

# GOV'T URGED TO MONITOR PRICES OF OIL, BASIC GOODS

MANILA -- The government should closely monitor the prices of basic commodities and products, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian said amid escalating tensions between the United States and Iran in the Middle East.

"Dapat masusing bantayan ng gobyerno ang magiging paggalaw ng presyo ng iba't ibang bilihin kasunod na rin ng panibagong girian sa pagitan ng U.S. at Iran (The government should closely monitor any movement in the prices of a variety of goods following the latest hostilities between the US and Iran)," he said in a statement.

"Inaasahan natin na ang mga kaganapan sa Gitnang Silangan ay maaring makaapekto sa local oil prices na siya naman maaring magdulot ng pagtaas ng mga bilihin sa bansa (It should be expected that the events in the Middle East could affect local oil prices which, in turn, could bring about an increase in the prices of goods in the country)," Gatchalian said.

The chair of the Senate Committee on Energy

urged concerned government agencies to take proactive actions to prevent unscrupulous traders from taking advantage of the events unfolding in the oil-rich region.

"Upang tiyakin na hindi sasamantalain ng mga mamumuhunan ang sitwasyon sa Gitnang Silangan, tinatawagan natin ang Department of Energy,

Department of Trade and Industry, at Department of Agriculture na magtalaga ng mga tao o di kaya ay bu-muo ng task force na masigasig na magbabantay sa paggalaw ng presyo ng produktong petrolyo at mga pangunahing bilihin sa merkado (To prevent traders from taking advantage of the Middle East situation, I call on the DOE, DTI, and the DA to assign personnel

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Senator Sherwin Gatchalian

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## Mahigit sa 350 ang nakabilang sa Araw ng Pagtatapos sa ating mga mag-aaral sa TESDA

Mahigit sa 350 ang nakabilang sa Araw ng Pagtatapos sa ating



mga mag-aaral sa TESDA na pinangunahan ng ating Livelihood Center. Kasama sa dumalo sa kaganapan ang ating City Administrator Jerome Oliveros, TESDA Cavite Provincial Director Conrado E. Maraan Jr., City Councilor Mike Bautista, at City Livelihood Officer in Charge Lita Gawaran. Nagtapos ang mga mag-aaral sa mga sumusunod na kurso: Beadwork, Beauty Care, Bread and Pastry Production, Cake Decoration, Candle Making, Commercial Baking, Cookery, Dressmaking NCII, Floral Arrangement, Food and Beverage Services, Hairdressing, at Massage Therapy.

## From the DOTr Inter-Agency Motorcycle Taxi TWG implementing fair deal to have a MC Taxi Service Pilot Run reflective of the needs of commuter

MANILA-- This refers to the statement made by the Lawyers for Commuter Safety and Protection (LCSP) in their press conference held last Friday, 3 January 2019.

We cite in particular the threat of this commuter advocacy group to take legal action against the members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) alleging irregularities in the conduct of the Motorcycle Taxi Service Pilot Implementation Run.

LCSP has also made serious allegations against Senator Koko Pimentel III for supposedly influencing the TWG and interceding on behalf of one of the service providers in the Pilot Run, which is Joyride.

While we are most confident that Senator Pimentel can very well address the accusations thrown at him, we at the TWG nevertheless,

would like to respond to the baseless and reckless imputations against us.

Firstly, the endorse-

ment of Senator Pimentel on behalf of Joyride is a matter of public record, and as clearly proven in the sequence of events and timeline, has no bearing on the TWG's decision-making process and development of the MC Taxi Service Pilot Implementation Run.

that the initial run of the pilot study ended in December 2019 without the participation

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Courtesy:LCSP facebook

In a press statement, Senator Pimentel admitted



Senator Koko Pimentel





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# PARAÑAQUE CITY SAYS NO TO PLASTIC!

**QUEZON CITY** -- In an environment struggling to combat the effects of climate change, Parañaque City took a step into the right direction by banning single-use plastic. The local government is banning single-use plastic in all commercial establishments starting June this year.

Under City Ordinance No. 18-40, Parañaque City will no longer allow restaurants and oth-

er commercial establishments to use plastic bags, plastic utensils, and disposable straw.

"Styrofoam and single-use plastic being a non-bio-degradable material, clog our canals, creeks, rivers and other waterways and during the rainy season end up in the Parañaque River causing floods to the surrounding barangays," according to the ordinance.

Under the measure,

only manufacturers in the city will be allowed to use such plastics for packaging, but supermarkets and public market vendors will be asked to use biodegradable plastic.

Violators will be fined P5,000 for every offense. On the third offense, violators will be shut down and their business license revoked for one year.

Parañaque City is one of the seven local government units in Metro Manila to limit the use of plastic. Others are Muntinlupa, Pasig, Makati, Las Pinas, Quezon City and Pasay. (PIA-NCR)

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or create a task force that will diligently monitor the movement in the prices of petroleum products and basic commodities in the market)," Gatchalian said. Tensions between the US and Iran escalated following the killing of top Iranian commander, Major General Qasem Soleimani in a United States drone strike in Iraq on January 3.

Early Wednesday morning, Iran launched a missile attack on an Iraqi airbase housing US and allied forces, further heightening fears of all-out conflict in the Gulf region. source:(PNA)

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite, (PIA) --** The provincial government of Cavite thru the Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children recently launched the first Milk Feeding Program here at Sunshine Ville Child Development Center, Barangay Cabuco with target 100 beneficiaries belonging to the vulnerable group of children aged 2-4 years old.

The program is in accordance with R.A. No. 11037 also known as the Masustansiyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act – a law on the establishment of a national feeding program for undernourished children in public day care centers, kindergarten and elementary schools.

Trece Martires City is one of the LGUs with high number of undernourished children due to the relocation of former informal settlers from other cities who are now residents of Sunshine Ville 1 & 2.

Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan thanked the provincial government thru the PCPC for selecting her government unit for this program and said,"Sa mga magulang, suportahan po natin ang programang ito para sa ikabubuti ng kalusugan at mabigyan ng tamang nutrisyon ang inyong mga anak," urging the parents to give full support to the program for the improvement of the nutritional status of their children.



**Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan**

Likewise, Ms. Nora de los Santos, City Social Welfare and Development Officer reminded the parents to avoid giving their children artificial drinks.

In support to this program, the city government of Trece Martires donated playpens, educational materials, building blocks and rubber mats and mothers' class sessions for the proper care and nourishment of their children will also be conducted.

The 120-day MFP commence on January 6, 2020.source:(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

**The City Government of Imus supports the Sulong EduKALIDAD - A rallying call by the Department of Education for a national effort to deliver quality basic education to all Filipinos.Sama-sama tayo sa pag SULONG ng EduKALIDAD!**



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## DILG FILES...FROM P4

The DILG Chief said that the filing of cases is long overdue as all local government units (LGUs) were given reasonable time to comply with the President's directive to reclaim all public roads that are being used for private ends – but the said LCEs showed negligence, dereliction of duty, and lack of cooperation.

"These first batch of mayors failed to perform their duty to clear their roads of obstructions, they did not develop or implement any displacement program or plan, they do not have any long-term rehabilitation and sustainability plan in place, and they failed to set up a feedback or grievance mechanism for their constituents; hence, we are compelled to seek their suspension from office," he said.

"Hindi tayo nagbibiro noong sinabi natin na handa tayong sampahan sila ng kaso. We took, very seriously President Duterte's order for the DILG to lead the road clearing efforts and file cases to non-compliant LGUs, if need be," Año says.

President Duterte, in his last State of the Nation Address, ordered the DILG to lead in the road clearing operations and suspend non-compliant LCEs. Subsequently, heeding the Presidential directive, the DILG released Memorandum Circular 2019-121 directing LCEs to use all their powers under the law to reclaim public roads being used for private ends.

"These 10 LGUs have registered the lowest validation scores through the stringent nationwide evaluation and monitoring of the DILG. Hindi naman tayo nagkulang ng paalala sa mga pamahalaang lokal," he explains.

The DILG issued show cause orders last October to 97 LGUs across the country seeking their explanation for their non-compliance to the DILG's directive based on the assessment and validation conducted by the Department.

DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that the Department will soon issue a new directive for a new 75-day road-clearing operation. "We noticed that some of the obstructions have returned and the LGUs have done nothing to stop their return especially during the holidays," he said.

"We hope that all our mayors understand that this is now a policy of the government until the end of this administration. They will have to lead and do their responsibilities, otherwise they will face charges and the threat of suspension," said Malaya.

"The challenge here is to sustain the gains of the road clearing last year for the long run so the Secretary will soon issue a new directive to ensure that all encroachments are permanently removed and that LGUs are vigilant in enforcing the law," he said.

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of JoyRide.

In the same press statement, Senator Pimentel added that what had prompted him to send his endorsement letter to the DOTr was the realization that should motorcycle taxis become legal, the pilot run must not only involve Angkas as the single service provider.

Senator Pimentel stressed that the pilot run on motorcycle taxis must reflect real life situations that would involve a competition and not a monopoly.

Let it be clear that with or without any endorsement letter, the TWG has been fairly dealing with how best to make the MC Taxi Service Pilot Run reflective of the needs of the commuter, and how it can be a transformational public transportation alternative.

In line with these, the TWG has exerted efforts to determine the capacity of motorcycle taxi transport network companies (TNCs) which expressed interest in joining the extended pilot study after the initial run ended last December 26.

The TWG subjected all interested motorcycle taxi TNCs to a strict inspection and deliberation process. The interested TNCs were evaluated based on their level of preparation to join the study, the readiness of their respective apps,

the competency of their riders, the safety standards of their equipment and riding system, and their respective training facilities, among others.

We, therefore, find it deplorable that the LCSP would resort to a politically-motivated deflection of the real issue confronting the program, and will even drag a senator into the fray.

But, it also behooves Angkas to explain why there are certain senators who are taking up the cudgels for them. Should they be imputed with influence-peddling and favoring Angkas as well?

The press conference actually begs the question - which entity is the LCSP actually representing? Is it speaking on behalf of the commuter?

Why then is the LCSP zeroing in on the entry of Joyride, and raising the very same arguments against the TWG guidelines that were vociferously protested by the original pilot run partner, Angkas? Is it merely a striking coincidence that the LCSP is earnestly trying to project that it is taking the cudgels for the other TNCs, which, according to them, had been deliberately excluded by the TWG, even as their sudden appearance in press conference was arranged by Geiser-Maclang, which happens to

### ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale filed by Home Development Mutual Fund with FC No. 177-19, the correct entry for the mortgagors is GLORIA R. PABLO married to IRINEO D. PABLO, JR. AND NOT IRENEO D. PABLO, JR. AND THE CORRECT TCT is TCT No. 057-2016016857 and NOT TCT No. T-057-2016016857 as published in the issues of Cavite Weekly Chronicle dated Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2019 and as stated in the Affidavit of Publication.. Our Apology.

CN: Jan. 8-14, 2020

## City Government of General Trias : Awarding of Plaque of Recognition Manila Bay 2019 and Launching of LGU Integrated Permit



## Silang residents availed free medical services



More than 300 Silang residents availed free medical services from the provincial government of Cavite's health outreach program conducted at Barangay Lalaan II on January 7, 2020. Health professionals from the Provincial Health Office rendered their services which include medical consultation, dental check-up and tooth extraction with the assistance of barangay health workers and nutrition scholars. Prescribed medicines and vitamins were also provided for free. Barangay Captain Eric L. Sulit together

er with other barangay officials warmly welcomed and thanked the mission team headed by the OPG-Extension for conducting the health activity in their barangay.

**SOURCE**PROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

be the PR agency also of Angkas?

One really wonders why the LCSP is raising questions on the guidelines of the TWG which clearly establishes its mandate - determine to the fullest extent the viability and safety of the MC Taxi Service, and to foster competition to promote and uphold public interest.

Curiously, why didn't the LCSP take up the issue of Angkas and its serious violations and transgressions in the press conference, which reveals how it is has been treating the MC Taxi Service Pilot Run as its own business feasibility study?

Consider the following:  
1. Angkas has been conducting its business even outside of the designated Pilot Run areas, which is considered illegal under existing laws.

2. Angkas has been cited with various safety breach like non-wearing of helmets and vests by its passengers, plus allowing the use of unauthorized safety gear. These are all well-documented and even publicized in social

media platforms.

3. Angkas continues to adopt and collect surge fees which were already disallowed under the new guidelines.

4. And in a blatant display of defiance and arrogance, note how Angkas or DBDOYC (its registered corporate name) did not disclose to the riding public that it is a 99% foreign-owned corporation, and is operating contrary to existing Philippine laws that common carriers should be at least 60% owned by Filipinos. Records from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) would show that Angkas is 99.996% owned by Angeline Xiwen Tham, a Singaporean, with P9.8 million in subscribed shares. Tham is also listed at the SEC as the president of the corporation.

It bears repeating, and emphasizing, that Angkas is merely operating on the basis of the motorcycle taxi pilot study, a privilege being accorded by the TWG, notwithstanding the legal issues hounding Angkas and its attempt to circumvent existing transport laws, to carry out its business.

Angkas, using the LCSP, is trying to paint a picture that the TWG is involved in corruption in the conduct of the extended study on the viability and safety of motorcycle as taxis, citing vague allegations of "serious irregularities" in the selection of new participants.

It is therefore unfortunate, but necessary, that we, at the TWG, are compelled to confront this brazen attempt by Angkas to distort the narrative, using the LCSP as deflection to destroy the credibility of the TWG, and sway public opinion.

There is nothing irregular in the way the TWG is doing its business as far as the extended study is concerned.

In fact, the TWG has the full weight of authority granted by the government, for it to oversee the MC Taxi Service Pilot Implementation Run, under a Special Order (SO) issued last December 19, 2019 duly signed by DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade.

The issuance of this SO is clear proof which debunks


the unfounded accusation of LCSP that members of the TWG are acting without the necessary authority. The said SO has the pertinent provisions containing the designation of point persons in the TWG, its mandate to run the Pilot Implementation of the MC Taxi Service, the authority to introduce/revise guidelines, and even hire a consultant as may be required.

As for the TWG itself, we have unwavering faith and confidence in retired Police Major General Antonio Gardiola, Jr., as chairman of the TWG given his extensive experience and background with motorcycles, and in the enforcement of laws as previous head of the PNP Highway Patrol Group (HPG), the Inter-Agency Council for Traffic (I-ACT), and as board member of the LTFRB.

And, the TWG will not be deterred by threats of lawsuits and charges of corruption. It will continue to discharge its function as mandated by the government, and ensure that the only interest it will uphold and serve is public interest. (DOTr)



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| OUTPATIENT SERVICES  | MAJOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES   | MINOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES  |
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| <b>VENUE: STRIKE Gymnasium, Bacoor Government Center</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care</li> <li>Optometry (Eye Check-up &amp; Free Eyeglasses)</li> <li>Physical Therapy</li> <li>Ultrasound</li> <li>ECG (electrocardiogram)</li> <li>Dental extraction (bunot ng ngipin)</li> </ul> | <b>VENUE: Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, Trece Martires City, Cavite</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hernias (fuslos)</li> <li>Hemorrhoids (almuranas)</li> <li>Cholecystectomy (surgical removal of gallbladder)</li> <li>Thyroidectomy (removal of all or part of thyroid gland)</li> <li>Plastic surgery (cleft lip/palate, burn strictures)</li> <li>Ovarian or uterine tumor/mass (bukol sa obaryo/matres)</li> <li>Breast masses (mga bukol sa suso)</li> </ul> | <b>VENUE: Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, Trece Martires City, Cavite</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other lumps and bumps (iba pang mga bukol)</li> </ul> |

**OPHTHALMOLOGY PROCEDURES**  
**VENUE: Bacoor Eye Center, Brgy. Talaba 7, City of Bacoor**  

- Cataract (katarata) surgery
- Pterygium (pugita) surgery

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**Oath Taking Ceremony of the City of Imus Cooperative Development Council Jan. 8, 2020 at Cafe Monzon**



# DILG files raps vs 10 local execs for non-compliance to road clearing directive

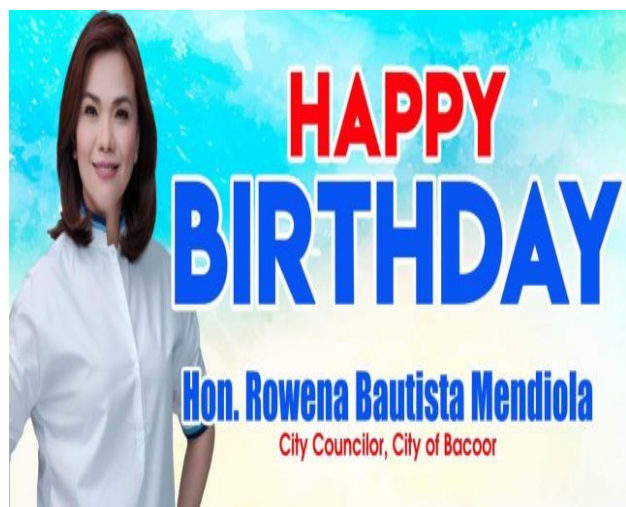
The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has filed administrative charges against ten (10) local chief executives (LCEs) for failing to comply with President Rodrigo Duterte's directive to clear roads of illegal obstructions and return to the public the use of all major roads and highways.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said this is just the first batch of cases filed before the Office of the Ombudsman after these local chief executives failed to satisfactorily answer the Show Cause Orders issued by the Department. "This is just the first batch of cases to be filed and we will file the succeeding batches as soon as our lawyers have finished reviewing the validation reports and the corresponding answers by the mayors," he said.

Año said that administrative cases for gross neglect of duty and grave misconduct were filed with the Office of the Ombudsman against the mayors of the Municipality of Baco, Oriental Mindoro; Municipality of Pili, Camarines Sur; Municipality of Ginatilan, Cebu; Municipality of Pagsanghan, Samar; Municipality of Aurora and Lapuyan, Zamboanga Del Sur; Municipality Sagay and Guinsiliban, Camuigin; Municipality of Manticao, Misamis Oriental; and Municipality of Caraga, Davao Oriental.

He urged the Office of the Ombudsman to immediately act on the cases filed by the DILG to prove to the public that government is serious in returning all roads for the enjoyment and utilization of the public. "We hope that the Ombudsman will act on our complaint with dispatch and urgency," he said.

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**Municipality of Naic Mayor Junio C. Dualan recieved the awards for Lgu Compliance Assessment- Manila Bay Clean-up Rehabilitation and Preservation Program recently.**