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# Air pollution in Manila, Marikina shot up on New Year's Day — DENR

[Gaea Katreena Cabico](#) - Philstar.com January 5, 2022 | 5:07pm



The PNP ordered a crackdown on prohibited firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices in December to reduce cases of firecracker-related deaths and injuries during Christmas and New Year's Eve festivities.

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MANILA, Philippines — Air pollution levels in the cities of Manila and Marikina have exceeded the safe standards during the first few hours of 2022, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said Wednesday.

Data from the department's Environmental Management Bureau showed that air pollution levels in the two cities went beyond the standard 150 micrograms per normal cubic meter (ug/Ncm) of particulate matter (PM) 10.

PM10 and PM2.5 include inhalable particles that are small enough to penetrate the thoracic region of the respiratory system. Particulate matter can be hazardous to human health and can aggravate the conditions of people with asthma and other respiratory diseases.

According to EMB, PM10 peaked at 347 ug/Ncm in Marikina City. It recorded an average concentration of 271 ug/Ncm from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.—215% higher than the levels recorded last year.

Meanwhile, levels of PM10 reached a high of 156 ug/Ncm in Manila. The average concentration of 116 ug/Ncm was 68% higher compared to last year's PM10 data.

The agency is still conducting manual monitoring of 11 stations.

EMB also reported high levels of PM2.5—a smaller and deadlier pollutant—from its Manila monitoring station, which reached a high of 113 ug/Ncm.

The short-term limit for PM2.5 is 35 ug/Ncm.

Monitoring stations in San Fernando City, Antipolo City, Biñan City, Puerto Princesa City, and Davao City recorded an increase in the average concentration of PM10, the agency said.

Stations in Davao City, Iligan City, and Zamboanga City also logged an increase in the concentration of PM2.5.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu urged local government units to enforce Executive Order 28 series of 2017 or the Regulation and Control of the Use of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Devices to prevent spikes in air pollution levels.

“Now more than ever we should work together to correct this way of celebrating New Year revelries as we are all aware of the pulmonary health risks these firecrackers carry,” he said.

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## MM air pollution levels shoot up during New Year revelry

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### ***DENR: Air pollution levels in parts of Metro Manila went up during New Year revelry***

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) said air pollution levels in two Metro Manila cities have exceeded the safe standards during the first two hours of January 1, 2022.

The DENR-EMB report showed that the air pollution levels in the cities of Marikina and Manila went beyond the standard of 150 micrograms per normal cubic meter (ug/Ncm) of particulate matter 10 or PM10.

Meanwhile, it is still conducting manual monitoring of 11 stations and is expected to come out with the laboratory analysis results on January 7.

*"Now more than ever we should work together to correct this way of celebrating New Year revelries as we are all aware of the pulmonary health risks these firecrackers carry," DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said.*

To prevent spikes in air pollution levels, Cimatu encouraged the local government units to strictly enforce Executive Order No. 28 series of 2017 or the Regulation and Control of the Use of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Devices.

The DENR chief also called on Filipinos to use alternative ways to welcome the New Year such as making noise with pots and pans and blowing party horns or trumpets.

PM10 in firecrackers consists mainly of residues of the explosive powders wrapped in paper which consists of a mixture of sulfur (S), carbon (C), and potassium nitrate (saltpeter, KNO<sub>3</sub>), and other fine minerals which contain heavy metals.

According to health experts, particles in PM2.5 are able to travel deeply into a person's respiratory tract and can cause ill effects and worsen the medical conditions of people with asthma or heart diseases.

Based on the data from the DENR-EMB, Marikina City's PM10 peaked at 347 ug/NCM around 2 a.m. of January 1, 2022, with an average concentration of 271 ug/NCM monitored from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m., or a 215 percent increase compared to the 2021 New Year's eve PM10 data.

In Manila, PM10 reached 156 ug/NCM between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. but with an average concentration of 116 ug/NCM from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m., or a 68 percent increase compared to the 2021 New Year's eve PM10 data.



The short-term limit for 24-Hour Averaging Time for PM10 is 150 ug/Ncm under the National Ambient Air Quality Guideline Value (NAAQGV) of Republic Act 8749 or the Clean Air Act.

For PM2.5, only the Manila monitoring station in Mehan Garden recorded a maximum concentration of 113 ug/Ncm and an average concentration of 84 ug/Ncm from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. on January 1, 2022.

Outside Metro Manila, five air quality monitoring stations (AQMS) recorded an increase in the average concentration of PM10 between 12 a.m. and 2 a.m. of January 1, 2022, compared to 2021.



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"Now more than ever we should work together to correct this way of celebrating New Year revelries as we are all aware of the pulmonary health risks these firecrackers carry," mentions DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu in lieu with cities exceeding standard air pollution levels. (via Philstar.com)

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## DENR DETECTS HIGHEST AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN MANILA, MARIKINA ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) releases information that both Manila and Marikina City reflected the highest air pollution levels just in the beginning of 2022. The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of DENR showed results that both cities surpassed the standard level for hazardous inhalable particles (PM10 and PM2.5).



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# Manila Bay water quality improved as of Q3 2021: DENR

By **Malaya Business Insight** - January 6, 2022



*Coliform level in three sampling stations at the Dolomite Beach has gone down to 1,700 mpn per 100 mL as of Dec. 22, 2021 from a geomean of 1.6 million in September 2020.*

Significant improvement in the water quality of Manila Bay has been recorded last year, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The DENR said as of third quarter of 2021, coliform level in all nine key stations at the Manila Bay Baywalk Area, recorded 21,100 most probable number per 100 milliliters (mpn per 100 ml) from 2019's 5.75 million mpn per 100 ml.

The DENR cited the Manila Bay Coordinating Office's (MBCO) data that showed four key stations in the Baseco beach area registered a decrease in coliform level from an overall geomean of 145,000 mpn per 100 mL in 2020 to 21,500 mpn per 100 mL in September 2021.

The MBCO reported that in September 2021, the Baywalk sewage treatment plant which treats wastewater from the Padre Faura, Remedios and Estero de San Antonio de Abad outfalls receives an influent of 8.8 million mpn per 100mL and releases an effluent of 9.4 mpn per 100ml passing the fecal coliform standard of 100 mpn per 100mL.

As for the three sampling stations of the Dolomite Beach, coliform level has gone down to 1,700 mpn per 100 mL as of Dec. 22, 2021 from a geomean of 1.6 million last September 2020.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said the rehabilitation had a number of achievements due to its solid waste management strategies, geo-engineering interventions and compliance monitoring of establishments, among others around the Manila Bay area in the National Capital Region, Central Luzon and Calabarzon.

Cimatu said in terms of solid waste management, a total 50,618.94 cubic meters of garbage from shorelines, waterways, rivers and beaches were collected and disposed from 19,088 cleanup activities including collection from trash traps and trash boats as well as from declogging activities conducted from January to September 2021. – **Jed Macapagal**



## Manila Bay water quality improves — DENR

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WATER QUALITY in parts of Manila Bay has improved with lower fecal coliform levels, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The Baywalk area, one of the main priorities in an ongoing rehabilitation project, registered a decrease in coliform level in all its nine key stations in the third quarter of 2021, DENR said in a press release on Wednesday.

At the Dolomite Beach, where artificial white sand has been spread as an attraction, coliform level dropped to 1,700 mpn/100 mL (most probable number per 100 milliliters) from a geomean of 1.6 million mpn/100 mL in Sept. 2020.

“It’s high time that we totally alter our habits on waste disposal as well as our attitude on taking responsibility for one’s actions. Our cleanup efforts will be in vain if these will not be sustained by the public, and especially by the new administration this 2022,” DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said in a statement.

In September, four key stations at the Baseco beach also reported a decrease in coliform level to 21,500 mpn/100 mL from an overall geomean of 145,000 mpn/100 mL in 2020.

DENR said the water quality improvement is due to solid waste management strategies, geo-engineering interventions, and compliance monitoring of establishments, among others, around the Manila Bay area.

A total of 50,618.94 cubic meters of garbage was collected from shorelines, waterways, rivers, and beaches during cleanup activities conducted from January to Sept. 2021.

The department is aiming to have the Dolomite Beach area, which has been reopened to the public with restrictions, fit for swimming within this month. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**

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## [DENR notes water quality improvement in Manila Bay, commits to continue rehab in 2022](#)

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### ***DENR notes water quality improvement in Manila Bay, commits to continue rehab in 2022.***

**DUE** to its solid waste management strategies the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has reported significant gains in the water quality of the bay in 2021 as it vows to carry on its work this year in compliance with the continuing mandamus of the Supreme Court.

DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the rehabilitation had a number of achievements due to its solid waste management strategies, geo-engineering interventions, and compliance monitoring of establishments, among others around the Manila Bay area at the National Capital Region (NCR), Region 3 and Region 4A.

“Amid the persistent COVID-19 pandemic, the DENR along with the Manila Bay Interagency Task Force persevered this year in its task to rehabilitate Manila Bay. We have accomplished so much and we vow to sustain our gains for a cleaner Manila Bay in 2022,” said Cimatu.

DENR said data from the Manila Bay Coordinating Office (MBCO) revealed that the Baywalk area, which is a priority in the rehabilitation, registered a notable decrease in coliform level in all its nine key stations.

It recorded an average of 21,100 most probable number per 100 milliliters (mpn/100mL) as of the third quarter of 2021 from 5.75 million mpn/100 mL in 2019.

On the other hand, four key stations in the Baseco beach area registered a decrease in coliform level from an overall geomean of 145,000 mpn/100 mL in 2020 to 21,500 mpn/100 mL in September 2021.

The MBCO reported that in September 2021, the Baywalk Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), which treats wastewater from the Padre Faura, Remedios, and Estero de San Antonio de Abad outfalls, receives an influent of 8.8 million mpn/100mL and releases an effluent of 9.4 mpn/100ml passing the fecal coliform standard of 100 mpn/100mL for Class SB waters.

In the same month, the fecal coliform level in Obando, Talisay, and Pampanga rivers in Region 3 which are aiming for Class C water standard of 200 mpn/100 mL, only ranges in thousands. The Cañas River in Region 4A recorded 106,000 mpn/200 mL from 9.6 million mpn/200 mL last January 2021.





Meanwhile, the coliform level of nine bathing beach areas, which aim to achieve a Class SB level across the NCR, Region 3, and Region 4A, has decreased in thousands as of MBCO's latest data.

The Environmental Management Bureau in NCR, Regions 3 and 4A, and the Laguna Lake Development Authority issued Notices of Violation to 685 establishments, Cease and Desist Orders to five establishments, and Ex-Parte Orders to five establishments out of the 4,576 establishments inspected from January to September 2021 for violation of Republic Act 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

In terms of solid waste management, a total 50,618.94 cubic meters of garbage from shorelines, waterways, rivers, and beaches were collected and disposed from 19,088 cleanup activities including collection from trash traps and trash boats, and declogging conducted from January to September 2021 by the DENR involving 82,151 volunteers and estero rangers.

On the other hand, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has also collected and disposed 17,946.1 cubic meters of solid waste.



# Tubig na laan para sa Manila Water, Maynilad posibleng bawasan

**ABS-CBN News**

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Posibleng bawasan ng National Water Resources Board (NWRB) simula Enero 16 ang alokasyong tubig para sa Manila Water at Maynilad, sabi ngayong Miyerkoles ng executive director nitong si Seville David.

Ito'y dahil sa inaasahang pagbaba ng lebel ng tubig sa Angat Dam na maaaring magdulot ng kakapusan sa supply at water service interruptions.

Ayon kay David, posibleng bawasan nang 2 cubic meter per second ang alokasyon para sa Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, na nagbabahagi ng tubig sa water concessionaires na Manila Water at Maynilad.

Pinag-aaralan din ng NWRB na tanggalin o bawasan ang alokasyon sa mga irigasyon at hydroelectric power plant.

Sa ngayon, nasa 202 meters pa ang lebel ng tubig sa Angat Dam pero tinatayang bababa ito sa minimum operating level na 180 meters sa Abril.

Ayon sa Manila Water, tatantiyahin pa nila kung kailangang magsagawa ng water service interruption kapag tuluyan nang mabawasan ang alokasyon.

Pero tiniyak ng Manila Water na hindi na mauulit ang malawakang water shortage na naranasan ng libo-libo nilang kostumer noong 2019.

May ilan na ring solusyon ang Manila Water para masigurong may sapat na tubig kagaya ng water treatment plant at dagdag na supply galing La Mesa Dam.

"Yong ganoong severity noong naging shortage noong 2019, atin na pong masisiguro na di na po aabot sa ganoon sitwasyon," ani Manila Water corporate communications head Dittie Galang.

May water treatment plants din umano ang Maynilad at kukuha ng dagdag na supply sa mga ilog sa Cavite.

Pero maaari pa rin umano silang magpatupad ng rotational water service interruption.

"Ang normally naapektuhan sa mga ganitong sitwasyon ay sa mga matataas na lugar sa aming network at 'yung mas malalayo sa aming treatment and station facilities," sabi ni Maynilad water supply operations head Ronaldo Padua.

"At any given customer meron silang water supply window para makapag-ipon sila ng tubig nila for the day's consumption," aniya.

Nanawagan ang mga water concessionaire sa publiko na bukod sa pagtitipid ng tubig ay huwag mag-panic sa pag-iimbak dahil sa ngayo'y under control naman ang supply nito.

— **Ulat ni April Raffles, ABS-CBN News**

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# Foreign businesses laud lifting of ban on open-pit mining

[Catherine Talavera](#) - The Philippine Star January 6, 2022 | 12:00am



“The DENR decision will enable the metallic mining industry to contribute substantially to the longer-term growth of the Philippine economy and to benefit Filipinos, particularly those in remote mining areas where poverty and unemployment rates are high,” said Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (CanCham) president Julian Payne.

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MANILA, Philippines — The Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) welcomed the government’s move to lift the ban on open-pit mining, saying it would allow the industry to contribute to the growth of the economy.

“The DENR decision will enable the metallic mining industry to contribute substantially to the longer-term growth of the Philippine economy and to benefit Filipinos, particularly those in remote mining areas where poverty and unemployment rates are high,” said Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (CanCham) president Julian Payne.

“The additional tax revenue generated by large mining for both national and local governments could help fund much needed environmental protection and social welfare programs, among other government activities,” he said.

In December, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu signed Department Administrative Order (DAO) 2021-40, which lifts the ban on the open-pit method for mining for copper, gold, silver and complex ores in the country, which was issued in 2017.

The new DAO also provides additional enhanced parameters and criteria for surface mining methods.

It aims to revitalize the mining industry and usher in significant economic benefits to the country by providing raw materials for the construction and development of other industries and by increasing employment opportunities in rural areas where there are mining activities, thereby stimulating countryside development.

The DAO also targets to establish enhanced parameters and criteria for the types of surface mining methods under the declaration of mining project feasibility (DMPF) to address the environmental and safety issues of surface mining methods particularly open-pit mining.

Payne said JFC members also welcomed the terms and conditions set by the DENR for open-pit mining operations to ensure these will be environmentally and socially sustainable.

“Good practices in large scale mining in countries such as Australia and Canada have demonstrated this is quite possible given appropriate regulatory and fiscal frameworks for mining,” Payne said.



Apart from CanCham, other JFC members include the American Chamber of Commerce of the Phils., Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (Phils.), European Chamber of Commerce of the Phils., Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of the Phils., Korean Chamber of Commerce of the Phils., and Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters.

Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP) spokesperson Rocky Dimaculangan earlier welcomed the lifting of the ban.

“As most mining applications propose the use of the open-pit method, this decision will enable the industry to contribute more to our country’s economic recovery, particularly from the devastating effects of this pandemic through investment promotion, job creation and poverty alleviation,” Dimaculangan said.

He said thousands of mines worldwide have adopted the open-pit method, including Australia, Canada and the United States.

“There are economic, safety, and environmental considerations for employing this method. Where underground mining cannot be applied, the open-pit method is primarily employed although there are other forms of surface mining. The shape, nature and location of the ore body determine the mining method,” Dimaculangan said.

“Open-pit mines can be operated safely, according to globally accepted standards, and can be rehabilitated properly in a manner that provides alternative and productive land use after the life of the mine,” he said.

The Foundation for Economic Freedom also welcomed the decision to lift the ban, saying such a move would accelerate the growth of the mining industry.

“Promotion of responsible mining will be a big boost for the economy, especially at this time when the country is still reeling from the pandemic,” the FEF said.

It said this would generate much needed government revenues at the national and community level at a time when fiscal resources have been strained by the pandemic.



# IP group opposes coal mining in South Cotabato

By [Jerry Adlaw](#) January 6, 2022

THE indigenous T'boli and Manobo tribes residing at the sitio (subvillages) of Tawan Dagat, Tuburan, Segowet and Datal Bonlangon in Barangay Ned, [Lake Sebu](#) town in South [Cotabato](#) have formed an alliance to oppose a coal mining project in their area.

Although the Daguma Agro-Minerals Inc. (Daguma) had been in the area for more than four years, the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) are still not convinced that the mining firm's presence in their ancestral domain is beneficial to the community, Sister [Susan Bolanio](#), who heads the Oblates of [Notre Dame](#) and the [Hesed Foundation](#), told The Manila Times. The IPs formed an organization called the T'boli-Manobo S'daf Claimants Organization (Tamasco). Their main goal is to reclaim their ancestral land domain and to oppose incursions of private companies like the large coal mining firm Daguma.

The Tamasco alleged they never provided consent over the operation of the Daguma coal plant in Barangay Ned as they were just surprised when it was established within the 2,000-hectare area of their ancestral domain.

The Tamasco claimed that the Daguma coal plant has violated the 1997 Indigenous Peoples' [Right Act](#) which requires a free, prior, and informed consent to development projects in ancestral lands or using resources within IPs' territory.

The Tamasco has the support of the [Social Action Center](#) of the Diocese of Marbel, the Legal Rights and [Natural Resources Center](#), and the Oblates of Notre Dame sisters-run Hesed Foundation.

Daguma, a subsidiary of San Miguel Corp., had secured a coal operating contract from the Department of Energy in Barangay Ned, the largest village in the municipality of Lake Sebu.

Despite the official pronouncement of the South Cotabato government opposing coal mining in Barangay Ned, the Daguma coal plant continues to operate.

An alleged threat to bomb the coal plant prompted company officers to ask for military assistance to secure the area of their operations.

Bolanio said those opposing the coal plant had been red-tagged.

"The Diocese of Marbel opposes the coal mining in Ned because it can destroy the environment. People concerned should also be consulted. We should also look at the potential displacement of people. These are the three key reasons why the diocese opposes coal mining. I want to be clear, however, that the diocese is not anti-development. Note that South Cotabato is developing in the absence of coal mining," Bolanio said.



# Coastal cleanup drive held in Batangas

By [Frederick Silverio](#) January 6, 2022



TOO MANY TRASH Community volunteers remove over 1,300 bags full of garbage including plastic waste from the coastal areas of Calatagan and Balayan towns during the five-day cleanup activity held last month in Batangas province. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

[SAN Miguel Corp.](#) (SMC) has extended its coastal cleanup drive in Calatagan and Balayan towns in Batangas as it prepares to start cleaning up the heavily-polluted Marilao-Meycauayan-Obando river system in Bulacan.

A total of 1,340 bags full of garbage were initially collected from the coastal areas of the two towns during the five-day cleanup effort held last month supported by both SMC and the government through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers program of the Department of Labor and Employment.

"We recognize that to be able to help save our waterways from litter, we need to address the issue of pollution at its source. But these cleanups do make a big difference, especially in shaping the way people interact with the environment. Also, that one piece of trash we remove means one less litter that could end up in our waterways," SMC President and CEO [Ramon S. Ang](#) said.

Apart from mobilizing volunteers, SMC provides cleaning supplies, protective gear, and food for the participants and raises awareness among coastal communities about proper waste disposal.

Meanwhile, SMC has also committed to helping set up a materials recovery facility for five villages in Calatagan to recover recyclable materials and significantly reduce the amount of waste that end up in the waterways of the province.

SMC also holds weekly cleanup activities in [Isla Pulo](#) in Navotas together with the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR).

Isla Pulo is home to the [Tanza Marine Tree Park](#), a 26-hectare mangrove strip of an island with a 3.5-kilometer shoreline, which also serves as a natural barrier that protects nearby cities from storm surges and coastline erosion.

He added that coastal cleanup activities in Batangas will be done on a weekly basis, and with greater urgency, as the Batangas waters are close to the [Verde Island](#) Passage, a strait between Luzon and Mindoro known for its rich marine biodiversity.



"Keeping plastic waste from our seas and oceans will also protect our source of food and the fishermen who depend on these for their livelihood. In partnership with local and government agencies, we need to continuously educate our coastal communities on the importance of proper waste disposal as well as recycling and upcycling of waste products," he said.

SMC earlier donated patrol boats to the Calatagan community task force or Bantay Dagat that enlists fisherfolk from coastal villages to help enforce coastal and fisheries laws, particularly against the use of illegal fishing methods and illegal equipment.

The company also made a larger donation of 19 motorized boats to be used by local fisherfolk groups for their livelihood.

In Navotas, SMC's weekly cleanup draws some 80 volunteers composed of employees, residents from Barangay Tanza 1 and personnel from the local government of Navotas, Philippine [National Police](#) personnel based in Navotas, the 51st Engineers [Brigade of the Philippine Army](#) and the DENR. The group has so far removed 3,913 sacks of garbage.

These initiatives complement SMC's ongoing river rehabilitation programs for Tullahan and Pasig.

SMC will also start a cleanup and channel improvement project for the Marilao-Meycauayan-Obando river system, a major component of its flood mitigation initiative for Bulacan, and Talitip while building the [New Manila International Airport](#) in Bulakan town.

For its P1 billion Tullahan-Tinajeros river system rehabilitation project, the company has already removed 640,384 metric tons of silt and solid waste to date.

Meanwhile, it has already collected 165,700 metric tons of silt and solid waste from the [Pasig River](#) as part of its [P2-billion Pasig River](#) rehabilitation project. The company recently received a \$1.5 million donation from Japanese shipping giant NYK Line for the purchase of additional dredging equipment.



## Imported dragon, butiki nasilat sa airport

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Napigil ng mga tauhan ng Bureau of Customs (BoC) sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport ang tangkang pagpuslit ng mga Bearded Dragons at Tegu Lizards na dumating sa Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) kahapon.

Ayon kay NAIA-BOC district collector Mimel Talusan, ang dalawang parcels na naglalaman ng 22 Bearded Dragons at 6 na Argentine Black and White Lizards na may street value na aabot sa P210,000 ay nanggaling sa Samutprakarn, Thailand.

Ang dalawang parcels ay dineklarang "Children toys" na pinadala ng isang nagngangalang Anuphop Wilit at ito ay ipinadala sa mga indibiduwal na umano'y naka-address sa Paranaque City.

Nadiskubre ang mga Bearded Dragons at Tegus makaraang isagawa ang 100% physical examination ng Customs -NAIA gamit ang x-ray scanner.

Ang nabanggit na parcel shipment ay sumailalim sa seizure and forfeiture proceedings dahil sa paglabag nito sa Section 1113 of RA 10863 o ang Customs Modernization and Tariff Act in relation to Section 117 and RA 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act. (Otto Osorio)

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Isang patay na dugong ang natagpuan ng mga mangingisda sa Barangay Dumatad, Tangalan, Aklan Miyerkoles.

Ayon sa nagbahagi ng larawan na si Joan Magno, nakuha ang patay na dugong sa lambat. Tinatayang may bigat itong higit 200 kilo. Matapos masuri ng mga awtoridad ay kaagad din itong inilibing. | via Rolen Escaniel

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# 'WORRYING' | Jump in deforestation of world's most biodiverse savanna alarms Brazil scientists

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By Jake Spring

SAO PAULO, Jan 3 (Reuters) – Deforestation last year rose to the highest level since 2015 in Brazil's Cerrado, prompting scientists on Monday to raise alarm over the state of the world's most species-rich savanna, a major carbon sink that helps to stave off climate change.

The Cerrado, which is spread across several states of Brazil and is one of the world's largest savannas, is often called an ["upside-down forest"](#) because of the deep roots its plants sink into the ground to survive seasonal droughts and fires.

Destruction of these trees, grasses and other plants in the Cerrado is a major source of Brazil's greenhouse gas emissions, although it is far less densely forested than the more famous Amazon rainforest that it borders.

Deforestation and other clearances of native vegetation in the Cerrado rose 8% to 8,531 square kilometers in the 12 months through July, Brazil's official period for measuring deforestation, according to national space research agency Inpe. That is more than 10 times the size of New York City's land area of 783.84 square km.

"It's extremely worrying," said Mercedes Bustamante, an ecologist at the University of Brasilia.

Bustamante also criticized the government for a lack of transparency for announcing the deforestation data on New Year's Eve.

The added destruction is particularly concerning, scientists say, when considering that roughly half of the Cerrado has been destroyed since the 1970s, mostly for farming and ranching.

"You're transforming thousands of square kilometers annually," said Manuel Ferreira, a geographer at the Federal University of Goias.

"Few other places on earth have seen that rapid of a transformation."

Ferreira said that new plant and animal species are regularly being discovered in the Cerrado and that many are probably being eradicated before they can be studied.

After falling from highs in the early 2000s, deforestation in the Cerrado has been creeping up again since right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro took office in 2019, calling for more farming and development in sensitive ecosystems.

Last month, a Brazilian soy lobby group said that data showed farmers were increasingly [using](#) previously cleared land in the Cerrado rather than deforesting wholly new areas to plant the cash crop. More than half of Brazil's soy farmland is in the Cerrado.

Bustamante and other scientists blame Bolsonaro for encouraging deforestation with his pro-development rhetoric and for rolling back environmental enforcement.



Bolsonaro's office did not immediately respond to request for comment. He has previously defended his policies as a means to lift the interior of the country out of poverty and pointed out that Brazil has preserved far more of its territory than Europe or the United States.

"Deforestation is the most naked and raw indicator of the terrible environmental policy of this government," said Ane Alencar, the science director at the non-profit Amazon Environmental Research Institute.

*(Reporting by Jake Spring; editing by Grant McCool and Rosalba O'Brien)*



# EU spits in the eye of global climate efforts

## **ROUGH TRADE**

By Ben Kritz January 6, 2022

THE year is not quite a week old, and already 2022 has told 2021 to "hold my beer." Mind-boggling events are happening faster than I can make note of them on my whiteboard labeled "Hot Topics," and while I realize that I should appreciate that I will not have to strain my brain to find a column or editorial topic for the foreseeable future, it does not do much to dispel the feeling that the world is coming apart at the seams.

Of course, we can always hope that's just a pessimistic impression and not actual reality. The nature of the modern news cycle is such that many things that appear to be global or national emergencies in the morning are dim, inconsequential memories by lunchtime. I liken the news to fireworks; all our attention is drawn to the ones that explode with a loud bang and bright shower of colors that safely burn out in a moment. It's the ones that fired out of the tube but didn't explode, and are lying somewhere they shouldn't be with a still-smoldering fuse we should be worried about.

Of the items on my "Hot Topics" list, perhaps three of them are these kinds of unexploded bombs, and perhaps the worst of them is the underhanded move by [European Union](#) over the weekend to completely scuttle what tenuous progress was made at the recent COP26 climate summit, and propose environmental destruction as a matter of continental policy.

Late last Friday (Saturday in Manila), the [European Commission](#) discreetly distributed a draft proposal to member states to classify gas- and nuclear-powered electricity generation as "green energy options" eligible for investment incentives. This would effectively derail what has been fairly rapid progress in transitioning to renewable energy across [Europe](#) and completely end any hope of the EU collectively achieving its emissions reduction commitments by 2030. As the EU has until now aggressively marketed itself as the benchmark for climate mitigation action as far as energy is concerned, its latest move will likely encourage other countries to similarly roll back their own efforts.

Under the proposal, which would go into effect in 2023 if approved by a majority of EU member states, permits for new nuclear plants could continue to be issued until 2045, while permits for work needed to extend the life of existing nuclear plants could be issued until 2040. For gas plants, the proposal establishes a deadline of 2031 for new construction permits, and makes the rather non-specific and non-binding stipulation that carbon emission limits should be set "well below" those of comparable coal plants.

The European Commission's reasoning for this frankly idiotic proposal is that it would help "transitioning" from coal power to eventually sustainable sources. As the proposal would represent a significant step backward from what the EU has already achieved, however, it is a fairly transparent sop to commercial interests; the French nuclear industry on the one hand, and the gas industry (which is heavily influenced by Russian supply) on the other.

The charge by critics of the proposal that it destroys Europe's emissions-reduction commitments is not at all hyperbole. Under its current commitment, the EU would have to reduce emissions from gas power plants by 32 to 37 percent by 2030, along with replacing coal plants, in order to meet its target. Increasing gas power obviously will not accomplish that.



Nuclear power is likewise not emissions-free, despite what its advocates continually erroneously claim. CO2 emissions — not "CO2 equivalent," but actual CO2 emissions — for the most modern nuclear plants (those with either advanced reactors or the even newer third-generation EPR pressurized water reactors) range from 18.2 to 24.4 grams of CO2 per kilowatt-hour (gCO2/kWh). That is for operations alone; when related emissions from fuel processing and construction are factored in, the emissions increase to 40 to 116 gCO2/kWh.

Granted, that is minuscule compared with equivalent coal or gas plants, but it is certainly not zero. To put it in perspective, the 4.33 billion kWh produced by the smallest [US](#) nuclear plant (the R.E. Ginna plant in [New York state](#)) in 2020 resulted in about 106,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions.

Critics — including the German and Austrian governments — have also pointed out that the European Commission's proposal contravenes existing legal definitions in the EU. Under the current taxonomy, investments and activities can only be described as "sustainable" if they both contribute to climate objectives and do no significant harm to other environmental objectives, including circular economy, biodiversity and pollution reduction objectives.

As it stands now, the controversial draft has about four months in which EU member governments — but significantly, not the public, at least not directly to the European Commission — will be able to seek revisions to it.

Assuming the European Commission can resolve all the requested changes, which may be difficult given the differences of opinion that have already been expressed, the proposal will be put to the European Parliament for a vote.

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# Philippines reports 10,775 new COVID-19 cases

Philstar.com January 5, 2022 | 4:04pm



Filipinos queue for RT-PCR swab tests at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 as the Philippines records a sharp increase in new COVID-19 cases.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — COVID-19 cases in the country continue to balloon as the Department of Health registered 10,775 new infections on Wednesday.

The figure was the highest single-day tally since October 10, when the DOH reported 12,159 additional cases, and comes after the daily case tally dropped to three digits toward the end of 2021.

According to the health department, 99% of the reported cases occurred from December 23 to January 5. Most of the infections were from Metro Manila, Calabarzon and Central Luzon.

The positivity rate was 31.7% out of 44,643 tests. This was way above the five-percent threshold of the World Health Organization to indicate that the spread of the virus is under control.

The DOH also reported 58 additional fatalities, raising the death toll to 51,662.

Meanwhile, recoveries increased by 605 for a total of 2,780,109.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Philippines has confirmed over 2,871,745 cases.

Currently, there are 39,974 active cases. Ninety-two percent of the active cases have mild and moderate symptoms.

## Metro Manila at 'critical risk'

- DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III said that Metro Manila is at "critical risk" for COVID-19 transmission.
- Duque also said that the province of Laguna may be placed under [Alert Level 3](#). Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite and Rizal are under Alert Level 3 until January 15, where many businesses are operating at a limited capacity.
- The health department said it is studying the use of [antigen self-test kits](#) to detect COVID-19.

— Gaea Katreena Cabico

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2022/01/05/2151981/philippines-reports-10775-new-covid-19-cases>



## 8 lugar sa bansa, naka-granular lockdown na

[Mer Layson](#) - Pang-masa January 6, 2022 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Bunsod nang pagdami ng mga naitatalang bagong kaso ng COVID-19 ay walong lugar na sa bansa ang nakasailalim sa granular lockdown hanggang noong Martes.

Sinabi ni Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año na ang walong lockdown areas ay nakasasakop sa siyam na tahanan o 17 indibidwal.

Ayon pa kay Año, inaasahan na rin nilang darami pa ang bahagi ng bansa na maisasailalim sa granular lockdown dahil patuloy pa rin ang pag-akyat ng COVID-19 cases.

Noong nakaraang linggo, una nang hinikayat ng Malacañang ang mga local governments na magpatupad ng granular lockdowns para mapigilan ang clusters ng COVID-19 cases.

Ayon kay Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, maaari ring isagawa ang granular lockdowns sa isang tahanan, street level, purok level, community level, barangay level o serye ng mga barangay.





# Gov't mulls 'no vax, no labas' policy nationwide

By Kris Crismundo January 5, 2022, 6:03 pm



**MANILA** – Officials have recommended to President Rodrigo Duterte not to allow unvaccinated individuals to leave their residences, except for essential activities, under the “no vax, no labas” policy earlier adopted by the National Capital Region (NCR).

During Duterte’s Talk to the People on Tuesday night, Presidential Adviser for Covid-19 Response Vivencio Dizon said he, along with Health Secretary Francisco Duque III and National Task Force Against Covid-19 (NTF) chief implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., pushed for the adoption of this policy nationwide amid the spike in coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases.

“We are recommending that this policy in (the) NCR also be adopted by the entire country, even in areas that have not yet experienced the surge because we know it is really just a matter of time that this Omicron has spread throughout the country,” Dizon said.

He added that many countries, particularly those in Europe, are already restricting the mobility of unvaccinated persons.

“This is really the situation today in different countries, not just us, that the unvaccinated are really the ones that are being hit badly by the new variants and they are the ones causing the health care systems to be congested. And because of that, they pose the greatest risk,” Dizon said.

Earlier, members of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases and the private sector lauded the “bold move” of Metro Manila mayors to limit the mobility of unvaccinated individuals as Covid-19 cases skyrocketed following the holidays and the presence of the Omicron variant in the country.

During the Go Negosyo Townhall meeting on Wednesday, Duque said the Delta remains to be the dominant variant among the positive cases here.

The officials also urged unvaccinated Filipinos to get the Covid-19 jabs, and those with complete doses to get booster shots.

The NTF targets to fully vaccinate 70 million Filipinos by early March. **(PNA)**

# DOH sets vaccination day for remaining 52,000 seniors in NCR

By [Currie Cator, CNN Philippines](#) Published Jan 5, 2022 7:30:00 PM



**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, January 5)** — The government will hold another massive inoculation program, this time, for senior citizens in the National Capital Region.

Speaking to CNN Philippines on Wednesday, DOH-NCR Director Dr. Gloria Balboa said they aim to immunize the remaining 3% of the A2 group, or over 52,000 seniors in Metro Manila, as the country grapples with yet another spike in COVID-19 cases.

"Yung atin kasing fully vaccinated (seniors) ay 97% na. May naiwan pang 3%, equivalent to 52,796, so ito 'yung balak nating ma-cover bukas. Meron ding [local government units] na hindi pa 100%, so tututukan natin 'yon," Balboa said.

[Translation: We have already vaccinated 97% of the seniors in NCR. There are still about 3% remaining, equivalent to 52,796, so that's what we want to cover tomorrow. Some LGUs have not reached 100% vaccination of seniors yet, so we will focus on that too.]

"Siyempre, 'andiyan pa rin 'yung booster dose dahil marami nang nabakunahang senior citizen," she added.

[Translation: Of course, we will also continue rolling out booster doses since most of our senior citizens have been fully vaccinated.]

The vaccination day for the target vulnerable population will be conducted in different sites across the capital region on Jan. 6.

"Ina-allow po natin ang walk-ins din... Pwede [rin] silang humingi ng tulong sa ating health centers para ma-assist sila kung paano magpa-register," Balboa said.

[Translation: We will allow walk-ins. They can also ask for help from our health centers to assist them in the registration.]

The DOH said mobile vaccination teams will also be deployed to attend to senior citizens who are bedridden or cannot go to the designated facilities.

It appealed anew to those who are still hesitant to get the vaccine, especially with the rising cases and the threat of the Omicron variant.



"Sila (seniors) po talaga ang pinaka-vulnerable (They really are the most vulnerable), so we want to protect them," Balboa noted.

Nationwide, a total of [1.5 million senior citizens](#), who are vulnerable to severe infection, have yet to receive protection from COVID-19, according to vaccine czar Carlito Galvez.



# Don't panic, follow protocols

The Philippine Star January 6, 2022 | 12:00am

The numbers are really frightening, and reports of friends and family testing positive for COVID, whether Omicron or whatever variant, are coming fast and furious. Entire families infected, offices running on less than half of their staff because of suspect and confirmed cases... It's enough to paralyze one with fear.

I for one have become some sort of hypochondriac, with every cough and snuffle a possible sign of COVID. I'm constantly feeling my forehead and neck for indications of fever but am afraid to actually take my temperature in case it really shows a fever! Biogesic (no wonder there was a supply shortage!) and Lola Remedios have taken the place of peanuts and potato chips on my bedside table.

While the situation is indeed serious, panic isn't going to help – not me, not my family, not my community, not the government, not the economy. We cannot all isolate, that's for sure. There are those who cannot work from home and have to physically go to work; what are we to do?

The answer is – do what we have been told to do all along: wear a mask (or, better yet, double mask), keep a safe distance away from other people (so that if someone coughs or sneezes you're not near enough to get the droplets), avoid crowds and unnecessary gatherings of people (surely no partying in bars!), wash or sanitize your hands often, avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes...and get vaccinated! For those already vaxxed, get that booster shot please.

These are very basic and simple things we can do to protect ourselves. They may not be enough to totally keep us safe from the virus, but they give each of us a fighting chance against this nasty little virus that seems determined to beat us down.

Don't let the virus – and fear, and fake news that stokes fear – win. We can fight back! – **W. Santos-Taylor**, Parañaque City



## MAGPAKONSULTA KAAGAD SA FLURONA AT DEMICRON



January 5, 2022 @ 4:58 PM 13 hours ago

IKAW ba'y nilalagnat, inuubo, minamalat o nangangati sa lalamunan, sakit sa ulo, nanakit ang katawan, tumutulong sipon at iba pang palatandaan o sintomas ng influenza o flu?

At ikaw ba'y posibleng may coronavirus disease na palatandaan ang mga nasa itaas, kasama ang kawalan ng panlasa sa pagkain, pagsusuka, kakapusan ng hininga at iba pa?

Posibleng may Flurona o Demicron ka.

Pinagsamang Flu o Influenza at coronavirus disease ang Flurona samantalang pinagsamang Delta at Omicron variant ang Demicron.

Ang una umanong namatay sa Pinas sa COVID-19 noong 2020 ay nadale ng Flurona at ngayong may Delta at Omicron, hindi imposibleng may masasawi rin.

### HINDI IMPOSIBLE

Ayon sa ating mga awtoridad-pangkalusugan na sina Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire at Dr. Edsel Salvaña, hindi imposibleng maganap ang pagsasama-sama ng dalawa o lahat ng mga sakit na banggit at tatama sa isang tao.

Kung magaganap ito, magbubunga ng grabeng pagkasira ng resistensya o immunity ng biktima at maaari nitong ikamatay.

Hindi nga imposibleng maganap ang mga ito lalo't narito sa atin ang mga sakit na nabanggit.

Isa pa, basta't may hawaan sa mga sakit na ito, maaaring lalaganap ito.

At hindi magtatapos hangga't hindi ganap na napapawi ang mga nasabing sakit.

Subalit, katulad ng flu o influenza, mga Bro, sinasabing ang COVID-19 at mga variant nito ay maaaring hindi na talaga lubusang mapapawi at darating ang araw na mamuhay na lang tayo na kasama ang mga sakit mula sa COVID-19.

Ang totoo, ang ibang mga bansa, sinusubukan na nilang makipamuhay sa COVID-19 at nagsimula na silang sumandal hindi lang sa mga bakuna kontra-COVID kundi sa mga gamot na nagagawa na laban dito.

Sa flu, ang ginagawa ng iba ay magpaturok na ng flu vaccine na good for one year at taon-taon silang nagpapaturok

Maaaring ganito na rin ang mangyari sa COVID-19.

### MGA GAGAWIN

Sa ngayon, mga Bro, higit na umaasa tayo sa bisa ng bakuna kontra-COVID-19 at may binibili na rin ang gobyerno na gamot gaya ng malnupiravir.



May mga pagsubok na rin sa virgin coconut oil at lagundi bilang gamot sa COVID-19 at lumalabas na epektibo ang mga ito mga magagaan lang ang tama sa sakit.

Maganda ring may itinatayo nang Institute of Virology of the Philippines na pasimula ng mga pag-aaral sa paggawa ng mga gamot at bakuna sa anomang sakit, kasama na ang COVID-19, at maaaring magbukas na ito sa 2023-2024.

Pansamantala, kailangan nating sumunod sa lahat ng umiiral na health protocol gaya ng pagsusuot ng face mask, palagiang paghuhugas ng kamay, social distancing, pag-iwas sa mga kulob at matataong lugar at iba pa.

Dapat ding sumunod sa mga protocol sa transportasyon depende sa mga Alert Level na dinideklara.

Sa ngayon, deklarado ang Metro Manila at mga lalawigan ng Bulacan, Cavite at Rizal sa Alert Level 3.

Ang napakahalaga, magpabakuna tayo total may 210 milyong dose ng bakuna na itinuturok na at magkakasya sa 100 milyong Pinoy.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

# 1.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO  
39,974

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

# 96.8%

TOTAL NG GUMALING  
2,780,109

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

# 1.80%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY  
51,662

MGA BAGONG KASO **10,775**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **605**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **58**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,871,745**

### MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING ENERO 3

DATOS NGAYONG ENERO 5  
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG ENERO 3

# 31.7%

PORSYENTO NG MGA  
NAGPOSITIBO

# 44,643

BILANG NG  
TINIST

HALOS

# 88.0%

ANG MILD AT  
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**B**AWAL  
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### KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS)  
27% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (19.1K TOTAL BEDS)  
31% Utilized

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23% Utilized

VENTILATORS (2.9K TOTAL VENTILATORS)  
13% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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37% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS)  
39% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.7K TOTAL BEDS)  
45% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)  
18% Utilized

### KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

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33,866 Mild

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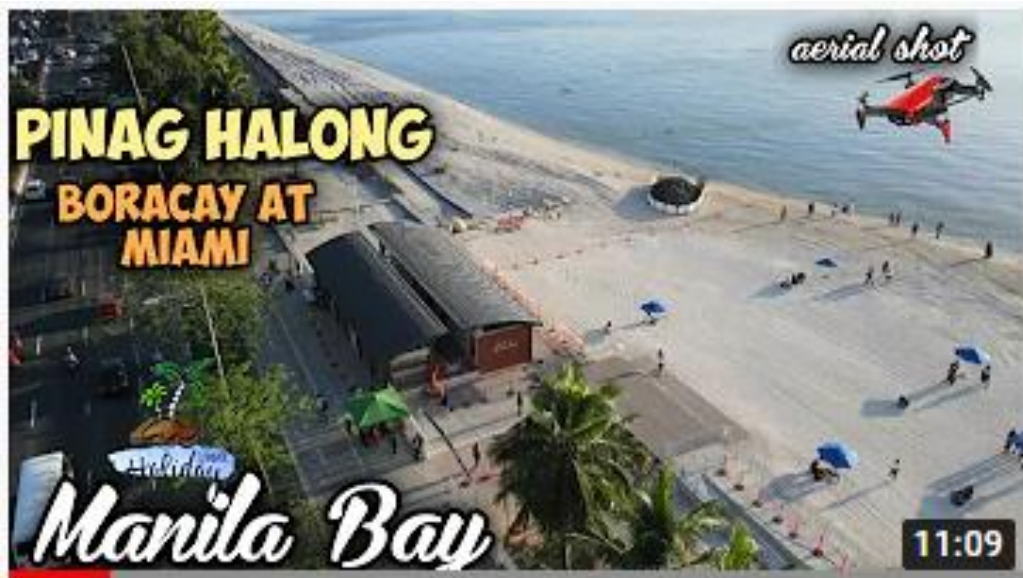
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