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Dolomite beach to remain closed to the public

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The Dolomite beach at the Manila Bay will be closed again to the public after its brief reopening, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced Wednesday, Nov. 3.

This means that its five-day temporary closure, which started on Oct. 29 in observance of the All Saints' Day and the All Souls' Day, will continue.

According to Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones, the closure will allow the agency to finish the pending rehabilitation works in the Dolomite beach as well as improve the fecal coliform level of the Manila Bay's waters.

"Abot kamay na matatapos na namin (We can finish it). The main objective is the water quality... Ang talagang objective natin matapos 'yan (Our objective is to finish it) within the year, hindi 'yung within the administration. Pipilitin yan matapos (We will try our best)," added Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny Antiporda in a press conference.

In a statement, DENR said it would work on the the following:

- Fixing of the drainage system in the outfalls of Padre Faura, Remedios and Abad.
 All dirty waters coming from the residential areas and establishments will be "diverted."
- 2. Fixing of the outfall near the Dolomite Rock Garden, wherein a high fecal coliform level was reported.
- 3. Extension of the Dolomite beach up to 500 meters and the installation of geoengineering interventions.
- 4. Rehabilitation of the fishing area near the Manila Yatch Club.
- 5. Building of two "solar-powered comfort rooms," souvenir shop and a Mandamus Office.
- 6. Lighting and landscaping of the Baywalk Area.

On Oct. 16, the Manila Baywalk Dolomite beach reopened to the public, but was closed again after two weeks amid overcrowding concerns that even led to the relief of Manila Bay Task Force Ground Commander Jacob Meimban.

The reopening was marred by criticisms from the public and even from some government officials after it drew a total of 322,718 visitors—a number unimaginable amid COVID-19 pandemic. These included minors, who were not yet allowed to go out under Alert Level 3 guidelines being enforced in Metro Manila.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/11/03/dolomite-beach-to-remain-closed-to-the-public/





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Dolomite beach closed until 2022

Elizabeth Marcelo - The Philippine Star November 4, 2021 | 12:00am



People continue to flock to the dolomite beach in Manila's Baywalk along Roxas Boulevard as quarantine restrictions were eased further in the National Capital Region under Alert Level 3.

MANILA, Philippines — The man-made dolomite beach along Baywalk will remain closed to the public until early 2022 to give way for the completion of the rehabilitation works in Manila Bay, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced yesterday.

In a virtual press conference, DENR Undersecretary for policy, planning, and international affairs Jonas Leones said the beach was closed from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3, but the Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) and DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu "wanted all the rehabilitation works completed first, so that the public can fully enjoy the beach once it reopens."

The closure follows an incident on Oct. 24 wherein authorities failed to control the influx of more than 121,000 visitors to the beach. The incident led to the relief of MBTF ground commander Jacob Meimban Jr., who was replaced by retired Army general Reuel Sorilla, officer-in-charge of the DENR's Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service.

Manila Mayor Isko Moreno earlier said DENR officials should be charged since the agency did not coordinate the opening of the beach with city hall.

While not giving a detailed timeline, Leones said the DENR aims to finish all the works by the end of the year or by the first quarter of 2022.

Leones said the remaining rehabilitation works include cleanup and inspection of several sewage treatment plants to improve the water quality in the bay so it would be considered fit for swimming and other recreational activities.

Other rehabilitation works include the repair of the drainage system in the Padre Faura, Remedios and Abad outfalls; construction of an additional outfall near the dolomite beach's rock garden, where high fecal coliform levels were earlier detected; renovation of a fishing area at the Manila Yacht Club; construction of a children's playground, solar-powered restrooms, souvenir shops and an administrative office for the task force.

Leones said additional lamp posts as well as landscaping will also be installed along the Baywalk area.

The expansion of the beach, the second phase of the project, is set to start this week and will cover up to 500 meters.





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Leones said geo-engineering interventions such as geotubes, which can cover 360 meters of beach area, will be in place so the artificial sand would not be washed away.

Leones said the DENR coordinated with the Department of Public Works and Highways and project contractors to ensure unhampered construction works.

Sorilla, over the weekend, said he had ordered the deployment of additional personnel at the beach "for stricter security patrolling and monitoring in the area."

Source: https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/11/04/2138799/dolomite-beach-closed-until-

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Dolomite beach isasara para sa Manila Bay rehab completion – DENR exec



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Manila, Philippines – Mananatiling sarado sa publiko ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach upang magbigay daan sa rehabilitasyon at pagpapalawig ng mga gawain sa man-made beach, base sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

"Ngayon, isasara natin para bigyan daan ang pagtatapos ng ibang gawain doon. Ang gusto ng ating Inter-Agency Task Force at ng ating kalihim ay para mag-enjoy ang ating kababayan ay tapusin na po natin lahat ng gawain," saad ni DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones sa press briefing.

Nakikipag-ugnayan na aniya ang DENR sa Department of Public Works and Highways at contractor ng proyekto upang matiyak na walang makapapasok na bisita rito.

"[D]ahil may materyales at equipment po na dadaan sa dolomite area kaya minarapat na isara muna para di maabala sa gagawin dolomite area."

Maaalalang isinara ang Dolomite beach mula Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobyembre 3 para sa paggunita ng Undas. RNT/FGDC

Source: https://www.remate.ph/dolomite-beach-isasara-para-sa-manila-bay-rehab-completion-denr-exec/





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DENR exec: Dolomite beach to remain closed to give way for Manila Bay rehab completion

By TED CORDERO, GMA News

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The Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach will remain closed to the public even after November 3, 2021 to give way for the completion of rehabilitation and expansion works in the man-made beach, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said Wednesday.

"Ngayon, isasara natin para bigyan daan ang pagtatapos ng ibang gawain doon. Ang gusto ng ating Inter-Agency Task Force at ng ating kalihim ay para mag-enjoy ang ating kababayan ay tapusin na po natin lahat ng gawain," DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones said at a press briefing.

(Now, we will close it to give way for the completion of the remaining works there. The Inter-Agency Task Force and our secretary want our fellow citizens to enjoy it so we will finish everything that needs to be done.)

Leones said the DENR is coordinating with the Department of Public Works and Highways and the project's contractor to ensure there are no visitors in the area.

"[D]ahil may materyales at equipment po na dadaan sa dolomite area kaya minarapat na isara muna para di maabala sa gagawin dolomite area," he said.

(Because the materials and equipment will go through the dolomite area, thus we opted to close it so as not to disrupt the works to be done in the dolomite area.)

From October 29 to November 3, the <u>DENR said the dolomite beach will be closed</u> in accordance with the order of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the observance of Undas or All Souls' and All Saints' Days.

Last week, Interior Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said the <u>DENR is considering closing the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach until its expansion is completed.</u>

"Tulad ng aming naipangako, ipagpapatuloy po natin pagsasaayos ng Manila Bay. Tutukan po natin ngayon ang paglilinis ng tubig sa Manila Bay upang sa ganon hindi na lamang pasyal ang maaaring gawin ng ating kababayan sa dolomite area kundi pati pagligo at paglangoy," Leones said.

(As we promised, we will continue the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. We will focus on cleaning the waters of Manila Bay so that visitors can also swim there apart from just touring the area.)

Apart from cleaning the water, the DENR will also complete the repair of the drainage system in the outfalls of Padre Faura and Remedios Abad.

The agency will also renovate the fishing areas along the parts of Manila Yacht Club and construct a playground for children.

The DENR will likewise construct two solar powered comfort rooms, souvenir shops, and an administrative office to oversee the operations in Manila Bay.





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Also part of the project is the putting up of light posts along the baywalk.

Leones said the DENR is targeting to complete the works in the Manila Bay this year or by the first quarter of 2022. — RSJ, GMA News





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Dolomite Beach mananatiling sarado hanggang sa matapos ang Manila Bay rehabilitation project – DENR

By **Bombo Dave Vincent Pasit** -November 3, 2021 | 11:58 AM

Nagdesisyon and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na panatilihing nakasara muna and Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay.

Ayon sa kagawaran, mananatiling sarado ang white sand area hanggang sa matapos ang rehabilitation project nila sa manila Bay.

Ngayong linggo sisimulan ng DENR ang rollout ng Phase 2 ng Manila Dolomite Beach project. Inaasahan nilang matapos ang naturang proyekto bago pa man matapos ang kasalukuyang taon.

Oktubre 29 nang isinara ulit ang white sand area ng Manila Bay, ilang araw bago ang Todos Los Santos.

Bago pa man ito isinara ulit sa publiko, dinagsa ng maraming tao ang nasabing lugar mula nang inilagay ang Metro Manila sa ilalim ng Alert Level 3 noong nakaraang buwan.

Ilang mga eksperto ang nagpahayag ng kanilang pagkabahala na ang pagtitipon-tipon ng maraming mga tao sa lugar ay posibleng maging super spreader event.

Maging ang DENR ay nagsabi rin na hindi nila inasahan ang bulto ng tao na pumunta sa Dolomite Beach, bagay na nagpahirap sa kanila para matiyak na nanatili ang pagsunod sa minimum health standards.





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Dolomite beach sinara para sa Manila Bay rehab

By Abante News - Last updated Nov 3, 2021









Sarado muna sa publiko ang dolomite beach sa Manila Bay habang tinatapos pa ang rehabilitasyon sa lugar, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

"Dahil po dito sa mga nasabi naming gawain at rehabilitation works na ipatutupad sa mga darating na araw, nais po naming ipabatid sa lahat ng ating mga kababayan na ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ay mananatili pong nakasara," ani DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones.

Ayon pa kay Leones, ang rehabilitasyon ay patungkol sa paglilinis ng tubig-dagat sa lugar, na inaasahang matatapos pa sa dulo ng taon o sa u-nang quarter ng 2022.

Una ng sinabi ng ahensiya na plano nilang gawing ligtas ang tubig sa Manila Bay para sa mga nais maligo dito, bago matapos ang termino ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte. (Mark Joven Delantar)

Source: https://www.abante.com.ph/dolomite-beach-sinara-para-sa-manila-bay-rehab/





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Dolomite beach to remain closed until further notice



Photo from DENR

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November 03, 2021

THE Manila Bay Dolomite Beach will remain closed to the public until further notice to give way for the completion of rehabilitation and expansion works in the facility, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones said improving the water quality, repairing the drainage system in the outfalls of Padre Faura and Remedios Abad, completion of phase 2, renovating the fishing areas along the parts of Manila Yacht Club and the construction of playground for children, comfort rooms, souvenir shops and administrative office will be among the things that have to be dealt with before the beach will be opened to the public again.

"Ang gusto ng ating Inter-Agency Task Force at ng ating kalihim ay para mag-enjoy ang ating kababayan ay tapusin na po natin lahat ng gawain... Dahil may materyales at equipment po na dadaan sa dolomite area kaya minarapat na isara muna para di maabala sa gagawin dolomite area,"

Leones said in a media briefing.

(What the IATF and DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu want is that for the public to really enjoy the beach, everything has to be done first. We have the materials and equipment passing by the beach already, so we prefer to finish the rehabilitation works first.)

"Tulad ng aming naipangako, ipagpapatuloy po natin ang pagsasaayos ng Manila Bay. Tutukan po natin ngayon ang paglilinis ng tubig sa Manila Bay upang sa ganon, hindi na lamang pasyal ang maaaring gawin ng ating kababayan sa dolomite area kundi pati pagligo at paglangoy," he added.

(As promised, we will continue to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. We will focus more on improving the water quality, so the public can also enjoy swimming in the area.)

Leones said the agency is eyeing to reopen the beach in the first quarter of 2022.

The reopening of the dolomite beach on October 16, the same day the alert level status in the National Capital Region was downgraded from level 4 to level 3, was criticized after hundreds of thousands of people flocked to the area, resulting in the violation of minimum public health protocols, especially the physical distancing.





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Manila Bay Task Force commander Jacob Meimban was relieved over the incident.

Initially, the DENR ordered the closure of the dolomite beach from October 29 to November 3 in anticipation of the bulk of people who may visit the facility due to the long weekend for the observance of All Saints' and All Souls' Days. (SunStar Philippines)





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Dolomite Beach resort, mananatiling sarado

(Pilipino Star Ngayon) - November 4, 2021 - 12:00am



Crowds gather as families spend quality time while waiting for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its 2nd day opening on Sunday (October 17, 2021).

The STAR / Miguel De Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — Simula ngayong Nobyembre 4 ay mananatiling sarado ang Dolomite Beach Resort sa Manila bay.

Ayon ito sa Department of Environment amd Natural Resources (DENR) sa layuning bigyang daan ang iba pang proyekto ng ahensya sa Manila Bay .

Kabilang sa mga proyekto ay ang paglilinis sa tubig, pagkumpleto sa phase 2 ng dolomite beach project kung saan magtatambak muli ng dolomite sa nalalabing bahagi ng beach; paglalagay ng mga ilaw sa poste sa baywalk area; pagtatayo ng mga solar-powered comfort rooms, at paglinis sa outfalls.

Ayon sa DENR, nakapagtala sila ng fecal coliform level na 22,000 MPN (Most Probable Number) noong Oktubre 25 sa tubig sa may dolomite beach.

Nitong nagdaang dalawang weekend umabot sa 121,000 katao ang nagtungo sa Dolomite beach kung saan pinuna ang hindi nasunod na safety protocols partikular ang social distancing.

Nakasara ang beach nitong Undas kung saan, mananatili pa rin itong nakasara dahil nga sa gagawin pang pagsasaayos.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/metro/2021/11/04/2138789/dolomite-beach-resort-mananatiling-sarado/amp/





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DOLOMITE BEACH, SARADO SIMULA NOBYEMBRE 4

written by **DWIZ 882** November 3, 2021



Mananatiling sarado sa publiko ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach epektibo bukas ika-4 ng Nobyembre ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Bibigyang daan umano ng ahensiya ang pagkumpleto sa phase 2 ng Dolomite beach project, kung saan muling magtatambak ng karagdagang dolomite ang tubig sa ibang parte ng beach at lilinisin ang tubig sa naturang lugar.

Matapos maitala ng DENR ang fecal coliform level na dalawampu't dalawang libo na most probable number nitong Oktubre, kaya't ninanais ng ahensiya na maibaba ito sa isang daang mpn lamang sa kaya't lilinisin muna ito.

Ayon kay Undersecretary Jonas Leones, sakaling matapos ang proyekto, muling bubuksan ang dolomite beach sa publiko. —sa panulat ni Joana Luna

Source: https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/dolomite-beach-sarado-simula-nobyembre-4/





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Dolomite beach mananatiling sarado simula Nobyembre 4

April Rafales, ABS-CBN News

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Pagdagsa ng mga turista sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach noong Oktubre 21, 2021. *George Calvelo, ABS-CBN News*

(UPDATE) Inanunsyo ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na mananatiling sarado ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach sa publiko para bigyang daan ang iba pang proyekto ng ahensiya sa Manila Bay.







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Sa isang press conference Miyerkoles, sinabi ni Environment Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Jonas Leones na ipagpapatuloy ng DENR ang paglilinis sa tubig ng Manila Bay. Tatapusin din ang ibang proyekto kagaya ng pagsasaayos sa drainage system at mga outfall sa Padre Faura, Remedios at Abad.

"Sa gagawin nating ito lahat ng maduming tubig na nanggagaling sa mga kabahayan at industriya ay ida-divert natin para linisin sa ating STP (sewage treatment plant) at 'yun naman pong tubig ulan para di magbaha sa kalakhang Maynila ay papadaanin sa HDPE (high-density polyethylene) pipe na may habang 400 metro mula sa seawall," ani Leones.

Ayon kay DENR-NCR Regional Executive Director Jacqueline Caancan, nakapagtala ng fecal coliform level na 22,000 MPN (most probable number) per 100 milligrams sa malapit sa dolomite beach noong Oktubre 25.

Nitong mga panahong ito dumagsa ang libo-libong tao sa dolomite beach.

Noong Oktubre 24 nai-record ang mahigit 121,000 katao na bumisita sa dolomite beach, pero sabi ng kagawaran, hindi ito ang rason ng pagdudumi ng tubig. Nasa 100 MPN ang katanggaptanggap o safe level na water quality para masabing ligtas nang languyan ang tubig sa dagat.

"There are times na mababa, there are times na nagsa-spike nang kaunti so ito 'yung tinitingnan ng regional office ng Environmental Management Bureau, kung ano ba 'yung nagiging cause. Isa nang factor 'yung weather, 'pag malakas 'yung ulan naa-agitate 'yung ilalim, and then other activities baka may iba pang di nakikitang sources," paliwanag ni Caancan.

Target nilang maibaba sa 100 MPN ang fecal coliform level sa tubig sa paglilinis nito.

Dagdag pa ni Leones, nanggagaling pa rin sa ibang probinsya ang mga basura na inaanod sa Manila Bay.

Samantala itutuloy na rin ang phase 2 ng dolomite project ngayong linggo.

Kukumpletuhin na ang pagtatambak ng dolomite sand mula 140 metro hanggang 500 metro. Maglalagay ang DENR ng geo engineering interventions kagaya ng geotubes para masigurong hindi mawa-wash out ang mga buhangin.

Ilan pa sa mga gagawing aktibidad ang pagsasaayos ng fishing area at playground sa bahagi ng Manila Yacht Club, pagtatayo ng solar-powered comfort rooms, paglalagay ng mga pailaw sa kahabaan ng Baywalk at landscape works.

Pero isa sa suliranin na kailangan pang harapin ng DENR ay ang pagrerelocate sa mga informal settlers sa lugar na posibleng matagalan pa.

"Itong aming rehabilitation work talagang mage-extend beyond this administration dahil madami pa tayong gagawing activities diyan. Hindi lang itong rehabilitation. We need to address also itong mga informal settlers, mga illegal industries, mga violations sa encroachments," paliwanag ni Leones.

Samantala, may mga nakapalibot nang nagbabantay sa dolomite beach ngayon at sarado pa rin ito sa publiko.

May mga nagbakasakaling makapasok pero hindi rin pinayagan. Ayon sa mga bumibisita, aabangan na lang nilang muli na magbukas ito tsaka sila babalik kasama ang kanilang mga pamilya.





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May ongoing repair din sa footbridge malapit sa dolomite beach kung saan naobserbahan na nagkaroon ng overloading noong October 24. Ayon sa DENR, pababantayan na nila ito at hindi na hahayaang magka-overload muli.

Maglalabas din ang DENR ng mga panuntunan para sa mga tao na magpapa-picture pa rin sa labas ng bakod ng dolomite beach.

Dahil sa anila'y "hindi inaasahang" pagdagsa ng mga tao sa mga nakalipas na araw, matatandaang isinara ng DENR ang beach noong Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobyembre 3 bilang paghahanda sa Undas long weekend.

May plano rin sana na limitahan ang bisitang papapasukin dito kada oras.





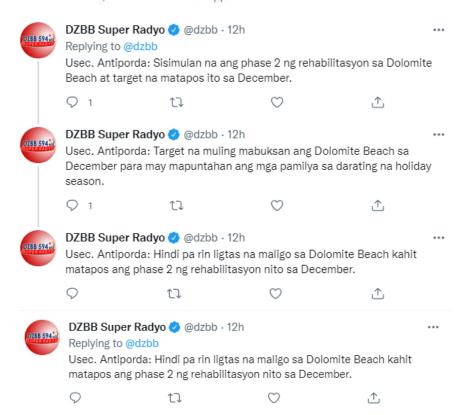
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Usec. Antiporda: Mananatili munang sarado ang Dolomite Beach bilang pag-iingat lalo't may mga gagamiting heavy equipment sa loob ng pasyalan.

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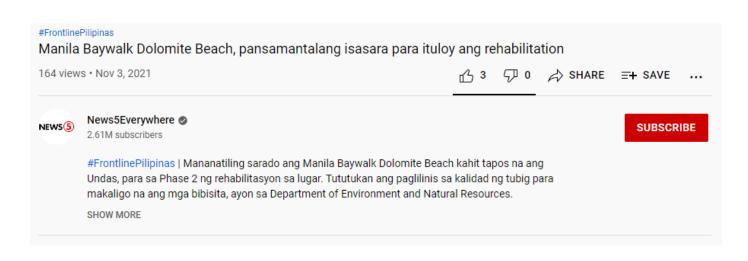
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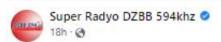


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JUST IN: Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, mananatili munang sarado habang patuloy na inaayos ang naturang atraksyon kabilang ang kalidad ng tubig dito, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

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Inanunsyo ng DENR sa isang press conference na mananatiling sarado ang Dolomite Beach upang maipagpatuloy ang mga proyekto at ibang pagsasaayos rito sa mga susunod na araw. Matatandaang sinara ang Dolomite Beach mula noong October 29 hanggang November 3 matapos itong dagsain ng mga tao mula nang isailalim sa Alert Level 3 ang Metro Manila. #DZRHNationwide

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Dolomite beach huwag masyadong ipagkait sa publiko

On Nov 3, 2021



MARAMI ang nananawagan sa kinauukulan partikular na sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na huwag naman daw masyadong ipagkait sa publiko ang kabubukas lang na Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Ang panawagan ay base ng isara sa publiko ang nasabing beach ng apat na araw mula Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobiyembre 4,2021. Ito ay isang long weekend holiday.

Tinaon pa umano ito sa Undas o Araw ng mga Patay na kung saan sarado rin ang lahat ng sementeryo ng apat na araw ng ganoon din petsa.

Bihira nga naman na mangyari ang ganitong pagka-kataon dahil mahabang pahinga ito at marami pang oras upang mag-relax at mag-enjoy.

Sa kabila ng lahat ay alam niyo ba ang dahilan at motibo kung bakit isinara sa publiko ang Dolomite Beach, napakababaw, bakit kamo?

Ang dahilan umano ayon sa isang mataas na opisyal ng DENR ay... dahil sigurado daw na dadagsain ng mga tao itong beach dahil walang ibang pupuntahan ang mga ito dahil sa sarado nga ang mga sementeryo, eh ano naman ang masama doon, tsk...tsk...tsk

Kasalanan ba anilang mamasyal at makita ang Dolomite Beach? Sayang din nga naman dahil ito lang nga naman ang oras na matagal silang libre at bakante.

Sinabi nila na malaking bagay din ang dulot ng pama-masyal dito dahil maski papaano ay nagiging masaya sila, napapawi rin anila ang kanilang nadaramang kalungkutan at higit sa lahat daw ay nababawasan ang kanilang dinaranas na hirap sa araw-araw sanhi ng pandemya.

Natural lang anila na dumagsa ang mga tao dahil iba talaga ang pakiramdam na dulot ng nature at siguradong mababawasan kahit papaano ang tinatanggap na stress mismo sa ganda ng tanawin at lehitimong kalikasan na bigay ng MAYKAPAL

Karapatan siguro lahat ng nilalang na makalanghap man lang ng sariwang simoy ng hangin, marinig man lang ang hampas ng alon sa pampang mula sa dagat, lalo na ang makita mo ang pagsikat at paglubog ng araw.

Kung ang bigayan nga ng ayuda... pera man, pagkain o anumang bagay ay pinagkakaguluhan din at dinadagsa rin ng publiko makuha lang ang kanilang minimithing karapatan, di ba?

Samantalang ang magpunta sa Dolomite Beach na hindi naman pera o anumang materyal ang pakay kundi ka-kaibang kagalakan. Kailangan talagang damahin ito lalo na ng mga taong punong-puno na at gusto ng sumuko sa buhay. Huwag na sana natin hadlangan at ipagkait ito.





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Ipinapalagay ng marami na gagawa na naman ng kung ano-anong regulasyon, patakaran at mga ipagbabawal ang gobyerno na kanilang ipapatupad na naman kay Juan de la Cruz hinggil sa magiging kalakaran sa Dolomite Beach.

Siguradong kawawa at maguguluhan na naman ang publiko sa gagawing hakbang na naman ng pamunuan sa mga alituntunin na siguradong hindi angkop sa kasalukuyang kaganapan.

Wala rin itong pinagkaiba sa mga dating patakaran na paulit-ulit na pinapatupad tulad ng mga lockdown at iba-ibang community quarantine status na lalo pang nag-palala sa problemang kinakaharap, magulo kasi at maraming komplikasyon.

Makakailan lang ay may inanunsiyo ng bagong patakaran ang DENR at ito ay BAWAL NG PAPASUKIN SA DOLOMITE BEACH ANG MGA BATANG MAY EDAD 12 PABABA. Ang aksiyong ito ay mabilis at hora mismong binatas, on the spot kumbaga, ang tanong ay kung pinag-isipan ba nila itong mabuti bago ipatupad?

May pahiwatig rin na magkakaroon nang takdang oras ang pagpasok at paglabas ng Dolomite Beach sa darating na mga araw, mantakin niyong sa halip na ini-enjoy na ng publiko ang mismong proyekto nila ay balak na naman yatang guluhin ang kasiyahan ng taumbayan.

Malakas rin ang kutob ng mamamayan na hindi lang ang mga ito ang ipapatupad ng mga ito, marami pa itong kasunod na maaaring ikadismaya ng publiko, baka naman ayaw niyo talagang sumaya ang mga tao he... he...

Huwag naman sanang ipagkait pa sa taumbayan ang konting kasiyahan nilang nadarama dahil ito ay malaking bagay upang maski papaano ay mapawi ang kanilang kalungkutan, higit sa lahat ay malaking tulong ito upang malampasan nilang lahat ang pinagdaraanang kalbaryo na halos dalawang taon na nilang iniinda.





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DENR checks the coliform level of Estero de Paco

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Personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (DENR-PRCMO) go down the creek to get water samples from the Estero De Paco in Apacible, Paco, Manila.

The procedure is part of the regular activity to check the coliform level and maintenance as part of the greater good and continuing campaign to rehabilitate Pasig River and its tributaries.

(Jhun Mabanag/BENJAMIN CUARESMA/ai/mtvn)

Source: https://maharlika.tv/2021/11/03/denr-checks-the-coliform-level-of-estero-de-paco/?fbclid=IwAR3Tn8Iks9P8ZF1x4BoHSc6yIsIXGcBJ7BE0z2atqb6_HgtifxD_TIWckeU





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KUMUHA ang mga tauhan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (DENR-PRCMO) ng water samples sa Estero De Paco sa Apacible, Paco, Manila para suriin ang coliform level nito bilang bahagi ng nagpapatuloy na kampanya na i-rehabilitate ang Pasig River at tributaries nito.

Kuha ni NORMAN ARAGA





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DENR-7 opinion sought on bamboo propagation

By Mary Ruth R. Malinao (The Freeman) - November 4, 2021 - 12:00am



This, for the said agency to give their comments, recommendations, and/or suggestions to the proposed measure authored by Councilor Eugenio Gabuya, Jr.

CEBU, Philippines — The Cebu City Council's Committee on Laws, Ordinances, and Styling has referred the proposed ordinance promoting bamboo propagation and planting in the riverbanks and watersheds to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-7.

This, for the said agency to give their comments, recommendations, and/or suggestions to the proposed measure authored by Councilor Eugenio Gabuya, Jr.

The proposed ordinance seeks to create the Cebu City Bamboo Development Task Force for the promotion of bamboo propagation and planting in the riverbanks and watersheds within the jurisdiction of the city.

The committee noted the different environmental and ecological benefits bamboos purportedly bring, especially to a highly urbanized city like Cebu City, stating it may aid in reducing the city's carbon dioxide concentrations as well as help prevent the erosion of soil specifically along riverbanks.

"On this score, the proposed ordinance should be well within the authority of the Sanggunian to enact," read the committee report.

"However, before its approval, this Committee wishes to first err on the side of caution. Prudence dictates that before the city initiates the propagation and planting of flora within its jurisdiction, it must first hear from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the government agency concerned with the protection of the environment," it added.

The committee said it would be wise to allow the DENR-7 to first comment on the proposed ordinance and perhaps even make recommendations and/or suggestions, if any, in order to further improve the ordinance.

Section 4 of the proposed ordinance provides that the city government shall identify suitable areas in all barangays along watershed areas, riverbanks, and communal forests for the establishment of bamboo plantations; conduct survey mapping and establish boundary demarcation for production and protection of such plantations; identify resident farmers who shall establish and maintain communal bamboo nurseries, among others.

The functions of the task force are to consult with various stakeholders, prepare the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 30 days upon the approval of the ordinance; conduct meetings for planning, consultation, updating, reporting and other activities, which may be deemed important to implement; prepare and implement a localized roadmap and action plan to be approved by the mayor as basis for appropriating funds, among others.





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Section 6 states that the funds for the implementation of the provisions of the ordinance and the activities of the city's Bamboo Development Task Force shall be appropriated and derived from the city's 20 percent Local Development Fund to be based on the approved action plan by the mayor.

The Cebu City Bamboo Development Task Force may raise funds from other sources for specific projects or activities as may be authorized by the laws. **(FREEMAN)**





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NGOs banking on denial of ECC for expressway to be built on Pasig River

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PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

By Russell Louis C. Ku

THE environmental compliance certificate (ECC) is shaping up to be the next hurdle for the Pasig River Expressway (PAREX) project, according to a transport group, which said the proponents of the toll road have not adequately accounted for its impact on the river and its stakeholders.

The Move as One Coalition also called on the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) Environmental Management Bureau, which issues the ECC, to be more receptive to criticism of PAREX, on which ground has been broken.

"It becomes problematic when there are costs that are not taken into consideration and where there is no transparency in decision making, both of which have been the case here," Move as One member and former Finance Undersecretary John P. Sevilla said in an interview.

PAREX is a six-lane elevated expressway that will run from Radial Road 10 in the city of Manila to Circumferential Road 6, also known as the future South East Metro Manila Expressway in Taguig. It will run along the banks of the Pasig River.

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) signed the supplemental toll operations agreement with San Miguel Corp. (SMC) for the 19.37-kilometer expressway on Sept. 21. The project broke ground on Sept. 24.

SMC said that the project will also have dedicated lanes for bus rapid transit, bikes, and pedestrian use.

The company also said that the expressway "will be built only on the banks of Pasig River, its posts occupying only 1 meter... of the Pasig River."

Nongovernment organizations (NGOs) such as Move as One have questioned how the project managed to gain approval from the TRB after 72 days, despite reservations about the project.

They also projected P164 billion in projected economic costs from the proposed expressway.

"We started writing (to) the TRB early this year. We were asking for information on the project; we were asking when we will be given a chance to ask questions and to give our views of the project... There (was) no opportunity for us to engage the TRB and raise our objections," Mr. Sevilla said by telephone.





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He also noted that the project appears to have jumped the queue on other planned priority infrastructure projects.

"When the government sets priorities, projects which are not in the priority list all of a sudden become a priority when a private company proposes them and that's not good," Mr. Sevilla said.

He said there are more cost-efficient ways to improve road congestion in Metro Manila, such as more bus rapid transit lines like the EDSA Carousel and bicycle lanes in existing roads.

"Let's just look at what has happened to public transport in the last few years. It hasn't gotten any better. There have been some improvements on EDSA... but it still takes forever to get a ride and this is in pandemic conditions," Mr. Sevilla said.

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/ngos-banking-on-denial-of-ecc-for-expressway-to-be-built-on-pasig-river/?fbclid=IwAR14zCfCF9AKIyd4pY7KGcrEu3ZOEgGK7vnXE9-DUyi3rj9KxHHTP6SwiMs





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DOF: PH walks the talk on climate change

By **Ruelle Castro** -November 4, 2021

The Philippines is proceeding with its adaptation and mitigation programs on climate change on the ground, despite the delay in the annual \$100-billion climate financing pledge made by developed countries in 2020, said Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III.

Speaking during the Green Finance Session jointly hosted by TIME Magazine Singapore and the Philippine Department of Finance (DOF) in Glasgow in the United Kingdom Tuesday, Dominguez discussed how the Philippines as a developing economy and climate-vulnerable country has been spearheading initiatives to broaden the participation of the financial sector in mobilizing funds and investments to squarely address the ill effects of the climate crisis.

As the chairman-designate of the Climate Change Commission, Dominguez earlier committed to make the Philippines a model for other countries in mitigating the impact of this worsening crisis.

The Philippines has submitted as its nationally determined contribution to the Paris Agreement a projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction and avoidance of 75 percent from 2020 to 2030 for agriculture, wastes, industry, transport and energy sectors.

Dominguez however made it clear that the Philippines is maintaining its position that developed countries should get their act together to deliver on their financing commitment made 12 years ago to assist climate-vulnerable countries in mitigating the disastrous effects of global warming.

In 2009, developed countries committed to collectively mobilize \$100 billion each year in climate finance by 2020 to support programs by developing countries to meet their respective GHG emission reduction targets and adapt to the devastating effects of climate change.

The countries however have yet to fulfill this pledge though they cause a big portion of the global GHG emission.

Dominguez and other leaders from developing countries are expected to press these countries in the ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to make good on their financing commitments, along with significantly scaling up their GHG emission reduction goals.

The Department of Energy (DOE) meanwhile doubled down on calls for a strict government monitoring and guidance in climate adaptation plans because of their implications on national security and economic rights.

Speaking at the plenary session of the Group of 77 (G-77) and China Meeting also in Glasgow, Felix William Fuentebella, DOE undersecretary and spokesman, said "adaptation affects economic rights and involves national security," after the Republic of Ghana, the plenary coordinator, informed the body of the potential introduction of private funding in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process.

The plenary was part of the preparations running up to the two-week COP26 that started last weekend.

Fuentebella said a government oversight in the NAP process will help countries identify their respective medium- to long-term climate change adaptation strategies.





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He added the introduction of private funding could be incorporated in the implementation stage of the NAP, given the substantial financing requirements of adaptation projects.

Fuentebella is part of the 19-member Philippine delegation to COP26 headed by Dominguez, and comprising officials from the DOF, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DOE and the Office of the President.

COP26 is an international summit from October 31 to November 12 seeking to accelerate the realization of the goals of the Paris Agreement and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The annual gathering is internationally dubbed as the "world's last best chance" to avert the irreversible and catastrophic impact of climate change on the planet and humanity.

Source: https://malayaph.com/news_business/dof-ph-walks-the-talk-on-climate-change/





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COP26, Earth's last best hope; finalize Paris rulebook: Locsin

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora November 3, 2021, 9:12 am



Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr.

MANILA – The ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference 26 (COP26) is the "last best hope" of Earth in the face of human-induced climate change, Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said as he joined urgent calls to finalize the Paris Agreement rulebook.

"This is the world's last-ditch effort to save the planet. Let's get that Paris Rulebook done. Succeeding COPs will be fine-tuning solutions or accelerating them," Locsin said at the climate summit that kicked off in Glasgow, Scotland on October 31.

"Think of an airplane out of control on a downward spiral. The crash is coming; all we have is a thin hope that the same people responsible for this predicament, and now at COP26, will be the hands that land the plane safely."

Locsin noted that countries with a greater capacity to absorb the brunt of hard solutions "must take them" and "help those with less capacity."

He also reiterated President Rodrigo Duterte's previous appeal to developed countries to fulfill their "long-standing commitment" to climate financing, technology transfer, and capacity-building in the developing world.

Citing the chief executive, Locsin said the Philippines' vulnerability to climate change is "undeniable" as a country battered by typhoons year after year.

"He (President Duterte) was rightly indignant: 'The greatest injustice here is that those who suffer the most are those the least responsible for this existential crisis... but here we are now at a critical tipping point where failure to act leads to cataclysmic consequences for the whole of humankind," he said.

The Paris Rulebook or the guidelines to implement the Paris Agreement covers the pact's technical details, including the pledge to mobilize USD100 billion a year to help developing countries adapt to climate impacts.

The UN Emissions Gap Report 2021 shows that despite the national climate pledges combined with other mitigation measures across the globe, the world is still on track for a global temperature rise of 2.7 degrees Celsius by the end of the century – above the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.





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The report said to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius this century, the world needs to halve annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

On October 31, leaders of the world's 20 richest nations underscored their commitment to the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal.

The United States, together with the United Arab Emirates, is also set to launch during the COP26 the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C), a joint initiative supported by the Philippines to "catalyze greater investments in climate-smart agriculture and global food systems innovation."

The five-year program seeks to drive more rapid and transformative climate action in agriculture, which contributes to about 25 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1158599





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Philippines vows to cut carbon waste

Elijah Felice Rosales - The Philippine Star November 4, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines will pursue its carbon waste reduction efforts ahead of a \$100-billion funding pledge from rich nations, the country's finance chief said.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez said the government would push through with its adaptation programs while waiting for the climate financing commitments of the developed world.

He said the country needs to mitigate the damage of weather extremities as much as it can due to the billions of pesos in economic losses it suffers every year.

Dominguez stressed that developed economies, composed mostly of states with the highest carbon emissions, should deliver on the financing they vowed to pool 12 years ago. He said the funding will assist countries most affected by climate change to roll out programs on risk mitigation.

In 2009, the world's wealthiest nations pledged to channel \$100 billion a year to developing economies. The financing will be used by the recipients to bankroll efforts in adjusting to climate change and slowing the rise in global temperature.

However, an independent expert group on climate finance said the developed world fell short in its commitment to extend to the countries at risk the funding they needed and as promised.

In a report published by the United Nations, the group said climate financing jumped from \$52.2 billion in 2013 to \$58.6 billion in 2016 and \$78.9 billion in 2018, but will fail to reach \$100 billion by 2020 at the rate it is going.

"The upward trajectory appears to have continued in 2019, but at a pace not sufficient to reach the \$100 billion in 2020," the group said.

Developing countries like the Philippines attending the 26th Conference of the Parties, or COP26, in Glasgow, Scotland, are pressing their developed counterparts to honor their financing pledges.

The Philippines, for its part, vowed to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent until 2030. The government also announced it would enhance Mindanao's hydropower facilities to veer the region away from coal energy.

Based on data from the Department of Finance, economic losses to climate hazards amounted to P506.1 billion between 2010 and 2020, forfeiting an average of P48.9 billion, or 0.33 percent of the gross domestic product, yearly to weather extremities.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/business/2021/11/04/2138736/philippines-vows-cut-carbon-waste





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DOE cites gov't oversight in climate adaptation planning

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Energy Undersecretary and spokesman Felix William Fuentebella (file photo)

GLASGOW – The Philippine Department of Energy (DOE) has underscored the need for strict government monitoring and guidance in climate adaptation planning because of their implications on national security and economic rights during the plenary session of the Group of 77 (G-77) and China Meeting.

The plenary forms part of the preparations running up to the two-week United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) that started last weekend.

During the preparatory plenary session of the G77 + China Meeting, DOE Undersecretary and spokesman Felix William Fuentebella cited that "adaptation affects economic rights and involves national security," after the Republic of Ghana, the plenary coordinator, informed the body of the potential introduction of private funding in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process.

Through the NAP process, countries are able to identify their respective medium- to long-term climate change adaptation strategies.

Fuentebella highlighted the importance of government oversight in the NAP process.

He proceeded to say that the introduction of private funding could best be in the implementation stage of the NAP given the substantial financing requirements of adaptation projects.

Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi has been vocally advocating for social and climate justice, as countries all over the world jointly move towards the attainment of a sustainable energy future.

In various domestic and international fora, Cusi said that "while the Philippines is not a significant instigator of climate change, the country continues to suffer from its worsening wrath year after year."

He had also previously emphasized that the "Philippine energy sector is committed to the successful completion of the energy transition process, while upholding the welfare and best interests of Filipino energy consumers."

Fuentebella is part of the 19-member Philippine delegation to COP26 headed by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, and comprising officials from the Departments of Finance (DOF), of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); DOE; and the Office of the President (OP).





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This annual gathering is internationally dubbed as the "world's last best chance" to avert the irreversible and catastrophic impact of climate change on the planet and humanity.

The Philippine delegation will continue to advocate the protection of the country's interests in the two-week-long international summit. (PR)

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World leaders make historic pledges on forests, methane emissions

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GLASGOW, Scotland/JOHANNESBURG, South Africa – World leaders on Tuesday made remarkable pledges on real action at the COP26 summit to limit rising temperatures and support small island developing states (SIDS) and Africa to adapt to the changing climate.

A wide range of announcements were made on day three of the UN climate conference, focusing on green innovation and historic commitments on deforestation and methane emissions.

More than 100 leaders took a landmark step forward at a meeting of world leaders, committing to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030.

The pledge is backed by USD12 billion (PHP600 billion) in public and USD7.2 billion (PHP360 billion) in private funding.

Countries including Canada, Russia, Brazil -- which also increased their national commitments, China, Colombia, Indonesia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo all endorsed the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forest and Land Use.

Together, they pledged to support 85% of the world's forests, an area of over 13 million square miles that absorbs around one-third of global carbon released from burning fossil fuels each year.

This was also the first time that a COP conference included a major event on methane, with 105 countries, including 15 major emitters such as Brazil, Nigeria, and Canada, signing up to the Global Methane Pledge.

The historic commitment, led by the US and EU alongside the UK COP26 presidency, equates to up to 40 percent of global methane emissions and 60 percent of global GDP.

South Africa to receive USD8.5 billion in climate assistance

The third day of COP26 also featured an international partnership between South Africa on one side and the US, Britain, France, Germany, and the EU on the other to provide USD8.5 billion over the next three to five years to help the African country transition to a low-carbon economy.

"Climate change is an existential challenge that confronts us all, and South Africa is committed to playing its part in reducing global emissions. The partnership that we have established today is a watershed moment not only for our own just transition, but for the world as a whole," the office of President Cyril Ramaphosa quoted him as saying in a statement.





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South Africa is the world's most carbon-intensive electricity producer and is struggling with the aging coal-fired power plants that produce 80 percent of its electricity.

The partners will mobilize funds through a range of instruments, including grants and concessional finance, to support the implementation of South Africa's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to reduce domestic carbon emissions to within a target range between 420 CO2-eq and 350 CO2-eq by 2030.

The partners said they were supporting South Africa as it needed a just transition from coal, especially since several important sectors stood to be negatively affected by such a transition, including mining, energy, manufacturing, and transport.

South Africa is ranked the 12th biggest climate emitter in the world and the top emitter on the continent. The country said it would use the funds to accelerate investment in renewables and the development of new sectors including electric vehicles and green hydrogen. (Anadolu)

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COP26 coalition worth \$130 trillion vows to put climate at heart of finance

By SIMON JESSOP and ANDREA SHALAL, Reuters

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Delegates sit in the Action Zone as they attend the third day of the COP26 UN Climate Summit in Glasgow on November 3, 2021. Paul Ellis/AFP

GLASGOW — Banks, insurers and investors with around \$130 trillion or 40% of the world's capital at their disposal pledged on Wednesday to put limiting climate change at the center of their work.

An announcement made at the COP26 UN climate conference in Scotland commits its signatories to assuming a "fair share" of the effort to wean the world off fossil fuels.

A main aim of the COP26 talks is to secure enough national promises to cut greenhouse gas emissions—mostly from burning coal, oil and gas—to keep the rise in the global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

But how exactly to meet those pledges, particularly in the developing world—is still being worked out. Above all, it will need a lot of money.

UN climate envoy Mark Carney, who assembled the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), put the figure at \$100 trillion of investment over the next three decades, and said the finance industry must find ways to raise

"The money is here—but that money needs net zero-aligned projects and [then] there's a way to turn this into a very, very powerful virtuous circle—and that's the challenge," the former Bank of England governor told the summit.

Carney's comments reflected a problem often cited by investors who, in the face of a myriad of climate-related risks, need to be sure that they are being accounted for in a transparent and preferably standardized way around the globe.

Reimagining finance

"We need to reimagine finance," said Larry Fink, chief executive of BlackRock, the world's biggest asset manager, which has joined the alliance, adding that the development of vaccines against COVID-19 showed what collective action could achieve.

"We can actually do this for climate, but we can't just cherry-pick and greenwash by asking just the public companies, the convenient companies, to move forward without asking all of society to move forward."

Kristalina Georgieva, head of the International Monetary Fund, said it was crucial to incorporate climate data into everyday macroeconomic reporting.





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Carney has led an effort to ensure that financial institutions account for and disclose the full climate risks of their lending or investments, forcing the wider economy to price in costs that until now been largely concealed.

These include not only the direct effects of more frequent extreme weather events, but also costs such as a loss of government subsidies for fossil fuels, or the knock-on health and environmental costs of greenhouse gas emissions.

China's central bank governor, Yi Gang, said Beijing was working on a new monetary policy facility to provide cheap funds for financial institutions to support green projects, and that the People's Bank of China (PBOC) and the European Union would soon publish a shared definition of green investment.

And the vice chair of the global Financial Stability Board, Dutch central banker Klaas Knot, said a mandatory global minimum standard for disclosure of climate risks was now needed for both financial stability and the provision of sustainable finance.

'Greenwashing'

Jane Fraser, CEO of Citigroup, another GFANZ member, said it was remarkable that the initiative would influence \$130 trillion in funds, but that it needed scale to work.

"If you don't work together, you're going to come up with a lot of nice really speeches, but you're...in danger of being divorced from reality," she said.

Investors are certain to welcome the launch of a global standards body prevent companies giving a flattering picture of their climate policies and business practices in what is already a multitrillion-dollar global market for environment, social and governance (ESG) targeted funds.

"We are really focused on greenwashing," said Ashley Alder, chair of IOSCO, the global umbrella body for securities regulators, which helped set up the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB).

"It's super important, and if you don't have basic information on a globally comparable basis, then you increase the risks of greenwashing enormously."

Private sector enthusiasm for mobilizing climate-friendly investment also requires the assurance that governments are setting emission reduction goals that are ambitious enough to meet the 1.5 Celsius goal—something that is by no means certain to happen by the end of COP26 on Nov. 12.

US climate envoy John Kerry told a meeting of world mayors the pledges made so far gave the world only a 60% chance of capping warming at 1.5 Celsius.

He said around 65% of global GDP was now covered by implementable climate change plans. "That means 35% isn't. And we can't do it without that 35%." —**Reuters**

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FAO: Actions now to feed the world and save the planet

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From left: Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General QU Dongyu speaks with President Joseph Biden of the United States of America, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey and Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom.

Policy-makers must find a way to "feed the world and save the planet at the same time," QU Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), said at the G20 Leaders Summit in Rome last Sunday.

"Climate change will compromise our ability to produce sufficient amounts of nutritious foods and increase poverty and deepen inequalities," Qu said.

Qu spoke during two sessions—one focused on climate change and the environment and the other on sustainable development—at the Summit hosted by Prime Minister Mario Draghi of Italy and attended, mostly in person, by presidents and heads of government representing around two-thirds of the world's population and an even higher share of its economic activity.

He expressed his thanks to Italy for its support to the Food Coalition initiative and for making sure that global food security was high on the agenda throughout the 2021 G20 Presidency.

The Leaders Summit culminated a year with 175 events, 20 ministerial meetings, two other G20 Leaders-meetings—one on Health and one on Afghanistan—as well as dozens of working group sessions that have led among other outcomes to the Matera Declaration on Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems, to which FAO was a major contributor.

Agri-food systems around the world are being threatened by a hosts of factors ranging from civil conflicts to biodiversity loss, and the Covid-19 pandemic has made things worse, pushing more than 800 million people into chronic hunger, while another 3 billion cannot afford healthy diets, the director-general said.

"We are not on track to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees," he said.

With just nine agricultural seasons until the 2030 target date for the Sustainable Development Goals, "the urgency for climate action is stronger than ever," the director-general told the G20 leaders. "Politicians need to take stronger leadership, People need to take the ownership and all society must work in coherent partnership based on science and innovation."





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The G20 Rome Leaders Declaration culminating the Summit encouraged partners and stakeholders everywhere "to collaborate with or join the Food Coalition launched by FAO as a means to respond to the impacts of Covid-19 on food security and nutrition." Leaders also recognized the importance of sustainable agri-food systems not only to combat hunger but also to "make a major contribution to tackling the interlinked global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss."

Image courtesy of FAO photo

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/11/03/fao-actions-now-to-feed-the-world-and-save-the-planet/





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1B children at 'extremely high risk' of climate change's impacts

November 3, 2021, 6:45 pm



GENEVA – The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday said around 1 billion children worldwide are at "extremely high risk" from the consequences of climate change.

"Two-thirds of countries' climate plans don't address the needs and priorities of children," Gautam Narasimhan, a UNICEF senior adviser on climate, energy, and environment, told a press conference at the UN climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

Narasimhan cited a World Meteorological Organization assessment documenting how the years since 2015 have been Earth's six warmest years on record.

"2021 is expected to be one of the warmest years on record, according to our colleagues at WMO," he added. "But while leaders are once again talking about the impact of the climate crisis on children, too few are yet to turn these words into meaningful actions that actually consider children."

Of the 103 country plans for climate change, UNICEF considers just 35 of them –about one-third – to be child-sensitive, said the UN official.

"In August, UNICEF published The Children's Climate Risk Index, which revealed that 99 percent of the world's 2.2 billion children – virtually all of them – are exposed to at least one environmental threat, including heatwaves, cyclones, flooding, drought, vector-borne diseases, air pollution, and lead poisoning," Narasimhan said.

"Roughly 1 billion children live in countries that are at 'extremely high-risk' of the threats of climate change. These children face multiple, compounding climate shocks, threatening their health, education, and very survival," he added.

Threat to health

Narasimhan urged a response to the climate crisis, with the interests of children at the center, and implored governments to boost investment in climate adaptation and resilience.

"Children in communities that have contributed the least to global emissions will face the greatest impacts of climate change," he said.





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"These are communities that will see the greatest growth in child population over the coming decades," he added.

For those children, cutting CO2 emissions may come too late – "given (that) emissions reductions will take decades to have an impact on the climate impacts we have already baked in," the UNICEF official said. *(Anadolu)*

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1158679





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The climate debate has ended

November 4, 2021

STUNNING research, published last week, has revealed that oil companies' knowledge of and concern about climate-altering emissions dates back to at least the 1960s, painting a very different picture of what they knew and when they knew it than they have maintained publicly up to this point. The revelations are a great service to humanity because they put an irrevocable final nail in the coffin of "climate skepticism."

The research, conducted over a four-year period, was carried out by a PhD candidate and climate consultant from Stanford University named Benjamin Franta and unearthed a vast volume of corporate documents, dating back to 1959. Copies of some of those documents were shared in an article about the study on the independent Australia-based news site The Conversation on October 28 and show that not only were major petroleum companies investing heavily in climate research long before climate change became a public global concern, but what they discovered has turned out to be uncannily accurate.

The topic seems to have been introduced, somewhat ironically, by Dr. <u>Edward Teller</u> — best known to history as the father of the hydrogen bomb — in an address to a petroleum conference held in <u>New York</u> in 1959. As related in the news article, Teller told the assembled energy-sector executives, "Whenever you burn conventional fuel, you create carbon dioxide. ... Its presence in the atmosphere causes a greenhouse effect." If the world kept using fossil fuels, the ice caps would begin to melt, raising sea levels. Eventually, "all the coastal cities would be covered."

In another meeting in 1965, this time the annual conference of the <u>American Petroleum Institute</u> (API), the largest association for the petroleum industry, the group's president endorsed a report that had recently been published by the science advisory team of then <u>US President Lyndon Johnson</u>.

"The substance of the report," API president <u>Frank Ikard</u> told the industry audience, "is that there is still time to save the world's peoples from the catastrophic consequences of pollution, but time is running out."

Sound familiar?

The oil industry was sufficiently alarmed by what scientists were beginning to learn about harmful emissions that the API formed a secret committee in the 1970s called the "CO2 and Climate Task Force," which in 1980 circulated findings that predicted a 1-degree Celsius rise in global temperatures by 2005, a 2.5-degree increase by 2038, and a "globally catastrophic" 5-degree increase by 2067.

Even more damning was the discovery that oil giant <u>Exxon</u> in 1981 completed its own research that predicted temperature increases, sea level rise, and droughts that match current observations and the predictions of current climate models. One Exxon manager circulated an internal memo stating, "the company's long-term business plans could produce effects which will indeed be catastrophic (at least for a substantial fraction of the earth's population)." Exxon's reaction was to bury its 40-page research report, circulating it among Exxon management but warning that it "was not to be distributed externally"; the report was not discovered by investigative journalists until 2015.

Other oil companies conducted similar research work, and handled it in the same secretive way; a 1986 study by Royal Dutch Shell was uncovered in 2018 in the Netherlands, while a study dating back to the late 1970s by French oil company Total was discovered just this year.





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What this means for the climate debate is that there is no more debate, and actually never was. For years, climate "skeptics" have relied on ostensibly objective research supported in part by the oil industry to cast doubt on the findings of mainstream climate researchers. As it turns out, however, the supposedly credible alternative findings have been, in almost every case, intentionally falsified.

This puts "climate skepticism" into the same basket of "fake news" that holds other dubious ideas such as the Earth is flat, or Covid-19 vaccines containing tracking devices, and it should be treated as such: As something that would be merely ludicrous if it was not so dangerous and irresponsible, and should not be entertained or spread.

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/04/opinion/editorial/the-climate-debate-has-ended/1820842}$





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Air pollution worsens in New Delhi

By Xinhua - November 4, 2021

NEW DELHI: Air pollution has begun to rise by the day in Delhi, India as winter sets in here.

According to the air quality forecast agency System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (<u>Safar</u>), Delhi's air quality index (AQI) on Wednesday morning was 309, which falls in "Very Poor" category.

Delhi Chief Minister <u>Arvind Kejriwal</u> has been tweeting for the past two days citing air pollution levels. According to him, stubble burning by farmers in neighboring states of Haryana and <u>Uttar Pradesh</u> was the main cause of rising air pollution levels in Delhi.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "Good"; between 51 and 100 "Satisfactory"; between 101 and 200 "Moderate"; between 201 and 300 "Poor"; 301 and 400 "Very Poor"; and 401 and 500 "Severe."

Safar said stubble burning accounted for nearly 6 percent of the PM 2.5 pollution in Delhi on Tuesday while the rest of the air pollution was due to local sources.

Air pollution has been a huge problem for Delhi and its surrounding areas, particularly during winter months.

While the contribution of farm fires in Delhi's air pollution has remained low this season so far due to heavy rainfall in October, the scenario is likely to change post Diwali, said a report by media group India Today.

Meanwhile, Safar has predicted that Delhi's air quality may slip to the "Severe" category on the night of November 4 when India celebrates the <u>festival of lights</u> Diwali.

Though bursting of firecrackers has been banned in Delhi, people still indulge in it.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/04/news/world/air-pollution-worsens-in-new-delhi/1820897





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Dead Sea sinkholes 'nature's revenge'

By Agence France-Presse November 4, 2021



Photo from PHYS.ORG website

EIN GEDI: In the heyday of the Ein Gedi spa in the 1960s, holidaymakers could marinate in heated pools and then slip into the briny <u>Dead Sea</u>. Now, the same beach is punctured by craters.

A spectacular expanse of water in the desert, flanked by cliffs to the east and west, the Dead Sea has lost a third of its surface area since 1960.

The blue water recedes about a meter every year, leaving behind a lunar landscape whitened by salt and perforated with gaping holes.

Going forward, "you might be lucky to have a channel of water here that people will be able to put their toes in," laments Alison Ron, a resident of Ein Gedi, who once worked at the spa. "But there will be a lot of sinkholes."

The sinkholes can exceed 10 meters (33 feet) in depth and are a testament to the shrinking sea.

Receding salt water leaves behind underground salt deposits. Runoff from periodic flash floods then percolates into the ground and dissolves the salt patches. Without support, the land above collapses.

At the Ein Gedi thermal baths, the roughly 3 kilometers of rocky sand that now separate the spa from the shore are dotted with holes and crevices.

Further north, a whole tourist complex has turned into a ghost town, disfigured by craters and enclosed in fences.

The pavement is gutted, the lampposts overturned, the date plantation abandoned.

Ittai Gavrieli of the <u>Israel Geological Institute</u> told <u>Agence France-Presse</u> (AFP) there are now thousands of sinkholes all around the shores of the Dead Sea, in <u>Jordan</u>, <u>Israel</u> and the occupied West Bank.





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They reflect human policy that has literally decimated the flow of water into the Dead Sea. Both Israel and Jordan have diverted the waters of the River Jordan for agriculture and drinking water. Chemical companies have extracted minerals from the seawater.

Climate change further accelerates evaporation. In Sodom, Israel, southwest of the Dead Sea, the country's highest temperature in over 70 years was recorded in July 2019 — 49.9 degrees Celsius, or nearly 122 Fahrenheit.

Gavrieli said the Israel Geological Institute is monitoring the formation of sinkholes from space but it is not an exact science. He said they are certainly "dangerous" but also "magnificent."

"It has potential to become a tourist attraction, if you're willing to take the risk on one hand and if insurance issues are clear," he said.

Much too perilous, answers <u>Gidon Bromberg</u>, Israeli director of the nongovernmental organization EcoPeace, for whom the sinkholes are "nature's revenge" for "the inappropriate actions of humankind."

"We will not be able to bring back the Dead Sea to its former glory," he said. "But we are demanding that we stabilize it."

His organization, comprised of Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists, advocates increased desalination of seawater from the Mediterranean to relieve pressure on the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan, which could then flow back to the Dead Sea.

EcoPeace would also like the industry to be "held accountable" by paying more taxes.

Asked by AFP, a spokesman for Jordan's water ministry offered no detailed fix for the crisis. Instead, he said the donor community should play a "vital role" in sparking interest "to find reasonable solutions to the Dead Sea problem."

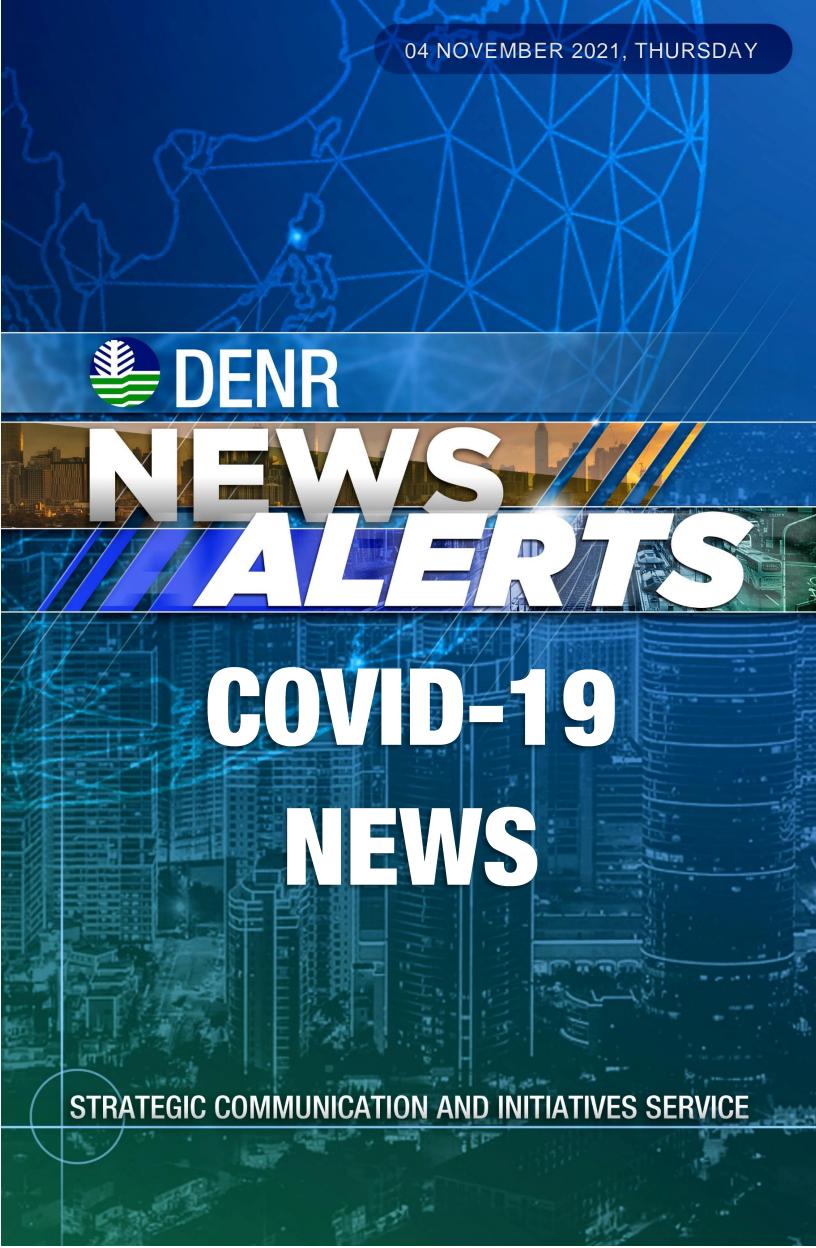
In June, Jordan abandoned a long-stalled proposal to build a canal with Israel and the Palestinians to carry water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea.

Instead, Amman announced it would build a desalination plant to supply drinking water.

Even if the canal had been built, it could not have saved the lake on its own, said hydrologist Eran Halfi of the Dead Sea-Arava Science Center.

"The Dead Sea is at a deficit of 1 billion cubic meters per year and this was supposed to bring 200 million cubic meters," he said. "It would slow the drop but not prevent it."

 $Source: \underline{https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/04/news/world/dead-sea-sinkholes-natures-revenge/1820895}$







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A Flourish chart

Philippines logs 1,591 new COVID-19 cases, 7 labs without data

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Commuters are seen wearing face shields while riding the LRT 2 in Quezon City on November 3. The pandemic task force is eyeing to scrap the mandatory policy amid the downtrend in COVID-19 cases in the

The STAR / Miguel de Guzman

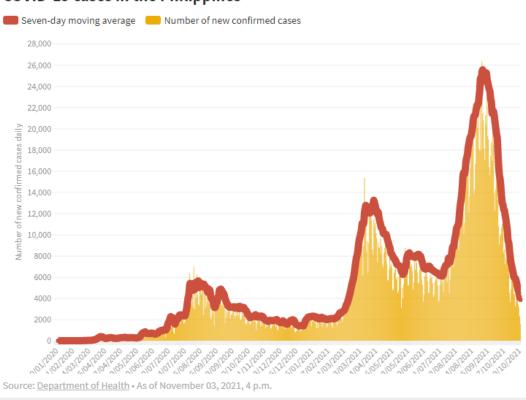
MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Health on Wednesday said 1,591 more Filipinos contracted the coronavirus, marking the lowest additional infections since February 24 this year.

This raised the country's total count of cases to 2,793,898. But the DOH said seven laboratories failed to submit testing results.

Today's figures saw active cases up down by 2,772 from the 40,786 on November 2.

- Active cases: 38,014 or 1.4% of the total
 Deaths: 186, pushing the count to 43,586
- Recoveries: 4,294 bringing the number to 2,712,298

COVID-19 cases in the Philippines





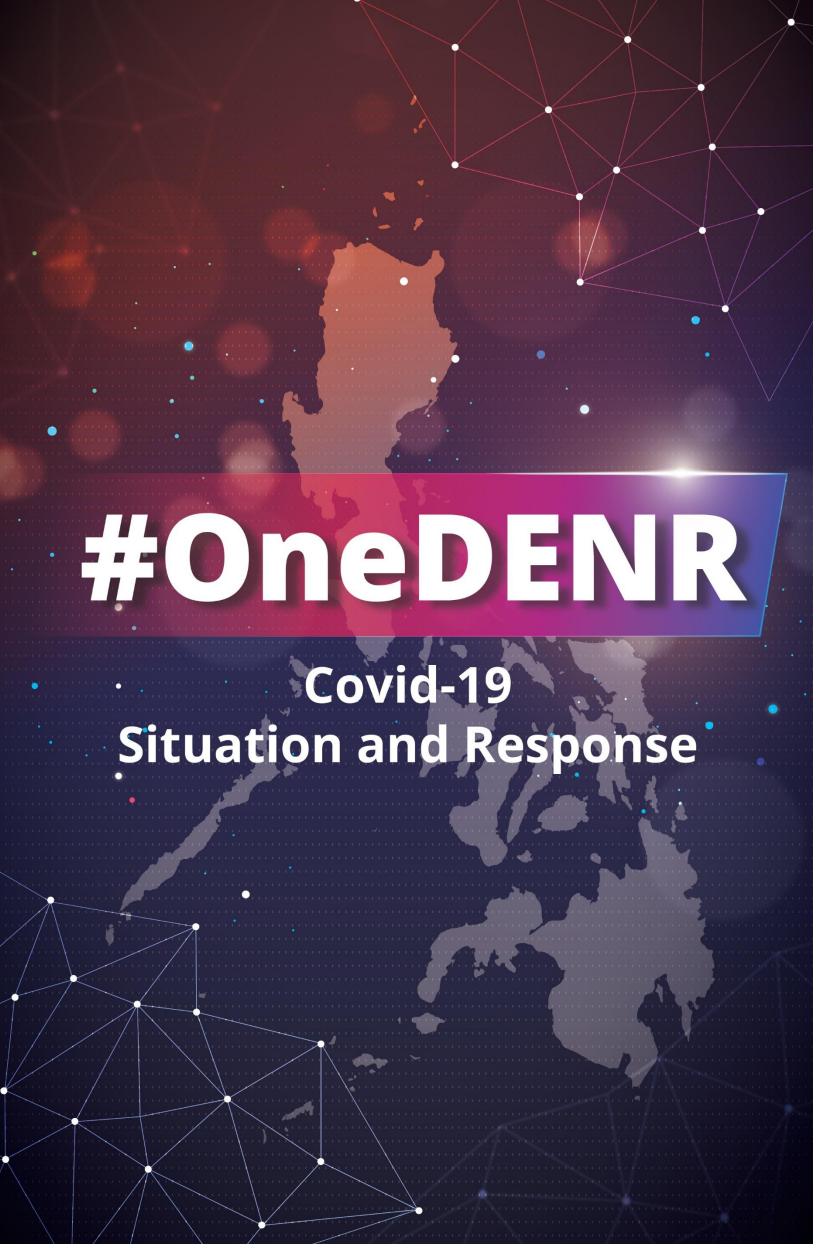


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No more curfew in Metro Manila

- Metro Manila mayors agreed to lift curfew hours in the capital region starting November 4, nearly two years since it was put in place in March 2020.
 The Department of Education said its list of 100 public schools for a limited resumption
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 of face-to-face classes next month is complete.
- Vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. said they are aiming to inoculate <u>15 million doses</u> of COVID-19 jabs this month. President Rodrigo Duterte also wants local governments sanctioned for a slow rollout of the program.
- A health official said the country is eyeing to vaccinate for COVID-19 minors below 12 years of age by next year.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/11/03/2138715/philippines-logs-1591-new-covid-19-cases-7-labs-without-data







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Para sa kumpletong detalye at impormasyon, bisitahin lamang ang aming pampublikong site: https://ncovtracker.doh.gov.ph/

PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

1.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO 38.014 PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.1%

TOTAL NG GUMALING **2,712,298**

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.56%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
43,586

MGA BAGONG KASO 1,591

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 4,294

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 186

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,793,898

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING NOBYEMBRE 1

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5.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA NAGPOSITIBO 29,489

BILANG NG TINEST HALOS

74.7%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!



KABUUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.1K TOTAL BEDS)

44%
Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.6K TOTAL BEDS)

34%
Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.4K TOTAL BEDS)

30%
Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.2K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

30 Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.4K TOTAL BEDS)

39%
Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.9K TOTAL BEDS)

WARD BEDS (4.0K TOTAL BEDS)

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

29% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 69.4%

5.2% Asymptomatic

3.4% Critical

8.1% Severe

13.87% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

28% Utilized

28% Utilized

Sa nalalapit na pagtatapos ng taon ay nakikita natin ang patuloy na pagbaba ng bilang ng mga taong nahahawaan ng COVID-19. Matitiyak natin ang mababang kaso kung patuloy nating susundin ang Minimum Public Health Standards at mabakunahan na ang bawat Pilipino. Kasabay nito, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa BHERTS o sa One COVID Referral Center sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o 0919-977-3333.

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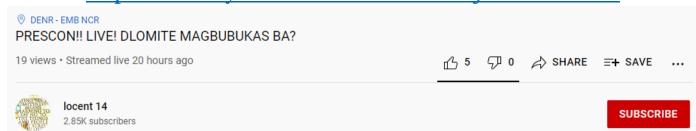




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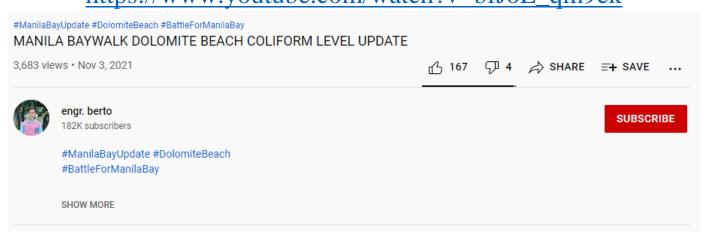




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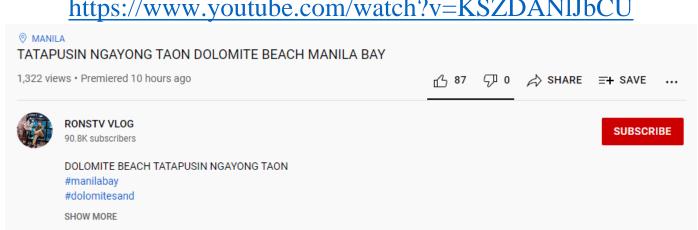




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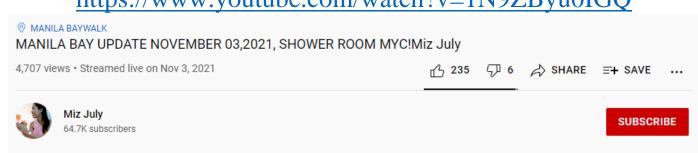




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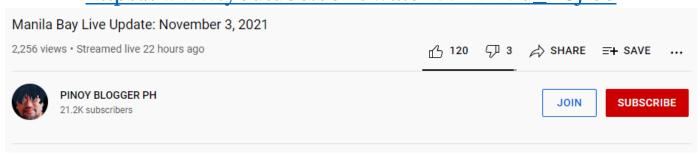




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