

Election gun ban starts Jan. 12

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) will impose a nationwide gun ban beginning Jan. 12, the start of the election period for this year's midterm polls.

Law enforcers will conduct checkpoint operations in strategic locations as part of efforts to secure the polls, PNP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jean Fajardo said during a press briefing at Camp Crame on Monday.

Fajardo said as a general rule, only bona fide police, military, and members of government law enforcement agencies in complete uniform and while on official duty are allowed to bear firearms for the entire duration of the election period.

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SSS pushes contribution subsidy program

By: PCO

MANILA — The Social Security System (SSS) is pushing for a new program to help finance its members' contribution.

In a press briefing in Malacanang on

Tuesday, SSS President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Robert Joseph M. de Claro even invited lawmakers for a discussion over what he called 'Contribution Subsidy Program' or CSP.

De Claro said the CSP needs to be disseminated for public information.

"So, actually, I take this opportunity sa ating mambababatas na gustong tumulong sa

SSS. Kaysa ipasuspend natin itong increase na ito, bakit hindi tayo umupo at pag-usapan kung papaano n'yo matutulungan ang ating manggagawa by entering into

an agreement with SSS on a contribution subsidy program, which is open to all," De Claro said.

Some lawmakers are opposed to the hike and called on SSS

to suspend its implementation.

De Claro said through CSP, funds from well-off private individuals can be solicited to

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DISTRIBUTION OF WHEELCHAIRS IN BACCOOR CITY



City Mayor Strike B. Revilla

Bacoor City, January 6, 2025 - The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, conducted a special wheelchair distribution program at the Strike

Gymnasium. The event was a testament to the city's commitment to providing accessible and inclusive services for its residents, especially those with disabilities and senior citizens.

The distribution was attended by Sangguniang Panglungsod members, led by Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, and a number of beneficiaries from Bacoor's PWD and senior citizen communities. The event was a heartwarming display of compassion and support, as the city government provided

much-needed mobility aids to those who require them.

This initiative is part of the City Government's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all Bacooreños. The event highlighted the city's dedication to creating a more inclusive and accessible environment for all. The City Government of Bacoor continues to prioritize the needs of its most vulnerable citizens, and this wheelchair distribution is a testament to their commitment to providing essential support and services to those who need it most.



Pamamahagi ng Bigas sa Barangay Aguado at Barangay Inocencio

Naging matagumpay ang pamamahagi ng bigas sa Barangay Aguado at Barangay Inocencio sa Lungsod ng Trece Martires City kamakailan sa pangunguna ni Mayor Gemma Lubigan para sa ikatlong araw. Ang programang ito ay tulong para sa Pagpapaigting ng Seguridad sa Pagkain sa ating lungsod.



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Minimum wage up in 14 regions, benefits 5 million workers

MANILA – Close to five million private sector workers who are minimum wage earners will directly benefit from wage increases approved by 14 Regional Tripartite Wage Productivity Boards (RTWPBs) in 2024.

Data from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) revealed that 4,907,584 minimum wage earners in the private sector have been granted daily wage increases.

The wage hikes range from PHP21 to PHP75.

The RTWPBs issued wage orders in the National Capital Region (NCR), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), and Regions 1 (Ilocos), 2 (Cagayan Valley), 3 (Central Luzon), 4-A (Calabarzon), 4-B (Mimaropa).

The other areas that were granted wage adjustments were Regions 6 (Western Visayas), 7 (Central Visayas), 8 (Eastern Visayas), 9 (Zamboanga Peninsula), 10 (Northern Mindanao), 12 (Soccsksargen) and 13 (Caraga).

NCR workers

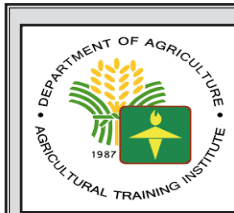
On June 27, RTWPB-NCR issued Wage Order NCR-25, granting a PHP35 increase. It will benefit some four million workers.

The order raised the minimum wage in Metro Manila to PHP645 from PHP610.

Meanwhile, Northern Mindanao was the latest region to grant an increase in the minimum wage.

Wage Order No. RX-23 issued by RTWPB-10 for private sector workers granted an increase of PHP23 for the non-agriculture sector and PPH35.00 for the agriculture sector to be given in two tranches.

The wage adjustment will bring the minimum wage rates in the region from PHP446 to PHP461 upon full implementation. The increase will be effective on Jan. 12, 2025 while the second tranche will start July 1, 2025.



ATI Calabarzon

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And so, we cheer, “READY NA KAMI, 2025!”

“Reset and Realign: Strengthening Organizational Focus and Efficiency” workshop

At DA-ATI CALABARZON, we strive to continuously innovate and improve in order to deliver our services efficiently and effectively. As we gear up for the new year, the agency's key personnel revisit their roles and responsibilities during the “Reset and Realign: Strengthening Organizational



Focus and Efficiency” workshop.

Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, Center Director; and Assistant Center Director Sherylou C. Alfaro lead the three-day

workshop. This activity will serve as a platform for evaluating and realigning the staff's core duties, leading to the development of improved operational strategies tailored to each of the

agency's units.

First to undergo the workshop is the Information Services Section (ISS), followed by the PMEUI, AFU, CDMS and PAS in the succeeding days of the activity.

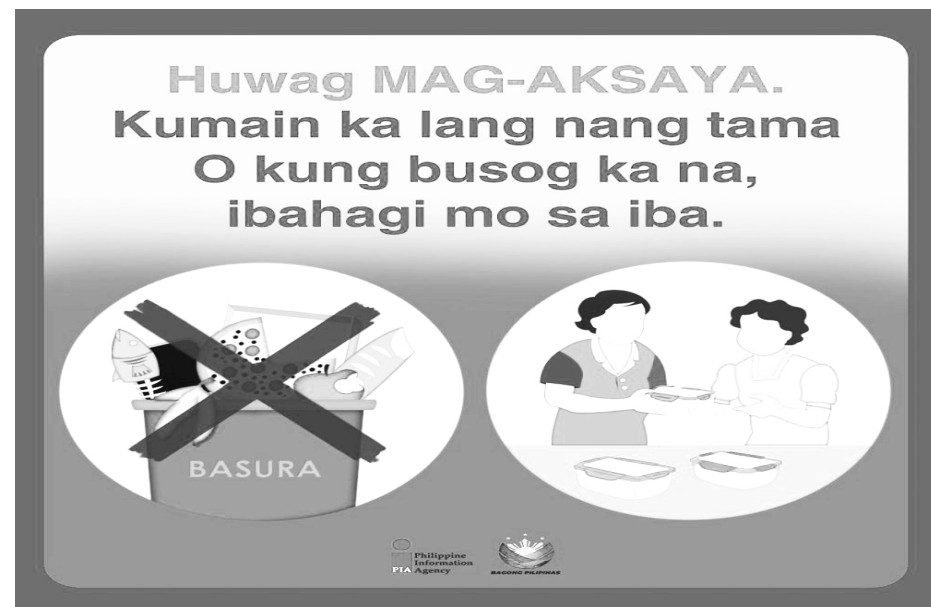
Huwag mag-aksya

By: PIA

Sa bawat butil ng bigas, sa bawat hiwa ng prutas, may kuwento ng pagsusumikap at pagmamalasakit. Kaya't sa halip na itapon, gawing pagkakataon ang bawat pagkain para maka-pagbigay-buhay, lakas, at malasakit sa kapwa.

Isinabatas noong 1975 ang pagdiriwang ng National Food Conservation Month tuwing Enero upang isulong ang food sufficiency sa bansa. Limangpung taon na ang lumipas, patuloy pa rin ang adhikain para sa food conservation at wastong paggamit nito para sa masaganang Pilipinas.

Maging masinop at suportahan ang laban kontra food wastage sa bansa!



P2M-worth of illegal firecrackers seized in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Around 43,000 assorted illegal firecrackers in the Calabarzon region, with an estimated value of P2 million were seized during the Holiday season, the Police Regional Office-4A reported.

In a statement posted on Facebook, PRO-4A Regional Director, Police Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas attributed the confiscation to its anti-firecracker drive and the public's cooperation.

“Our heightened vigilance during this yuletide season, public information campaigns, and strict enforcement of firecracker regulations contributed to this remarkable achievement, and I thank our per-

sonnel and the public for their cooperation,” Lucas stated.

Meanwhile, firecracker-related injuries recorded at 271 from December 1, 2023 to January 1 2024 dropped compared to only 160 injuries during the same period from December 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

In Laguna, an executive order was released to support the anti-illegal firecracker campaign and directed police forces to tighten security and ensure public safety.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency – Laguna, Vice Governor Karen Agapay said they collaborated with the PNP to curb the use of

illegal firecrackers to prevent accidents and injuries.

“This is a reiteration on the strict implementation of prohibition on firecrackers, especially the use of boga here in Laguna,” Agapay said.

However, nine cases of illegal discharge of firearms were recorded by PRO-4A covering the period December 18, 2024 to January 1, 2025. Those behind the illegal discharge will face criminal charges under Republic Act No. 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulations Act.

The PNP said administrative cases will likewise be filed against law enforcement or military personnel involved in the illegal act. (CO/PIA-4A)

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help low-income earning Filipino segments pay contribution for their social protection.

“Private individuals, 'yung mga nakakaluwag sa buhay. We encourage you also to work with SSS na baka may specific segments of our society na matutulungan natin,” De Claro said.

“Kasi iyon yung aming programa na hindi masyadong nadi-disseminate sa ating mga mas nakakaluwag sa buhay

na puwede kayong tumulong for people that you wouldn't know towards their social protection,” De Claro added.

Meanwhile, the SSS assured the 15 percent increase on mandatory contribution will be the last.

De Claro underscored that a contribution that is more than 15 percent is already irrational, considering the 25-30 percent income tax already deducted from workers'

regular salaries.

“What I can assure the public is that the Social Security Commission and its management team is committed to working on that 15 percent as the last increase,” he said.

“Because it doesn't also make sense when you have to pay more than 15 percent from your salary — considering that you have to pay your income tax which is around 25-30 percent and liliit talaga 'yung take home,” De

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Alcoholic drinks or people who are intoxicated with alcohol

Umbrella or raincoat

Firecrackers and pyrotechnics

Illegal vendors

Deadly weapons or any firearm

Wearing of jewelry and bringing expensive gadgets are also highly discouraged.

Likewise, police authorities appealed to the public especially senior citizens, pregnant, and those who are sick to avoid participating in the celebration.

Parents and guardians are also advised to avoid bringing infants and children.

The NCRPO also advises devotees to know ahead the designated

health and rescue team, and police desks for emergency needs

Earlier, over 12,000 police personnel along with over 2,000 personnel from other government agencies are in place to ensure an orderly, peaceful, and solemn celebration of the Black Nazarene Feast. (JEG/PIA-NCR)

Trece Martires City



TMC Mayor Gemma Lubigan(Facebook)

Libreng Anti-Rabies Vaccination

Ang City Government of Trece Martires sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Agriculturist & City Veterinary Office ay magsasagawa ng libreng anti-rabies vaccination sa mga aso at pusa sa 13 barangays ng lungsod mula Enero hanggang Marso 2025. Ang mga schedule at lokasyon ng mga libreng bakuna ay nakatakda sa bawat barangay, kaya't hinihikayat po namin ang mga pet owners na dumaan at ipabakuna ang inyong mga alaga.

Ang anti-rabies vaccination ay mahalaga upang maiwasan ang rabies at protektahan ang kalusugan ng inyong mga alaga pati na rin ang inyong pamilya.

Magkaisa po tayo sa paglaban sa rabies!

Be blessed,
Be a blessing!

SCHEDULE FOR FREE ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CY 2025

BARANGAY	DATE
OSORIO	January 23, & 24, 2025
DE OCAMPO	January 30, & 31, 2025
GREGORIO	February 4, 2025
CONCHU	February 5, 6, & 7, 2025
AGUADO	February 11, 12, & 13, 2025
CABUCO	February 19, 20, & 21, 2025
INOCENCIO	February 26, 27, & 28, 2025
LAPIDARIO	March 4, 2025
LUCIANO	March 5, 2025
CABEZAS	March 6, 2025
SAN AGUSTIN	March 11, & 12, 2025
LALLANA	March 13, 2025
HUGO PEREZ	March 18, 19, & 20, 2025

Mga BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP/e-BOSS sa Cavite, sinimulan na

City Government of Bacoor



Mga Bacoreño, patuloy ang maayos at mabilis na serbisyo ng Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pamamagitan ng BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP, mas mapapabilis na ang pag RE-RENEW ng inyong mga BUSINESS PERMIT. Ito ay nagsimula noong January 2, 2025 na tatagal hanggang January 31, 2025, sa Bacoor, STRIKE Gymnasium, Monday to Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Municipality of Naic



Isinagawa nitong Huwebes, Enero 02, 2025 ang Business One-Stop-Shop (B.O.S.S) 2025 sa ating Municipality of Naic. Magparehistro na ng inyong business permit simulang ngayong Enero 2025. Para sa mas mabilis na proseso, ihanda at dalhin ang kumpletong requirements ninyo sa JCD Function Hall Municipality of Naic. Maaari ninyong makita ang listahan ng mga requirement sa link na ito: <https://tinyurl.com/mswtvpe8> Para naman sa renewal ng business permit, maaari kayong mag-apply online gamit ang sumusunod: <https://bpbc1.ibpls.com/naiccavite/login>

La Niña condition is present in the Tropical Pacific

Periods of cooler than average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the equatorial Pacific Ocean that started in September 2024 continue to persist and further strengthened reaching La Niña conditions threshold in December 2024, as shown by the recent oceanic and atmospheric indicators. La Niña condition exist if a one-month sea surface temperature anomalies (SSTAs) of -0.5°C or less is observed and an expectation that the 3-month SSTA (Oce-

anic Niño Index) of -0.5°C or less will be met (i.e., December-January-February (DJF), January-February-March (JFM)). It is likely that this La Niña condition will continue at least until JFM 2025 season as suggested by several climate models. With this development, higher chances of above normal rainfall in January – February-March 2025 season is expected, which may cause floods, flashfloods and rain-induced landslides. Furthermore, increased chance of tropical cyclone

activity within the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) during the period is likely.

PAGASA will continue to monitor the country's weather and climatic conditions. Meanwhile, the public and all concerned agencies are advised to monitor relevant PAGASA information regularly.

For more information, you may call at (02) 8284-0800 local 4801 (Weather Forecasting Section) and 4920/4921 (Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section) or email at information@pagasa.dost.gov.ph and pagasa.climps@gmail.com. (DOST-PAGASA

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Konsi. Sonny Atienza, Jerry C. Barrera, Eunice Motas, Raymond Senia, Glennon 'Glenn' Pegollo, Cesar Ryan 'SJ' Nazareno, Doc Arnel Milay, at Sofia 'Pia' Poblete. Sa ika-limang araw ng ating rice distribution, nabigyan po natin

ang mga residente mula sa Verdant Covered Court Brgy. Sabang, at Pasinaya Central Naic Cavite. Katuwang po ang ating minamahal na Barangay Capt. Daizon King R. Motas. Maraming salamat po sa walang

sawang pagtugon ng tulon para sa ating mga minamahal na Naic-queños. Abangan nyo po kami sa susunod na mga araw sa inyong Barangay dito sa ating minamahal na Bayan ng Naic.

City Government of Dasmariñas



Electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) sa

Lunsod ng DASMARIÑAS, sinimulan na!

Noong January 2, 2025 binuksan na ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Dasmariñas ang taunang Electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) para sa mga negosyante sa ating lungsod sa pangunguna nina Mayor Jennifer Austria-Barzaga at VM Third Barzaga. Bukas ang application mula January 2 hanggang January 31, 2025 sa City of Dasmariñas Arena.

RDRRMC Calabarzon, nakaalerto sa aktibidad ng Bulkang Taal

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS — Nananatiling nakaalerto at handa ang Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Calabarzon kasunod ng minor phreatomagmatic eruption ng Bulkang Taal noong Lunes ng gabi, Enero 6, 2025.

Sa mensahe ni RDRRMC Chairperson at Office of Civil Defense (OCD) IV-A Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez III, pinaalalahanan niya ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa paligid ng Bulkang Taal na paigtingin ang kanilang kahandaan kaugnay ng patuloy na aktibidad ng bulkan.

Ayon kay Alvarez, dapat maging alerto ang mga komunidad sa paligid nito at isaayos ang mga kaukulang contingency plans bilang paghahanda na rin sa ibang panganib na dulot ng aktibidad ng Bulkang Taal.

Isang minor phreatomagmatic eruption ang naganap sa main crater ng Bulkang Taal bandang 7:34 ng gabi noong Enero 6, 2025. Nagdulot ito ng 600-metrong taas ng plume na may kasamang volcanic tremor na tumagal nang tatlong minuto, ayon sa Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

Bago ang na-

turang pagputok, iniulat ng Phivolcs ang pagtaas ng real-time seismic energy measurement (RSAM) ng Bulkang Taal simula noong Enero 4, 2025. Labindalawang volcanic earthquakes, kabilang ang anim na tremors, ang naitala rin ng ahensiya mula Enero 1, 2025.

Naobserbahan din ang kawalan ng degassing at plume kasabay ng pagtaas ng RSAM, indikasyon ng pagbarang ng mga daanan ng volcanic gas sa loob ng bulkan na maaaring mag-trigger ng phreatic o minor phreatomagmatic eruption.

Ayon sa Phivolcs, bagama't nagka-

room ng minor eruption, walang indikasyon upang itaas ang alert status ng Bulkang Taal, na nananatili pa rin sa Alert Level 1.

Bilang bahagi ng kahandaan, ibinahagi ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) IV-A na may nakaantabay itong 180,000 relief items.

Samantala, nasa ilalim ng 'code white' ang Department of Health (DOH) Calabarzon at nakahanda ang kanilang ahensya para sa anumang health-related incidents kaugnay ng aktibidad ng Bulkang Taal.

Nakahanda rin ang Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) IV-A na mag-deploy ng mga interconnectivity support at communications box kung kinakailangan.

Sa sektor ng edukasyon, ipinaalala ng Department of Education (DepEd) ang DepEd Order No. 22 na naglalaman ng direktiba ukol sa pagkakansele ng klase at trabaho sa mga paaralan sa panahon ng kalamidad at emergencies. Ayon dito, nasa desisyon ng mga local chief executives, sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa kanilang Schools Division Supervisors, ang pagsuspinde ng face-to-face classes.

Samantala, ipinahayag ng Batangas Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRMO) na may anim na mobile kitchen ang lalawigan, pati na rin isang mobile clinic na maaaring gamitin sakaling magkaroon ng kalamidad. (BPDC, PIA BATANGAS)

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Exemption from the Commission on Elections (Comelec)-imposed firearms prohibition may be secured from the Committee on Ban on Firearms and Security Concerns.

"For those not included in the executive list of exemptions, if they wish to bring firearms outside of their respective residences and places of business, they have to apply for a certificate of authority from Comelec so that they can be exempted," she said.

"Otherwise, if they do not have a certificate of authority to be issued by committee on the ban of firearms and security concerns, then they have to follow the gun ban on Jan. 12."

Fajardo said that all police units continue to intensify the crackdown on private armed groups (PAGs) and loose firearms ahead of midterm elections.

The PNP is monitoring five groups.

"We continue to monitor these PAGs and the order of our chief PNP (Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil) is to keep a close watch on these PAGs to make sure that these are not used by any politician or group to influence the elections," Fajardo said.

From January to November 2024, the PNP reported arresting 8,628 for violating Republic Act 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

During this period, 25,240 firearms were either confiscated, recovered or surrendered, while 9,932 firearms were turned over for safekeeping.

The highest number of arrests for firearms law violations was recorded by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) with 2,033 arrests, followed by Police Regional Office (PRO) - Central Luzon with 979 and 7 (Central Visayas) with 906.

On confiscated or surrendered firearms, PRO-7 led with 3,951 cases, followed by PRO-6 (Western Visayas) with 3,023 and NCRPO with 2,175.

Meanwhile, PRO 4-A (Calabarzon) recorded the highest number of firearms turned over for safekeeping at 2,797.

The poll body also reminded the public to be aware of gun ban checkpoints that would be set up in strategic areas.

"Check points will be established not only against firearms and deadly weapons. We would also like to address the situation in some areas," Comelec Chair George Erwin Garcia said in a press conference at the kickoff ceremony for the printing of the official ballots for the 2025 polls at the National Printing Office (NPO) in Quezon City.

"We can also assess peace and order situation in the area, if we can put the place under Comelec control," the poll body chief added.

At the same time, Garcia noted that they will have a meeting with authorities particularly the PNP on Jan. 9, to discuss the list of areas of concern among others in connection with the forthcoming polls.

He said they have received numerous requests for gun ban exemptions.

"Aside from many requests for exemption. We also have automatic exemptions such as prosecutors, judges, undersecretaries, assistant secretaries, justices of the Supreme Court, legislators... the Comelec chief added. (With Ferdinand Patitnio/PNA)

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **MARCELA M. DE MALIMBAN** consisting of a residential land with no improvements covered by Tax Declaration No. 06-006-00837 situated at Castanos Cerca, Aguinaldo, Cavite has been the subject of an **AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF SALE** executed by the sole heir as per Doc. No. 043, Page No.80, Book No. XII, Series of 2024 of Notary Public Atty. Antonio T. Nicolas.

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Quiapo Church, NCRPO appeal to Nazarene devotees to observe solemn, peaceful celebration

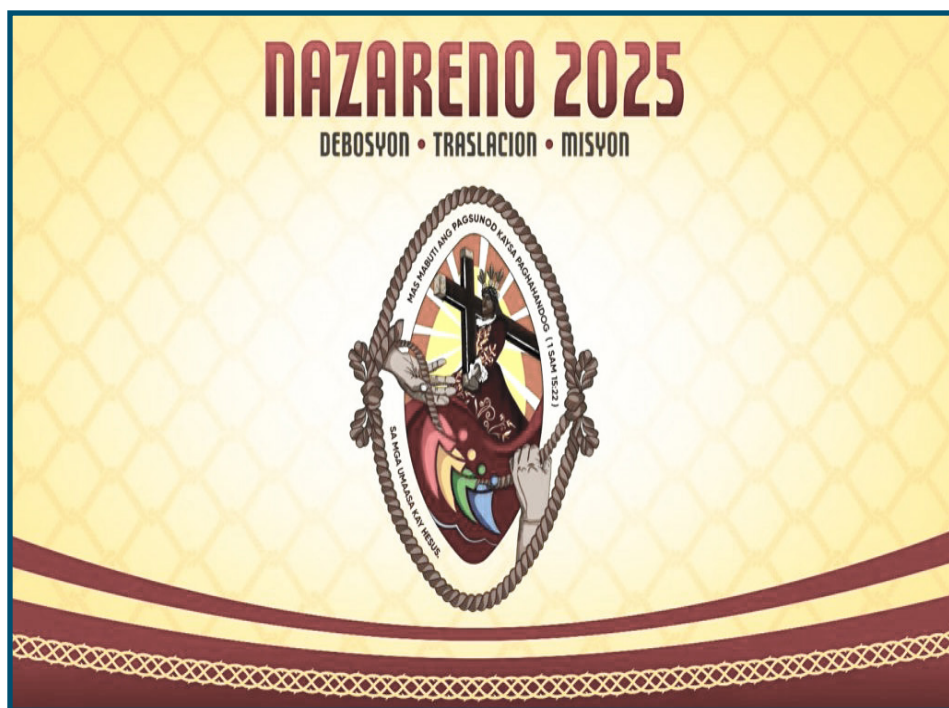
MANILA, (PIA) — The Quiapo Church administration and the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) appealed to devotees of the Black Nazarene and to the public to observe a solemn and peaceful celebration of the Feast of the Black Nazarene on Jan. 9.

A few days before the annual Traslacion of the Black Nazarene, authorities of Quiapo Church called on devotees and faithful to participate in and maintain

the sacredness of the Holy Mass, and avoid causing distraction.

During the Traslacion, devotees are encouraged to participate in the procession and pray at designated prayer stations.

Quiapo Church reminded devotees to avoid blocking the path of the procession and likewise discouraged devotees climbing the 'Andas' for other devotees and faithful see the image of Jesus of Nazarene.



Devotees are allowed to throw handkerchiefs to designated 'Hijos Del Nazereno' on board the Andas.

Observance of health and safety protocols is also encouraged.

Meanwhile, NCRPO chief PBGen Anthony A. Aberin also called for the cooperation of devotees.

"Let us work together to honor this sacred occasion by following the rules and ensuring a peaceful celebration," said Aberin.

Police authorities remind devotees of the following prohibitions during the celebration:

- Hoodie jacket
- Hat/Cap
- Bag
- Water bottle

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Bigas, ipinamahagi ng LGU Naic



Nitong Enero 6, 2025 ay patuloy pa rin po ang ating pamamahagi ng bigas para sa mga minamahal nating Naicqueños sa tulong ng ating mga kaibigan mula sa AGIMAT Partylist sa presensya ni 2nd Nominee AGIMAT Representative Samantha Panlilio, kasama si BM Ram Revilla, Ms. Jacinta Remulla, ang inyong lingkod Vice Mayor Junio Dualan, at Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista.

Kasama rin natin ang mga masisipag na Konsehal na sina
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