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**101,555 people fully vaxxed in Ilocos Norte--DOH**

By Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

LAOAG CITY (PIA) – Here’s good news!

The Department of Health bulletin dated September 20, 2021 has shown that a total of 101,555 individuals in Ilocos Norte were already fully vaccinated against the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Meanwhile, a total of 241,776 vaccines have been administered as the first dose  
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Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc (center) with the help of the Provincial Education Department (PED) distributed mobile tablets to students of Carasi National High School in Carasi, Ilocos Norte on September 29, 2021. (Photo courtesy of PGIN-CMO/text by Ilocos Sentinel)

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**Laoag’s ASF Task Force drive vs hog disease**

• The city is declared a Red Zone area

LAOAG CITY, Sept. 25 -- The city government, through the Sangguniang Panglungsod, has directed the African Swine Fever Task Force of Laoag to further intensify its mitigation program against the spread of the contagious animal disease.

Engineer Shiela Ofelo, officer-in-charge of the City Agriculture Office, said the Task Force had adopted protocol guidelines on the proper disposal of the ASF-afflicted pigs, especially in the “animal depopulation and burial” process.

Engr. Ofelo said that

the afflicted animals shall be electrocuted and then chopped their bodies to speed up the decomposition process before the mass burial.

The burial ground shall be within a 500-meter radius from the infected premises.

However, the Task Force  
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**PGIN beneficiaries get SPES stipends, Negocarts w/ cash**

The Provincial Government’s Public Employment Service Office (PESO) has distributed on Sept. 17 the salaries of beneficiaries under the first and second batch of Summer Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES).

The beneficiaries, a total of 113 students and out-of-

school youth, have received their salaries amounting to P6,400 each from the 60% share of PGIN. The remaining 40% will be provided by the Department of Labor and Employment.

In addition, another batch of SPES workers will be deployed on October 11 for the extended Summer SPES

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**LCGH hopes to pay its P24 million debt in 2022--accountant**

LAOAG CITY, Sept. 28, 2021--The Laoag City General Hospital may soon settle its remaining P24 million debt including interest with the Development Bank of the Philippines, a city accountant said.

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**Residential house sprayed w/ bullets**

SOLSONA, Ilocos Norte, Sept. 25, 2021--Police faced a blank wall in the investigation of the shooting incident in this town where unknown perpetrators allegedly peppered a residential house with bullets at Brgy. Aguitap here.

P/Lt. Belen Baoit, the town police chief, reported that the house owned by the Marciano Marcos family was sprayed with

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*Guest Editorial:*

**DepEd, DOH gear up for the face-to-face school classes**

With the forthcoming implementation of limited face-to-face classes in select low-risk areas in the country, the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Health (DOH) are working hand-in-hand in crafting the operational guideline and mechanism to ensure health protection of schoolchildren and parents, teachers, and non-teaching staff.

The DepEd and DOH guideline includes the proven anti-COVID strategy of Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, and Reintegrate.

Also paramount are water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities, proper ventilation in every classroom, seating layouts for physical distancing among the pupils, management of foot traffic, and conduct of simulation activities prior to implementation of the face-to-face pilot activities, among others.

Under the pilot implementation, some 120 schools across the country were already identified, prioritizing Key Stage 1 learners (Kinder to Grade 3) as assessed by DepEd and the respective local government units.

Here in Ilocos Norte, DepEd insiders said several public schools have already been identified for a possible pilot run of face-to-face learning.

Probably, these qualified schools for the frontal classes are situated in the upland remote towns of Ilocos Norte where COVID cases were reportedly few in number since the pandemic outbreak.

As this developed, we expect all parents and guardians to rejoice when their children finally go back to school after these kids got bored and passive in the four corners of their homes for almost two years owing to the contagion.

As COVID cases had nosedived lately, we hope for the fast pursuit of new normal in the very near future when health experts would ultimately discard the face masks and face shields into oblivion or declare them as things of the past.

However, the DOH, DepEd, LGUs, and other sectors remain vigilant as viruses are treacherous that afflict the unguarded victims. Their reoccurrence is unpredictable. No one can predict any worst eventuality except for the Supreme Healer above. (IS)



**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Catholic marriage: No 'expiration date'**

Once a husband was examining his and wife's marriage certificate. He looked at the back, trying to find something. Seeing what he was doing, the wife blurted, "What are you doing? You have been scrutinizing that marriage certificate for a long time already." The husband replied, "Well, I'm trying to find out if there's an expiration date!"

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In the gospel of this 27th Sunday, Jesus teaches empathically and firmly that marriage is monogamous, permanent and indissoluble. Marriage has no "expiration date."

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He said, "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this cause, a man shall leave his father and mother and the two become one flesh. What God has united, man must not separate. The man who

divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery" (Mk 10, 6;9;11).

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This teaching of Christ is the basis of the Catholic Church's doctrine against absolute divorce.

Admittedly, there are numerous trials and problems in monogamous marriage but they outweigh the problems of broken families and separated spouses.

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My personal experience as former director of high school students confirmed this. I had noticed that those who came from broken families developed problems like frequent misconduct, getting into trouble, failing in academics, unhappy, and so on. The main reason is due to lack of parental supervision and negligence.

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Aside from the traumatic

(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)

experience of separation suffered by the couples and children, divorce, which is been passed in Congress, is a simplistic way of resolving marital problems. Couples who resort to divorce because one of the spouses is lazy, irresponsible, and a drunkard is only transferring his or her personal problems to another marital relationship. Recycling personal problems will lead to the same result of separation or divorce.

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What should be done is for couples to work out their problems and save their floundering marriages.

Spouses should learn to forgive and reconcile. Looking back, my parents were always arguing and quarreling. This made us young siblings very sad. However, when our mother would leave the house and cool

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**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

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

**Workplace politics: the lethal enemy of teacher unity**

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Politics (PAW-luh-tiks) – n. is defined as interaction among certain entities that wish to be elected to lead a territory or an organization, often resulting in division.

We associate politics mainly with national and local leadership. In fact, the word denotes rapacity, obsession, and violence. Repulsive as it may seem to so many, politics had its humble beginning and is actually a neutral concept that has existed ever since civilization grew out of a human desire for order and propriety. With politics came governance, religion (in its more sophisticated form), and education.

As a majority of the general public have a proclivity to perceive teachers as low-salaried, overworked professionals, such a misguided perception has created a huge rift among teachers, therefore rendering them powerless and spineless in the eyes of a demanding public. Uncouth parents and guardians, ornery learners, and eagle-eyed colleagues and supervisors are mainly responsible for emasculating our teachers. Even if they repeatedly deny it a thousand times more than the apostle Peter did so to Jesus Christ (you know the whole story, for sure), these sorts of people are not who our teachers deserve to deal with every single day.

Because education has already turned into a dog-eat-dog world, in contrast to its intended function as a fecund field of innovation and development, many teachers (including us, for sure) have been on the receiving end of blame from parents and learners. We also bear the heavy crosses of academic credential pressure and of too much paperwork from our respective schools and from DepEd itself.

What are the ingredients of workplace politics?

Based on my experiences and on stories from teacher-friends, we all concur with one another that the ingredients for workplace politics in the academe (and these are very gut-wrenching like spoiled produce) are envy, enmity, antipathy, vituperation, finger-pointing, treachery, obsequiousness, tomfoolery, mendacity, prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, ostracism, and humiliation.

Workplace politics is considered the lethal enemy of teacher unity because, first of all, teachers look only after their own selves. Though this is understandable, this should not be tolerable. Second, workplace politics causes friends/comrades to grab each another's throats out of burning professional (and sometimes personal)

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Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon distributed food packs to 166 farmers/hog raisers who are economically affected by the African Swine Fever. The food packs were given by the provincial government of Ilocos Norte and the distribution was held on October 2, 2021 at the Central Bus Terminal in Laoag City. (Photo courtesy of LC Communication and Media Office)

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envy; the Devil tends to lurk and then possess people who are vulnerable to negativity. Third, workplace politics causes division between or among colleagues, partly because there are differences in ideologies, teaching styles, personal values, motivations, and professional principles. Lastly, workplace politics is like acid that gnaws at people’s hearts, especially teachers who feel burned out and underappreciated.

Who are those commonly responsible for making workplace politics endemic?

Here are some of the guilty parties who tend to propagate workplace politics (I am sure you have someone to associate with any of these stock characters in workplace politics across all educational institutions):

1. Dastardly Department Chairpersons – These persons who are supposed to be impartial leaders tend to become both the instigator of conflicts and the castigator of innocents. They side with those who are their allies even if the latter are really at fault.

2. Calculating Colleagues – These creatures have the latent braggadocio to gain the upper hand through deception and credit-grabbing. Such persons are normally insecure and unsure of their competencies to the extent of having to undermine others, so these persons specialize in back-handed compliments and cunning techniques.

3. Raucous Rivals – This sort of person is one who is very vocal and overt in single-handedly capsizing his/her opponents. The opponents are mostly those who are brilliant like diamonds yet meek like lambs. Raucous rivals hide behind a cloak of uncertainty, pessimism, and fear.

4. Sneaky Sleuths – These types of colleagues are wont to finding loopholes in their opponents’ lives through gossip, mudslinging, probing, and blackmail. They laugh at their rivals’ mistakes deep inside, all the while feigning sympathy or showing smugness out of faked innocence.

5. Demonic Deans – These college heads are those who wreak havoc and sow terror among their underlings as well as their rivals. They instill anxiety in newbies and try to pull down achieving rivals through their petty edicts, thinly-disguised accusations, and power tripping. They also make students’ lives hard, purportedly to overcompensate for their lack of power before.

6. Tempestuous Tyrants – These people are generally very bossy and tend to throw caution to the wind through their narcissistic rage and inflated sense of entitlement. They think they know better than their colleagues, and these sorts of creatures bully their students into submission.

7. Credit-grabbing Crabs – These characters specialize in crab mentality and are quite adept at it that not even Sigmund Freud or Dr. Gia Sison can help them. Credit-grabbing crabs specialize in Bachelor of Science in Lie-ology, major in character assassination and minor in bootlicking.

8. Mendacious Makapili – These types of colleagues are those who find fault in others and accuse others of wrongdoings they have actually committed (or simply frame their rivals for an atrocity someone else other than the makapili themselves has done). They do such nefarious acts of brazen perjuring of others in order to gain favors for themselves or to come across as spotless as a fresh, white sheet of paper.

We have to nip workplace politics in the bud before it turns into a lethal Venus fly trap. We do not have to wait for professions to be compromised and lives to be lost, so let us all love one another and work harmoniously and collaboratively.

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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program, in partnership with the Ilocos Norte Tourism Office. Their orientation activity is set for October 7.

Meanwhile, a total of 33 displaced workers and existing ambulant vendors were granted a negosyo cart (negocart) worth P20,000 and a P10,000 seed capital, through

the “IN na Negosyo sa Kariton” program of PESO.

“We’re encouraging other interested Negocart applicants to visit and register at PESO here at the Provincial Capitol for our next batch of beneficiaries,” the PESO head. - (Stewart C. Ocampo, PGIN-CMO)

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Lowelyn Bajado Acain, the officer-in-charge of the city accounting department, said the LCGH’s remaining debt with DBP is expected to be totally settled in May 2022.

Records showed that the debt is part of the city government’s P384 million loan with the DBP used in the construction of the LCGH building several years ago. (tri-media report)



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shall determine the most appropriate and feasible site outside the set radius within the infected barangay.

“Kapag hindi po talaga siya pasok sa 500-meter radius, we go to the surveillance area basta nasa within the affected barangay, di pwedeng lalabas sa kabilang barangays,” Ofelo told the PIA in Tagalog.

Ofelo said that the culling and burying process shall be done away from the residential areas to protect public health.

She added that the Bureau of Fire Protection would help in the disinfection.

The city slaughterhouse will require an anti-ASF certificate or

clearance to ensure that the hogs and other meat products being sold in the market are ASF-free.

So far, the slaughterhouse had banned the entry of pigs coming from outside the city since the Task Force had declared Laoag as “Red Zone.”

In Red Zone areas, the entry and exit of live pigs and meat by-products are disallowed, hence, any virus-afflicted animals are candidates for culling and condemnation.

The PIA learned that the city council had planned a budget ordinance to financially support the affected hog raisers in Laoag. (Emma Joyce F. Guillermo / PIA Ilocos Norte)

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off with her spinster aunts, our father would feel sorry. \* \* \*

**He would look for her and once found, would entreat her to return home. Our ever patient and loving mother would give in and seeing her, made us exceedingly happy. If my parents failed to reconcile, we would have been a broken family and I would not have become priest.**

**As the saying goes, “A happy and lasting marriage is the union of two forgers.”** \* \* \*

There are other reasons which make the Christian teaching on marriage a hard pill to swallow at times. However, there are values in fidelity, sanctity, and God’s blessing that outweigh the difficulties of married life. \* \* \*

**In the evening of the couple’s life, may they say, “Lord, despite our problems, conflicts and difficulties, we’ve made it. We’ve followed your will in marriage. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.”** \* \* \*

The lighter side. Once a teacher in English asked her sophomore class what’s the word denoting a marriage having many wives. A student answered, “Ma’am, polygamy.”

“Correct,” she said. “How about a marriage with two spouses? Another student replied, “Ma’am, bigamy.” “Correct.” The teacher said, “And how about a marriage with only

one wife?” A student raised his hand and blurted out, “Ma’am, MONOTONY!” \* \* \*

**Obviously, he meant “monogamy.” But his answer touches on a marital problem which is monotony.**

**One way of remedying it and other problems in marriage is joining renewal programs like Couples for Christ or Marriage Encounter. From my experience as spiritual director of various Marriage Encounter Weekends (MEW), many couples found a new, peaceful, happy marital relationship.** \* \* \*

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“The FAMILY that prays together stays together.”

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PANGASINAN

**DOLE FreeBies on a Roll in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur**

Bicycles that aid marginalized workers in their micro-enterprises are now on a roll in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, thanks to the FreeBis Project of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

A total of 250 free bikes were distributed to low-income workers in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur by DOLE Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) led by Regional Director Atty. Evelyn R. Ramos on October 1, 2021.

Narvacan municipal officials led by Mayor Luis "Chavit" C. Singson and Vice Mayor Atty. Pablito V. Sanidad Sr. witnessed to distribution of the items.

Each beneficiary received accessories namely helmet insulated bag, reflectorized vest, and raincoat, to ensure their protection as they do their business-on-wheels. They also each received mobile phones with P 5,000 load, as part of package of the project.

Another batch of 250

bikes are to be procured by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Narvacan, to complete the P10 Million project cost awarded by the DOLE RO1.

FreeBis is a special project under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) which seeks to help ease unemployment by providing livelihood opportunities to workers in the formal and informal sectors displaced by the Covid pandemic.

RD Ramos expressed excitement that the low-income workers in the town may now hope for enhanced business and increased income through the free bikes. "This is the dream of Labor Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" H. Bello III to all of you: for you to improve your lives and become the drivers of your own success," RD Ramos remarked.

Likewise, she appealed to the beneficiaries to become good stewards

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**DPWH opens 8.72-km bypass road segment in La Union**

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Oct. 1 (PIA) - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) inaugurated the San Fernando-San Juan Section of the Bauang-San Fernando City-San Juan Bypass Road in La Union on Friday.

Secretary Mark Villar, along with other key officials of both the national and local government, led the inauguration ceremony of the four-lane alternate route with a stretch of 8.72 kilometers.

This Php900-million worth of infrastructure project is funded under the flagship program of the Duterte Administration - the Build, Build, Build Program.

Initially, Php810 million was allocated

for its completion but additional Php90 million will be used next year for its second phase where additional features will be made.

According to Villar, this bypass road will decongest traffic along the Manila North Road in San Fernando City and San Juan town.

"Tapos na po itong section na ito ng bypass. Ang buong alignment po ay 22 kms at kapag natapos po ito ay kasama po ito sa Luzon's fine expressway networks kaya't kung pupunta kayo ng Norte at sa South ay magkakaroon na ng mas maraming options at mababawasan ang traffic," he said.

It will reduce the travel time from 30 minutes to 15 minutes when passing

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**New buildings to rise at Pangasinan gov't run hospitals**

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan, Sept 29, (PIA) - Three new buildings that will upgrade the health services in Pangasinan are set to rise in two government-run hospitals following its groundbreaking ceremony held Tuesday.

The Pangasinan Provincial Hospital (PPH) will soon have a two-storey Diagnostic Laboratory building and Rehabilitation and Administration building while a two-storey Hemodialysis and Public Health Building will be constructed at the Lingayen District Hospital (LDH).

According to the Provincial Information Office (PIO), the construction of the three buildings is part of Governor Amado Espino III's plan on strengthening and upgrading the services of two major public hospitals in the province.

The provincial government aims to build the new LDH facility to help Pangasinenses from Districts 1 and 2 who have kidney disease, the PIO said.

For residents from Districts 3 and 4, a dialysis center has already been set up at PPH while Urdaneta District Hospital (UDH)

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**COMELEC-Pangasinan gears up for filing of CoCs**

DAGUPAN CITY, Oct 2, 2021 (PIA) - - The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) gears up for the filing of Certificates of Candidacy (COC) for aspirants in the 2022 National and Local elections which commenced on Friday, October 1 until October 8.

COMELEC Provincial Election Supervisor Marino Salas said the first day of the filing turned out orderly and peaceful and no untoward incident was reported in Pangasinan's 48 local government units.

"So far, so good ang first day natin. Wala naman po tayong na-experience na malalaking problema, meron man ay mga minor problems lang ang na-experience ng ating mga kasama. Dito po sa Provincial Office, everything is smooth naman po." Salas told the Philippine Information Agency.

Members of the Philippine National Police headed by Provincial Director Col. Ronald Gayo of the Pangasinan Provincial Police Office visited and inspected COMELEC sites throughout the province not only to ensure order but also to strictly monitor the implementation of minimum public health standards.

For the first day on

October 1, the PNP and COMELEC reported that there were no filers for the gubernatorial and vice-gubernatorial seats yet but there were two early birds who filed for the House of Representatives. They are former Congresswoman Rachel Arenas who is eyeing a Congressional seat to represent the Third District and incumbent Fourth District Representative Christopher De Venecia, who filed through his lawyer, hoping for a third term. He is the son of former House Speaker Jose De Venecia.

There were four candidates for the Provincial Board while there were initially 12 aspirants for Mayoral seats and eight for vice-mayoral positions, including 95 filers for councilor in the different towns and cities of Pangasinan.

Salas said tents were put up fronting the Provincial COMELEC in Dagupan City to accommodate aspirants while waiting in line to file their COCs as only the aspirant and two companions are allowed inside the office.

A media booth is also set up for those who wish to cover the event. (Venus May H. Sarmiento/PIA Pangasinan)

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**DOLE R1 awards Negokarts, TUPAD wages in Duterte Legacy Barangayanihan caravan**

Low-income workers in La Union received assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1), as part of the regional launching of the Duterte Legacy: Barangayanihan Caravan towards National Recovery on September 30, 2021 at the Philippine National Police Regional Office 1, Camp Florendo, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Eight marginalized workers from San Fernando City received their negokarts from DOLE, as part of the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP). The livelihood enhancement support aimed to boost the micro-

enterprises of the workers, to effect increased income and upgraded business practice.

The DOLE RO1 likewise disbursed the amount of P 448, 800 distributed as wages to 88 workers under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced and Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD), an emergency employment program of DOLE. The workers each received P 5,100 in exchange of their 15-day labor of community cleaning and disinfection.

DOLE Regional Director Atty. Evelyn R. Ramos said the awarding rites symbolized the unwavering commitment of President Rodrigo

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for all qualified individuals. Of this number, 47,812 are healthcare workers and individuals from the expanded A1 group; 68,041 are senior citizens; 54,488 are individuals with comorbidities and pregnant women; 67,015 are essential workers, and 4,420 are indigent individuals, all received their vaccines.

Health experts reassured that all these COVID vaccines are safe and effective as they have been granted with Emergency Use Authorization by the Food and Drug Administration.

"Dumating na rin ang ating fifth tranche of provincial government-procured AstraZeneca vaccines. Natanggap natin ang 570 vials ng bakuna na ito," said Dr. Josephine Ruedas, Provincial Health Officer.

Apart from the AstraZeneca, the province also received 15,000 doses of Sinovac vaccines, all were allocated to the city and rural health units in the different LGUs.

Earlier, Dr. Ruedas said that 70 percent herd

immunity is achieved in Ilocos Norte if more vaccines are available for the provincewide inoculation.

Meanwhile, the Network Briefing News hosted by Presidential Communications Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar had featured the vaccination update in the town of Real, Quezon through Mayor Diana Abigail Diestro-Aquino who guested in the virtual program.

"Many of our town mates are waiting for the vaccine, especially in the A4 and A5 category. Only a few are apprehensive and more are signing up," Mayor Aquino said.

She explained that of their present 38,000 population, only 20% of their target were vaccinated. She hoped for more vaccine allocation for her town.

The Network Briefing News is a daily news program of the PCOO, aired every Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (JCR/JNPD/MJTAB PIA Ilocos Norte)

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bullets.

She said the family members heard the gunfire five times while they were watching a night TV show.

Luckily, nobody was hurt in the shooting.

Investigators surmised the gunmen positioned themselves

about three or five meters away when they repeatedly shot at the house hitting the wall and roofing.

The PNP SOCO team said they found no empty shells of bullets from the weapon used in the incident. (tri-media report)

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 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 Municipality of Bacarra

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **BENELYN A. BUMAGAT** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **BENYLIN ERLINDA** to **BENELYN** in the birth certificate of **BENYLIN ERLINDA ACERET**, who was born on **May 8, 1963** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Raymundo Aceret** and **Benjamina Asuncion**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 15, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **CLEMENTE S. GALIZA, PH.D**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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**Office of the City Civil Registrar**  
 Ilocos Norte  
 Laoag City

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. ELENA BARTOLOME BAGAOISAN** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**MARIZILIM**" to "**MA. ELENA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIZILIM BAGAOISAN** who was born on September 2, 1964 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are NEMESIO BAGAOISAN and MACRINA BARTOLOME.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 11, 2021**.

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

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **VICENTE ALEGADO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7682, situated at Brgy. 19 Masintoc, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 20-022-00719 has been adjudicated by his legal heir and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Galen Pobre and Josephine Pobre in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 222; Page No. 46; Book No. CDXXII; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES **ERNESTO OLARTE** and **MILAGROS CASTRO OLARTE** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14366-C-2-A of the subdivision plan Psd-12812-022582, being a portion of Lot 14366-C-2, Psd-1-020455, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1204, situated in the Brgy. 29, Sto. Tomas, City of Laoag, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2017001761 has been extrajudicially settled among the legal heirs **Ernesto C. Olarte, Jr.** and **Frances Florence Olarte Tanicala** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. John Paul V. Ramos; Doc. No. 472; Page No. 95; Book No. XLIX; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **FLORENDO PADAYAO, SR.** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5532, Cad-445-D, situated at Brgy. Nanguyudan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 14-030-01652 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto **John Lois U. Padayao** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; Doc. No. 277; Page No. 057; Book No. VIII; Series of 2021.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE  
 R.A. 10172

Republic of the Philippines  
 Local Civil Registry Office  
 Province of ILOCOS NORTE  
 Municipality of BACARRA

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 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 **JENIFER C. DAMO** (document owner) has filed with this office a petition for Correction of Clerical Error the GENDER/SEX from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **Jenifer C. Damo** born on November 29, 1983 at Bacarra, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **Felix Damo** and **Susana Camungao**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **October 15, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **CLEMENTE S. GALIZA, Ph.D.**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES **PABLO J. JUAN** and **EUFEMIA JUAN** pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 26136 and 27603, both situated in the Barrio of Vira (now Brgy. 54-B, Camangaan), Laoag City; covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. 21712 and 13580, respectively, has been adjudicated by their legal heir **Lucila Juan Hogman** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; Doc. No. 199; Page No. 41; Book No. CXXVII; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CAMILLO BATARA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 309224-A, Psd-01-056360, being a portion of Lot 30924, Cad. 398, situated at Barrio Cubol, Batac City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-3927 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Ernesto P. Bumanglag, Jr.** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 19; Page No. 5; Book No. CDXXII; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **HARRY C. TIU** pertaining to his share over parcel of land designated as Lot 6, Blk. 1, Psd. 01-067961, being a portion of Lot 4064-B-1, Psd-01-00799, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1151, situated at Brgy. Aramiw (formerly Gabu), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2013000079; and a residential house erected on the abovesaid parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration No. 17-0070-00407 has been adjudicated by his spouse and legal heir **Delia C. Tiu** and simultaneously sold said properties unto Spouses **Peter Albano Alborno** and **Yogie Dichoso Alborno** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; Doc. No. 87; Page No. 19; Book No. CXXVII; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CLEMENTE BALA JR.** pertaining to his share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3712, situated at Brgy. Catuguing, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-2020000228 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Josefa Cabel-Bala** and simultaneously sold unto **Florinda Gagat Domingo** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; Doc. No. 2211; Page No. 173; Book No. XVI; Series of 2017.

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**Pananglagip: A tribute to the fallen Ilocanos due to the COVID**

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) installed on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 hundreds of flaglets at the Ilocos Norte Provincial Capitol ground in Laoag City in honor of the nearly 400 Ilocanos and frontline heroes who lost their lives to COVID-19.

Dubbed as "Pananglagip" (remembering the dead), the memorial marker reads "Let us remember our (fallen) frontline heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our beloved Kakailian during this pandemic. Together, we pay tribute to all Ilocanos who succumbed to COVID-19. In honoring them, let us continue our efforts to safeguard (the health of) every Ilocano."

Among those who perished to the COVID were three PGIN employees. They died in the line of duty during

the pandemic. Governor **Matthew Marcos Manotoc**, who personally led the tribute, expressed condolences to all the families who are still in mourn of their loved ones' untimely demise.

"This is our tribute to the frontline heroes and our Kakailian who have fallen after battling COVID-19, as well as a reminder to strengthen our resolve to prevent such deaths in the future," Governor **Marcos Manotoc** sadly spoke before the small audience.

Ilocos Norte is currently placed under the more relaxed measure, General Community Quarantine amid the ongoing pandemic.

As protocols ease, PGIN reiterates the need to still follow health standards and urges the public to keep their guards up at all times. (pgin/cmo)

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R. Duterte and Labor Secretary **Silvestre H. Bello III** in upholding the welfare of workers, especially the poor and vulnerable ones.

"It is but apt that our beneficiaries become centerpiece in this Duterte Legacy Barangayanahin Caravan. After all, the workers and laborers stand at the center of our service in the DOLE," **RD Ramos** said.

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through the San Fernando Bypass Road leading to Junction San Fernando-Bagulin Road in Brgy. Camansi to Junction Manila North Road along Taboc, San Juan.

Around 32,327 motorists a day will benefit with the completion of this project.

**Villar** also noted that this project had generated a number of job opportunities for the public.

Further, Representative **Pablo Ortega** of the first district of La Union said this high impact project is very

Duterte Legacy: Barangayanahin Caravan is a national undertaking simultaneously launched in all regions on September 30, 2021.

Led by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), the event aimed to drumbeat the accomplishments of the government under the leadership of President Duterte. (DOLE Region I)

beneficial to the people of the province for providing a more convenient transportation.

"Magkakaroon na ng magandang flow ng traffic, bibilis ang biyahe, at bibilis na rin ang takbo ng mga negosyo," **Ortega** said.

To date, the DPWH Region 1 said it is now substantially completed.

The project construction started in March 2018 and is set to be fully completed by November of this year. (Caren Grace R. Cabanayan/PIA La Union)

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Ilocos Norte  
Laoag City

**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

September 20-26, 2021  
& September 27-October 3, 2021\* *Ilocos Sentinel*

**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. Payao, 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 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. Payao, Batac City, covered by OCT No. P-23581 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. 233; Page No. 48; 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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**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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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **SPOUSES PEDRO MADULI** and **CLAUDIA LOPINTO-MADULI** pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 14194 and 14195, both situated at Brgy. 16 S Quiling Sur, Batac, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-8838 has been adjudicated by legal heir **DALMACIO L. MADULI** as per instrument executed before Notary Public **Atty. Da Vinci A. Crisostomo**; Doc. No. 496; Page No. 101; Book No. CCXCV; Series of 2015.

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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 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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**SUPPLEMENTAL DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **SPOUSES PEDRO MADULI** and **CLAUDIA LOPINTO-MADULI** pertaining to six (6) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 13339, 13921, 14100, 13904, 14053 and 13321, all situated at Brgy. 16 S Quiling Sur, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. P-37531, P-8836, P-16695, P-16696, P-8837 and P-37532, respectively; all registered under the name of **Pedro Maduli**; that the above-described properties of **Pedro Maduli** were not included in the Deed of Adjudication by Sole Heir dated June 3, 2015 notarized by Notary Public **Atty. Da Vinci M. Crosostomo** of his heir **DALMACIO L. MADULI** due to failure to state all properties of the deceased in the said Deed of Adjudication hence, the above-described properties was adjudicated by heir through this Supplemental Deed of Adjudication by Sole Heir as per instrument executed before Notary Public **Atty. Kira M. Espino**, Doc No. 9; Page No. 2; Book No. IX; Series of 2015..

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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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**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 n 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. Labucan, (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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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte  
Municipality of Dingras

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FEBITO R. MARCELINO** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**ERLINDA**" to "**THELMA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ERLINDA ROSQUETA** who was born on April 14, 1959 at Dingras, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **Vicente Rosqueta** and **Rodelia Respicio**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than **October 10, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **ELIZA B. ATIENZA**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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BFAR intervention  
Meanwhile, DA-RFO I OIC-Regional Executive Director **Nestor D. Domenden** has sought the support of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), together with the Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Councils (FARMCs) in coastal barangays, and the Philippine Coast Guard, for more vigilant surveillance of sea borders to monitor suspicious transport that may contain 'hot meat' cargoes as there were reports of unscrupulous traders taking the sea as a route to transport possible infected swine/pork.

RSBSA enrolment  
Since the contingent and

Quick Response Funds for the indemnification process have already been transferred to the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) effective July 1, 2021, all hog raisers are encouraged to enroll at the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) to qualify in the indemnification assistance provided thru PCIC. All hogs depopulated from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 are accommodated under the Quick Response Fund, while raisers with depopulated hogs from period of July 2021 onwards will receive indemnification thru PCIC provided that they are duly registered with the RSBSA.###

# PGIN, DOLE hire 146 TUPAD contact tracers

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment-Regional Office 1 (DOLE-RO1), has recently hired additional contact tracers composed of displaced workers, laid-off employees, and unemployed Ilocanos under the TUPAD program.

The TUPAD (Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced) is a flagship program of the DOLE that provides emergency employment for workers economically affected by the pandemic.

Through the request of Gov. Matthew Marcos Manotoc, the PGIN was granted by the DOLE with "TUPAD Contact Tracers" as part of the emergency employment program of the Provincial Government to keep track of COVID-19 cases in the community and facilitate coordination with concerned agencies to avert the further spread of the virus.

To date, a total of 146 Ilocano workers have been hired to serve as contract tracers from selected local government units such as the cities of Laoag and Batac, and the municipalities of Bangui, Pagudpud, Burgos, and

Bacarra. They will be deployed in their respective barangays starting next week, October 6.

"Sumailalim din sa orientation ang ating mga qualified workers through our PGIN Contact Tracing Team. We've also partnered with the Department of Interior and Local Government para tulungan ang mga contact tracers sa kanilang deployment and at the same time i-monitor sila sa kanilang safety protocols during the conduct of the tracing activity," PESO Manager Anne Marie Lizette B. Atuan said.

The hired contact tracers will work eight

hours per day within the 90-day implementation period. They will receive P340 each per day, along with a GSIS accident insurance provided by DOLE.

"Makukuha nila ang kanilang sweldo kada akina sa katapusan ng buwan sa pamamagitan ng remittance centers. Ang DOLE ang magpo-process sa kanilang pera pero kami sa PESO ang magpo-process sa kanilang mga DTRs at accomplishment reports," Atuan explained.

Ilocos Norte is placed under GCQ from MECQ starting September 24. *-(Stewart C. Ocampo, PGIN-CMO)*

## NEWSBIT

### Farmer fatally bumped by speeding motorcycle

DINGRAS, Ilocos Norte, Sept. 28, 2021-- A 54-year-old farmer died in the hospital while being treated for severe body injuries inflicted during a road accident at Brgy. Guerrero, this town.

Doctors said the victim suffered a broken leg and a damaged backbone.

Investigation showed that the victim had just parked his motorcycle on a roadside when a speeding motorcycle going southward accidentally bumped him as he walked across the street.

He was rushed to the Dingras district hospital and was transferred later to a private hospital in Laoag City where he later expired. *(tri-media report)*

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Authority, Department of Agriculture, among others.

Beneficiaries of the services will be given time for their response or testimonies.

La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III will also join the event and will deliver the closing message. *(Joanne Namnama P. Dilim/PIA La Union)*

# We target to vaccinate 70% to achieve herd immunity-- PHO

By Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

LAOAG CITY, Sept 29 (PIA) – At least 431,797 residents are targeted to be vaccinated to achieve 70 percent herd immunity in Ilocos Norte, the Provincial Health Office (PHO) here said.

Dr. Josephine Ruedas, provincial health officer, said health experts estimated that 70 percent of the local population must be made immune through vaccination against the coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19).

For Ilocos Norte with a total population of 616,854, PHO acknowledged the need to roll out more vaccines for the remaining unvaccinated residents.

Dr. Ruedas clarified that it will depend on the delivery of vaccines to properly allocate doses for local government units (LGUs).

"Medyo malaklak ang ating target but hopefully kakayanin natin habang marami

pa naman ang parating na vaccines para sa atin dito sa probinsya," said Ruedas during the 3rd Quarter Provincial Peace and Order Council and Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PPOC and PADAC) meeting.

As of September 26, a total of 115,047 individuals from the priority groups are now fully vaccinated.

Of this number, 23,287 healthcare workers and individuals belonging to A1 group; 36,784 from A2;

33,496 from A3; 21,073 from A4; and 407 from A5 have received second dose of their vaccine.

"Dito naman sa vaccines, we have a total of 263,839 doses administered sa probinsya," the PHO official said.

Ruedas noted the arrival of additional 26,110 doses of Sinovac and 790 vials of Pfizer last September 27 and were immediately allocated for LGUs.

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has also a dialysis center for residents from Districts 5 and 6.

"Makakatangang mga ito upang mapaganda, mapabilis

at mas mapabuti pa ang pagbibigay ng serbisyo para sa mga nagkakasakit na Pangasinense," the PIO Page stated. *(Elsha Marie Arguel/PIA Pangasinan)*

### DOLE.....(page 4)

of the project. "May you take good care with these equipment given to you, so that they will be sustained and be helpful to you in the

long run," she said. END/ Justin Paul Marbella with reports from DOLE-ISFO. *(DOLE Region 1)*

# DA boosts ASF control campaign in Ilocos region; ramps up indemnification to hog raisers

LA UNION - A total of 3,949 hog raisers in the Ilocos region have already received their indemnification in lieu of their losses incurred due to the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak.

Said amount accounts for the 27,032 swines from the total of 45,970 culled as pre-emptive measure against the spread of ASF.

To date, P135 million out of the P229.9 million indemnification fund was already released to beneficiaries.

### Control Measures

Dr. Annie Bares, head of the Regulatory Division of the Department of Agriculture in Ilocos Region, assures the public of the agency's intensified measures to curb the

spread of ASF.

In the recent week following report of rapid spread of the ASF virus in the province of Ilocos Sur, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and team from DA-RFO I conducted intensified risk assessment, surveillance and monitoring; strengthening of biosecurity implementation; capability building & awareness campaign; as well as strengthening and institutionalizing of LGU engagement in the said province.

Bares reiterates the crucial role of the local government units in controlling the possible spread of ASF in their locality by being proactive and exercising diligent

coordination especially at the barangay level for a swift reporting of swine deaths so that prompt investigation of ASF cases can be done.

On the other hand, Bares also commends the efforts of the municipal LGUs that have already enacted ordinances in relation to ASF prevention and control. From the target of 54 municipal ordinances, 36 municipalities have already complied and passed their ASF ordinance. The province of La Union, in particular, has already passed an ordinance that seeks to put in place safety measures to protect the hog industry of the province. With La Union's vigilant efforts

against ASF, DA is hoping that the rest of the provinces in the region will pass a similar ordinance as well.

For its part, the DA upon receipt of report of swine death conducts surveillance and collect blood samples from fatteners, breeders, and piglets of the affected hog farm and once laboratory test results confirm the presence of the ASF virus, DA, in coordination with the LGU, shall conduct immediate culling at the index case and shall likewise implement selective or non-selective culling within the 500-meter radius where the index case originated.

Dr. Bares clarified that non-selective

depopulation, or the killing of swine within the 500-meter radius from the infected zone, will only be implemented if there is a delay in reporting of cases, hence encourages prompt and vigilant reporting by swine raisers should they observe mortality among their stocks.

Another control measure being implemented by the agency is the regular conduct of ASF-related briefings with LGUs, veterinarians, and technicians; training of barangay bio-security officers through the ATI, and distribution of ASF-related information education and communication (IEC) materials to the public.

To expedite

confirmation of possible ASF cases considering the distance of DA's diagnostic laboratory for ASF from La Union, Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte provinces, a mobile Correction Polymerase Chain Reaction (CPCR) test kit is now made available by the DA to immediately process samples collected, hence proper response to prevent further spread of the ASF in a particular area can be achieved. These mobile CPCR test kits were already provided to the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte while DA's Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) will cater to the provinces of Pangasinan and La Union.

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**LA PAZ FISH PORT PROJECT.** Ilocos Norte 1st district Rep. Ria Fariñas and Probinsiyano Ako partylist Rep. Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I led the inauguration of the P144 million La Paz Fish Port project in Laoag City on October 2, 2021. This fish port project was made possible through the efforts of Congresswoman Ria Fariñas to help boost the fishing folks' livelihood in this coastal village. (Photo courtesy of Office of Rep. Ria Fariñas)

## PRO1 Joins Barangayanihan Caravan, brings services to communities

CAMP OSCAR M FLORENDO – Police Regional Office 1 joined the Barangayanihan Caravan dubbed as DUTERTE Legacy: Barangayanihan Caravan towards National Recovery that aims to bring the government services closer to the community.

Kicked-off with a motorcade Thursday morning (September 30), the said barangayanihan caravan was held at the PRO1 Auditorium to serve as a one-stop-shop and access to all participating agencies as well as different organizations from the private sectors, including the Global Coalition of Lingkod Bayan Advocacy Support Groups and Force Multipliers.

Anchored on the theme, "Barangay at Bayan nagBabarangayanihan patungo sa pag ahon ng bansa, the said caravan was founded on the concept of Whole-of-Nation Approach, as an indispensable tool in attaining peace and development of the country.

During the activity, Police Regional Office 1 through the Regional Medical and Dental Unit has catered Libreng Tuli, free dental examination and fluoride treatment and free flu vaccination to the beneficiaries along with the free legal assistance and counselling conducted by the Regional Legal

Service and Human Rights Affairs Office.

Processing of License to Own and Possess Firearm was also catered by the Regional Civil Security Unit 1.

PRO1 has also distributed food packs, solar lights and toilet bowls as part of the PRO1's flagship projects, Pailawng Pulis at Palikuran Ni Juana Handog ni Mamang Pulis.

The said caravan has helped hundreds of beneficiaries as the participating agencies provided assistance and informed the public of the services that they can avail of. These include the services from TESDA, DPWH, HPG, DILG, DENR, BFP, BJMP, Philhealth, SSS, DOLE, DSWD and DAR.

The activity was graced by the USEC RAMON CUALOPING, Director General, Philippine Information Agency; PBGEN EMMANUEL B PERALTA, PRO1 Regional Director; ATTY EVELYN R RAMOS, Regional Director, DOLE; Mr. VINCENT ATIENZA CIFRA, Regional Director, TESDA and JENNILYNE ROLE, Regional Director, PIA and virtually attended by HON. JOSE REPURTO MARTIN M ANDANAR, PCOO Secretary and USEC VICENTE AGDAMAG, Deputy Director General, National Security Council. #####

# Duterte Legacy regional campaign set in Region 1

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Sept. 30 (PIA) -- The Ilocos Region will join the rest of the regions in the nationwide simultaneous conduct of the Duterte Legacy Campaign on Sept. 30.

The event dubbed as "Barangayanihan Caravan Towards National Recovery" is a collaboration of all the agencies of the government as well as volunteers of the private sectors which aims to provide basic services to the people amid the

coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

A motorcade from San Juan town to Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) grounds, this city, will commence the activity in Region 1.

After which, an opening program and a one-stop-shop Serbisyo Caravan by participating agencies will be held at the PRO1.

During the event, Communications Secretary Martin Andanar will give his keynote speech and will

give an overview of Duterte Legacy through a video presentation.

Likewise, USec. Vicente Agdamag, National Security Council Deputy Director General, will report on the latest developments of the region via an online platform. He will speak on behalf of National Security Adviser and Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security, Sec. Hermogenes C. Esperon, Jr.

Meanwhile, Philippine Information

Agency Director-General Usec. Ramon Cualoping III will also deliver his message on site highlighting the other accomplishments of the Duterte administration.

Through the program, the continuing presence and relevance of the government will be felt by the people by availing of various free services from key regional line agencies to include the PRO1, Department of Labor and Employment, Technical Education and Skills Development (Pls. turn to page 7)

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