

CAVITE GOV CHIDES MANILA MAYOR OVER RELOCATORS



Mayor Francisco Domagoso



Governor Jonvic Remulla

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla ridiculed Manila Mayor Francisco Domagoso Friday for saying the former's provincial government had not helped Manileños who relocated in the town of Naic. Domagoso, also known by his screen name as Isko Moreno, had lamented that some 1,000 families from Manila did not receive cash aid for the pandemic after relocating to the government's housing program in Cavite. Remulla addressed the Manila mayor "Yorme" – the latter's pet name – in his social media post that many **>> P2**

Philippines extends limits on movement, gatherings to curb spread of Covid

The country is battling one of the worst coronavirus outbreaks in Asia, with hospitals and medical workers in the capital Manila overwhelmed, while authorities face delays in the delivery of vaccines.

President Rodrigo Duterte is extending restrictions on movement and gatherings in the Philippines' capital region and four nearby provinces for another two weeks to curb a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases and bolster its medical capacity.

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Villar: Bataan-Cavite bridge detailed design out within 2021



DPWH Secretary Mark Villar (Screengrab from RTVM)

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on Monday said it is looking to come up with a detailed design of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project within the year.

Secretary Mark Villar said they are now working on the detailed design of the multi-billion structure which is included in the Inter-Is-

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70K Imuseño families receive cash aid, 35K still in process

IMUS CITY, Cavite Apr. 27 (PIA) -- More or less 70,000 families in the city had received the Cash Ayuda from the national government or the Lingap Imuseño cash aid based on the updated master list of beneficiaries verified and encoded by the Lingap Center established by the city government.

City Councilor Emoy Francisco reported the status of the cash aid distribution in the weekly FB Live of Imus Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi on April 24, 2021. He explained the tedious task of validation of the families in the master list from the DSWD based

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Community 'plantree' in Cavite City offers free plants to help relieve pandemic stress

Inspired by the community pantries that have sprouted all over the country, plant store owners Carlos Gonzales and Kenneth Santiago decided to offer what they can to people to cope with the pandemic.

According to Gonzales, plants may not be essential goods, but they do provide benefits to the mind and body.

"Isa po naming dahilan bakit namin ginawa ito ay dahil sa psychological benefits ng halaman sa mga tao ngayong pandemic (One of the reasons why we are doing this is because of the psychological benefits that plants offer people amid the pandem-

ic)," Gonzales told the Manila Bulletin.

"It improves mood and relieves stress and anxiety. It also has physical benefits like boosting the air quality," he added.

The "plantree" stall has signages that read, "Kumuha batay sa kayang alagaan (take what you can care for)," and "No face mask, no free plants."

People who lined up were allowed to get three herbs or ornamental plants of their choice.

They were also offered fertilizers and hanging plant baskets to kickstart their gardening. (by Carla Bauto Deña)



Photo via Carla Deña/ MANILA BULLETIN

Gov't told to extend altered lockdown for a week

THE GOVERNMENT should keep the lockdown level in Metro Manila and nearby provinces for at least a week more after April 30 to help contain a fresh surge in coronavirus infections, according to researchers from the country's premier university.

In a report, the OCTA Research Group from the University of the Philippines said easing COVID-19 cases in the capital region and the provinces of Bulacan, Laguna, Rizal and Cavite was uneven. "We urge the National

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Katiwalian ng mga Pilipino, nagpapatuloy sa harap ng mas delikadong COVID 19



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INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "...Ayon sa Espiritu Santo, iiwan ng marami ang kanilang pananampalataya sa mga huling araw. Hindi na sila makikinig sa mga utos ng Diyos kundi sa mga mapanlinlang na utos at turo at aral ng diyablo..." (1 Timoteo 4:1, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

MARAMING MGA PILIPINO NAGPAPATULOY SA KRIMEN SA HARAP NG LALONG BUMABAGSIK NA COVID 29 VIRUS SA MUNDO, LALO NA SA INDIA: Habang lalong nagiging mas nakakahawa at mas mabagsik at mas madami ang namamatay dahil sa Covid 19 virus, sa loob ng isang taon matapos itong unang dumating sa Pilipinas at sa mundo noong 2020 lalo na sa India, tila nagiging mas pursigido naman ang maraming Pilipino sa pagkita sa pamamagitan ng ilegal na droga gaya ng shabu at marijuana, at sa smuggling ng iba't ibang produkto, pangunahin na ng sigarilyo.

Sa mga ulat na tinanggap ng Kakampi Mo Ang Batas noong umaga ng Abril 29, 2021, naiulat ang pagtatangka ng ilang mga tiwaling tao sa iba't-ibang lungsod at bayan na magtulak ng milyon-milyong ilegal na droga, gaya ng shabu, marijuana, at mga kontrabandong sigarilyo.

Ayon sa mga ulat na ito, ang pagkakasabat ng mga autoridad ng halos P8 milyong shabu sa Maguindanao at Tawi-tawi, sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Nasa kustodiya na ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency ang mga sangkot sa pagtulak ng nasabing ilegal na droga.

Sa kaso naman ng marijuana, naiulat din ng media ang pagkakahuli ng limang tao sa Bulacan, habang da-

la-dala ang halos walong milyong pisong halaga din ng ipinagbabawal na halaman. Ayon sa Philippine National Police sa Malolos City, Bulacan, ang grupong kanilang nahuli ay kasama sa isang sindikatong siyang nagtutulak ng marijuana at ng iba pang ipinagbabawal na gamot sa Bulacan at Pampanga.

Animnapu't walong kilo ng tuyong dahon ng marijuana ang nasamsam sa mga nahuling limang katao, dagdag pa ng PNP Bulacan. Inihahanda na ng mga autoridad ang kasong paglabag sa comprehensive dangerous drugs act of 2002. Samantala, sa Zamboanga City, nakasamsam din ang mga pulis ng pitong milyong pisong halaga ng mga kontrabandong sigarilyo mula sa isang katig na iniwan ng mga may-ari nito noong matugunan ang pagdating ng mga pulis.

MGA BANGKAY NG COVID 19 VICTIMS, SA MGA BAKURAN NA LANG SINUSUNOD SA INDIA: Binabanggit naman sa mga ulat na natanggap ng Kakampi Mo Ang Batas na ang mga tinamaan ng Covid 19 sa India ay posibleng nahawa ng virus dahil sa kanilang malawakang pagdalo sa isang kilalang religious festival na tnatawag na Kumbh Mela, sa hilagang bahagi ng India. Sinisisi din ng mga manggagamot sa nasabing bansa ang pagluluwag sa mga health protocols ng mga tao, sa kanilang pagdalo sa Kumbh Mela religious festival.

Hindi din ina-alis ng mga duktor sa India ang katotohanang ang tumama sa mga kaniyang mga mamamayan ay yung mga mas makamandag at mas delikadong variants o mutation ng orihinal na Covid 19 virus, kaya naging madali ang pagkakahawa-hawa nila.

Lumilitaw na ang napakaraming mga namamatay na mga Bombay sa bansang India sa ngayon ay naging biktima ng mga bagong uri ng Covid 19 virus.

Ayon sa mga autoridad ng India, maraming mga lugar doon ang ngayon ay tila nababalot na ng mga usok mula sa mga bangkay ng mga hindi nakaligtas sa bagong variants ng Covid 19 na sinusunog na lamang. Naalarma naman ang mga mamamayang Bombay ang tawag dahil sa posibleng mikrobyong dala ng mga sinusunog na mga katawan ng mga taong namatay sa Covid 19.

Ang pagsusunog kasi ng mga namatay sa Covid 19 sa India ay sa mga bakuran na lamang ginagawa, gamit ang mga tuyong kahoy. Sa isang larawang nakarating sa Kakampi Mo Ang Batas, nakikita ang maraming mga kumpol ng mga kahoy na pinanggagatong sa mga sinusunog na mga bangkay, habang nakamasid naman ang mga taong naka-suot ng unipormeng puti.

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in the delivery of vaccines. "I am sorry I have to impose a longer modified enhanced community quarantine. It is necessary," Duterte said in a late night televised address.

Non-essential movement, mass gatherings and dining in restaurants will remain banned in Metro Manila and in the provinces of Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite for a further two weeks from May 1. Re-

strictions to curb the spread of the disease have taken a painful toll on the Southeast Asian economy, which suffered its worst contraction on record due to the pandemic last year.

The Department of Health recorded 6,895 new Covid-19 cases and 115 more deaths on Wednesday, bringing the tallies to 1.02 million confirmed infections and more than 17,000 fatalities.

While the government aims to inoculate 50 to 70 million out of the country's more than 108 million people, the pace of its inoculation campaign has been slow due to difficulties in securing supply.

But Carlito Galvez, who is in charge of the government's vaccine procurement programme, said that will change in the second half when the bulk of the supply

the country procured will have arrived, making 500,000 daily inoculations possible.

Galvez also said the Philippines has told Israel of its wish to get AstraZeneca shots which it no longer needs. Around 1.56 million people have so far received at least one coronavirus vaccine shot. Only 3 million doses have been delivered, out of 140 million the Philippines aims to procure.

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land Linkage/Mega Bridge Program of the government.

"We already procured the feasibility study which is our major accomplishment but what we are working on now is the detailed engineering design," he said during the Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Partners for Progress, a Pre-State of the Nation Address (SONA) Economic Development and Infrastructure Clusters' Forum. Villar said he expects to see a "significant accomplishment" in the detailed engineering design of the project. "(This) means we will be ready for procure-

ment," he added. Included in the government's Build, Build, Build Program, the bridge project involves the construction of a 32.15-kilometer bridge with four lanes (two for each direction) spanning from Barangay Alas-asin in Mariveles, Bataan crossing Manila Bay and ending in Barangay Timalan, Naic, Cavite.

The soon-to-be-largest and longest iconic bridge will be the faster way by land between Cavite and Bataan, which will cut travel time between Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog from the

usual five hours to only 20 to 30 minutes at a speed of 60 kilometers per hour. The proposed bridge project is composed of the following: Package 1 - Bataan Land Viaduct (5.04 km.), Package 2 - Northern Marine Viaduct (8 km.), Package 3 - Southern Marine Viaduct (12.6 km.), Package 4 - Approach Viaducts to Northern and Southern Navigation Channel Bridges (2.6 km.), Package 5 - Navigation Channel Bridges (2.6 km.), Package 6 - Cavite Land Viaduct (1.31 km.), and Package 7 - Ancillary Buildings. Meanwhile,

Villar reported that three new bridges along the Pasig River are scheduled to open within the year. "The BGC-Ortigas Center Link Road Project is now 80 percent complete. Travel time between BGC and Ortigas Central Business District will be reduced to 12 minutes. This year, we target to complete the construction of the Binondo-Intramuros Bridge in Manila. On the other hand, the Estrella Pantaleon Bridge connecting Makati and Mandaluyong is also expected to be finished by September this year," he added. (PNA)

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were aware of his presidential ambitions, and while he was not yet there, the former film actor was already arrogant.

"If all that you need is to be popular, you do not have to step on the Caviteños... You are not yet the President yet you are already very arro-

gant," said Remulla, grandson of the film star Ramon Revilla Sr. Remulla said he was only defending Naic Mayor Jun Dualan, who Domago so allegedly "castigated" in a media interview for the lack of aid for former Manileños. Manila has an annual bud-

get of P20 billion, while Naic only receives P380 million from the government every year, Remulla said. Remulla, in his post titled "persona non grata," said wherever people originally were from, the moment they relocated to Cavite they were already

considered Caviteños and all the basic services were extended to them. "We are already overburdened. Do not use us as stepping stone in your overeagerness to gain fame. Do not train your guns on Caviteños because we will not cave in," Remulla said.

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DTI: Allowing personal care services, indoor dining in NCR Plus

Approximately half a million more Filipinos could get back to work if the government allows personal care services and indoor dining to resume in NCR Plus — subject to capacity limits — even if it remains under the second strictest lockdown, Trade Undersecretary Ruth Castelo said Thursday.

Castelo said 1.5 million workers were temporarily displaced when the strictest enhanced community quarantine was imposed in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal for two weeks due to the huge spike in COVID-19 cases. The number went down to 1 million when NCR Plus eased to the less strict modified ECQ on April 12, the official said. The

MECQ declaration in the greater Manila area was extended until May 14.

"I million pa yung hindi nakakabalik dito sa NCR Plus pa lang. Kung sakaling i-approve ng IATF 'yung sa personal care services at indoor dining, we will have 400,000 dun sa personal care and another siguro 100,000 sa restaurants na madadagdag," Castelo told a briefing.

[Translation: One million workers have not gone back to work, and that's in NCR Plus alone. If the IATF approves the resumption of personal care services and indoor dining, 400,000 personal care service employees and another 100,000



restaurant workers will be added.] Castelo said they recommend allowing salons and barbershops to reopen at half of their capacity and permitting restaurants to offer indoor dining, with the capacity limited to 10%.

The DTI official said they were pushing for the return of personal care and dine-in services so that establishments that offer them would not permanently close.

While it's a welcome move, PCCI president emeritus George Barcelon told CNN Philippines in an interview: "Kung wala namang customer, maski sabihin mo na you open up, gastos lang."

[Translation: If there are no customers, even if you open up, it would just mean added costs.]

Castelo said members of the IATF will meet within the day to tackle the list of industries which can reopen despite the MECQ extension.

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Government to extend the modified enhanced community quarantine over the National Capital Region (NCR) Plus bubble for at least one more week," it said. "One more will allow the ongoing decrease in daily case numbers to stabilize."

A premature easing of the lockdown could trigger spikes in some local governments that could overflow to neighboring cities, the group said. The government should boost testing, contact-tracing and quarantines, it added.

"Once the NCR Plus bubble is moved from a modified enhanced community quarantine to a general community quarantine, we can expect viral transmissions to increase as people begin to interact with each other again," it added.

The extension would let the government improve its contact-tracing capacity and build new isolation and quarantine facilities, it said.

Hospital capacity in Metro Manila was at a critical level despite decreasing daily tallies, OCTA said.

Forty-three hospitals and infirmaries in the metro were full, while the capacity of 59 of 177 facilities were still above critical risk, it pointed out, citing data from the Department of Health (DoH). Hospital COVID-19 bed occupancy would not

drop to pre-surge numbers until sometime in June at the current reproduction rate of 0.9, meaning an infected person can infect one more.

Once the rate drops to 0.8, hospital occupancy could drop to pre-surge levels by the third week of May, OCTA said.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario S. Vergeire on Monday backed the extension of the modified strict lockdown to contain the pandemic.

This would also help decongest the country's health system, which is near its breaking point, she told a televised news briefing.

DoH reported 7,204 coronavirus infections on Tuesday, bringing the total to 1.01 million.

The death toll rose by 63 to 16,916, while recoveries increased by 10,109 to 925,027, it said in a bulletin.

There were 71,675 active cases, 1.1% of which were critical, 95.2% were mild, 1.5% did not show symptoms, 1.3% were severe and 0.9% were moderate.

The agency said 14 duplicates had been removed from the tally, eight of which were tagged as recoveries. Twenty-six recoveries were reclassified as deaths.

Two laboratories were closed on April 25, while 22 failed to submit data. About

10.9 million Filipinos have been tested for the coronavirus as of April 25, according to DoH's tracker website.

The coronavirus has sickened about 148.5 million and killed 3.1 million people worldwide, according to the Worldometers website, citing various sources including data from the World Health Organization.

About 126.2 million people have recovered, it said.

Meanwhile, the Philippines imposed a 16-day travel ban starting April 29 on India, which has ordered its armed forces to help tackle surging coronavirus infections that were overwhelming hospitals.

"Travelers coming from India and those with travel history to India within the last 14 days preceding arrival shall be prohibited from entering the Philippines beginning April 29 until May 14," presidential spokesman Herminio L. Roque, Jr. said in a statement.

Passengers already in transit from India and all those who have been to the country in the past 14 days or who arrive before April 29 must get quarantined and tested before entering Manila. Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. earlier asked an inter-agency task force to impose the

travel ban. "I have suggested that a travel ban be imposed on all our good friends in the entire Indian subcontinent," he tweeted on Tuesday.

"It's not personal," he said. "It's for everyone's safety for now. We'll be able to be together again and we can recall the time when we had to be apart to live."

Mr. Locsin said the idea came from the task force, which had him on possible "foreign policy implications."

"I said there is none, for we mean it with only the best intentions for everyone's safety and with an abiding affection and admiration for India, the pharmacy of the world," he said.

Experts have said new variants including a "double mutant" first detected in India had caused the spike in cases there, Reuters reported last week.

India has posted 17.6 million coronavirus infections and about 198,000 deaths, with 14.6 million recoveries, according to the Worldometers website.

In Japan, a third state of emergency in Tokyo, Osaka and two other prefectures started on Sunday, affecting nearly a quarter of the population as the country tries to fight a surge in coronavirus cases. (By Vann Marlo M. Villegas and Kyle Aristophere T. Atienza, Reporters)

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on the CBMS data. "Napaka-halaga po nang ginagawang pagproseso ng checking at rechecking ng mga nakalap na datos mula sa mga nagrehistrong pamilyang benepisaryo para po makuha natin ang tamang bilang ng miyembro nang bawat pamilya na siya namang i-encode sa Lingap Center para po makapasok sa portal," Francisco elaborated.

Francisco said the processing of data from each barangays of almost 35,000 families in the city will continue which started Monday, April 26, 2021 to expedite the distribution of the financial aid to the remaining beneficiaries. The updated and cor-

rect data will then be used as the basis for the ONE Cash Card system that will be implemented by the city government in partnership with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for future distribution of financial aid from the government.

Notably, Imus city is the only LGU in the province that opted for the use of multi-channeled disbursement system with three options for pay-out namely: thru Debit/Cash cards; e-wallet either GCash or PayMaya; and cash pick-up with the MLhuillier.

Meanwhile, Councilor Jem V. Yulo explained that the delay in the distribution

of the cash aid is due to errors and inconsistencies in the application forms filled-up by the families, and at times, with instances of technical glitch of double disbursement experienced by several families.

Francisco shared a noteworthy case wherein an indigent head of the family came forward to their barangay official to return the extra cash. Mayor Maliksi granted a medical assistance to the family upon hearing that a family member is a patient suffering from leukemia and is currently confined at the Las Piñas General Hospital, in reward to such act of honesty. On the other hand,

Maliksi appealed for patience and understanding to the Imuseños who have not yet received their cash aid.

"Hindi pa tapos ang pamimigay ng ayuda o ng lingap.

Patuloy pa rin ang pagproseso ng mga datos nang mga nagrehistro para sa nasabing tulong pinansyal. Lahat po ay makakatanggap ng ayuda," Maliksi assured his constituents.

(The distribution of the Ayuda/Lingap is not yet over. The processing of data of those who registered is ongoing. Everyone will receive the help.) (Ruel Francisco with report from the Emmanuel Maliksi FB Live)

Meralco extends no disconnection policy until mid-May



Meralco has announced it will be keeping its disconnection activities suspended until May 14.

In a statement emailed to the media on Thursday, the power distributor said the move is in light of the extension of the modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal.

"We hope this additional extension will help ease the burden of our customers, while providing the necessary relief and additional time for them to settle their bills," said Meralco FVP and chief commercial officer Ferdinand Geluz.

Still, the company will continue its business operations despite the extended lockdown measures such as meter reading and bill delivery activities, Geluz added.

"Our continued operations will ensure that actual consumption for the month will be billed accordingly. But rest assured there will be strict implementation of health protocols in order to safeguard the health and safety of both customers and our personnel," the Meralco executive said.

The extension comes after Meralco's announcement last month that it will enforce its no disconnection policy until end of April.



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Cavite City gives cash aid to college students affected by the pandemic

CAVITE CITY, Cavite— The local government unit (LGU) here announced that it would provide cash assistance to college students in the city amid the pandemic.

In a Facebook announcement, the city government said students are required to submit a Barangay Certificate of Residency as well as their school registration form or school ID card showing their enrolment in the current semester.

Registration for the cash aid is on-going with the payout scheduled in the first week of May.

Meanwhile, students of the two biggest college institutions in the city, San Sebastian College – Recoletos De Cavite and Cavite State University – Cavite City Campus, need not go through the registration process as the schools have already forwarded the lists of their Cavite City resident students to the LGU.



LIBRENG SWAB TESTING, ISUSULONG SA TANZA

Nakatakdang magsagawa ng libreng swab testing ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Tanza tuwing Lunes at Biyernes para sa mga close contact ng COVID-19 patients.

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Nakatakdang magsagawa ng libreng swab testing ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Tanza tuwing Lunes at Biyernes para sa mga close contact ng COVID-19 patients.

Kabilang rin rito ang mga close contact na mayroong mga mild na sintomas ng nasabing sakit. Bukod rito, mayroon rin silang ilulunsad na prioritized testing araw-araw sa tulong ng Makati Medical Center. Isusulong ang rapid antigen testing ng Tanza LGU sa pamamagitan ng gabay ng tatlong katuwang na ospital, batay kay Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan.

Inaasahan na makakatulong ito upang mas mabilis matukoy at agad na mabigyan ng kaukulang tulong ang mga inibidwal na mayroong COVID-19. Source: PIA Cavite Photo: Jojo Rinoza/BenarNews

Cavite representative, Carmona mayor on home quarantine after child contracts COVID-19

Spouses Cavite 5th District Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola and Carmona Mayor Roy M. Loyola are under strict home quarantine after one of their children contracted COVID-19.

Mayor Loyola announced this in a Facebook post on Wednesday (April

28). "Sumailalim po ang lahat ng close contact sa RT-PCR test at awa ng Diyos ay negative po kaming lahat (Our close contacts have undergone RT-PCR test and thank God, the results turned out negative)," Loyola wrote.

"Gayunpaman, kami ay kailangan sumunod sa 14-day quarantine requirement (Either way, we still need to follow the 14-day quarantine requirement)."

Loyola assured his constituents that despite being quarantined, this will not hamper any government service delivery, including financial aid distribution.



Sandra Cam surrenders in Cavite after indictment for murder

The PCSO board member and her son have been indicted for the 2019 murder of Vice Mayor Charlie Yuson III of Batuan, Masbate



Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) board member Sandra Cam has surrendered in Cavite after the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently indicted her over the murder of a local government official of another province, police confirmed on Thursday, April 29.

Police Captain Mary Anne Torres of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Calabarzon Public Information Office confirmed Cam's surrender and said she was under hospital arrest.

Police Captain Torres added that Cam surrendered to the Crime Investigation and Detection Group Cavite.

On April 19, the DOJ indicted Cam and her son Marco Martin for the murder of Vice Mayor Charlie Yuson III of Batuan, Masbate, in 2019.

The Office of the Prosecutor General (OPG) said they had found probable cause to charge for murder Sandra, Marco Martin, as 5 other accused.

Yuson's family claimed that the Cams had connection with the vice mayor's death after Yuson's son defeated Marco Martin in the Batuan mayoralty race in 2019.

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