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Lakas-CMD party president and former Leyte (1st dist) Rep. Martin Romualdez expresses gratitude to President Rodrigo Duterte at Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport in Tacloban City after he went to Balangiga, Eastern Samar to witness the turnover of the three historic bells on December 15. Mr. Duterte rung one of the bells before these were turned over to the St. Lawrence The Martyr Church. PHOTO BY VER NOVENO

With the return of the Balangiga Bells

Pres. Duterte ask locals to preserve the bells

RONALD O. REYES/LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA

BALANGIGA, Eastern Samar- President Rodrigo Duterte witnessed the turnover of the three historic bells named after this town as he urged the townfolks to secure the historic bells.

The President arrived at the venue of the turnover rites about an hour late from his 4 pm schedule which was attended by US officials, Filipino and American veterans, Cabinet members led by Defense Sec. Delfin Lorenzana, and Church officials led by the papal nuncio, Archbishop Gabrielle Caccia and Davao Archbishop and president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Romulo Valles.

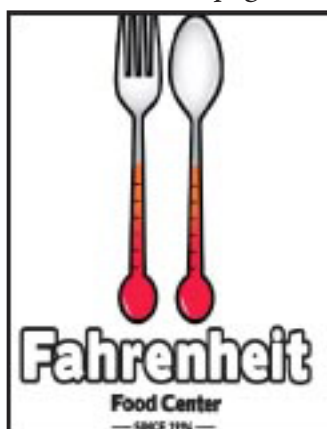
"I am sure that our ancestors are celebrating with

us here on this remarkable victory. And that it does not only bring back the glory of the town, but also contributes to the full restoration of our dignity as a Filipino," Mr. Duterte said on his six-minutes speech he read during the rites held at the town's covered court which is adjacent to the St. Lawrence The Martyr Church where the bells were turned over immediately after the civilian rites.

"I therefore trust that our kababayans in Balangiga and the rest of our country would ensure the

protection of these gems are continued to preserve and promote our culture and history," the President added.

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Balangiga Bells rung to signal start of 'Misa de Gallo'

BALANGIGA, Eastern Samar- In a rare occasion, the St. Lawrence The Martyr Church of this town was brimming with faithful on Sunday (December 16), the

start of the 'Misa de Gallo.' After all, it's not just an ordinary mass ushering the first of the nine early Masses before the Christmas Day celebration on December

25. In the words of the town parish priest, Fr. Serafin Tybaco, Jr., it's a "very special mass." see Balangiga /page 9 ...

MISS PHILIPPINES IS MISS UNIVERSE 2018. Catriona Gray bested 93 beauties to win the much coveted Miss Universe crown during a glittering ceremony in Bangkok, Thailand. She was crowned by Miss South Africa Demi- Leigh Nel-Peters, 2017 Miss Universe.





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DepEd's Uytico to region's campus journos: Be competitive for the national press conference

TACLOBAN CITY- Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Director Ramir Uytico urged student journalists and performers to excel in their chosen field.

Uytico made this remarks during the opening of this year's three-day Regional Schools Press Conference and Regional Festival of Talents in Ormoc City on Sunday (December 16).

"I don't have favorites. But my desire is to put up a good fight in the national schools press conference and national festival of talents because Region 8 is always great," said Uytico.

The director also called on the publication advisers and coaches from 13 divisions in Eastern Visayas to "move on" from the experiences of the 2013 super typhoon 'Yolanda'.

"We always attribute our mediocrity with Yolanda," said Uytico.

In his speech, Uytico

told around 7,000 participants to gather "GOLD," which stands for grit, optimism, love, and determination.

He reminded the contestants to always have alertness in their mind and positive attitude.

"Not all of you will become winners, but I want you to bring home the GOLD. Gold in your mind, Gold in your heart, and Gold in your hand," said Uytico, adding that this is the way of developing a well-rounded person.

Uytico also lauded the

sacrifices of the student journalists, advisers, and the division leaders in joining the two competitions, saying this is a sign of their love for work.

"We're all determined. You are all determined to get that gold. The ISO (International Organization for Standardization) of the region is a product of determination," added Uytico while urging the participants to always look for an opportunity to be great "to uplift the educational landscape of the region."

(RONALD O. REYES)

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Want to coordinate with her E. Samar counterpart Samar Gov. Tan sees big tourism potential of Balangiga Bells

BALANGIGA, Eastern Samar – Boost in tourism arrivals in this town is projected with the return and installation of the historic bells, 117 years after these artifacts were carted away by the American troops during the Filipino-American War.

And with this, Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan said that she would just be glad to coordinate with her counterpart in Eastern Samar, Governor Ferdinand Marcelo Picardal, to cash in on the Balangiga Bells as a tourist attraction.

Tan disclosed that she already had an initial meeting with the Department of Tourism on this regards.

"I hope that Eastern Samar will be glad to collaborate with Samar regarding the tourism program," the Samar governor, who was among those invited during the turnover of the three Balangiga Bells on Decem-



Gov. Sharee Ann Tan

ber 16 witnessed by President Rodrigo Duterte.

Tan is vigorous in promoting the tourism industry of Samar through her Spark Samar campaign.

Meantime, Gov. Tan said that the much anticipated lighting of the San Juanico Bridge, another iconic structure in the region which connects Leyte and Samar islands, will happen next year.

The San Juanico Bridge lighting is also projected to draw tourists.

Tourism Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes

said that their office has allocated for the improvement of the Balangiga Incident Marker worth P9.7 million and acquisition of livelihood gadgets worth more than P600,000.

The DOT will also conduct assessment of residents of the town who are willing to be part of the homestay program as accommodation facilities are one of the top problems in Balangiga which has no such facility available.

"Enhancing other tourist destinations in Balangiga will make visitors stay longer, giving them the opportunity to get to know our people, experience our culture, taste our cuisine and discover the infinite escapes in Eastern Visayas," DOT Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes said.

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Retrieved at last

The return of the historic Balangiga Bells after more than a century of staying outside the country had sparked so much jubilation among the Filipino people that, acting like overjoyed children in the homecoming site and in front of televisions and the internet, they sounded as though they had received the greatest Christmas present from Uncle Sam.

Why these bells are in demand could be explained partly by their symbolic existence. They actually stand for courage, heroism, and death. Used by the natives as signals to synchronize attacks, these bells are witnesses as to how the lowly and persecuted people of Balangiga and its neighboring villages attacked the abusive American forces stationed in the area. The heroic act led to massive deaths from both sides.

Furious over this incident, which the Americans considered as a cowardly act of treachery, as a massacre (but is refuted by Filipinos as an

encounter since the Americans, being combatants, were soldiers who could battle at all times), the US forces took these "deadly tools" and brought them home as war relics. In retaliation, moreover, they mercilessly murdered thousands of male inhabitants in the island of Samar, from ten years old above.

But while the Americans despised these bells as treacherous devices, the people of Balangiga took them for treasures, hence their consequent demand, with the support of the entire Filipino people, to have those bells returned. But it was not easy trying to convince the American government. Decades and a century passed but nothing happened. Then negotiations luckily progressed until finally, last December 15 this year, these bells made it to Balangiga again, their place of origin.

This was history in the making, and closure of this historical chapter as well. We could only thank all those who, in one way or another, had contributed to making this event a reality. At last, the efforts from both sides paid off.



Scammer?

Recently, a certain Joyce Harden Arenas sent me a friend request. Accommodating as I am, I accepted her request and we then became friends on facebook. Soon, she sent me a private message that I answered back professionally. But her messages were alarming to me, prompting me to block her on FB. Read on to find out.

JOYCE: Hello Dear, How are you and your family doing? i hope all is well with you all.

FRI 7:06 PM

ME: Hi Joyce, great to see you on fb

SAT 12:09 AM
JOYCE: Hello Dear, Am sorry for my late reply to your message because i have been very busy with work. Thank you for your message and it is my pleasure to have you as a friend. Knowing one another is a gradual process and here are few things I think you should know about me. I am American soldier and before I was serving in the UK/American Army base in Scotland UK but right now I am in Afghanistan, I am serving in the military of the 3rd Infantry Division in Afghanistan as a Military Nurse. My full

names are Joyce Harden Arena and I am 28 years old. I lost my Husband few years ago and we had 1 son together before his death. I Love meeting people, reading, traveling and also sharing ideas. I have been on duty here for 5 years and my assignment duty will be over in few months coming . It's nice to have you as my new friend, i will like you to tell me about yourself and your country. I hope to hear from you again. Best Regards

SAT 8:18 AM

ME: Ow, sorry to hear about your husband's see Scammer /page 5 ...



Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

Avoid tempting God

IT was nice to learn about Blessed Bartolo Longo (1841-1926) who, as the Wikipedia puts it, "was an Italian lawyer who has been beatified by the Roman Catholic Church. He was a former satanist who returned to the Christian faith and became a third order Dominican, dedicating his life to the Rosary and the Virgin Mary."

Other sources provided some more information about him: he was orphaned early in life, he was involved in the nationalist movement of the time that was anti-Catholic, he became a Satanist in his 20's, he went into the occult, attended in séances, experimented on drugs, participated in orgies... There's a lot more, but let's spare ourselves from more unpleasant things.

But since all these did not give him peace, but rather a lot of problems including psychological and emotional ones, leading him to depression, he sought some relief and eventually was led back to the Catholic faith. Later, he became so deep a devotee of the Holy Rosary that St. John Paul described him as a man of the Rosary during his beatification.

His story, for sure, will elicit very reassuring responses from us who often wonder how we can become a saint as we should when we are hounded always by our weaknesses, temptations and sin itself. Sometimes, we think that to become a saint is impossible and that stories of saints are more fantasy and fiction than real. Or at best, saints are very special people who never went into really bad things.

Somehow, his story reminds us that God and his grace can take on anything we can mess ourselves in. There is always hope. As St. Paul said, "where sin has abounded, the grace of God has abounded more." (Rom 5,20) His story calls to mind that as said in the

Book of Ezekiel, God does not take delight in the death of the wicked but in his salvation. (33,11).

The writer Oscar Wilde also put it so succinctly: "Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future." In other words, we really have no reason to fear and to worry too much over our delicate condition here in this world.

But for all that, we should also be careful not to fall into the opposite side, which is presumption, or tempting God. That is to say, we can fall into the trick of the devil who can suggest to us that since God is very powerfully merciful and can forgive us our sins no matter how grave they are, then we can just go on sinning, or exert no adequate effort

Scammer?...

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passing. Is your son living with you in Afghanistan? Why don't you have other facebook friends?

SAT 4:28 PM

JOYCE: Hello, I am so glad that we are getting acquainted knowing each other better. Thanks for the prayer towards us here in a war zone. I have been a soldier all through my life and now that I have seen someone out of my profession, I am so pleased to have you in my life as friend of mine. Honestly, I never imagine in life that I will come across someone like you but God made it to be so, as we write to each other my spirit is overwhelm that I met you and I am full of joy. I hope our friendship will flourish beyond your expectations. I will be happy if we get to know each other, trust me; I do care very much for you and yearning to meet you. I wait for your reply again, it really gives me joy reading from you after a long tough day, need to get back to work now. Please do take care of yourself for me ok. Warm

to avoid sin and temptation.

We have to be wary of the wiles of the devil who is good in the rebound if at a certain moment his initial attempts to tempt us fail. Tempting God by putting him to some test, or by presuming that he will forgive us anyway no matter what, is a grave sin and represents a big success for the devil.

Remember the devil tempting Christ himself. "The devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Mt 4,5-7)

This is what tempting God is all about. When we are tempted by the devil, or by the world, or by our own selves, let's never put God to the test by rationalizing that since God is all merciful, he will always forgive me if I fall to this temptation, or that he will not mind if I sin.

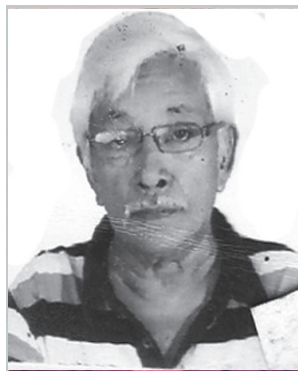
regards.

SAT 8:14 PM

ME: You are "too good to be true." I have a friend who once found a "friend" in facebook, much like you. Only to find out later he was not communicating to a girl, but to a scammer who was victimizing people with deceitful schemes.

4:02 PM

JOYCE: Darling, how are you today, I hope everything is okay with you? Honesty I feel like the happiest woman on Earth whenever I see your message. I do not forget to thank God for giving me a friend like you in my life because we have so many things to share in common. I have been a soldier all my life and now that I've seen someone outside my profession, I'm so happy to have you in My life as a friend of mine. I like playing golf and tennis in my free time. My best colors, purple, black and blue, my life here and my activities include so much, I am responsible



Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

Young lady, a pretty and competent professional, to take over Palo in 2019

Politics has been end will always play a vital role in running a functioning democracy to all democratic nations worldwide. It is a segment in democratic governance that realizes the dictum that sovereignty resides on the people. It is the people who decide whom they want to lead them.

Good and impressive performance of leadership, especially in local government units (LGU) are always re-elected to office. However these LGU officials are only given 3 terms or 9 years in office to serve. That's the law.

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Mayor Remedios "Matin" Loreto Petilla is a good model of a politician

for security, we are here in Afghanistan for peace-keeping, and we have post service, so every day we go to and we also move around the city when we have some information on terrorist activities, almost every day we have an armed battle with the terrorist here, and recently we recorded so much explosion at the moment and I am head of security in my team so it is also my duty to ensure that there is a request here, my dear, we are going through so many risks here and I hope you understand what I mean, I really need your prayer because of the nature of my work. Thank you so much for been my friend, have a nice day.

9:14 PM

ME: You should have a circle of friends on facebook, not just me. For sure, I'm not the kind of person you are looking for. You sound more like a robot, and your messages appear to be ready-made. You can't engage in conversations coz you don't

worthy of emulation. She has served with outstanding competence, dedication and who NEVER lost in any election. She served as Provincial Governor in province of Leyte for 3 consecutive terms; one term as Congresswoman in the First District of Leyte and now will bow out from as Mayor of Palo after serving for 3 consecutive terms. What is so impressive is her revelation that she will not stay idle but continue to work and help lowly people to stand up in spite of hardships that come their way. She will always be behind them. Having been in public service for about 30 years, how could she indeed stay idle.

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even answer questions. Anyway, thanks for the "friendship".

Chat Conversation End

I have a suspicion that this person is not "Joyce", that she/he is someone else with malicious intents. He/she must be a scammer, and her story is just a tool to hook me, or any victim, to an evil scheme. Who knows what she is up to? I am thinking of reporting this to authorities.

Frances Anne Regis Basilio Petilla poses today and shines as new beacon of more light for Palo development. She is the wife of former Department of Energy Secretary Jericho "Icot" Loreto Petilla, son of Matin. Frances Anne was chosen among "Matin's close advisers and friends to run for Mayor of Palo to take the place of her mom-in-law.

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Anne possesses impressive credentials in private life. A Bachelor in Business Administration, from Miriam College of Quezon City, she has done so many things helping people, especially the dontrodden. She runs a private entity "Mother Bless" whose mission is to assist free baby delivery of indigent mothers country-wide. This service to Mothers have been done specially the provinces of Pampanga, Batangas, Leyte and others.

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If elected Mayor of Palo, she raises a battle cry of **jobs, jobs, jobs** to provide the qualified unemployed in Palo. She already has the facility to realize this objective through their on-going family business the Business Process Outsourcing through their working relationship with a lot of establishments abroad.

-oOo-

She will of course continue to work on unfinished projects in Palo and support all on-going projects of her mother-in-law Matin, which are so many, from infrastructures to the on-going livelihood programs for the poor families in the town of Palo.

Good luck Frances Anne!!!



Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)

Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

Students' bazaar held in Catbalogan City generated over P1.8 million sales

CATBALOGAN CITY – A bazaar showcasing products made by students coming from different schools in Samar generated more than P1.8 million in sales.

The Spark Samar Kids Can! Bazaar is an annual event sponsored by the provincial government together with the Department of Education's Samar schools division.

The event showcased products created by the senior high school students to highlight their talents and skills, including teaching them

to value entrepreneurship.

Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan, who is behind the event which she started in 2016, said that she is grateful for the support of the public who patronized the products made by the students.

"My sincerest thanks and appreciation to everyone who visited and shopped at the Samar Kids Can! Bazaar. Thank you for those who visited and buy products that are made by our students in Samar," the governor said.

According to Tan, the bazaar posted a total sales income of P1.89 million for

its entire eight-day run held at the provincial covered court.

It was participated by senior high students from 24 towns and two cities of the province.

The event is not only envisioned as a display of products and services but to be an actual laboratory for senior high school students to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

Among the products displayed during the bazaar were mats and bags made from tikog, lampshade and other accessories made from bamboo, food items like native delicacies and souvenir items.

Gov. Tan says she is not behind on the arrest of murder suspect who named her opponents as masterminds

TACLOBAN CITY- Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan dismissed allegation that she is behind on the arrest of the son of a mayor who named her opponents as responsible on the killing of a village official.

Tan, in an interview, said that the arrest of Francis Grey, 38 and son of San Jorge Mayor Joseph Grey, was by virtue of a police operation and not because of her.

"The arrest of Grey was a police operation and whoever is behind a crime should be answerable to the law," the Samar governor said.

Grey is accused to be behind on the killing of Romulo Barcoma in February, 2013. He was arrested on December 7 in a raid at his house in Bali Hai Subdivision in Imus City,

Cavite.

His arrest was by virtue of a warrant issued by Judge Feliciano Aguilar of the Regional Trial Court of Gandara, Samar.

Grey was transported back to Samar on December 14.

In an interview, Grey mentioned the names of Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino and Emil Zosa to have allegedly ordered to kill the brother of Barcoma who was said to be involved in the illegal drugs.

However, it was Barcoma who was killed instead as he was mistaken to be the target, Grey claimed.

Gov. Tan said that she personally saw the media interview of Grey making the confession. She said that he should be held answerable for the crime he committed.

Tan added that considering that Grey named both Aquino and Zosa, her political opponents, as the alleged masterminds on the murder of Barcoma, her name would be linked to the incident.

"Our family and our party was never involved in any other way for the capture of Grey. My only hope is that the death of village chair Barcoma will be given justice," she said.

"We have been calling for the killings to stop in Calbayog and in the first district. It is high time that the killings be given justice. It is my ardent call for all the politicians to campaign without resorting to violence," Tan added.

The Samar governor said that the candidates should respect the voice of the people instead of killing them

PNP conducts probe on the killing of a cop by still 2 unidentified suspects

CAMP RUPERTO KANGLEON, PALO, Leyte- A member of the regional Philippine National Police (PNP) assigned at the Regional Headquarter Support Group (RHSG), based here, was shot and killed by still unidentified suspects on December 16.

Reports reaching at the PNP regional headquarters indicated that at about 2:30 am, a shooting incident transpired in Barangay Salvacion which resulted in the killing of

SPO2 Andres Vijuan Gonzaga, 43, married, and resident of Brgy. Looc, Caibiran, Biliran.

Members of the municipal police station (MPS) of Palo went to the area wherein they discovered the victim's lifeless body lying on the concrete pavement on the side of the highway particularly near the recreation and amusement center (LRAC).

Initial investigation disclosed that the victim was about to board on his vehi-

cle when the unidentified two suspects approached and shot him, hitting him on the different parts of his body.

Suspects then boarded on a color white sedan and a dark color pick-up vehicle and fled towards the direction of Brgy. Cogon, this town.

Elements of Palo MPS requested for SOCO (scene of the crimes operatives) team to process the crime scene.

An ongoing investiga-



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla led in the cutting of ribbon during the inauguration of the three-kilometers road concreting in Barangay Marao to the next village of Macagaco, both in Inopacan worth P49 million. With the governor were Vice Gov. Carlo P. Loreto, Rep. Jose Carlos Cari (5th dist), board members Florante Cayunda and Emmanuel Gacis, Inopacan Mayor Silvestre Lumarda and ABC president Carl Nicholas Cari. (GINA P. GEREZ)

Calbayog City Mayor Aquino also denies allegation Mayor Grey questions statements of his son linking his 2 political allies to a murder case

CALBAYOG CITY- Mayor Joseph Grey of San Jorge, Samar refutes the statement of his son Francis pointing Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino and retired Army official Emil Zosa as behind on the killing of a village official two years ago.

The younger Grey was arrested by the police in Imus City, Cavite thru a warrant of arrest on December 7 by virtue of a warrant issued by Judge Feliciano Aguilar of the Regional Trial Court of Gandara, Samar.

In a media interview in Tacloban City on Dec. 14, Grey named both Aquino and Zosa, who is running for governor of Samar in next year's elections, as the alleged mastermind on the killing of Romulo Barcoma, barangay chairman of Barangay Sapinet, San Jorge on February 13,



Mayor Joseph Grey

2016.

But Grey admitted to have killed the barangay leader. Witnesses in the said incident pointed to Grey as to have shot Barcoma.

He also admitted to be hooked on illegal drugs as he accused both Aquino and Zosa to be reportedly drug protectors.

But Mayor Joseph Grey dismissed the allegations made by his son.

"I don't know what happened to my son but I want to clear this. Emil (Emil Zosa) and Mayor Onald (Ronald Aquino) were not behind or involved in the said murder case," the town mayor said in a press interview.

He then said that

politics could be behind why his son pointed to Aquino and Zosa, his political allies.

"Election is coming. The three of us are friends. We belong to the same party and these people behind all of this is doing everything for us to fight and will no longer trust each other," the elder Grey said.

Grey further added that he has a feeling that his son is being threatened to issue said statements.

For his part, Mayor Aquino was puzzled why he was involved to the killing of a barangay official outside Calbayog City.

He further questioned the statement of Francis linking them to drugs.

"He should show proof on how we are link to drugs and why would they involved us in their political problem just because he is being pressured," Aquino said.

(JENNIFER D. SUM-AGANG-ALLEGADO)

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NOTICE is hereby given that Cornelia Diaz-Huab executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4747 situated at Brgy. San Roque, Mayorga, Leyte, containing an area of 762 square meters, more or less, covered by O.C.T. No. P-80500; per Doc. No. 86, Page No. 19, Book No. 41, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ryan M. Oledan. LSDE: December 18, 25, 2018 & January 1, 2019

tion is being conducted by Palo MPS personnel to determine the motive of the said shooting incident and for the possible identity and arrest of the suspects. (PR)

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Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-EV/PA-PJ-2018-12-20141720 Case No. VIII-2014-1720

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

EDNA Q. REGIS Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-JARO, LEYTE & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until MAY 5, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 12th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte Case No. VIII-2014-1086

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

ROSALINDA T. MEDRANO Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: ORMOC CITY-ALBUERA & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until MAY 26, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 13th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

No. 18-11-222 x- - - - - ORDER A verified petition had been filed by the petitioner, through counsel, praying that after due publication, notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Dagami, Leyte to change and correct the name of petitioner from MARYLETH UGAT to MARY LETH UGAT.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance it is hereby ordered that the said petition be set for initial hearing on January 21, 2019 in the afternoon session of this Court at the Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte, at which date, time and place, all persons may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-EV-PJ-2018-12-20143306 Case No. VIII-2014-3306

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

REMEDIOS G. LESIGUES Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-SAN MIGUEL & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until MAY 5, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 3rd day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-EV/PA-FC-2018-12-20140401 Case No. VIII-2014-0401

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

RODRIGO G. SARNO Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: SOGOD-MALITBOG & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until FEBRUARY 16, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 12th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Leyte, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be made at least one week prior to the date of initial hearing.

Furnish copies of this Order and petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, Municipal Civil Registrar of Dagami, Leyte, Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED. IN CHAMBERS, Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte, December 04, 2018.

(Sgd.) TARCELO A. SABARRE, JR. Acting Presiding Judge LSDE: Dec. 18, 2018 & Jan. 1, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felomina Ompay extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12028-P, situated in Brgy. Bitanhuon, Baybay City, Leyte, containing an area of 10,260 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed of Sps. Norberto C. Tuasoc and Virginia Amarille-Tuasoc as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 64, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felicisimo Bohol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Bito, Abuyog, Leyte, Lot No. 170 Pls 08-000038, Residential Free Patent No. 08-701-04438, covered by O.C.T. No. P-94610, containing an area of 292 square meters. That heir Felma P. Bohol, do hereby WAIVE all rights, interest and participation in the above-described parcel of land, in favor of Aileen B. Galler; per Doc. No. 237, Page No. 48, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Christopher Ryan P. Rosal. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Salud Edon Avellana extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 1255-A, Psd-08-12259, situated at Brgy. Gaas, Baybay, Leyte, containing an area of 6,788 square meters, more or less, covered by T.C.T. No. T-10216; per Doc. No. 258, Page No. 52, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Estanislao Tabiolo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Known as Lot No. 12159-C, with the improvements thereon, situated at Brgy. Bitanhuon, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 318 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 2015-07-0032-01100. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Erlinda D. Tabiolo as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. NO. 22, Page No. 5, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Prudencio Bloreacia extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 800-A, Psd-373453, situated in the Bo. of Poblacion, Mun. of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 3,036 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 223, Page No. 45, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pascual L. Bongalon extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 1092, situated in Brgy. Uguis, Mahaplag, Leyte, covered by O.C.T. No. P-11371, with total area of 14,701 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Imelda O. Malotes and Maria Imee M. Tobin as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 821, Page No. 50, Book No. 97, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Jesus V. Palermo. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Sps. Ramil U. Sumapig and Maria Fe M. Sumapig executed a Deed of Absolute Sale over a parcel of residential land, designated as Cad. Lot No. 1, Block 2, Psd-08-002840, situated at Anibong and Nula-Tula, Tacloban City, containing an area of 179 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0025-05432 in favor of DINO LEONARD C. ROMERO as vendee; per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 30, Book No. XIV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Renigildo R. Cañas. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-EV-FC-2018-12-20140247 Case No. VIII-2014-0247

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

POLICARPIO C. ESPEJO JR. Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-PHHC-DIIT & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until MARCH 04, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 4th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Eleuterio Labanan extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 715-F, Csd-08-009195-D, situated in the Brgy. District I Poblacion, Municipality of MacArthur, containing an area of 1,536 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Nida P. Senado as vendee for a one-third (1/3) portion or 242 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 90, Page No. 19, Book No. XIX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Aldwin Jude M. Quebec. LSDE: December 18, 25, 2018 & January 1, 2019

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Felix Celestino G. Laput, heir of the late Sps. Rodolfo R. Laput and Ofelia G. Laput executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2340 with the improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Utap, Municipality of Tacloban City, containing an area of 2,312 square meters, more or less covered by T.C.T. No. T-12620. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of PHILIP L. PICARDO married to SHEILA C. PICARDO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 524, Page No. 105, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. LSDE: December 18, 25, 2018 & January 1, 2019

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Eleuterio Labanan extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 715-F, Csd-08-009195-D, situated in the Brgy. District I Poblacion, Municipality of MacArthur, containing an area of 1,536 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Nida P. Senado as vendee for a one-third (1/3) portion or 242 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 90, Page No. 19, Book No. XIX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Aldwin Jude M. Quebec. LSDE: December 4, 11 & 18, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felomina Ompay extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12028-P, situated in Brgy. Bitanhuon, Baybay City, Leyte, containing an area of 10,260 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed of Sps. Norberto C. Tuasoc and Virginia Amarille-Tuasoc as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 64, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felicisimo Bohol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Bito, Abuyog, Leyte, Lot No. 170 Pls 08-000038, Residential Free Patent No. 08-701-04438, covered by O.C.T. No. P-94610, containing an area of 292 square meters. That heir Felma P. Bohol, do hereby WAIVE all rights, interest and participation in the above-described parcel of land, in favor of Aileen B. Galler; per Doc. No. 237, Page No. 48, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Christopher Ryan P. Rosal. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Salud Edon Avellana extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 1255-A, Psd-08-12259, situated at Brgy. Gaas, Baybay, Leyte, containing an area of 6,788 square meters, more or less, covered by T.C.T. No. T-10216; per Doc. No. 258, Page No. 52, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Estanislao Tabiolo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Known as Lot No. 12159-C, with the improvements thereon, situated at Brgy. Bitanhuon, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 318 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 2015-07-0032-01100. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Erlinda D. Tabiolo as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. NO. 22, Page No. 5, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Prudencio Bloreacia extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 800-A, Psd-373453, situated in the Bo. of Poblacion, Mun. of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 3,036 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 223, Page No. 45, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pascual L. Bongalon extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 1092, situated in Brgy. Uguis, Mahaplag, Leyte, covered by O.C.T. No. P-11371, with total area of 14,701 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Imelda O. Malotes and Maria Imee M. Tobin as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 821, Page No. 50, Book No. 97, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Jesus V. Palermo. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Sps. Ramil U. Sumapig and Maria Fe M. Sumapig executed a Deed of Absolute Sale over a parcel of residential land, designated as Cad. Lot No. 1, Block 2, Psd-08-002840, situated at Anibong and Nula-Tula, Tacloban City, containing an area of 179 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0025-05432 in favor of DINO LEONARD C. ROMERO as vendee; per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 30, Book No. XIV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Renigildo R. Cañas. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-NC-TH-2018-11-0097 Case No. VIII-2018-0097

Application for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK FOR HIRE service with prayer to adopt trade name

MARILYN A. SUPERADA Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK FOR HIRE for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: FROM ALANGALANG, LEYTE TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII with the use of ONE (1) unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 29th day of NOVEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Felimon Almedora & Eulalia Almedilla extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot 3189, Pls-645, located at Brgy. Ulhays, Javier, Leyte, covered by OCT No. P-8121, under Tax Dec. No. 081902800003, containing an area of 38,815 square meters and subdivided into 3 lots, Lot No. 3189-A to Lot No. 3189-C; per Doc. No. 215, Page No. 93, Book No. 90, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Vicente G. Rudas. LSDE: December 18, 25, 2018 & January 1, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Rodolfo C. Quiamco, heir of the late Candelaria Canencia executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, Lot No. 650-C, Psd-08-014563-D situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Zone 23, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 243 square meters, more or less; covered by TCT No. T-36275. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Teodoro B. Lopez and Anecitas L. Lopez as vendee for a portion of 160 square meters, more or less from the above-described property per Doc. No. 433, Page No. 87, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: December 18, 25, 2018 & January 1, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Antonio G. Abris extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a proceeds of Life Insurance Policy with Philam Life with Policy Number 155515/100256 and heirs hereby named, constituted and appointed and by these presents do name, constitute and appoint, NIDA O. ABRIS, their mother, to be their true and lawful attorney-in-fact and in their name, place and stead, for their own use and benefit, to do and perform; to claim the insurance and other monetary receivables under the said policy; to receive the money from the Landbank of the Philippines, Guiuan Branch; to make, execute and sign any and all documents relative thereto; per Doc. No. 206, Page No. 42, Book No. XVII, Series of 2018 of Atty. Vincent A. Cabla, CPA. LSDE: December 4, 11 & 18, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Angeles Dagatan Rellama extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal property a parcel of land Lot No. 1478 with the improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of Buri, Burauen, Leyte, covered under T.C.T. No. T-25866, containing an area of 3,923 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Dominador E. Aquino Jr. & Violeta E. Aquino as vendee for the above-described property including all the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 265, Page No. 53, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Christopher Ryan P. Rosal. LSDE: Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Letecia Caraballa-Andrade executed an extrajudicial Adjudication over one-half (1/2) portion of a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 913, covered by T.C.T. No. T-23695, situated in Barrio Buri, Burauen, Leyte under Tax Dec. No. 08-0018-00010, containing an area of 40,889 square meters, more or less and heirs executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of Sps. Gil Concorido Costa and Rosa Maria Tolentino-Costa as vendees for the entire above-described property; per Doc. No. 307, Page No. 42, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Edgardo M. Enerlan. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jesus C. Almaden extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Cad. Lot No. 1669, located at Naga-Naga, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 3191 hectare, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0025-00041. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Kevin B. Culango married to Chloe Army Del Pilar Culango as vendee for a portion of 500 square meters known as Lot No. 1669-B from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 76, Page No. 18, Book No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. de Veyra. LSDE: Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 2018

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GAVINO BROZAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located in San Jose de Pana-ugan, Gandara, Samar, containing an area of 90 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 8407 for tax year 1974, assessed at P320.00; per Doc. No. 1572, Page No. 314, Book No. XI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eduardo P. Tibo. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Antonio B. Espares extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land Lot No. 4489, Case 2, Cad. 497-D located in District III, Babatngon, Leyte, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Bg. P-58304, containing an area of 13,528 square meters and heir Teresa A. Espares with full knowledge and consent of her co-heirs two sons have executed a Deed of Absolute Sale, the following portions to wit: Lot No. 4489-B an area of 150 square meters in favor of Carlos M. Acuin and Erlinda Acuin; Lot No. 4489-F and area of 150 square meters in favor of Robin C. Deden; and Lot 4489-G are area of 150 square meters in favor of Analyn P. Flores and parties hereby affirm, confirm and ratify the above-mentioned sale; per Doc. No. 205, Page No. 42, Book No. 8, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lito Ercilla Odon. LSDE: Dec. 11, 18 & 25, 2018

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Toribio Cagol, Sr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Known as Lot No. 11496, Cad Lot Survey of Baybay, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. San Juan, Baybay City, Leyte, containing an area of 20,942 square meters, more or less, embraced by O.C.T. No. 21657. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Claudia D. Manla as vendee for a portion of the above-described parcel of land; per Doc. No. 148, Page No. 30, Book No. LXXIX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan. LSDE: December 11, 18 & 25, 2018

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte R8-NC-TH-2018-12-0098 Case No. VIII-2018-0098

Application for Reconstitution of Records with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a MINI-BUS service with prayer to adopt trade name

ALEJANDRO S. AMORIN Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a MINI-BUS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: ORMOC-LILOAN VIA MAASIN CITY-SOGOD-BATO & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting.

In the present application, applicant request authority for reconstitution of records with extension of validity of the said certificate to MINI BUS with the same number of unit/s on the route: ORMOC CITY-LILOAN VIA MAASIN CITY-SOGOD-BATO & VICE VERSA.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 6th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte Case No. VIII-2017-0080

Application for Reconstitution of Records with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK FOR HIRE service with prayer to adopt trade name

DAISYLYN C. RANES Applicant/s NOTICE OF HEARING Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK FOR HIRE for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: FROM ALANGALANG, LEYTE TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII with the use of TWO (2) unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JANUARY 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 11th day of DECEMBER 2018.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director



Undersecretary Cesar Yano of the Department of National Defense, joined Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico 'Mic' Petilla; Palo Mayor Remedios 'Matin' Petilla; Tanauan Mayor Pelagio "Pel" Tecson, and Karen Javier, during the opening of the agri-aqua trade fair during the recently-held 'Pasidungog 2018' at the Leyte Academic Center, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P. GEREZ)

8th ID headquarters named after Gen. Vicente Lukban EV soldiers rejoice on the return of the bells

BALANGIGA, Eastern Samar – The return of the historic bells to the town was also a cause for celebration among soldiers in the region.

Thus said Capt. Francis Agno, spokesperson of the 8th Infantry Division whose main camp was named after General Vicente Lukban who served as the top military official of Samar Island at that time.

Samar, under Lukban's leadership, remained one of the few areas of Filipino resistance during the American occupation.

"It was Gen. Lukban who led the attack during the Balangiga Encounter on September 28, 1901 and because of his heroism, the 8th Division headquarters was named after him,"

Agno shared.

Camp Vicente Lukban is located in Barangay Maulong, Catbalogan City.

Cyril Lukban, a great-grandson of General Lukban, also expressed pride that his ancestor was part of the Filipino guerillas responsible on the worst single defeat by the American troops during the Filipino-American War.

The 52-year old Lukban personally visited Balangiga to witness the momentous turnover of the revered bells on Saturday (December 15).

"The bells are back to unite the people in Balangiga. We are very much happy to be here," he said.

The bells were returned to the country 117 years after these artifacts were forcibly removed by the American soldiers from the belfry

of the church of the town.

The three bells were repatriated back to the country on December 11 and were formally turned over to the parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish on Dec.15.

Gen. Lukban's name is inscribed along with 113 Filipino soldiers who fought during the September 28, 1901 attack against the American soldiers assigned at that time in this town at the Balangiga Incident Marker, located within the town plaza.

The Balangiga Incident Marker is the work of National Artist Napoleon Abueva which was inaugurated during the 102nd Balangiga Incident anniversary on September 28, 2003. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Son of a town mayor arrested for the murder of a Samar village official

TACLOBAN CITY – A son of a town mayor in Samar was arrested by police authorities for the crime of murder but linked some of the province's prominent political leaders as the alleged masterminds.

Francis Grey, son of San Jorge Mayor Joseph Grey, was arrested for the killing of Romulo Barcoma, chairman of Barangay Sapinet, San Jorge town, on February 13, 2016 by police personnel in Cavite and Samar Provincial Police Office last December 7, 2018 in Baliyai Subdivision, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite.

His arrest was by virtue of a warrant issued by Judge Feliciano Aguilar, presiding judge Regional

Trial Court Branch 41 in Gandara, Samar.

In his media interview, Grey claimed that the masterminds on the killing of Barcoma were Calbayog City Mayor Ronald Aquino and gubernatorial candidate Emil Zosa.

He also named one Jopas Gonzaga as the other one who ordered to kill Barcoma due to illegal drug trade.

Grey claimed that Aquino, Zosa and Gonzaga are into illegal drug trade and admitted that he uses illegal drugs.

"Nobody forced me to testify. All I want is for this issue to be finished," Grey said.

When asked if his parents knew of his decision to testify against Aquino

and Zosa, Grey said that his parents have no idea of his action.

"I just want to reveal the truth that I did not kill Romulo Barcoma. I was there on the planning but I don't want to execute the plan because Romulo and Lando Barcoma are my friends," Grey added.

He added that his parents were mad at him with his involvement to the murdered village official and his brother, Lando, who was said to be engaged in the illegal drugs.

Mayor Grey, in a press conference on December 15, debunked the statement of his son which he said is part of plan to destroy his good relationship with see Son /page 10 ...

Local volunteers join Samar 1st district engineering office's coastal clean-up drive

CALBAYOG CITY-As part of the contributing agent of the community's welfare, the Department of Public Works and Highways-Samar First District Engineering Office (DP-WH-SFDEO) conducted a coastal clean-up drive at Barangay Burabod Sta. Margarita, Samar, with the help of volunteers from nearby barangays on December 10, 2018 to promote better ocean health and environmental consciousness.

Tons of trash are

dumped on the coastlines every year. The garbage includes plastic bottles, plastic bags and packaging, food wrappers and cigarette butts – detracting from the natural beauty of the shore and harming wildlife.

Volunteers from every section of SFDEO picked and segregated trash and debris for item classification. They were able to collect 238 kilograms of trash, mostly consisting of plastic bottles and wrappers, used diapers, and soiled card-

board.

The whole process was sped up with the presence of locals from the villages of Burabod, Cautod, and Monbon who volunteered to join the coastal clean-up.

Trash accumulates in the ocean, threatens the health of every creatures in it and the ecosystem, at the same time endangering the life of people. What goes to the ocean goes back to us. (BON JOSEPH A. ASTILLA/PIO STAFF)



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Borongan City, Eastern Samar



In the matter of

MSA No. 082609-22

In the name of Hrs of Bernabe A. Bago
Rep by Maria Catalina Chantal B. Vivero
Applicant

Lot No. 165, Case 1, Cad 430
Brgy. 5, Guiuan, Eastern Samar

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ORDER OF APPROVAL OF APPRAISAL AND GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO SELL

By virtue of the authority vested on me by DENR Administrative Order No. 2016-07 and as recommended by the Appraisal Committee of CENRO Borongan Eastern Samar, the appraisal and grant of authority to sell and above subject land under the provisions of RA 730, as amended, is hereby approved at EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P800.00) per square meter or TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P236,000.00) for the whole tract of land.

SO ORDERED.

Borongan City, Eastern Samar, _____

RICARDO T. TOMOL
PENR Officer

47 city gov't workers undergo random drug testing

TACLOBAN CITY - Some 47 city government workers have undergone an unannounced random drug testing on December 10.

This is the second time that the city government under the administration of Mayor Cristina Romualdez has initiated a drug test this year.

Last October, 49 employees were randomly

subjected to drug testing but none tested positive.

The random drug testing is part of the hardline stance of the city government under the leadership of Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez on illegal drugs.

The New Beginnings Drug Rehabilitation Program of the local government unit spearheaded the drug testing activity in partnership with the Philippine

Drug Enforcement Agency and the Department of Interior and Local Government.

Workers who will be tested positive in the random drug test and during the confirmatory test will likely be terminated from work but the city government has assured that due process will be followed. - (CIO with a report from K.NAPALA)



Pres. Duterte...

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Mr. Duterte also said that no single individual could claim on the responsibility for the return of the bell carted away by the Americans 117 years ago.

"The bells are returned and it was really because of the fervent prayers of the entire Filipino nation, period," he said.

The bells, two of them were displayed at F.E. Warren Air Base in Wyoming, USA while the other one was displayed at Camp Red Cloud located in Uijeongbu City, South Korea, were used to signal the attack of the local guerillas against the US troops which resulted to the death of 48 American soldiers.

This, in turn, resulted for the American troops, led by General Jacob Smith, ordered to kill the locals, to include boys 10 and above, and turned Samar into a 'howling wilderness.'

During the program, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Joseph Felter, who represented US Defense Chief James Mattis, greeted the villagers "Merry Christmas" as he presented the bells to the ecstatic and tearful crowd gathered at the venue.

"We hope you will ring in the church of Balangiga once again uplifting and gracing us all with the voices of our better angels," he said.

The three bells arrived in Manila on December 11, after it was transported by "The Spirit of MacArthur," a plane named after the legendary American General Douglas MacArthur who led the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese occupation during World War II.

"MacArthur famously kept his promise to return to the Philippines. This week, MacArthur returned again this time with the bells," Felter said.

For his part, John Law, chief of mission of the US Embassy to the Philippines, said that the return of the bells underscores the enduring friendship of the two nations.

"Many Filipinos of good heart and good will work tirelessly for decades for the return of the bells. The bells are home now in Balangiga where they belong. These bells are yours," he said.

He also thanked the American veteran groups who lobbied hard on the return of the bells.

While Law admitted that the bells "regrettably caught up in the conflict" during the Philippine-American war, he said two countries have now become partners and allies.

"Our relationship has withstood difficulty and it flourishes today," Law said.

Church leaders in the Diocese of Borongan also expressed gratitude to both US and Philippine government officials who lobbied on the repatriation of the bells.

"Please be assured that we will return the bells to their original purpose, and care and cherish them for its precious legacy," said Bishop Crispin Varquez of the Borongan Diocese, in his speech during the rites, said.

"We courageously express our commitment that we will do everything we can that these bells will not be separated from us again. They will remain in this church. Never again, Balangiga, these bells will be taken away from you," the bishop said.

Archbishop Valles, for his part, said that the bells' repatriation "underlines deeper appreciation of respect and friendship."

Valles referred to the hand-over ceremony as "a very joyful event."

Town Mayor Randy Graza, who received the bells from Defense Sec. Lorenzana, said that they are just too glad that the

bells were finally returned to them.

"The Balangiga Bells have returned because of goodwill. The Balangiga Bells will not ring again for what it tolled 117 years ago," Graza said.

To honor the heroism and legacy of the "brave sons" of Balangiga, Leyte Rep. Yedda Marie Romualdez filed a resolution calling for the recognition and commendation of the "bravery, courage, and sacrifice of the unarmed heroes of Balangiga and the Parish of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr."

Meanwhile, Rolando Borrinaga, historian and one of the campaigners of the bell, said that the repatriation of the bells should paved the way for an unapologetic manner of celebrating the Balangiga Encounter.

"We will celebrate as a victor. We won against a powerful enemy, we won against ourselves and our limitations," Borrinaga said.

He was also hopeful that because of Balangiga is now in the limelight, this can also "generate tourism" to the town.

Balangiga...

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The Church used the just returned Balangiga Bells signaling the start of the dawn masses which was clearly heard, at least within the town center.

At 4:15 am, the smallest of the three historic bells, which were mounted in a movable platform made of gold-painted steel and specially built by the Department of National Defense, was pealed five times to signal the start of the mass.

About 900 faithful attended the two-hour mass which was marred by a power failure. The church used its power generator all throughout the proceeding.

"This is a very special mass because the bells are now with us. The pealing of the bells is so distinctive that could not be described in words," Fr. Tybaco said during an interview after he presided the mass.

He hopes that with the returned of the bells, the

already religious Balangiganos will "further deepen their faith."

Severa Duran, 80, said that she was heartened to see that the church was filled with the faithful.

"While there were times that the church is filled up with people, today's number of Churchgoers is bigger. Perhaps, it's because we have the bells already," she said.

Duran said that what made her doubly excited to see the bells is that it happened 'in my lifetime.'

"There were efforts before for the bells be returned to us but all failed until now. At least it happened in my lifetime," the retired school teacher said.

The three bells, which was officially turned over to the parish Saturday by town Mayor Randy Graza after a ceremony held at the town's gymnasium or covered court and witnessed by President Rodrigo Duterte and US officials led by John Law, chief of mission of the

US Embassy, and Defense Assistant Secretary Joseph Filter.

Just after the mass ended, the bells were immediately surrounded by those who attended mass.

And as expected, they took photos with the bells as their backdrop.

Several children were seen touching the bells.

Melody Lumagbas, 13, said that she, just like the rest of the people of Balangiga, is happy to see the bells up close and personal.

"I just saw the bells on television and now, the bells are in our Church. I am happy to see them myself," she said, giggling.

The bells are temporarily placed inside the Church due to 'security concern,' Fr. Tybaco said.

He could not say when these bells are to be placed back to the church's belfry or at the church's grounds where three concrete stands were earlier constructed.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CFN NO. _____ Date: December 17, 2018
CCE NO. 0019-2018 R.A. 10172

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No.1, Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARIA B. SABALLA** has filed with this Office a petition for correction of entry in the DATE OF BIRTH: (day) (month) of her nephew from "**28 Oct.**" to "**27 September**", in the Certificate of live birth of **BERND SABALLA GRAWE** at Babatngon, Leyte and whose parents are **MILAGROS BUENA SABALLA** and **BERNHARD GRAWE**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than JANUARY 2, 2019.

(Sgd.) **NILO C. CAÑETE, JR.**

LSDE: Dec. 18 & 25, 2018

Municipal Civil Registrar

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0058-2018-RA 10172

Date: 03 DECEMBER 2018

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JOSEPH L. RONATO** has filed with this Office, a (name of document owner)

petition for change of first name from "**NOT APPLICABLE**" to "**NOT APPLICABLE**" and correction of entry in sex from "**X 2 FEMALE**" to "**X 1 MALE**" in the certificate of live birth of **JOSEPH LUPAS RONATO** at the Municipality of Laoang, Northern Samar and whose parents are **TRINIDAD PINCA LUPAS** and **CEFERINO DE ASIS RONATO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than January 2, 2019.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL D. ATENCIO**

LSDE: Dec. 18 & 25, 2018

City/Municipal Civil Registrar



Presidential adviser on peace process Sec. Hermognes Esperon poses with Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan and Dr. Leo Douglas Cardona of the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. during the December 15 turnover of the Balangiga Bells attended by Pres. Rodrigo Duterte. (Facebook of Gov.Tan)

Samar Gov. ...
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Tiopes added that the local government will be demolishing the covered court that covers the view of the Balangiga Incident Marker and the DOT will help them to look for fund in the construction of the new covered court in a property acquired by the local government unit. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Son. ...
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Mayor Aquino and Zosa. "My son was under duress (threatened). I think somebody forced him to say those (statements)," Mayor Grey said. "Whatever information they get now from Francis, they cannot use it in court because he is being threatened. I understand the situation of my son right now, uttering so much word," Mayor Grey added.

The older Grey added that he is thankful to Mayor Aquino and Zosa for understanding the situation of his son. Meanwhile, Governor Sharee Ann Tan, when asked to comment on the claim of the younger Grey, said that her family has nothing to do with what he did.

"If there are personalities who happened to be our political opponents (named by Grey), we have nothing to do with it," Gov. Tan said.

Currently, the younger Grey is detained in a jail facility in Catbalogan City. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Tacloban city gov't to hold necrological services to former mayor Mate



Former Mayor Uldario 'Darik' Mate, Sr.

TACLOBAN CITY- The city government under Mayor Cristina Romualdez will pay its last respects to former mayor Uldario 'Darik' Mate, Sr. as a necrological service will be held for the former mayor at the at the City Hall Main Building Lobby on December 17, 2018 at 5pm.

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