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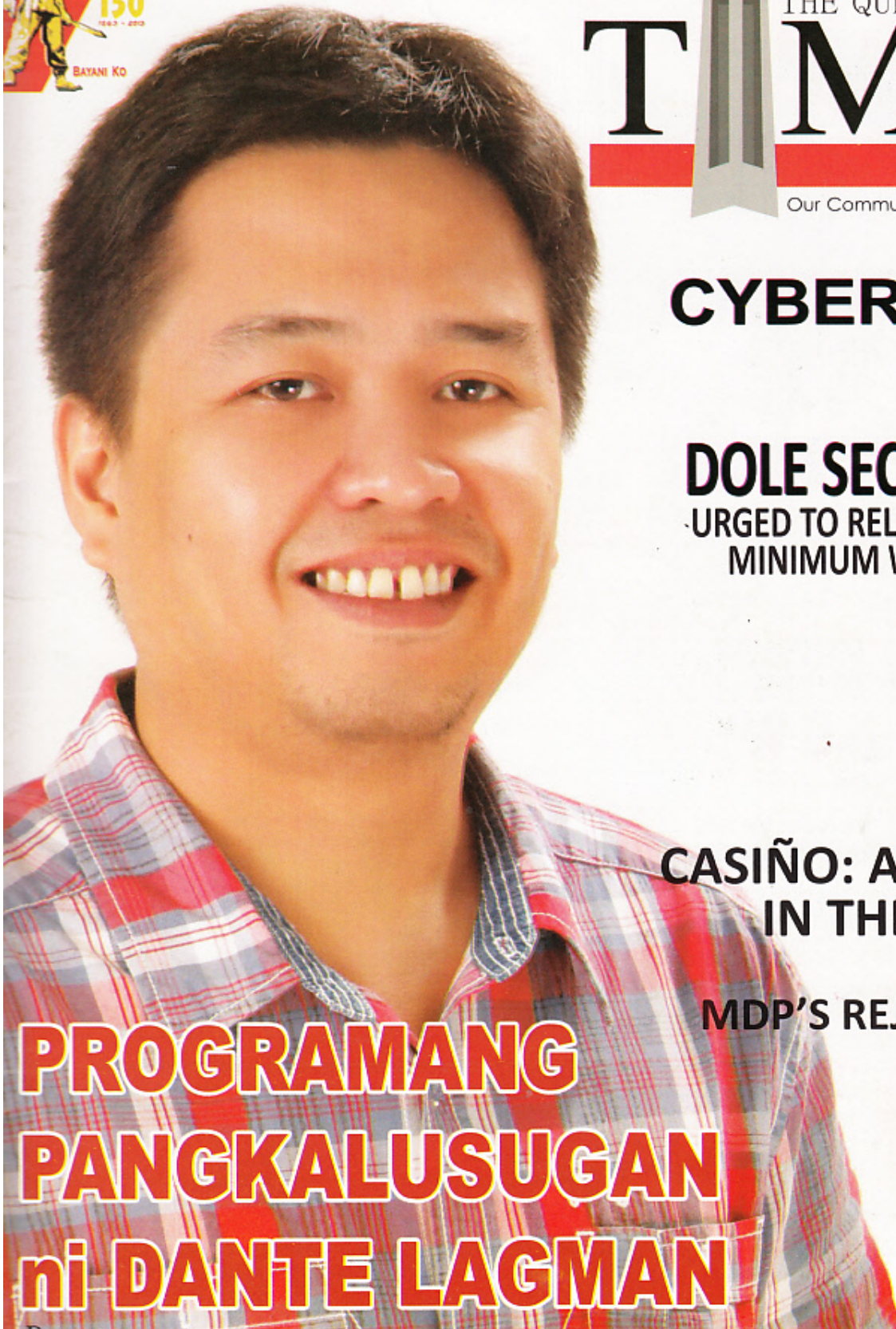
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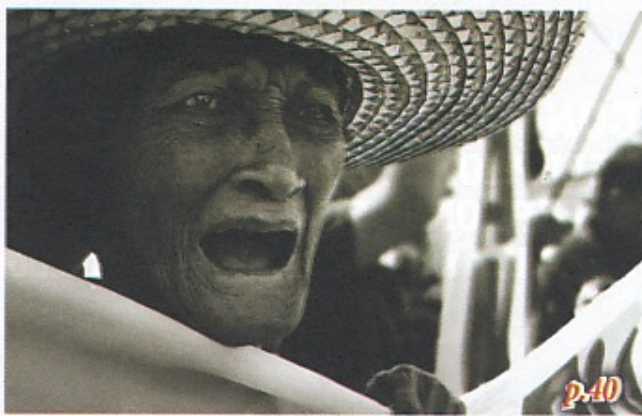
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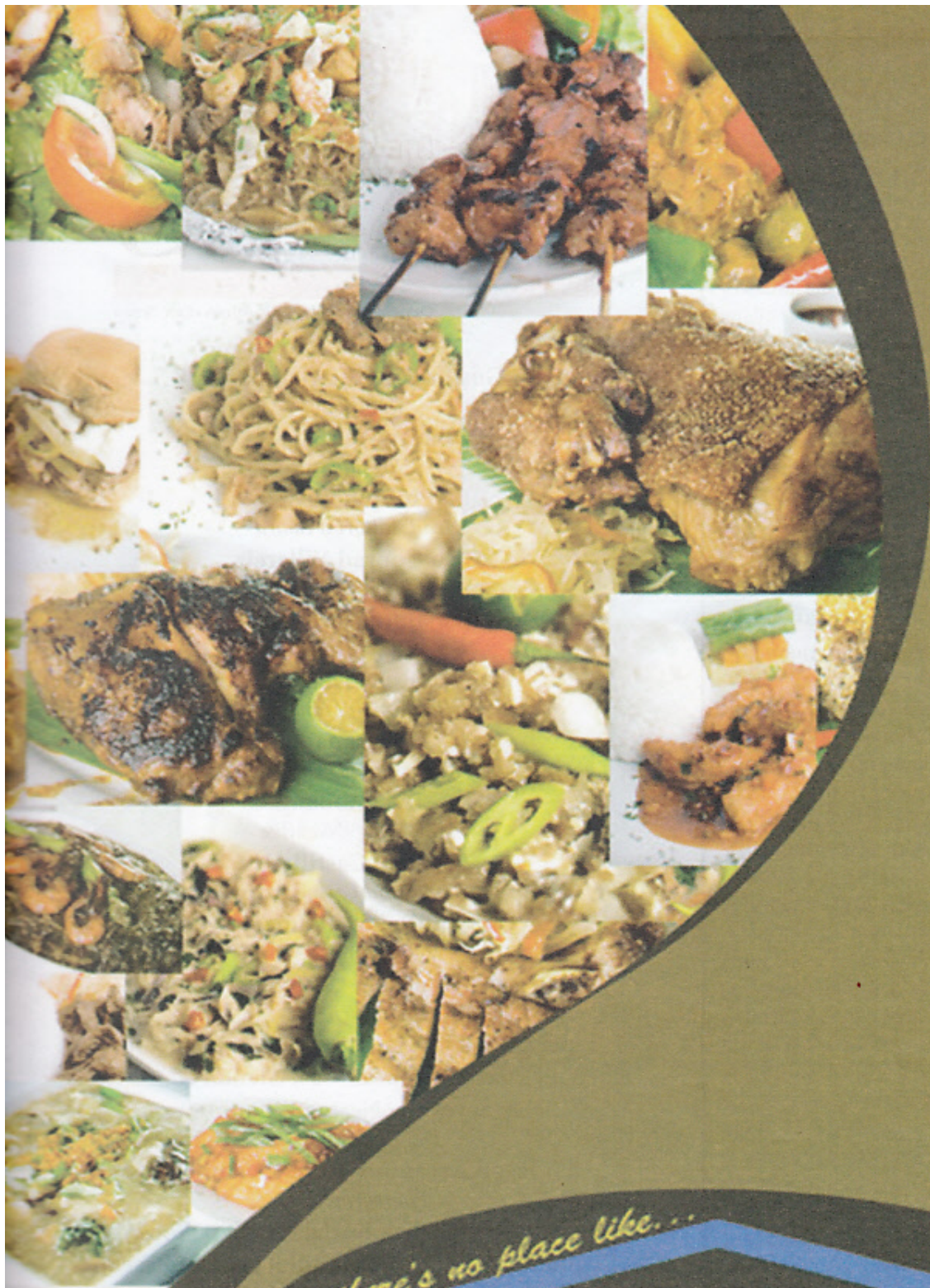
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EDITOR'S NOTE

DEAD MONOLOGUE

"Kulay dugo ang kulay ng bawat pahayagan". GINUGUNITA ngayong buwan ng mga **patay** ang ikatlong anibersaryo ng Maguindanao/ Ampatuan Massacre. Pinakamalaking bilang ng mga **pinatay** na mamamahayag sa kasaysayan ng Mass Media. Dito nakilala ang Pilipinas bilang pinaka-delikadong bansa para sa mga peryodista. Tatlong taon na ang nakalilipas, pero wala pa ring napaparusahan sa karumal-dumal na krimeng ito, kahit sabihin pang pansamantalang nakakulong ang mga salarin. Kamakailan lang din inaprubahan ang **pamatay** na Anti Cybercrime Law. **Pagpatay** din sa kalayaan sa pamamahayag.

Sa bagong isyu ng The Quezon City Times, gugunitain natin ang mga **namatay**. Tao man o karapatan. Silipin natin ang pahayag ng DOLE sa panawagan ng mga manggagawa na itaas ang **di nakabubuhay** na minimum wage. Gayundin ang **nakamamatay** na lasong itinaon ng US Military contractor sa Subic Bay. Kasabay ng pagtalakay sa kasaysayan ng Undas, alamin ang dahilan ng **pakikipagpatayan** ng mga kapatid nating Bangsa Moro at ang nilalaman ng Framework Agreement nila sa gobyerno. Basahin ang **di namamatay** na diwang mapanlaban ni Nanay Mameng Deunida ng Kadamay, ang **walang kabuhay-buhay** na laban ni Pres. Barack Obama sa US Election at ang **pinapatay** na sektor ng transportasyon sa pagsasapribado ng MRT at LRT. Suriin ang unti-unting **pagkamatay** ng political career ng Akbayan Partylist at ang pagtingin ng Akap Bata partylist sa unti-unti ring **pagpatay** sa mga bata sa anyo ng lumalalang child poverty. Tunghayan din natin ang muling **pagbuhay** sa makabayang partido na Malay Democrats of the Philippines.

Sa hanay naming mga mamamahayag, isa lang ang alam naming nananatiling **buhay** sa ngayon. Ang marubdob na paninindigang isulat at ipahayag ang katotohanan at ang naganap sa kasalukuyan. **Buhay man ang ilaan.**


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HILOT IPAGBABAWAL NA RIN

INAPRUBAHAN na kamakailan ang isang ordinansa na magbabawal sa panganganak sa loob ng tahanan at pagpapanaak gamit ang tradisyunal na mga "hilot". Ani Councilor Jessica Daza, ang Ordinance No. 2171 ay magtitiyak na isasangguni ang mga buntis sa mga lisensyadong health attendants imbes na sa mga tradisyunal na hilot upang mapangalagaan ang kaligtasan ng ina at ang ipinagbubuntis nito laban sa anumang komplikasyon habang hindi pa ito ipinapanganak.

Ipagbabawal din sa mga propesyunal na midwives na magpaanak sa bahay imbes na sa ospital o anumang medical facilities. "We should also take advantage of maximizing the services and facilities of our city health centers to address the medical needs of our constituents, especially from QC's underprivileged communities," sabi ni Bautista. Sinumang mahuhuli ay pagmumultahin ng halagang P5,000. Samantala, aalukin naman ng livelihood programs ang mga hilot sa QC gaya ng pre at post natal massage classes upang magkaroon sila ng mapagkakakitaan.



Coun. Jessica Daza

P12 BILYON BUDGET NG QC APRUBADO NA

PINIRMAHAN na kamakailan ang P12 bilyong budget ng Lungsod Quezon para sa 2013 na kalakhan ay gagamitin sa pangalahatang batayang serbisyo, inprastruktura at risk reduction campaign. Ang budget ay mas mataas ng P940 milyon kumpara sa P11,060 bilyon noong 2011. Ilan sa pinakamalaking pagkakagastusan ngayong taon ay ang pagpapaunlad ng mga lokal na imprastruktura, ang

socio-economic program para mabawasan ang kahirapan at pamumuhunan sa kampanya ng risk reduction.

Bahagi ng socio-economic program ang pagdadagdag ng badyet sa edukasyon, kalusugan at disentang paninirahan para sa mga informal settlers na mawawalan ng kabahayan. Isa ang QC sa pinakamayamang lungsod sa kamaynilaan, sa katunayan, wala itong utang sa pambansang gobyerno at umaabot sa humigit kumulang P10 bilyon ang surplus budget nito sa mga nagdaang taon.



BIRHEN NG LA NAVAL BUMISITA

BINISITA ang Lungsod Quezon ng Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary ng La Naval para sa ika-73rd Founding Anniversary Celebration ng QC. Noong Oktubre 1973, dineklara ang La Naval bilang patron ng Lungsod Quezon. Ilang religious activity rin ang nailunsad ng Sto Domingo Church katuwang

ang MMDA at ang lokal na gobyerno ng Quezon City. Inilagag ang imahe ng birhen ng La Naval sa QC Hall mula noong Oktubre 3, at nagkaroon ng misa noong Oktubre 12 bago ito ibinalik sa Sto. Domingo Church. Dumagda naman ang daan daang deboto noong Oktubre 14, Linggo upang masilayan ang imahe. Nilahukan ito ng iba't ibang kongregasyon, parokya at mga religious school organizations sa QC.

KANLUNGAN NG MGA INABUSO ITATAYO

PINAPLANO ngayon ng lokal na gobyerno ng QC na magkaroon ng kanlungan ang mga inabusong kababaihan, bata, lesbians, gay, bisexuals at transgenders (LGBT). Sinangayunan na kamakailan ng city council ang pagtransorma ng Crisis Center for Battered Women sa loob ng Quezon City General Hospital bilang sentro ng mga naging biktima ng pang-aabuso kahit anumang kasarian.

"It is the policy of the State to promote and protect the rights of victims of gender-based violence and abuse," ayon sa ordinansa. "The center shall ensure that the needs of the victims are fully addressed in a gender-responsive and child-friendly manner." Kapag napatupad, magbibigay ito ng tulong legal, proteksyon, police assistance, medico-legal, psychological services at serbisyon medikal sa mga biktima.

Titiyakin din nito ang kaligtasan at seguridad ng biktima, maliban pa sa matutuluyan na magsisilbing resource center ng mga impormasyon hinggil sa pang-aabuso at pandarahas base sa kasarian. Maliban sa pagtatalaga ng mga counselors, maglalagay din ng batikang police officer na habawak at mangangalaga ng mga kaso hinggil dito.

CASIÑO NAGREKOMENDA NG ALTERNATIBONG MAPAGKAKAKITAAN NG MRT

TALIWAS sa plano na sampung pisong dagdag na pasahe para sa Metro Rail Transit System, nagrekomenda si Bayan Muna Party-list Representative Teddy Casiño ng mga paraan upang maitaas ang kita nito nang hindi nahihirapan ang bulsa ng mga pasahero.

Nagpakita ng reaksyon si Casiño sa ipinahayag ni Transportation and Communications Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya na ang ahensya ay itutulak ang planong dagdag pasahe sa MRT sa susunod na taon. Ayon kay Casiño, ang mga mass transit systems tulad ng mga MRT at Light Rail Transit systems (LRTs) ay ginawa upang magbigay ng "cheap transportation services" sa publiko. Kaugnay nito, hiniling niya na ikonsidera ng pamahalaan ang mga sumusunod: Una, pagtatanggal nang hindi nararapat na mga bonus sa mga namamahala at pagtatama sa onerous loans at mga business arrangements simula noong nakalipas na administrasyon.

Pangalawa, pagdadagdag ng mga tren upang madagdagan din ang kita ng mga pasahero at pagtatayo ng mga pasilidad para sa mga bisikleta upang ma-engganyo silang sumakay sa bisikleta sa mga terminal ng tren. At pangatlo, hikayatin ang mga mall, business establishments at ng lokal na pamahalaang malapit sa mga ruta ng tren na suportahan ang subsidy fund.

Ayon kay Casiño, tama lamang na patuloy na isubsiya ng pamahalaan ang MRT sapagka't hindi lamang ang mga komyuters ang higit na nagbenipisyo rito kundi maging ang mga empleyado ng mga pribadong kompanyang malapit sa mga istasyon ng mga MRT.

Naniniwala rin ang Citizens Battle Against Corruption Partylist Representative Sherwin Tugna sa kanyang pahayag na "dapat ay bawasan nila ang kanilang tubo" at "Dapat tandaan na public service ang negosyo ng tren" at ang mga pasahero ng MRT ay hindi dapat nagpapasan ng mga gastos ng tren.

FLOOD PRONE SCHOOLS SA QC TINUKOY

TINUKOY na kamakailan ng Quezon City division of city schools ang 23 paaralang nanganganib lumubog tuwing malakas ang ulan at may bagyo. Ayon kay School Division Superintendent Dr.

Corazon Rubio, umaabot na sa P3.4 milyong piso ang napipinsala sa mga paaralang nabiktima ng malakas na ulan at bagyo.

Sa report na isinumite ng city engineer department ng kyusi, ang mga paaralan na nanganganib lumubog ay ang mga sumusunod: Masambong High School, Masambong Elementary School, Sergio Osmeña Sr. High School, North Fairview Elementary School, West Fairview Elementary School, Rodriguez Sr. Elementary School, Carlos Albert High School, Betty Go-Belmonte elementary School, Dr. Josefa Jara Martinez High School, San Bartolome Elementary School, Mines Elementary School, Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School,

Carlos P. Garcia High School, Bagbag Elementary School, Sta. Lucia High School, San Gabriel Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, Doña Rosario High School, Doña Rosario Elementary School, Bagong Silangan Elementary School, Bagong Silangan High School at Fairview Elementary School.



Ipinag-utos na ni QC mayor Herbert Bautista ang pag-iinspeksyon sa mga nasabing paaralan upang makita kung gaano kalaki ang

mga pinsala matapos ang sunod sunod na pagbaha noong mga nakalipas na buwan. Pangungunahan ni city engineer Joselito Cabungcal ang pagsusuri upang matukoy ang mga posible pang solusyon.

Ani Bautista, pangunahin pa rin ang kaligtasan ng mga mag-aaral. Sa Ulat ni Rubio, ang San Bartolome Elementary School ang may pinakamalubhang kalagayan kung saan apat na classroom ang nasira. Samantala umaabot naman sa P1.59 milyon ang danyos sa Mathay at SB Hall ng Carlos Albert High School.

CAR THEFT CAPITAL HINDI NA QC

INAGAW na ng Maynila sa QC ang bansag na car theft capital matapos ang sunod sunod na nakawan ng sasakyan sa nasabing lungsod ayon sa Highway Patrol Group (HPG) ng Philippine National Philippines (PNP). Ayon kay Superintendent Edwin Butacan, hepe ng HPG, naungusan na ng Maynila ang QC pagdating sa dami ng insidente ng nakawan ng sasakyan.

Simula noong Pebrero tuloy tuloy ang report hinggil sa mga nawawalang behikulo. Nitong Agosto pa lamang 19 na sasakyan na ang naiulat na nawawala kumpara sa siyam ng QC. Batay sa report may 50 sasakyan na ang nawawala sa buong Pilipinas. Sa mahabang panahon tinukoy ang QC bilang car theft capital ng Pilipinas, subalit

dahil sa pagpapaigting ng kampanya ng QC Police District, unti-unting nabawasan ang mga naiulat na kaso. Ang panukala ni dating HPG Director Chief Superintendent Leonardo Espina, na ngayon ay director na ng NCRPO na maglagay ng karagdagang mobile patrol na regular na mag-iikot sa buong syudad ang dahilan kung bakit bumaba ang mga insidente.

Kasabay nito, binanggit din niyang bumaba ang kaso ng nakawan kumpara noong nakaraang taon. Umabot sa 127 sasakyan ang naitalang nawawala noong Agosto ng nakaraang taon kumpara sa 50 ngayong 2012. Sa limampung ito, 26 ang motorsiklo. Ang kadalasan namang target ng mga karnaper ay Mitsubishi Montero, Nissan Urvan, Toyota Vios at Toyota Grandia. Mataas ang tala sa motorsiklo dahil sa maliban sa magaanang ito at madaling nakawin, napakahirap ding bawiin pa ang nakaw na mga motorsiklo dahil sa nagkalat na bilihan ng 2nd hand spare parts ng motor.

DEMOLISYON IPINATITIGIL

Barangay Pagasa, Quezon City. Ayon sa kalihim, wala pang notice silang matatanggap hinggil sa planong pagpapaalis sa mga informal settlers doon.

Ang tailumpung ektaryang lupain ay nakatakdang paunlarin ng Quezon City Government bilang Quezon City Central Business District katuwang ang National Housing Authority at ang Ayala Land Inc. Ani roxas, kailangang matiyak kung sumunod sa tamang proseso, polisiya at mga kasunduan ang mga ahensya ng gobyerno na may kinalaman sa QCCBD.

Ayon naman kay Kadamay QC Chairperson Cesil Kari, dapat sinserong ipinag-utos ni Roxas ang agarang pagpapatigil ng mga demolisyon sa buong kamaynilaan gayundin sa mga karatig probinsya. Hindi lang aniya dapat ipagbawal ang demolisyon sa San Roque, sa halip ay ideklara ito sa buong bansa. Dagdag pa niya, overkill at sadyang marahas ang pagtataboy sa mga maralitang taga lungsod na animo'y mga baboy na itinataboy palayo sa kalunsuran.

Sa kabila nito, nakahanda umano silang ipagtanggol at idepena ang kanilang tirahan kung sakaling magbadyang muli ang amba ng demolisyon.

Ipinag-utos ni DILG Secretary Mar Roxas ang agarang suspension sa mga nakatakdang demolisyon sa mga kabahayan sa Sitio San Roque,



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MARALITA WAGI SA AUCTION NG LUPA

NAPAGWAGIAN ng Sta. Maria Della Strada (SMDSC) ng Barangay Pansol sa halagang P700,000 ang 1,200 ektaryang lupain na idinaan sa auction mula ng magkaproblema ito sa pagbabayad ng buwis. Ang SMDSC ay ang organisasyon/kooperatiba ng mga maralita na tinutulungan ng lokal na parokya.

Unang hakbang palang anila ito sa tagumpay ayon sa mga lider ng SMDSC at Pangkat Ugnayan sa Paninirahan PUSP homeowner's association na siyang nanguna sa laban upang matiyak ang paninirahan nila sa 3.3 ektaryang lupain na inookupa ng mga maralitang lungsod ng may halos 50 taon na.

"Bihira ang tagumpay na kagaya nito sa mga gaya naming urban

poor na kailangan pang magmakaawa, lumuha at lumaban bago mapasama ng tuluyan ang lupa. Masaya kami, na kami ang nagwagi sa bidding", ayon sa SMDSC chairman Norberto Nazareno.

Daan-daang residente naman mula sa Kaingin 2 ang sumugod sa harap ng LandBank malapit sa City Hall upang magbigay ng suporta sa magkasamang nasa loob ng auction. Ayon naman kay Jose Evilla, tumaas ang presyo sa aktwal na bidding dahil malamang di nila alam na may nakatirik na mga informal settlers doon. Pero nakatutuwang aniyang sila ang nagwagi. Sakaling malipat sa SMDSC ang lupain, ipamamahagi ito sa 30 pamilya na magbabayad ng P25,000 sa loob ng 20 taon na may 1 porsyentong interes.



QC GAWAD PARANGAL IDINAOS

SAMPUNG indibidwal at pitong institusyon ang binigyang parangal ng lokal na pamahalaan ng QC kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng ika 73 pagkakatatag ng lungsod noong nakaraang Oktubre 12 sa Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila.

Ang mga nakatanggap ng prestihiyosong QC Gawad Parangal awards ay sina Health Secretary Enrique Ona, dating health secretary at kasalukuyang dean ng Ateneo de Manila University Graduate School Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, multi-awarded musical artist Fides Cuyugan-Asencio, journalist Jose "Butch" Dalisay, visual artist Araceli Limcaco-Dans, economist at multi-media journalist Solita "Winnie" Collas Monsod, beauty and fashion expert Ricky Reyes, multi-awarded architect and designer Abelardo Tolentino Jr. at educator and publishing entrepreneur Ester Vibal.

Bilang bahagi naman ng ika-200 taong kaarawan ni Melchora "Tandang Sora" Aquino, isang espesyal na parangal naman na tinawag na Tandang Sora Award ang hinandog sa 94 anyos na dating senador, edukador at women's rights advocate na si Helena Z. Benitez na nakatanggap na rin ng Gawad Parangal noong 2004.

Binigyang parangal rin ang Ayala Land Incorporated, Ortigas and Company, Metro Bank Foundation, Philippine Franchising Association, Philippine Children's Medical Center, Himlayang Pilipino Incorporated at ang Philippine Educational Theatre Association (PETA).

Itinalaga namang chairperson ng 2012 QC Gawad Parangal si dating UP President Dr. Emerlinda Roman. Miyembro naman ng board sina Integrated Bar of the Philippines - QC Chapter President Atty. Victoria V. Loanzon, dating konsehál Alberto Galarpe, Senior Adviser to the Mayor, Dr. Manuel S. Alba, gender and development resource and coordinating office head Dr. Mary Ruby Palma at cultural and tourism affairs office chief Rosario Yara.

Ilan naman sa mga dati nang pinarangalan sina dating presidente Corazon Aquino, Lea Salonga, Charo Santos, Cheche Lazaro, Atty. Felipe Gozon, Rustica Carpio, Fr. Joaquin Bernas, S.J., at ang yumaong comedy king, Dolphy.

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QC PESO PINARANGALAN

GINAWARAN ng Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) bi-ling 2011 National Best PESO Award- Highly Urbanized Category ang Quezon City Public Employment Service Office (PESO) sa katatapos lang na 12th National PESO Congress sa Baguio City. Ang pagtitipon ay dinaluhan ng mahigit 500 empleyado at pinuno ng PESO na idinaos sa Baguio Country Club noong nakaraang Oktubre 11.

Maliban kay Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz, dumalo rin sa National PESO Congress sina Senador Jinggoy Estrada, Chairman ng Senate Committee on Employment at committee member Senator Teofisto Guingona III. Parehong tumanggap ng National PESO award ang QC at ang Davao. Ang pagtitipon ay taunang isinasagawa ng DOLE sa pakikipag-utusan ng PESO Philippines Inc. Ang DOLE-Cordillera Autonomous Region (DOLE-CAR) at PESO-CAR ang siyang naging punong abala sa taong ito.

Sa gitna ng pulong, tinalakay ang mga susing usapin sa paksang labor market at global employment trends sa 2012; full cycle employment facilitation system; active labor market policies and related International Labor Organization (ILO) convention and standards on employment services; career development on agribusiness industry, tourism industry at on business processing outsourcing-information and communications technology industry; at PESO-department of education program complementation on career advocacy.



KASO VS ROBREDO PINAWALANG BISA

IPINAWALANG bisa ng korte ang kasong isinampa ng isang lokal na kompanya at ang partner nitong Korean laban sa yumaong kalihim ng DILG na si Jesse Robredo hinggil sa binulsa umanong P243 milyong kontrata ng Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

Kasama ring napawalang sala si Chief Superintendent Samuel Perez, ang BFP officer in charge na nagdeklarang palpak ang bidding na naganap para sa pagbili ng mga fire-fighting materials noong Disyembre 2011 matapos madiskubreng ang nanalong bidder na Kolonwel at ang Korean partner nitong Seung Apparel Co. ay nameke ng mga isinumingting papeles.

Sa desisyon ni Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 22 Judge Charito Gonzales, ibinasura nito ang kahilingan ng Kolonwel at Seung na puwersahin ang BFP at ang DILG na ipagkaloob sa kanila ang kontrata. Ani Gonzales, matibay ang desisyon ni Perez na utusan ang bids and awards committee ng BFP na idiskwalipika ang kontrata dahil sa nakitang mga iregularidad.

Dagdag pa, bagamat sila ang tanging nakakuha ng bid, hindi ito nangangahulugang ito na ang mismong magiging katibayan ng kontrata. At dahil nagdeklara si Perez ng failure of bidding, hindi nila (Kolonwel at Seung) puwedeng puwersahin ang BFP at DILG na ibigay sa kanila ang kontrata.

ILIGAL NA MGA BILLBOARD SA QC IPINATANGGAL

IPINATANGGAL ang anim na ilegal na mga billboard sa Edsa, Lungsod Quezon dahil sa paglabag sa building code at mga batas na ipinanukala ng QC government. Kamakailan lang ay iniutos ni Mayor Herbert Bautista na isyuhan ng mga notice ang mga opereytor ng mga billboard dahil sa hindi pag-sunod sa National Building Code at iba pang mga regulasyon sa pagkakabit ng mga ito. Ayon sa kanya, ang paglalagay ng mga outdoor advertisements ay mapanganib sa buhay ng mga tao at sa mga ari-arian.

Ang ipinatanggal na mga billboard ay nakalagay sa taas na gusali ng Argo Building sa 574 Edsa ng Barangay Socorro, the Global Trade Center building sa 1024 Edsa, the HPI Corp. building sa 1026 Edsa, at sa parehong Barangay Ramon Magsaysay at sa 1148 Edsa ng Barangay Apolonio Samson.

Ang iba pang mga billboard ay inilagay sa itaas na gusali ng the Francisco Gold II ; ang opisina ng Department of the Interior and Local Government; sa pagitan ng Edsa at Mapagmahal Street, Barangay Pinyahan at sa Edsa Plaza building sa pagitan ng Edsa at Quezon Avenue sa Barangay South Triangle.

Ang pagpapatanggal ng mga billboard ay parte ng mga programa na inilulunsad ng lungsod para sa climate change, urban renewal at green building. Ang mga opisyal ng mga nauugnay na ahensya ay mananagot sa anumang kasong ihabla laban sa ginawa nilang pagtatanggal ng mga billboard.

Sa ilalim ng city's comprehensive signs, signboard o ang billboard ordinance of 2011, ang disenyo at ang pagkakatibay ng mga roof signs ay marapat na naaayon sa mga probisyon ng National Building Code.

Ang mga lalagay sa batas ay tatanggap ng kalakip na parusa, kasama ang multa na P5,000 o pagkakatibay ng hindi lalagap sa anim na buwan o parehas depende sa hatol ng hუსgado.



OBAMA WINS VS. ROMNEY THE BEST IS YET TO COME

by Christian Anzures

FOUR YEARS AGO an African – American made a history by becoming the first black man to lead the United States of America as a President. History again repeats itself when Barack Obama outvote Mitt Romney by a bruising match. Obama was said to be the

second Democratic president who was reelected after Bill Clinton.

Some Political analyst said that the victory of Obama is unprecedented , no president has ever been reelected when the country's economy is down. But despite of that, Obama garnered a total of 57,802,122 votes while Mitt Romney has a total of 55,925,281 votes. Obama is ahead by 1,876,841 votes. "CNN gave Obama 303 electoral votes versus Romney's 206 in the United States 2012 Presidential elections."

This is an idea of the United States presidential elections . Fifty States are distributed with 538 electoral college votes. The citizens of U.S. vote for a candidate. The decisive factor is the electoral vote, which depend on the population of the state. Then the number of electoral votes would determine the number of delegates to the electoral college, which will vote for the president. A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to get to the White House.

ISSUES THAT CONCERNS THE MOST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

60% Economy
59% Abortion Should be legal
50% Repeals Obama's healthcare
43% Keep or Expand Healthcare program
<http://edition.cnn.com>

Mitt Romney the 65 – year old former Massachusetts Governor and the Republican Presidential nominee. Laid his program on fundamental political ideology. His health care reform was said to be the progenitor of the Obama's health - care plan. But "he declared that he would signal the dismantling of the Obama Care (Patients Protection and Affordable Act of 2010) in his presidency." Though he is a health care supporter, his idea of a state healthcare plan that would not cost lots of trillion of dollars, like he did in Massachusetts and not a federal one size fits all plan. "Romney in an interview with Bret Baier on Fox News: November 29, 2011".

Mitt Romney thanks his supporters in Boston and concedes defeat after hours of poll close. "This is the time for great challenges for America and I pray that the president would be successful in guiding our nation" he said.

Barack Obama, the 51 – year old Democratic Presidential Nominee and the current President of the United States. His political banner of change and unity swept him in his victory in the 2008 Presidential Election and now a call for "New Economic Patriotism" a plan for new jobs and middle-class security is his battle cry. Gear to rally around and set new goals for the U.S. in manufacturing, energy, education, national security and deficit. The idea of an achievable plan that would lead to a stronger economy on a stronger foundation.

"You the American people reminded us that the world has been hurt, while our journey has been wrong we had pick ourselves up. We have fought our way back and we know in our heart that for the United States of America the best is yet to come" said President Barack Obama in victory party in Chichago.

"Equal opportunity to all but the path would not be easy. Progress does not come in a straight line. The people should be united regardless of political party and individuality" he added. Is the best, is yet to come for the people of the United States of America.

The Obama's administration is heading for a four years course, on how to set healthcare, taxes, spending, and the rise of the nuclear ambition of China and Iran, amid the economic crisis in US. Is the best, is yet to come for the citizens of the United States of America?

Casiño: A Senator in the Making

by Chistian Anzures

Bayan Muna representative Teddy Casiño is now vying to become a senator in 2013. a veteran of the street, he said "EDSA was my initiation into politics. Not the stifling and rotten politics of patronage, guns, goons and gold, but the liberating politics of People Power. In those four days at EDSA, plus the years of struggle and sacrifice that brought us to that point, I saw how, in our own small but collective ways, we can make a big difference. That eventually good will triumph over evil. If we can bring down dictators, then we can build a more just and equitable society."

The common good can be achieved through common action. "May pag-asa pa. Kung sama-sama, kayang-kaya" he added.

According to him it is the enduring hope in our people and their capacity for collective action that continues to inspire him to advocate for the people's patriotic and democratic aspirations after all these years. Sure, there have been setbacks. Not everything we set out to do gets done. But we won't get there if we don't try. "Kung hindi tayo kikilos, sino ang kikilos? Kung hindi ngayon, kelan pa?"

Being involved as a social activist for 22 years and current member of the Philippine Congress he aims to pursue his advocacy for good governance, education and economic reform in the Senate.

He is engaged in the struggle for reform and social change not because they are achievable but because they give meaning and direction to our lives. That our dreams are not determined by what is doable but what is right and good and just for our people.



Casiño with the 5 other Makabayan candidate from left, former Rep. Satur Ocampo, Senatorial Candidate Grace Poe Llamanzares, Chiz Escudero, Loren Legarda, Cynthia Villar, Gwen Pimentel (sister of Koko) and former Rep. Lisa Maza

PROPOSED BILLS

HOUSE BILL 2308: "CHILD NUTRITION LAW OF 2010"

An act providing for a mandatory nationwide child nutrition program in all public elementary schools and Barangay Day Care centers.

This includes the participation of every agency of the national and local government and its objective is to ensure adequate health and nutrition programs that are accessible to young children. That these children are prepared for formal learning, and to establish an efficient system for early identification and prevention for developmental disorders and disabilities in early childhood.

HOUSE BILL 3413: ANTI - POLITICAL DYNASTY ACT OF 2010

An act prohibiting the establishment of political dynasties.

The policy of the state to guarantee equal access and opportunity to public office and service to the public.

This act encompasses the consolidation of public office and political power by person to one another, which includes the family of incumbent official or a relative within the second civil degree of affinity.

STAND ON CYBERCRIME LAW or the "CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012"

October 8, 2012 Team Teddy wrote "Just in time for the Supreme Court en banc session tomorrow Makabayan senatorial bet Teddy Casiño together with the Philippine Internet Freedom Association (PIFA) filed the 14th petition against Cybercrime law at the Supreme Court. The progressive solon filed the petition on his capacity as a blogger and a regular internet user."

61 page petition was filed by Casiño with the representatives of PIFA asking for a Status Quo Ante Order and/or a writ of Preliminary Injunction be issued against the respondents, commanding respondents to cease and revoke the implementation of the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012.

Why Run for Senate?

"Because I think I can do good there. Because what I have done as a party list representative in Congress since 2004, which is to be a voice of the poor, the marginalized and those who want genuine reforms in society, can be better accomplished if I am in the Senate. Because this is a good opportunity to push the envelope for social change and such opportunities should not be wasted" said Rep. Teddy Casiño.

Truth be told, we have been fighting for these for decades. The only difference is that once in the Senate, I will have the opportunity to take the struggle higher and further than I have ever done before.

The seek for a genuine change push him: lower prices of goods and services, good governance and people empowerment; genuine agrarian reform, national industrialization and economic self-sufficiency; respect for human rights in all its aspects; a modern educational and cultural system; a truly independent foreign policy; a comprehensive political settlement of the Muslim and Communist rebellions.

For Teddy his candidacy is about us and the kind of the presentation we want in the Senate, the will for the people to have a voice in the Senate. When united we can do it.

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON THE UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP AND AIRCRAFT CARRIER; THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

by Christian Anzures

The US Navy's Nimitz class forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) arrived in Manila Bay last October 24, on a good will visit, the visit is aimed at enhancing ties between the two allied countries through community relations projects and exchanges between troops.

The USS George Washington was the fourth of its kind to enter in the Philippine territorial water this year. Anchored several kilometers away from Pasay City, Manila. Amid the long territorial dispute with China in the West Philippine Sea.

The Philippines had reach out to the United States for help in training and modernizing the country's forces, the urge to strengthen its military defense while the country is still engaging into a diplomatic negotiation with China.

Captain G.J. Fenton, George Washington's commanding officer, told The Associated Press USS George Washington's visit to the Philippines shows that our 61-year-old mutual defense treaty is still alive" on board the hulking warship anchored at Manila Bay. "It shows that the United States is committed to the Filipino people, and we actively support a reliable partner and a strong ally," he said. "We have a longstanding history of partnership with the Philippines dating back to the Spanish-American war and we are always appreciative of the opportunity to be able to work with one of our regional partners," he added.

The USS George Washington a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, with two nuclear reactors that permit the ship to steam for almost 18 years before refueling. Build by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, December 27, 1982. Commissioned on July 4, 1992, 216 years after America declared its independence from the British, in Norfolk, Virginia.

After 10 years of planning, building and testing the warship. The aircraft carrier was the fourth ship to bear the name after George Washington, one of the founding fathers and the first President of the United States. The nuclear-powered super carrier has its homeport in Yokosuka, Japan.

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, has the capability for combat-ready force to protect and defend the collective maritime interests of the United States, its allies and partners in the Pacific. It has a missile launcher that can be used against in attacking aircraft and anti-ship missiles in any weather.

With a cruise speed of 30 knots (equivalent to 55.5 kilometer/hour) USS George Washington can travel more than 500 kilometers a day and a flight deck length of 1,092 feet from keel to mast, with a width of 275 feet and a height of 244 feet that could embarked about 75 numbers of aircraft. Built with two anchors each weighing about 30 tons.



The aircraft carrier has around 5,500 sailors serving on board and can even accommodate up to more than 6,200 people which is served with 18,000 daily meals. About 800 of the carrier's fleet force were either born in the Philippines or are of Filipino descent. It has a fresh water distilling plants with a daily capacity of around 400,000 gallons, enough to supply 2,000 homes and weights 60,000 tons of structural steel.

USS George Washington Facts and Figures

Flight Deck Area: 4.5 acres
 Combat Load Displacement: 97,000 tons
 Number of aircraft with embarked Airwing: About 75
 Aircraft Elevators: Four, each 3,880 square feet
 Number of Catapults: Four
 Number of Anchors: Two, each weighing about 30 tons
 Crew accommodations: 6,250
 Length of Flight Deck: 1,092 feet
 Meals served daily: 18,000
 Number of Compartments and Spaces: 3,360
 Number of Telephones: 2,000
 Capacity of Air Conditioning System: 3,267 tons
 Lighting Fixtures: 30,000
 Length of Wiring and Cable: More than 1,400 miles
 Tons of Structural Steel: 60,000
 Type of Vessel: Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
 Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding Company
 Contract Date: December 27, 1982
 Keel Laid: August 25, 1986
 Christened: July 21, 1990
 Commissioned: July 4, 1992
 Speed: More than 30 knots
 Length of Flight Deck: 1,092 feet
 Width of Flight Deck: 275 feet
 Height (keel to mast): 244 feet
 Daily capacity of Fresh Water Distilling Plants: 400,000 gal.
 Propulsion: Two nuclear reactors that permit the ship to steam for almost 18 years before refueling.
 Number of Propellers: Four, each 22 ft. in diameter, brass, five-bladed and weighing 66,200 pounds each.



Listed from the Official U.S. Navy Website

AKBAYAN facing DISQUALIFICATION

by Benjamin Cordero Jr.

Two petitions for disqualification of Akbayan Citizens Party from 2013 election were filed last October. Anakbayan, National Union of Students in the Philippines, and League of Filipino Students filed the first disqualification against Akbayan. Anakbayan Chairperson Vencer Crisostomo said in an interview that Akbayan is no longer marginalized or underrepresented. In the disqualification case filed by Anakbayan they cited that Akbayan is a privileged party in power because their members are currently in influential positions in the Aquino administration. Secondly, nominees from Akbayan don't come from the sectors they are supposedly representing. Lastly, Akbayan is a party supported by the government. They use government funds to campaign for their party. Eighty-one (81) consultants of the NAPC are officials and members of Akbayan.

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN) supports the disqualification petition against Akbayan to run in the 2013 elections. "It is not fair and undue for the truly marginalized" Renato Reyes said Bagong Alyansang Makabayan Secretary General.

1. Akbayan Truly Representing Marginalized sector?

Akbayan representative Walden Bello said in an interview that disqualification cases filed against them are just because of jealousy about what Akbayan had reached for the benefits of the marginal. "They don't like Akbayan because of our reform orientation that basically benefits the masses. We're stealing their thunder as an organization that's successfully bringing progressive politics into the mainstream," he added. "Akbayan tried to divert the attention of the people with the major argument that Akbayan's officials and members are in high positions under the present administration." Crisostomo said.

In February 2010, former Akbayan Representative Etta Rosales sent a statement to the media stating the disqualification of "pro-administration" partylist during Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's presidency. She also stated that these partylist were "palace-backed", "Palace fronts" and "puppets disguised in emancipated party-list robes". "How is Akbayan different from these government-backed pseudo party-list groups?" Crisostomo added.

They cited the case of Ang Bagong Bayani in 2001, where Supreme Court said that the party-list system as stated in the Constitution: "social justice well designed not only to give more law to the great masses of our people who have less in life, but to also enable them to become veritable lawmakers themselves, empowered to participate directly in the enactment of laws designed to benefit them. It intends to make the marginalized and the underrepresented not merely passive recipients of the State's benevolence, but active participants in the mainstream of representative democracy".

Akbayan nominees and members currently occupy high positions in the government. These are as follows:

1. Ronald Umama, former AKBAYAN president, is the Presidential Political Affairs Adviser of President Aquino;
2. Joel Bacamora, former AKBAYAN president and ideologue, is currently the Chairperson of National Anti-Poverty Commission, and appointee of President Aquino;
3. Loreta San Rosales, former AKBAYAN president and representative, is currently the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights, and appointee of President Aquino;
4. Wally Aguir, former AKBAYAN representative, is currently a member of the GSIS Board of Trustees;
5. Nestor Cendana, former AKBAYAN chairperson, is currently the National Youth Commission commissioner-at-large, appointee of President Aquino;
6. Daniel Salinas, chairperson of the AKBAYAN's Alliance of Progressive Labor, is now a Commissioner of the Social Service System;
7. Berna A. Gattorno III, Akbayan's 2nd nominee for the 2013 elections is Undersecretary for Political Affairs;
8. Virginia Ludovico-Katoh, Akbayan's 3rd nominee is a Commissioner in the Presidential commission for the Urban Poor,
9. Rita Hortivero-Baraquel, Akbayan president and representative, is Spokesperson of the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

"The appointments in high government offices proved that Akbayan is now well-entrenched in government and well-connected to the appointing power which means that they are not marginalized" the complaint said.



THE BANGSAMORO FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

(Beginning of the Long and Lasting Peace in Mindanao)

by Benerando Gullaba

October 16, 2012 the formal signing of Framework Agreement between Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Philippine Government happened in Malacanang. This was after the 32nd Exploratory Talks took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The two parties agreed on the final draft of the agreement for the establishment of the new political entity to be called Bangsamoro. To many Filipinos it was a beginning of peaceful relationship between Christians and Muslims.

GRP- MILF peace negotiation

MILF is a religious political organization made up of Muslims engaged in liberation struggle in their traditional homeland embracing Mindanao, its adjacent island and the Sulu. MILF wants a long and lasting peace and self-determination.

MILF has engaged itself in peace negotiations with the GRP since 2001. When President Estrada was ousted with a people power Former Vice President and President now congressional representative Gloria Macapagal Arroyo took the position.

During Arroyo's administration, the GRP- MILF Peace Negotiation has gone through a Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain. The Supreme Court junked the MOA in October 14, 2008, which "guarantee" constitutional amendments that is beyond the power of the president. The said MoA should have established the Bangsamoro Juridical entity. This failure of MOA-AD made the factions between MILF, which established the Bangsamoro Islamic freedom Fighters.



GPH-MILF peace negotiation: Pnoy administration

It is when the Aquino administration that it change the name of the GRP to GPH. The peace panel was headed by the GPH Head Peace negotiator Marvic Leonen and the MILF Mo-hagher Iqbal. The Aquino administration takes a success in peace negotiation when the Framework Agreement of the Bangsamoro has been signed.

In the speech of Aquino during the signing of the Agreement, he said, "No longer the MILF aspire of a separate state. This means that the hand once held rifles will be put to use tilling land, selling produce, manning work stations, and

opening doorways of opportunity for other citizens." The president added that the Bangsamoro will follow the constitutional process ensure the Philippines remains one nation and one people.

One provision of the Bangsamoro Agreement was the establishment of the Bangsamoro which according to Murad Ebrahim, MILF Chair need constitutional amendments.

Marvic Leonen also said, that the transition commission can only make recommendations, but it is up to Congress to dispose constitutional change."

According to National Democratic Front Consultant Luis Jalandoni that a constitutional amendment is a clear requirement, which make the Bangsamoro dependent on constitutional and legal process of the GPH.

Before the agreement, the MILF wanted to become a substate, self-determination for their ancestral domain.

"Much work still has to be done to make peace work. The forging of the Framework Agreement does not mean the end of the struggle for it [only] ushers in a new and more challenging stage." Murad Ebrahim MILF Chair.

Note: Read full text of the "Framework Agreement of the Bangsamoro"



ILANG INCUMBENT MAYORS WALANG KALABAN

ni Jason Argaños

DAHIL walang matindi at seryosong kalaban para sa 2013 Midterm Election, tiyak na ang pagkap-analo at muling pag upo ng ilan sa mga alkalde sa kalakhang Maynila gaya nina Makati City Mayor Jejomar "Erwin" Binay Jr., Benhur Abalos ng Mandaluyong at Herbert Bautista ng Quezon City.

Sinabi naman ni Bistek na bagama't walang gaanong malakas na kalaban ay hindi dahilan ito upang maging kampante. Karapatan din umano ng kahit sino na tumakbo at maglingkod sa taumbayan. Tila nabunutan naman ng tinik ang batang alkalde nang di matuloy ang umuugong na balitang pagtakbo ni PBA living legend Sonny Jaworski bilang Mayor, ka-tandem si 1st District Congressman Bingbong Crisologo. Nitong taon lang, umugong din ang balitang sasabak din sa pagkameyor ang kapatid ni Senator Vicente Sotto III na si Bossing Vic Sotto na nauna nang pinabulaanan. Si Bautista ay tatakbo kasama si Joy Belmonte, anak ni Speaker Belmonte na dati ring naging alkalde ng lungsod.



Samanatala sa Makati City, sa kabila ng matinding buhos ng ulan, ay naging magarbo ang filing ni Junjun Binay na sinamahan pa ng kanyang amang si VP Jejomar Binay at inang si Elenita sa pagpa-file ng kandidatura bilang mayor ng lungsod. Makakasama nito bilang bise si Marjorie De Veyra na tatakbo rin sa coalition party na UNA. Tatakbo naman sa pagka kongresista ng District 2 ang kapatid nitong si Mar-Len Abigail Binay-Campos. Bagamat inasakusahan ng political dynasty, igin+++++it ni batang Binay na ang meron sila ay dinastiya ng pagseserbisyo, dagdag pa niya, kung ayaw ng mga taga Makati sa kanila ay wala na sanang Binay na nanalo noong nakaraang eleksyon.

Nagfile naman si Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos kasama ang running mate na si Councilor Edward Bartolome na dumalo sa isang misa matapos ang filing. Kasama ni Abalos ang amang si Ben Abalos na kasalukuyang nakapagpiyansa dahil sa samu't saring kaso ng katiwalian at electoral sabotage noong 2004 Elections. Posibleng makalaban ng batang Abalos ang Vice Mayor nitong si Danny De Guzman na malamang maka tandem si Bebot Domingo, anak ng dating Mayor Ernesto Domingo.



Samanatala sa Caloocan City, mamanahin naman ng anak ni Mayor Enrico "Recom" Echiverri na si Ricojudge "RJ" Echiverri ang umuugong ng umanisipyo kasama ang running mate niyang sa pagka bise alkalde na si Luis "Tito" Varela. Sa hindi namang inaasahang desisyon ay umangat si incumbent Vice Mayor Edgar "Egay" Erice. Ani Erice, bagama't hindi na siya lalaban sa pagka alkalde ng Caloocan ay itutuloy pa rin nito ang mga adbokasyang sinimulan. Usap-usapan din na ang pag umuugong ni Erice ay bunga ng hindi pagsuporta ng Liberal Party sa kanya dati ring ay sa nakababatang Echiverri. Dagdag pa ni Erice, nalungkot ang mga taga suporta nito nang magdesisyon siyang hindi tumakbo na mamamahal siya sa biglaang patawag na pulong ng mga lider niya sa Caloocan. Kaya, hindi rin siya sasabak sa isang giyerang hindi tiyak kung mamamahal siya.

Sa Parañaque naman ay inihahanda upang humalili sa amang si Mayor Florencio "Jun" Bernabe Jr. ang anak na si Councilor Florencio "Benjo" Bernabe III. Running mate naman nito si Jose Enrico Golez na anak ni incumbent Congressman Roilo Golez. Makakalaban naman ng dalawa sina Representative Edwin Olivarez at Edwin Benzon. Punung-puno naman ng bituin sa Parañaque 2013 Elections. Muling susubok ang komedyanteng si Joey Marquez na maging kinatawan ng ikalawang distrito sa ilalim ng partido ni Olivarez na Bagong Parañaque Movement Coalition. Tatakbo rin bilang konsehal ang dating asawang si Alma Moreno, komedyanteng si Ryan Yllana, kapatid ng TV Host/Comedian na si Anjo Yllana, singer na si Roselle Nava at dating PBA player Jason Webb.





MALAY DEMOCRATS OF THE PHILIPPINES: MAY DANGAL AT PANININDIGAN!

WHO ARE WE?

While MDP Party is currently organized as a regional political party in the National Capital Region (NCR), our goal is to form a national political party among nationalists for progressive politics.

We also represent the interest of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and is the political arm of NEPA, the National Economic Protectionism Association. It was first registered as Lakas ng Pilipino party in 1986. In an order dated February 9, 2001, the Commission on Election acting on a petition filed by the Party, it was renamed as the Malay Democrats of the Philippines (MDP).

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

MDP Party stands for the pursuit of "good life" of the Filipinos through our commitment in a social, economic and political covenant with the Filipino people.

In our SOCIAL Covenant, we will pursue the following agenda: Protection & Sustainable Use of our Natural Resources. We are for a Philippines well blessed with bountiful and beautiful natural resources, and a kind of people capable of protecting, sustaining and making the country more productive, and naturally deserving of the benefits of such blessings.

- **Social Justice.** We are for a Philippines where the quality of physical health (life), the depth and breadth of education (liberty), and the morality of our options in the pursuit of happiness, describe the kind of society we have established.
- **Nation Building.** We are for a Philippines where nation building, as in community building is largely a phenomenon of the dependence or reliance on one another, which is a function of such value as honesty that should be developed among the stakeholders.
- **Participatory Democracy.** We are for a Philippines where empowering the Filipino society shall require the provision of opportunities to enable them to participate in the socio-political and socio-economic spheres of engagement and decision-making processes.



In our ECONOMIC Covenant, we will pursue the following agenda:

- **Economic Nationalism.** We are for a Philippines where the Filipino must be the foremost determinant of the economy so that they may become the principal beneficiaries thereof.
- **Nationalist Development Framework.** We are for a Philippines where the nation's production capability and capacity are the most important measures of economic progress and development. A country where the real economic progress of the nation is best measured through the strength of its economic power bases – the regions, cities, municipalities and the barangays.
- **National Industrialization.** We are for a Philippines where the rational sourcing of inputs and equitable distribution of outputs help the economy grow faster, as in optimizing employment with which the sharing of economic activities is optimized.
- **Nationalists Consumerism.** We are for a Philippines where consumption of the people within the country is supposed to be equal to the production of the people in the country, and one must function as effective stimulus of the other



In our POLITICAL Covenant, we will pursue the following agenda:

Stakeholdership in the National Enterprise. We are for a Philippines where the stakeholders of the national enterprise, invariably referred to as the citizens, in the exercise of their sovereignty, have to commit to duties and responsibilities before they can claim for rights and privileges.

- Strong Leadership. We are for a Philippines where the political power structure of a truly democratic government is one that is sustained and inspired by the values and inspirations of the dominant class of the citizenry.
- Strong Political System. We are for a Philippines where the political order must ensure that vision driven, moral, and competent stakeholders appreciate the need to provide leadership in government.
- Strong Government. We are for a Philippines where the strength of a nation lies on the capacities and capabilities of all its governing units.

WHAT ARE OUR PROGRAMS?

Our development programs are focused strategically for the benefit of the MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises). They designed to produce both economic and political benefits to this target constituency. These programs will pursue access to FINANCE, MARKET, PRODUCTION and POLITICAL REPRESENTATION. These programs are undertaken by the Party in collaboration with NEPA and its other partners.

ACCESS TO FINANCE PROGRAM

NEPA-MDP Tulay sa Puhunan. This is a publication-training project providing critical information about sources of financing both from the public and private sector to finance enterprises and livelihood activities of MSMEs. This project will also offer enterprise building and facilitation support.

NEPA-MDP Festivals. To complement the Tulay sa Puhunan project, we will organize nationwide exposition cum "NEPA Festival" to bring together MSMEs and financing institutions all over the country to facilitate partnerships to support financing and business partnership needs of MSMEs.

ACCESS TO MARKET PROGRAM

NEPA-MDP Rolling Bazaar. This is a continuous community marketing mechanisms for Filipino products of MSMEs that will be conducted in schools and communities nationwide; starting with NCR.

ACCESS TO PRODUCTION PROGRAM

MDP together with NEPA and other ally groups continues to advocate a genuine national industrialization plan to be developed and implemented by government with wide participation of all sectors. In pursuit of this, the Party will continue to conduct regular policy advocacy campaigns to push for a sustainable, nationalists industrialization plan and programs.

Some of the regular activities to pursue are:

- "Buy Filipino or NEPA Week" held every August
- National Economic Forum (NEF), a high-level forum among policy makers and the business community to discuss issues on national industrialization

ACCESS TO POLITICAL REPRESENTATION PROGRAM

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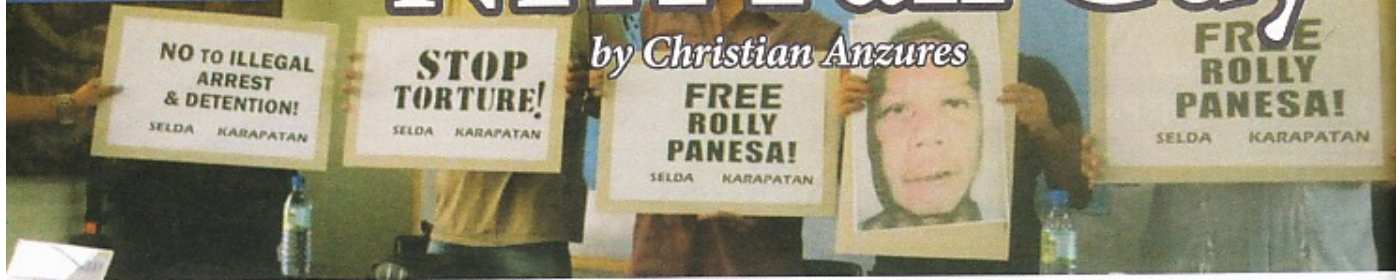
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NPA Fall Guy

by Christian Anzures



On October 6, 2012, AFP gave a statement that they have captured the high ranking official of the Communist Party of the Philippines "Benjamin Mendoza" alias Rolly Panesa.

Rolly Panesa, 48 years old, a security guard of Megaforce Security was arrested last October 5 of the 2nd Infantry Division of Philippines Army, which was led by Southern Commander Maj. Gen Alan Luga and the Philippine National Police. Panesa accused of being a high-ranking official of the Communist Party of the Philippines known as "Benjamin Mendoza" which has a bounty of P5.6M.

Wife of Rolly Panesa, Marites Chioco said that they are in their way home in Project 4, Quezon City with her daughter Connie Rey Garcia and husband Peter Que, when men approached them and forced them to ride in a car.

"They insisted that I'm Ka Luisa and Rolly my husband is Benjamin Mendoza a high ranking official of the Communist Party of the Philippines. I told them that I'm Marites Chioco from San Jose, Nueva Ecija and my husband is Rolly Panesa not Benjamin Mendoza". Chioco said

The next day, Chioco was shocked when she saw the face of her husband bloated and have broken lips. In a medical examination made by the PNP Region 4 and Health Action for Human Rights they diagnosed Panesa to have sustained scratches and bruises. Both doctors said that he has to consult an ear specialist because of the damage in his right ear.

Panesa detained in SICA-BJMP at Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig faces a rebellion charge together with two other National Democratic Front of the Philippines consultants Tirso "Ka Bart" Alcantara and Allan Jazmines. He was also accused of frustrated murder.

Mistaken Identity

According to Rey Cortez from National Union of Lawyers in the Philippines, lawyer of Panesa he wants to emphasize that the AFP arrested the wrong person "Rolly Panesa is not Benjamin Mendoza".

"AFP can easily identify the identity of Rolly Panesa. The day when they arrested him, Panesa had his IDs issued by different government agencies that will prove that he is not Benjamin Mendoza; he had with him his Social Security Service ID, driver's license and the security guard ID that was issued by the Philippine National Police." Cortez said.

Cortez said that a call of the arrested team would confirm that Panesa is a guard in Megaforce Security since 1995. Obviously, they did not do it. They just want to say that they have captured Benjamin Mendoza," Cortez added.

Benjamin Mendoza according to the Armed Forces of the Philippines is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. They added that Mendoza was a known active member of Samahan ng Demokratikong Kabataan in 1975 and studied explosive making in Libya in 1982. Two warrants of arrest are issued to Mendoza in Lucena City Court.

KARAPATAN is requesting for the immediate release of Rolly Panesa. They said that evidences would prove that Panesa is not Mendoza. They said that Panesa is from Negros Occidental not in La Union where Mendoza was from. KARAPATAN also added that during 1975, Panesa was 11 years old, and studying at Macabalong Elementary School and in 1982 he was studying in High School.

There are evidences that Panesa was tortured during his interrogation. Chioco said that her husband told her that in the car where he was riding he was already tortured by the arresting team.

"Torture and illegal detention was not new in this regime. KARAPATAN have document 70 victims of torture and 447 illegally arrested from July 2010 to September 2012. We condemn the torture to Panesa, it is a clear violation of Anti-Torture Act and Republic Act No. 7438 that state the right of the arrested person. Anyone, even rebel should not be torture" karapatan said.





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Economy

MRT FARE HIKE TO BE IMPLEMENTED NEXT YEAR

by Ana Caryl Malunes

On October the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) alerted the public that it will soon impose a fare hike. DOTC Sec. Abaya at a press conference said that the fare hike should be implemented next year to decrease the budget allocated by the government and instead give to the countryside. DOTC even reasons that the proposed MRT fare hike is lower compared to the bus fare which is about Php 45.

Different sectors are opposing the proposed fare increase. RILES Network led the petition signing campaign in different MRT and LRT station to get signatures from MRT commuters and others who are against the increase.

History

MRT has 13 stations, from North Edsa to Taft Ave. In 1990's MRT and DOTC made an agreement to establish MRT in a Build-Operate- Transfer (BOT) scheme. In the said agreement, the MRT, which is a private company, will take care of the construction and maintenance of the MRT while the DOTC will have to pay them monthly to reimburse the expenses of MRT in building the said project.

In September 1997 when the construction of the MRT began after the signing of contract between Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Sumitomo Corporation and local company EEI Corporation entered as sub-contractor of the said project.

In 1999 MRT first opened to the public transportation from North Edsa to Buendia; after a year, it added the route from Buendia to Taft Avenue. In 2004 the average number of passengers riding the MRT reached to 400,000, daily.

Burden

Leon Peralta co-convenor of RILES Network and Vice Chairperson of MAKABAYAN QC said, "MRT fare hike means passing on the responsibility of the government to provide public service. Public transportation is a public service and should be subsidized." He added, "Passengers riding MRT are basically from lower class that earn P426 a day or has less than P10,000 monthly income. It is an added burden for it will lessen our budget which should be allocated to food for the family.

Riles said that the Operation and maintenance of MRT is lower compared to the present fare that the passengers are paying. Only P9.11 per passenger is needed to operate and maintain the MRT. "MRT customers are paying P0.89 to P5.89 more than what it is needed to maintain its operation. We from Riles call for lower fare in MRT" RILES added

The government said that the budget for the MRT reached P75Billion in ten years for its Operation and Maintenance.

"MRT is a public transportation service, the government should not pass the burden to its commuters. It is clear that behind this fare increase is privatization under the program of Aquino administration's public private partnership."

According to IBON foundation, the DOTC spent Php 8.52 billion for the MRT, of which almost Php 5.30 billion went to the guaranteed profits of the private contractors proponents; Php 1.18 billion for maintenance costs; Php 1.16 billion debt payments; and the remaining Php 880 million for other expenses. But actual revenues in 2010 was only Php 1.92 billion, of which Php 1.90 billion came from passenger and the rest from non-rail revenues such as from advertisements, rent of commercial space etc. thus, the DOTC is short of Php 6.60 billion which the government finances through additional borrowing (or so called subsidies) . But without the guaranteed profits and debt payments- which make up 76% of DOTC's MRT obligations in 2010, fares could cover the cost of maintenance and personnel expenses.



BACKYARD BURGERS, BABA'S KEBAB HOUSE AND NAICHA; A PLACE OF PARTNERSHIP

by Christian Anzures

A place located in Sgt. Esguerra Avenue across the ABS-CBN main building, offers a variety of food and beverages that would delight a hungry man's appetite.

Managed by co-owner Chef Geth Savellano; Backyard Burger, Baba's Kebab House and Naicha "a franchised Tea House" was established by a partnership of 6 persons (Larah Lagman, Karina Lagman, Marc Lagman, Andy Lagman and Larry Castillo). According to Chef Geth, they are the one who conceptualized their own menu.

The three establishments have had its soft opening last September 28, 2012 and launched its formal opening last October 1, 2012.

Baba's Kebab House, middle eastern inspired dish offers its specialties in Beef Kebab, Chicken Kebab and Lamb Kebab. The Chelo Kebab Koobideh is a must try one, a mouth watering kebab filled with 2 pieces of beef kebab, grilled tomatoes and onions served with basmati rice and butter.

Backyard Burgers, is literally inspired backyard burger session of Chef Geth's peers. The burger house that serves burgers from Supreme size of 1/3 lb. patty to Obscene size of 1 lb. patty. They offer non burgers like, chicken, fish and , beef. The beef belly cheese steak at 150php, serves in a slow-roasted beef belly, cheese sauce, sautéed in mushroom and roasted bell peppers. The heart attack burger is the house best seller, sells for 195php, filled with 1/2 lb. of beef patty, added by crispy pork belly and cheddar cheese.

After a heavy meal, you've got to try the Naicha (tea house). The place serves hot and cold refreshment to cool down your satisfied stomach and hearth.



RED ALERT ON CHILD POVERTY

by Benjamin Cordero Jr.

CHILD welfare group, Akap Bata Party-List kicked off the celebration of the National Children's Month last October 2012 in a media forum in Quezon City. In the said event, the group raised social alarm against the worsening state of child poverty in the country under the present administration of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III.

The group launched the 'Red Alert vs Child Poverty' campaign as part of their celebration to this year's National Children's Month. As said by the group, they aim to send their strong warning across to the government and to the general public to do something to address and resolve the basic issues of children.

According to the latest data on children of Akap Bata Party-List in their newly-released '2012 Report on the Real State of the Filipino Children' (see attached documents); 12.4 million children consider themselves poor. On the said research also, 6 million kids does not receive educational services from the government; 32% stunted and 21% underweight kids have been registered; and number of street children now climbs to 2.2 million nationwide.

'These alarming facts and figures are now exploding right into our very faces! As adults, we, particularly the government, should not waste time to live in silence and apathy because for every second, another child fall victim to the ills of poverty, hunger, homelessness and social injustices that are widely occurring in the country today,' says Arlene Brosas, national secretary-general of Akap Bata Party-List.

Brosas added, 'With these numbers of Filipino children and their families living in the quicksand of economic hardships, we now declare a Red Alert status against child poverty in the country in order for us to further intensify our collective struggle for the basic rights of every Filipino child for education, nutrition and shelter.'



She stresses, 'This Children's Month 2012, we chose to discuss issues with deep impact on the daily lives of every Filipino child. Aside from these poverty-related issues, we are also deeply bothered by the cases of rights abuses and welfare issues on children that further aggravate their economic burdens.'

Akap Bata Party-List also noted that child labor cases in the Philippines now reach to 5.5 million as while child abuse and exploitation cases soar every year. They also mentioned a report of 41 cases of child soldier recruitment for paramilitary groups as guides and shield for military operations.

Brosas also declared the 'Nationwide Red Alert Day' on October 17, in time of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. On this day, a nationally-coordinated noise barrage will be held in various points all over the country to further amplify the rising alarm against child poverty.

Finally, in time of the first day of filing of politicians for their Certificate of Candidacy for the 2013 midterm elections today, Akap Bata Party-List urges all political aspirants to heed the alarm against child poverty and have clear agenda and program of governance for the Filipino children.



Hustisya sa Maguindanao Massacre, Nasaan na?

Opinion

ni Ana Caryl Malunes



Ang Maguindanao Massacre ang isa sa pinakamalalang pag-atake sa media at sa kalayaan sa pamamahayag. Ito ang pinaka-naka-pangingilabot na pandarahas sa mga media practioner sa Pilipinas na dulot ng political dynasties at warlordism sa kanayunan.

Ayon sa Committee to Protect Journalist ito ang pinakamalalang kaganapan sa kasaysayan ng mga journalist. Talumpu't apat sa walumpung biktima ay mula sa hanay ng mga mamamahayag. Maliban sa bilang ng pinaslang mas nakakagulat na ginawa ang krimen sa gitna nang tirik na araw sa isang highway at ang katotohan na ang pinalibingan ng mga biktima ay ginawa dalawang araw bago ang krimen at ang mga gumawa ng krimen ay hindi man lang itinago ang kanilang pagkakakilanlan.

Ano ang nagbigay ng lakas ng loob sa pamilya Ampatuan na gumawa ng ganitong klaseng krimen?

Ang pamilya Ampatuan ang isa sa pinakamakapangyarihan na angkan sa Mindanao at siya pinakamakapangyarihan sa probinsya ng Maguindanao. Ang matandang Datu Andal ampatuan Sr. ay tinalaga bilang officer-in-charge sa Shariff Aguak ng dating pangulong si Cory Aquino, pagkatapos ng People Power noong 1986. Siya rin ay nagging gobernador ng Maguindanao. Dalawa sa anak ni Andal Ampatuan ay mayroon din matataas na posisyon sa probinsya : si Zaldy Ampatuan ay gobernador ng Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao at si Andal Ampatuan Jr. ay mayor ng Datu Unsay, Maguindano sa panahon na nangyari ang masaker. Ang kanyang manugang na si Akmad Ampatuan ay mayor naman ng Mamasapano, Maguindano. Ang apo niyang si Anwar Ampatuan ay mayor ng Shariff Aguak ang sentro ng probinsya ng Maguindanao.

Sa kabila ng matinding kahirapan nananatili ang mga mansion ng pamilya Ampatuan. Mayroon silang 2000 private army na sina-sabi ng sa Philippine Army at mga pulis nanggaling ang mga armas. Sinasabi rin na ang pamilya Ampatuan ang nagtiyak ng pagkapanalo ni dating Pangulo Gloria Macapagal Arroyo noong 2004 presidential election sa pamamagitan ng pagmanipula sa eleksyon ng probinsya. Ang kalayaan ng pamilya Ampatuan at ang kontrol nila sa probinsya ang pangunahing argument sa pananatili ng political dynasties.

Nang manalo sa pagkapangulo si Benigno Aquino III , ipinangako niya ang pagbabago , hustisya, paglaban sa korupsiyon at pagtataguyod ng mabuting pamamahala. Pero bakit makalipas ang dalawang taon ng pagkapangulo, hindi pa rin nakakamit ng mga biktima ng Maguindanao Massacre ang hustisya?

Sinasabi ng iba na walang magagawa ang Aquino government sa usapin na ito dahil ito ay usapin na korte ang mgadedesisyon. Bakit sa kabila ng mga ebidensya at mga saksi na maaaring magturo sa mga salarin ay hindi pa rin nagkakaroon ng pagresolba sa nasabing kaso? Bakit hinahayaan lang ng korte na hindi makamit ang katarungan para sa mga biktima ng masaker?

Kung pag-aaralan at susuriin nating mabuti, hindi magiging mahirap para sa pamilya ng 58 na biktima ang pagkakamit ng hustisya.

Una, nanatili ang impunity. Wala kahit isa sa mga itinuturong pumatay sa mga journalist at mga aktibista ang nakakamit ng katarungan. Wala pa kahit isa sa mga biktima ng enforced disappearances ang nailitaw at walang kahit isang unit ng AFP ang nahuhuli sa kabila ng maraming ebidensyang magtuturo sa kanilang pagiging sangkot ditto. Lumalala ang pagpaslang at ang sapilitang pagkawala at wala man lang ginawa ang gobyerno kundi i-deny o balewalain ang mga ito.

Pangalawa, nanatili pa rin ang political dynasties atr warlords hindi lamang sa mga probinsya kundi maging sa national. Ang mga traditional na politikong pamilya ay nananatiling may control sa pambansa at mga local na politika sa pagkakaroon ng ama, asawa, anak, pamanangin, kamag-anak sa kanilang mga opisina at tumatako sa posisyon para sa gobyerno. Ang smga Enrile ay may control sa politika at ekonomiya sa Cagayan Valley; ang mga Angara sa Aurora, ang pamilya na dating president Marcos sa Ilocos Norte, Estrada sa San Juan at Binay sa Makati City.

Kung talagang seryoso ang administrayong Aquino sa pagkakamit ng hustiya, dapat bigyan pansin ng kanyang gobyerno ang pagtutalak sa pagkakamit ng hustisya para sa mga biktima ng Maguindanao massacre, at sa iba pang kaso ng pagpaslang ng mga mamamahayag at aktibista. Dapat ikulong ang sino mang responsible sa pagpaslang, pagkawala. Dapat buwain ang mga political dynasties sa bansa, private armies at siguraduhin ang transparency sa gobyerno.

NEVER FORGET





Global Tribes

by Bayan De la Cruz

According to Joel Kotkin, a member of the Jewish global tribe, global tribes are a composition of dispersed people and their worldwide business and cultural networks who shares a common identity. It is the factor that increase and shape the economic destiny of mankind. Trade and immigration is a vital force for economic and social vitality.

Kotkin's Global Tribes.

Geographic dispersion and belief in scientific progress, is a critical factor for success. "Global tribes suggest the critical importance of values, emphasis on the acquisition of knowledge, and cosmopolitan perspective in the emerging world economy."

Kotkin's global tribe idea emerge after the Cold War, he stated that the fading military force is the prime element in determining economic position of a nation. For him global tribes will play an important role in the emerging world economy of an eroding nation-state structure.

GLOBAL TRIBES IN THE PHILIPPINE PERSPECTIVE

"Tribalism refers to custom and beliefs transmitted and enacted in groups (tribes) sharing a common identity and which centralized political organization and authority are absent." Susan Trencher.

"Neotribalism or modern tribalism is the ideology that human beings have evolved to live in tribal society as opposed to mass society, and thus will naturally form social networks constituting new tribes." – Wikipedia

Kotkin's idea of global tribes is an economic related idea that links to the transnational companies. His idea of tribe should not be confused to culture, because his tenet of diaspora or immigration of people to one country would result to worldwide business and cultural network. Though he mention culture it doesn't give a perspective. It aims to use culture as an instrument to the development of the economy and politics of one country that this people are into.

In a review of Kotkin's article which he presented the developed nations are actually under-developed country. Take for example the Philippines which Kotkin's said is a "future global tribes"; even it has millions of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) all over the world, it still has backward economy. It is clear that even these millions of Filipino remitted millions of peso that make the economy grow it doesn't reflect the real conditions of the people in the country.

Filipino overseas is not considered as global tribes because they offer labor force and not financial capital that was exemplified by Kotkin in his article. This will happen in Philippines if it has capacity to develop its economy and political condition to capitalize in other country. It is really impossible in a country like Philippines which has no industries to make its economy grow.

It is through national industrialization that the Philippine economy can compete to global economy and developed its own.

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TALAKAYAN SA HOMERS STORIES....

Story #1 wage issue

Wage hike, kailang lahatang panig na ipaglaban ng mga obrero

By: *Regine Impal*

"Kailangang patuloy nalahatang panig na ipaglaban ang pagtaas ng sahod ng mga manggagawa sa lahat ng antas." Ito ang mariing sinabi ni Elmer Labog, chairman ng KMU sa mga mamamahayag sa isang media forum na sponsored ng PCSO- ang Talakayan sa Homers noong Linggo ng Nobyembre 18.

Habang hati-hati ang mga organisasyon o samahan ng mga obrero sa bansa magiging mahirap ipagwagi ang pagtaas ng sahod o kung magkamtan man ng panalo ay kakarampot lamang na tila itsurang limos ng mga may-ari ng pabrika, ani Labog.

Story #2 MRT

Pagsasapribado ng MRT, Kinundena!

By: *Renz Gullaba*

Tiyak na tataas ng matindi ang pamasaha sa MRT kapag itoy isinapribado dahil negosyo ang pangunahing interes ng kumpanyang makakakuha ng MRT, ayon kay Sammy Malunes, kangkalahatang kalihim ng Kilusang Mayo Uno o KMU.

Dagdag pa ni Malunes, panibagong pasakit na naman ito sa taong bayan dahil imbes na abot kamay ang presyo ng pamasaha sa MRT tiyak na tataas ito na posibleng iilan na lamang ang may kakayahang magbayad ng pamasaha rito.

Si Malunes ay isa sa mga guest speakers sa naganap na media forum noong Linggo ng Nobyembre 25 sa PCSO sponsored media forum na Talakayan sa Homers.

Story #3 Pacman

Pinoy suportado pa rin si Pacquiao

By: *Harel Ocampo*

Sa kabila ng pagkatalo, nasa likod pa rin ni Pambansang Kamao at Sarangani Rep. Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao ang sambayanang Pilipino.

Ayon kay NEPA President Bayan dela Cruz, hindi mabubura ng 6th round knockout loss ni Pacquiao kay Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez ang karangalang ibinigay nito sa Pilipinas.

"Sa kabila ng kanyang pagkatalo, hindi po nito maisasantabi ang napakaraming karangalang naibigay na ni Manny sa sambayanang Pilipino. Muli, ipinakita niya nang buong loob ang kanyang dedikasyong makipaglaban sa ngalan ng ating mga kababayan at ng bandila," ito ang sinabi sa mamamahayag ni Dela Cruz noong Linggo ng Disyembre 9 sa isang PCSO sponsored media forum na Talakayan sa Homers.

"Tinanggap po ni Manny ang kanyang pagkabigo nang buong pagpapakumbaba at dignidad, gaya ng ipinamalas niyang katangian sa bawat pagkapanalo niya sa laban," dagdag pa niya.

Story #4 bagyong Pablo

540 patay sa bagyong Pablo isinisasi sa Illegal loggers at illegal minning sa compostela Valley at Davao Oriental

Alinsunod sa pahayag ni DENR secretary Ramon Page kamakailan na ang naganap na flush flood sa Compostela Valley at Davao Oriental na kumitil ng mahigit 540 katao ay resulta ng malawakang illegal na pagmimina at pamumutol ng puno sa mga nabanggit na lugar, Iginiit naman ni Raymond Palatino ng Kalikasan party-list na panahon na upang papanagutin ang mga natukoy na salarin sa naganap na trahedyang.

Ani Palatino, "Alam na nga natin na natukoy na ng gobyerno ang mga salarin sa pagkasawi ng 540 katao, ngayon ano na ang dapat nating gawin kasunod ng pagtukoy, 'di ba dapat na nating imbestigahan at kasuhan pagkatapos?" Si Palatino ay isa sa mga guest speakers noong linggo ng Disyembre 2 sa PCSO sponsored media forum na Talakayan sa Homers.

Story #5 senate approve RH bil

Dismayado ang kaparian sa naganap na pagsusog ng senado sa RH bill

Matapos ipagtibay ng mataas na kapulungan ng kongreso ang RH bill noong lunes nagpahayag ng sentimiyento ang kaparian sa pamumuno ni Fr Pete Montellano, OFM, San Pedro Bautista provincial house. Sinabi ni Montellano sa isang forum na isponsor ng PCSO (Talakayan sa Homers) noong linggo ng December 23 na dismayado sila sa naging desisyon ng senado dahil lubhang nakakalimutan na ng mga senador na bomoto ng pabor sa RH bill ang diyos dahil pinangungunahan na nila ang kagustuhan ng diyos. Matatandaang unang nagpahayag ng kanilang pagtutol ang mga pari noong December 16 kinabukasan bago isalang sa huling botohan ang RH bill sa naturang ding media forum.

“Experience is the Best Teacher”

Demokrasya at Participatory Governance

Dante Lagman

Sa darating na Mayo a-diyes, dadagsa muli sa mga presinto ang masang taumbayan. Gagamitin ang kanilang karapatang bumoto. Sa mass media, muli nating maririnig sa mga komentarista na ang pagboto ay ebidensya ng pag-iral ng demokrasya sa bansa. Totoo ba ito?

Right to Vote = Demokrasya?

Sinasabing umiiral daw ang demokrasya kapag ang taumbayan ay pumipili ng mga lider ng gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng kanilang pagboto.

Hindi na raw kasi ito tulad ng sinaunang mga gobyerno na naghahariang isang pamilyang dugong bughaw sa bisang “divine right” na binabasbasan ng simbahan o relihiyon. Gaya ng Pilipinas na noo’y pinagharian ng mga Kastila (o sa mas eksakto, tayo ay kolonyang hari’t reynang Espanya).

Bumalik na daw kasi ang sinasabing “demokrasya”. Napabagsak na ang dik-tadurang Marcos noong 1986. At isa raw sa mga “biyaya ng Edsa” ang panunumbalik ng karapatang bumoto.

Pero ano nga bang totoong ibig sabihin ng demokrasya? Sa simpleng salita, ito ay “rule of the majority”. Ibig sabihin, nag hahariang kapasyahan ng mayorya sa lipunan. At ang nakararami sa lipunan ay walang iba kundi ang manggagawa, magbubukid, estudyante, propesyunal at malilit na manininda, atbp. Ganito ba ang kalakaran? Hindi.

Sapagkat ang naghahari pa rin sa bansa ay ang mga kapitalista’t asendero. At ang nanumbalik lamang sa sinasabing “restorasyon ng demokrasya” ay ang klaseng pulitika bago mag Martial Law. Ito ang sistemang elitistang demokrasya.

Ang Sistemang Elitistang Demokrasya

Ayon sa 1987 Constitution, ang umiiral daw sa bansa ay isang “representative democracy”. Tama. Ang taumbayan ay naghahalal ng kanilang kinatawan o representante sa gobyerno. Pero hindi sapat ang pagboto bilang palatandaan ng demokrasya.

Sapagkat ang importante ay hindi lamang ang “boto” at “buwis” kundi ang “bores” ng nakararami na dapat salaminin ng mga batas at patakaran ng pamahalaan.

Sa umiiral na sistemang demokrasya sa bansa, “hindi kasali” ang taumbayan sa pagtatakdang batas at patakaran ng gobyerno. Hindi man lang kinukonsulta ang kanilang “bores”. Ang kanilang tanging papel ay pumili ng representante sa isang araw sa loob ng tatlo o anim na taon. Matapos ang eleksyon, sila ay bumabalik sa pagiging mga sibilyang taga sunod lamang sa utos at dikta ng mga nasakapangyarihan.

Ang nagaganap ay kabaliktaran ng demokrasya. Patay na letra ang Konstitusyunal na probisyon na ang lahat ng kapangyarihan at awtoridad ay nagmumula sa taumbayan. Ayon sa saligang batas, “Sovereignty resides in the people. All power and authority emanates from them”.

Malayung-malayo ito sa praktika ng mga samahan ng masang may pagkilala sa kapangyarihan ng kanyang kasapian (katulad ng unyon). Kung saan, umiiral ang 3Bs ng demokrasya: ang boto, butaw at bores.

Sa unyon, ang kasapian ay naghahalal ng liderato o executive board (boto). Bilang kasapi, sila ay may tungkuling magbigay ng butaw o “union dues” gaya ng pagbabayad ng buwis ng mamamayan bilang bahaging kanyang tungkulin sa gobyerno’t lipunan (butaw/buwis). At sa anumang hakbangin o planong unyon, kinokonsulta ang bores ng myembro. Naglulunsad sila ng “general membership meeting” para marinig ang pasyang karamihan (bores).

Pero hindi ganito sa lipunan at gobyerno. Sa unyon, bawat pisong idadagdag sa butaw (dues) ay dumadaan pa nga samatinding deliberasyon ng kasapian. Sa gobyerno, tumataas ang VAT at iba pang kaltas sa sahod ng mga empleyado pero hindi naman sila nakokonsulta ukol rito!

Participatory Governance: Gawing Bahagi Ang Mamamayan sa Pagguguberno

Ang papel ng mamamayan sa pulitikang bansa ay higit pa sa simpleng pagboto para sa kanilang kinatawan kung totoong umiiral ang demokrasya. Kailangan ng kanilang partisipasyon sa pagbabalangkas at pagpapatupad ng batas.

Kaya ang ating sinusulong: ang “participatory governance”. Upang maimpluwensyahan ng ordinaryong tao ang mga desisyon ng gobyerno kahit sila ay nananatiling sibilyan at hindi bahaging burukrasya. Ito rin ang diwa ng itinayong Naga People’s Council ng yumaong kalihim ng DILG, si Secretary Jesse Robredo.

Sa kasaysayan ng maraming bansa – laluna sa Europa – ang paglahok sa pulitika ng milyon-milyong mamamay ang sibilyan ay sa pamamagitan ng “partido-pulitikal”. Kung saan, sumasapi o nagiging aktibo ang isang ordinaryong tao sa anumang partido, na sa kanyang pagtingin, ay nagtatanggol ng kanyang interes o prinsipyo. Halimbawa, labor party para sa manggagawa; greens party para sa environmentalist, women’s party sa kababaihan, atbp.



Sa ating bansa, hindi ganito ang mga mainstream na partido. Sapagkat ang kasapi nila ay hindi naman ang simpleng mamamayan kundi ang mga pulitiko – laluna ang mga mula sa LGUs (local government units), mga governor, mayor, konsehal, atbp – na humahakot ng boto para sa kanila tuwing eleksyon. 'Di kasali ang taumbayan liban sa pagiging audience (gaya ng sa telenobela) sa kanilang mga pamiting at mga asembleya.

Mas importante kasi sa mamamayan, kung tutuusin, na maghanapbuhay kaysa sa mag-aksaya ng panahon sa pulitika. Kung gayon, kailang ang suhayan ito mismo ng gobyerno. Maglaan ng pondo't rekurso sa partisipasyon ng masa sa pagugyerno, ito ay kung tunay na ang sinunod nito ang mga konstitusyunal na probisyon ukol sa "kapangyarihan ng taumbayan". Maaring may magsabi ng hindi marunong sa pagugyerno ang taumbayan – laluna ang nakararaming mahihirap. Subalit ibinunga lamang itong kalagayang ang kanilang paglahok sa halalan ay tuwing eleksyon lamang bilang botante ang kanilang partisipasyon sa pulitika.

Isang halimbawa ng maaring anyo nito ay ang "people's council", kung saan regular na tinitipon ang mga halal na kinatawan ng mga samahan ng masa (unyon, TODA, asosasyon ng maralita, organisasyon ng maliit na manininda, atbp.) mula sa antas ng barangay, distrito hanggang sa lungsod o lalawigan.

"Manalig sa mamamayan!" Bigyan sila ng oportunidad na lumahok sa pagbabalangkas at pagpapatupad ng batas. Hayaan natin silang maranasan ang paggugyerno. Sapagkat, sa huling pagsusuri, ang demokrasya ay hindi lamang natututunan sa libro kundi sa buhay at praktikal na karanasan. At ang kakulangan sa kaalaman ng mamamayan ukol sa paggugyerno ang isa sa dahilan (at isa rin sa mga paraan) kung paano sila napagsasamantalahan ng iilang elitistang may monopoly sa kapangyarihan.



Programang Pangkalusugan ni Dante Lagman Medical Mission



SUPREMO

Benjamin Cardero Jr.



In commemoration of the 149th birth anniversary of The Great Plebeian Andres Bonifacio, another biopic that will either obliquely or explicitly suggest that Andres Bonifacio more deserved to be considered the first Philippine president than Emilio Aguinaldo and national hero than Dr. Jose Rizal. It's Richard Somes' "Supremo."

Supremo is set in old Manila circa 1800s, the movie hunted down the reason why Andres' blaze to fight for freedom against the Spanish regime; how the KKK (Kataas-taasan, Kagalang-galangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan) was formed; and even about the treachery he suffered in the hands of his own "Katipunero" brothers.

Unlike his role in the late Mario O'Hara's "Ang Paglilitis Kay Andres Bonifacio," actor-politician Alfred Vargas, was quite challenged with this "passion-of-the-christ" like epic. But, thanks to his glowing adulation for the hero, Vargas rose to the test and delivered a most evocative performance of the most controversial and famous Katipunero to date.

With numerous biopics done in honor of Bonifacio, "Supremo" depicts the subject as person; more human, overly patriotic war hero. That despite his great love for the country, he has had his moments of outbursts, weaknesses and doubts.

All these were showcased in sepia-toned frames, underscored by breathtaking dusk and silhouette scenes set against vast meadows and rice paddies, which the old Manila was best known for.

The film was shot in just 15 days; "Supremo's" production team sure took the time to make the best of what they have. From the hefty props and costumes of the actors, to the apt locations, and the vivid fight scenes down to the music used for the scoring, everything spelled class and creativity rolled into one.

But with students as the film's obvious target audience, perhaps it would be wise for "Supremo" to be cut shorter than its original two-and-a-half-hour run. Additionally the movie needs some polishing on its transition sequences. Most of the abrupt scene changes, tend to be confusing in that one isn't sure if Andres was having flashbacks or if he was in present time.

Alfred did justice to Andres' controversial yet courageous life. But it was theater actor Nicco Manalo, the son of comedian Jose Manalo, who was a revelation in the film as he breathed so much vigor into the character of young soldier Emilio Jacinto. Unfortunately though, Macario Sakay's (Mon Confiado) character was overshadowed by the two, probably because he wasn't given much lines or maybe even because his wig was in disarray the entire time.

Produced and starred by Alfred Vargas, "Supremo" opens on Dec. 5 exclusively in SM Cinemas nationwide.

THE NEW DISTRICT 5 SUPREMO

CURRENTLY, Alfred Vargas was considered as the new heroine on the newly established District 5. Born on October 24, 1981, Vargas graduated in A.B. Management Economics in Ateneo de Manila University. He began his career as a member of ABS-CBN Star Magic (formerly Star Circle) acting workshop Batch 10. From there, he had his TV role in the drama soap opera, Pangako Sa'yo, from the same network. But this Ateneo de Manila graduate was acting in theatre long before the talent scouts lured him into television.

In Quezon City local elections for District 2 on May 11, 2010, he was elected city councilor, with the second-highest number of votes in the district which the 1st place is the former news anchor and incumbent councilor and Congressman-elect Winston Castelo's wife Precious and along also actor-comedian Roderick Paulate.

Milestone Ordinances

- An ordinance organizing and establishing the Quezon City Persons with Disability Affairs Office (QC-PDAO) otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability"
- An ordinance requiring the posting of budgets, projects and expenses of the various offices, departments, bureaus, committees and task force of the Quezon City Government on an online website.
- An ordinance requiring all hospitals, medical clinics, and similar medical institutions operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City to post a copy of Republic Act no. 8344 entitled "An act penalizing the refusal of hospitals and medical institutions to administer appropriate initial medical treatment and support in emergency or serious cases."
- An ordinance requiring all hospitals, medical clinics, and similar medical institutions operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City to post a copy of Republic Act no. 9439 entitled "An act prohibiting the detention of patients in hospitals and medical clinics on grounds of nonpayment of hospital bills or medical expenses."

In 2012, Vargas is running for the Congress in 2013, due to reapportioning from 2nd district to newly created 5th district of Quezon City which consist of whole Novaliches area, under the administration (LP/NP/NPC/NUP) coalition. His opponent is former old 2nd district Representatives Annie Rosa Susano (of the United Nationalist Alliance) and Dante Liban. Vargas, a Makabayan Party member, also declared that he is willing to sacrifice his showbiz career for the sake of his family and constituents.



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Anibersaryo ng NEPA, Pinangunahan ng Kabataan

ni Eizel Abbang



Bayan De la Cruz

Noong nakaraang Nobyembre 24, 2012 naglunsad ang National Economic Protectionism Association (NEPA) Jr ng isang aktibidad bilang pagdiriwang sa kanilang ika- 78 anibersaryo sa Bulwagan Balagtas, PUP Sta. Mesa. Naging matagumpay ang nasabing aktibidad na dinaluhan ng 1000 delegado mula sa iba't ibang eskuwelahan. Pinangunahan ang aktibidad ng mga kabataan sa pamumuno ni Joshua Corpuz, president ng NEPA Jr.

NEPA JR

Ang NEPA Jr ay isang non-governmental organization (NGO) ng mga kabataan sa buong bansa. Layunin ng organisasyong ito na itaguyod ang pang- ekonomiya pag-unlad sa diwa ng nasyunalismo upang makamit ang partisipasyon at kontrol ng mga Filipino sa ekonomiya ng Pilipinas para sa kapakinabangan ng mamamayan.

Naniniwala ang NEPA Jr na ang kabataan ang pangunahing magtataguyod ng pagprotekta sa ekonomiya at pag-unlad dahil kabataan rin ang makikinabang nito sa hinaharap.

Youth Can Protect: New Life! New Hope! Revitalize Economic Nationalism

Maliban sa pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo ng NEPA layunin din ng aktibidad na ito na ikalalanin ang lakas ng kabataan at pagkakaisa tungo sa pangekonomiyang pagbabago. Ganoon din upang hikayatin ang kabataan na protektahan at tangkilin ang mga produktong Pilipino.

Ang aktibidad na ito ay nahati sa dalawang bahagi. Mula ala-una na hapon hanggang alas sais ay ginanap ang forum na tumatalakay sa kalañayan ng ekonomiya ng bansa. Dinaluhan ng mga estudyante mula sa PUP, Quezon City Polytechnic College (QCPU), UE, UP at marami pang iba. Naging resource speakers sila Bayan Dela Cruz, Sec. Salvador Enriquez at Leon Flores.

Pagkatapos ng forum, sinundan ito ng concert sa PUP Gym. Nagtanghal ang iba't ibang banda ng mga kabataan at mga dance groups. Mababakas sa mukha ng mga kabataan ang kasiyahan. Sabay sa pag-indak at pagtalon ang mga tugtog na sumisimbolo sa pagkakaisa ng kabataan.



NEPA JR Pres. Joshua
Corpuz



Prof. George Sibal



PUP Pres. Emman
De Guzman

Cybercrime Law

Ana Caryl Malunes

The Supreme Court (SC) ordered to suspend the implementation of the Cybercrime Prevention Act or the Republic Act No. 10175 dated Oct. 9. The court ruled because of 15 different petition filed against the said law. "Now, therefore, effective immediately and for a period of 120 days, you, your agents, representatives or persons acting in your place or stead are hereby enjoined from implementing and/on enforcing Republic Act No. 10175 (Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012)."

The Cybercrime Prevention Act provides implementation of law in a cyberspace. "From all forms of misuse, abuse, and illegal access by making use of information technology, the law shall prohibit such conduct or conducts. In this light, the State shall adopt sufficient powers to effectively prevent and combat such offenses by providing for investigation, and prosecution at both the domestic and international levels, and by providing arrangements for fast and reliable investigation and prosecution."

The law got 15 petitioners mainly internet users, lawyers, media and progressive organizations. According to Philippine Internet Freedom Foundation, a coalition of different organization of netizens and bloggers, the cybercrime law is undemocratic and has negative implications on the right to privacy. The cybercrime law is testing our country—whether we're truly a democracy or just a democracy on paper" Red Tani President of the Philippine Internet Freedom Foundation.

One of the issues in this law was the issue of libel. Libel according to Revised Penal Code Article 352 "public and malicious imputation of a crime, or of a vice or defect, real or imaginary, or any act, omission, condition, status or circumstance tending to discredit or cause the dishonor or discredit of any natural person, or to blacken the memory of one who is dead."

The law made anyone who posted any libelous comments is liable for "internet libel" which has 12 years imprisonment. According to the Philippine lawyer, slammed the government for criminalizing the libel in internet even United Nation also pointed out that the Revised Penal Code is "incompatible" in Philippine context.

Senators Teddy Casiño and Raymond Palatino filed a petition to repeal some of the provisions in the law. According to Casino of Bayan, the problem in the said law was from Section 6 which provide that offenses under the Revised Penal Code and special laws, such as libel, communication and communication technologies, would have penalty of one degree higher than the code provided.

The penalty one degree higher than what had been stated in the RPC on libel, longer prison terms are guaranteed for persons found to have posted material containing libelous remarks online," Casiño added

The SC compiled the provisions being questions:

1. Whether the law penalizes libel, not only on the internet, but also on "any other similar means which may be devised in the future;"

2. Whether the law penalizes those who attempt, aide or abet the commission of a cyber offense;

3. Whether the law imposes a penalty higher than the penalties provided for by the Revised Penal Code for all crimes committed through and with the use of information technology;

4. Whether the law, apart from prosecution under the law, any person charged for the alleged offense covered will not be spared from violations of other special laws;

5. Whether the law, under Section 5 (b)

requires law enforcement authorities, including the submissions of "timely and regular reports including pre-operation, post-operation and such other documents as may be required to the DoJ;

6. Whether the law requires the real-time collection of traffic data;

7. Whether the law requires law enforcement authorities to collect or record, by technical or electronic means, traffic data in real-time;

8. Whether the law requires law enforcement authorities to search, seize and examine computer data;

9. Whether the law requires service providers and law enforcement agencies to "completely destroy the computer data subject of a preservation and examination;"

10. Whether the law requires the DoJ to block access to computer data when such data "is prima facie found to be in violation of the provisions of this Act;" and

11. Whether the law imposes a penalty of imprisonment (6 months and 1 day to 6 years) in its maximum period or a fine of P100,000 or both, for each violation of the provisions of Chapter IV (Enforcement and Implementation), specifically orders from law enforcement agencies.

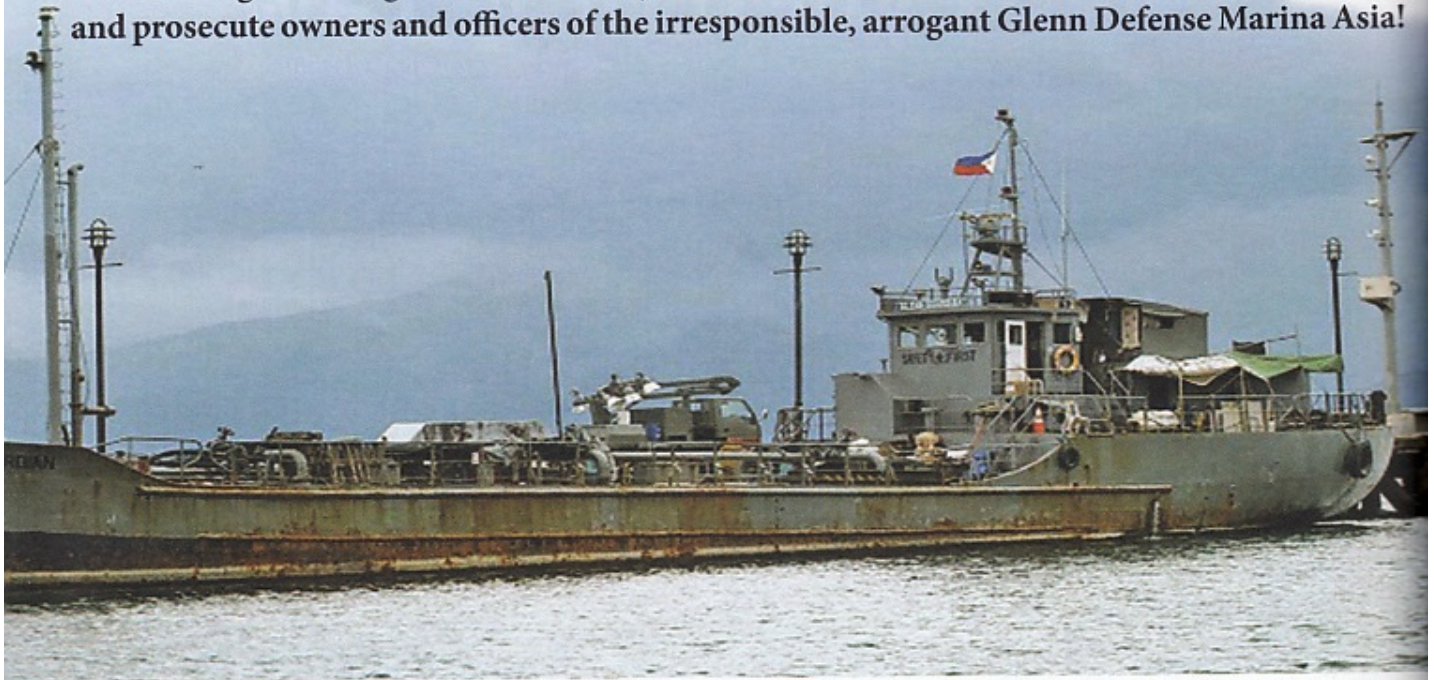
12. Whether the law requires the Regional Trial Courts (RTC) and designated cybercrime courts over violations of any of the provisions of the law; and

13. Whether the law requires international cooperation from all relevant international instruments, international arrangements, and domestic laws in the implementation of the law.

The Cybercrime Prevention act is a violation of the right for due process, right to privacy, freedom of expression etc. Supreme Court also calls for a cease-fire between two parties on January 15.

Green Group

Wants charges filed against US military contractor for toxic waste dumping in Subic Bay and prosecute owners and officers of the irresponsible, arrogant Glenn Defense Marina Asia!



“We strongly condemn the irresponsible dumping of hazardous and toxic waste in Subic Bay by US Navy contractor Glenn Defense Marine Asia. The owners and operators of tanker MT Glenn Guardian deliberately and recklessly dumped their toxic waste to our waters. This shows not only their disregard to the integrity of our environment and the health of our people but also affront to our national sovereignty,” said Clemente Bautista of the militant environmental group Kalikasan People’s Network for the Environment (Kalikasan PNE).

The SBMA has accused operators of MT Glenn Guardian of intentionally dumping tons of toxic wastes to the waters of Subic Bay. The SBMA has previously conducted laboratory testing and has proven that the tanker is carrying hazardous and toxic materials. However, the tanker owner asserts their right under the US-RP Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) that the company and its operation in Philippine territory is not covered by Philippine laws thus cannot be held accountable by the Philippine government and its agencies.

“The case of Glenn Defense Marine Asia is a clear example of how the so-called visits of US military warships endanger us all. It is as if Subic Bay, and the whole of the country is once again in a large military base where the US military can have their ships can travel and operate wherever they want.

“The US left toxic wastes in Clark and Subic when they left in 1991. They have not yet cleaned this up and is now again party causing another toxic contamination on our shores.”

“President Aquino should order the urgent filing of a criminal case, the arrest of the officers and officials of MT Glenn Guardian, and confiscate their assets in the Philippines. After requiring them to pay their liabilities, authorities should immediately expel Glenn Defense Marine Asia and its vessels and bar them from further operating in the Philippines,” Bautista said.

Based on the website information of Glenn Defense, retired and former Chief of Philippine Navy Mateo Mayuga is one of the top rank officials of company and heads its operation here in the Philippines. Glenn Defense is regularly servicing the US Naval forces. In 2007 and 2009, Glenn Defense vessels operated in the Philippines when it serviced military ships USS Blue Ridge and USS George Washington CSG, respectively.

“This incident proves that the military exercises and activities under the VFA worsens not only social problems such as violence against women and prostitution but also grave environmental crimes. It is high time that the government should abrogate and junk the VFA,” Bautista said.



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Quezon City Urban Poor Summit: Kalagayan ng Maralita sa QC

Urban Poor

Noong nakaraang Oktubre 16, isang daang pamilya ang nawalan ng tirahan pagkatapos ng demolisyon sa BIR road, Brgy. Central. Mahigit 200 pulis at demolition team ang tinalaga sa erya. Ang demolisyon ay naganap kahit walang "notice of eviction" o kautusan mula sa korte. Ang lupang kinatitirikan ng mga kabahayan sa BIR ay pag-aari ng gobyerno. Aminado ang demolition team na hindi nila binigyan ng babala ang mga residente upang hindi makapaghanda. Ang BIR ay bahagi ng lupang tatayuan ng Quezon City Central Business District (QC CBD).

Quezon City Urban Poor Summit

"Walang ibang patutunguhan ang maralitang lungsod. Kahit saan ay may demolition, sa lungsod man o sa probinsya. Saan na lang pupunta ang maralita?" Carlito Badion convenor ng Alyansa Kontra Demolisyon.

Pagkatapos ng madaliang pagdemolish sa BIR road, nagkaroon ng summit ang mga maralitang lungsod sa Quezon City noong Oktubre 20, 2012 sa Claret College Seminary na may temang "Maralita ng Lungsod Quezon: San ka Pupunta? Pagtitipon Laban sa Zero Informal Settler Program ng QC". Dinaluhan ng iba't ibang barangay at organisasyon sa Quezon City ang summit. Ayon sa AKD, ang pinakamalaking proyekto ng lokal na gobyerno ng QC ay ang pagtatayo ng Central Business District na magwawalis sa libong maralitang lungsod.

Ang Quezon City Central Business District (QC-CBD) ay magdudulot ng dislokasyon sa maraming komunidad ng maralitang lungsod at mga ahensya ng gobyerno na malapit sa Elliptical road.

Ayon sa tala ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Quezon City, mayroong 234,104 pamilya ay bahagi ng tinatawag na informal settlers na nakatira sa mahigit 188,390 kabahayan. Sa QC may 26,974 pamilya ang nakatira sa mga danger zone ang planong alisin. Ito ang mga erya o barangay na malapit sa creek, Tulahan River, Pasig River Rehab Program Area, transmission lines, MWSS Pipelines, ilalim ng tulay, Sidewalks, at dumpsites (tambakan). Kasama rin sa mga aalisin erya ng QC-CBD, West at South Triangle at ang Damayang Lagi dahil sa mataas na halaga, turismo at investment.

Pabahay sa Bansa

Ayon sa United Nation, umabot sa 23.9 milyon ang informal settlers sa lungsod ng Pilipinas noong 2007. Nangangahulugan ito na kalahati ng populasyon ng nasa syudad ay binubuo ng mga taong nakatira sa nasabing mga lugar. Dagdag ng United Nation ang mga urban poor na lugar ay ma-categorized ayon sa 1. Kakulangan sa pagkakaroon ng malinis na tubig 2. Kakulangan sa pagkakaroon ng maayos na sanitasyon at imprastruktura. 3. Mababang kalidad ng gamit sa paggawa ng bahay 4. Siksikan ang kabahayan at populasyon 5. Walang katiyakan sa paninirahan.

Ayon sa Urban Poor Resource Center of the Philippines, isang institusyon na naglalayong paglingkuran ang Pilipinong maralitang lungsod. "ang problema sa pabahay ay isang larawan lamang ng kahirapan. Ang mga "squatter" na komunidad na nagsusulputan ay isang paalala sa atin nang pagkakaroon ng hindi pagkakapantay-pantay."

Ayon sa gobyerno may 1.4 pamilya ang nabibilang sa informal settlers. Ang Housing and Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) ay binigyang kahulugan ang informal settlers bilang: a. Lupang tinitirhan ng walang pahintulot ng may ari b. danger zones c. Lugar na tatayuan ng gobyerno ng proyekto d. protected/ forest area (maliban sa mga indigenous people) e. eryang prioridad para sa kaunlaran, f. lupa ng gobyerno at pampublikong pasilidad na hindi para sa mga kabahayan.

Ayon mismo kay Vice President Jejomar Binay kailangan ng P252 bilyon para sa isang disenteng pabahay pero naglaan lamang ng P7 bilyong budget ngayong taon.

Disenteng Paninirahan

Idineklara sa pandaigdigang karapatang pantao na karapatan ninuman ang disenteng tahanan.

"Pero ano ang ginagawa ng gobyerno ni Aquino? Sa halip na bigyan ng disenteng pabahay ang mamamayan niya, inaalis pa sila ng bahay at tinatapon na parang basura sa lugar na walang kabuhayan. Katulad na lang ng sa Kasiglahan na isang relocation site na binibigay ng gobyerno," sabi Badion

Binaha ang Kasiglahan noong panahon ng Habagat noong nakaraang September. Ang Kasiglahan ay relokasyong binigay ng gobyerno sa mga malalis na maralita sa Metro Manila.

Dagdag pa ni Badion na kahit ang mga nagparelocate mula sa San Roque ay bumabalik sa kanilang dating mga tahanan dahil maliban sa malayo sa kanilang trabaho o kabuhayan, hindi rin matino ang mga pasilidad sa mga relocation site.

Ayon sa report, may 4,999 pamilya ang apektado ng demolisyon o tangkang demolisyon sa ilalim ng panunungkulan ni President Aquino noong 2011 lamang.

PUBLIC HEALTH in DANGER

by Eizel Abbang



Ensuring provision of health services is a priority if the nation is to be considered healthy. It is a right that every person must enjoy. This should be reflected in the state of health of its people.

This year, the budget for health service is P 46.76 billion. In the 2013 budget, while DOH is allocated PhP 5.6 billion, bigger compared to last year's budget, it only represents 1.89% of the national budget versus the 5% ration to GDP (gross domestic product) set by the World Health Organization.

According to health groups, the government is passing on its responsibility to the private groups to improve facilities and services of public hospitals as a scheme towards privatization and corporatization.

Privatization and Corporatization: Inaccessible Health Service.

In House Bill 6069 filed by Representative Roilo Golez, 26 public hospitals are subject to corporatization including the Philippine Orthopedic Center. Philippine Orthopedic Center is a public hospital that will undergo the first Public-Private Partnership program of the Aquino Administration.

The cost of modernization of the Philippine Orthopedic Center is at

PhP 135.5 million. This includes additional 700 beds for orthopedic patients. The private sector will finance, build, operate, and maintain the facilities for 25 years. According to the government, this will provide the comprehensive services for the treatment and prevention of bone / joint diseases.

According to Alliance of Health Workers (AHW), corporatized hospitals are not accessible and affordable for the poor patients. The National Kidney and Transplant Institute's test for blood sugar is more expensive compared to Capitol Medical Center. Even at the Lung Center of the Philippines, the use of equipment and machines are not free.

Six out of ten Filipino are dying because of lack of medical attention. Due to the high cost of hospitalization, poor Filipinos would not run to a hospital even if they are seriously ill. According to Health Alliance for Democracy, health service is very expensive for the poor even in public hospitals.

In 2011, health budget was cut by P 1.4 billion (from 38.6 billion), reducing allocation for public hospital and indigent's subsidies. The reduction in budget results to inadequate facilities and an increase of fees to get medical

attention. In 2011 alone, 400, mostly children, have died from diseases that can be treated.

The Philippine General Hospital, charges fees for the basic examinations. Only 12 out of 192 basic examinations are free which include: CBC with differential count, Hematocrit or Hct, platelet count; routine manual urinalysis; routine fecalysis; FBs or fasting blood sugar, Na, K, Cl, Creatinine; chest x-ray (post anterior or AP) or any two plate examinations and ECG or electrocardiogram. X-ray services, which used to be free, will now have corresponding fees.

The Philippine General Hospital is a good example of privatization. It is a clear evidence that the government is passing on its responsibility to provide health service to private sectors, AHW added.

Average spending in National Budget per administration (% of GDP, 2011)

	C. AQUINO	RAMOS	ESTRADA	ARROYO	B. AQUINO
Defense	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9
Education	2.7	3.1	3.7	2.7	3.0
Health	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
Debt	8.9	6.8	6.6	10.1	9.1

Source: Ibon Foundati



DOLE Sec. Baldoz

URGED TO RELEASE STUDY ON MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATORS



A labor NGO has urged Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz to release the department's report on companies which do not comply with the minimum wage, as it also criticized the new salary system for private sector workers that condones such violations.

The Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research (Eiler) said DOLE cites the existence of "millions of vulnerable workers" who are unprotected by the minimum wage as the main basis for implementing the Two-Tiered Wage System, yet has failed to present a study backing up this claim.

"In the interest of transparency, Labor Secretary Baldoz should release the full results of DOLE's inspection regarding compliance with the minimum wage law. Otherwise, she is only confirming workers's suspicion that the new wage system is just the result of the government agency's collusion with big business," Eiler executive director Anna Leah Escresa said.

"Failure to release such report only traps workers in underpayment of wages and condones the greed of various firms in the country," she added, citing a study showing that some 15 percent of surveyed companies in the Philippines are violating the minimum wage law as per DOLE press release.

Eiler noted that in August 2010, DOLE promised to identify firms which do not comply with the mandated minimum wage.

Escresa explained that on top of the firms' non-compliance, the labor department has unfortunately rolled out the Two-Tiered Wage System (2TWS) that actually condones rampant underpayment of wages in the country.

"By setting a floor wage that is way lower than the mandated minimum wage, DOLE through the 2TWS is letting greedy violators off the hook. Suddenly, the criminal deeds of companies becomes legalized," Escresa said.

The labor think-tank cited the case of Region IV-A, where the P337 minimum wage is cut by 25 percent to P255 as the new floor wage.

"Apart from clearing greedy companies from underpayment of wages, the 2TWS directly imposes a cut on workers' wages and pulls down bargaining capacities of unionized workers. Companies will definitely use the lower wage standards to shortchange unions," Escresa emphasized. "This anti-worker wage scheme must be immediately junked"

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ARAW NG PATAY

(Pagdiriwang sa iba't ibang paraan)
ni Rey Severino

"Happy Halloween!"

Bakit tuwing papasok ang November ay sinasabi natin ang mga salitang ito? Halooween ba ay pinagdiriwang o dapat nating ikalungko?

Masaya ba dahil walang pasok mula October 31 hanggang November 2?

Para sa maraming mga Pinoy ang November 1 ay "araw ng mga patay", kaya marami sa atin ang pumupunta ng sementeryo para pumihan natin ang ating mga kamag-anak na pumanaw na. Sa mga Katoliko ang November 1 ay araw ng mga Santo kung saan nagkakaroon ng mga misa o festival sa mga simbahan upang pagpugayan ang buhay ng mga santo at hindi kilalang santo na naglaan ng kanilang buhay para sa relihiyon.

Samantala ang November 2 naman ay ang All Souls Day. Ayon sa Simbahang Katoliko ito ang panahon na kailangan ipagdasal ang kaluluwa ng mga namatay na hanggang sa ngayon ay nasa purgatoryo pa.

History

Sinasabing nagsimula ang pagdiriwang ng Hallooween sa pista ng mga Celtic sa Samhain. Ang mga Celtic ay nabuhay noon mahigit 2000 taon na ang nakaraan. Pinaniniwalaan na ito ang pinanggalingan ng mga lahi sa Ireland, France at Great Britain. Ang mga Celts ay nagdiriwang nga kanilang bagong taon tuwing November 1 dahil ito ang panahon na anihan, kadiliman dahil sa malamig na panahon na kadalasan ay inuugnay sa mga patay. Octubre 31 nang gabi ginagawa ang Samhain naniniwala kasi ang mga Celts na ito ay isang paraan para hindi manggambala ang mga namatay nilang mahal sa buhay.

Noong taong 9th century naging maimpluwensiya ang Kristiyanismo sa Celts. Ang kanilang kultura at ritwal ay naglaho. Sa pagdating ng 1000 A.D dineklara ng simbahan na November 2 ang All Souls Day na kapareho ng paraan ng pagdiriwang nga mga Celts na pinagpupugayan ang mga patay. Ipinagdiriwang nila ito habang nakasuot ng costume ng anghel, demonyo at santo. Habang ang November 1 naman ay ang All Saints day.

Tradition ng mga Kristiyanong Pilipino

Sa Pilipinas nang dumating ang mga Espanyol bitbit ang relihiyong Kristiyanismo ito rin ang naging hudyat ng pagdiriwang ng mga Pinoy ng "UNDAS"; ang araw ng santo at kaluluwa. Bagaman noong panahong hindi pa dumarating ang mga Espanyol ay may mga ritwal na ang ating mga ninuno sa mga patay.

Itinuturing na isang gawaing pangrelihiyon ang araw na ito. Katulad ng iba pang Kristiyanong bansa ang Pilipinas ay ipinagdiriwang din ang mga "All Saints Day" at "All Souls Day". Sa mga probinsya karaniwan na ang pagdadadal sa mga nitso ng mga mahal sa buhay at pagtitirik ng kandila upang iligtas at linisin ang kanilang kasalanan.

Sa mga Pilipino hindi lang patay ang gusto nilang puntahan sa sementeryo, karamihan ng mga pamilya ay nagkakaroon ng mala-reunion dahil doon lang sila halos nagkikita-kita. Sa paglipas ng panahon nagbago ang ilang mga nakagawian sa paggunita ng Undas sa Pilipinas. Nauso na ang trick or treat na mula sa kultura ng mga Amerikano. Nauso na rin ang Halloween Party.

Saysay ng Pagkamatay

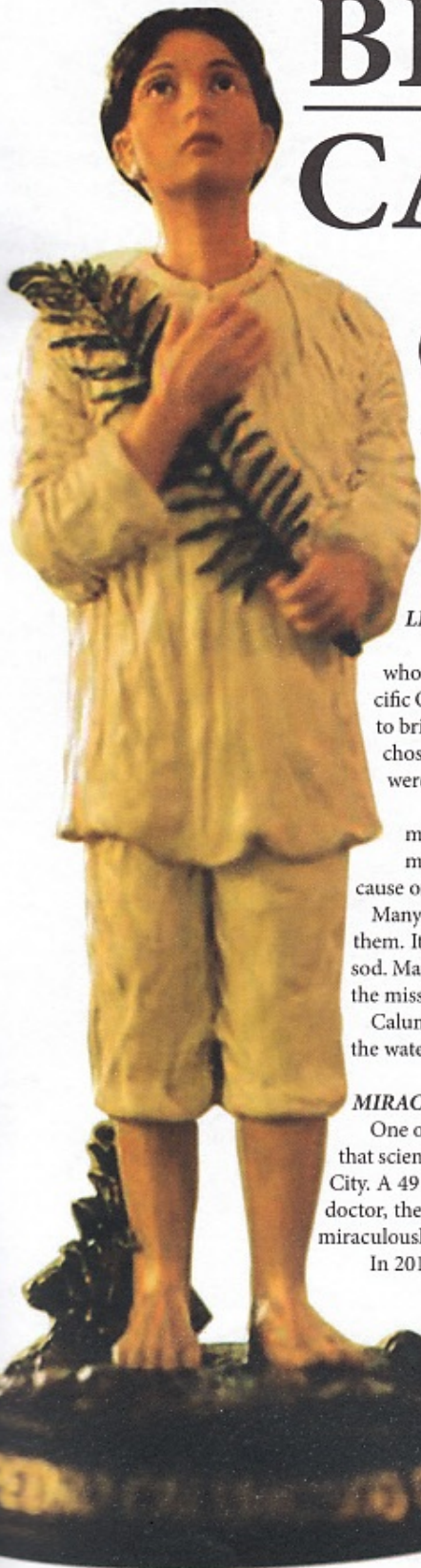
Kapag nagkakaroon ng patay lagi nating inaalala ang mga nagawang kabutihan ng ating mga mahal sa buhay. Sa mga umpukan sa sementeryo kanyakanyang pabida sa mga karanasan sa piling ng mga kaanak na pumanaw na. Mga kwentong hinalungkat pa baul ay unti-unting lumalabas. Paulit-ulit na pinag-uusapan, paulit-ulit na binabalikan. Sa maraming mga Pilipino, mahalaga ang alaala. Mahalaga ang pagkilala, buhay at kamatayan. Kulturang hindi lamang ng maraming Kristiyano kundi ng lahat ng mga Pilipino na mauugat sa ating kasaysayan.

<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween>



BLESSED CALUNGSOD

Kamiah Asilo



On October 21, 2012 Pedro Calungsod was canonized as among Catholic saint. Calungsod was the second Filipino saint after Lorenzo Ruiz. Many Filipinos all over the world awaited his canonization.

Pope Benedict XVI said "Pedro displayed deep faith and charity, and continued to catechize his many converts, giving witness to Christ by a life of purity and dedication to the Gospel. Uppermost was his desire to win souls for Christ, and made him resolute in accepting martyrdom."

As former Pope John Paul II said in Calungsod beatification last 2000, the youth should not be hesitant to follow the example of Calungsod. Even many Filipinos believe that he should be the model of the youth nowadays.

LIFE OF CALUNGSOD

According to documents, very few know about Pedro Calungsod. He was a boy who came with Spanish Jesuits to evangelize Chamorros in 1668 somewhere in North Pacific Ocean. Fr. Diego Luis de San Vitores led the mission. One of the tasks of the volunteer is to bring the things that the father will use in his mass and baptisms. It said that San Vitores chose Calungsod as his "faithful companion" in his missions. Thirteen thousand natives were converted doctrine in their mission.

In 1672, rumors was spread by Choco, a Chinese merchant in order to malign the missionaries told the natives that the water that they uses is poisonous. Incidentally, many babies died and because natives believe in superstitions, healers supported that the cause of the death is the water of the missionaries.

Many Chamorros lost belief in God and balamed the missionaries for what happened to them. It was said in the documents that Matapang and Hirao killed San Vitores and Calungsod. Matapang was a converted Catholic who rejected his belief after hearing the rumors about the missionaries.

Calungsod died beside the San Vitores. Some documents said that their bodies thrown in the water.

MIRACLES

One of the bases of canonization is a miracle. Catholics believe that a true miracle is the one that science cannot explain. Pedro Calungsod made a major miracle on March 23, 2003 in Cebu City. A 49 -year old woman was dying because of lack of oxygen in her brain. According to the doctor, the patient supposed to die anytime but the woman, who prayed to Blessed Calungsod, miraculously was brought to life.

In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that it was a miracle made by Calungsod.



Nanay Mameng

Ang Bagong Tandang Sora

ni Benjamin Cordero

Noong nakaraang Oktubre 12, 2012, isang pagkilala at parangal ang ginanap sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas para kay Carmen "Nanay Mameng" Deunida. Ang parangal ay pinangunahan ng iba't ibang organisasyon at sector kasama ang Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap, Sining Kadamay, Anakpawis at Gabriela, Pinalabas rin ang dokumentaryong "Nanay Mameng" ng Kodao Production. Layunin ng nasabing parangal na kilalanin ang dakilang ambag ni Nanay Mameng sa kilusan ng pagbabago, pagiging huwaran ng bagong kababaihan, at pagiging tunay na bayani ng sambayanang Pilipino.

Makabagong Babae

Taong 1940 nang unang tumira si Nanay Mameng sa Leverista. Hindi nila pag-aari ang lupang kinatitirikan ng kanilang bahay. Noong siya ay nagka-asawa at anak, pangunahing pinagkakukunan ng kamilang kita ay ang pagtanggap ng labada ni Nanay Mameng. Nakaranas ng pananakit si Nanay Mameng sa kamay ng kanyang asawa. Halos lahat ng mga malapit sa kanya ay sinabihan niya ng kanyang problema. Katulad nang sinabi niya sa kanyang ina ang pang-aabuso na ginagawa sa kanya: sinabihan lang siya nito na bumangon kung saan siya natumba. At dahil relihiyoso si Nanay Mameng, kahit ang mga kasama niya sa simbahan ay sinabihan siyang labag sa kalooban ng Diyos ang pakikipaghiwalay na pinaplano niya. Kahit ang mga pulis ay sinabihan siyang hindi sila nakikialam sa usapin ng mag-asawa.

Hindi siya nagkaroon nang lakas ng loob na makipaghiwalay sa kanyang asawa; hanggang sa naging kasapi siya ng Samahan ng Maralitang Kababaihang Nagkakaisa (SAMAKANA). Noon niya naramdaman ang halaga ng pagiging babae at pagdedesisyong tapusin ang karahasang nararanasan niya.

Buhay at Pakikibaka

Tatlong dekada na ang nakalipas nang maging kasapi si Nanay Mameng ng Kabataan para sa Demokrasya at Nasyonalismo (KADENA) noong 1978. Limampung taong gulang siya noon. Siya ang natatanging miyembro ng KADENA na may edad na. Ang KADENA ay isang organisasyon ng kabataan noong panahon ni Pangulong Marcos. Makalipas ang ilang taon naging kasapi si Nanay Mameng ng Samahan ng Maralitang Kababaihang Nagkakaisa (SAMAKANA) at naging presidente siya nito sa loob ng labing-isang taon.

Siya ang kauna-unahang president ng Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap noong panahong itinatag ito noong 1998. Naging pangatlong nominee siya ng Anakpawis. Bagaman hindi nakaupo sa Kongreso ipinagpatuloy ni Nanay Mameng ang pakikipaglaban para sa karapatan at kapakinabangan ng maralitang lungsod.

Nakilala si Nanay Mameng noong People Power 2 o EDSA Dos na nagpatalsik kay Estrada. Nakilala siya bilang isang matandang babae na hindi nagpapaawat sa pagsasalita. Sa mahabang panahon nang kanyang pakikibaka, makailang ulit na ring nalakad ni Nanay Mameng ang kalsada papuntang Mendiola.

Sa tuwing magsasalita si Nanay Mameng sa mga pagkilos, halos lahat ng mga tao ay lumalapit sa stage at hindi pinapalampas ang pagkakataon na mapakinggan siya nang malapitan. Hindi mabilang ang mga palakpak sa tuwing siya ay aakyat at bababa sa entablado. Nakilala si Nanay Mameng sa kanyang mga quotable quotes na tumatagos sa puso at nag-iwan ng marka sa utak sa sino mang makakarinig. Isa sa sikat niyang quote ay ang pagbansag niya kay dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal Arroyo na "Gloria- Makapal- ang - Mukha".

"Hindi sapat ang mga salita para ilarawan si Nanay Mameng. Siya ay matapang at walang inuurrungan. Bagaman may edad na, nananatili pa rin siyang matalas sa pagsusuri sa kalagayan at mga isyu ng mamamayan. Siya ang tunay na boses ng maralita." Sabi ni Gloria Arellano Vice President ng KADAMAY.

Kahit hindi nakapagtapos, hindi mapagkakaila ang kadakilaang nagawa niya bilang isang kritiko ng nakaraang administrasyon.

"Hangga't ako ay nabubuhay, hanggang may dugo damadaloy sa aking mga ugat, hindi ako titigil sa paglaban. Ang tanging makakapigil lang sa akin ay kung ako ay nasa loob ng apat na sulok na kahon, mensahe ni Nanay Mameng sa parangal na ginawa sa kanya."



Cinemaralita: First Urban Poor Film Festival- Sining Kadamay

ni Nestor Villanueva

Sining Kadamay in cooperation with Urban Poor resources center launched the first ever film festival which caters the interest of the urban poor and their struggles. The said film festival was held last September 27- 29 at the University of the Philippines Diliman College of Mass Communications Auditorium, Plaridel Hall. Teachers, students, and supporters of urban poor attended it.

ORGANIZER: Sining- KADAMAY

Sining Kadamay is a cultural organization under the KAdamay National that was founded in 1998. Sining KAdamay believes that a nationalist, scientific and mass- oriented culture should be the alternative in a colonial, feudal culture that the Philippine society had. "We believe that art is a powerful arm in promoting the interest and rights of the people and welfare of the urban poor. Because of poverty, talents and skills from the urban poor sectors have not developed".

Sining Kadamay explores all forms art to propagate its advocacy. Sining Kadamay sings, dance, act, exhibits photos and paintings and videos. "Cinemaralita is a great breakthrough activity of our organization. Actually, it is our first time to have film festival." they added.

CINEMARALITA Film Festival

Cinemaralita as its name implies is a Film Festival, which includes short films, and full-length film that discusses the condition of the urban poor in the country. It targets all universities in Metro Manila to inform the students and people about the reality of life of the urban poor.

The film festival is an income generating project to sustain Sining Kadamay's activity for its advocacy.

"If there is Cinemalaya for the independent film makers, we also have Cinemaralita which presents the conditions of the urban poor." Sining Kadamay said

The Cinemaralita's launching in University of the Philippines was successful. Sining Kadamay presented different films and movies in different time slots and dates:

Sept 27- "Nanay Mameng" dokyumentaryo Kodao Production , Kung Balatan ang Bawang Jewel Marana, Piyon Mayday Production, Pamarid gutom- Richard Soriano Legazpi, Himpapawid- Raymond Red

Sept 28- Barikada -Tudla, Kinulayang kiti- Richard Soriano- Legazpi, Floating Dreams- Bulatlat.com, Batang Kabote- St exposure, Kwentong Obrero 1&2 Mayday Production, Pusod ng lunsod by Ilang-ilang Quijano, Mula third Ave. Hanggang Dulo, Entablado Ej Mijares, Tondong Magiliw- Pasaan isinilang siyang mahirap- Jewel Maranan.

Sept 29- Kinulayang kiti ,Tondong Magiliw- Pasaan isinilang siyang Mahirap, Demolisyon- kodao Production, Maynila sa Kuko ng Liwanag at Bayan ko: Kapit sa patalim ni Lino Brocka.

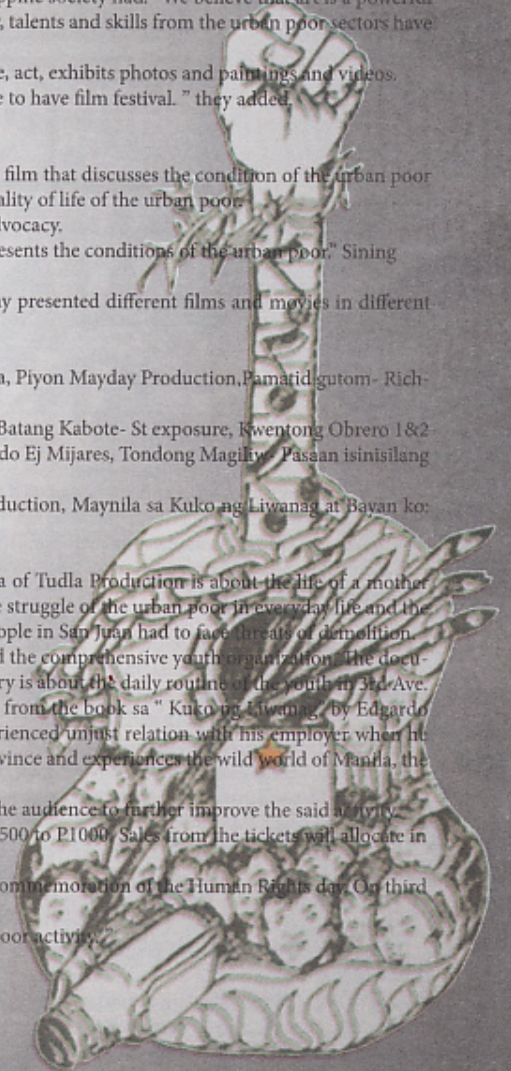
Almost every film caters to the interest and the lives of the urban poor in the cities. Barikada of Tudla Production is about the life of a mother and an activist protecting her house together with other neighbors in San Juan. The film emphasizes the struggle of the urban poor in everyday life and the importance of collective action in fighting for their rights. The film is based on the actual struggle of people in San Juan had to face threats of demolition. While Mula Third Ave. Hanggang Dulo discusses the changes happening to a young man when he joined the comprehensive youth organization. The documentary was taken in 3rd Ave, area in Caloocan City where there are lots of "gangster and tribes". The story is about the daily routine of the youth in 3rd Ave. Maynila sa Kuko ng Liwanag was a film of National Artist for Screenplay Lino Brocka which was taken from the book sa "Kuko ng Liwanag" by Edgardo Reyes . It was about a Julio a fisherman who traveled to Manila to look for his wife, Ligaya. Julio experienced unjust relation with his employer when he became a construction worker. It purely reflects the life of a Filipino urban poor who comes from the province and experiences the wild world of Manila, the real stories behind the propaganda of beautiful life in the city.

After the movies, an open forum is held for the discussions, questions, and suggestions from the audience to further improve the said activity. Tickets range from P50 to P 80 for students. Special tickets for patron are also available which is from P500 to P1000. Sales from the tickets will allocate in paying the venue and technical of the project.

Cinemaralita will run from September to December 2012 in different schools in line with the commemoration of the Human Rights day. On third week of November Cinemaralita' will be at De La Salle University.

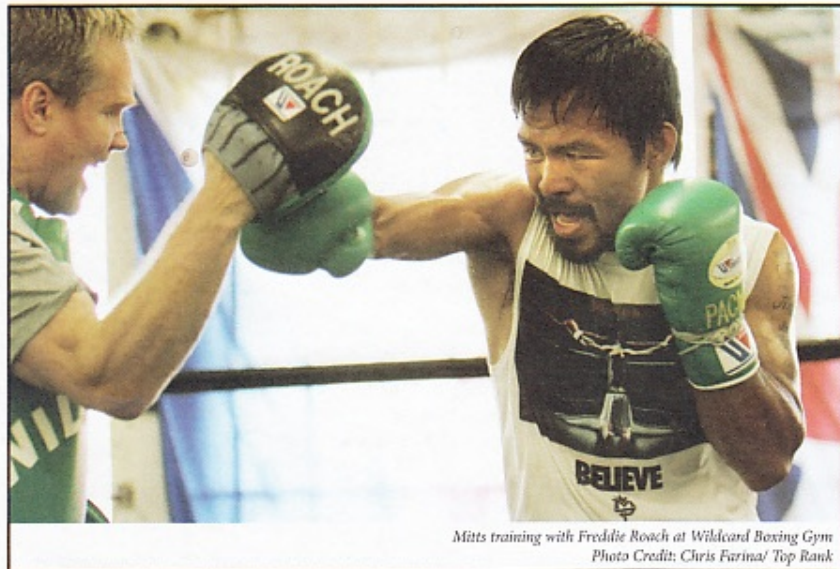
"We in Sining Kadamay invites you to come and see our film festivals and support the urban poor activity."

Sining-Kadamay



MANNY HANDA NA SA PACQUIAO-MARQUEZ IV

ni Orlando Castillo jr



Mitts training with Freddie Roach at Wildcard Boxing Gym
Photo Credit: Chris Farina/ Top Rank

MULING masasaksihan sa ika-apat na pagkakataon ang epikong laban sa pagitan ni People's Champ Manny Pacquiao at Mexican counter-puncher Juan Manuel Marquez sa Disyembre 8 sa MGM Grand Las Vegas, Nevada.

Samantala, susubukan naman ng Filipino slugger na si Mercito "No Mercy" Gesta na tanggalan ng korona ang IBF light-weight king na si Mexican Miguel Vazquez sa undercard fight ng Pacquiao-Marquez IV. Si Gesta na lumalaban sa light welterweight division simula noong 2010 ay kasalukuyang may rekord na 26 panalo-walang talo at isang draw, 14 dito ay knockout, samantalang ang kala-bang mehikano ay may rekord na 32-3 at 13 rito ay knockout.

Ani boxing promoter Bob Arum, bagamat kinakalawang sa unang salang ng training sa Wild Card Gym, impresibong improvement ang ipinakita ni Pacquiao hang-gang sa mga huling linggo ng training. "Hindi ganoong kabagal, pero kinakalawang" ang terminong ginamit ng 80 anyos na big boss ng Top Rank Promotion nang magkita ang dala-wa sa unang salang ng pagsasanay.

Humanga naman ang Mexican three division world champion na si Marco "Antonio" Barrera nang masaksihan ang training ni Manny laban sa dalawang rus-sian at isang mexican sparring partner. Tina-pos ni Pacquiao nang tig-walong rounds ang tatlong

kalaban at pagkatapos ay nag routine exer-cise. Sa isang interbyu ni Chino Trinidad ng 24 Oras ng GMA, sinabi ni Barrera na mukhang lumakas at handang handa na si Pacquiao na patunayang siya ang pound for pound king.

Matatandaang nabigo si Manny na mapanatili nito ang World Boxing Or-ganization welterweight belt nang magdesi-syon ang mga judges na nagwagi si Timothy Bradley sa huling paghaharap ng dalawa kung saan lumabas na totoong nanalo ang People's Champ. Sa kabila ng tikas at bilis ni Pacquiao sa naganap na huling laban, ay nanatiling walang talo si Bradley sa maanomalyang desisyon ng mga hurado.

Sa kabila nito, maliban sa mul-ing pagtakbo ni Manny bilang kongresista ng Sarangani, tila nasasalang naman sa usapin ng political dynasty si Manny mata-pos mapabalitang tatakbo si Jinkee bilang bise gobernador ng Sarangani samantalang lalaban naman bilang kongresista ang naka-babatang kapatid ni Manny na si Rogelio. Makakatambalan ni Jinkee si Vice Gov. Steve Chiongbian Solon na tatakbo bilang gober-nador laban kay incumbent Gov. Miguel Dominguez. Ang nakababatang Pacquiao naman na kapitan ng Barangay Apopong ay lalaban sa pagka-kongresista kay Rep. Pedro Acharon Jr. na dati ring Mayor ng lungsod.



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