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## Cimatu lauds launch of PACC-led nat'l anticorruption program

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Santiago Celario Writer

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu hopes the newly-launched Project Kasangga will root out corruption within the Department of Environment and National Resources, which he says results in environmental crimes.

**ENVIRONMENT** Secretary Roy Cimatu has hailed the recent launch of a new program that will give the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) a big boost in enforcing environmental laws.

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission and 49 state agencies including the DENR led the recent launch of the "Project Kasangga: Aksyon Kontra Korapsyon," creating anti-corruption coordinating councils (ACCC) within government offices and one at a national level chaired by President Rodrigo Duterte.

The program is a holistic way of stamping out corruption in all levels of government and complements a task force led by the Department of Justice, according to the PACC.

The ACCCs will act as department-level committees to validate corruption reports and forward them to the national ACCC.

Cimatu said the initiative is especially vital in its mandate to combat environmental crimes as "corruption at the DENR unmistakably results in detrimental consequences that can last for generations in terms of individual health, public safety and economy."

"I prefer standing trees to apprehended illegally-cut ones which is why my marching order is to strengthen prevention of environmental crimes like illegal logging," Cimatu pointed out.

"While our emphasis is on prevention, enforcement and detection, approach should likewise play an important role through the creation of the Environmental Protection and Enforcement Bureau (EPEB) which will spearhead government's efforts to bolster certainty of punishment," he added.

The proposed EPEB consolidates all enforcement functions and will institutionalize enforcement systems and strategies based on best practices and using the most advanced and reliable technologies.

"Project Kasangga has further highlighted the role of environmental law enforcers as key actors in fighting corruption," Cimatu said.





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He also noted that the project underscores the urgency for the establishment of the EPEB as its passage into law is being sponsored both in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Two bills creating the EPEB have been filed at the Senate. These are Senate Bill Numbers 1878 and 1959 filed by Senators Nancy Binay and Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., respectively.

At the House of Representatives, House Committee on Government Reorganization adopted House Bill (HB) 6973 filed by Deputy Speaker and Antique Rep. Loren Legarda.

The House panel has likewise agreed to consolidate three other EPEB bills into a substitute bill, namely HB 7873 filed by Deputy Speaker and South Cotabato Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez; HB 7670 filed by Ilocos Norte Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba; and HB 8028 filed by Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" Villafuerte.

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### NSWMC INAPRUBAHAN ANG INTEGRASYON NG PROSESO, TEKNOLOHIYA SA MAS MAAYOS NA PAMAMAHALA NG SOLID WASTE

September 12, 2021 Rannie Lao



APRUBADO na ng National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) na pinamumunuan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang adapsiyon ng total solid waste management solution upang makatulong na mapabuti ang waste recovery at paggamit ng sanitary landfills (SLFs).

Ayon kay Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang bagong pamamaraan na ito ay makatutulong sa DENR na mapabilis ang layunin sa mahigpit na pagpapatupad sa Republic Act 9003 o ang Ecological Management Act of 2000.

"Through the Total Solid Waste Management Solution, we will be able to augment the capacity of SLFs and make these more useful to the local government units (LGUs)," sabi ni Cimatu.

"This strategy will also help lessen solid wastes that go into coastal areas and waterbodies all over the country, and will support the ongoing rehabilitation of Manila Bay," dagdag ng kalihim ng DENR.

Base sa resolusyon na nilagdaan ni NSWMC Alternate Chair at DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and LGUs Concerns Benny D. Antiporda, pagsasamahin ang proseso at teknolohiya para sa pamamahala ng biodegradable wastes, recyclables wastes at residuals with potential for diversion at ang pagtrato sa special wastes o household hazardous wastes bago ito itapon.

Aniya, sa pamamagitan nito ay matutulungan ang local LGUs para maisaayos ang proseso sa pamamahala maging ang pagtrato sa kanilang mga basura.

"We took into consideration both the capability and capacity of the LGUs to implement their targets in accordance with their 10-year solid waste management plan until such time that they are able to meet their maximum waste diversion target through materials recovery, composting and other resource recovery activities," paliwanag nito.

Binigyang diin pa ni Antiporda na ang paggamit ng konsepto ng total solid waste management solution ay matitiyak na muling mapakikinabangan ang solid waste materials na pumapasok sa SLFs.





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Sinabi din ni Antiporda, ang direktiba na nakapaloob sa NSWMC resolution ay ipapaalam sa regional offices sa pamamagitan ng DENR-Environmental Management Bureau para sa tamang pagdagdag ng Total Solid Waste Management Solution sa disenyo at operasyon ng panukalang SLF projects.

Sa kasalukuyan, may 52 SLF projects ang may pending approval. BENEDICT ABAYGAR, JR.

Source: <a href="http://pilipinomirror.com/nswmc-inaprubahan-ang-integrasyon-ng-proseso-teknolohiya-sa-mas-maayos-na-pamamahala-ng-solid-waste/">http://pilipinomirror.com/nswmc-inaprubahan-ang-integrasyon-ng-proseso-teknolohiya-sa-mas-maayos-na-pamamahala-ng-solid-waste/</a>





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## <u>Pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at karagatan, iginiit ng DENR</u>

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Santiago Celario Writer

Ayon kay DENR Undersecretary Benny Antipoda, noong nakalipas na administrasyon ay maliit na bahagi lamang ang ibinibigay na atensyon ng national government para sa pangangalaga sa ating katubigan at kapaligiran.

**BINIGYAN** diin ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Benny Antiporda na ang pangangalaga sa ating kapaligiran at karagatan ay dapat bigyan ng atensyon at halaga.

Ayon kay Antipoda, noong nakalipas na administrasyon ay maliit lamang na bahagi umano ang ibinibigay na atensyon ng national government para sa pangangalaga sa ating katubigan.

Iginiit din niya na totoong nagdeklara na marine protected areas simula pa noong 1970s subalitito'y limitado lamang sa regulation ng fishing, at maliit na bahagi lamang sa polusyon.

Ang pahayag ni Antiporda ay ginawa sa kanyang talumpati sa ginanap na Marine Environment Protection Forum nitong Setyembre 9.

Sa kanyang pahayag, sinabi ni Antiporda na siyang rin Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns na binigyang-atensyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang pagkasira ng Boracay at matapos maging tapunan ng basura ang dagat ng Boracay at naging dahilan ng pagkasira ng isla.

"In the past administrations, relatively little attention was given by the national government to marine life below the surface of the water while it is true that we have declared marine protected areas dating back to the early 1970s, protection was largely limited to the regulation of fishing, with little done against pollution" ayon kay Antiporda.

Ito aniya ang naging dahilan para itayo ni Pangulong Duterte ang Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force na pinamumunuan ng DENR, para muling i-rehabilitate ang Boracay na nasira matapos ang 3 dekada dahil sa mabilis na development nito at turismo dahilan lamang sa kita.

"And so President Duterte created the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force, headed by the DENR, to rehabilitate Boracay's environment, which was badly damaged by 3 decades of haphazard development in the rush for tourism profits" dagdag pa ni Antiporda.

Kaugnay nito sinabi pa ni Antiporda nitong Enero 2019 ang Pangulong Duterte ay inuna ang cleanup at rehabilitation ng Manila Bay, na halos mangamoy na ng basurasa kabila ng kautusan ng Korte Suprema nitong December 2008order or writ of continuing mandamus para linisin at muling ibalik ang historic glory ng Manila Bay.





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Sinabi pa ni Antiporda na ang paglilinis sa Manila Bay ay hindi lamang sa baybayin lamang kundi kailangan din malinis ang source ng polusyon nito at ang pinagmumulan nito gaya ng mga rivers, esteros at drainage system na napupunta sa ang dumi at liquid waste nito sa baybayin.

Source: <a href="https://opinyon.net/national/pangangalaga-sa-kapaligiran-at-karagatan-iginiit-ng-denr?fbclid=IwAR2IY0LEb5-b-Hl4CsmBRvpJ2dbE8Wr560sJoJGsNtYbh2sV9t1boSW8400">https://opinyon.net/national/pangangalaga-sa-kapaligiran-at-karagatan-iginiit-ng-denr?fbclid=IwAR2IY0LEb5-b-Hl4CsmBRvpJ2dbE8Wr560sJoJGsNtYbh2sV9t1boSW8400</a>





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### DENR pushes for safe disposal of hazardous

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A Philippine Health-Care <u>Waste Management</u> Project (PHCWMP) will be implemented by the government to address the huge waste problem brought about by the <u>coronavirus</u> disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

The <u>Department of Environment and Natural Resources</u> (DENR) is concerned about the increasing generation of health-care waste particularly due to the Covid-19 pandemic that just came about in late 2019.

As such, the healthcare waste management project was approved for funding by DENR's partner Global Environment Facility (GEF) for \$4.65 million.

The health department's Healthcare Waste Management Manual (4th Edition) indicated that infectious waste is most likely to contain pathogens (bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungi) in sufficient concentration or quantity to cause diseases in susceptible hosts.

Aside from infectious wastes, there are other types of hazardous healthcare wastes health authorities are concerned with include pharmaceutical wastes such as expired and other contaminated products, drugs, vaccines and sera that are no longer usable and needs to be disposed of appropriately. This also includes discarded items used in handling of pharmaceuticals, such as bottles, vials and ampoules, or boxes with residues, gloves, masks and connective tubing; sharp wastes must be managed with utmost care because of the double danger it poses such as accidental pricks, cuts, or punctures that can potentially spread infection through these injuries; chemical wastes consists of discarded solid, liquid, and gaseous chemicals used in diagnostic and experimental work and in cleaning, housekeeping and disinfecting procedures.

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/13/public-square/denr-pushes-for-safe-disposal-of-hazardous-wastes/1814547}$ 





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### Magat Dam remains intact—NIA official

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA SEPTEMBER 12, 202



The 39-year old Magat Dam located in Municipality of Ramon, Isabela.

AN official of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) said last Sunday the 39-year-old Magat Dam remains intact and that no major deformities or damages were observed in the past several days.

Acting Manager Carlo C. Ablan of the Magat River Integrated Irrigation System (Mariis) Dam and Reservoir Division pointed to the modern equipment in place in the Maris as a source of assurance.

Ablan cited they also installed new instruments such as Dam Deformation Monitoring System serving as an online monitoring tool, which produces data points every 30 minutes for the covered structure.

He explained that any abnormalities on the structure will be tracked right away and be acted upon even before the dam breaks.

Moreover, Ablan said NIA ensured that it has an existing contingency plan for the Magat Dam located in the Municipality of Ramon, Isabela.

Ablan issued his statement after the Regional Committee on Dam Safety (RCODS) held a virtual meeting last September 1.

The meeting was attended by officials and representatives from the following: Cagayan Valley Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council; Department of Agriculture (DA) Region II; NIA-Region II; NIA-Mariis; Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa); Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region II; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region II; National Housing Authority (NHA) Region II; Isabela State University; and, concerned Local Government Units (LGUs).

During the meeting, the revised "Protocol on Dam Discharge and Flood Warning Operation for Magat Dam" was discussed by Acting Head Edwin J. Viernes of the Flood and Forecasting and Instrumentation Section of NIA-MARIIS and a Technical Working Group under the Regional Committee on Dam Safety (RCODS) was directed to be created to review and finalize the project proposal on the "Ensemble Technique for Rainfall Runoff Forecasting."

The Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) Region II and the RCODS approved the crafting of the contingency plan proposed by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO) in case of a breach in the Magat Dam.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/12/magat-dam-remains-intact-nia-official/





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# SBMA coastal protection week set

De la Llana said that the program eyes to educate Subic stakeholders on the importance of oceans, particularly Subic Bay and the impact of coastal clean-ups for sustainability

BY JONAS REYES

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) is set to launch a week-long Coastal Cleanup Program starting Monday dubbed as the "Biay Dagat" program.

SBMA chairperson and administrator Wilma Eisma said that the program aims to educate Subic stakeholders about onshore, offshore and underwater cleanup, as well as a lecture series on waste management.

The culminating event of the Biay Dagat program will take place on 17 September and will be a three-pronged cleanup of Subic Bay that will happen onshore, offshore and underwater.

SBMA Ecology Center manager Amethya de la Llana said that the festival will be held differently this year to adapt to the "new normal" and will follow the guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) response.

"Aside from strict compliance with IATF guidelines on health and safety during the events, a lot of activities will be held online. We have online pre-registration for participants, a virtual opening program, an online lecture series, and a virtual awarding ceremony," De la Llana said.

A virtual opening will be held on 13 September followed by an online waste management lecture series on 14 to 16 September.

De la Llana said that the program eyes to educate Subic stakeholders on the importance of oceans, particularly Subic Bay and the impact of coastal clean-ups for sustainability.

"The daily lecture will be at 10 to 11 a.m. and will be open to pre-registered participants, as well as any interested party within or outside the Subic Freeport," De la Llana said.

Eisma added that the culminating event of the Biay Dagat program will take place on 17 September and will be a three-pronged cleanup of Subic Bay that will happen onshore, offshore and underwater.

The program is targeting only 50 percent of the attendees in 2019, with De la Llana citing that there were 418 participants from 45 Subic Freeport locators.





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## Things to know about air pollution

Five types of human activity are responsible for most air pollution: Agriculture, transport, industry, waste and households.

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Transport is a huge driver of air pollution. / Photograph courtesy of UN

Nine out of 10 people go through their daily lives breathing harmful polluted air, which has been described by the United Nations (UN) as the most important health issue of our time. To mark the first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on 7 September, UN News explains how bad pollution is and what is being done to tackle it.

Air pollution kills millions and harms the environment It may have dropped from the top of news headlines in recent months, but air pollution remains a lethal danger to many: It results to heart disease, lung disease, lung cancer and strokes, and is estimated to cause one in nine of all premature deaths, around seven million every year.

Air pollution is also harming our natural environment. It decreases the oxygen supply in our oceans, making it harder for plants to grow, and contributes to climate change.

Yet, despite the damages it causes, there are worrying signs that air pollution is not seen as a priority in many countries. In the first-ever assessment of air quality laws, released on 2 September by the UN Environment Program (UNEP), it was revealed that around 43 percent of countries lack a legal definition for air pollution, and almost a third have yet to adopt legally mandated outdoor air quality standards.



Using sustainable and clean energy sources, like this wind farm in Thailand, reduces air pollution. / Photograph courtesy of UN

The main causes Five types of human activity are responsible for most air pollution: Agriculture, transport, industry, waste and households.

Agricultural processes and livestock produce methane, an extremely powerful greenhouse gas, and a cause of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. Methane is also a by-product of waste burning, which emits other polluting toxins, which end up entering the food chain. Meanwhile industries release large amounts of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, particulate matter and chemicals.





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Transport continues to be responsible for the premature deaths of hundreds of thousands of people, despite the global phase out of dangerous leaded fuel at the end of August. This milestone was lauded by senior UN officials, including Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who said that it would prevent around one million premature deaths each year. However, vehicles continue to spew fine particulate matter, ozone, black carbon and nitrogen dioxide into the atmosphere. It's estimated that treating health conditions caused by air pollution costs approximately \$1 trillion per year globally.

While it may not come as a shock to learn that these activities are harmful to health and the environment, some people may be surprised that households are responsible for around 4.3 million deaths each year. This is because many households burn open fires and use inefficient stoves inside homes, belching out toxic particulate matter, carbon monoxide, lead and mercury.

This is an urgent issue The reason that the UN is ringing alarm bells is that the evidence of the effects of air pollution on humans is mounting. In recent years, exposure to air pollution has been found to contribute to increased risks of diabetes, dementia, impaired cognitive development and lower intelligence levels.



THIS 54-year-old Nigerian man with type 2 diabetes had to have his right foot amputated. / Photograph courtesy of WHO

On top of this, we have known for years that it is linked to cardiovascular and respiratory disease.

Concern about this type of pollution dovetails with increased global action to tackle the climate crisis. This is an environmental issue, as well as a health issue, and actions to clean up the skies would go a long way to reducing global warming. Other harmful environmental effects include depleted soil and waterways, endangered freshwater sources and lower crop yields.

Improving air quality is a responsibility of government and private sector On International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, the UN is calling on governments to do more to cut air pollution and improve air quality.

Specific actions they could take include implementing integrated air quality and climate change policies; phasing out petrol and diesel cars; and committing to reduce emissions from the waste sector.

Businesses can also make a difference by pledging to reduce and eventually eliminate waste; switching to low-emission or electric vehicles for their transport fleets; and finding ways to cut emissions of air pollutants from their facilities and supply chains.

And it is our responsibility, as well.







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At an individual level, as the harmful cost of household activities shows, a lot can be achieved if we change our behavior.

Simple actions can include using public transportation, cycling or walking; reducing household waste and composting; eating less meat by switching to a plant-based diet; and conserving energy.

The website for the International Day contains more ideas of actions that we can take, and how we can encourage our communities and cities to make changes that would contribute to cleaner skies. These include organizing tree-planting activities, raising awareness with events and exhibitions, and committing to expanding green open spaces.

Source: https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/09/12/things-to-know-about-air-pollution/

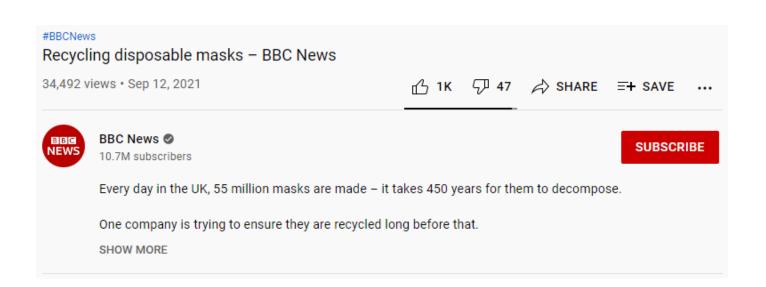




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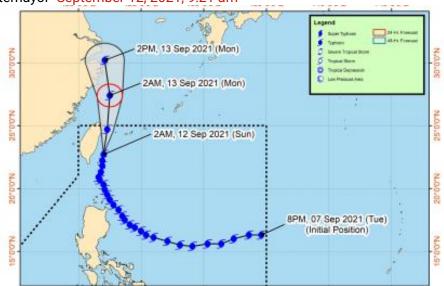




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## 'Kiko' slightly weakens; to exit PAR Sunday night

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor September 12, 2021, 9:21 am



**MANILA** – Typhoon Kiko slightly weakened as it is forecast to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) Sunday afternoon or evening, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said.

In its 5 a.m. weather bulletin Sunday, PAGASA said the center of the eye of "Kiko" was estimated at 225 kilometers north of Itbayat, Batanes with maximum sustained winds of 175 kilometers per hour (KPH) near the center and gustiness of up to 215 kph and it is moving northward at 15 kph.

Image from PAGASA

"Typhoon Kiko is forecast to move generally northward over the sea east of Taiwan and the East China Sea throughout the forecast period," PAGASA said. "Throughout the forecast period, further weakening will continue but 'Kiko' will remain within typhoon category."

Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) No. 2 is still in effect over the northern portion of Batanes, particularly in Itbayat while TCWS No. 1 is hoisted over the northern portion of Babuyan Islands and the rest of Batanes.

Areas under TCWS No. 2 will continue to experience winds of up to storm-force strengthen that may result to light to moderate damage to structures and vegetation, the weather bureau said.

Kiko will continue to enhance the southwest monsoon, bringing monsoon rains over Ilocos Region and Cordillera Administrative Region as well as in the provinces of Zambales and Bataan.

Meantime, cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms will prevail over Metro Manila, Laguna, Rizal, and the rest of Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon still due to southwest monsoon.

The rest of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms due to southwest monsoon or localized thunderstorms.

PAGASA warned the public against possible flash floods or landslides due to moderate to heavy rains.





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Moderate to strong winds from southwest to south will blow over Luzon with moderate to rough coastal waters while light to moderate winds moving southeast to south will blow over Visayas and Mindanao with slight to moderate coastal waters.

The maximum temperature is 29.0 °C and the minimum temperature is 25.2 °C. (PNA)

Source: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153282">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153282</a>





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## 2,780 families affected by Typhoon Kiko — NDRRMC

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The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on Sunday said 2,780 families or 11,145 individuals were affected so far by Typhoon Kiko (international name: Chanthu).

In its latest <u>situational report</u>, the NDRRMC said the affected individuals are in 97 barangays in Regions I, II, III and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

A total of 1,563 individuals are staying inside evacuation centers, while 2,094 displaced individuals are staying outside evacuation centers.

Four rain-induced landslides were reported in Region I, particularly in Aringay, Burgos and San Fernando in La Union.

Meanwhile, 19 areas were reported flooded in the towns of Macabebe, San Simon, and Candaba, Pampanga in Region III.

Six roads were rendered not passable — three in Region II, two in Region III, and one in CAR.

Power went out in five cities/municipalities in Batanes and Apayao and has yet to be restored.

Sabtang, Batanes meanwhile had its water supply interrupted after its pipelines and accessories were damaged by the typhoon's strong winds and heavy rains.

A total of six areas in Batanes in Region II are experiencing communication outage and issues.

As for those stranded, the NDRRMC said there were 93 passengers stranded in Regions I, II, Calabarzon, XII, and CAR.

One house was partially damaged in CAR.

Meanwhile, a total of 160 packages were extended as assistance to affected families in Region I.

Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 2 remained hoisted over Itbayat in the northern part of Batanes on Sunday morning as Kiko brings heavy to intense and at times torrential rains over the province, PAGASA said in its early morning bulletin.





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TCWS No. 1 meanwhile was raised over the northern portion of Babuyan Islands (Babuyan Island, Calayan Island, Panuitan Island) and the rest of Batanes.

At 4 a.m. Sunday, Kiko's eye was located at 245 km north of Itbayat, Batanes or over the sea east of central Taiwan.

The typhoon has maximum sustained winds of 175 km/h near the center, gustiness of up to 215 km/h, and central pressure of 940 hPa.

Kiko slightly weakened and was moving northward at 15 km/h.

From its eye, strong winds or higher than that category extend outward up to 480 km.

Kiko is expected to head generally northward over the sea east of Taiwan and the East China Sea.

The typhoon is expected to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility on Sunday afternoon or evening. —KG, GMA News

Source: <a href="https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/803018/2-780-families-affected-by-typhoon-kiko-">https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/803018/2-780-families-affected-by-typhoon-kiko-</a>







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## DOH logs 21,411 new COVID-19 cases, five labs without data

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MMDA personnel conduct misting operation at Doña Juana Elementary School in Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City as part of the Department of Education's Oplan Balik Eskwela on Sept. 6, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities reported 21,411 more coronavirus infections on Sunday, bringing the national caseload to 2,227,367.

In its latest bulletin, the DOH reported a positivity rate of 27.0% out of 78,274 tests.

- Active cases: 181,951 or 8.2% of the total
- Recoveries: 25,049, bringing the number to 2,010,271
- Deaths: 168 newly recorded, or now 35,145 in total

According to the Department of Health, five labs were not able to submit their tallies for Sunday's final count.

But the DOH added that the five labs only made up 1.6% of all samples tested and 2.1% of all positive individuals.

The country continues to battle a resurgence in cases driven by the hyper contagious Delta variant, which has ravaged neighboring countries.

#### What's new today?

- Vice President Leni Robredo hit Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque for his tirade against health workers earlier this week.
- The Philippine National Police directed police units in Metro Manila and other parts of the country to ensure that minimum health standards are followed by those who would troop to the malls for the voter registration process this month.
- Police Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, PNP chief, also tasked police chiefs to assist in intensified information dissemination campaign on vaccination and the rules on alert level system and granular lockdown.
- Typhoon Kiko (international name Chanthu) has slightly weakened and is now over the sea east of Central Taiwan, state weather bureau Pagasa said Sunday morning.
- Typhoon Jolina (international name Conson) has now left a total of 17 Filipinos confirmed dead in its wake, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management disclosed Sunday.
- The Department of the Interior and Local Government defended Sunday the provision in the recently-signed Bureau of Fire Protection Modernization Act that will arm firefighters under the new Security and Protection Units in each regional and city fire station.

#### - Franco Luna

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## PH Covid-19 recovery tally breaches 2M with 25K new survivors

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor September 12, 2021, 5:35 pm



**MANILA** – The nation's total number of recovered coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases has reached 2,010,271 after 25,049 new recoveries were reported on Sunday.

In its latest case bulletin, the Department of Health (DOH) said recoveries account for 90.3 percent of the total case count which has reached 2,227,367 since the start of the pandemic last year.

Meanwhile, some 21,411 new infections brought the total number of active cases nationwide to 181,951.

About 86 percent of these active cases are mild, 9.5 percent are asymptomatic, 0.6 percent are critical, 1.3 percent are severe, and 2.59 percent are moderate.

One hundred sixty-eight new deaths were also reported, pushing the country's total number of Covid-19 fatalities to 35.145.

According to DOH data on Sept. 10, about 27 percent of 78,274 who were tested turned out positive for coronavirus.

"About 65 duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, 57 are recoveries and one death. Moreover, 58 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation," it added.

All laboratories were operational on Sept. 10 while five laboratories were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

The DOH said the five non-reporting laboratories contribute, on average, 1.6 percent of samples tested, and 2.1 percent of positive individuals based on data in the last 14 days.

To date, 77 percent of 4,200 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 68 percent of 20,900 isolation beds, 73 percent of 16,000 ward beds, and 57 percent of 3,300 ventilators are utilized by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

Meanwhile, 78 percent of 1,400 ICU beds, 65 percent of 4,600 isolation beds, 72 percent of 4,400 ward beds, and 61 percent of 1,200 ventilators dedicated to patients with coronavirus are in use in the National Capital Region. (*PNA*)

Source: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153315">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153315</a>





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## COVID-19 Alert Level System iiral na sa Metro Manila sa September 16

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Health workers at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute attend to patients at the triage set up at the hospital lobby on Aug. 15, 2021. The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Isasailalim muna sa iisang alert level ang mga lokalidad sa National Capital Region (NCR), sa sandaling simulan na ang pagpapatupad sa rehiyon ng granular lockdown, na siyang bagong COVID-19 policy ng pamahalaan.

Nakatakda nang ianunsiyo ng pamahalaan ngayong Lunes ang mga guidelines sa granular lockdown na paiiralin sa NCR sa Setyembre 16, 2021.

Ayon kay Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary Epimaco Densing III, ito ay base na rin sa nagkakaisang suhestiyon ng Metro Manila mayors.

Aniya, layunin nitong mapigilan ang mga mamamayan sa pagtitipon sa mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng mas mababang alert level.

"They (Metro Manila mayors) were unanimous in saying NCR should only have only one alert level," ani Densing.

"Kahit may lower alert level 'yung ibang siyudad, magkakadikit pa rin ho 'yan sila. Ang mangyayari lang po d'yan, lilipat sila dun sa mas mababang alert level at dun sila gagawa ng aktibidades," paliwanag pa niya.

Nabatid na ang Department of Health (DOH) naman ang magiging awtoridad sa pagdedeklara ng alert level sa isang lugar at siyang kokonsultahin bago ilabas ang anunsiyo hinggil lockdown.

"Burahin na po sa isip muna natin dito sa NCR 'yung mga CQ-CQ dahil ibang panuntunan na po 'yung ating gagamitin mula September 16," aniya pa.

Samantala, iniulat din naman ni Densing na halos naabot na ng NCR ang population protection laban sa COVID-19 dahil nasa 77% na ng target population nito ang naturukan ng COVID-19 vaccine.

Umaabot na rin aniya sa 85 o 86% ng target population sa rehiyon ang nakapag-first dose na ng bakuna.

Aniya pa, "Kaya nga po, pinaylot natin sa NCR itong alert levels, at ang pagbabago ng sistema dahil nakita natin dito na karamihan ng ating kababayan dito sa (NCR) ay nabakunahan na."

Ang pilot implementation ng granular lockdown sa Metro Manila ay inaasahang magtatagal ng dalawang linggo o hanggang katapusan ng Setyembre.

Source: <a href="https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/09/13/2126704/covid-19-alert-level-system-iiral-na-sa-metro-manila-sa-september-16/amp/">https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/09/13/2126704/covid-19-alert-level-system-iiral-na-sa-metro-manila-sa-september-16/amp/</a>





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## One common alert level for NCR eyed

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By **Jom Garner** 



The government will no longer use community quarantine classification in the National Capital Region (NCR), instead it will use a common alert level, a government official said Sunday.

"Let's remove the usual community quarantine levels in our mind, because from 16 September, we will be following a different set of guidelines," Interior Undersecretary Epimaco Densing said in a television interview.

"We will know longer use the terms GCQ (general community quarantine), ECQ (enhanced community quarantine), and MECQ (modified enhanced community quarantine)," Densing added.

Under the new Covid-19 policy, he said, only certain establishments and activities will be restricted instead of placing the entire region under a lockdown.

"We will only restrict activities that are related to the crisis, activities that promote close contacts. It depends on the alert level if these activities can be fully restricted or partially restricted." he added.

Densing also said that under the alert level system, localities will be placed under alert levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

He added that under alert levels 1 to 4, granular lockdowns will be implemented instead of the region-wide lockdowns.

However, the government could still implement total lockdowns under alert level 5.

"The total lockdown will be the alert level 5, in our old language this is ECQ, people will be restricted from going outside," he said.

He added that the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) will finalize the proposed policy on Monday.

"The guidelines will be officially announced tomorrow. As I've mentioned, it has been approved, but three issues need to be addressed, that's why it was delayed," he said.





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Densing also said the Metro Manila local chief executives have unanimously agreed to place the NCR under only one alert level.

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Source: <a href="https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/09/13/one-common-alert-level-for-ncr-eyed/">https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/09/13/one-common-alert-level-for-ncr-eyed/</a>





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## EXPLAINER: What to expect in new alert levels scheme in NCR, Philippines

Job Manahan, ABS-CBN News

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MANILA - The interior department on Saturday said cities in Metro Manila would be placed under only one alert level for the first 2 weeks of the system's pilot implementation beginning Sept. 16.

Alert levels will only be used in areas under the general community quarantine (GCQ).

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque also earlier said Metro Manila would only be placed under 2 quarantine classifications: modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) or GCQ.

"Para sa pilot [implementation] ng National Capital Region sa susunod na 2 linggo, napagkaisahan natin sa NCR na iisang alert level lang po ang gagamitin. Dapat ang alert level 3 ay Maynila at Valenzuela. Pero sila po'y nag-agree na, despite the fact na mas mababa ang kanilang alert level," Densing explained in a public briefing.

(For the pilot implementation of the alert level systems in Metro Manila in the next 2 weeks, we agreed that cities in NCR would be under a single alert level. Supposedly, Manila and Valenzuela are under Level 3, but they agreed being placed in Level 4.)

By implementing a unified alert level in the capital region, government would prevent a resident's movement from an area under a higher alert classification to one with a lower alert level. These are still subject to changes after the pilot implementation, based on Densing's explanation.

"Sa buong NCR, isang alert level lang ang patutuparin natin. Hindi po magyayari yung ganyan sitwasyon na lilipat po ng isang siyudad na mas mababa yung alert level dahil isang alert level lang po ang ipatutupad natin sa NCR sa susunod na 2 linggo," he said.

(We will implement a single alert level in NCR. Mobility from an area with a higher level to a lower level will not happen because we are under a single alert level in the next 2 weeks.)

He added that the health department would be the authority in announcing an area's alert level, which is heavily based on their health care utilization rate, average daily attack rate, and the number of new COVID-19 cases.

An area with health care utilization rate above 70 percent is considered by the Department of Health (DOH) as high risk to critical level.

#### WHAT ARE THE ALERT LEVELS?

Under the highest Alert Level 4, mass gatherings, indoor dining, and personal care services will not be allowed. More details will be outlined as Philippine authorities finalize the policy.

People aged 18 below and 65 above, those with comorbidity, and pregnant women would not be allowed to leave their homes.

Government offices are only allowed to operate at 20 percent capacity under this alert level, authorities this week said.

"Three C" activities, or those that are crowded, involve close contact, and held in closed or indoor areas, will be allowed at 30 percent of venue capacity under alert level 3, 50 percent at level 2, and fully at level 1.





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"Three C" activities include parties, religious gatherings, meetings, exhibits, indoor tourist attractions, personal care services, and indoor dining, Densing said.

Government offices are allowed to operate at 30 percent capacity at Alert Level 3.

Under Alert Level 2, establishments and government offices are allowed to operate up to 50 percent capacity.

Private companies are allowed to have a minimum onsite capacity under Alert Level 2, but more employees would be permitted to go onsite under the loosest Alert Level 1.

#### **GRANULAR LOCKDOWNS**

A granular lockdown may be limited to several houses, a building, street or a barangay. Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque earlier said granular lockdowns would run for 2 weeks.

Here are some of the things you must remember, especially if a place will be under granular lockdowns, according to Densing:

- Granular lockdowns will be implemented in the NCR and nationwide
- Local authorities will be given 24 hours to prepare for the granular lockdown
- If two separate households in a street have COVID-19 carriers, the street is to be placed under lockdown
- Barangay officials will report the situation to the municipal health office, which in turn will recommend to the local chief executive if an area or street should be placed under granular lockdown
- Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR) will not be allowed to go out if an area is under the lockdown classification. Only health workers, allied workers, overseas Filipino workers (OFW) with scheduled flights, and only people with emergency cases will be permitted to go out.

"Lahat po, APOR, maski tayo sa gobyerno, 'pag tayo'y naabutan ng granular lockdown, 'di po tayo makakalabas sa area na ito," said Densing.

(All individuals, including APOR and government officials, if we will be under a granular lockdown, we will not be allowed to leave an area.)

The interior undersecretary reiterated that the national government will work with the local government when it comes to providing food packs, personal protective equipment, and medicine to affected residents.

On Saturday, the Philippines posted a record-high single day tally of 26,303 COVID-19 cases, as the country continued to struggle in containing a fresh wave of infections driven by the more virulent Delta variant.

--- With reports from Jamaine Punzalan, ABS-CBN News

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### **Metro ICU beds now at 78 percent – DoH**

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By **Jom Garner** 



As the government proposed a new alert level system in Metro Manila, the intensive care unit (ICU) beds for Covid-19 in the capital region is now at 78 percent, the Department of Health (DoH) said Sunday.

Based on the latest DoH case bulletin, of the 1,400 dedicated ICU beds in the National Capital Region (NCR), 1,091 are currently occupied.

The DoH also reported that 65 percent of total isolation beds and 72 percent of ward beds were occupied.

Meanwhile, the mechanical ventilators in NCR is now at 61 percent.

Nationally, 76 percent or 3,175 of the 4,178 dedicated ICU beds were occupied, 68 percent of isolation beds are currently in use.

The mechanical ventilators in use also increased at 57 percent, a day after the country logged its new all-time record of 26,303 Covid-19 cases.

New Covid-19 cases

The country reported 21,411 new Covid-19 infections on Sunday, bringing the total caseload to 2,227,367.

The newly-confirmed cases pushed the total active cases to 181,951, of which 86 percent are mild, 9.5 percent are asymptomatic, 1.3 percent are severe, and 0.6 percent are in critical condition.

The total number of patients recovered from the respiratory disease rose to 2,010,271 after 25,049 more patients recovered.

The country's Covid-19 death toll climbed to 35,145 after 168 new fatalities were recorded. Out of the 78,274 individuals who were screened for Covid-19 on 10 September, 27 percent turned out positive.

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"Moreover, 58 cases that were previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation," it added.





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### 6M MAG-AARAL HANAPIN, IBALIK SA PAARALAN



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DATI-RATI o bago mag-pandemya, mahigit 27 milyon ang kabuuang bilang ng mga estudyante na nag-eenrol sa lahat ng paaralan, pampubliko man o pribado.

Nitong nakaraang school year o 2020-2021, may 24.7 milyon pero ngayon, mahigit lang na 21 milyon kahit magsisimula na ang klase sa darating na Lunes o Setyembre 13.

Umaasa naman ang DepEd na madaragdagan pa ang mag-e-enrol mismo sa unang araw nang pasukan at maaaring sa loob ng isang linggo mula rito.

Ang isang napakalaking usapin ay lumipat nitong nakaraang school year ang nasa 400,000 estudyante mula sa privae schools sa public schools na binubuo ng mga elementarya, high school, state universities and colleges at local universities and colleges.

Ilan din kaya ang lumipat sa school year na ito?

Ayon naman sa mga nakakausap nating mga namamahahala ng mga SUC at LUC sa college students, marami rin ang mga nagsisilipatan.

Pangunahin dito ang libreng pag-aaral sa kolehiyo sa mga SUC at LUC.

#### HANAPIN SILA

Kung mahigit 27 milyon ang mga estudyante bago magpandemya, tama lang na hanapin natin kahit man lang ang katulad na bilang sa taong ito.

May diperensya na nasa 6 milyon ng mga estudyante noon at mga nag-enrol para sa taong 2021-2022.

Malinaw namang hindi nasawi ang mga ito sa COVID-19 dahil nasa 34.7 libo lang ang nasasawi rito.

Malaking usapin ang pagkawala sa eskwelahan ng nasa 6 milyong mag-aaral.

Anong malay natin kung manggagaling sa milyones na ito ang magiging halig ang ating bansa sa mga darating na taon bilang mga makabayan at makataong siyentista, imbentor, inhinyero, doktor, nars, abogado, midwife, accountant, sundalo, pulis, politiko at iba pa.

Kung isama pang nasa 21 milyong nag-enroll sa ganyang mga mamamayan, aba, anak ng tokwa, lalong magbabago ang ating bansa. tungo sa mapayapa, maayos, maunlad at iba pa.





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#### PINAKAMALAKING PUHUNAN

Masasabing pinakamalaking puhunan ng bansa para sa mga darating na panahon ang mga may pinag-aralang mamamayan mula sa pagkabata hanggang sa kanilang pagtanda.

Kaya nga, and edukasyon ang may pinakamalaking bahagi ng pambansang badyet dahil sa mga kabataan.

Bukod sa pagkakaroon ng pinakamalaking pondo sa pambansang badyet, umiiral na ang libreng edukasyon sa kolehiyo na naging ganap lang sa ilalim ng adminsitrasyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte.

Kung tutuusin, wala nang dahilan pa upang tumanggi o umiwas ang mga kabataan sa pagkakaroon ng edukasyon.

Pero nandiyan nga ang malinaw na problema na anim na milyon ang lumilitaw na hindi nakapag-enrol para sa taong 2021-2020.

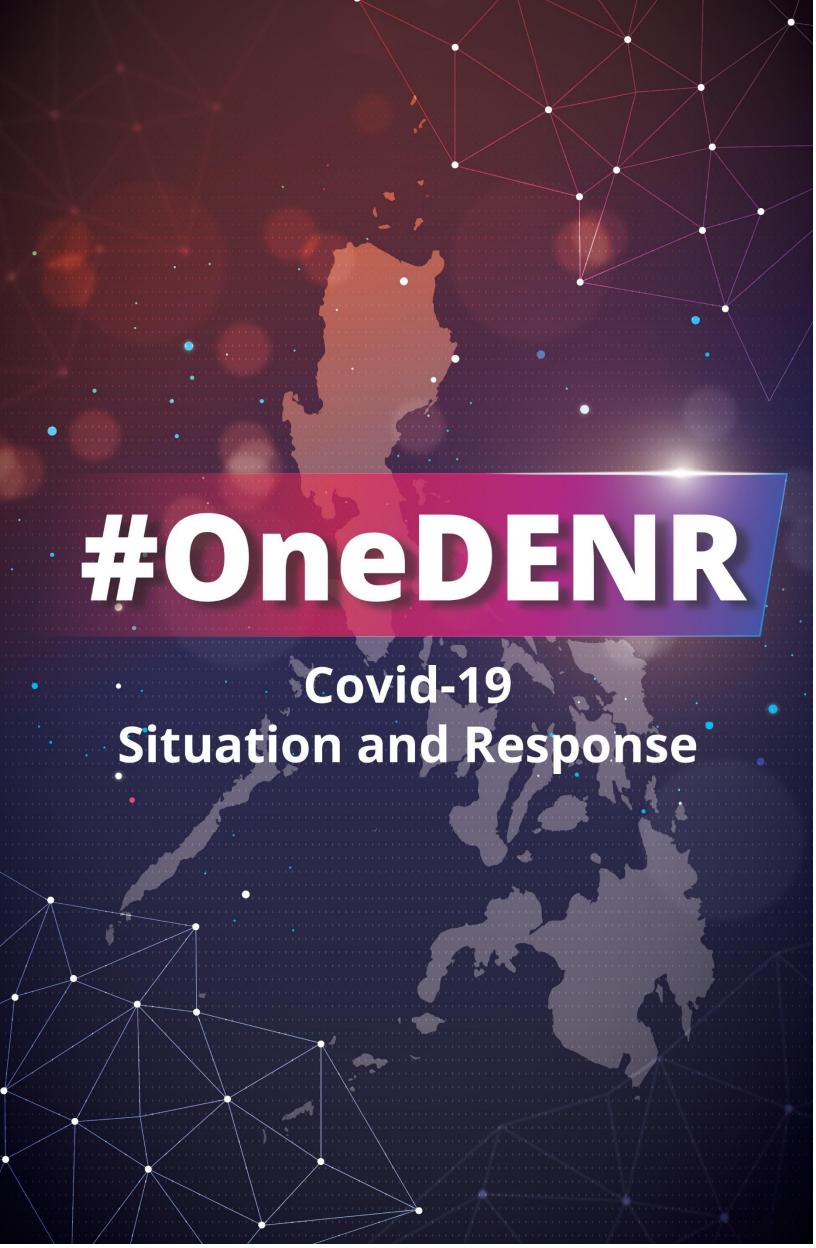
Upang makamit ng Pilipinas ang edukadong mamamayan sa mga darating na panahon at bilang pinakamalaking investment ng bansa at lahat ng pamilyang Pilipino, dapat na magtulong-tulong ang pamahalaan at mamamayan sa paghahanap sa mga missing na kabataan sa mga paaralan.

At kung matatagpuan sila, akayin silang lumahok sa programang edukasyon na unang-una ay higit na para sa kanilang kapakanan kaysa sa iba.

Pasukan na sa Lunes at dapat na mapuno ang mga eskwelahan, kahit sa virtual man lang na pag-aaral.

Ang malaking gastusin sa virtual learning sa gitna ng malawakang kahirapan ay dapat ng tugunan ng DepEd sa anomang paraan.

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8.2%

**TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO** 181.951

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

1.3%

TOTAL NG GUMALING 2,010,271

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

**TOTAL NG NAMATAY** 35,145

MGA BAGONG KASO 21,411

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 25,049

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 168

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,227,367

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING SETYEMBRE 10

**DATOS NGAYONG SETYEMBRE 12** AYON SA REPORTS NOONG SETYEMBRE 10

PORSYENTO NG MGA **NAGPOSITIBO** 

78,274

BILANG NG TINEST

**HALOS** 

95.5%

ANG MILD AT **ASYMPTOMATIC** NA KASO!



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ICU BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS) 77% Utilized ISOLATION BEDS (20.9K TOTAL BEDS) 68% Utilized \_ \_ \_ \_ WARD BEDS (16.0K TOTAL BEDS) 73% Utilized

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61% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA **AKTIBONG KASO** 

Mild 86.0%

9.5% Asymptomatic

0.6% Critical

1.3% Severe

2.59% Moderate

KASANGGA NG BIDA

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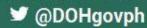
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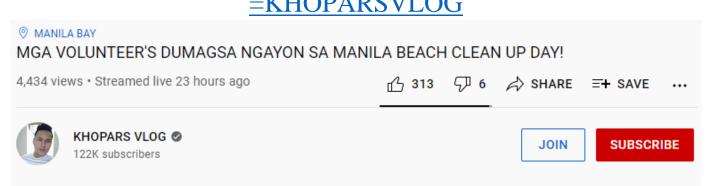




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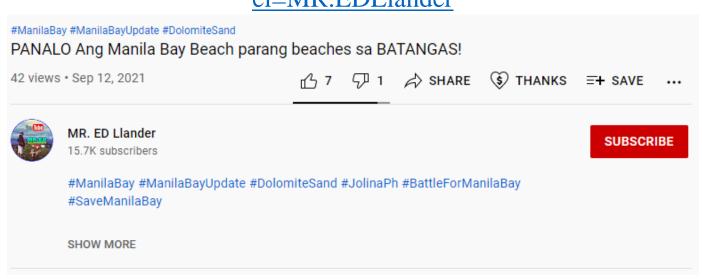




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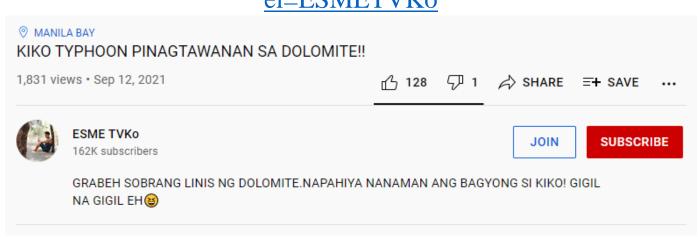




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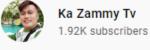


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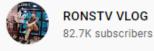


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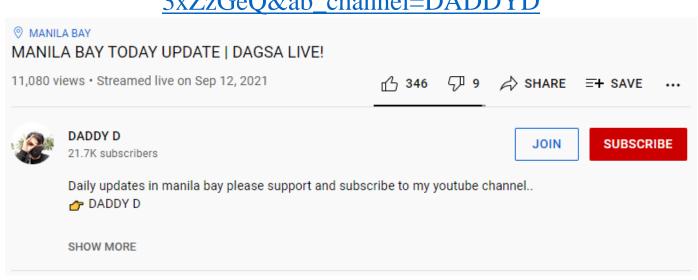




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