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NEW AMBULANCE. Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon (center) inspects on Sept. 13, 2021 the newly acquired brand new modern ambulance for the city government's rescue and emergency operations. The city used this year's DRRM fund to buy the ambulance. Also in the photo are (L-R) Ana Carmela Ventura-Remigio (City Tourism Officer), Nelda Casas (OIC, Budget Officer), Clinton Ulep (OIC, GSO) and Charito Malicad (City Information Officer). (Photo courtesy of LC Info Office/text by Ilocos Sentinel)

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PGIN's more cash aid for rangers, EEP beneficiaries

• To help alleviate the plight of the needy amid the COVID pandemic--Gov. MMM

For nearly a month, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) under Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, has rolled out a series of province-wide distributions of cash aid to beneficiaries of emergency employment program (EEP) and salaries of Barangay Ranger Officers.

On August 26, Gov. Marcos Manotoc, along with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and Office of the Barangay Affairs (OBA), distributed salaries to 250 displaced workers in Laoag City as part of a cash-for-work emergency employment program. Recipients from Barangays Araniw, Zamboanga, San Lorenzo, Sta. Balbina, Mangato East and West, and Apaya received Php 1,275 each for five days of work. The same distribution was also held at the Provincial Capitol's Bonsai Garden, and at Barangays 4, 29,

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Over 9,000 village frontliners, others in crisis get financial aid

A total of 9,294 barangay frontliners, pandemic-affected families, and individuals have received financial assistance from the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

The PGIN earlier set aside Php 10,000 for each of Ilocos Norte's 559 barangays, while

Senators Imee R. Marcos and Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go appropriated P50 million and P5 million, respectively, for the DSWD's Aid to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) Program.

Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc commended the barangay frontliners for their role in maintaining health

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MMSU's 13 medical graduates hurdle physicians licensure exams

• Test result shows our University's 100% passing rate--Agrupis

BATAC CITY --

Thirteen graduates of the Mariano Marcos State University-College of Medicine (COM) have passed the licensure examination for physicians administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), surpassing the national average of 70.12 percent.

MMSU-College of Medicine officials named their successful examinees as Ethell Maine G. Alipio, Danah Mae R. Arzadon, Rachele J. Bocoboc, Katheryne S. Castillo, Jenny P. Conception, Yvonny D. Covadez, Gianfranco Emmanuel M. Doloroso, Ma. Lynnuelle Faye P. Erojo, Jhichel Y. Ibañez, Eleanor Joyce R. Magallanes, Wilen Grace M. Mina, Hanani Hope B. Miguel, and Danielle B. Quigao.

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Overheated oven toaster causes Laoag fire--BFP

LAOAG CITY, Sept. 21, 2021--BFP investigators said an overheated oven toaster probably sparked the fire that burned a residential house at Brgy, 23, this city.

F/Senior Inspector Ronald Castillo, city marshal of the Bureau of Fire Protection, reported that a house occupant

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Guest Editorial:

**DOH, PopCom, Bayer observe
World Contraception Day 2021**

Calling for a better family planning method and an accessible contraceptive distribution nationwide, the Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and Bayer Philippines, Inc., today (September 23) led the observance of the World Contraception Day 2021.

The said agencies are pushing to increase awareness on the country's reproductive health situation that can be achieved through better investments and intensified support for women's health, family planning programs, as well as increased awareness of the provisions of Republic Act 10354, or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law. This will be possible through partnerships with allied government agencies and local government units, the private sector, civil society organizations, academe, the media, and other relevant advocates.

During World Population Day 2021 in July, POPCOM reported that despite the modest addition to the 8 million Filipino women and men who have availed of modern family planning services in 2020, it is likely that the pandemic has "severely impaired" their access to reproductive health and family planning services, which are particularly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. This could lead to a possible rise in the numbers of unplanned pregnancies particularly among adolescents, maternal mortalities, and cases of gender-based violence.

"Despite the limitations of our current situation, we, at the Department of Health, are cognizant of the need for safe and accurate avenues where Filipino men and women, especially our adolescents have the access to resources and support for family planning and contraception, be it online or offline," said Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire of the Department of Health.

World Contraception Day 2021 underlines the importance of continued partnership among the government and non-government agencies and generating awareness on family planning. On its 15th anniversary, the celebration focuses on empowering Filipinos especially the youth to make informed decisions in their reproductive health, with the hope of enabling them to enjoy a healthy and productive life. (DOH)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Erroneous report on
seminary Covid 'outbreak'**

The news, which originated from CNN Philippines last Sept. 21 and circulated through other media outlets, averred that "Christ the King Seminary in Quezon City tested positive for COVID-19, the local government says." "Twenty-five of the 59 individuals in the Christ the King Mission Seminary contracted the coronavirus," the QC government added.

According to the rector of CKMS, Fr. Pablito Tagura, SVD, "The seminary is not infected, but only some retired priests at the Villa Cristo Rey retirement house and some of their caregivers." The priest who died was a separate incident caused mainly of heart ailment and diabetes. The other houses like the faculty, college seminarians' buildings, and mission home had no part of the alleged COVID "outbreak."

Moreover, the report that "at

least 25 priests and staff, out of 59, tested positive" is grossly exaggerated. The retirement house does not have that big number.

Media people should show utmost care in crafting their reports. In the case of Christ the King Seminary, those concerned should have picked their news from reliable, primary sources, like the rector of the house, rather than from secondary, inaccurate sources.

Sunday Reflection: 'Cutting off a hand'

There's a story about a man in prison who was generously donating his bodily organs. He donated first one of his kidneys, then his eye, then an arm. The warden became suspicious and snarled: "Hey, you are escaping by installment!"

In the gospel of this 26th Sunday, Christ talks about bodily mutilation. "If your hand

(Note: Fr. San Luis hails from Laoag City. He served as President of Divine Word College of Laoag in the 1980s. His new turf is the Christ The King Seminary in Quezon City. Thank you, Father Bel for sharing your weekly column for the Ilocos Sentinel.—Editor)

or foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands or feet and go to hell." (cf. Mark 9:43).

In some Middle East countries, a robber is punished by the authority with cutting of the finger or hand depending on the kind and gravity of his crime.

Physical mutilation, however, is no guarantee that the wrongdoer will not commit crime again. There are armless people who steal or mastermind a crime.

Our Lord is saying in a hyperbolic or exaggerated way that the ROOT CAUSE of sin or wrongdoing should be cut or eradicated. For instance, an evil motive or desire should be cut since the mind influences our actions.

The second important lesson our Lord stresses in this Sunday

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

by Eduardo Teodoro "Jet" B. Ramos, Jr.

An open letter to DepEd as we are starting a new academic year and beginning a new chapter

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Dear DepEd:
Good day!

We teachers are enthused and grateful that another academic year is about to start. Though we are still in a state of calamity (we all know what it is, so we do not need to elaborate it further), we still could not believe that we are needed so much by our society, especially our learners. Thus, we thank the good Lord for not forsaking us and we also would like to thank you, DepEd, for being our partner (although there are times when we both have shortcomings on our end).

Our mission as teachers, yes, is to model and promote learning at all times not just in our respective classrooms. However, Secretary Leonor Magtolis-Briones (the grand dame of education in these trying times), let me remind you that we teachers are not slaves to our learners' whims, to their parents' caprices, and to your agency's discombobulating and sometimes petty edicts that serve not our collective welfare but your agency's desire to project an image of superiority and sophistication.

Time and again have you, DepEd, made so many teachers overworked and overwhelmed yet underpaid and underappreciated. Secretary Briones and your undersecretaries, I am so

appalled by the way you utterly disregard us teachers by delaying salaries, making us work like horses yet look stupid like asses, and inundating us with so much paperwork.

Shame on you, Secretary, so you have no other option but to step down!

We teachers would be so glad come July 1, 2022 because by then, you will have been irrevocably replaced. Do not force yourself into DepEd any further because your ideas are nothing but stale and inapplicable to today's educational landscape.

I remember not too long ago how you, Secretary Briones, showed your insouciance towards us teachers, especially those who had to contend with modules that were rendered wet by heavy rains. You even told the teachers to do something about their situation instead of lifting a finger.

Jesus Christ, and all the while you claim to be a member of the UCCP! Your sarcasm is getting into our nerves, damn it!

Blame it on incompetence, on senility, or even both!

We teachers do not want to assail you totally because all we want is to enjoy teaching and researching, not suffering like masochists in a

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ADAC SPECIAL AWARD. The local government of Currima o under Mayor Edward Quilala received from DILG-Ilocos Norte OIC PD Roger Daquioag a Plaque of Recognition from the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) for sustaining the drug-free status of its unaffected barangays. The simple awarding ceremony was witnessed by MLGOO Consuelo A. Lara, P/Lt. Ireneo Sibucan, the town’s police chief, and several Sangguniang Bayan members of Currima o. (Photo courtesy of DILG Ilocos Norte)

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BDSM session.

As we start a new academic year, we teachers would like to propose that the following be done starting this academic year:

1)Lessen paperwork outright. – We teachers are meant to teach and to do research, not to be filing clerks. Inundating us with so much work renders us bereft of our dignity. Put that in your head, Secretary Briones. Do not be the diffident bureaucrat that you have always been, for a change.

2)Discipline erring students. – Frankly, I give a damn about our children of today. However, we hate it when we are blamed for our students’ errant behavior. Better blame it on the parents and the environment (unless there are some teachers who are to blame, mainly due to their Hitler-like psychopathic tendencies).

3)Pay teachers bi-monthly. – This is what should have been done way before. However, DepEd assumes that teachers can get by and that assumption is actually a mortal sin of omission (and commission, since the agency implements the once-a-month payment). Do something about it before you step down and then retire permanently, Secretary!

4)Do not brand teachers who have made honest mistakes as incompetent. – This goes also to principals and fellow teachers. Who are you to judge others openly and indiscriminately? Look at

yourselves!

5)Do not focus on teachers’ weaknesses and issues alone. – This is one of DepEd’s greatest mistakes, so it is no surprise that many teachers give up altogether. There are also many teachers who feel stupid and incompetent in part due to DepEd’s misguided actions in terms of developing teachers.

6)Never ever bombard us with so much training. – This is not only cloying but also joy-robbing. Could you please schedule them right?

7)Provide teachers with protection of their rights. – You, DepEd, have been too learned-centered that you have unwittingly turned them into little princes and princesses at everyone’s beck and call.

8)Do not act like you are the Gestapo. – Enough said.

There, ladies and gentlemen of DepEd, are my suggestions for teachers to enjoy teaching more instead of heading to the nearest public cemetery!

Sincerely,

Your Ilocano Educator

If you have suggestions in terms of the education-related topics that you want me to feature, please feel free to send me an email to edteo.ramos@yahoo.com or to coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com and I will reply to you as soon as I receive your email.

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gospel is that nothing is more important than eternal salvation. The value of a hand or a foot is nothing compared to the value of eternal life.

This may be compared to a man who has a serious infection in the right leg. The doctor tells him that the gangrenous leg has to be amputated. “It’s better for you to lose the leg rather than lose your life,” the doctor wants to say.

There’s a certain lady who’s been separated from her husband but is carrying on an affair with a married man.

The woman knows deep inside that what she’s

doing is morally wrong but it’s hard for her to break away. She’s confused, unhappy, and feels remorse of conscience. Her situation is like the rubber band. If you pull it in opposite directions, you create a tension. Once you let go of one end, there is no longer any tension.

The question is: What is that thing or person that you should remove or “cut off”? Is it excessive attachment, say, to money, drinking, gambling, or an illicit relation like the above story? One has to honestly admit what it is that’s holding him back from God. Then he must pray for the courage to give it up — even if it is

something or someone as precious as a hand, a foot, or an eye — in exchange for eternal salvation.

Seafarers Sunday. Today, Sept. 26, is National Seafarers Sunday. “Seafarers” is a broad term which refers to people working in ships, active and retired seamen, fishermen, those waiting for maritime employment, including maritime students.

We pray that the Lord keep our Filipino seafarers safe from all dangers — physical, moral and spiritual. May the bond of love and unity with their families remain strong despite the loneliness of their

work, the distance and long separation.

To paraphrase the Lord: “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but suffers the loss of his own FAMILY.”

S U P P O R T SEMINARIANS. Let’s help our seminarians enrolling for the new school year. Seminarians are very important in the church. Without them, we cannot have priests, missionaries, bishops and popes.

Donate any amount or sponsor a seminarian’s schooling for one school year. For inquiry, e-mail me at: belsvd@gmail.com.

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and Rioeng.

On September 13-20, Gov. Marcos Manotoc, PENRO, and OBA for the same aid distribution went to Barangays Balaoi and Caunayan in Pagudpud; Barangays Paayas, Bobon, and Pagali in Burgos; and Barangays Naglicuan, and Davila in Pasuquin, where nearly a thousand beneficiaries got their salaries.

The beneficiaries had worked in social community projects such as debris clearing, de-clogging of canals, waste segregation, and materials recovery, stockpiling, and clearing.

“Alam po nating mahirap ang panahon ngayon, kaya inisip po namin na kailangan ninyo ng tulong at mabigyan kayo ng ayuda sa pamamagitan ng ating cash-for-work. Rest assured na ito pa lang ang simula ng tuloy-tuloy pa na tulong namin sa inyo,” the Governor

remarked.

On the other hand, Gov. Manotoc, accompanied by local chief executives, distributed the salaries of Barangay Ranger Officers (BROs) in Solsona, Nueva Era, and Pasuquin towns last September 10, 15, and 16 respectively. The BROs got P6,000 each.

The BROs are tasked to sustain the PGIN’s local greening programs, particularly the Ilocos Norte’s “Green Wall” consisting of some 8,000 hectares of forest lands and watersheds.

To sum it up, the Governor said that amid the COVID pandemic, PGIN would pursue a more vigorous campaign by implementing various employment programs to alleviate the plight of the displaced workers, local entrepreneurs, tourism industry workers, and returning overseas Filipinos, among others. (pgin/cmo)

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and safety protocols at the grassroots and expressed hope that the amount given brings joy to them.

“Gusto kong magpasalamat kasi halos isang taon at kalahati na tayo sa pandemya at tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang trabaho ng mga [barangay] frontliners natin. Talagang taos-puso kaming nagpapasalamat sa inyo. Thank you for keeping Ilocos Norte safe,” he said.

He also thanked Senator Marcos and Senator Go for allocating a portion of their annual budget to the DSWD’s

AICS Program.

Beneficiaries of the AICS are the families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, displaced workers, persons with disabilities, single parents, indigents, senior citizens, and those in need of medical assistance.

The ongoing financial aid distribution started in Piddig town in the first week of September, followed by Vintar and Nueva Era where the beneficiaries got Php 3,000 each.— (Blessing Angel V. Agliam, PGIN-CMO)

MMSU’s.....(page 1)

MMSU University President Shirley C. Agrupis congratulated their new 13 physicians as she became ecstatic over MMSU’s another perfect passing rate.

MMSU-CoM, the sole medical school in Ilocos Norte, is now considered among the medical education powerhouses in the country, she said.

On the other hand, Dr. Ricardo S. Guanzon, CoM dean, thanked the university administration,

and the college’s partner hospitals such as the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMHC) and Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) for their

valuable contribution in the success of the MMSU new set of physicians.

The MMSU-CoM new graduates were among the 1,084 passers, out of 1,546 examinees, who took the physician board exams held in Baguio, Cagayan De Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Tacloban and Zamboanga on September 11-12 and 18-19, 2021. PRC released the results on September 24.

Since the MMSU-CoM was founded six years ago, its medical graduates achieved a whopping 100% passing rate in the November 2020 licensure test. It repeated the same perfect passing rate in March 2021 and the latest, this September 2021. (IS)

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PANGASINAN

Ilocos Sur distributes ECQ relief goods to residents

VIGAN CITY, Sept. 23 (PIA) - - The provincial government of Ilocos Sur has started distributing relief goods to its residents to help them during the enforcement of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) which started Wednesday until October 6.

In a press conference on Monday, Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson announced the imposition of ECQ in the cities of Vigan and Candon, along with the municipalities of Sinit, Cabugao, San Juan, Magsingal, Santo Domingo, San Ildefonso, San Vicente, Santa Catalina, Bantay, Caoayan, Santa Narvacan, Santa Maria, Santiago, Santa Lucia, Santa Cruz, Salcedo, Gregorio del Pilar and Suyo which have recorded the highest COVID-19 confirmed cases in the province for the past weeks.

Sacks of rice and whole dressed chickens were initially distributed

to the households of the said local government units.

“Ayokong mahirapan ang ating mga kababayan lalo na sa mga nakatira sa lugar na sasailalim sa ECQ. Kasabay ng pagpapalano namin sa mga guidelines at protocols, inaayos na ng provincial government ang mga inisyal na ayuda upang maibigay na ang mga ito bago pa magsimula ang ECQ,” Governor Singson said during the press conference.

The provincial government continues to distribute relief goods until all cities and municipalities under ECQ are provided with assistance.

Prior to this, the provincial government also provided stay-at-home food packs to the residents of various barangays in the province which were put under extreme ECQ due to the surge of Covid-19 cases in their barangays.

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Robinsons Place La Union, ginawaran ng Safety Seal sa araw ng kanilang Pagbubukas

Ginawaran ng lokal na pamahalaan ang Robinsons Place La Union ng Safety Seal noong September 24, araw ng kanilang pagbubukas.

Ito ay patunay na ang kanilang establisyemento ay compliant sa requirements ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) upang maayos na makasunod at maisagawa ng mga mamamayan ang minimum health standards.

Ang Safety Seal ay iginawad ng Local Economic and Business Development Officer, na si Sally Medrano. Kabilang sa mga dumalo sa paggawad sina Faraday Go, Executive Vice President ng Robinsons

Land Corporation, at Councilor Chary Nisce.

Ang Safety Seal Program ay ipinapatupad alinsunod sa DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-053 at Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01.

Anumang opisina o establisyemento na sumusunod sa minimum health standards, mayroong digital contact tracing app, at compliant sa iba pang requirements ng Safety Seal Inspection and Certification Team ay mabibigyan ng naturang Safety Seal.

Hinihikayat ng City Government ang lahat ng business owners na mag-apply para sa Safety Seal para tayo ay maging ligtas mula sa COVID-19.

DPWH completes access road along San Fabian beach

SAN FABIAN, Pangasinan, Sept 23 (PIA) - - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has completed the construction of a 1.335 kilometer access road leading to the San Fabian beach in Barangay Bolasi here.

District Engineer Edita Manuel of DPWH's Second Engineering District said the P37.5-million road funded under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2020 includes a main feeder distribution system for lighting and stonemasonry with stamped concrete or commonly referred to as patterned concrete or

imprinted concrete with rubber stamps designed from “real stone”, which enhances the look of the paved road.

“A better and more convenient access to the beach awaits tourist as our country’s tourism slowly eases up to progress to aid national recovery and rebuilding for the future in this time of pandemic,” Engr. Manuel said.

Manuel said local business owners will surely benefit from the access road or boardwalk due to the anticipated flock of tourists awaiting to experience the beauty of the beach, once travel

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Dagupenos urged to keep family gatherings safe by following health protocols

DAGUPAN CITY, Sept. 24 (PIA) – In line with the celebration of the National Family Week, the City Health Office (CHO) Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Task Force of Dagupan City has cautioned all Dagupenos to follow the health protocols in having family gatherings to prevent possible transmission at home.

Dr. Ophelia Rivera, focal person of Dagupan City COVID-19 Task Force, said that in celebrating Family Week, the public should follow health protocols to uphold the safety of every member of the family.

“Sa ating datos ngayon makikita natin na marami ang affected sa COVID-19 ay pami-pamilya. So nakikita natin na ‘yung transmission sa loob ng bahay. If you really care for each other, protektahan mo yung sarili mo at protektahan mo rin yung pamilya mo,” Rivera said in a video clip posted at the Public Information

Office of Dagupan City. She said the public may still conduct a celebration but they should be mindful about the minimum health protocols such as social distancing and wearing of face masks.

“Kumain nang may distansiya at wala munang mag-uusap. Kumain muna at pagkatapos ay magsuot ng face mask at doon lang magkwentuhan para makasigurado tayo na walang possible transmission,” Rivera said.

She added that wearing a facemask even at home is the best and the most important way to protect the household from possible transmission of COVID-19.

This year’s celebration of the National Family Week is anchored on theme: “Pamilya at Teknolohiya: Magkabalik at Mapagtagumpayan ang Hamon ng Pandemya”. (Elsha Marie S. Arguel/PIA Pangasinan)

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City IATF convenes after SF records 1st Delta case, forwards imposition of ECQ

AGASM, the City Inter-Agency Task Force Against COVID-19, met in an emergency meeting this afternoon to discuss the imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine on the City of San Fernando, after a Covid-19 Delta Variant case has been recorded yesterday, September 25, 2021.

The City’s Comprehensive Contingency Plan for the Covid-19 Delta Variant has been activated, and all of the key members of the City Covid-19 Technical Working Group has been instructed to fast track the arrangement and preparation of all logistical requirements for

the heightened lockdown restriction including the provision of relief goods and quarantine passes, as well as coordination with barangays and affected establishments and offices.

The ECQ lockdown is targeted to be imposed on October 1, 2021, Friday, under the approval of the Provincial Government of La Union and the Regional IATF.

The City Government of San Fernando headed by Manong Dong urges everyone to adhere strictly to the APAT DAPAT health protocols - Air Circulation, Physical Distancing, Always wear your face mask and face shield, and Time interaction should be lessened to 30 minutes.

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allegedly left unattended an overheated oven toaster which probably triggered the blaze.

He said the house was already engulfed with flame when they arrived at the scene after they got the emergency call at 3:48 a.m.

Responding firefighters from Laoag,

Sarrat, and San Nicolas jointly contained the blaze and declared fire out after 35 minutes.

SI Castillo said they rescued an elderly woman who was trapped waiting for help inside her room.

The cost of damages in the incident was initially placed at P1 million. (tri-media report)

ILOCOS SUR

Almost 100k people are now fully vaccinated in Ilocos Sur

VIGAN CITY, Sept. 22 (PIA) - - The intensified corona virus disease (COVID-19) vaccination program of the provincial government of Ilocos Sur has vaccinated a total of 137,232 residents.

Some 98,162 of these have received full doses of the vaccines, including the single dose Janssen vaccine.

This is according to the latest vaccination update from the Provincial Health Office (PHO) recorded as of September 15.

The PHO said the figure comprised 19.47 percent of the 504,158 target eligible population of the province to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

“Since March, we have received 164,959 doses of Sinovac, 54,460 doses of AstraZeneca, 14,106

doses of Pfizer, 7,984 doses of Sputnik, 11,940 doses of Moderna, and 30,600 doses of the one-shot Janssen vaccine,” the PHO said.

Moreover, Provincial Tourism Officer Michael Ryan Astom reported a total of 1,044 tourism workers who have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

“Some 373 of these have been fully vaccinated,” he added.

These include ‘kutcheros’, accommodation staff, tour guides, souvenir shops staff, tourist attraction staff, restaurant employees, travel agency employees, convention center employees, tourist police, and loom weavers of Ilocos Sur.

Meanwhile, the local government

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **DENNIS TUNGPALAN BASILIO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**CELIA**" to "**CELIA JANE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CELIA ERMAC** who was born on December 23, 1961 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Zacarias Ermac and Adelina Tungpalan.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 4, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**
City Civil Registrar

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **MARIA PAMBID** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 29073, situated at Bgy. Payaw, Batac City, covered by OCT No. P-23281 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto **VICTOR B. GABION** in an instrument executed before Notary Public **ATTY. WINDELL D. CHUA**; Doc. No. 5; Page No. 2; Book No. CLXXXIV; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **PEDRO LORENZO** and **LAUREANA GARO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot Nos. 5313 and 5320, both situated in the Barrio of Mangato, Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-11148 has been adjudicated by legal heirs and simultaneously waived all rights and interests in favor of **FILEMON V. LORENZO**, **FELIPE V. LORENZO**, **CARIDAD L. ARCON**, **PRUDENCIO V. LORENZO** and **JIMMY V. LORENZO** in an instrument executed before **ATTY. Nestor T. Corpuz**; Doc. No. 458; Page No. 93; Book No. XX; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased Spouses **BENIGNO BASAMOT, SR.** and **CONSUELO ULIT BASAMOT** pertaining to three (3) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 3341, 3396 and 3289, all situated at Brgy. Naguiragan, Batac City, covered by TCT No. T-19670, TCT No. T-19673 and TCT No. T-19669, respectively has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs in an instrument executed before **Atty. Francisco A. Musni**; Doc. No. 345; Page No. 70; Book No. CXXV; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased Spouses **SERGIO MARTIN** and **TERESITA N. MARTIN** pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot 7467, situated in Brgy. 46 Nalbo (But-tung before), covered by TCT No. 021-T-15542; and Lot 7505-B of plan (LRC) Psd-283226, being a portion of Lot 7505, situated in Brgy. 45 Tangid (Bengcag before), covered by TCT No. T-15739 has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs in an instrument executed before **Atty. Luciano R. Caraang**; Doc. No. 226; Page No. 46; Book No. CLXXXVIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CRISANTE M. QUIMOYOG** pertaining to six (6) parcels of land designated as Lot 1313-C, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-275; Lot No. 19818, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-2287; Lot No. 40118, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-4102; Lot No. 40613, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-4103; Lot No. 40614, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-4354 and Lot No. 40643, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-4101; that the first lot is situated at Brgy. Labuciao, (Rurban Code No. 012805), Mun. of Batac (City of Batac now), Ilocos Norte, the second lot is situated at Brgy. Colo, Batac City, Ilocos Norte while the remaining four lots are located at Brgy. Camandingan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, respectively has been adjudicated among his heirs and simultaneously waived by heir **Dorotea Quimoyog** all her rights and interests in favor of her children **Ana Liza Marie Q. Sanguir** and **Windell R. Quimoyog** as per instrument executed before **Atty. Vinci M. Crisostomo**; Doc. No. 80; Page No. 17; Book No. CDXX; Series of 2021.

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DILG to LGUs: Prepare for La Niña amid pandemic

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) enjoins all local government units (LGUs) to take precautionary measures to mitigate the impact of La Niña amid the COVID-19 pandemic, following forecasts that there is a 70 to 80% chance of La Niña forming in the last quarter of 2021.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), La Niña may emerge in October 2021 and may persist until the first quarter of 2022. Rainfall forecasts also suggest a higher probability of above-normal rainfall conditions in many areas of the country in the next several months.

DILG Secretary **Eduardo M. Año** directed all LGUs to ensure that all preparedness measures are undertaken in anticipation of the looming La Niña amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We always have to be preemptive instead of reactive in disaster response, which is why as early as now we encourage LGUs to convene their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs), conduct La Niña pre-disaster risk assessment (PDRA), and update their local contingency plans or La Niña action plans for Hydrometeorological Hazards," he said.

"LGUs are also encouraged to engage the participation of Local Health Officers to ensure that critical COVID-19 prevention protocols are already integrated," he added.

The DILG Secretary also urged all LGUs to assess the structural integrity and capacity of vital facilities, especially those being used as evacuation centers, vaccination centers, and multi-purpose buildings, LIGTAS-COVID centers, health centers, and hospitals for COVID-19 cases.

He reminded LGUs to ensure unhampered logistics flow and supply chain management.

On top of these preparations, LGUs

are urged to conduct a monthly assessment and ensure top shape functionality, in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Offices, of all established Early-Warning Systems (EWS).

The DILG further enjoins LGUs to closely coordinate with other relevant agencies, such as PAGASA, Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB), and Department of Health (DOH).

Operation L!STO Undersecretary **Bernardo Florece Jr.** urged LGUs to establish early preparedness actions guided by the Operation L!STO Disaster Preparedness Manual for City and Municipal LGUs.

"The latest and enhanced version of the manual contains a foolproof preparedness checklist on the 'things-to-do' before, during, and after a disaster strikes at the local level, not only for city and municipal mayors, DILG field officers, chiefs of police (COPS) and fire marshals but also for provincial governors," he said.

LGUs are encouraged to implement other policy directives as applicable such as the Operation L!STO Protocols for Hydrometeorological Hazards, and other related issuances.

Aside from LGUs, families are encouraged to prepare their household for disasters through the Gabay at Mapa para sa Listong Pamilyang Pilipino, which requires families to make a household plan determining their evacuation routes, family meeting points, and safe places in their home.

"Disaster preparedness must begin in our homes, which is why in Listong Pamilyang Pilipino, families are advised to prepare their e-Balde, or Emergency Balde, which contains essential items to be brought during an evacuation, such as ready-to-eat food, three gallons of water, medicine, first-aid and hygiene kits, clothes, flashlights, and radios," Florece said.

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CRESENCIA D. BALLUNGAY** pertaining to a BANK DEPOSIT at Philippine Veterans Bank - Laoag Branch under Savings Account Nos. 0044327635102 and 044018000010 was the subject of Affidavit of Claim with Waiver of Rights executed by her surviving heirs **Edgar Ballungay** and **Kristoffer D. Ballungay** executed before Notary Public **Atty. Kristine Amber Corpuz Aurelio**; Doc. No. 345; Page No. 70; Book No. II; Series of 2021.

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WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **FLORENCIO C. IBON** pertaining to a MOTOR VEHICLE described as follows: Make: HONDA; TYPE OF BODY: Motorcycle with Sidecar; ENGINE NO.: KB509E 218832; Chassis No.: KB509 218834; YEAR MODEL: 2011; PLATE NUMBER: 3625 AW; MV File No. 0124-00000090638; SIDECAR NO.: 0450-21 was the subject of Waiver of Rights by his immediate heir **Elizar Q. Ibon** in favor of **Roger Jacinto Adriano** as per instrument executed before Notary Public **Atty. John John P. Felipe**; Doc. No. 279; Page No. 56; Book No. CCXVII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **JUAN MENOR** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 209, CAD-445-D, situated at Bgy. Nagbacalan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-56856 was the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Absolute Sale executed by his heirs before Notary Public **Atty. Jose Roy B. Raval**; Doc. No. 127; Page No. 26; Book No. IV; Series of 2021.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. ALTHEA SAMANTHA A. CALVAN** shall be held on October 8, 2021 at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 12, Laoag City at two o'clock in the afternoon. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file not later than the aforesaid date and hour a verified written opposition thereto and/or appear during the aforesaid scheduled summary hearing.
Laoag City, September 14, 2021.

(Sgd.) **NIDA B. ALEJANDRO**
Executive Judge

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Laoag City, September 14, 2021.

(Sgd.) **NIDA B. ALEJANDRO**
Executive Judge

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **MARIO M. ALCANTARA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12314, Cad-398, situated at Brgy. 16 Quiling Sur, Batac City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P53328 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto **John Carlo M. Nery** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Julius Harvey P. Balbas**; Doc. No. 102; Page No. 21; Book No. XIV; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CARMEN ALMAZAN** and **JUAN SALES** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1652-d, PSD-01-061220, being a portion of Lot 1652, Cad 195, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1144, situated in Barangay Balacad, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-38478 has been adjudicated by their heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Rey Carlos M. Fariñas** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Bernie Francis B. Constantino**; Doc. No. 26; Page No. 6; Book No. LXXXIV; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **MANUEL DADIZ** and **JUANITA CORPUZ DADIZ** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 18013-27, Csd 1-002069 OLT, being a portion of Lot 18013 Cad 307-D, situated at Barrio San Lorenzo, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Henry William M. Guillermo** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Luciano R. Caraang**; Doc. No. 04; Page No. 01; Book No. CXCIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **DEOGRACIAS PASION** pertaining to her share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 22042 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in the Poblacion (Barrio of San Bernabe), Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1702 has been adjudicated by her legal heir and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 1,437.54 sq. m. unto **Spouses Rogelio M. Domingo and Marilyn P. Domingo** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Kathleen Ann A. Bonador-Gumiran**; Doc. No. 365; Page No. 72; Book No. VIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **GELACIO EUGENIO** and **SANTIAGO EUGENIO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 22037, with improvements thereon, situated in the Poblacion (Barrio of San Bernabe), City of Laoag, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 22385 has been adjudicated by their heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Rogelio Miguel Domingo** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Jason Bader LL. Perera**; Doc. No. 471; Page No. 95; Book No. 241; Series of 2017.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **ADRIANA AGUIGAM** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 32032, situated at Brgy. Camguidan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title (P-16744) 2021000052 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto **John Carlo M. Nery** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Windell D. Chua**; Doc. No. 5; Page No. 2; Book No. CLXXXVIII; Series of 2021.

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LGUs have started distributing food packs containing rice, frozen meat, canned goods, instant noodles, among others to its residents. Aside from these initiatives, the city government of Vigan and Candon LGU Santa reactivated its shuttle services for APORs to be able to go to work and residents to access basic necessities. *(Joyah Mae C. Quimoy/PIA Ilocos Sur)*

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **SPOUSES CRISOGONO C. VALLESTEROS** and **FLORA CAMPOS VALLESTEROS** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 22039 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in the Poblacion (Barrio of San Bernabe), Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), covered by T.C.T. No. T-2268 has been adjudicated by their heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Rogelio M. Domingo** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Juan Conrado A. Respicio II**; Doc. No. 164; Page No. 33; Book No. CCCLXXV; Series of 2014.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **Benedicta Salvador, Pablo Soriano, Jose Tumaneng, Marcelino Tumaneng, Guillermo Tumaneng, Modesto Tumaneng, Adan Soriano, Lourdes Soriano, Encarnacion Soriano, Dominador Soriano and Saturnino Soriano** pertaining to their respective shares over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 22034 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in the Barrio of San Bernabe and Vira, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 19154 has been adjudicated by their legal heir **SATURNINO T. SORIANO** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Alfredo A. Madamba**; Doc. No. 3340; Page No. 48; Book No. VII; Series of 1995.

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restrictions due to the pandemic, are lifted. Pangasinan's Fourth District Representative **Christopher De Venecia**, who was also instrumental in seeking funding for the project, said he believes that the structure under the Build, Build, Build program will cause the economy of the town to flourish while showcasing the scenic view of the beach. "Magtatanim tayo ng mga halaman at magtatayo ng iba pang imprastruktura na mas lalong kagigiliwan ng ating mga kabaleyan. Naniniwala tayo na mas lalo pang sisigla at unlad ang turismo at kabuhayan sa bayan ng San Fabian at sa buong cuatro distrito!" De Venecia said. De Venecia added that the access road or boardwalk is only for pedestrians and bicycle riders for a really enjoyable visit where they could lay eyes on the beauty of the beach and commune with nature. *(VENUS MAY H. SARMIENTO/PIA Pangasinan)*

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unit of Gingoog in Misamis Oriental has also intensified its vaccination program to convince its residents to get vaccinated through continuous information dissemination, among others. "We set ourselves as role models – I, along with the vice mayor and members of the city council – got vaccinated for others to see. Our vaccination rate has gone up," Gingoog, Misamis Oriental Mayor **Erick Cañosa** said during his briefing News aired on September 15. "It was a challenge at first because people were afraid of getting the vaccine due to the news on social media and rumors in the barangays; through our information dissemination campaign with the City Health Office and our front liners, we made them understand that the vaccine is safe and we need it to avoid severe complications caused by the virus," he added. *(JCR/VHS/JMCQ, PIA Ilocos Sur)*



Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc distributed on Sept. 17, 2021, livestock, relief supplies, and gift packs to the senior citizens of the Ilocos Norte United Muslim Association (INUMA) based in Laoag City. The Governor praised the INUMA officers and members for their barangay-based farming livelihood project which benefits the Muslim community. (Photo courtesy of PGIN-CMO)

PGIN's 220 arts scholars get a P10-K stipend each

BATAAC CITY, Sept 25 (PIA) -- The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte has distributed the stipends of some 220 arts scholars covering the period of five months.

Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc and Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta Marcos led the distribution of the stipends in a simple program held

at Bataac National High School, this city.

Each scholar received P10,000 or equivalent to P2,000 per month.

Dr. Dany Daquioag, officer-in-charge of the Provincial Education Office, said the recipients are high school students in the first year-to-fourth year levels.

The scholars are

enrolled in the "Special Program of the Arts," such as music, dance, visual arts, theater arts, creative writing, and media arts.

Governor Manotoc noted the increasing number of bright students under the provincial government's various scholarship programs.

The Arts Scholarship Program is the PGIN's

latest category added to the list, namely, Sports, Academic, Medical, Leadership, Agriculture, and Fishery.

Meanwhile, the other 200 chosen scholars also received free tablets from the PGIN to be used in their online classes. (Emma Joyce F. Guillermo/PIA Ilocos Norte)

No-Vaccine, No-Participation for teachers in F2f classes

Holding face-to-face classes may be a good sign that the country is slowly recovering from the pandemic, but the Department of Education (DepEd) should make sure teachers must be vaccinated first.

Former Sen. Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. strongly suggested that Dep-Ed should refrain from proceeding with its proposed policy of not making Covid-19 vaccination mandatory for the teaching and non-teaching personnel of schools that would participate in the pilot-testing of face-to-face classes.

"I think there is a need to take a second look at that policy. Simply because in other countries, ang experiences nila was that there were risks involved in having non-vaccinated teachers and

staff when they went back to face-to-face classes. Don't get me wrong, I'm happy that at least we are trying to start face-to-face classes. It is actually good news because that is a very good sign that, somehow, we are slowly going back to normalcy," he said.

Marcos also noted that unlike last year, when children and teenagers were not so vulnerable to the previous strains of the virus, but with the highly infectious Delta variant now being the dominant variant worldwide, in the Philippines there are already thousands of children in the age range four and below to 19 who have been infected with Covid.

According to data from the Department of Health, there were 38,825 Covid cases among children aged four years old and below; 40,286

among children between five years old and nine years old; 54,847 among children who are 10 to 14 years old; and 82,434 among teenagers between 15 and 19 years old.

The former lawmaker pointed out that with children below 18 still not included in the national vaccination program's priority tiers, they will be even more vulnerable when coming in contact with unvaccinated teachers and non-teaching personnel in the schools.

"Kung 'yung findings noong isang taon hindi masyadong naapektuhan ang mga bata, hindi masyadong tinatamaan ang mga teenager, iba na itong Delta variant. Mas highly infectious itong variant na ito. Ngayon, marami nang mga bata, mga teenager at pati mga sanggol na nahawaan. Kaya 'yung mga teachers,

I believe they should be vaccinated because they are exposed to so many people and then they are exposed to children, students, young people na hindi pa nasisimulang bakunahan," he said.

Reiterating his earlier call to include teachers and the DepEd's non-teaching personnel in the list of priorities for vaccination, Marcos proposed allocating a portion of the vaccines that are expected to be completely delivered in several batches by the end of October, for the vaccination of teachers.

Vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. earlier disclosed that around 41.5 million doses of Covid vaccines are expected to arrive in the remaining week of September and in October, which would allow the country to have a total vaccine supply count of 100 million.#

NEWSBIT

Man uses a hammock net in hanging self

SOLSONA, Ilocos Norte, Sept. 25, 2021-- A 30-year-old man ended his life by hanging using a hammock net to loop it around his neck at Brgy. Mariquet, this eastern town.

P/Lt. Belen Baoit, the town police chief, said they found the victim hanging from a tree after they quickly responded to an emergency call about the incident.

She said the victim hailed from San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte but lived in a friend's house in this town.

The victim came from a broken family, and allegedly turned depressed about them, especially on money problems, investigators said. (tri-media report)

No foul play in man's drowning--PNP

PAGUDPUD, Ilocos Norte, Sept. 20, 2021--P/ Major Eduardo Santos, the town police chief, said his investigators ruled out foul play in the drowning of Ronnel Ramos, 35, farmer, of Brgy. Burayoc, this municipality.

He said the victim, allegedly under the influence of liquor, went fishing off the river in Sitio Timpuyog yesterday afternoon.

Ericson Ramos, 33, said he last saw his brother alive when he left their house holding a fishing goggle or diving mask.

When he failed to return home in the evening, Ericson became worried and sought the help of the PNP and barangay officials.

In their joint search, they found the victim's body floating below the bridge. (tri-media report)

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the DSWD to help ensure that the commodities to be distributed to the people are in good condition," he added.

For his part, Regional Director Maria Angela S. Gopalan of the DSWD-FO1 said the initiative aims for faster and more effective delivery of services especially in times of emergencies and natural calamities.

She said the DSWD-FO1 will preposition stockpiles of food and non-food commodities to the established satellite warehouses of the police

provincial offices.

Gopalan said that the DSWD will be responsible for the replenishment, augmentation, and distribution of the stockpiles to the beneficiaries.

She added that their agency will also monitor the compliance of their sub-offices in the provinces and municipalities; conduct inventories to monitor nearly expired or spoiled goods; and pay an amount of Php 5,000 every month as its share in the utility bills incurred in the satellite warehouses. (Freddie G. Lazaro/FGL, PIAI)



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BARANGAYanihan. Enlisted police personnel of the Ilocos Norte 1st Provincial Mobile Force Company (PMFC) carried loads of construction materials across ricefield to build a decent house for an NPA rebel turnnee in the remote Sitio Dasar, Brgy. Isic-Isic, Vintar, Ilocos Norte under the BARANGAYanihan of IN1stPMFC C.A.R.E.S (Photo courtesy of INPPO)

Ilocos police provincial offices set-up warehouses for relief goods during disasters

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union, Sept. 26 (PIA) - - Provincial police offices in Region 1 have set-up warehouses as storage facilities of relief goods ready for distribution to the affected residents during emergencies and natural calamities.

Police Brigadier General Emmanuel B. Peralta, the Police Regional Police 1 (PRO-1) regional

director, said the initiative was realized following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the PRO-1 and the Department of Social Welfare and Development-Field Office 1 (DSWD-FO1) for the provision of satellite warehouses in the four police provincial offices in the region.

"We realized this MOA in support to

the DSWD-FO1 on its coordinated approach of providing systematic and seamless efforts in delivering humanitarian aid to the disaster-afflicted communities," he said.

Aside from the provision of a satellite warehouse in the different police provincial offices, Peralta said that PRO-1 will also provide manpower assistance to the DSWD in

the distribution of food and non-food items.

"Our police troops are responsible for the security and maintenance of the warehouses," said Peralta.

"We wanted to extend our assistance to the people in any way we can, not only by providing security services but also by opening our offices as a satellite warehouse for

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Quiling folks get peanut processing machine, says DTI-Ilocos Norte

BATAK CITY, Sept. 23 (PIA) -- The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Ilocos Norte has formally turned over a peanut processing machine in Quiling Norte, this city.

Through its Shared Service Facilities (SSF) program, the DTI-Ilocos Norte handed the P266,000-worth machine to Quiling Norte Peanut Processors Association in an effort to boost peanut production using modern technology.

"Ito ang isa sa mga magandang programa ng DTI dahil makikita dito ang magandang epekto nito sa production ng mga benepisyaryo natin," said DTI Provincial Director Rosario Quodala.

Moreover, she said that "this program aims to transform the lives of Ilocanos here in Quiling Norte to be more enterprising."

Director Quodala said that DTI still owns the machine, however, if the beneficiaries use it optimally and productively, the equipment would be awarded to the association in two years.

According to Quodala, DTI has other SSF projects in partnership with the City Government of Batak such as the meat processing at Barangay Barani, sweet potato processing and bamboo craft at Barangay Mabaleng, chichacorn processing at Barangay Sumader, banana processing at Barangay

San Mateo, and veggie noodles processing at Barangay Palongpong.

In reaction, Batak City Mayor Albert Chua thanked DTI for extending assistance and support to small businesses owners.

"Sana ay hindi po kayo magsawang magbigay suporta. Maliit man ang aming lugar pero ang mga taga-Quiling Norte ay lubos na nabibigyan ng training kaya naman alam nilang pahalagahan ang mga negosyo nila," said Mayor Chua.

The SSF project is meant to "improve MSME competitiveness by providing machinery, equipment, tools, systems, accessories, and other auxiliary items, skills, and knowledge under a shared system."

Meanwhile, 15 local MSMEs were given P8,000-worth livelihood kits as part of the economic recovery response by DTI to those crisis-affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Malaking tulong po ito sa amin para makabangon kami habang tayo ay nasa pandemya. On behalf of my fellow beneficiaries, laking pasasalamat ang nais namin ipahatid sa DTI and City Government of Batak sa patuloy na pagtulong sa amin na small businesses. Sana ay patuloy pa ang mga ganitong programa para mas marami pang matulungan na gaya namin," said kit recipient Felipe Anical Jr. (JCR/JNPD/MJTAB, PIA Ilocos Norte)

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