joint pain and was disembarked and admitted to a medical facility in Panama and he was eventually medically repatriated back to the country where he was diagnosed with seronegative rheumatoid arthritis.

On August 28, 2018, he underwent medical examination where he was found by doctors to be unfit to work as a seafarer given his condition.

In November of that year, Oberes sought a grievance meeting regarding the payment of his disability benefits and the possibility of referring him to a third doctor for an independent medical assessment.

He then sued to be granted full disability benefits claiming his disability is work-related. (PNA)

## PNP focal persons as journos' 'first line of defense' lauded

**MANILA – Describing it as journalists' "first line of defense," Undersecretary Jose Joel Sy Egco, executive director of the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS), has welcomed the directive of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to designate officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) as Media Security Focal Persons in each province and city nationwide.**

"With the elections fast approaching, we are very grateful to DILG Secretary Eduardo Año and Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya for this welcome and important development in our quest to protect the life, liberty and security of media workers," Egco said in a news release on Wednesday.

He added that "this is a significant milestone to shield journalists from threats and other forms of violence throughout the archipelago."

Egco earlier cited the increasing incidents of violence against journalists before, during, and after the elections which the Task Force seeks to prevent as one of the reasons for the request to designate Focal Persons coursed through Malaya as Undersecretary for Plans, Public Affairs and Communication.

"The infamous massacre in Ampatuan, Maguindanao in November 2009 is a constant reminder that media workers are mostly vulnerable a few months before, during and a few months after every election," Egco said. "We will never let this happen again."

PTFoMS' request was expeditiously and favorably acted upon by the DILG in anticipation of a possible increase in violent incidents involving mediamen during the election season as it shared the views of Egco as head of the Task Force on the need to protect journalists and other media practitioners from threats and violence during this critical period.

The DILG and the PNP are both members of the Task Force under the Office of the President.

Egco said as the "first line of defense" of journalists even in the most far-flung

areas of the country, the Focal Persons will be the first to receive and respond to all threats leveled against any media worker.

He said the Focal Persons will also coordinate directly with the assigned PTFoMS Special Agents (SAs) in expediting the resolution of cases of violence against journalists.

"We took this initiative to request for high ranking PNP officers as Focal Persons because we could foresee what will be necessary for the future in terms of safety and security for members of the 4th Estate as mandated by President Rodrigo Duterte in his Administrative Order No. 1 (AO1)," the Palace official added.

Created by Duterte in 2016 to stop the slew of media killings that happened during past administrations, by 2021, PTFoMS oversaw the 51st case of media killing that resulted in a guilty verdict, bringing to 68 the total number of media killers that were convicted by the courts.

He said media freedom in the country is stronger than ever as proven by Reporters Without Borders' (RSF) 2021 Press Freedom Index where the country's ranking for the past five years remained better than during past administrations. This, as the RSF noted a global decline in the Index because of the pandemic.

Egco said Duterte's lowest grade in the index was the late President Noyoy Aquino's highest grade.

He added that far fewer journalists have been killed in the present administration than during the terms of former President Gloria Arroyo or Aquino, a testament to the political will of Duterte to end media violence.

Egco also pointed out that with the immense support of Duterte, it was only in 2019 that justice was finally served to the perpetrators of the Ampatuan Massacre when the masterminds and their cohorts were convicted by a Quezon City court for multiple counts of murder, including members of the once-powerful Ampatuan clan.

The Ampatuan Massacre of 2009 claimed the lives of 58 individuals, including 32 media workers. Considered to be the worst attack

## QC to give unvaxxed vendors financial aid to get jobs

**MANILA – Acknowledging that most of those who remain unvaccinated against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) are vendors, the Quezon City government will provide incentives to encourage them to get their jobs.**

In a statement Wednesday, QC Mayor Joy Belmonte said among those who are still unvaccinated are market vendors, market employees, and ambulant vendors who are earning their livelihood on a day-to-day basis.

Belmonte said the city government will thus provide these market employees and vendors a financial aid of PHP2,000 to offset their income lost because of closing their stalls to go to the vaccination sites amid the rising number of Covid-19 infections.

"Most market vendors cannot leave their stalls because of possible loss of income. So to encourage them to take a day off to get vaccinated, we will provide them with incentives," she said.

Among those who will be eligible to receive the financial assistance are QC resident market vendors, market employees, and ambulant vendors that have not been vaccinated as of Jan. 7, 2022, and who are willing to be vaccinated and are able to show proof of at least a first dose vaccination from January 8 to January 31.

Memorandum No. 03-22 issued by Belmonte on January 7 states that a masterlist of eligible persons shall be prepared by the Market Development and Administration

Department (MDAD).

Eligible persons should be able to prove their status as market vendors, ambulant vendors, or market employees through previous registration with MDAD, or by presenting a vending permit, certification from their barangay, or reputable vendors' association, and proof of residency in QC through any valid identification cards.

The list shall then be submitted to the City Health Department (CHD) for the facilitation of their inoculation schedule at vaccination sites nearest them.

Belmonte said any person caught providing false information to obtain financial assistance may be prosecuted under Ordinance No. SP3032 which prohibits Covid-19 vaccine fraud.

She said with the issuance of MMDA (Metropolitan Manila Development Authority) Resolution No. 22-01, those who fail or refuse to get vaccinated shall be required to undergo a Covid-19 swab test every two weeks at their expense and present a negative result before being admitted to work onsite.

She added the city government further reinforced the resolution through City Ordinance SP 3076-S2022 that provides employees and workers a grace period of one month to get at least a first dose before the provision for a mandatory bi-monthly reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or antigen test is implemented.

Violators will be charged with a penalty of PHP500 for the first offense, PHP1,000 for the second offense, and PHP3,000 for the third and subsequent offenses.

"This program is aimed at protecting both the market vendors and their customers who they come into close contact with every day. If they get vaccinated, we are protecting them from serious illness and improving the city's overall immunity," Belmonte said. (PNA)

against journalists in the world, the incident placed the country among the worst places for journalists in 2009.

"Indeed, despite the pandemic, the Philippine media remains free, colorful and vibrant as ever, contrary to claims by noisy critics who have very little contribution to solving the problems besetting Philippine media," he said. (PR)



## HAVE KIDS WITH MILD SYMPTOMS CHECKED BY DOC: HEALTH EXPERT

**MANILA – Children experiencing cough, colds and fever, also the symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019, should get checked by a physician for better evaluation, an infectious diseases expert advised parents on Tuesday.**

Department of Health (DOH) Technical Advisory Group member Dr. Ana Ong-Lim said this flu season, it is difficult to identify whether these symptoms are caused by Covid-19.

“Pinakamaganda pa rin na magkaroon tayo ng teleconsult o kaya kumusulta sa doctor para mai-evaluate, kung iyan ba ay pwedeng ipagpahinga na lang or kailangan pang mag-work up para malaman kung ito nga ay Covid (It is best for them to have a teleconsult or be consulted by a doctor so it can be evaluated, if rest will do or a workup must be done to identify whether it's Covid),” she said during a televised public briefing. If a child with mild symptoms belongs to a household with

a Covid case or adults are experiencing symptoms of the disease, the child could be “Covid-19 probable,” Lim said.

As the vaccination of children ages 5 to 11 years old nears, Lim disclosed that the DOH would prioritize those with comorbidity for this age group – the same strategy used in the inoculation of children ages 12 to 17 years old.

However, there is a possibility that children for such age group – with or without comorbidity – can be vaccinated at the same time if the country gets enough supply of the jabs specifically formulated for them, Lim added.

Earlier, health experts explained that the expected adverse events following immunization for 5- to 11-year-old children are similar to those in other age groups. These include fever, headache, increase in blood pressure, body malaise, dizziness, rashes, and numbness at the injection site. (PNA)

## BOC collects P1.5 BILLION additional revenues through Post Clearance Audit in 2021

In its bid to collect lawful revenues, the BOC through the Post Clearance Audit Group (PCAG) reported its annual accomplishment and revenue collections during an Executive Committee Meeting of the BOC in January 2022.

In its report, the PCAG highlighted its successful collection of additional revenues from January to December 2021 amounting to Php 1,522,216,793.42 as part of the 349 Audit Notice Letters (ANL) issued.

Said collection is 25% higher than its revenue collection from the previous year.

Additionally, PCAG stated that it is optimistic to legally collect more revenues from post clearance audits with pending status from 2019

to 2021. Presently, there are Fifty Five (55) demand letters amounting to Php 12,468,110,546.82 billion which have become final and executory for failure of the audited importers to contest the same. These are now being referred to the BOC Legal Service for filing of the necessary collection suit.

PCAG headed by Assistant Commissioner Vincent Philip C. Maronilla, and BOC under the leadership Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, emphasized the importance of post clearance audit and the additional revenues that it generates especially as the nation continues to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

## PH economy seen growing 6-7% in 2022

**MANILA –** The Philippine economy is expected to return to its 6 to 7-percent growth trajectory in 2022 after nearly two years of grappling with the pandemic despite the threat of the Omicron variant, according to the investment banking arm of the Metrobank Group.

First Metro Investment Corporation (FMIC) said this year's economic growth will be driven by sustained domestic demand, easing inflation, election expenditures, and accelerated government spending on infrastructure projects.

“Notwithstanding the ongoing pandemic, and Omicron sparking the third wave of infections, we are still optimistic that Philippine growth will further accelerate and get back on its trajectory of 6-7 percent in 2022,” FMIC president Jose Patricio Dumlao said in a virtual briefing Tuesday.

Dumlao said the economy registered a 4.9-percent growth in the first three quarters of 2021 and the growth momentum likely spilled over in the fourth quarter given further economic reopening and easing mobility restrictions. He added business and consumer confidence are also cautiously positive given wider availability of vaccines and relaxation of lockdowns, quarantine measures, and mobility restrictions.

University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) economist Dr. Victor Abola said the 6 to 7 percent gross domestic product (GDP) projection this year will be led by the industry sector –both construction and manufacturing.

Abola said services will still be the lagging sector as the pandemic measures hit hotels and restaurants.

“The Philippine situation is that there is recovery but still on the way to reach the pre-pandemic levels,” he said.

The country's GDP posted a -9.5 percent full-year growth rate in 2020 compared to its 5.9 percent pre-pandemic performance in 2019.

Abola said the business

process outsourcing (BPO) is a major contributor to the resiliency of the economy amid the pandemic.

“And it's not the same as usual call centers, etc. You can see there are new, emerging segments and that is what companies are focusing on,” he said, citing insurance, life sciences, healthcare, and data analytics, among others.

Aside from BPO revenues, FMIC chairman Francisco Sebastian said the overseas Filipino workers (OFW) remittances are boosting the economy.

“These two things are not as sexy as other things like technology and telecoms... This is what is holding us up. OFW remittances continue to grow,” he said. (PNA)

## DepEd posts 96% budget utilization rate, higher than past admin

**MANILA –** To provide further support to field offices and schools nationwide, the Department of Education (DepEd) maintained its 96 percent budget utilization rate (BUR) for 2021 despite the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. “For 2021, we are aiming to maintain 96 percent or even surpass 97 percent for BUR. And I would like to congratulate and thank everyone despite Covid, ‘yung iba pong department nag-stop, or talagang na-suspend but DepEd continues to operate despite 2020 is a Covid year and [in] 2020, we were able to actually implement 96 percent of our total funds,” DepEd Undersecretary for Finance Annalyn Sevilla said during the Department's General Assembly 2021.

Recording an 8 percent increase in BUR from 88 percent in 2015 to 96 percent in 2020, Sevilla attributed the achievement to the simplification of public financial management processes and decentralization of fund management, which promotes accountability, transparency, and competency as funds are being downloaded to the regional, division, and implementing schools.

## Gov't sets sights on 90M full doses, 71M booster shots this year

**MANILA –** More than 71.16 million adult Filipinos are expected to have received booster vaccine doses against Covid-19 by the end of the third quarter this year. They will come from the projected 90 million fully vaccinated Filipinos before the end of June.

In his report during President Rodrigo Duterte's Talk to the People aired late Monday night, National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. also enumerated the various challenges of the vaccination program.

On top of the list is the rising infection rate among health care workers that have depleted the manpower of vaccination sites.

Some local government units are also busy with election-related activities while brand preferences “greatly affect and compromise the shelf life of other effective vaccines”.

“Though ‘yung 100 million doses na nasa stockpile po natin, mahal na Presidente, ay sapat sa remaining primary series ng unvaccinated at para sa 25 million na eligible ngayong quarter for boosters (Though we still have 100 million doses in the stockpile, Mr. President, we have enough primary series for the unvaccinated individuals and booster shots for 25 million eligible individuals),” he added.

Galvez said there is still a need to procure additional 17 million doses for booster vaccination this year while 26 million lower doses are required for the vaccination of the 5 to 11 age group.

The regions most devastated by Typhoon Odette still have low vaccination output as electricity has yet to be completely restored.

“We will pursue the vaccination of 77 million Filipinos before the end of [Quarter 1] 2022, while at the same time, finishing the 12-17 years old by end of Q1 also,” Galvez said.

The government's next immediate goal is to meet the original target of fully vaccinating 90 million by the second quarter, he added.

“Our last milestone is to finish the booster of 71.16 million by end of the third quarter and we will push also for the vaccination of the rest of the population to make sure that all Filipinos are protected by the vaccines,” he added.

Based on the latest data from the National Covid-19 vaccination dashboard, the Philippines has already administered 114,249,221 doses nationwide –52,849,101 with complete doses and 3,577,703 with booster shots or additional doses. (PNA)

the following gains: establishment of technical working groups, the institutionalization of the delivery unit Education Program Management Office (EPMO), partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), recommendation of new employee uniform, submission of PBB 2020, enhancement of automatic payroll deduction system program, improvements on GSIS Financial Assistance Loan, and waiver of interest rates. (PR)



## A SUSTAINABLE BODY-LOVING BODY BUTTER FROM THE BODY SHOP



Love yourself like never before with The Body Shop's new most nourishing and sustainable Body Butters made with 95% (or more) natural origin ingredients. This includes the Avocado Body Butter for dry skin made with Hara avocado oil and Community Fair Trade shea butter.

Protect and nourish very dry skin with The Body Shop's new and improved Shea Body Butter now made with 97% ingredients of natural origin, including handcrafted Community Fair Trade shea butter from Ghana and Community Fair Trade organic baobab oil from Brazil.

English rose extract, handcrafted Community Fair Trade shea butter from Ghana and Community Fair Trade sesame seed oil from Nicaragua - all in this super creamy, petal-scented British Rose Body Butter for normal skin leaving your skin feeling softer, smoother and nourished with 96hr moisture giving you a natural-looking glow.

The Body Shop's extra nourishing Argan Body Butter is a cult favorite. Enriched with precious argan oil, it has a warm and creamy scent with a hint of the exotic.

The Body Shop's Body Butters for very dry skin boast intensely rich textures that have been perfectly blended to help soothe and soften your skin type. These include the Coconut Body Butter with Community Fair Trade organic virgin coconut oil from Samoa and the Olive Body Butter enriched with Italian Community Fair Trade organic olive oil with Mediterranean scent.

The Body Shop's new intensely creamy Body Butter comes in recyclable packaging made with an aluminium lid and 100% recycled plastic tub, including Community Fair Trade recycled plastic from India. This means you can love your planet every time you love that beautiful body.

The Body Shop launched the first ever Body Butter in 1992. Created in the kitchen of no less than The Body Shop Founder Dame Anita Roddick, the very first Mango Body Butter was given its name by her daughter who, while making a piece of toast, simply said "it's like butter...for your body". The rest is history. Today, these iconic moisturisers are loved so much that one is sold every 3 seconds across the world. And these body-loving favourites just got even better.

The new Body Butters are now registered by The Vegan Society (a gold standard for vegan certification), made with at least 95% ingredients of natural origin, love skin with 96-hour moisture and come in their most sustainable packaging yet made with 100% recycled plastic tubs.

The new and improved Body Butters are made with at least 95% natural origin ingredients, including handcrafted Community Fair Trade shea butter from Ghana, which harnesses the nourishing power of Community Fair Trade shea butter from the Tungteiya Women's Association in northern Ghana.

In true Fair Trade fashion, this helps provide financial independence for Ghanaian women. Today, over 600 women from 11 villages handcraft the shea butter using an 18-stage process of traditional techniques, passed on mother to daughter for generations. Delivering 96 hours of intense moisture, their Body Butters leave your skin feeling soft and smooth without feeling sticky. In fact, in

a The Body Shop study, over 90% users agreed the formula easily melts into skin and has a non-sticky feel and over 86% agreed the Body Butters made them feel good in their skin.

Love yourself with The Body Shop's new, most nourishing and sustainable Body Butters ever for your skin type. There is Strawberry, British Rose, Pink Grapefruit, Satsuma for normal skin; Moringa, Mango and the new Avocado for dry skin; Shea, Coconut, Argan and Olive for very dry skin. There's also Almond Milk for dry, sensitive skin.

With new fully recyclable packaging, these are The Body Shop's most sustainable Body Butters ever. They're all made with aluminium lids and 100% recycled plastic, including Community Fair Trade recycled plastic collected off the streets of Bengaluru, India, through The Body Shop's trade partnership with Plastics for Change.

The Body Shop's Community Fair Trade partnership with Plastics for Change not only helps tackle the existing plastic problem but helps support around 2,500 marginalised waste pickers in India with access to more sanitary working conditions and a fair price for the plastic waste they collect. Let's not break the cycle. We encourage our THE BODY SHOP customers to join our Return, Recycle Repeat program in partnership with SM Cares. To be a part of the movement, simply return your Empty, Clean and Dry containers in any of THE BODY SHOP stores located in the malls

and will handle the recycling for you. The Body Shop through our partnership with SM Cares' Plastic Waste Collection Program ensures that your participation helps avoid plastics from filling the oceans and adding to landfills. This is just the beginning of our plastic cycle and we can't wait to share with you more. Follow our social media accounts to know more about THE BODY SHOP & SM Cares partnership.

Give your body the love that it deserves with The Body Shop's most nourishing and sustainable Body Butters ever. The new Body Butter is available at The Body Shop stores and on its online store [www.thebodyshop.com.ph](http://www.thebodyshop.com.ph).

### About The Body Shop

The Body Shop was founded in 1976 by Dame Anita Roddick in Little Hampton, England. The beauty brand pioneered corporate activism and was built on a philosophy that business can be a force for good. With its brand expression, Beauty with Heart, the company continues to be focused on five core values: Against Animal Testing, Support Community Fair Trade, Activate Self Esteem, Defend Human Rights and Protect the Planet. All products are created using the finest ingredients sourced from the four corners of the globe, which are not tested on animals and are 100% vegetarian. The Body Shop has been in the Philippine market for twenty-five years with over 60 strategically located stores nationwide.

## COMFORT MEETS STYLE WITH BATA RED LABEL x ORTHOLITE

With things easing up and less of us working from home, it's time to step out in style – and of course, comfort – with Bata's Red Label women's collection with Lifesole by Ortholite. Trendy, stylish, and elegant, the Bata Red Label women's heels collection will make every woman step above the rest with updated designs in functional and comfortable footwear for those on the go.

All engineered with Ortholite Lifesole for perfect comfort, Bata's Lifesole technology ensures that customers can get 50% more comfort in every step while having a long-lasting cushioning for your feet. And with this, Ortholite has created 'Lifesole' EXCLUSIVELY for Bata.

Aside from footwear and shoes, Bata also offers accessories such as wide selection of bags, purses, wallets and belts that are also guaranteed and designed with comfort, style, and finest quality.

They also created a complete line of Shoe care products to help you clean, restore, and protect your shoes. These include quality shoe care products such as shoe care polish, cleaners, insoles, heel grips, cushions and more.

The Bata Red Label x Ortholite collection is available at The SM Store and Bata boutique stores at most SM Supermalls nationwide. You can also visit their official website at <https://bata.com.ph/>

### About Bata Shoes

The Bata Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers and retailers of quality footwear. A global concern with more than 30,000 employees, 24 production facilities, over 5,000 stores in more than 70 countries across the globe, Bata has been providing the best shoes at the best prices, backed by unparalleled service, for 120 years. In the Philippines, Bata is in partnership with SM Retail.

Since its founding in 1894 by Thomas Bata, the company has consistently demonstrated its commitment to responsible and innovative business models in the belief that capital is not just money, buildings or technology, but more importantly, people, knowledge and core values. This visionary approach has enabled the company to meet each new challenge with creativity and foresight, while earning the trust and confidence of customers, employees and the communities in which it does business.



These Bata Ladies Vella Red Label Pointed Heels are designed to carry you in comfort with synthetic upper material, high-heels that highlight your femininity, and a comfortable insole which distributes weight perfectly.

Be it formal, semi-formal or casual, a pair of these Bata Women's Red Label Winifred Heels sandals elevates your outfit with ease and style. Available at The SM Store and Bata boutique stores at most SM Supermalls.



Be a step above the rest with these Bata Women's Red Label Wilabel Heels. A sleek shoe that is easy to incorporate in every ensemble. Available in Black and Off-White.

Get that soft yet stylish feeling with Bata Women's Red Label Winifred Heels Sandals. Available in Black and Taupe.

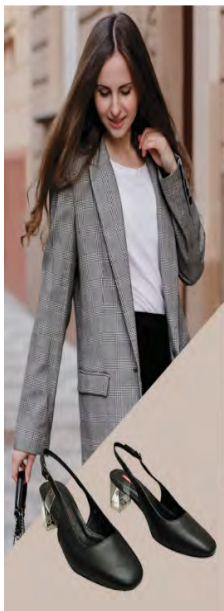
Fit for all occasions, these Bata Women's Red Label Vasanti Sandals in Polyurethane (PU) synthetic materials, are quintessential to any fashion's girl wardrobe.

## SM CITY BACOR, SM CITY MOLINO AND SM CENTER IMUS MALL HOURS

PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY	PUBLIC ADVISORY	PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY
<b>ADJUSTED MALL HOURS</b>	<b>ADJUSTED MALL HOURS</b>	<b>ADJUSTED MALL HOURS</b>
Starting January 9, 2022	STARTING JANUARY 9, 2022	STARTING JANUARY 9, 2022
<b>10AM-7PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM</b>	<b>10AM – 7PM</b>
<b>SM SUPERMARKET</b>	<b>SM HYPERMARKET</b>	<b>SM SUPERMARKET</b>
Mon to Thurs: 10AM-7PM	9AM to 8PM	MON-THURS 10AM – 7PM
Fri to Sun: 9AM-7PM		FRI – SUN 9AM – 7 PM

**SM CITY BACOR, SM CITY MOLINO, SM CENTER IMUS, CAVITE** - Pursuant to the latest government directive placing NCR, Bulacan, Cavite and Rizal under Alert Level 3, we are adjusting our mall hours to 10AM to 7PM daily starting January 9, 2022. Establishments offering basic necessities and other retail stores will be here to serve you. Our restaurants will now offer limited dine-in, al fresco dining and take-out & delivery. SM Supermarket will be open from Monday to Thursday from 10AM-7PM, and Friday to Sunday from 9AM-7PM.

We encourage everyone to follow minimum safety protocols at all times. Stay Safe, Everyone!



Bata's Lifesole technology ensures that customers can get 50% more comfort in every step while promising them long-lasting cushioning.



Walk all day with style and ease with Bata Women's Red Label Wanella close-toed and block-heeled sandals. Its long-lasting cushioning has Lifesole by Ortholite technology.



## APELA NG PSC SA TATLO EJ OBIENA, PATAFA AT POC

Pinanibago ni PHILIPPINE Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman William 'Butch' Ramirez ang kanyang apela sa atleta na si Ernest John Obiena, Philippine Athletics Track and Field Association (Patafa), at ang POC, paglalang at pagpapatawad' na isumite sa pamamagitan ng ahensya at lutasin ang kontrobersya na humahabol sa lokal na sports sa halos dalawang buwan na ngayon.

"Kung walang kapakumbabaan mula sa lahat ng panig - EJ (palayaw ni Obiena), Patafa, at ang POC, paglalang at pagpapatawad, imposibleng malutas ang alitan na ito," diin ni Ramirez sa unang online session ng Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum ng taon.

"Kung nakikinig sina Obiena, Patafa at POC, alam kong may sarili kayong pulitika diyari, (pero) sinusubukan lang ng PSC na lutasin at protektahan ang atleta at Patafa, na isang magandang organisasyon tulad ng lahat ng NSA (National Sports), Associations)," sabi ng PSC chief ng government sports agency's peacemaking efforts.

Dahil sa makataong mga kadahilanan at bilang isang mabuting kalooban, inihayag ni Ramirez na ang PSC ay nagbibigay ng tulong pinansyal kay Obiena, na humiling para sa kanyang operasyon sa tuhod, sa kabila ng katotohanan na kailangan pa niyang kumpletuhin ang kanyang pag-liquidate ng mga pondo.

Sinabi rin ni Ramirez na ang PSC ay nagsusumikap na bigyan ang 26-taong-gulang na pole vaultier ng cash incentive para sa pagtatakda ng bagong Asian record na 5.93 metro sa paghahari sa Golden Roof Challenge noong Setyembre 2021, na nalampasan ang 29-taong-gulang na marka ni Igor ng Kazakhstan. Nakatakda si Potapovich sa Dijon, France noong 1992.

Sinabi ni Ramirez sa kanyang pakikipag-usap kay Patafa Chairman at Deputy House Speaker Rufus Rodriguez na handa itong i-certify ang kahilingan ni Obiena upang direktang matanggap ng atleta ang pera sa lalong madaling panahon.

"Kami ay nagpapasalamat kay Deputy Speaker Rodriguez sa pagsang-ayon sa aming kahilingan sa sertipikasyon

tungkol sa tulong pinansyal kay Obiena. Sa mga pambihirang panahon na ito, handa kaming i-bypass ang normal na pamamaraan," sabi ng PSC chief sa programang suportado ng San Miguel Corporation, MILO@Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, PAGCOR at Prime Edge Marketing Consultancy bilang bago nitong webcast at social kasosyo sa media.

Ibinunyag din ni Ramirez na nakipag-chat siya kay POC President Rep. Abraham 'Bambol' Tolentino at tiniyak sa kanya na papayag din ang lokal na Olympic body sa isang ceasefire habang nagpapatuloy ang mediation efforts ng PSC.

Bilang isang ama na nakikipag-usap sa kanyang anak, pinaalalahanan ng pinakamatagal na tagapangulo ng PSC si Obiena na manatiling mapagpakumbaba at huwag hayaang mapunta sa kanyang ulo ang kanyang reputasyon at mga nagawa dahil "kung walang pagpapakumbaba ay hindi ka lalayo."

Binigyang-diin niya na "mediation is the only option" sa lahat ng partidong sangkot, kaya naman tinulungan niya ang Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. sa pangunguna ni Pangulong Atty. Edmundo Tan at Executive Director Arlee Matibay Jr. sa pag-aayos ng hidwaan.

"Kung magkasundo ang lahat ng partido, ako, si PSC executive director Atty. Guillermo Iroy Jr. at ang PDRCI ay umaasa na maresolba ang alitan na ito," sabi ni Ramirez, na nagbabala na ang hindi paggawa nito ay maaaring magkaroon ng masamang epekto sa P515 milyon na natanggap nito mula sa Kongreso para magamit sa mga internasyonal na pagpupulong ng mga atleta ngayong taon.

"Kami ay nagpapasalamat sa Kongreso, lalo na sa ating mga senador na pumayag na maglaan ng P515 milyon sa PSC para sa internasyonal na kompetisyon tulad ng Vietnam Southeast Asian Games at Asian Games. Ngunit kung hindi malulutas ang salungatan na ito, maaari nating isuko ito at hilingin sa Tanggapan ng Pangulo na ibigay ito sa ibang lugar," aniya.

"Bilyon ang ginagastos natin sa ating mga atleta pero

## BAGONG OUTLET NA PANGICESPORTS BINUKSAN SA BEIJING, CHINA



Nagbukas ng bagong outlet sa isang ice sports center sa Beijing, ang American ice hockey equipment brand na TRUE ay nakatanggap ng mainit na pagtanggap mula sa mga batang nagsasanay.

Ang tindahan, na binuksan kamakailan, ay nagbibigay ng "one-stop" na mga serbisyo sa pagbili para sa mga teenager na sinanay sa center para hindi na nila kailangang tumingin-tingin sa lungsod para sa anumang kagamitan tulad ng helmet, guwantes, skate, at stick.

Ang kasikatan ng ice at snow sports ay nagsimula nang maaga sa Europe at America, at ang mga negosyo sa industriyang ito ay nakabisado na ng medyo mature na teknolohiya, sabi ni Wang Zhiyong, manager ng international department ng Beijing Capitals Hockey Club. "Kaya ang Chinese winter sports market na hinihimok ng Beijing Winter Olympics ay magiging 'blue ocean' sa mata ng mga dayuhang tatak," sabi ni Wang.

Ang isang ulat sa pananaliksik sa industriya ng yelo at niyebe ng China noong 2021 ay nagpakita na ang laki ng industriya ng yelo at niyebe ng China ay tumaas mula 270 bilyong yuan (mga USD42 bilyon) noong 2015 hanggang 600 bilyong yuan noong 2020. Ayon sa plano ng pagpapaulad ng China para sa ice at snow sports mula 2016 hanggang 2025, ang kabuuang sukat ng industriya ay aabot sa 1 trilyong yuan pagdating ng 2025.

Sinabi ni Li Yanli, isang propesor sa Beijing Sport University, na ang matagumpay na bid ng Beijing Winter Olympics ay lubos na nagsulong ng pag-unlad ng industriya ng yelo at niyebe ng

nasa pandemic pa rin tayo at milyun-milyong Pilipino ang walang pagkain at tirahan dahil sa Bagyong Odette. Sasabihin ko kay Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea na ibigay ang pera sa mga nangangailangan at mag-concentrate sa grassroots sport na hindi natin napapansin," ani Ramirez. Samantala pormal namang tinanggap ng PATAFA ang kanilang partisipasyon para sa nais na mangyari ng PSC ito ay ang idean sa mediation upang maresolba ang alitan ng national sports association kay pole vault star Ernest John "EJ" Obiena.

Tsina. Pinahusay din nito ang potensyal na pagkonsumo ng mga palakasan sa loob ng bansa at pinalawak ang merkado ng palakasan, kaya't pinahihintulutan ang mga tagapagbigay ng mga kalakal na pang-sports sa ibang bansa na makahanap ng mga bagong pagkakataon sa pamumuhunan.

Ang data mula sa corporate information provider na Tianyancha ay nagpapahiwatig na ang China ay nakakita ng pagtaas ng higit sa 1,000 ice at snow sports-related na mga negosyo noong 2021.

Sa WF Central, isang upscale shopping mall sa downtown Beijing, isang corridor bridge sa ikatlong palapag nito ay puno ng mga produkto mula sa higit sa 10 pandaigdigang brand ng winter sports, kabilang ang Bogner, Burton, at Mons Royale.

"Ibinalik namin ang eksena ng isang studio ng Burton dito sa isang bid upang ipaalam sa madla ang espirituwal na kahulugan ng snowboarding sports at kultura," isang miyembro ng kawani sa lugar na ipinakilala.

Sinabi ni Zhou Peng, na nagtatrabaho sa outlet ni Bogner sa mall, na nagbukas ang tindahan noong Disyembre.

"Habang maraming mga ski resort ang nagbukas, ang isa sa aming mga ski suit ay nabili kahit ilang sandali," sabi ni Zhou.

Sa papalapit na Beijing Winter Olympics, pinabilis ni Bogner ang layout nito sa winter sports market ng China at nagplanong magtatag ng offline na network ng negosyo ng humigit-kumulang 80 retail na tindahan sa loob ng limang taon.

Tulad ng Bogner, maraming iba pang mga negosyo sa ibang bansa ang optimistic tungkol sa merkado ng ice at snow sports ng China.

Noong Setyembre 2021, binuksan ng Swedish sports fashion brand na Peak Performance ang opisyal nitong flagship store sa e-commerce platform ng Alibaba na Tmall.

Ayon sa statistical survey data ng mga sports venue ng China noong 2020 na inilabas ng General Administration of Sport of China, noong Disyembre 31, 2020, mayroong 1,888 ice at snow sports venues sa bansa. Tinatayang aabot sa 2,900 ang bilang sa 2022.

"Ang paghahanda sa darating na Olympics ay humantong



sa pagpapatupad ng mga sumusuportang hakbang sa mga nauugnay na larangan, na nagbibigay ng mataas na kalidad na kapaligiran ng negosyo para sa mga negosyong gustong lumahok sa industriya ng palakasan at nagdudulot ng higit na kumpiyansa sa pamumuhunan," sabi ni Li. "Ang Beijing Winter Olympics ay magtutulak sa China na linangin ang isang kumpletong

kadena ng industriya ng yelo at niyebe. Sasamantalain ng Italian online na winter travel agency na Snowit ang pagkakataon na makipagtulungan sa mga Chinese at overseas snow resort, magkatuwang na isulong ang pag-unlad ng industriya, at ibahagi ang mga pagkakataon ng Beijing Winter Olympics," sabi ni Zhang Xiandong, sales representative ng Snowit sa China.

## NI-RESET NG POC ANG PANGKALAHATANG PAGPUPULONG SA EN. 26 DAHIL SA PAGTAAS NG COVID-19

Ini-reschedule ng Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) ang una nitong General Assembly (GA) mula Enero 12 hanggang 26 dahil sa biglaang pagdami ng mga impeksyon sa Covid-19 at banta ng variant ng Omicron.

Sinabi ni POC president Rep. Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino noong Biyernes na ayaw ng katawan na ipagsapalaran ang mga miyembro at opisyal nito sa pagdami ng impeksyon na naitala pagkatapos ng holiday. Naka-schedule ang hybrid GA sa Grandmaster Hotel sa Tagaytay City.

Ang pagpapaliban, ani Tolentino, ay ipinagpaliban ang ratipikasyon ng GA sa mga rekomendasyon ng POC Ethics Committee na pinangungunahan ng deklarasyon ni Philippine Athletics Track and Field Association president Philip Ella Juico bilang persona non grata.

"Hindi lang natin maaaring ipagsapalaran ang kalusugan ng lahat at bagama't mayroon tayong nakasalansan na agenda para simulan ang taon, kailangan nating sundin ang mga protocol," sabi ni Tolentino.

Sinabi ni Tolentino na kasama sa stacked agenda ang mga update at finalization ng mga gawain sa Winter Olympics na magsisimula sa Pebrero 4 at ang Hanoi 31st Southeast Asian Games sa Mayo at ang Hangzhou 19th Asian Games sa Setyembre.

"Dalawang taon na lang ang Paris Olympics pero binibigyang-prioridad namin ang Mga Laro," sabi ni Tolentino.

Idinagdag ni Tolentino na ang GA ay bibigyan din ng mga update sa programa ng tulong pinansyal ng POC sa mga atleta at coach na lubhang naapektuhan ng Bagyong Odette.



PBA IN AKSYON

Bunsod pa rin ng patuloy na paglobo ng mga naging biktima ng Covid-19 at nasa alert level 3 ang sitwasyon ng bansa ay nag pahayag pa rin ng di pagpapatuloy ng mga laro ng aksyon ang PBA Commissioner na si Willie Marcial. (RGN)





## HULI SA GRANADA, DIRETSO NG SELDA

**ARESTADO** ang 32-anyos na lalaki na nahulihan ng isang granada sa kanyang motorsiklo sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite Miyerkules ng gabi.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004) at RA 9516 (Illegal Possession of hand Grenade in relation to Omnibus Election Code) ang kinaharap ng suspek na si Arjay Alvarez y Amimita dahil sa reklamo ni Racquel Argana, 35. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Joan Medina, ng Dasmariñas

City Police, bago ang pangyayari, nagtungo si Argana sa tanggapan ng Bacoor CPS kung saan inireklamo si Alvarez na dati nitong boyfriend matapos siyang gulpihin nang kinukuha ang kanyang motorsiklo na puwersahang tinangay. Dakong alas-10:30 ng gabi nagsagawa naman ng follow up operation ang Dasmariñas CPS kung saan inaresto ang suspek at nakuhanan ng isang granada. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Alfamart, nilooban?

**PERSONS** of Interest ang limang empleyado ng Alfamart matapos natuklasan na nawawala ang padlock ng roll up door at puwersahang binuksan, nilimas din ang 'di pa mabatid na halaga ng cash na laman ng GCash ATM machine at nagkalat na grocery items sa loob sa kanilang branch sa Imus City, Cavite Miyerkules ng umaga.

Hinigan ng salaysay ang mga mga empleyadong sina Michelle Coneras, 29, service crew/opener; Jordan Philip dela Cruz y Magat, 25, store crew/closer; Alesafe Totañes y Orlanda, 24, service crew/closer; Maria Toneth Vale, shift leader, pawang residente ng Imus City at Christine Silvestre y Canet, 33, store leader, ng Bacoor City.

Sa reklamo ni Ezekiel John Hernandez y Roldan, area coordinator ng Alfamart, kay Corporal Fidel Querijero III, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-5:57 ng umaga ay natuklasan na nawawala ang padlock ng roll up door ng Alfamart Convenient Store na matatagpuan sa Avenida Rizal St., Brgy Molino 5, Bacoor City, at ang glass up door ay puwersahang binuksan at sa loob nito ay nagkalat ang mga grocery items.

Sinira din ang Gcash ATM machine at nawawala ang 'di pa mabatid na halaga na laman nito at pati ang Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) na nakakabit sa loob ay tinanggal din ang

saksakan. Paliwanang ni Querijero, inimitahan niya sa tanggapan ang lahat ng empleyadong pumasok ng mga araw na natuklasan ang pangyayari upang magbigay salaysay. Sinusulat ito ay nagsasagawa ng imbentaryo sa loob kung magkano ang nawawala pati ang laman ng GCash ATM machine. **GENE ADSUARA**

## CHIZ: LGUS KAKAPUSIN PA RIN KAHIT MAY DAGDAG NA P234-B IRA MULA SA MANDANAS RULING

Pinapayuhan ni Sorsogon Gov. Chiz Escudero ang mga kapwa niya local chief executives na huwag asahan ang karagdagan P234 bilyon sa internal revenue allotment (IRA) ngayong taon alinsunod sa pagtalima ng pambansang gobyerno sa Mandanas ruling ng Korte Suprema.

Ayon kay Escudero, na isang beteranong mambabatas, lampas doble ang halaga ng buong full devolution of services na nilalaman ng Executive Order (EO) 138 kumpara sa halagang matatanggap ng mga lokal na pamahalaan mula sa national tax collection.

"Inisa-isa ko iyon sa national budget ng 2021 dahil line item naman ang budget. Ang kabuuang halaga ng dini-devolve nila sa LGU ay humigit-kumulang P1.3 trillion samantalang ang

## 61 trainees start basic course for PDEA agents

**MANILA** – The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Thursday said it has started the training of 61 agent-trainees for Drug Enforcement Officers Basic Course (DEOBC) in its academy in Camp Castañeda, Silang, Cavite. The DEOBC Class 2022-20 is composed of 41 males and 20 females who took their oath and underwent reception on Wednesday, marking the beginning of their six-month regimented training as drug enforcement officers.

The hiring of DEOBC Class 2022-20 started on March 2, 2020 wherein a total of 1,380 applicants applied. They took qualifying and neuro-psychological examinations simultaneously held week-long in 16 testing centers nationwide

"For the first time, the neuro-psychological examinations for entry-level DEOs were held in-house and online. All four major stages of the examination were made simultaneous and regionalized, thus bringing the recruitment

accessible to all applicants," PDEA Director General Wilkins Villanueva said in a statement.

After undergoing neuro-psychological examination, qualifiers went through medical and dental examination, physical fitness test, and panel interview.

"The continuous hiring of DEOs will boost the government's efforts in the national anti-drug campaign, and ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the Barangay Drug Clearing Program (BDPC) on a nationwide scale," Villanueva said.

The PDEA Drug Enforcement Officers Basic Course comprises basic management and leadership, communication enhancement skills, community-based anti-illegal drug advocacy, legal studies, anti-illegal drug intelligence and tactics, interdiction operations and investigation, and other non-academic activities. **(PNA)**

## PH Navy, TESDA ink pact on free skills training

**MANILA** – In line with ongoing modernization efforts, the Philippine Navy (PN) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) signed Wednesday a memorandum of agreement (MOA) that will provide free skills training and certification related to the specialization of interested naval personnel.

"Through this partnership, TESDA is providing free skills training, assessment, and certification to PN beneficiaries through the TESDA Technology Institutions (TTIs). The skills that will be taught are related to their respective specializations, such as construction, maintenance and repair, and information technology," PN spokesperson Commander Benjo Negranza said Wednesday night.

Navy chief, Vice Adm. Adeluis Bordado and TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapeña signed the MOA in a virtual ceremony witnessed by ranking personnel of both agencies.

Under the agreement, TESDA will also provide technical assistance to enhance the PN workforce and skills development capabilities and provide trainers with skills-related workshops, seminars, and other relevant training programs.

It is also open to dependents

of PN personnel and the Navy's civilian employees.

"TESDA is privileged to further strengthen the capacity and competence of our Navy personnel through this agreement. Through this, our PN will be able to learn or expand their skills through TESDA's scholarship programs. The Navy personnel and their dependents will be given free skills training on different courses under the information and communication technology and construction sectors," Lapeña said.

He also lauded the PN for coming up with this initiative and collaborating with them to make this partnership possible.

Meanwhile, Bordado said the partnership will help improve the technical skills of PN personnel.

"(The) success of this partnership will definitely support the Navy's Human Capital Strategy and help sustain our future force projection. We will continue to strive to achieve significant transition milestones while we shift from a legacy Navy into a modern and multi-capable naval defense force, ready and able to perform our mandate to protect the Philippines' maritime rights and interests," he added. **(PNA)**

## Law granting benefits to deceased state prosecutors' kin inked

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo R. Duterte has signed into law an act granting survivorship benefits to the surviving legitimate spouse and dependent children of a deceased retired member of the National Prosecution Service (NPS).

Republic Act (RA) 11643 mandates the surviving legitimate spouse and dependent children of said deceased member to be entitled to receive all the retirement benefits that the deceased was receiving or entitled to receive, provided that the deceased state prosecutor is eligible to retire optionally at the time of death.

Members of the NPS shall include all prosecutors in the Office of the Secretary of Justice, the Regional Prosecution Offices, and the offices of the Provincial and City Prosecutors.

RA 11643 refers to "dependent" as a legitimate, illegitimate, or legally adopted child who is chiefly dependent on the said deceased member of the NPS.

They should be aged 21 and below, unmarried and not gainfully employed, or regardless of age, is

incapable of self-support because of any mental or physical defect or condition.

Under the law, the surviving legitimate spouse shall continue to receive during their lifetime said retirement benefits until such spouse remarries, provided that the surviving spouse and dependent children shall each equally share the retirement benefits.

The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The benefits provided in this Act shall also be granted to the surviving spouse and dependent children of the member of the NPS who died one year prior to the effectivity of this Act.

RA 11643 was signed by Duterte on Tuesday but was released to reporters on Thursday.

This act is a consolidation of House Bill No. 9087 and Senate Bill No. 2373 was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on November 29, 2021 and November 8, respectively. **(PNA)**



## Shrimp head: From food waste to business

**MANILA – To mitigate food waste, the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) pushed to turn some of it into “something valuable.”**

Rosa Bassig, senior science research specialist of the Fisheries Postharvest Research and Development Division of NFRDI, said one of the most common food wastes is shrimp head that can be converted into shrimp powder and can be a potentially good source of income.

Based on her study released Wednesday, one kilogram of fresh shrimp heads can produce about 200 grams of shrimp powder.

“Not bad for business, considering that what would have been just a waste was converted into something valuable,” Bassig said.

The powder can be used as shrimp flavor seasoning, seafood broths, or soups, among others, she added.

The product has a storage life of up to six months when stored at 28-30°C based on a study published in The Philippine Journal of Fisheries.

In a statement, the NFRDI said a shrimp processing plant usually throws away the shrimp heads along with shells and tails.

The waste makes up approximately 50 percent of the raw material, which means almost half of the money spent goes down the drain already, it added. It also noted that improper disposal of these wastes may cause harm to the environment due to their nutrient-rich properties.

“By turning shrimp heads into powder, food processing manufacturers will not only cut down their wastage but, more importantly, earn profit from otherwise discarded materials,” NFRDI said. **(PNA)**

## Locally produced Covid drug molnupiravir can cut prices up to 50%

**MANILA –** As Philippine pharmaceutical firm Lloyd Laboratories Inc. (LLI) aims producing molnupiravir in the country, prices of this coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) drug could go down by 30 to 50 percent.

LLI Business Development director Christopher Bamba said retail prices of imported molnupiravir cost around PHP100 to PHP150 per 200-milligram capsule.

“For our pricing, we are usually 30 to 50 percent lower and this is our price strategy being a local manufacturer and a generic company,” Bamba said in a media interview Thursday.

If the local production will push through, prices of this medicine could be reduced to PHP50 to PHP75 per capsule.

LLI vice president for technical Dr. Chandra Shekhara Reddy Nagareddy said the company will bring down the price of locally manufactured molnupiravir as it has no obligation to pay any royalty for producing the medicine.

In October last year, Merck signed a royalty-

free licensing deal for molnupiravir to make the Covid-19 pill accessible especially to poor countries.

Earlier, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) director general Oscar Gutierrez said LLI applied for a certificate of product registration for locally manufactured molnupiravir last December 22.

Bamba added LLI will import the active pharmaceutical ingredients and the capsule mostly from India, but the manufacturing process of the molnupiravir will be done in its local facility.

“We have the entire process on how to manufacture this. This is not a finished capsule which we are importing. It is really considered as a local(ly) manufactured product,” he said.

Once production starts, LLI can produce at least one million capsules per batch, which takes about three to four days.

Bamba estimated that the country needs 3.6 million capsules of molnupiravir to cater the needs of at least 20 percent of the

## PTFoMS condemns killing of former radioman in Tacurong

**MANILA –** The Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) on Wednesday decried the killing of a former radio commentator running for councilor in Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat by motorcycle “riding-in-tandem” gunmen.

“The government condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of Jaynard Angeles, a candidate in the local election and former station manager of Radyo ni Juan. We will never tolerate any act of violence against any person,” Undersecretary Jose Joel Sy Egco, executive director of PTFoMS, said in a statement.

“We condole with the family, loved ones, and colleagues of Mr. Angeles. The PTFoMS is now in close coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) in conducting intensive police operations to pursue his assailants and bring the perpetrators before the bar of justice,” he added.

The initial report submitted by the PNP to the Task Force showed that Angeles was shot and killed at an auto repair shop in Purok Sampaguita, Brgy. New Carmen, Tacurong City at about 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Investigation revealed that two gunmen approached Angeles and shot him in the head which caused his death. He was 36 years old.

The suspects fled the scene onboard a black Kawasaki

active Covid-19 cases as of January 11.

Molnupiravir is given to patients diagnosed with Covid-19 with mild to moderate cases, and being given within the third and fourth day of the infection. Bamba said those Covid-19 patients with comorbidities should be prioritized in giving molnupiravir.

The FDA earlier reminded that this drug does not function as prophylaxis, or to prevent from getting Covid-19. **(PNA)**

Bajaj motorcycle.

Before the incident, Angeles had resigned from Radyo ni Juan to run for councilor in his hometown of Lambayong.

“Even if Mr. Angeles is a former media practitioner, the Task Force will not stop until the masterminds and their cohorts are caught, charged, and convicted for this heinous crime. There is no justification for murder, whatever Angeles may have been involved with in the past,” Egco said.

The incident occurred after the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) recently directed the PNP to designate Media Security Focal Persons in each province and city nationwide upon the request of PTFoMS, citing the increasing incidents of violence against journalists before, during, and after the elections.

PTFoMS’ request was expeditiously and favorably acted upon by the DILG in anticipation of a possible increase in violent incidents involving media workers during the election season.

Egco said as the election draws near, the focal persons will serve as the “first line of defense” of journalists even in the most far-flung areas of the country as they will be the first to receive and respond to all threats leveled against any media worker.

He said the focal persons will also coordinate directly with the assigned PTFoMS Special Agents (SAs) in expediting the resolution of cases of violence against journalists.

“We took the initiative to request for high ranking PNP officers as focal persons because we could foresee what will be necessary for the future in terms of safety and security for members of the 4th Estate as mandated by President Rodrigo Duterte in his Administrative Order No. 1 (AO1),” Egco said. **(PR)**

## BOC-Clark, CAIDTF, ESS, CIIS & PDEA arrest claimant of seized Shabu & Marijuana derivatives in a shipment disguised as “Pens”

The intensified anti-illegal drug effort of the Bureau of Customs - Port of Clark once again resulted in a successful controlled delivery operation, in coordination with PDEA, CAIDTF, ESS, XIP, and CIIS, as it arrested the claimant of a seized shipment containing Methamphetamine Hydrochloride and Marijuana last January 12, 2022.

The shipment was declared as “pens” from Henderson, Nevada, USA and upon arrival was subjected to profiling and noted for a physical examination which resulted in the findings of eight (8) pcs. Expo Marker Pens, one (1) pack of Dart Flights, one (1) pack of magazine labeled as “Pop Boys” concealing three (3) self-sealing transparent plastic sachets of suspected Shabu, and one (1) self-sealing transparent plastic labeled as “black label brand” of suspected Liquid Marijuana.

Said shipment was likewise subjected to K9 sweeping conducted jointly by BOC & PDEA K9 Unit which gave positive indications. Representative samples were then turned over to PDEA for the conduct of chemical laboratory analysis which confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride or Shabu on the three (3) self-sealing transparent sachets and

Tetrahydrocannabinol/Marijuana on the self-sealing sachet of “black label brand”. District Collector Alexandra Lumontad immediately issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject shipment for violation of Sections 118 (g), 119 (d), and 1113 par. f, i & l (3 & 4) of R.A. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to R.A. 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Thereafter, a controlled delivery operation was conducted on January 12, 2022 by the joint elements of PDEA, CAIDTF, ESS & CIIS to the consignee’s address at Quezon City, Manila which resulted in the arrest of the claimant.

The subject illegal drugs with an estimated street value of Php 90,000.00 were turned over to PDEA for proper disposition and the claimant will be subjected to inquest proceedings.

The Port of Clark will remain consistent in the anti-illegal drugs campaign of the Bureau of Customs under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero and will continue to enforce stricter measures to prevent the entry of illegal drugs in support of President Rodrigo Duterte’s war on drugs. **PR**

## PNP active Covid-19 infections reach 3.2K

**MANILA –** The Philippine National Police (PNP) on Thursday said active cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) have exceeded 3,000.

This, after 450 new cases raised the total active case tally to 3,262 out of a total of 44,635 confirmed infections since the start of the pandemic.

A total of 31 new recoveries, meanwhile, brought the recovered cases to 41,248 while the death toll remains at 125.

Earlier, PNP chief Gen. Dionardo Carlos said many of the Covid cases among police personnel developed mild symptoms, which will only need home or facility isolation.

Carlos assured that the surge in infections will not affect the operations of the police force.

The PNP has added more quarantine facilities and beds inside its headquarters in Camp Crame as it continues to see a spike in Covid-19 infections among its personnel.

Meanwhile, the Kiangnan Emergency Treatment Facility remains the primary quarantine facility in Camp Crame for Covid-

19 cases.

Carlos also noted that asymptomatic personnel could go on home quarantine but need to submit their regular body conditions to the monitoring medical team.

“Patuloy ang pagbibigay tulong sa ating mga pulis na nasa quarantine facilities at maging sa kanilang dependents. Hindi rin po tayo tumitigil sa pagbibigay ng booster shots upang masalong malabanan ang naturang virus (We continue to aid our police officers in the quarantine facilities and even their dependents.

We also continue to give booster shots to better fight the virus). With the rising number of positive cases in the police force, rest assured that our operational capabilities and performance will not be hampered,” he said.

PNP records also showed that 216,166 personnel (95.93 percent) have been fully vaccinated, while 7,824 (3.47 percent) are waiting for their second dose.

About 1,343 PNP personnel (0.60 percent) have yet to receive any dose of the vaccine. **(PNA)**



## Legarda: Recognize that our farmers and fisherfolk are our saviors, provide them with support for climate-resilient agriculture

Deputy Speaker and Antique Congresswoman Loren Legarda expressed her strong commitment to champion the farmers and fishers, as the country moves towards becoming self-sufficient and food secure, during the AGRI2022 Online Forum. Highlighting the successes in the province of Antique, which saw significant increases in palay production (27.4%) and yield (3.8%) in 2021, Legarda emphasized, "With the exceptional support of the government: from providing seeds, tools, equipment and market access, self-sufficiency in agriculture can be achieved." The province of Antique boasts as one of the very few provinces to achieve a "rice self-sufficient" status.

"I note that we are the only country in the ASEAN region that is a net importer of food. This is unacceptable, as our country is rich in resources and we have more than 10 million hardworking small farmers, forest settlers, and fisherfolk." Legarda added.

Legarda stressed the need for the sector to benefit from scientific research and innovation, especially for climate-resilient technologies. "During Typhoon Odette, Del Carmen in Siargao was miraculously spared from storm surges because it is home to 4,871 hectares of mangroves." Legarda added: "We need to work with and alongside natural processes. Nature-based solutions, such as planting mangrove greenbelts, have been very effective in preventing further loss and damage. Our farming and fishing communities could benefit from policies and plans that build

with nature."

Aside from coastal greenbelts, Legarda drew attention to the community production of seeds, which are locally adapted to the soil and climate, or the use of integrated solutions such as integrated duck-rice farming. When asked about water scarcity, Legarda noted that: "if we had healthier soils, we can prevent erosion or run-off. For example, if our farmers used the straw from their palay and applied it to their rice fields, the straw is converted to organic matter. They would be close to achieving one (1%) percent organic matter, which translates to about 50,000 gallons of water retained." The Deputy Speaker is a proud backyard farmer. She saves and starts her own seeds, utilizes mulching and a rainwater catchment for irrigation, and grows her own food.

She added: "We need to rethink our food system. We urgently need to move from environmentally exploitative farming to regenerative practices. Presently, our policies are focused on large scale farming and production for export. Considering that we have about 10 million small farmers, forest settlers, or fisherfolk, it is in small holder agriculture where change is needed to increase the food supply. If the government provides adequate support and intervention, small producers will have additional income generating opportunities while encouraging local food supply."

The three-term Senator, now Deputy Speaker, has co-authored and filed House Bill 8385 or the Integrated Urban Agricul-

ture Act, which seeks to promote and institutionalize urban agriculture as a sustainable land use system. She is also the co-author of the Rural Farm Schools Act under Republic Act 10618.

Additionally, Legarda called attention to the plight of women farmers, who comprise 27.3 percent of workers employed in the agricultural sector but who remain undervalued if not invisible. "Support to the sector should also include support to our women farmers, who have less access to productive resources than men do."

Today is a unique opportunity to undertake a new course in food production, processing, distribution, and consumption. The COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the role of agriculture in our country. When import and ex-

port grounded to a halt, it showed the need for the country to be self-sustainable. Shorter supply chains, local sourcing, and stronger urban-rural relationships would provide more resilience in times of crisis rather than relying only on international trade. For me, the way forward is: small-holder agriculture, family farming or backyard gardening."

The AGRI2022 Online Forum was organized last Monday, January 10, by the Aksyon Alyansa. The organization presented a Concept Note and document: "Transform Agriculture for Food Security, Job Creation, and Balanced Growth" citing twelve recommendations by three critical agriculture-related sectors: farmers and fisherfolk; agribusiness; and science and academe. **PR**

## Manage mild symptoms at home to decongest hospitals: mayor

**MANILA** – The city government of Manila will strictly allot its six district hospitals for patients with severe to critical symptoms of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) and those with comorbidities.

Mild to moderate infections may be dealt with at home if there is proper space for isolation.

As of noon on Tuesday, the Covid-19 beds of Manila's six hospitals are 42 percent occupied.

A total of 206 beds out of 494 are in use at the Ospital ng Maynila, Ospital ng Sampaloc, Jose Abad Santos General Hospital, Gat Andres Bonifacio Memorial Medical Center, Ospital ng Tondo, and Sta. Ana Hospital.

On the other hand, the Manila Covid-19 Field Hospital that is also be-

ing used by returning Filipinos with mild symptoms has a 72 percent occupancy rate, with 249 out of its 344 beds occupied. The 12 quarantine facilities are 26-percent occupied while the Tondo High School facility for suspected cases waiting for their swab test results is only 13-percent full.

At the height of the highly transmissible and more contagious Delta variant last year, the Department of Health disallowed home quarantine even for asymptomatic cases to control the spread of the virus.

Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso clarified that those without a separate area at home for quarantine will be accommodated in quarantine facilities.

"We will reserve our



## GOLDEN SUNRISE, KUMINANG!

Kuminang mula sa pagbukas ng aparato hanggang sa pagtawid sa meta ang dehadong kabayo na si Golden Sunrise matapos na bumanderang tapos nung nakaraang Linggo sa ginanap na Rating Based Handicapping System Class 3 (R47-53) na inilarga sa karerahan ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona, Cavite. Nagpasikat ang Class C rider na si JB Guerra sa ibabaw ni Golden Sunrise at walang hirap na sinilat ang outstanding favorite na si Patong Patong na sinakyan ni JD King Flores. Sa arangkadahan ay agad na sinunggaban ni Golden Sunrise mula sa labas ang unahan upang mahawakan ang bandera, kasabay sa tabing balya ang segunda liyamado na si Winner Bidder na nirendahan ni Mart Gonzalez, habang nasa ikatlong puwesto ang paborito na si Patong Patong na masasabing nasa magandang posisyon ng pag-atake, Pangapat si Sari Baby ni Lester De Jesus, panglima ang tersera liyamado na si Shanghai Silk na ginabayan ni Dodong Villegas, kasunod si Electrify ni EG Guerra, habang ang kabayong si Rogelio na pinatungan ni John Paul Guce ang nasa hulihan ng takbuhan. Pagpasok sa medya milya (800M) ay nasa unahan pa rin si Golden Sunrise na may dalawang kabayo ang layo sa nakabuntot na si Winner Bidder, nasa ikatlong posisyon pa rin si Patong Patong na may anim na kabayo ang layo mula sa unahan, ngunit nagsimula ng kumilos paglagpas ng tres oktobos (600M). Sa far turn ay unti- unti ng dumidikit sa ikalawang puwesto si Patong Patong habang nakapirmis pa rin sa unahan ang winning horse. Sa rektahan ay bandera pa rin si Golden Sunrise habang nagkukumahog naman sa paghabol si Patong Patong. At dahil sa hindi nabigyan ng pressure sa ayre ay napabor ito ng husto kay Golden Sunrise kung kaya't nakabuo at nakaporma sa kanilang labanan. Tinawid ni Golden Sunrise ang meta ng may dalawang kabayong kalamangan, pumorkas si Patong Patong at pumasok sa larong trifecta si Winner Bidder, habang dikit na pumang-apat si Rogelio. Naorasan si Golden Sunrise ng tiyempong 1:29.8 (12'-24-25-28) para sa distansiyang 1,400 meter. Sa karerang ito ay maraming liyamadista ang nadismaya at nalungkot pero marami din naman na dehadista ang natuwala lalo na yung mga tumama o kumubra sa koneksiyon ni Golden Sunrise.

Covid-19 beds for those who have severe to critical infection and those with comorbidities so we can efficiently use our hospitals for those who are sick with cancer, or

undergoing operation or dialysis, or those who have given birth to protect them from getting infected," Domagoso said during a live online briefing on Monday night. **(PNA)**



## B.O.S.S commences for tax, business permit processing

**Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The local government units of the seven cities and sixteen municipalities in the province formally opened their respective Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) programs on the first working day of the year, January 3, 2022.**

To safely accommodate their clientele, every LGU has taken up measures such as setting up the BOSS in a more spacious location.

The city government of General Trias re-launched their tax payment system at the 2nd Floor of Robinson's Place in Brgy. Tejero from January 3 to March 30, 2022.

Only 200 applicants will be accommodated per day from 9am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays.

According to Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) head, Romel Olimpo, no walk-in applicants are allowed and compliance to safety measures pursuant to government guidelines will be observed at all times.

Only applicants will be admitted to the BOSS area while clients with special needs such as Senior Citizens, Pregnant Women, and PWDs shall be allowed a companion.

For the second consecutive year, Noveleta LGU opened their Business One Stop Shop or BOSS at the

2nd Floor of Primark Town Center in Barangay Magdiwang.

Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua said, "We made it here once again to give convenience to our local tax payers with ample space for safety in accordance with government guidelines."

Likewise, the city government of Bacoor used the STRIKE Gymnasium to set up their BOSS program for the whole month of January 2022.

Business permit applications and renewals and other transactions under the BOSS are directed to the Imus Pilot Elementary School in the city of Imus.

Processing of applications and other transactions will be from January 2 – 20, 2022 at 8am-7pm Mondays to Fridays, and 9am-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays to give more time to taxpayers and businessmen clients.

The Trece Martires city government opened their tax payment system at the city hall area from January 3 to 20, 2022 with only 200 persons accommodated daily.

Meanwhile, the Dasmariñas LGU successfully commenced the first day of the BOSS program at the Vista-Mall-Dasmariñas grounds yesterday, January 3 which will last until the end of this month. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from respective LGUs)**

## SC extends January deadline of all court filings until Feb. 1

**MANILA** – The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday announced the extension of deadlines for all court papers due in January following the surge in Covid-19 cases that have halted or paralyzed operations in several institutions.

Circular 01-2022, dated January 10 and signed by Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo, stated that the filing periods of any and all pleadings and other court submissions due this month "are hereby extended until Feb. 1, 2022", citing the alarming number of Covid-19 infections and

the lingering effects of Typhoon Odette.

Some "Odette"-hit areas in the Visayas are still without electricity and water supply.

The extension was requested by the Board of Governors of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

The circular has been disseminated to all judges, justices, court personnel, lawyers, litigants, and court users.

The SC is also implementing reduced on-site work capacity starting this week. Only one third of SC's work force will physically report

## Hospitals, medical facilities operate on limited services

**Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA)** – A number of hospitals and medical facilities in the province were reported to be operating on full capacity, and on limited medical services that focused on crucial, and emergency cases.

ABS-CBN broadcaster Noli De Castro announced that these developments happened due to the overwhelming increase in the number of patients being admitted in hospitals during the start of the year.

Dasmariñas City's public hospital, the Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas is currently at almost full capacity with the admission of fifty patients suspected to be infected with the covid-19 disease.

Making matters worse, a number of their healthcare workers have tested positive for Covid-19 while almost ninety of them are in quarantine thus, hospital services are limited to those most crucial and important services like dialysis, and the Emergency Room services, said Dr. Luisa Caguingan Medical Officer.

Meanwhile, Dr. Edgardo Figueroa of the Ospital ng Imus revealed that there are 15 hospital staff who tested positive for CoViD-19 that is why the hospital has also limited its services due to shortage in medical staff.

"I recommended that all elective surgeries be temporarily delayed except for emergency cases and child birth delivery. Our ICU section was closed to be able to deploy the staff to other departments," Dr. Figueroa said.

The Imus City Health Office reported that there are about 400 new cases

recorded in the city from those testing positive with the antigen tests.

Likewise, the vaccination program, lying-in center and the Municipal Health Office of the municipality of Noveleta were ordered temporarily closed after 11 of its healthcare workers tested positive for CoViD-19 from the RT-PCR test conducted on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Said healthcare workers are currently undergoing

quarantine and isolation thus, medical services such as the vaccination rollout, childbirth delivery and other services availed from the Noveleta Health Center will resume as soon as they recovered and completed quarantine.

Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua appeals to his constituents for their understanding and patience and to continue observing the minimum public health standards.

"I firmly advise our constituents to stay in their respective homes, particularly the young ones, our senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs) because we are in Alert Level III," Mayor Dino Chua said.

After recording Zero Active cases during the Christmas season, the Municipal Health Office recorded 36 Active cases and 61 suspected cases on January 4, 2022. **(RF/ABS-CBN/Bagong Noveleta)**

## BOC achieves Priority Programs for 2021

The Bureau of Customs (BOC), under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, achieved 88.94% of its target activities set under the 10-Point Priority Program for C.Y. 2021, aimed to further strengthen the BOC by improving organizational efficiency, upgrading individual proficiencies, and strengthening institutional capabilities.

Program number one, Implementation of Customs Computerization Program. The BOC automated 80.75% or 130 over 161 of the customs processes. These Information Communication Technology (ICT) systems were fully implemented in 17 Collection Districts to provide streamlined and efficient customs services. It also includes the creation of the Customs Training Institute, the integration of the Ports of Manila, Cebu, Davao, and Manila International Container Port (MICEP) to the Customs Operations Center (COC), and the issuance of the Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) on Cargo Targeting System.

Program number two, Intensification of Post-Clearance Audit and Post-Entry Modification Measures. Through the Post-Clearance Audit Group (PCAG), the BOC developed a Post-Clearance Audit Group Operations Manual; recommended 455 companies for audit; issued 342 Audit Notification Letters; collected a total of Php610 Million from Final Audit Reports.

Program number three, Onboarding of the Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGA) into the National Single Window (NSW). The BOC, as the Chairman of the National Single Window (NSW) Technical Working Group

(TWG), spearheaded the implementation of activities for the establishment, implementation, operation, and monitoring of the NSW and the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) in the country. As a result of its consistent monitoring and efforts, a total of 22 TRGAs successfully onboarded into the NSW as of December 31, 2021.

Program number four, Implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program. The BOC issued the Customs Memorandum Order No. 26-2021, implementing the AEO Online Portal. Also, the Bureau completed the evaluation and committee deliberation for the Level 1 AEO Application.

Program number five, Promotion and Application of Advance Ruling Program. The BOC migrated the Advance Ruling System from manual to online through the Customer Care Portal and was fully implemented and utilized by the stakeholders on September 22, 2021.

Program number six, Pursuit of Integrity Development and Quality Management. To date, seven (7) offices, ports, and subports have been successfully awarded

with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification. Further, the Bureau has consecutively bagged the Gold Governance Trailblazer awards as it passed the first three (3) stages of the Performance Governance System (PGS) under the Integrity for Solidary in Asia (ISA).

Program number seven, Strengthening of Port Surveillance, Marine, Interdiction and Water Patrol Capability. Under this program, BOC completed the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Certification; conducted a

regular Mandaragat Training and Small Boat Operations and Maintenance Course; completed Sea Trial Training.

Program number eight, Enhancement of Customs Facilities and Warehouse (CFW) Management. The Bureau issued CMO 17-20211, implementing the Automated Bonds Management System (ABMS) for General Warehousing Bonds in all Customs Ports for monitoring purposes and collection of due and demandable bonds.

Program number nine, Streamlining of Export Clearance Process. Revised Rules and Regulations on the Opening and Utilization of Prepayment Accounts were issued to provide an alternative mode of payment of duties, taxes, and other charges for all goods declarations lodged through the E2M system.

Program number 10, Simplification of Informal Entry Processing. Improvement of systems for Informal Entry Processes was implemented through CMO 9-2021. Further, BOC issued Customs Administrative Order No. 02-2021 which prescribes a uniform and systematic procedure on the clearance of goods under the Informal Entry Process through an ICT-enabled system.

With a commitment to improve its services, these programs were achieved through the combined efforts of the men and women of the Bureau of Customs. The BOC is set to launch the 2022 10-Point Priority Program which will sustain the thrust, initiatives, and innovations that will support the Bureau in attaining not only its targets but also its mission of achieving international standards in customs administration.

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# MGA BAGONG HEPE NG PULISYA SA CAVITE

**INILABAS ng Cavite Public Information Office (PIO) ang mga bagong chief of police sa iba't ibang lungsod at munisipalidad sa lalawigan.**

Batay sa kautusan ni CALBARZON Regional Director, PGen Eliseo DC Cruz, bahagi ito ng programa ng PNP na mabigyan din ng tsansa ang iba na humawak ng mas mataas na posisyon at kaugnay na rin sa dalawang taon na maximum term sa kanilang dating puwesto. Kaugnay din ito sa Comelec Guidelines and Procedures in Securing the Conduct of the 2022 National and Local Election kung saan ang isang chief of police ay kinakailangang ma-reassigned kung ito ay may kamag-anak hanggang sa 4th degree of consanguinity na tumatakbo ngayong halalalan. Ang acting chief of police ng Trece Martires City ay si PLtCol Giovanni Martinez habang ang OIC ng Imus City ay si PLtCol Noel Calapatia; si PLtCol (OIC) Gilbert Cruz sa Cavite City; PLtCol Christopher Guste

sa Bacoor City; chief of police naman si PLtCol Gerry Laylo sa Tanza; PLtCol Juan Oruga sa Silang; PLtCol Sherwin Boy Maglana sa Dasmaringas City; acting chief of police si PLtCol Norman Ranon sa Gen Trias City; OIC si PLtCol Rolando Baula sa Tagaytay City; acting chief of police si PLtCol Ruther Saquilayan sa Rosario; OIC si PLtCol Marlo Solero sa Naic; PMaj Rommel Carcellar sa Noveleta; PMaj Rommel Dimaala sa Alfonso; PMaj Ernesto Caparas, Jr. sa Indang; PMaj Joseph Carlit sa Carmona; PMaj Gilbert Derla sa GMA; acting chief of police naman si PMaj Lyman San Juan sa Kawit; OIC naman si PCapt Jean Alagos sa Mendez; acting chief of police sa Magallanes si PCapt Norman Catsao; COP si Jet Caesar Lontok sa Amadeo; (OIC) Chief of Police si PLt Edgardo Ablando sa Ternate, OIC sa Gen Emilio Aguinaldo si Rizal Elit Espiritu at PCapt Jerry Florez sa Maragondon. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 6 'tulak' swak sa buy bust

**TINATAYANG** mahigit sa P103k halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam sa pagkakaaresto sa anim na umano'y drug pushers sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa isang drug den sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng gabi. Kinilala ang mga naarestong suspek na si Christian Abad, alias Aba, 30; Maverick Samonte, 45; Jethro Trigueros, 21, construction worker, ng Blk. 9 Queensrow West; Vergilio Trigueros, Jr. 27, welder, ng Blk 9 Queensrow West; Jomari Guillera, 23, ng Blk. 9 Queensrow West; at Sonny Boy Singco, 49, gardener, ng Blk. 2 Bagong Silang, Queensrow East. Sa ulat, dakong alas-6:00 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Philippine

Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) IV-A Cavite PO, RSET, PDEA PDEU at Bacoor City Police Station sa isang hinihinalang drug den sa Blk. 16 Lot 8, Queen's Row East, Bacoor, City kung saan target si Abad, subalit tumambad pa sa kanila ang limang iba pa habang nagsasagawa ng pot session. Narekober sa kanila ang mga sachet ng hinihinalang droga, shabu paraphernalia na ginagamit sa pot session, isang unit ng Cherry mobile phone, buy bust money at 15 gramo ng shabu na may street value na P103,500. Kasong paglabag sa Secs. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, at 15 Art. II ng RA 9165 ang isinampang laban sa kanila. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 2 rider, patay sa aksidente

**PATAY** ang dalawang motorcycle rider, ang una nang nabagok ang ulo sa semento matapos natumba ang motorsiklo at tamaan ng Toktok bag ang kayang handle bar, habang ang isa ay nabangga ng trailer truck, sa magka-hiwalay na lugar sa Cavite, Martes ng gabi. Sa mismong lugar ng insidente nalagutan ng hininnga ang biktimgang si Jesus Tumambac, 43, habang isinugod pa sa Ospital ng Tagaytay si Roland Pobe, 32 ng, Brgy. Maitim 2nd East Tagaytay City subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. Hawak ng pulisya ang driver ng motorsiklong Suzuki Raider na si Rolly Villacura, 37; at Arnel Milla, 45, driver ng Hino truck na may plakang ABE 3544 na may trailer truck. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Donato Almenario, ng Dasmaringas City Police, sakay si Tumambac ng kanyang motorsiklong Mitsukoshi at binabagtas ang outer lane ng Governor's Drive, Brgy

Paliparan 1, Dasmaringas City, patungo sa Aguinaldo highway dakong alas-6:40 ng gabi nang nasagi ng Toktok bag ni Villacura ang kaliwang handle bar ng kanyang motorsiklo. Dahil sa pangyayari, natumba ang kanyang motorsiklo at tumama ang ulo sa kalsada na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan. Sa ulat naman ni PSSgt Joseph Ryan Bascugin, ng Tagaytay City Police, minamaneho ni Milla ang kanyang Hino truck na may trailer truck kasama ang helper dakong alas-9:20 ng gabi at binabagtas ang JP Rizal Ave, West bound direction habang minamaneho naman ng biktimgang kanyang motorisklong Rusi galing sa Enrile St ng nasabing Lungsod. Pagsapit sa kanto ng Brgy Mendez Crossing East at JP Rizal Ave., nagpang-abot ang motorsiklo ng biktimga at ang trailer truck at dahil sa bilis ng pagpapatakbo ng huli ay nasagi ang motorsiklo. **GENE ADSUARA**



**BUNGA** ng mahigpit na pagbabantay ng kapulisan partikular ng Manila Police District at ng National Capital Region Police Office ay nagmistulang 'ghost town' ang paligid ng Quiapo, Maynila nitong katatapos na pista ng Itim na Nazareno dahil hindi pinahintulutan ang traslacion bilang pag-iingat sa COVID-19 lalo na ang umaataakeng variant na omicron. **(Christian Heramis)**

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## Anong klaseng checkpoint?

**KALAT** ang mga nakalatag na police checkpoint sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa bunsod na rin ng umiiral na gun ban kaugnay sa nalalapit na halalalan. Ang mga nasa sasakyan ay hindi kinakailangang bumaba pa sa kanilang behikulo bagkus ay bahagya lamang na magbubukas ng mga salamin ng bintana. Ito upang bigyang daan ang kapulisan na masilip o matanaw ang loob ng sasakyan. Kapag walang napansin o nakitang baril sa loob ng sasakyan ay pahihintulutan na ang behikulo na makaalis. Bawal kapkapan ang nagmamaneho at ang mga pasahero ng sasakyan pati ang tingnan ang kanilang dalang bag. Hindi rin dapat utusan ng nagsasagawa ng checkpoint ang driver na buksan ang compartment ng behikulo. Anong klaseng checkpoint ito? Kapag binuksan na ang mga salamin ng bintana ay sisipatin lamang ang loob ng sasakyan upang tingnan kung may baril sa loob. Siguro naman ay walang matino o bobong nasa sasakyan sakaling may dala mang baril na i-display o nakalantad ang armas sa upuan ng behikulo na mapapansin o makikita ng pulis. Kung mayroon man ay siyento porsiyentong 'tanga' na ang mahuhulisa ganooong pagkakataon. Siyempre tiyak na huli kaya pwede palang itago sa bag o compartment ng sasakyan ang armas. Kasi dahil ipinagbabawal na itsek ang bag at maging ang compartment ng sasakyan. Para saan pa ang checkpoint kung ganoon lamang kaluwag ang sistema ng pagsusuri o pagtingin? Sinasabing kapag may pagdududa ang kapulisan ay posibleng humantong

sa pagpapabukas ng compartment ng behikulo o maging sa bag ng nagmamaneho at sa mga sakay. Ang katanungan ay paano kung negatibo naman o walang nakitang baril sa bag o mga bag at pati sa compartment? Ikinokonsidera umano kasing 'extension' ng bahay ang sasakyan kaya masalimuot ang pagpapatupad sa pagtsetsek nito. Wala naman tayong tutol sa checkpoint dahil kahit paano ay pambugaw ito sa galaw ng mga kriminal onagtatangkangmawala ng bawal o kasamaan. Sadyang talo o argabyado lamang kapag may checkpoint ay ang mga kababayan nating nagmamaneho ng single motorcycle. Bakit? Hahanapan ng driver's license at dokumento ng motorsiklo ang rider. Pinabubuksan din ang compartment ng motor, kalimitan ay ang bahaging upuan. Kapag may nakakabit na box ang motorcycle ay kailangang buksan din upang makita ng pulis ang loob nito. Pagpapakita ba ito na mas 'mukhang' hindi gagawa ng maganda ang mga rider kumpara sa mga de-sasakyan? Baril o mga armas ang pangunahing layunin ng police checkpoint. Tamang nakakatulong ang checkpoint subalit hindi lubos na epektibo kung ganyan lamang ang pamamaraan. Maaring sa mga single motorcycle ay paisa-isa na makakatsambang makakahuli. Pero paano sa mga de-sasakyan na naroon ang posibilidad na makakalusot sa checkpoint kahit pa kahun-kahon ang kargang mga armas na nasa compartment naman pala nakalagay? Isip-isip din po 'pag may time.