

CAVITE DECLARES STATE OF CALAMITY

In a special emergency session held at 1:30pm of Nov 1, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan declared a State of Calamity in the entire province in response to the effect of Tropical Depression “Rolly. The session gave way to the urgent passage of the Resolution no. 1618-2020, declaring the province of Cavite under the state of calamity due to the impact of Super Typhoon “Rolly” and authorizing the use of Php10M from the quick response fund of the 2020 Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for the purchase of relief goods and for other expenses for the benefit of those affected by the super typhoon.

Typhoon Rolly ravaged the Bicol region and Southern part of Luzon bringing havoc to the provinces of Quezon and Batangas though strong winds and light to heavy rains were experienced early af- **>> P2**

DAR validates status of farmer-beneficiaries in Cavite

QUEZON CITY, Oct. 27 -- The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has started validating the status of 3,636 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Cavite to determine whether they are still the actual possessors and cultivators of the lands awarded to them.

The activity is being conducted by a team from the Office of the Undersecretary for Special Concerns Office (SCO) in the towns of Gen. Trias, Dasmariñas and Carmona.

Undersecretary for Special Concerns Office (SCO) Carim Panumpang said the Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) and Emancipation Patent (EP) validation process is being pursued by the agency to determine the current situation on the ground that shall serve as the basis for any future programs the department may consider un-

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500 pamilyang lumikas kay bagyong Rolly, inabutang nasusunog ang mga tirahan sa Bacoor City



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daan ng mga taga-Barangay Sineguelasan at Barangay Alima sa Bacoor City, Cavite pero sa sunog pala mawawala ang kanilang mga tahanan sa tabi ng dagat.

Bandang alas-10 ng gabi noong Linggo, sumiklab ang

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SHFC provides housing loans to Cavite families

By Tyrone Jasper C. Pead

The Social Housing Finance Corp. (SHFC) inked a memorandum of understanding with the local government of Carmona, Cavite, to provide housing for 2,300 families.

In a statement on Tuesday, the SHFC said that the deal covers the implementation of the community mortgage program in the municipality.

The SHFC explained the program allowed the families borrow funds for land acquisition and site development. The lending program is aimed at providing “decent housing for informal settler families in Carmona who are living along the

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3000 BPO jobs with work-from-home options open for Cavite, Quezon City workers

Three thousand Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) jobs have opened for Cavite and Quezon City workers as Teleperformance Philippines launched its new site in Bacoor and expanded its Quezon City site.

The BPO company launched its recruitment call for workers in its new site in

Molino, Bacoor on October 27, 2020.

Teleperformance Molino is the BPO company's 22nd site in the Philippines that include Antipolo, Baguio, Cebu, Bacolod, Davao, Cagayan De Oro, and Metro Manila.

The new site will be servicing various companies

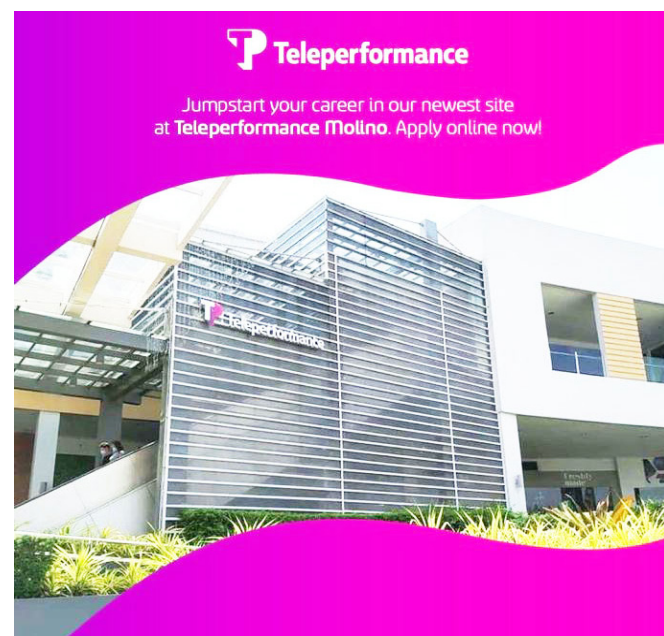
in the finance, services, and telecommunications industries.

Teleperformance Molino will be prioritizing the hiring of Cavite-based workers, revealed Teleperformance Philippines CEO Mike Lytle.

“What’s unique about this site is that not only are we providing a physical location for people to work in very safely, in an environment where we can practice and keep our employees safe, but we’re also opening up more opportunities for people to work from home, including people in Cavite,” Lytle said during the virtual recruitment party.

Teleperformance currently employs 47,000 employees More than 4,000 of its front line workers and 50 percent of its support staff are allowed to work from home.

BPO job openings are seen to expand despite the coronavirus pandemic with expansions from companies such as Alorica.



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Teenaged sisters cry rape against NPA commander

Rape charges were filed yesterday (October 29) against a New People's Army (NPA) commander operating in Leyte and Biliran provinces, after two teenaged sisters abandoned the rebel group and sought the protection of the army in Eastern Visayas.

Col. Noel A. Vestuir, deputy commander of the 802nd Brigade of the 8th Infantry Division (8ID) of the Philippine Army based in Ormoc City, confirmed in an interview with radio program "Usapang Pangkapayapaan, Usapang Pangkaunlaran (UP, UP) Pilipinas" that the two teenagers had surrendered to them and sought protection against reprisal from their comrades in the NPA.

Vestuir identified the sisters only by their child warrior names in the NPA as "Shane/Zian," 17; and "Realyn," 19, both of Barangay Hampangan, Hilongos, Leyte.

A report from Capt. Kaharudin K. Cadil, Civil Military Operations officer of the 802nd Brigade, identified Shane as the complainant in the rape charges filed against Commander Paterno Opo, with aliases "Yoyo" and "Dodong" of the NPA's Sub-Regional Committee "Levox" that operates in the hinterlands of Biliran and Leyte.

It was learned that the sisters surrendered to the 14th Infantry (Avenger) Battalion of the 8ID on June 12, 2020, because of their dissatisfaction and frustrations in the armed movement.

Shane also complained that Opo forced them to be combatants and allegedly raped her when she was still 15 years old.

The report added that the army base had coordinated the case of Shane and Realyn with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Calubian, Leyte as well as the Women's and Children's Desk of the police station in the same town.

Interviewed by "UP, UP Pilipinas" host, Col. Gerardo M. Zamudio Jr., Art Tarima, Sentral Alyansa ng Mamamayan para sa Bayan (SAMBAYANAN)-Eastern Visayas revealed that the teenagers' parents are also NPA rebels.

Tarima said that upon their investigation, they learned that even Realyn was also raped by Opo and bore a child who is now two years old and lives with a communist sympathizer who took them in

when she had post-partum depression. "These children were brainwashed to fight with the NPA and were subjects to the cruelty of their parents. They were left at the hands of commander that sexually abused them," he said in Filipino. Tarima said they stayed because they were promised an education and also warned that if ever they were captured by soldiers, they would be tortured and killed.

In her statement to the CMO, Shane said in Filipino: "We were very afraid of surrendering, because our commander in the NPA told us that we will be raped, tortured and killed by soldiers. But when we surrendered, they provided us food, decent clothes, and a place to sleep."

Both Shane and Realyn said they want their other female comrades in the NPA to know that it is safe for them to surrender to the government and vowed to exact justice for the hardships they endured from the NPA.

In a statement, Brig. Gen. Zosimo A. Oliveros condemned "in the strongest terms" the abuses committed by Opo against the teenaged sisters as a "blatant disrespect for human dignity."

"I am saddened by the fate of (Shane) and so as Realyn's due to the terrible sufferings and injustices that they experienced in the hands of the CPP-NPA-NDF," Oliveros said.

He appealed to parents, youth and all organizations claiming to be vanguards of women's and children's rights to unite in stopping the deceptive recruitment of children by the Communist Terrorist Group.

Anti-insurgency consultant Erick Almendras, a former NPA rebel for two decades, said that in an ideal setting when cases like these are investigated



Col. Gerry M. Zamudio Jr.

by the government, women's rights group Gabriela should be lending its support.

Almendras said Gabriela must be able to step up, condemn these atrocities by the NPA, assist the victims in pursuing cases against the perpetrators and the organization that empowered them which is the CPP-NPA-NDF.

By doing so, Gabriela can show that they are partners of government in investigating these abuses against women inside the NPA and disown any connection to the Communist Party of the Philippines.

"But I doubt Gabriela can do that, because they are linked to the underground organization of the CPP-NPA-NDF called Makabayan or Malayang Kilusan ng Bagong Kababaihan," Almendras said. "CPP ang kumukupas sa kanila [It's the CPP that leads them]," he added. (Emil Carreon)



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dertaking. "The task of land reform under the CARP (comprehensive agrarian reform program) is to develop and improve the lands the farmers have received from the government. This validation seeks to find out the problems they are facing so that we could address them and provide them the proper support services they need," Panumpang said.

Panumpang said there have been reports that there are awarded lands that are no longer actually tilled, cultivated or occupied by the registered ARBs.

Under the law, beneficiaries under Presidential Decree No. 27 who have culpably sold, disposed of, or abandoned their land are disqualified to become beneficiaries under the CARP. Under RA 6657, or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform

Law (CARL), CLOA beneficiary is prohibited to sell, transfer or convey the right to use or any usufructuary right over the land he acquired by virtue of being a beneficiary.

"Any beneficiary guilty of negligence or misuse of the land shall forfeit his right to continue as beneficiary," Panumpang said Panumpang said that based from the pilot validation activities conducted by the SCO in the CALABARZON region, there are findings of awarded lands which are not properly cultivated, if not abandoned, by the ARBs and considerable number of awarded lands were already conveyed or transferred by the ARBs without the necessary DAR clearance.

"Ang lupang binigay sa inyo ay aming mino-monitor. Ang lupa ay hindi pwedeng

ibenta. Pwede lamang itong ibenta with clearance from DAR after 10 years na ito ay napa-sainyo na," Panumpang said to farmers in his speech.

DAR Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer James Arthur Dubongco said the agency is also checking on the status of the beneficiaries after hearing reports from the field offices that some of the farmer-beneficiaries have misused and illegally transacted the lands they received from the DAR.

"If we find out through this validation that farmer-beneficiaries have abandoned their farm lots or misused it or illegally converted them, the DAR can file a case against them. The DAR has the sole authority to approve or disapprove conversion of agricultural lands for residential, commercial, industrial, and other land uses as

may be provided for by law," Dubongco said. The validation is also in pursuance to the order of DAR Secretary Brother John Castricones to file cases for reversion if ARBs are found guilty of negligence or misuse of the lands awarded to them.

The order to revert the CLOAs to DAR by reasons of unlawful sale, transfer, mortgage, purchase, or conveyance of CLOAs acquired by the farmer-beneficiaries through CARP, was made two years ago by the Secretary during the Mid-year Performance Review and Planning Session at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in Tagaytay City. The EP and CLOA validation are being carried out in the municipalities of Gen. Trias, Dasmarias, and Carmona from October 18-30, 2020.

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ternoon of November 1, 2020 in the province

Pre-emptive evacuation measures were conducted in the coastal areas of Bacoor, Kawit, Naic, Indang, Rosario, and Cavite City and also in low-lying areas and danger zones in different cities and municipalities of the prov-

ince during the morning. The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) reported that about 3,309 families with a total of 12,332 individuals were evacuated. The PDRRMO provided food to the displaced families in Ternate town while the respec-

tive LGUs distributed food and relief packs to the families in the evacuation centers.

With the changing of the typhoon's path, the PDRRMO reported all roads and bridges were passable and normal water levels in all the rivers and waterways were recorded. Despite the

minimal impact from the typhoon, the city/municipal disaster risk reduction and management offices of the LGUs in the province continued its monitoring and remained alert for any eventualities and in anticipation of typhoon 'Siony' (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

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Aboitiz, Tsuneishi expanding industrial park joint venture

By Louella Desiderio (The Philippine Star)

Cebu Industrial Park Developers Inc. (CIPDI), a joint venture between the Aboitiz Group and the Tsuneishi Group of Japan, is expanding the West Cebu Industrial Park (WCIP) to meet strong demand for industrial spaces from both local and foreign locators. In a statement yesterday, Aboitiz Group said the expansion would cover 30 hectares of WCIP over the next three years, with more industrial spaces, commercial centers, transport terminals, dormitories, and even leisure components for tourists. The amount of investment needed for the project, however, has yet to be finalized, the group said. Located in Balamban, the WCIP covers 540 hectares, anchored by a 283-hectare Philippine Economic Zone Authority-reg-

istered zone. WCIP hosts 11 locators, from medium to heavy industries, including some of the largest shipbuilding firms in the world. As a special economic zone, locators in WCIP enjoy tax perks. With the expansion, new locators and businesses are expected to create up to 5,000 new jobs for the community. CIPDI has been in talks with potential locators for remaining lots in WCIP and recently secured the commitment of Advanced Catamaran Composites, which targets to start operations in the first quarter next year. Advanced Catamaran Composites would be the third shipbuilding firm in WCIP. "We are excited to have Advanced Catamaran Composites as our newest locator in the WCIP. With our 30-hectare expansion set to

break ground next year, we are hoping to attract more locators to Balamban," said Eduardo Aboitiz, vice president for business development of the Aboitiz Integrated Economic Centers. "At Aboitiz, we are committed to making lasting partnerships with our locators by ensuring the ease of doing business and providing them with fully integrated solutions of infrastructure services such as power, water and land. WCIP is only set to grow further, and now is the perfect time to invest here," he said. Rafael Fernandez De Mesa, first vice president for operations of the Aboitiz Integrated Economic Centers, said they plan to develop WCIP into a fully integrated economic center to spur further economic growth in



Tsuneishi Heavy Industries started developing land and construction of shipbuilding facilities in 1994. Today, it has grown to become one of the largest shipbuilding factories in the Philippines with the capacity to build about 20 vessels per year.

the area, similar to other developments such as Lima Estate in Batangas and Mactan Economic Zone II in Lapu-Lapu City. "With its strategic location, skilled population, lower cost of doing business and well-established ecosystem of infrastructure, we believe that WCIP is the ideal location for light, medium, and heavy industries looking to expand or locate in Cebu," he said.

HONTIVEROS RELAUNCHES 'LAKAS-RESISTENSYA PARA KINA LOLO'T LOLA'; DONATES 'IMMUNOPACKS' TO SENIOR CITIZENS STILL AFFECTED BY COVID-19 & QUARANTINE

Senator Risa Hontiveros has relaunched the relief operations, 'Lakas-Resistensya para kina Lolo't Lola' by turning over 3000 immunopacks to the senior citizens of Pampanga and Bulacan. "Sa panahon ng sakuna, bagyo man ito o pandemya, the elderly remain the most vulnerable sector because of their health and physical conditions," Hontiveros said. "At hangga't hindi pa tuluyang natatapos ang krisis na dala ng COVID-19, patuloy tayong maghahatid ng mga lakas-resistensya packs bilang proteksyon at tulong na maitawid sila sa yugtong ito," she added. On Wednesday, in partnership with Coalition of Services of the Elderly (COSE) and the Coalition of Older Persons Association of the Philippines (COPAP), at least 3,000 Lakas-resistensya packs containing rice, powdered milk, crackers, canned goods, vitamins and face masks, were delivered to Candaba, Pampanga and the towns of Hagonoy and Calumpit in Bulacan. Initially launched in April this year, 'Lakas-Resistensya para kina Lolo't Lola' commenced at the onset of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) amid the coronavirus pandemic. At that time, at least 11,700 lakas-resistensya packs were distributed to senior citizens in the National Capital Region, and in the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, and Rizal. Through this donation drive, the senator hopes to ease the burden of many senior citizens identified by COSE who continue to work for their families, despite the risk of going outside their homes. "Marami sa ating senior citizens ay patuloy na nagtatrabaho at nagbabantog ng buto para makatulong pa rin sa pamilya, para masiguradong may maihahain sa hapag-kainan. Ngayon, tayo naman ang mag-aalaga, kakalinga at aalalay sa kanila," she said. Hontiveros is a strong advocate of senior citizen's rights and welfare. She has been pushing for the passage of the universal social pension for senior citizens to help alleviate economic stress among elderly Filipinos and their families.

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riverbanks are occupying government-owned lots," SHFC said. Carmona Mayor Roy M. Loyola said that providing affordable housing is much more important now amid the coronavirus pandemic. "Sa memorandum of understanding na laglagda ngayong araw, makikipagtulungan ang local na pamahalaan sa SHFC upang ma-

bigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga informal settler families sa ating bayan na magkaroon ng mga lupa at bahay na matatawag nila na mismong sa kanila at sa abot-kayang halaga," Loyola said. (With a signed memorandum of agreement, the local government is working with the SHFC to give the informal settler families an opportunity to have a house and lot

that they can call their own at an affordable price.) SHFC President Arnolfo Ricardo B. Cabling, meanwhile, vowed to continue working with local government units to provide more housing loans. "SHFC continues to provide shelter for the homeless and to those situated in informal setups wherein social distancing is really im-

possible, especially those in the riverbanks and crowded communities," Cabling said. So far, the SHFC has inked the same deal with around 100 local government units, including over 20 new partners this year. The housing loan provider said that it has extended P24-billion in loan assistance to 400,000 families to date.

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sunog sa residential area, na tinitirahan ng mga mangingisda at magtatahong. Aabot sa 500 pamilya ang nawalan ng tirahan sa insidente. Ngayon, humihingi sila ng tulong para muling makabangon. Nasa evacuation center ang karamihan sa mga residente dahil inilikas sa banta ng storm surge o daluyong na

dala ng bagyong Rolly, pero napabalik sila nang mabalitang nilalamon ng malaking apoy ang mga bahay. "Nakakapanghinayang kasi nasunog 'yong bahay. Magde-December [na]. Walang matutuluyan sa New Year at Pasko," sabi ni Marvin Gardoce, isa sa mga nasunogan. Nagputukan pa ang mga

kawad ng kuryente at mga tangke ng liquefied petroleum gas. Inabot nang 3 oras bago naapula ang sunog, na umabot sa ikaapat na alarma. Tumulong din ang mga fire volunteer mula Metro Manila. "Napakalakas ng hangin. At the same time, masikip 'yong kalsada papasok. So

doon kami nahirapan [sa pagpatay sa sunog]. At the same time, maraming nakaparadang sasakyan sa kalsada," ani Fire Superintendent Rene Bullos, direktor ng Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) sa Cavite. Iniimbestigahan pa ng BFP ang dahilan ng sunog. -- Ulat ni Lady Vicencio, ABS-CBN News

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Gatchalian seeks better quality assurance of distance learning materials

While the Department of Education (DepEd) has put up its 'Error Watch' to monitor errors in its learning materials, Senator Win Gatchalian sought a more rigorous quality assurance of lessons' content to avoid confusion among the country's public school learners.

DepEd reported that from October 12 to 20, its Error Watch initiative has monitored 41 errors in self-learning modules, 27 of which came from those developed by field units. These locally developed modules did not pass through the central office's quality screening, DepEd explained. DepEd reported that some errata were already issued and that it is tapping "third party expert SLM conformance reviewers" from volunteers and the academe.

Aside from the self-learning modules, television episodes of some lessons, including those used for test broadcasts of DepEd TV, earlier went viral on social media and drew flak for containing errors. While the Error Watch initiative will be helpful in ensuring accuracy in lessons, Gatchalian reiterated that it is more productive to ensure that these mistakes are already rooted out and rectified at the quality assurance process. According to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, sharing these erroneous lessons and correcting them afterwards could increase confusion among learners. The lawmaker also suggested that DepEd's collaboration with volunteers and the academe should also be strengthened in the regional and division levels since most of the errors come from field units.

"Sa pagpapatuloy ng edukasyon sa panahon ng pandemya ng COVID-19, hindi lamang ang paraan ng pagtuturo ang dapat nating tutukan. Kailangang siguruhin din natin na tama ang mga araling itinuturo natin sa ating mga kabataan. Sa pagsuri natin sa bawat aralin, ang kaalaman ng mahigit 22 milyong mag-aaral ang nakasalalay," Gatchalian said. As the country's education sector works to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, Gatchalian reiterated that efforts to build back better should include investment in quality learning materials, one of the steps he also recommended following the results of the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). The global survey revealed that out of 79 countries, the Philippines ranked lowest in Reading Comprehension and second lowest in Science and Mathematics.

Gatchalian also explained that his push to increase centers of excellence for teacher education nationwide would help in the creation of quality learning materials. Under Republic Act No. 7784, which formed the Teacher Education Council to improve teacher education in the country, one of the functions of a center of excellence is to serve as a teacher resource center for the development of curricular and instructional materials.

In a Senate hearing, non-profit organization Philippine Business for Education revealed that out of 1,572 Teacher Education Institutions, only 74 are recognized as centers of excellence and development.



20 DEAD AFTER SUPER TYPHOON ROLLY STRIKES PHILIPPINES

The world's strongest typhoon this year struck the Philippines and destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least 20 people, officials said Monday, November 2.

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The world's strongest typhoon this year struck the Philippines, destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least 20 people, officials said Monday, November 2. According to the country's disaster agency, 20 people had been killed in Albay and Catanduanes provinces. Officials said a forcible evacuation of more than 345,000 people had averted more deaths in the Philippines.

President Rodrigo Duterte also warned the nation of another potentially damaging cyclone approaching the Southeast Asian nation. Another storm "Siony" with gustiness of up to 80 kmph is now gaining strength over the Pacific Ocean and is expected to make landfall late this week. "It's not as powerful as (Typhoon Rolly) but it would cause damage in its path, on the roads and bridges," Duterte added in a televised cabinet meeting. Meanwhile, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration forecasts two to three more typhoons to enter the Philippines this month of November and another one to two in December. Affected provinces have started the clearing operations and while some residents on the most affected areas were separated in tents inside evacuation centers to avoid the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Disaster management chief Ricardo Jalad said in a meeting that Rolly partially damaged more than 55,000 homes and flattened 20,000 more. (Photo: Reuters/Eloisa Lopez)

ANOTHER BATCH OF BENEFICIARIES OF BOTIKA ON WHEELS.

The Provincial Government of Cavite's Botika on Wheels program continues to roll delivering maintenance medicines and vitamins to target beneficiaries, this time, in the municipality of Indang and City of Imus from October 6- 29, 2020. A total of 3,947 senior citizens were given free vitamins and prescription medicines, while the 8702 children also received vitamins in the City of Imus. On the other hand, 5,426 elderlies of Indang received their maintenance medicines and vitamins while 10,847 children received vitamins. Board Member Jeff



Asistio together with City of Imus Sangguniang Panlungsod Members accompanied the BOW team in distributing the medicines in 97 barangays of the city. Likewise, Mayor Perfecto Fidel with Vice Mayor Sammy Rodil, Board Member Ping Remulla, Board Member Lito Langit and other Sangguniang Bayan Members assisted the team in delivering the medicines to the elderlies and children of Indang.--- PICAD

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