

POLICE, CIVILIANS HURT IN DEMOLITION VIOLENCE IN CAVITE, 6 PERSONS ARRESTED

The Philippine National Police clarified that the police action that led to the arrest of six civilians during a demolition operation last January 13, in Maragondon, Cavite City was within the bounds of law and in accordance with basic human rights.

PNP Chief Police General Dionardo B Carlos stated that the presence of cops in the demolition site was to render police assistance as so requested by the Fourth Judicial Regional Trial Court, Branch 15 in Cavite, for the execution of the Writ of Demolition in Patungan, Barangay Sta. Mercedes.

Unfortunately, tension escalated as the affected residents resisted the court order and started throwing stones at the police personnel and members of the demolition team. Some fought outright against the law enforcers.

This commotion injured at least 21 police personnel, and 14 other individuals belonging to the demolition team. The violence also resulted in damage to some police equipment.

The arrested civilians are Leslie Plantar, Freddie Bascal, Joy Mendoza, and Rizza Sia, while Eric Dominador and Ace Amul are under hos-



arrested civilians were informed of their rights in accordance with Republic Act 7438," Carlos said.

The disputed land is being claimed by the private entity MTV Realty Corporation. Around 400 residential structures are said to be affected, with some 2,000 individuals living in the community.

pital arrest.

"Those who were hurt have injuries in the different parts of their body. They were immediately treated to the nearest hospital. It could have been a smooth implementation of the court order if not for the tension that disrupted the demolition. The

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KARAGDAGANG COVID-19 ISOLATION FACILITIES. BINUKSAN SA BACCOOR

BACCOOR | Dalawang (2) karagdang isolation facility ang binuksan ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Bacoor kasabay ng tumataas na bilang ng mga kaso ng Covid-19 dito.

Ayon kay Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, umabot na sa 1,076 aktibong kaso ng Covid-19 matapos ang isinagawang massive antigen testing sa lungsod.

Bukod dito, nagpositibo rin sa sakit ang 190 kawani ng lokal na pamahalaan matapos ang Covid-19 testing noong nakaraang linggo.



Sinimulan na rin ang pagsasagawa ng antigen testing para sa mga barangay frontliner na kaagapay ng lokal na pamahalaan sa mga serbisyo nito.

Dahil dito, naging limitado ang operasyon ng pamahalaang lungsod matapos isailalim sa home quarantine ang ilang empleyado nito. | via Ruel Francisco, Mayor Lani Revilla

Nakatanggap ng karagdang puhunan mula sa Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) ang nasa 25 maliit na negosyo na naapektuhan ng pandemya nitong Enero 10.



Pinangunahan ang aktibidad nina DTI 4A Regional Director Marilou Q. Toledo, Provincial Director Revelyn A. Cortez, Indang Mayor Perfecto V. Fidel, at ng Negosyo Center-Indang.

Kabilang sa mga naipamahaging kit ay Sari-sari Store Package, Fruit and Vegetable Vending Package, Bigasan Package, Glass and Aluminum Works Package at Computer Shop Package. | via DTI Cavite

COVID-19 KITS PLANONG IPAMAHAGI SA IMUS

IMUS | Kasalukuyang binabalangkas ng pamahalaang lungsod ang plano nitong pamamahagi ng Covid kit at gamot para sa mga residente nitong sumasailalim ng home quarantine.

Sa pangunguna ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi, nakipagpulong ang pamahalaang lungsod sa Expanded Home Mitigation Team na pinangungunahan ng Isolation Team, City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU), CITMO Riders, at City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) upang mapagusapan ang

planong pamamahagi ng Covid kit at mga gamot sa mga bahay bahay.

Sa oras na maiayos ang detalye ng implementasyon ng nasabing programa, siniguro ng alkalde na agad



ipadadala sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Imus ang mga gamot nang sa gayon ay hindi na kailanganing lumabas pa ng mga kasama ng mga positive cases at magkaroon ng pagkakataong magkahawaan sa mga komunidad. | via Ruel Francisco, Emmanuel Maliksi

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No vax, no entry??

Simula Pebrero 16, lahat nang dayuhan na papasok sa bansa ay kinakailangang magpakita ng katibayan na sila ay bakunado laban sa COVID-19. Ayon sa Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), bukod sa proof nang pagiging bakunado, nararapat ding magpresenta ng negative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test na kinuha sa loob ng 48 oras mula nang umalis sa bansang pinagmulan. Lahat umano ng mga dayuhan na hindi makakapagsumite ng mga kailangang dokumento ay hindi papayagang makapasok sa bansa.

Ito ang nararapat at sana noon pa ginawa para napigilan ang pagkalat ng Omicron variant. Kung kailan dumami na ang Omicron, saka lamang naisip na hingian ng proof ng full vaccination ang mga dayuhan. Isang malaking pagkakamali na bago naitama ay marami nang tinamaan ng sakit. Ganunman, may malaking aral nang napulot dito.

Ngayon nagkukumahog ang pamahalaan para masawata ang pagkalat ng COVID o ng variant nito. Isa sa mga ipatutupad ay ang hindi papayagang makasakay sa mga pampublikong sasakyan ang mga hindi bakunado. Nagpalabas ng kautusan ang Department of Transportation (DOTr) na simula bukas (Enero 17) ay hindi na papayagang makasakay sa PUVs ang mga walang bakuna. Ang kautusan ay nag-ugat sa direktiba ni President Duterte noong nakaraang linggo na i-limit ang galaw ng mga hindi bakunado. Nararapat na sa bahay na lamang umano manatili ang mga hindi bakunado para hindi makapanghawa. Ang susuway ay pinaaaresto ng Presidente.

Maraming umalma sa direktiba na no vax, no ride. Isa raw itong diskriminasyon. Hindi raw ito makatarungan. Hindi raw ito nararapat. Noon pa nananawagan ang pamahalaan na magpabakuna na ang lahat para may proteksiyon. Marami nang suplay ng bakuna kaya wala nang problema. Sa kabila ng panawagan, marami pa rin ang ayaw magpabakuna. Hanggang dumami ang may COVID nang pumasok ang 2022. Kahapon, naitala ang 39,004 na arawang kaso. Pinakamataas na naitala mula nang manalasa ang COVID noong 2020. Kailangan nang gumawa nang epektibong paraan ang pamahalaan para mapigilan ang pagkalat ng sakit. Dapat nang higpitan ang mga hindi bakunado.

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Virata-Yuchengco group's Sangley airport offer OKayed

The Cavite government has accepted an offer from a Virata and Yuchengco-led consortium to build a new international airport in Sangley Point in Manila Bay, paving the way for final negotiations and a competitive bidding process.

In a statement on Monday, the SPIA Development Consortium said it had been granted an original proponent status (OPS) for the massive gateway, which will be completed in several phases at an estimated project cost of nearly \$11 billion.

An OPS is a critical step for unsolicited projects governed by the Build Operate Transfer law. The holder of an OPS is also allowed to match counter offers in the mandated 60-day competitive or Swiss challenge process.

Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla formally issued the certificate of acceptance on Friday.

In the same statement, he said the move was "a clear sign of the province's commitment to deliver this nationally significant and legacy project to the Filipino people."

The lead investors were the Yuchengco Group, one of the country's largest conglomerates with interests spanning infrastructure, banking, insurance, and automotive services, and the Virata family's Cavitex Holdings Inc., which developed the Cavite Expressway project.

The toll road project was eventually acquired by Manuel V. Pangilinan-led infrastructure giant Metro Pacific Investments Corp.

Moreover, taipan Lucio Tan's MacroAsia Corp. will be a non-equity member of the consortium providing management and technical services for aviation support.

The SPIA consortium's foreign partners are Munich Airport International GmbH, the management services arm of Munich Airport, and Samsung C&T Corp., which built Terminal 1 of South Korea's Incheon International Airport and the extension of the Changi International Airport in Singapore. Also joining is London-based design firm Arup Group.

"The long-delayed Sangley Airport project is envisioned as a fully modernized, world-class and green airport that is designed to meet an anticipated increase in demand for air transport in the next 30 to 40 years," the consortium said in the statement.

It added the Sangley Airport was crucial as operations at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) "are eventually phased out to allow for the development of the site and its surrounding areas."

The consortium's proposal covers the phases 1A and 1B, which will provide capacity for a total of 25 million passengers annually at an estimated project cost of \$4.3 billion.

There are also plans to build a second runway and expand capacity to 75 million passengers per year at an additional cost of \$6.6 billion.

The consortium is one of two groups vying to establish an international airport to replace Naia, the country's main gateway.

Conglomerate San Miguel Corp. earlier announced it was building a \$14-billion airport city in nearby Bulacan province. The SPIA consortium said it would also build a 4.6-kilometer connector road from the Kawit Interchange of Cavitex that would lead to Sangley "with the time of completion estimated at two years." A previous attempt to build an international air hub in Sangley fell through. On Jan. 26 last year, Remulla cancelled the Feb. 12, 2020 award to the venture of state-run China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. and MacroAsia after the companies failed to comply with the Cavite government's requirements. On Oct. 20, it declared another failed bidding after no offers appeared by the deadline. The Inquirer previously reported the initial venture was weighed down by national security and economic concerns as critics feared it would turn into a debt trap where China gains strategic concessions from borrowers that defaulted on their loans. INQ

MANILA LGU BRACES FOR A POSSIBLE SURGE OF INFECTIOUS OMICRON

The local government of Manila is now preparing for the possible surge of Covid-19 cases due to the threat of the Omicron variant.

Presidential candidate and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso secured a meeting with Manila Health Department director Dr. Arnold Pangan to ensure six hospitals and Covid-19 field hospitals in the capital are in a position to strategize against the more infectious Omicron, come to its detection in the city.

"We have to prepare since Omicron could be worse than Delta. We should

have sufficient hospital beds and medicines. Kailangang lalong pabilisin ang vaccination, including opening booster shots for everyone qualified after their second dose," he said.

Manila LGU has been strengthening its healthcare system since the pandemic, including the construction of the 344-bed Covid-19 field hospital in front of the Quirino grandstand, designated for patients with mild to moderate symptoms.

Other district hospitals were earlier upgraded like in Sta. Ana Hospital which is now tagged as the capital's infectious disease

control center.

Likewise, other world-class facilities are expected to be used in the New Ospital ng Maynila which is soon to be opened.

The city government also secured supplies of anti-Covid drugs Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, with the first batch of Molnupiravir reaching 40,000 capsules.

Moreno also promised that the capital's hospitals are not exclusive to citizens of Manila but are open for all Filipinos.

"Huwag kayong mahihiya sa Lungsod ng Maynila kasi niyayakap namin ang bawat tao sa loob

at labas Lungsod ng Maynila. Hangga't kaya ng supply namin, we can give anti-Covid medicines such as Remdesivir, Tocilizumab and Molnupiravir to patients needing those life-saving drugs. We did it before, we will do it again pag lumala ulit ang Covid situation natin," he mentioned.

The Philippines has recorded 3 confirmed cases of the Omicron variant thus far, but countries in Europe and the United States of America are on a dramatic rise of Covid-19 cases now dominated by the said variant.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Tuloyangdaloyng mga opportunities. Magpakatatagsaiyongpaniniwala at pagsisikap nang matamo ang inaasam nabunga. Naglalandasang full restoration ng kabuhayan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 39, 58, 21, 45 at satin white.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) May hindi inaasahang dahilan para mag-celebrate. Isang bagong miyembro ng pamilya ang darating. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 15, 37, 55, 45 at sunyellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Magiging maayos ang takbong teamwork, aakitng generous customers. Increasing ang sales, happy ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 36, 47, 26, 15, 56 at crimson.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Maaakit mo ang iyong kasangga sabuhay at kabuhayan. Naglalandasang support group natutulon sa'yo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 47, 31, 25, 56, 16 at tangerine.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Nasakapalaran ang lilitaw natadhana. Kung ikatutuwa o hindi, piliin pa rin ang maging masayabuhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 46, 55, 28, 31 at ice blue.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Magse-celebrate ng achievements. Perohindika pa ready mag-retire. Gayunman, willing ka mag-move on. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 39 ang 17, 41, 23, 55 at dollar green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Lilitaw ng ayonang kakulangan. Sa halip namagmaktol, lalong magsipag. Pasasaan ba at makakaahonka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 38, 59, 25 at tangerine.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Ang pandemic ay hamon hindilang sa'yokundisabuong mundo. Magpakatatag dahil malalampasan ang lahat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 58, 22, 42, 32, 18 at lavender.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set. 23) Maging aware kasaiyong body function, ang kutob namasidhi ay magpapaalalasaiyong kalooban. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 47, 38, 25, 55 at electric blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang libangan ay magiging kabuhayan. Nga-yon mararanasanang increasing income naakitng helpful person. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 16, 39, 45, 55 at ruby red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Mapapaunawas ang samahanang halagang kooperasyon. Dara-ting ang sunud-sunod na oportunidad. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 28, 39, 57, 48, 55 at fuchsia pink.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Magiging klarosa'yo ang bawat hakbang na dapat gawin. Kung magagawang tama, magi-improve ang lahat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 16, 51, 25, 46, 35 at mango orange.

DILG: PNP checkpoints are meant to restrict mobility of the unvaccinated

The Department of the Interior and Local Government today explained that the presence of Philippine National Police (PNP) checkpoints requiring residents to show proof of vaccination status is being done in compliance with the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to restrict the mobility of the unvaccinated especially in public transportation.

"The DILG and the PNP has begun implementing the measures directed by the President to contain the spread of Covid-19 in the country especially in Alert Level 3 areas where there has been an exponential increase of cases due to the transmission of the Omicron variant," said DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya.

He advised all motorists and commuters to bring proof of vaccination at all times if they want to be allowed entry at PNP checkpoints or when entering malls and other public places including taking public transportation.

"Being the President,

ultimately, I am responsible for the safety and well-being of every Filipino," the President said in his Talk to the People Thursday night.

Malaya said that the installation of checkpoints in border areas in Metro Manila and Bulacan is also in compliance with the ordinances passed by Local Government Units restricting the mobility of the unvaccinated.

Quezon City, for instance, has already passed Ordinance 3076 last January 4, 2022 which requires all unvaccinated individuals to remain in their homes, and be prohibited from restaurants, leisure places, social trips, malls and similar places and public transportation, and provides penalties for violations.

Metro Manila mayors earlier passed a resolution stating that unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals must remain in their homes except for essential trips under Alert Level 3 or higher. They will also be banned from indoor and al fresco dining, hotels, country clubs, and similar

establishments.

Malaya said that unvaccinated individuals going to work must present a negative RT-PCR test result every 2 weeks otherwise they will not be allowed to pass the checkpoints.

He said that the PNP is making adjustments to alleviate traffic congestion as a result of the presence of the checkpoints. "The PNP will assign more uniformed personnel at busy checkpoints and implement other schemes to lessen the inconvenience to the traveling public," he added.

"We ask for the public's understanding at this time. We need to do this to protect the unvaccinated because they are prone to critical illness and hospitalization and we need to protect our health care system from being overwhelmed," he said.

Many business leaders, medical groups, and organizations have been pushing for the restrictions to be implemented nationwide amid the spike in infections and the threat of the Omicron COVID-19 variant.

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ELECTION GUN BAN, SINIMULAN SA TANZA

TANZA | Bilang paghahanda sa nalalapit ng Eleksyon 2022 ay sinimulan na ng Commission on Elections (COMELEC) at Philippine National Police (PNP) ang kanilang checkpoint sa bayan ng Tanza.

Layunin ng nasabing checkpoint na siguraduhing nasusunod ang mga patakaran ng pamahalaan kasabay ng pagpapatupad ng gun ban tuwing eleksyon na nagsimula noong Enero 9.

Kasalukuyang



nakahimpil ang COMELEC checkpoint sa Barangay Daang Amaya, Naic-Tanza boundary sa Barangay Capipisa, at Tanza-Trece Martires City boundary sa Barangay Paradahan. | via Ruel Francisco, Dennis Abrina



Cayetano calls for 'proactive' leadership in 2022

"Kailangan yung mindset natin, leadership. Hindi tayo pwede na habol tayo ng habol dito sa COVID-19," Cayetano said in a media interview.

(Our mindset needs to focus on leadership. We cannot go on merely chasing and reacting to COVID-19.)

Cayetano urged the national government to implement a science-based approach to COVID-19 that would help the country "act instead of react."

He stressed that the fight against COVID needs to be sustained, even as the country approaches the 2022 general elections.

Cayetano emphasized that the government has all the tools to effectively combat the pandemic.

"The good news is may pera. P5 trillion ang pera. Kung titignan mo yung mga ayuda, kasama na dito yung 4Ps, kasama na dito yung sa PhilHealth. That's around P500 billion," he said.

(The good news is that there is money. There is P5 trillion in cash. If we look specifically at allocations for aid, it includes the 4Ps and PhilHealth.)

The former Speaker suggested that aid can be distributed to affected Filipinos even in the absence of a lockdown.

Government funds should be made more acces-

sible to affected Filipinos and distribution mechanisms need to be simplified as many Filipinos are in dire need of assistance, he added.

"Kung mag bahay-bahay tayo ngayon, tapos

groups.

"I really recommend that iba yung policy-making group and iba yung i-implementation. Ang problema sa IATF, talagang pagod na pagod na. Sila ang nag-i-



Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano

bibigyan natin sila ng national ID, ng QR code per person, tapos yung QR code at ID na 'yan, whether virtual or physical, nakakabit sa Paymaya o sa GCash o kung saan man, hindi na tayo magpipila o magbahay-bahay," Cayetano.

(If we go door-to-door now and give everyone a national ID and an individual QR code, whether virtual or physical, that are linked to Paymaya or GCash or similar electronic wallets, we wouldn't need to have everyone line up or go house-to-house again.)

Moreover, Cayetano proposed that the functions of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging and Infectious Diseases (IATF) be decentralized and devolved among different working

implement at sila din yung nag-iisip. So, ang problema, hindi napangunahan, hindi nali-lead, kundi react nalang tayo nang react," Cayetano said.

(I really recommend that the policy-making group should be separate from the implementing group. The problem with the IATF is that they are already exhausted. They are implementing strategies while at the same time, thinking of solutions. So, we have the problem where we are not getting ahead. We don't lead. Instead, we just keep reacting.)

Cayetano also lamented the failure of the national government to include the hiring of contact tracers in the 2022 national budget because of a prevailing optimism that the pandemic would end this year.

He said that there are "1,001 ways" to solve this challenge. He suggested that the national government and local government units can maximize technology to improve the detection of COVID-19 cases.

