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### Learners, teachers to help promote environment in SoCot

By Allen Estabillo October 13, 2021, 3:26 pm



Lawyer Felix Alicer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Region 12 executive director (*Photo courtesy of DENR-12*)

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# La Union shuts down illegal quarry operations

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

October 14, 2021

The provincial government of <u>La Union</u> has shut down illegal quarry operations along <u>Aringay</u> <u>River</u> in Tubao in violation of national laws and provincial ordinances.

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The alleged illegal quarrying in Tubao was discovered after the provincial government received a report from a reliable source.

The source said that the operation was allegedly led by Garcia in Barangay Leones East, Tubao. Garcia has an ongoing application of renewal of his industrial sand and gravel permit in La Union.

The provincial government, together with the <u>Department of Environment</u> and Natural Resources-Mines and <u>Geosciences Bureau</u> (DENR-MGB) Region 1, conducted a joint investigation in the area on Sept. 14, 2021.

Personnel from DENR-MGB Region 1 gathered <u>global positioning system</u> readings on the location of the extraction activities and based on the plotting, the extraction site was found to be outside the applied permit area of Garcia.

They subsequently submitted recommendations through a memorandum dated Sept. 17, 2021 stating that Garcia was operating outside his permitted area.

The environment officials recommended that Garcia stop his operation, rehabilitate the area where he extracted the sand outside his area and pay the penalty for violating Article 9, Section 2A of Provincial Ordinance 274-2021.

They also asked the local government unit of Tubao to monitor extraction along Aringay River to avoid illegal operation and extraction activities.

The shutting down of Garcia's illegal quarry operations is in line with La Union's Anti-Illegal Quarrying Task Force.

The task force was formed to inspect quarry operations, validate information, conduct investigation, monitor all reported illegal mining and quarrying operations and setup necessary checkpoints and monitoring stations in the province.

Source: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/14/news/regions/la-union-shuts-down-illegal-quarry-operations/1818303">https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/14/news/regions/la-union-shuts-down-illegal-quarry-operations/1818303</a>





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## LU environment unit halts illegal quarry operation in Tubao town

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA OCTOBER 13, 2021

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of La Union has issued a ceaseand-desist order against a quarry operator reported to be extracting quarry materials along the Aringay River in Tubao.

In a letter dated September 23, 2021, the provincial government, through Analyn Rosario-Valdez, La Union's Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office OIC asked a certain Edelberto C. Garcia "to cease and desist your extraction activities outside the applied area" warning that "failure to do so, much to our regret, shall constrain us to endorse the matter for appropriate action to the Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board."

In a news release, the alleged illegal quarrying in Tubao was discovered after the provincial government received a report of an illegal quarry operation along Aringay River in Tubao.

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posted October 13, 2021 at 10:10 pm by Manila Standard

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### Tayud shipyard workers seek Duterte's help to stop Consolacion reclamation project

By: Mae Fhel Gom-os - Multimedia Report -CDN Digital|October 13,2021 - 11:01 AM



This shipyard in Barangay Tayud also does repair and maintenance works for government-owned vessels that are being used by the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Navy. | Contributed photo

MANDAUE CITY, Cebu – Over 2,000 shipyard workers in Barangay Tayud in the Consolacion town are asking President Rodrigo Duterte to stop a plan to reclaim their shorelines.

In a signed petition, workers said they will be left without jobs if the project is pursued.

"What will happen to us and our families then? Where do we go from here since shipbuilding and ship repair are all that we know?," reads a portion of the petition that they signed in September.

They will also be sending copies of their petition to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Municipality of Consolacion.

Earlier, Consolacion officials announced their plan to undertake the Sea Front City Project, a 234.80-hectare mix-used project that is envisioned to become an international economic hub. They are now in the process of securing the permits needed for its implementation.

Afraid of losing their jobs, workers from six of the eight shipyards in Consolacion town signed a petition to ask President Duterte to stop the reclamation project. Workers from the two other shipyards are yet to sign the petition because they remain unorganized.

Workers also claimed that they were never consulted on the project.

The operation of shippards in Barangay Tayud has been a major contributor to the local economy and shipping industry in the last five decades, they said.

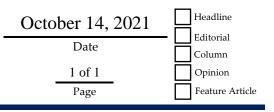
"Our shipyards have thousands of employees and we contribute millions to the municipal government's coffers and the local economy each year. This comes in the form of taxes, salaries paid to our workers, and the supplies that we buy," the petition reads.

"The shipyards in Barangay Tayud also cater to hundreds of ships, both privately or government-owned. Where will these vessels go for repair if our shipyards are replaced with reclaimed land?"

Source: <a href="https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/405745/tayud-shipyard-workers-seek-dutertes-help-to-stop-consolacion-reclamation-project">https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/405745/tayud-shipyard-workers-seek-dutertes-help-to-stop-consolacion-reclamation-project</a>









## 'Kapag may bagyo, t'yak Baseco Beach balot sa basura'

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Pangkaniwang tanawin nang makikitang balot sa mga sari-saring basura ang Baseco Beach sa Tondo, Maynila sa tuwing may bagyo at malalakas na pag ulan, ay tiyak na at asahan ang

ganitong tanawin.



At ganyan na nga uli ang nangyari nitong pagdaan ng bagyong Maring ngunit mabuti na lamang ay hindi nagpabaya ang mga kawani ng DENR River Warrior sa agarang paglilinis ng mga naanod ng basura na umabot sa ilang tonelada.



(Kiara Lauren Ibanez/BENJAMIN CUARESMA/ai/mtvn)





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### Lokal na pamahalaan ng Maynila, patuloy ang paglilinis sa Baseco Beach matapos ang paguulan dulot ng Bagyong Maring

By RadyoMaN Manila -Oct. 13, 2021 at 9:40am



Tuloy-tuloy na nagsasagawa ng paglilinis ang ilang tauhan ng Metropolitan Manila Development Authority o MMDA at Manila Department of Public Service sa Baseco Beach matapos ang pag-uulan dulot ng Bagyong Maring.

Ilang sako ng basura ang nahakot mula nang simulan ang paglilinis kahapon kung saan may ilang mga volunteer na rin ang tumutulong para mabilis matapos ang trabaho.

Karamihan sa mga nahakot na basura ay mga plastic bottle, mga kahoy, mga halama at iba pa. Samantala, nasa 171 pamilya o mahigit 500 katao na lamang ang nananatili sa evacuation center sa Baseco Compound.

Nabatid na nasa 800 katao o 232 pamilya ang una nang lumikas kagabi dahil sa matinding pagbaha dala ng alon ng Manila Bay.

Ayon sa Manila Social Welfare Department (MSWD), mga residente sa Aplaya at Gasangan na malapit sa Manila Bay ang binaha kahapon kung saan sa lakas ng alon, umabot sa hanggang binti ang baha sa kalsada.





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# No letup on fight vs. climate change amid pandemic: DOF chief

By Joann Villanueva October 13, 2021, 4:36 pm



DOF Secretary Carlos Dominguez III (File photo)

**MANILA** – The pandemic has not waned the government's resolve to implement programs to address the impact of climate change, Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said.

During the virtual launch of the reconstituted 16-member National Panel of Technical Experts (NPTE) of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) on Wednesday, Dominguez, who is the CCC chairperson-designate, said "the pandemic has not and will not slow our response to climate change."

"The pandemic is a problem, if it's true it has lasted for three years, but the climate change issues that we have faced will affect the next generations. And we are very concerned precisely that we have to really boost up our responses to climate change and the way to do that is to gather a panel of experts who will help up implement climate change mitigation and adaptation," he said.

Dominguez said people who rely on agriculture and fisheries for their livelihood are the most vulnerable to climate change thus, tapping experts, 14 of whom are based in the various regions nationwide, is a "no brainer".

The new NPTE, dubbed as "action team" who were selected from more than 130 candidates, will work with local governments and communities regarding the implementation of the government's climate change mitigation programs.

"We already built up the fund of knowledge through the last panel of experts. We are now at the implementation stage. This is the action team to move ahead on our climate change mitigation and adaptation," Dominguez added.

The DOF said the new NPTE members are:

Dr. Jihan Adil, an environmental planning and engineering expert who has extensive experience coordinating the efforts of local government units (LGUs) in developing comprehensive land use plans. Adil has committed to educating LGUs, especially those from Mindanao, about climate change starting from the barangay level;





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Dr. Nathaniel Alibuyog, an agricultural engineer specializing in land and water management and currently the Dean of the College of Engineering of the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) in Batac, Ilocos Norte. He will help the CCC in maximizing the management of land and water resources for sustainable use:

Dr. Zenaida Andrade, a chemical engineer who is both an educator and a specialist in the fields of chemical engineering, pollution control, and waste management. With her background, she can explore how wastewater can be part of a circular economy;

Dr. Wilfredo Campos, an expert in biological oceanography, coastal ecology, and ecosystems, coral reef ecology, and fisheries. He is advocating better management of the country's fishery resources to address the impact of rising ocean temperatures on our dwindling fish supply;

Dr. Gay Defiesta, who specializes in agricultural economics and environmental accounting, served as Vice-Chancellor for academic affairs at the University of the Philippines (UP) in the Visayas. She advocates stronger partnerships between communities and the academe in implementing climate change-related initiatives;

Dr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis Guinto, an expert in climate change and public health. Focused on what he termed as "planetary health," he is now training future doctors at the St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine so they can become competent in caring not just for people but also the environment. He is determined to devise ways of engaging the LGUs in efforts to address the long-term effects of climate change on public health;

Dr. Eduardo Mangaoang, an expert in upland, lowland, and coastal forest landscape restoration and conservation. He aims to replicate other provinces his ongoing engagements in the modeling of communities in Eastern Samar for preparedness, response, and recovery activities against climate-induced disasters. Mangaoang wants climate change-vulnerable communities to make climate action an integral part of their culture and way of life;

Dr. Jimmy Masagca, an expert in fisheries and mangroves. He has done studies on how fisheries and mangrove resource management can aid in disaster risk reduction in the typhoon-prone island of Catanduanes. He has immersed himself in coastal communities vulnerable to climate change to explain to people why they need to be concerned about rising sea levels and ocean warming;

Dr. Susan Mercado, a public health and food security expert with extensive experience at the international, national, and local levels. She was a former Undersecretary at the Department of Health (DOH) and is currently Director of the Food Systems and Resiliency Program at the Hawaii Public Health Institute. She said the widespread changes in weather patterns could impact public health and spawn more diseases;

Dr. Richard Muallil, a marine scientist and a recognized expert in coastal resource management and marine protected areas. He was recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines for Marine Science and Conservation for his work in educating dynamite fishers about the need to preserve the reefs and converting them into reef defenders. Muallil will help find ways to mitigate the effects of increasing ocean acidity and rising sea levels on the country's marine resources;

Dr. Emma Porio, a specialist in climate and disaster resilience. She has underscored the need to translate scientific concepts into language that people will understand to achieve the country's goal of a whole-of-society approach in fighting climate change;





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Dr. Patricia Ann Sanchez, a specialist in disaster risk management and water resource assessment who has been working on the hydrological modeling and simulation of floods and droughts. She will help the CCC in optimizing the use of water resources;

Engineer Merriam Santillan, a geodetic engineer and the dean of the College of Engineering and Geosciences of the Caraga State University (CSU). She has been involved in numerous flood hazard mapping projects in Mindanao using remote sensing technologies. She is determined to not just contribute to climate initiatives through her expertise but also to produce top-notch geodetic engineers in the country;

Dr. Encarnacion Emilia Yap, a post-harvest fisheries specialist and fisheries professional who is the dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at UP Visayas. Yap has been educating fishers about the adverse effects of climate change on their means of livelihood and has been helping them implement climate mitigation measures. Moreover, she has instituted in her college what the government plans to do nationwide -- a ban on single-use plastics:

Dr. Maria Angela Zafra, an expert in inclusive business models, sustainable tourism, and gender inclusivity. She advocates getting businesses involved in sustainable practices and climate finance. She believes the challenge to address climate change does not solely rely on the government, as the private sector must play a large role in mobilizing financial resources to achieve the Philippines' NDC; and

Dr. Doracie Zoleta Nantes, a specialist in geography, hazards studies and extreme weather events. She believes that LGUs should be involved in the fight against climate change and this crisis and its devastating effects should be explained to people in a language that they will understand. (*PNA*)

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# Climate Change Commission appoints implementation-focused advisers

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PHILIPPINE STAR/ MICHAEL VARCAS

THE CLIMATE Change Commission on Wednesday replaced its national panel of technical experts with 16 new members as it transitioned towards project implementation.

Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III, the chairman-designate of the commission, said in a briefing that the new panel was chosen as the commission moves away from initial research.

"We are now in the business of implementing concrete projects and programs to build the resilience of our communities, reverse the degradation, and protect our vital food sources," he said.

"These are experts who are familiar with working on the ground, with businesses and local governments. Trained in science, they also excel in building partnerships and linkages. These are Filipino experts who will engage local communities in climate change mitigation and adaptation."

The panel consists of 10 women and six men. Four of them come from Mindanao, while six each are from Luzon and the Visayas.

Representing environmental engineering, public health fisheries, sociology, and disaster risk management fields, the panel provides technical advice to the commission.

Panel member Maria Angela Zafra, who works on inclusive business models and sustainable tourism, said industries are sources of carbon emissions, noting that financing is moving towards projects that integrate business concerns to business operations.

"Of the major banks, if you look at their sustainable finance frameworks, their portfolio is also geared towards promoting renewable energy as well as energy efficiency projects," she said.

"One of the things we should develop is also the demand for it, because the banks will supply sustainable finance and then we develop the industry as the source of the demand. Once both sides are ready, that's the time we can transition into a greener industry as well."

Mr. Dominguez said the experts will advise government on how to balance the need to protect the environment and support economic growth.





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"The Philippine government is already looking at a possibility of reducing the reliance in Mindanao on coal-fired energy as we increase the capacity of the Agus river system. So, we're working with the (Asian Development Bank) and private sector to put up a fund in which we'll invest in and buy out the coal-fired plants and start mothballing them and repurposing them," he said.

Finance Assistant Secretary Paola Sherina A. Alvarez said in August that the government is working with the ADB on a Coal Replacement Fund that will support the acquisition and shut down of coal-fired power plants in Mindanao while the Agus-Pulangi hydropower plant generating capacity is upgraded. — **Jenina P. Ibañez** 

Source: <a href="https://www.bworldonline.com/climate-change-commission-appoints-implementation-focused-advisers/">https://www.bworldonline.com/climate-change-commission-appoints-implementation-focused-advisers/</a>





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### 'PHL imposed most number of NTMs on environmental goods'

BYCAI ORDINARIO OCTOBER 13, 2021



In Photo: Containers are loaded onto a cargo ship

THE Philippines has imposed the most number of non-technical non-tariff measures (NTM) on imported environmental goods in the Asia Pacific region, according to a report released by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Unescap).

Unescap explained that prevalence scores are the average number of NTMs applied to exports or imports of certain products.

"The vast majority of export and import-related NTMs are not targeting environmental goods specifically, but they are caught up in regulations applied to broader lists of products," Unescap said.

Given this, Unescap recommended that countries adopt the system implemented during the pandemic where consideration was given for essential product lists under trade and multilateral agreements and apply these on environmental goods.

These non-technical NTMs, Unescap said, are generally considered "non-tariff barriers" and can be targeted by countries for removal to facilitate trade of environmental goods.

The report said all Asia-Pacific countries have applied at least one Chapter E NTM or non-automatic licensing, quotas, prohibition and quantity control measure other than for sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS), technical barriers to trade (TBT) on environmental goods.

However, Unescap said except for four economies, all countries in the sample have applied at least one measure from chapter F which pertains to rice-control measures, including additional taxes and charges.

"In the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic when personal protection equipment was in short supply globally, governments around the world temporarily, and in some cases permanently, removed measures restricting imports of essential equipment," the report stated.

"Arguably, given the urgency of climate change, a low-hanging fruit could be to remove non-tariff barriers that affect trade in environmental goods," it added.

Unescap said barriers to trade in environmental goods are more prevalent than barriers to trade in carbon-intensive fossil fuels. Wasteful and regressive fossil fuel subsidies also continue to contribute to GHG emissions in the region.





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According to the report, their timely abolishment and replacement with more targeted support policies could provide much-needed finance for social and environmental policies in addition to reducing emissions.

"As key trade partners consider putting border taxes in place on carbon, there are strong concerns on the effects on the developing countries since many economies in the region are at risk of being pushed out of key markets," said Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of Escap.

Source: <a href="https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/13/phl-imposed-most-number-of-ntms-on-environmental-goods/">https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/13/phl-imposed-most-number-of-ntms-on-environmental-goods/</a>





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## Protecting nature with the Parms initiative

By Dafort Villaseran October 14, 2021

THERE was an idea to bring together a group of remarkable companies to see if they could become more green, and these fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) allies — spearheaded by the Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Material Sustainability (Parms) — began to protect the environment with an initiative called "Zero Waste to Nature, Ambisyon 2030 (ZWTN 2030)."



Crispian Lao and Joseph Fabul. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Crispian Lao, founder, president and vice chairman of Parms, and Joseph Fabul, corporate and government affairs country manager for food company Mondelez <a href="Philippines">Philippines</a> (PH), discussed the ambitious initiative on The <a href="Manila Times">Manila Times</a> "Coffee Break" webisode titled "<a href="Delicious">Delicious</a> food with zero waste to nature," streamed on The Times social media platforms on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021.

Lao outlined the Parms strategy and road map for a recycling or circular economy toward zero plastic in nature from FMCG industrial operation, pipeline distribution and product consumption. The Parms chief also cited government policies and recycling infrastructure.

Fabul explained how Mondelez started its systemic change on waste diversion through sustainable packaging redesign and massive recovery of rigid and flexible plastic. He came up with the vision of a greener Philippines a decade into the future with the ZWTN 2030.

The two environmental champions called on fellow guardians of nature's bounty to join the efforts in reversing the plastic pollution of the titans of industry through informed product choices and support of the circular economy.

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## WEF's head of nature and biodiversity: we are using public funds to destroy public goods

As the United Nations Biodiversity Conference begins, Eco-Business sits down with Akanksha Khatri to talk about the importance of natural capital accounting and her dream of countries adopting a Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP).



The three key socio-economic systems which have the highest impact on nature loss are food, land, and ocean use; infrastructure and the built environment; and extractives and energy. Image: Australian Institute of Marine Science

By Sonia Sambhi Oct. 13, 2021

The biodiversity crisis has been sidelined in the climate debate, with greenhouse gas emissions dominating the discourse by business leaders and heads of state.

However, the United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) served a sobering warning in its assessment of the state of global biodiversity in 2019, warning that humans are drawing down stocks of natural capital faster than it can renew itself.

If humanity continues on the current trajectory 30-50 per cent of all species may be lost by midcentury, posing enormous risks to human prosperity and well-being.

With the world gripped by the Covid-19, there has been a turning point for the biodiversity crisis with the pandemic providing a stark reminder that human and planetary health are intrinsically interlinked.

"Everyone was overjoyed to see wild animals roam about in cities around the world, but that only lasted for the first three months. After that, humanity realised how much of a pressure we're putting on nature and how we can't continue with business as usual," said Akanksha Khatri, head of nature and biodiversity at the World Economic Forum (WEF).

At the helm of the biodiversity team since 2018, Khatri led the creation of the New Nature Economy Report series that presents the economic case for businesses to play an active role in safeguarding nature and focusing on the drivers of nature loss rather than the outcomes of conservation.

The latest edition of the report is a deep dive into the Asia Pacific region in collaboration with Singapore state investor, Temasek and AlphaBeta, an economics consultancy. An upcoming report will focus on biodiversity in China.

Khatri also leads WEF's work on catalysing momentum for action to safeguard nature at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15), which began on Monday until 24 October in Kunming China.





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"COP15 will adopt the Global Biodiversity Framework. Think of it as the Paris Agreement for biodiversity. So this is what sets the targets which will then trickle down to businesses," Khatri explains.

In this interview, Khatri discusses the importance of pricing natural capital and her dream of a Gross Ecosystem Product to replace Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

What does the New Nature Economy: Asia's Next Wave report tell us that we didn't already know before?

First of all, the report tells us that investing in nature is good for business. I think traditionally, people have said that economic prosperity and environmental safeguarding have to be against each other. But that's not true, we can actually change our economic models, we can learn to live in harmony with nature, and still continue to grow. Our report found out that by moving to a nature-positive pathway, you can unlock US\$10.1 trillion of business opportunities and 395 million jobs by 2030.

The report also lays out concretely where those business opportunities are. In particular, it looks at the differences between markets.

Lastly, we did this survey of investors and businesses in Asia Pacific region, asking them for both the barriers and the recommendations to move towards a nature positive economy. I was pleasantly surprised that one of the top things that came up was the pricing of externalities. They recognise that it's important but they also recognise that we don't have an agreed-upon metric currently. We don't have an agreement at the global level yet, but all I'm saying is that if we decide to come together to figure this out, there will be support from businesses.

What do you think are some of the major changes that we've seen in the last two years?

While it is a huge cost to pay, Covid-19 was a wake-up call that human health and planetary health are intrinsically interlinked.

We launched a report in July 2020, which was at the peak of the pandemic. And it was easier to go to decision-makers and say: "take care of the planet, not because the planet needs you—the planet will exist no matter what you do—but because we need the planet. We need to make sure that the Covid-19 recovery packages, the business strategies are all nature positive."

After that, all the big political and economic actors started looking at nature and biodiversity. There was the G7 Communique that came out in May this year, which also referenced WEF's report and talked about biodiversity for the first time at the same level as climate change.

And during the UN General Assembly last month, there were many more investments. A coalition of nine foundations said they would collectively spend US\$5 billion by 2030 to protect at least 30 per cent of the planet's land and sea. The European Union has decided to double its funding.

The question is, how are we going to deploy it on the ground?

Do you think that we are where we need to be right now in 2021, or that there's still more work to be done?

I think there's still so much work to be done. We can say that we have now mainstreamed biodiversity and nature as a priority for business and economic actors, however, we haven't yet made it clear to them what they need to do and how to measure it.





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And then the second thing, which is economically critical, is we haven't figured out a way to price externalities into products and services. It just shocks me when I see a \$2 t-shirt. It will eventually end up in a landfill, and who's going to pay for that? It's not going to degrade in that landfill if it's polyester, etc. So we've not accounted for that externality, looking at the lifecycle of the product.

#### What is the current discussion around trying to price externalities?

It's still relatively nascent, however, there are different levels that we can look at. First, there is an effort on science-based targets for nature. Similar to the science-based targets for climate, we need science-based targets for nature.

So if our goal is to halt biodiversity loss by 2030, and if we break it down into water, land, biodiversity, and freshwater use, what is the science-based responsibility for each of the companies? We need clear metrics and the methodology to reflect on it.

The second is, when talking about externality, we need to start valuing natural capital and ecosystem services.

The UK Treasury commissioned Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta from Cambridge University to do a study (The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review) of biodiversity economics. He identified something simple, but brilliant—that we value human capital, financial capital, and what he calls produced capital or physical capital, which has consistently been increasing over the past 100 years.

But the natural capital, which underpins all of it, has been consistently declining. None of our balance sheets actually reflects natural capital. The only thing that keeps us alive are the ecosystem services: clean air, clean water, clean and nutritious food. But we don't value them at all.

I think what we need is some sort of a mechanism. There are already methodologies that exist on natural capital accounting. But what we need is at a global level, some sort of a commitment and agreement on natural capital accounting, both for countries but also companies.

There are some companies which have done that. So Kering [a French luxury goods company] and Puma [a German sportswear company] have done natural capital accounting, called environmental profit and loss (P&L). But these are pockets, nothing's happening systematically.

Imagine, in the future, if in addition to the gross domestic product (GDP), what if every country had to produce a Gross Ecosystem Product? That is my dream.

#### If we start to price products as they should be and take into account natural capital, would we expect the price of things to go up significantly?

The question which always comes up is will the price go up and if it does, who will pay for it? I look at it in a few different ways. Today there are subsidies for fossil fuel and agriculture—those subsidies come from public funds, that's your and my money. We are paying for it without realising. Today we are using public funds to destroy public goods. So it's also about shifting the money that we are already spending towards a different place altogether.

Let's also recognise that today, more than 60 per cent of the agricultural land is either degraded, or soon to be in the degraded state—the cost of food will go up whether you like it or not, because we are harming soil so much.





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We need to analyse where the greatest negative impacts on nature are and where are the areas for value creation. Then we need to switch the way we incentivise it, create more value when you benefit nature, and tax more when you harm nature.

I would also argue that as consumers, we're definitely already paying, it's just that money is not equally distributed in the value chain. We pay more than US\$5 for a cup of coffee in any fancy chain but the farmers who produce the coffee beans sometimes get less than US\$3 a bag.

What we are paying for now is very mindless, an average consumer a couple of decades ago used to spend about a third of their income on food, but now that has fallen down to 10 per cent. Money is getting spent on different things, it's getting spent on things that harm our health.

Today, the question is, do you want to pay more for organic and regenerative food? Or do you want to eat food that harms the planet and harms your health, and the remainder of the money you pay for health care costs. It's coming from your budget one way or the other—you just need to figure out whether you choose to pay the doctor, or you choose to pay the farmer.

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# Clean energy investments need to triple by 2030 to curb climate change — IEA

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LONDON — Investment in renewable energy needs to triple by the end of the decade if the world hopes to effectively fight climate change and keep volatile energy markets under control, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Wednesday.

"The world is not investing enough to meet its future energy needs ... transition-related spending is gradually picking up, but remains far short of what is required to meet rising demand for energy services in a sustainable way," the IEA said.

"Clear signals and direction from policy makers are essential. If the road ahead is paved only with good intentions, then it will be a bumpy ride indeed," it added.

The Paris-based watchdog released its annual World Energy Outlook early this year to guide the United Nations COP26 climate change conference, now less than a month away.

It called the Glasgow, Scotland meeting the "first test of the readiness of countries to submit new and more ambitious commitments under the 2015 Paris Agreement" and "an opportunity to provide an 'unmistakable signal' that accelerates the transition to clean energy worldwide."

In recent weeks, power prices surged to record levels as oil and natural gas prices hit multiyear highs and widespread energy shortages engulfed Asia, Europe and the United States. Fossil fuel demand is also recovering as governments ease curbs to contain the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The IEA warned that renewables like solar, wind and hydropower along with bioenergy need to form a far bigger share in the rebound in energy investment after the pandemic.

Renewables will account for more than two-thirds of investment in new power capacity this year, the IEA noted, yet a sizeable gain in coal and oil use have caused the second largest annual increase in climate change-causing CO2 emissions.

The IEA said a faster energy transition will better shield consumers in the future, because a commodity price shock would drive up costs for households 30% less in its most ambitious Net Zero Emissions by 2050 (NZE) scenario versus in its more conservative Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS).





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Still, the leap necessary to make good on pledges in the 2015 Paris Agreement to cap the rise in temperatures to as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times remains vast.

Fossil fuels coal, natural gas and oil made up nearly 80% of world energy supply in 2020 and renewables just 12%.

To keep that rise near 1.5 degrees, the IEA's NZE prediction envisions those fossil fuels shrinking to just under a quarter of the mid-century supply mix and renewables skyrocketing to just over two-thirds.

If the world stays on its current track outlined by STEPS scenario, temperatures will jump 2.6 degrees Celsius by 2100.

The IEA foresees a peak to oil demand in all its scenarios for the first time, in the mid 2030s in the STEPS forecast with a very gradual decline but in the NZE forecast plateauing within a decade and dropping further by nearly three-quarters by 2050.

Doubling down on the agency's starkest warning yet on the future of fossil fuels that it made in a May report, the IEA said its NZE picture envisioned lower demand and a rise in low emissions fuels making new oil and gas fields beyond 2021 unnecessary.

However, it did say new oil fields would be required in its two most conservative scenarios and provided tips on mitigating their climate impact like reducing methane flaring.

"Every data point showing the speed of change in energy can be countered by another showing the stubbornness of the status quo," the IEA warned.

"Today's energy system is not capable of meeting these challenges; a low emissions revolution is long overdue." — **Reuters** 

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#### World's clean energy transition 'too slow': IEA

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The global transition to clean energy is still far too slow to meet climate pledges and risks fuelling even greater price volatility, the International Energy Agency warned on Wednesday.

"We are not investing enough to meet for future energy needs, and the uncertainties are setting the stage for a volatile period ahead," said IEA chief Fatih Birol.

"The social and economic benefits of accelerating clean energy transitions are huge, and the costs of inaction are immense."

In its annual World Energy Outlook report -- published just weeks before the COP26 summit in Glasgow -- the IEA calculated that investment in clean energy projects and infrastructure would need to be more than trebled over the next decade if those pledges are to be met.

At the summit, countries will come under pressure to commit to decisive action to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as pledged in the landmark 2015 Paris climate agreement.

Is 1.5C still achievable?

The IEA -- which advises developed countries on energy policy -- said that renewables such as wind and solar energy continued to grow rapidly, and electric vehicles set new sales records in 2020, even as economies were bent under the weight of Covid-19 lockdowns.

However, "this clean energy progress is still far too slow to put global emissions into sustained decline towards net zero" by 2050, which the agency believes will help limit the increase in global temperatures to 1.5C.

The agency analysed two possible scenarios.

The first looked at the measures governments had already put in place or specific policies they were actively developing.

And while almost all of the increased energy demand until 2050 could be met by low emissions sources, annual emissions would still be roughly the same as today as developing economies build up their nationwide infrastructure, the IEA said.

Under this scenario, temperatures in 2100 would be 2.6C higher than pre-industrial levels.

The second scenario looked at promises made by some governments to achieve net-zero emissions in the future, which would see a doubling of clean energy investment and financing over the next decade.

If these pledges were fully implemented in time, demand for fossil fuels would peak by 2025, and global CO2 emissions fall by 40 percent by 2050, the IEA said.

Here, the global average temperature increase in 2100 would be around 2.1C, which would represent an improvement, but would still be way above the 1.5C agreed under the Paris accord, it concluded.





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'Bumpy ride'

"Reaching that path requires investment in clean energy projects and infrastructure to more than triple over the next decade," Birol said.

"Some 70 percent of that additional spending needs to happen in emerging and developing economies."

The IEA argued that the extra investment might be less of a burden than some might think.

"More than 40 percent of the required emissions reductions would come from measures that pay for themselves, such as improving efficiency, limiting gas leakage, or installing wind or solar in places where they are now the most competitive electricity generation technologies," it said.

The report also highlighted that insufficient investment was contributing to uncertainty over the future.

"Spending on oil and natural gas has been depressed by price collapses in 2014-15 and again in 2020. As a result, it is geared towards a world of stagnant or even falling demand," the IEA said.

"At the same time, spending on clean energy transitions is far below what would be required to meet future needs in a sustainable way."

That means energy markets could face a "bumpy ride" if investment in renewables is not increased, the IEA said.

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### Eco Expo Asia – international trade fair on environmental protection

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Eco Expo Asia is a prominent trade platform in Asia for the environmental industry that showcases the latest green products, equipment and technologies and offers a bundle of green business opportunities.

Co-organized by the <u>Environment Bureau</u>, the government of the <u>Hong Kong</u> Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the fair provides B2G, B2B and B2C opportunities for the green industry through its strong support from Hong Kong, <u>Mainland China</u>, and international government authorities and industry associations.

This year's Eco Expo Asia embraces the new theme of "Promoting Green Recovery for Carbon Neutrality" encouraging concerted efforts to support a green recovery for strengthening the global economy and preserving the environment in an integrated way.

The expo will be held in a hybrid format for the first time, with both a physical expo and an online business matching service platform.

The physical expo will be staged at the Hong Kong Convention and <u>Exhibition Centre</u> from 27 to 30 Oct 2021, while the online platform will run until Nov. 6, 2021 to allow more time for global environmental industry players to discuss business deals through online video conferencing.

Expo Highlights: Green Recovery, Carbon Neutrality, Green Finance and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), Eco Asia Conference, Startup Zone

Fair Dates: Trade Day (October 27 to 29): Free admission to trade visitors aged 18 or above only, trade visitors must present their admission badges upon request during the fair. (All exhibits are for display only and not for sale)

Trade and Public Day (October 30): Free admission to all visitors (part of exhibits will be for sale). Organizer: Hong Kong Trade Development Council Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd.Coorganiser: Environment Bureau, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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#### Bison vital for Europe's biodiversity

By Xinhua

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**WARSAW:** The European bison, also known as the wisent or the European buffalo, is vital for the biodiversity in all of <u>Europe</u>, an expert has told <u>Xinhua</u> on the occasion of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the <u>United Nations</u> Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) that opened on Monday in Kunming, <u>China</u>. Wanda Olech-Piasecka, professor of genetics and animal protection at the <u>Warsaw University of Life Sciences</u> and chairman of the <u>European Bison Lover Foundation</u>, said that the preservation of the animal in Europe is a means to reaching the goals of COP15 rather than a goal in itself. World leaders meet at the COP15 to finalize negotiations for a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to halt and reverse the loss of the planet's plants, animals and ecosystems.

Source: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/14/news/world/bison-vital-for-europes-biodiversity/1818285">https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/14/news/world/bison-vital-for-europes-biodiversity/1818285</a>





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#### 'Maring' leaves 11 dead in Ilocos Sur

The pastor was trapped inside their chapel where he slept Monday night and due to fear

BY MAR T. SUPNAD

CAMP PRES. QUIRINO, Ilocos Sur — At least 11 individuals — including an 84-year-old pastor reportedly died amid the heavy rains and strong winds brought about by typhoon "Maring."

Sgt. Edward Darces reported that Pastor Marvin Lagmay of Barangay Baliw Laud, Anita Agpalo of Baliw Daya and Rosita de Guzman of Barangay Maynganay Sur died during the typhoon.

Police said that the pastor was trapped inside their chapel where he slept Monday night and due to fear, he allegedly suffered a heart attack.

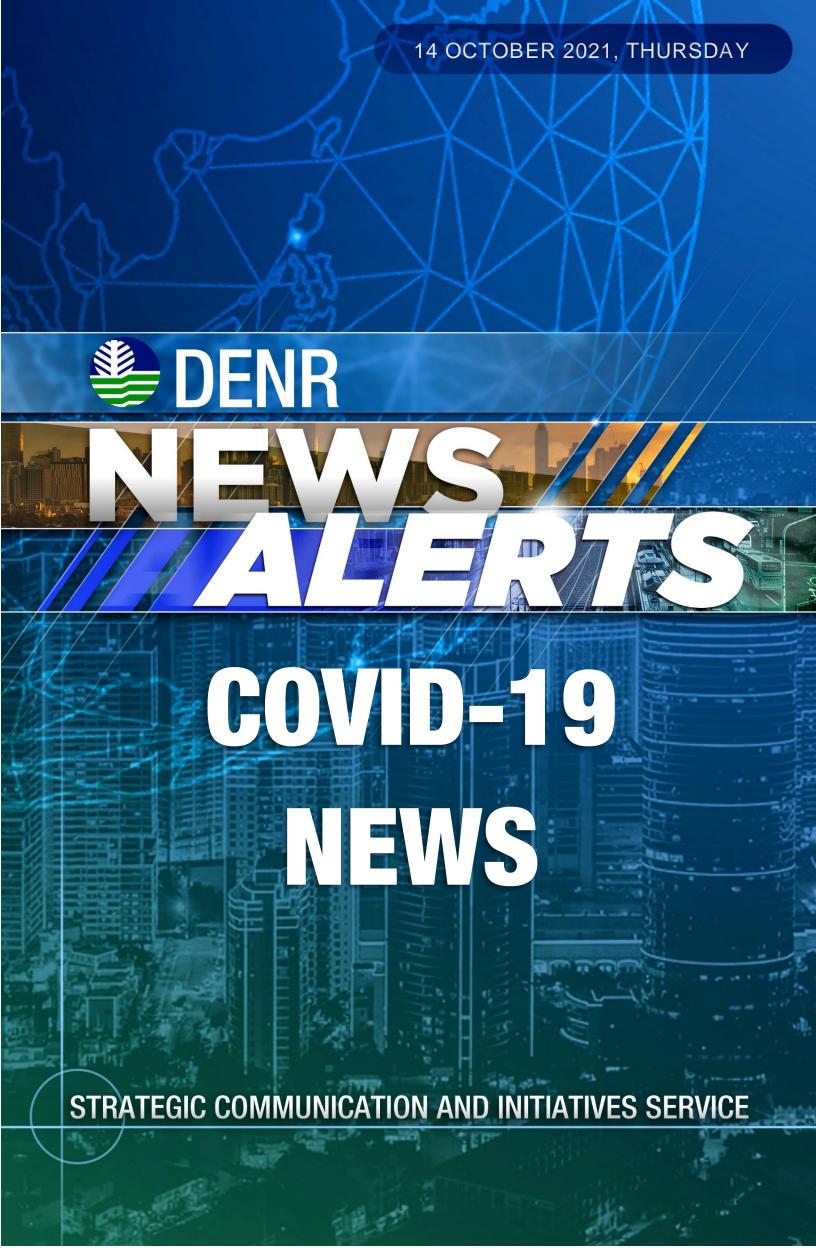
Agpalo, meantime, was also trapped

and died inside their house while De Guzman was carried away by a strong current caused by floods.

In Sitio Cayapa Poblacion, Suyo town, one Salvador Padsing was also swept by a strong current along the river.

In Barangay Pinipin, Sta. Cruz, Jose Javillo of Barangay Candalican, Sta. Cruz, was believed to have drowned during the storm.

Meanwhile, an unidentified body of a female was discovered along the shoreline of Patpata 2nd in Candon City, while Juanito Velasco, a retired BFP personnel and his son Arnel, and Virginia Castro of Barangay Baliw Laud were reported missing.







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#### 7,181 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 naidagdag sa Pilipinas; 6,889 kagagaling lang sa virus

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Individuals stay outside the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Aseana office in Parañaque City as they wait for the agency to open for their passport application on Tuesday morning, Oct. 12, 2021. Some OFW applicants started waiting in line past midnight, hoping to immediately process the correction on errors in their passports before leaving the country for their respective jobs.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 7,181 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Miyerkules, kung kaya't nasa 2,690,455 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

Batay sa mga bagong nakalap na datos ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, narito ang bagong mga pasok na datos para araw na ito:

- Lahat ng kaso: 2,690,455
- Nagpapagaling pa: 82,411, o 3.1% ng total infections
- **Kagagaling lang**: 6,889 dahilan para maging 2,567,975 na lahat ng gumagaling
- Kamamatay lang: 173, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 40,069

#### Pangamba ng karamihan vs COVID-19

- Lumalabas na nasa 91% ng mga Pilipino sa ngayon ang nag-aalala pa rin pagdating sa pagkakahawa ng COVID-19, ayon sa pinakahuling <u>survey na inilabas ng Social Weather Stations</u>. Marami sa kanila, natatakot na titindi pa ang sitwasyon.
- Kahapon lang nang <u>akuin</u> ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang responsibilidad ng kakulangan ng suplay ng COVID-19 vaccines sa Pilipinas. Ito'y dahil sapat naman daw ang pera ng gobyerno para bumili ng gamot para sa kabuuan ng populasyon.
- Aabot na sa 23.53 milyon ang nakakukuha ng kumpletong doses ng COVID-19 vaccines sa Pilipinas. <u>Bahagi lang ito ng kabuuang 50.47 milyong dose ng gamot na naituturok na sa bansa simula pa noong Marso 2021</u>.
- Sumampa na sa 237.65 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, <u>ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization</u>. Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.84 milyong katao.

#### — James Relativo

Source: <a href="https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/10/13/2133890/7181-bagong-kaso-ng-covid-19-naidagdag-sa-pilipinas-6889-kagagaling-lang-sa-virus/amp/">https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/10/13/2133890/7181-bagong-kaso-ng-covid-19-naidagdag-sa-pilipinas-6889-kagagaling-lang-sa-virus/amp/</a>





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#### Philippines tops 40,000 coronavirus deaths

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Commuters queue for EDSA Carousel bus at Nepa Q-mart station in Quezon City on Oct. 11, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Coronavirus deaths in the Philippines surpassed the 40,000th mark on Wednesday as authorities reported 173 new fatalities and 7,181 more infections.

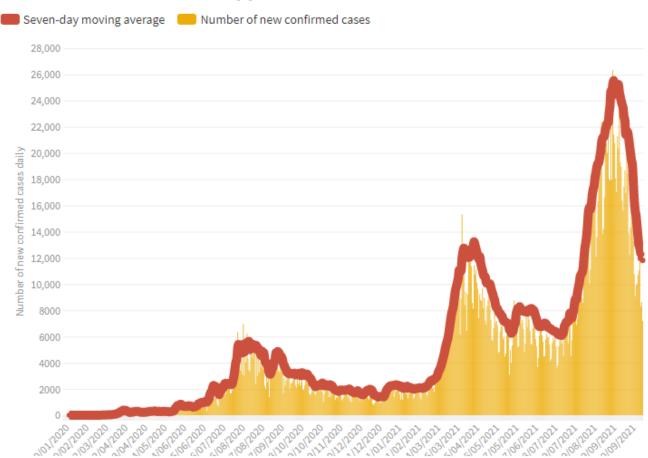
Total number of deaths from the pandemic at home stood at 40,069, while the overall count of cases was at 2,690,455. DOH said two laboratories did not submit screening results.

Active cases: 82,411 or 3.1% of the total

• Recoveries: 6,889 bringing the number to 2,567,975

Deaths: 173, or now 40,069 overall

#### COVID-19 cases in the Philippines



Source: Department of Health • As of October 13, 2021, 4 p.m.





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#### **COVID-19 worries**

- More adult Filipinos are concerned they might catch the coronavirus, according to a <u>survey</u>. The 91% of 1,200 respondents was up from the 87% in June this year.
- Police Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, chief of the Phlippine National Police, said he will dismiss a cop from service over his alleged involvement in the illegal selling of the COVID-19 treatment drug tocilizumab.
- The Philippines has administered over 50 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, official data showed. Some 23.53 million individuals are now fully vaccinated, while 26.93 million are with their first dose.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/13/2133872/philippines-tops-40000-coronavirus-deaths





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## Metro Manila magluluwag ng COVID-19 restrictions, Alert Level 3 simula Sabado

By James Relativo (Philstar.com) - October 13, 2021 - 6:26pm



Residents of Quezon City head on to the Commission on Elections Office in the city on Oct. 11, 2021, the first day of the extension period of registration for the May 2022 national election.

The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Lalo pang magluluwag ang National Capital Region pagdating sa mga ipinatutupad na COVID-19 restrictions matapos aprubahan ng Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) ang mga isinumite sa kanilang rekomendasyon.

Ang balita ay kinumpirma ngayong Miyerkules ni presidential spokesperson Harry Roque sa media.

"The Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, approved the recommendation to place the National Capital Region (NCR) under Alert Level 3 beginning October 16, 2021 until October 31, 2021," ayon sa pahayag ng pamahalaan kanina.

Una nang binanggit ni Roque na <u>handa na ilagay sa mas maluwag na sistema ang</u> Kamaynilaan matapos ang ika-15 ng Oktubre.

Aniya, epekto pa rin daw ito ng patuloy na pagbaba ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila. Ngayong araw lang nang sabihin ng Department of Health na <u>umabot na sa 2.69 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas</u>. Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 40,069.

#### Alert Level 3? Ano naman 'yon?

<u>Sa ilalim ng nabanggit na bagong alert level ng Metro Manila</u>, mas marami nang papayagang aktibidad kumpara noong nasa Alert Level 4 pa ito.

Kabilang sa mga pahihintulutan sa Alert Level 3 ang:

- individual outdoor excercises sa lahat ng edad
- karamihan sa mga establisyamento at aktibidad na pinagbabawalan sa Alert Level 4 ay papayagan na sa Alert Level 3, basta't 30% capacity lang
- pwedeng itaas sa 40% ang capacity ng mga lugar na nabanggit sa itaas kung makakukuha sila ng "safety seal" mula sa gobyerno

Lahat ng iba pang mga establisyamento o aktibidad na hindi ilalagay sa mahihigpit na granular lockdowns ay papayagang mag-operate sa 100% capacity/.





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Bahala rin ang local government unit pagdating sa mga paghihigpit sa pagkilos ng mga tao batay sa edad o karamdaman. Gayunpaman, dapat ay mas maluwag ang ipatutupad na polisya rito kumpara sa Alert Level 4.

Ang mga taong hindi sakop ng mobility restrictions na 'yan ay maaaring pumunta sa mga kapareho o kaibang community quarantine classification, na siyang subject pa rin sa ilang regulasyon ng pupuntahang LGU.

Ibinababa ang Alert Level 3 sa mga lugar kung saan mataas o papataas pa rin ang COVID-19 cases at papataas na utilization ng hospital beds at intensive care units. — may mga ulat mula kay Xave Gregorio





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## ULAT NG BLOOMBERG WALA SA HULOG; MGA KRITIKO 'WAG MAGSAYA



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SA panukat ng pahayagang internasyonal na Bloomberg, pangalawa sa pinakakulelat sa 53 bansa ang mahal kong Pinas sa laban sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19.

Para sa mga kritiko ng administrasyong Duterte, nagpipiyesta sila sa ulat ng Bloomberg at inihahayag nilang talagang inutil ang ating kasalukuyang pamahalaan at dapat lang na kalusin na.

Sa gitna nito, magandang tingnan ang ilang bagay na bahagi ng sitwasyong COVID-19.

#### **PAGKAKASAKIT AT SA US**

Nakabase ang headquarter ng Bloomberg sa New York City, United States.

Ayon sa virusncov.com, heto ang mga rekord ng US sa mga nagkaka-COVID at namamatay.

Nitong Oktubre 1, 2021, may nagkasakit na 107,100 at namatay na 2,794; Okt. 2-128,717 nagkasakit at 2,153 namatay; Okt. 3-50,200 nagkasakit at 672 namatay; Okt. 4-23,527 nagkasakit at 236 namatay; Okt. 5-167,775 nagkasakit at 2,520 namatay; Okt. 6-96,856 nagkasakit at 2,398 namatay; Okt 7-143,392 nagkasakit at 3,005 namatay; Okt 8-98,841 nagkasakit at 2,545 namatay; Okt. 9-106,192 nagkasakit at 2,064 namatay; Okt. 10-47,562 nagkasakit at 591 namatay; Oktl 11-19,924 nagkasakit at 507 namatay; Okt. 12-108,980 nagkasakit at 1,036 namatay.

Nitong Setyembre, heto naman ang lumalabas.

Setyembre 1 – 172,254 ang nagkasakit at 1,553 ang namatay; Set. 2 – 217,625 nagkasakit at 2,028 namatay; Set 3 – 183,419 nagkasakit at 2,920 namatay; Set. 4 – 181,508 nagkasakit at 1,978 namatay; Set. 5 – 56,899 nagkasakit at 897 namatay; Set. 6 – 43,433 nagkasakit at 378 namatay; Set. 7 – 62,749 nagkasakit at 391 namatay; Set. 8 – 346,894 nagkasakit at 2,506 namatay; Set 9 – 199,216 nagkasakit at 2,325 namatay; Set. 10 – 162,273 nagkasakit at 3,266 namatay; Set. 11 – 163,148 nagkasakit at 2,303 namatay; Set. 12 – 78,874 nagkasakit at 717 namatay; Set. 13 – 43,859 nagkasakit at 363 namatay; at Set. 14 – 287,862 nagkasakit at 2,330 namatay.

Noon namang Set. 15, may 152,275 nagkasakit at 2,122 namatay; Set. 16 - 197,972 nagkasakit at 2,722 namatay; Set. 17 - 154,458 nagkasakit at 3,446 namatay; Set. 18 - 142,125 nagkasakit at 1,978 namatay; Set. 19 - 68,951 nagkasakit at 847 namatay; Set. 20 - 41,769 nagkasakit at 440 namatay; Set. 21 - 206,233 nagkasakit at 2,793 namatay; Set. 22 - 138,761 nagkasakit at 2,246 namatay; Set. 23 - 162,009 nagkasakit at 2,837 namatay; Set 24 - 123,567 nagkasakit at 3,165 namatay; Set. 25 - 134,437 nagkasakit at 2,317 namatay; Set. 26 - 52,881 nagkasakit at 713 namatay; Set. 27 - 28,632 nagkasakit at 320 namatay; Set. 28 - 193,376 nagkasakit at 2,828 namatay; Set. 29 - 106,590 nagkasakit at 2,001 namatay; at Set. 30 - 157,596 nagkasakit at 2,868 namatay.





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#### ANG KABUUANG KATOTOHANAN

Nagkasakit na ang 44,213,288 katao at namatay naman ang 714,090 sa US.

Nangunguna sa buong mundo ang US sa may pinakamaraming nagkakasakit at namamatay.

Ito'y sa kabila ng nais palabasin ng Bloomberg na ang US ang isa sa may pinakamaraming nabakunahan, isa sa may pinakamaraming test, isa sa may pinakaepektibong lockdown at iba pang naging sukatan nito sa pagkukumpara ng US at Pilipinas.

Magandang banggitin na rin dito ang rekord ng Pinas na may 2,549,966 ng nagkasakit at 38,294 namatay kumpara sa grabeng nagaganap sa US.

Sa tingin ng Bloomberg, pinakamasama ang ginagawa ng pamahalaan Duterte sa laban sa pandemya.

Subalit, ang rekord mismo sa itaas ukol sa mga nagkasakit at namatay ang isa sa dapat nating ikonsidera kung ano naman ang meron sa pamahalaang US na tila hindi pinagtuunan ng pansin ng Bloomberg.

Hindi nakikita ng Bloomberg ang sarili nitong bakuran at ang bakuran ng iba ang nakikita nitong masama ang kalagayan at ginagawa.

Batay rito, hindi dapat magsaya ang mga kritiko at gawing kasangkapan ang ulat ng Bloomberg para sabihing inutil ang pamahalaang Duterte sa laban sa pandemya.

#### MAGKAISA, MAGTULUNGAN

Ang halaga lang ng ulat ng Bloomberg ay maging bahagi ng mga dapat pa nating gawin sa giyera sa pandemya.

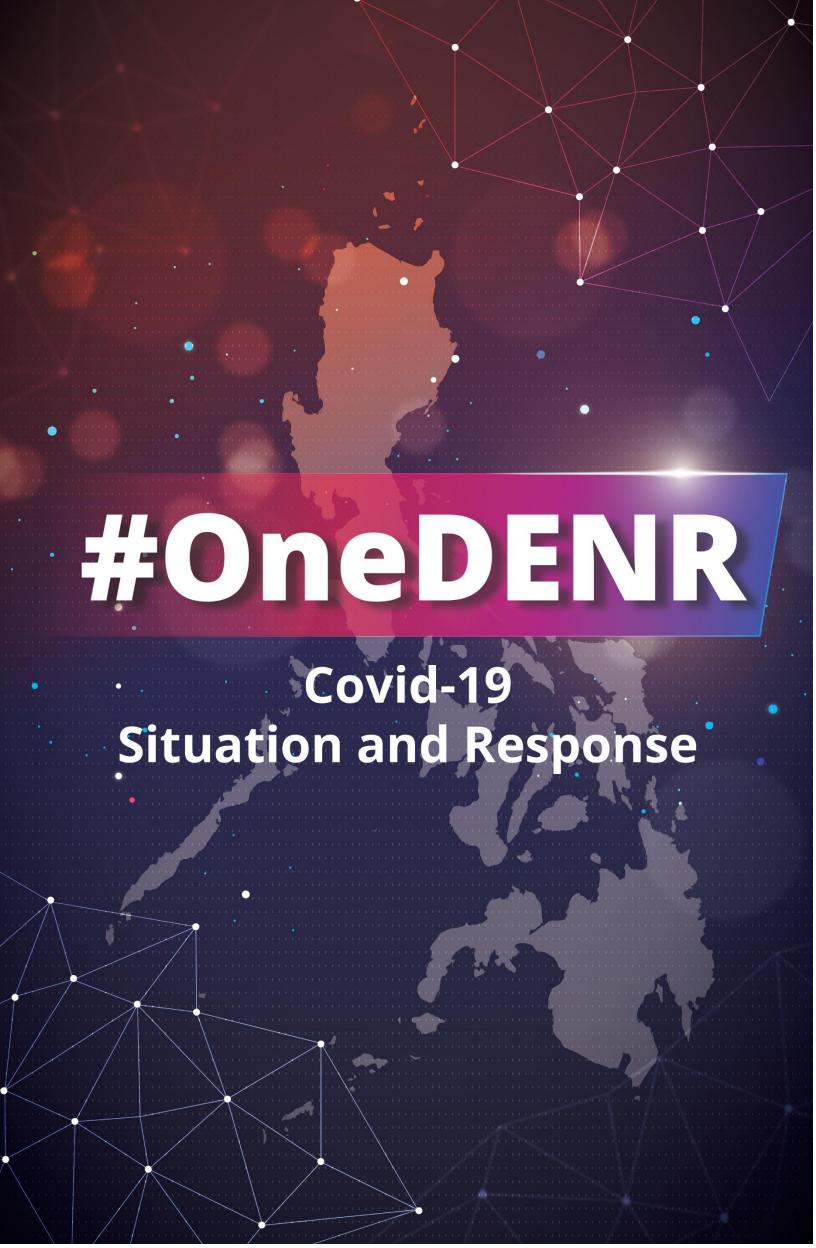
Pero higit na isaisip dapat ang pagkakaisa at pagtutulungan ng mga kritiko at makaadministrasyon.

Sa pagsusumikap ng pamahalaan, dumarating na ang bulto-bultong bakuna na kung hindi mapurnada ay kaya nang iturok sa mahigit kalahati ng mahigit 100 milyong Pinoy sa katapusan ng taon.

Kailangan ngayon ang pagkakaisa at pagtutulongan upang lahat na ay mabakunahan ng dalawang beses at makamit na natin ang herd o community immunity para kaya nating lumaban sa malubhang pagkakasakit, pagkakaospital at kamatayan.

Sa bakuna tayo makaaasa na makabangon na tayo sa kahirapan at malayang makapag-aral, makapaghanapbuhay, makapamasyal, mapalakas ang paglilingkod na pamahalaan.

Source: <a href="https://www.remate.ph/ulat-ng-bloomberg-wala-sa-hulog-mga-kritiko-wag-magsaya/">https://www.remate.ph/ulat-ng-bloomberg-wala-sa-hulog-mga-kritiko-wag-magsaya/</a>







## OKTUBRE 13, 2021

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

PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO 82,411

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

TOTAL NG GUMALING 2,567,975

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

**TOTAL NG NAMATAY** 40,069

MGA BAGONG KASO 7,181

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 6,889

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 173

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,690,455

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 11

**DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 13** AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 11

PORSYENTO NG MGA **NAGPOSITIBO** 

40,323

BILANG NG TINEST

HALOS

87.4%

ANG MILD AT **ASYMPTOMATIC** NA KASO!



#### KABUUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?



VENTILATORS (3.2K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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49% Utilized

52% Utilized

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?



VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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KALAGAYAN NG MGA **AKTIBONG KASO** 

Mild 75.3%

12.1% Asymptomatic

1.6% Critical

3.7% Severe

7.25% Moderate

# KASANGGA NG BIDA

#### UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

50% Utilized

Ang pagpapaigting ng ating pagsunod sa Minimum Public Health Standards ang susi sa muling pagbangon ng buong bansa. Sa lahat ng lugar, sitwasyon, at oras, iwasang maging kampante. Sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas ng COVID-19, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa ating BHERTS o One COVID Referral Center para mapigilan ang higit pang pagkakahawa. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating Telemedicine Service Providers, at ang http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



Ihahanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod:

SMART: 0919 977 3333 GLOBE: 0915 777 7777 TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00



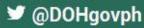
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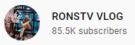
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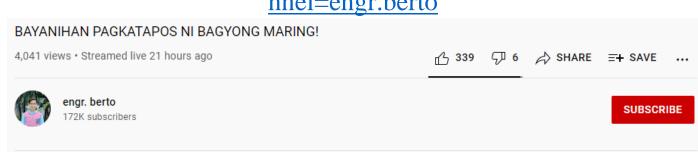




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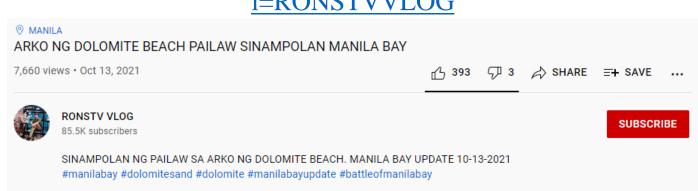




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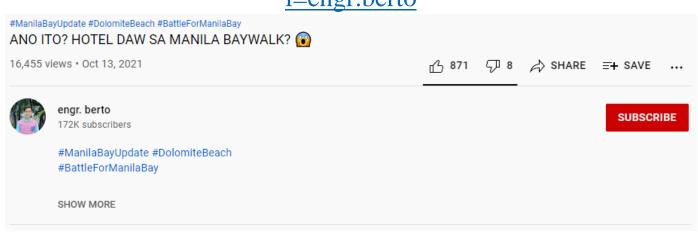




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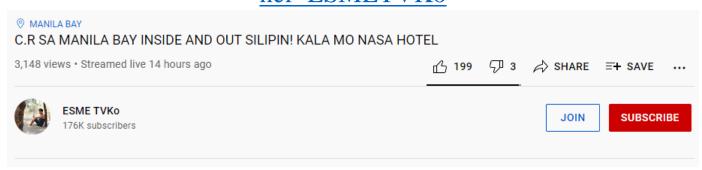




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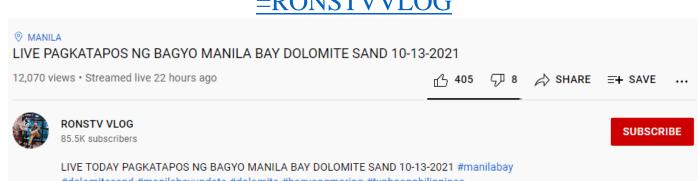




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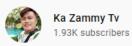
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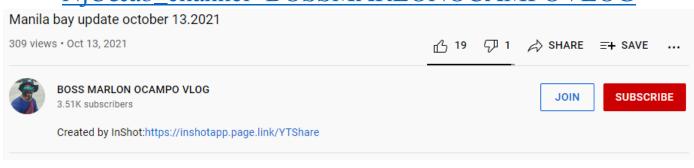




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