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Boracay task force extension lauded; BIDA GOCC eyed

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by [Rio N. Araja](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Sunday welcomed the term extension of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) until June 30, 2022 via Executive Order 147.

“We thank the President (Rodrigo Duterte) for his trust and confidence in the task force. We shall maximize this term extension to tie up all the loose ends of the island’s rehabilitation. This is our commitment to the Filipino people,” Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, also chairperson of the task force, said.

The BIATF term would end in 2020, two years after its creation, but the President issued Executive Order 115 on May 11, 2020, extending the term of the BIATF until May 8, 2021.

Meanwhile, Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Ray Villafuerte is urging the Senate to back a House-approved measure to ensure the long-term rehabilitation, development, and preservation of Boracay Island in Aklan, one of the world’s best white sand beaches.

“I am appealing to our senators to act soon enough on their own version of the House-passed measure establishing the Boracay Island Development Authority (BIDA) as a government-owned and -controlled corporation (GOCC) that would oversee the rehabilitation of Boracay and ensure the sustainable development, conservation and protection of the natural resources of this isle renowned for its world-class white sand beaches,” he said.

The House of Representatives passed by a 197-7 vote with no abstention the consolidated bill (House Bill No. 9826) establishing the GOCC to be known as BIDA.

Last March 2021, the BIATF urged Duterte to extend its term anew “to allow the task force to complete all its projects that have been stalled by the pandemic,” and the President issued EO 147, extending the task force’s term until June next year.

“The extension is an opportune time to monitor and assess the finished portions of the ongoing rehabilitation to ensure that these not only meet standards but are sustainable as well,” Cimatu said.

“A Boracay Island brought back to its pristine state is the best legacy the task force can leave behind,” he added.

The House committees on local government, and government enterprises and privatization earlier approved the substitute measure HB 9826.

The bill would fulfill President Rodrigo Duterte’s call in his 2020 State-of-the-Nation Address for the Congress to pass a law that will oversee the sound management of the resort island to ensure its environmental sustainability.

BIDA “shall be developed into a self-sustaining, industrial, commercial, financial and investment center to generate employment opportunities and to attract and promote productive local and foreign investments, taking into account the protection and preservation of the natural resources and biodiversity of Boracay Island.”

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Boracay task force extension welcomed

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MANILA, Philippines — Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu has welcomed the extension of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force until June 30 next year, saying this will allow the BIATF to finish the rehabilitation of the world-class tourist destination.

Cimatu, chair of the BIATF, issued the statement after President Duterte signed on Sept. 14 Executive Order 147, allowing the body to continue operations.

Co-chaired by the departments of tourism and the interior and local government, the task force was created on May 8, 2018 under EO 53 and was supposed to end in 2020. It was first extended to May 8, 2021.

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He said that 273 of 339 structures identified as encroaching on the foreshore easement were demolished as of July.



TERM EXTENSION NG BORACAY TF MAGBIBIGAY NG OPORTUNIDAD PARA MATAPOS ANG REHAB

MALUGOD na tinanggap ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang term extension ng Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) hanggang Hunyo 30, 2022 sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order (EO) 147 na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Duterte nitong Setyembre 14.

"We thank the President for his trust and confidence in the task force. We shall maximize this term extension to tie up all the loose ends of the island's rehabilitation. This is our commitment to the Filipino people," saad ni DENR Secretary at BIATF Chair Roy A. Cimatu.

Ang task force ay binuo noong Mayo 8, 2018

sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order (EO) 53 kung saan co-chair ang Department of Tourism at Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Dapat na matapos ang termino ng BIATF noong 2020 dalawang taon matapos itong buuin.

Noong Mayo 11, 2020 nang bigyan ni Presidente Duterte ng term extension ang BIATF hanggang Mayo 8,

2021 sa pamamagitan ng EO No. 115.

Magugunitang Marso 2021 nang hilingin ng BIATF sa Pangulo ang term extension upang matapos ang rehabilitasyon sa isla na nabinbin dahil sa pandemya.

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pahayag ni Cimatu.

"A Boracay Island brought back to its pristine state is the best legacy the task force can leave behind," paliwanag pa ng kalihim.

Ipinisinta naman ni Cimatu ang mga nagawa ng BIATF sa ginanap na President's Talk to the People noong Agosto 26, 2021.

Sa ulat nito, 273 mula sa 339 structure na pasok sa 25+5 easement sa dalampasigan ang na-

demolish na hanggang nitong Hulyo 2021.

Sa pamamagitan naman ng ground-penetrating radar, nadiskubre ng DENR Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) ang mga nakabaon na illegal pipes na nagtatapon ng wastewater direktso sa dagat.

Dagdag pa dito, natapos na rin ng BIATF ang expansion ng septage at sewerage facilities. **BENEDICT ABAYGAR, JR.**



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LOOK: Workers put finishing touches to an arch named Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach in an area that has drawn public uproar over DENR pouring P300 million worth of dolomite to beautify the bay's breakwaters. | Photos by Bob Dungo Jr.



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LOOK: Workers fix an archway to the Manila Bay dolomite beach along Roxas Boulevard on Sunday, Sept. 26.

The P1.6 billion proposed budget for the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Project in 2022 won't include funds for placing dolomite on its shores but will instead focus on rehabilitating waterways that lead to the bay, according to the DENR. Mark Demayo, ABS-CBN News



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"MANILABAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH"

Workers unload the bricks that will be installed at the new entrance of the dolomite beach in Manila Bay. Aklan Rep. Teodorico Haresco Jr. said there will be no more additional budget allocation for the project.

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Sitwasyon sa dolomite beach sa Manila Bay kaninang umaga. Ilang netizens ang pumuna sa bagong tayong arko nito kung saan makikita ang "MANILABAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH".



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Welcome Workers install an arch heralding the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, a project of the City of Manila and the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources.



PATULOY ang rehabilitasyon ng kontrobersiyal na Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Boulevard.

NORMAN ARAGA



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'DIVING' enthusiasts take advantage of Manila Bay's clear water along Diokno Bridge in Pasay City, using improvised equipment to go underwater.



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PERSONNEL from the
Department of Environment and
Natural Resources trim branches
that are tangled with electricity
wires in Pasay City.



SC junks writ of kalikasan petition

There is no clear showing that respondents committed an act or omission violative of any environmental law

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The Supreme Court (SC) has junked the petition filed by a partylist group seeking the issuance of a writ of kalikasan against several government agencies and a Japanese tobacco firm for allegedly violating environmental laws in burning 4.7 million packs of Mighty cigarettes with counterfeit tax stamps in 2017.

In an 11-page decision, Associate Justice Henri Jean Paul Inting said the Court en banc held the writ of kalikasan petition filed by Alyansa ng mga Grupong Haligi ng Agham at Teknolohiya Para sa Mamamayan (AGHAM). through its president Angelo Palmones, "is not sufficient in form and substance."

It explained AGHAM failed to show proof that would warrant the issuance of the writ.

"In sum, there is no clear showing that respondents committed an act or omission violative of any environmental law which resulted or will result in an environmental damage of such magnitude that would infringe the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology," the SC declared.

In its petition, AGHAM named the Department of Finance (DoF), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Japan Tobacco International Inc. (JTI Philippines) and Holcim Philippines.

A joint operation by the Bureau of Customs and BIR on 6 March 2017 seized 4.7 million packs of cigarettes with counterfeit tax stamps from Mighty Corp. (MC).

The government filed a case against MC's officers for tax law violations.

However, the case was withdrawn after MC offered to settle its tax liabilities amounting to P25 billion and shut down its operations.

JTI Philippines, which is part of Japan-Tobacco International, eventually acquired MC.

The DoF and BIR officials caused the destruction in November 2017 of batches of Mighty cigarettes to prevent pilferage at the Holcim compounds in Bunawan, Davao City and Norzagaray, Bulacan.

In its petition, AGHAM noted the DoF, BIR and Holcim officials claimed the cigarettes were being destroyed through co-processing, or by using waste as raw material or source of energy, or both, to replace mineral resources and fossil fuels in industrial processes.



Though the respondents claimed that co-processing was a safe method, AGHAM insisted the use of cigarettes in co-processing was in violation of the provisions of Republic Act 6969, or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990, RA 8749 or the Philippine Clean Air Act, RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2020, and the Guidelines on the Use of Alternative Fuels and Raw Materials in Cement Kilns issued by the DENR.



Environmental protection order sought against illegal dredging at Bucao River

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OLONGAPO CITY – A beach farm resort owner has asked the Regional Trial Court in Iba, Zambales to bar the alleged illegal dredging activity at the mouth of Bucao River in Botolan town.

Philip Camara sought an Environmental Protection Order against the Environmental Compliance Certificates, permits and clearances issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Public Works and Highways, Zambales Governor Hermogenes Ebdane, and Botolan Mayor Doris Maniquiz-Jeresano against the dredging.

In his complaint, Camara said that in March this year, he noticed the sea level advanced towards his beach property by about 10 meters.

A geodetic engineer he engaged later found out that a 12-meter portion of the beach front is gone and that the sea level abruptly moved forward.

Consequently, Camara learned that the ground water of his property became salty, and that a ground water test conducted by a government testing office confirmed this.

Immediately, Camara said he invited Mayor Maniquiz-Jeresano to his property and showed the receding coastline and the result of the ground water test, but according to him, the mayor just quipped that this is only due to climate change and the melting of the glaciers.

However, Dr. Fernando Siringan, a UP Professor and academician of the National Academy of Science and Technology, in an online forum held on May 10, 2021 explained that while climate change contributes to the rise of sea waters, its actual increase is only by about 1 millimeter for every year.

Siringan added that the dredging activities opposite Bucao River may be a factor in the sudden rise of the local coastline.

The DENR Region 3, on May 26, 2020, had issued an ECC for the dredging of the western river basin of Mount Pinatubo and in the downstream portion of Bucao River in Botolan, and awarded the project to Chosen One Land Development Corp.

Relative to this, the DENR central office issued an Administrative Order on October 24, 2019, rationalizing dredging activities in the heavily silted river channels of Bucao in Botolan, Malona in San Felipe and Sto. Tomas river in San Marcelino.

The department cited the need to protect and properly manage the utilization of the sand and gravel in the province of Zambales to improve the water flows of its river systems and ensure the integrity of the various protective dikes and infrastructures, and thereby reduce risks to lives and properties.

Camara, however, said the contractor Chosen One was not dredging in the exclusive river dredging zone in the delta of Bucao River, but only about 100 to 400 meters from its mouth.

Camara said the DENR, DPWH and the Office of the Governor designated a dredging area in violation of Section 79 of the IRR of the 1995 Mining Act, DENR DAO No. 96-40, in allowing Chosen One to dredge outside of the legally allowed area in Bucao River and within 500 meters from the coastal area.



“But the magnetite sand is there at the mouth of Bucao River, so they are staying there. Our suspicion is that they have been dredging more magnetite sand than the lahar sand,” Camara said.

“Corporate dredging is meant to fulfill the demands in Asia for sand as reclamation, and the biggest demand is in Singapore because for the past five years, they have been expanding their land area by one third,” he explained.

Since the start of the dredging operation in December 2020 until March this year, Chosen One has so far taken out the equivalent of 1,048,480 metric tons of sand from the seabed opposite the Bucao River, Camara said.

“I see the need to dredge Bucao River to allow lahar sand to come down through it and prevent flooding in low-lying areas, but black sand mining is another thing. And you don’t extract sands from the bottom of the sea. Also, if we have to dredge, the community, and not big corporations must enjoy the fruits of the project,” he pointed out.



Groups seek reforms toward an ‘eco-friendly’ 2022 election

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL groups have called on the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to initiate reforms toward an eco-friendly 2022 election.

Through a letter submitted to the office of Comelec Chairman Sheriff M. Abas on Friday, groups led by the EcoWaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Mother Earth Foundation and Zero Waste Philippines appealed to the poll body “to proactively integrate waste and toxic prevention in the conduct of the upcoming elections.”

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The groups also scored the following: unbridled display of “indirect” political propaganda such as graduation and fiesta banners and tarpaulins; the unregulated noise from mobile political propaganda and during campaign meetings; the unchecked distribution and littering of sample ballots on election day; the open burning of campaign waste materials, which is prohibited under the Clean Air Act and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; and, the failure to avoid the use of single-use plastics and adding to the mounting plastic pollution that ends up in the waterways and the ocean.

“We have also observed the rampant use of campaign materials that are hardly reused or recycled, particularly plastic tarpaulins, posters and buntings, as well as the confetti thrown in a miting de avance,” the letter said.

Aside from the littered sample ballots on the actual polling day, the groups also noted the use of disposable food and beverage containers inside the polling centers for the members of the Board of Election Inspectors, poll watchers and volunteers, and the lack of an ecological system for managing discards such as food leftovers and their single-use containers.

To reduce the ecological footprint of the much anticipated elections in 2022, the EcoWaste Coalition requested Comelec to, among other measures, adopt a resolution declaring and enunciating Zero Waste as a policy to effectively prevent and reduce the generation of garbage, including COVID-related waste such as used face masks and face shields, create a special committee that will take the lead in the multi-stakeholders task of “greening” the elections and the strict enforcement of relevant environmental rules and regulations, require all individuals and groups running for election to abide by the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, which, among other prohibited acts, bans littering, open dumping and open burning of waste, and make it mandatory for parties and candidates to make use of recyclable and reusable materials free of hazardous chemical substances for their electoral campaign, and for them to conduct compulsory post-election clean-up.

The group said the Comelec should also use its moral authority to encourage parties and candidates to articulate in their electoral platforms how they plan to advance the state policy, as written in the Constitution, to “protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.”



Apela ni Isko, itapon ng maayos ang basura

On Sep 26, 2021



PINAG-UUSAPAN nina Mayor Isko Moreno, department of public services Kenneth Amurao at (kanan) City Engineer Armand Andres ang basura at green spaces sa Lungsod ng Maynila. (JERRY S. TAN)

UMAPELA si Manila Mayor Isko Moreno sa mga residente ng kabisera ng bansa na itapon ng maayos sa mga sisidlan ang mga basura at huwag sa mga daluyan ng tubig upang hindi magbaha. Kasabay din nito ay binigyang direktiba niya si City Engineer Armand Andres na ipagpatuloy ang paghahanap ng mga lugar na puwedeng i-developed bilang green spaces. Ginawa ni Moreno ang apela matapos na makatanggap ng ulat mula kay Department of Public Services (DPS) chief Kenneth Amurao kaugnay ng napakaraming basura na nakokolekta araw-araw, lalo na 'pag tag-ulan.

Pinuri ng alkalde ang mga tauhan ng DPS dahil sa walang kapaguran nitong dedikasyon sa pagpapanatili ng kalinisan hanggang sa mga kasuluksulukan ng Maynila.

Binanggit din ni Moreno ang ginawang pagbuo ng team ni Amurao na nakatutok lang sa pagpapanatili ng kalinisan ng mga ilog, sapa at estero.

Ayon kay Moreno, nakakakolekta ang DPS ng minimum na 18 hanggang 20 bag ng iba't-ibang uri ng basura sa isang beses lamang na estero cleanup, kaya naman umaapela ang alkalde na itapon ng maayos sa sisidlan ang mga basura.

Sinabi pa ng alkalde na marami pang bagyo na inaasahang darating sa bansa bago matapos ang taon, kaya naman sinabihan ni Moreno si Amurao na magdoble kayod sa paglilinis ng basura sa lahat ng daluyan ng tubig sa lungsod.

Kaugnay pa nito, binigyang diin ni Moreno na kailangang makapag-develop ng marami pang green spaces sa Maynila upang mapaganda ang kalidad ng hangin sa lungsod. Si Engr. Andres ang siyang namumuno sa hakbanging ito kung saan ang pinakahuli ay ang rehabilitation ng Arroceros Forest Park.

Ang mga natapos ng proyekto, ayon kay Moreno ay ang Vitas Skatepark sa Tondo na pinangunahan nina Public Recreations Bureau chief Pio Morabe at Engr. Andres.

Sa nasabing parke, makukulay na mga halaman ang dinagdag sa mga luntiang damo para higit na kaakit-akit sa mga nagpapasyal at sa mga gusto lamang na palipasin ang kanilang oras sa pamamagitan ng ibang gawain tulad ng skateboarding at skating. **(ANDI GARCIA)**

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World's two largest economies commit to climate action

Accelerating the global phase-out of coal is the single most important step to keep the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement within reach

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National governments are the main drivers of change to reduce harmful emissions. / Photograph courtesy of UN

UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Tuesday welcomed important commitments made toward climate action by the world's two largest economies, as the 76th High Level Debate began in New York.

He hailed United States' President Joe Biden's announcement that the US would significantly increase its international climate finance to approximately \$11.4 billion a year.

"This increased contribution from the United States will bring developed countries closer to meeting their collective commitment to mobilize \$100 billion a year in climate finance," said the UN chief in a statement.

Guterres also welcomes the announcement made by President Xi Jinping that China would end all financing of coal-fired power plants abroad and redirect its support to green and low carbon energy.

"Accelerating the global phase-out of coal is the single most important step to keep the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement within reach," he underscored.

While the announcements were most welcome, the top UN official flagged that there is still "a long way to go" to make next month's UN climate conference (COP26) in Glasgow a success that ensures "a turning point in our collective efforts to address the climate crisis."

He reminded that, based on the member-states' current emission reduction commitments, "the world is on a catastrophic pathway to 2.7 degrees of heating."

The Secretary-General called for "decisive action by all countries," especially the G20 leading industrialized nations, to "go the extra mile" and effectively contribute to emission reductions.

"All countries must bring their highest level of ambition to Glasgow if we are to keep the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement within reach," he said.

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Climate change is intensifying the US border crisis. It will only get worse

By Rachel Ramirez, CNN

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Haitian migrants cross the Rio Grande to get food and supplies near the Del Rio-Acuña Port of Entry on September 18.

(CNN)In the face of political turmoil following the [assassination](#) of the country's president, a [7.2-magnitude earthquake](#) that killed more than 1,000 people and a tropical storm, Haitians are fleeing their country.

More than 10,000 migrants from Haiti converged on the US border at Del Rio, Texas, this week and up to 30,000 [may also be seeking to travel north](#). Their experiences are similar to those of migrants from Central and South America, where political and economic instability and climate change are [threatening their livelihoods](#).

In conversations with CNN, Haitians have pointed to social unrest, poverty and earthquakes among the [reasons for their migration](#). The present border crisis paints a picture of how natural disasters — and their trickle-down effects — can push people to leave their homes, even if it means risking their lives.

"Haiti is one particular important case, but it is connected to a wider story of the dispossession of Black people, especially in the Caribbean," Keston K. Perry, a political economist and assistant professor of Africana studies at Williams College, told CNN. "Making the connection between existing inequalities that are linked to colonialism and enslavement of African peoples is important for us to understand how these communities have become particularly vulnerable and exposed to climate change."

Research has shown that [climate migration will become more likely](#) as the planet warms and people seek places they consider safer and more economically stable.

According to a UN report in April, weather disasters linked to climate change have pushed [roughly 21.5 million people](#) in countries already struggling with conflict to move each year, on average, since 2010. Though migrants don't often cite it as their primary reason for leaving their homes, a [2020 study](#) found connections between the climate crisis and its effects on safety, the economy and migrants' livelihoods.

"Making a decision to leave their own country has to be the very last resort," Perry said. "They are unable to meet the resources, recovery and relief needs on a yearly basis, when they experience calamities like landslides, flooding and hurricanes that we're seeing happening more frequently -- and so we're going to be seeing more forms of migration."

A political challenge

The impact of climate change on the US border crisis "should not surprise anyone," Democratic Sen. Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico told CNN.

"The National Security Assessment has been clear from the very beginning on this," Luján said. "The US and our allies have to take the climate crisis seriously in all aspects of this, or everything is going to get worse. The science is clear, we're seeing it play out in front of our very eyes."



Migrants exit a Border Patrol bus and prepare to be received by the Val Verde Humanitarian Coalition after crossing the Rio Grande on September 22, in Del Rio, Texas.

President Joe Biden recently requested a national intelligence estimate, the intelligence community's most significant intelligence product, to explore the security implications of the climate crisis, a senior State Department official told CNN.

The official said the concern about a global refugee crisis, triggered by more frequent extreme weather, is "really is the guiding force behind" the request for the report.

"The President wanted to make sure that we have a good understanding and a comprehensive understanding of this challenge," the official said, speaking about the link between climate change and migration. "It is going to be so massive and we understand that and we want to make sure that we see the ramifications, the consequences, the risks, and also what kinds of policy options exist today that are working well."

But Perry, who's originally from Trinidad and Tobago himself, said the US is contributing to the problem with its rampant fossil fuel emissions, and because it has not provided necessary climate financing to assist developing nations.

"The United States is not being held responsible, given it is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions globally," he said. "It has not shown any form of interest in supporting these people, who are escaping various forms of climate and agricultural crises that are linked to forms of intervention that the US has taken in those countries."

A spokesperson for the White House told CNN the US has "committed to bold, ambitious climate goals," including Biden's target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 50% of 2005 levels by 2030.

"Simultaneously," the spokesperson said, "the Biden Administration continues to implement a comprehensive strategy to address the factors that drive people to leave their countries, create legal channels to migrate, create protection for people in the region, reform our asylum system and deter irregular migration."

The US is a 'beacon'

As the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, according to the World Bank, Haiti is extremely vulnerable to natural disasters with more than 90% of the population at risk. Across the Caribbean, climate change is expected to accelerate the frequency and intensity of extreme weather hazards, including hurricanes.

Central American countries including Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua have also been facing life-threatening levels of food insecurity as a result of years-long blistering drought and intensifying storms.

And much like vast swaths of the Western US, a 2020 study published in the [journal Environmental Research Letters](#) found that the frequency, length and intensity of droughts in these countries will increase as temperatures continue to warm through the end of the century.



A man walks in an area that was flooded by Tropical Storm Grace, in Trou Mahot, Haiti, on August 17. The storm struck just days after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake.

Rep. Raúl Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat and chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, said climate migration isn't unique to the United States, but it is in the country's interest to lead since it's already a destination for people who are fleeing their homelands.

"Like it or not, this beacon — 'the US-of-A' — is out there," Grijalva told CNN. "People see that as a refuge, they see it as a new start, and they see it as an escape, and that force is not going away."

Even if migrants achieve their goal of settling in the US, they still face impacts of the climate crisis. This summer alone, an unprecedented heatwave killed hundreds in the Northwest, and Hurricane Ida devastated the Gulf Coast and Northeast with flooding. The West is in the grips of a historic drought that has caused water shortages.

On the US-Mexico border, most migrants cross the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. The region is one of the fastest-growing places in the US, but it is also getting hotter and drier for people living there. The Rio Grande river, which provides drinking and irrigation water to [6 million people and 2 million acres](#) of farmland for both countries, is draining as heatwaves become more severe and rainfall decreases.

Perry said developed nations like the US should expect to see more migrants and refugees attempting to escape intensifying disasters.

"These crises reveal what has been going on beneath the surface in terms of structural inequities," Perry said. "At the end of the day, given what is happening in Haiti and in other parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, we are going to see future events of this kind, especially as the planet warms."

CNN's Ella Nilsen and Nicole Gaouette contributed to this report.

Source: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/09/26/us/climate-change-migration-border-haiti/index.html>



California fights fire with fire to protect giant sequoias

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An aerial picture taken on September 24, 2021, shows a resident sifting through the remains of a home in Greenville, California. The Dixie fire has burned almost 1 million acres and remains at 94% containment after burning through 5 counties and more than 1,000 homes.

JOSH EDELSON / AFP

LOS ANGELES — The so-far successful battle this month in California to save the world's biggest trees from ever-worsening forest blazes seems to offer an important lesson: You can fight fire with fire.

Human-caused climate change has made the western United States hotter, drier and more vulnerable to increasingly destructive wildfires, which have this year taken a horrific toll on the region's forests.

That has included threatening huge sequoias like the General Sherman, which looms 275 feet above the forest floor.

Firefighters were able to beat back the flames as they ate into California's Giant Forest, thanks to decades of prescribed burns that starved the blaze of fuel.

"It sounds a little strange to say this, but there actually has not been enough fire in California for about a century," said Rebecca Miller, a researcher at the University of Southern California.

"There were policies in place at the federal and the state level throughout much of the 20th century to prevent fire, because there was an incorrect belief that fire was bad for the environment."

Fires are part of the natural cycle of forest life, clearing away excess vegetation, purging pests, and making space for new growth.

In the wilderness, these fires eventually burn themselves out.

But as human settlement has encroached further into formerly wild spaces, tolerance for these fires has diminished and firefighters are under instructions to put out all blazes as soon as possible.

Now there is a growing realization that this policy is actually contributing to the worsening of forest fires — giving them so much more fuel and making them hotter, faster and more destructive.

Instead, the thinking goes, we should actually be helping smaller fires to burn.

The practice was key to protecting Giant Forest, home to the General Sherman, says Mark Garrett, a spokesman for the force trying to tame the still-active KNP Complex fire.



'Best tool we have'

The sequoias of Giant Forest, some of which are up to 3,000 years old, have survived countless previous fires.

Their thick bark protects them from flames, and their cones actually need the heat of smaller fires to open up and spread their seeds.

But even these imposing giants cannot cope with the mega blazes tearing through California's parched landscape.

Around 10,000 of them — up to 14% of the world's total — perished in a huge fire last year.

So there was considerable nervousness when flames from the KNP Complex started eating into the Sequoia National Forest.

Garrett says it was the first time an uncontrolled fire had come so close to the General Sherman, which was wrapped in a protective foil.

But thanks to years of controlled burns, the fire couldn't get much of a purchase, said Garrett.

"We're seeing things we haven't seen before, like near 300-foot trees being killed because of the smaller trees in between them that are carrying that fire," he told AFP.

Controlled burns are "the best tool we have right now."

The next General Sherman

But not everyone agrees.

"It is not an effective strategy and it's been very much overblown," says ecologist George Wuerthner.

Controlled burning has to be so widespread and so regular that it's prohibitive.

"We just can't be doing the whole landscape at that kind of frequency. It's misleading to suggest that that's a panacea for preventing large fires."

Former forest service official Andy Stahl says worthwhile controlled burns would cost billions of dollars.

"You can't just burn it, walk away from it and say, 'Well I don't have to do that again for another 100 years.'"

"No, you have to go back there in another five or 10 years and do it again," said Stahl, who is executive director of FSEEE, an organization focused on ethical forest management.

Which explains why there are very few areas in the western United States where the practice is common — apart from around Giant Forest.

"It's a very, very small footprint in a small National Park."

For Garrett, there is simply no choice: "We need more money. We need more people. This needs to be done, all over the mountains and the federal lands.

"We don't have a lot of brand new sequoia trees in the Giant Forest because it hasn't seen fire in so long.

"We need that new generation to replace the General Sherman 2,000 years from now."

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/world/2021/09/26/2129842/california-fights-fire-fire-protect-giant-sequoias>

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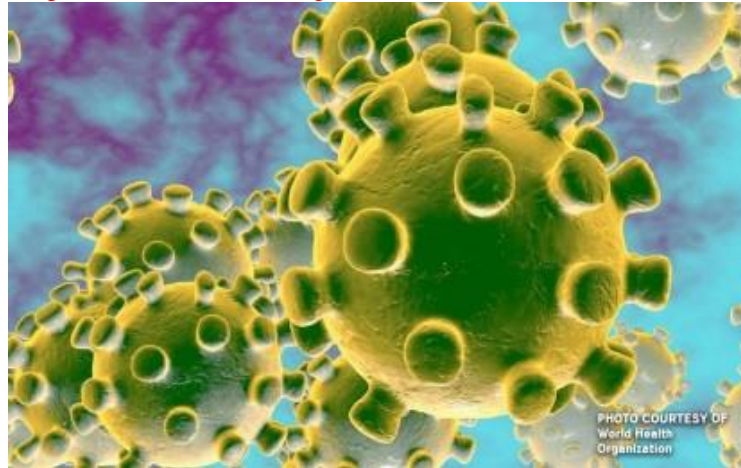
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24K new Covid-19 recoveries raise tally to nearly 2.3M

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [September 26, 2021, 6:49 pm](#)



MANILA – The country's overall tally of patients who beat the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) has reached 2,292,006 as 24,391 new recoveries were recorded on Sunday.

The Department of Health (DOH) said the figure is equivalent to a 92-percent recovery rate from a total of 2,490,858 infections since the start of the pandemic last year.

The DOH also tallied 20,755 new confirmed cases, bringing the total number of active cases in the country to 161,447 or 6.5 percent of all cases.

Of the active cases, 81.1 percent are mild, 13.4 percent are asymptomatic, 1.6 percent are severe, 3.18 percent are moderate, and 0.7 percent are in critical condition.

The death toll remained at 37,405 or 1.50 percent of total cases.

"No deaths were reported today due to technical issues in the COVID-Kaya system. When the issue is resolved, the succeeding increase in deaths in the following reports will be due to the previous days' backlogs," the DOH said.

It added that the Department of Information and Communications Technology is addressing issues encountered by the system.

The DOH also noted that 72 duplicates were removed from the total case count as 63 of those were recoveries.

Meanwhile, 88 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

As per the September 24 data, about 24.9 percent of 74,460 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

All laboratories were operational that day but two laboratories were not able to submit data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

Based on data in the past 14 days, the two non-reporting labs contributed, on average, 0.1 percent of samples tested and 0.1 percent of positive individuals.



Department of Health case bulletin as of 5 p.m. on Sept. 26, 2021 (DOH image)

To date, 75 percent of 4,400 intensive care unit (ICU) beds are in use nationwide, along with 65 percent of 21,100 isolation beds, 68 percent of 16,000 ward beds, and 54 percent of 3,300 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19.

In Metro Manila, 76 percent of 1,600 ICU beds are in use, along with 55 percent of 4,800 isolation beds, 64 percent of 4,600 ward beds, and 57 percent of 1,100 ventilators. **(PNA)**



DOH logs 20,755 new COVID-19 cases, 2 labs without data

Philstar.com September 26, 2021 | 6:00pm



Commuters prepare their face shields as they board an EDSA carousel bus at the Monumento station in Quezon City on Sept. 23, 2021.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities reported 20,755 more coronavirus infections on Sunday, bringing the national caseload to 2,490,858.

In its latest bulletin released Sunday afternoon, the DOH reported a positivity rate of 21.9% out of 74,460 tests.

- Active cases: 161,447 or 6.5% of the total
- Recoveries: 24,391, bringing the number to 2,292,006
- Deaths: listed as "N/A", now 37,405 in total

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

However, the DOH added that two the labs only made up 0.1% of all samples tested and 0.1% 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.

It has been 558 days since the first enhanced community quarantine was hoisted over some parts of Luzon, good for the world's longest quarantine.

What's new today?

- Per data from the Philippine National Police, 1,038 areas nationwide are under granular lockdown, which means around 145,504 people not allowed to leave the locked-down areas.
- In the past 10 days, the PNP also recorded a running average of 65,760 quarantine violators per day.
- The Department of the Interior and Local Government disclosed Sunday that 22.5% or 27,547 out of the 122,498 persons deprived of liberty in the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology's facilities have been vaccinated for the coronavirus.
- The Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corp. official who admitted to senators that the firm changed the expiry dates on medical-grade face shields delivered to the government can no longer be reached by the Senate panel looking into deficiencies in the government's coronavirus spending.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/26/2129838/doh-logs-20755-new-covid-19-cases-2-labs-without-data>



50% population protection enough to start vaxxing minors: Galvez

By Lade Jean Kabagani [September 26, 2021, 8:12 pm](#)



DISINFECTION. Sanitation staff spray disinfectant on boxes of Sinovac Covid-19 jabs that arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay City on Sunday night (Sept. 26, 2021). The shipment brought the Philippines' total vaccine stockpile to 69,699,340 doses. *(PNA photo by Avito Dalan)*

MANILA – A 50-percent population protection threshold is enough to start the vaccination of minors aged 12 to 17 years old, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. said on Sunday.

Galvez, who welcomed the latest shipment of 3 million doses of government-procured Sinovac vaccines at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay City, said once the "saturation point" in the inoculation drive for the priority sectors is reached, the vaccination of the younger age group can commence.

"We will present in the IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases) on how we would really look at the possibility as to when are we going to vaccinate our pre-adolescents and if we see that we get the sizeable threshold of more or less 50 percent of our population, we can start vaccinating them," Galvez said partly in Filipino during an interview.

Galvez had proposed the vaccination of youngsters by mid-October, with minors with comorbidities and children of health care workers as among the priorities.

The government can vaccinate about 12 million minors with the arrival of 20 million doses by the first week of October, added Galvez, chief implementer of the National Task Force Against Covid-19.

The latest shipment brought the Philippines' total vaccine stockpile to 69,699,340 doses, with 43,815,426 doses already administered nationwide. **(PNA)**

OCTA: COVID-19 cases declining, but Metro Manila still high-risk

Sandy Araneta and Michael Punongbayan - The Philippine Star September 27, 2021 | 12:00am



Commuters prepare their face shields as they board an EDSA carousel bus at the Monumento station in Quezon City on Sept. 23, 2021.

The STAR / Michael Varcas, file

MANILA, Philippines — While the daily number of new COVID-19 cases is going down, OCTA Research said Metro Manila remains under a high-risk level of infection.

In a report yesterday, the independent research group monitoring the pandemic in the country said five localities in the National Capital Region (NCR) are now at moderate risk.

Twelve, however, are still at high risk based on new COVID-19 cases per day, growth rates, average daily attack rate, and hospital and intensive care unit bed utilization.

“The seven-day average of new cases in the NCR was 4,220 with a one-week growth rate of 20 percent and a reproduction number of 0.94,” OCTA said.

“The positivity rate in the NCR over the past seven days was 19 percent, which is considered high. Using COVID Act Now guidelines, NCR remained at high risk,” the latest report added.

OCTA Research said the localities of Navotas, Malabon, Manila, Valenzuela and Pateros are now under moderate risk category while the rest of Metro Manila’s local government units remain at high risk.

Research group experts noted that the risk levels calculated are based on COVID Act Now guidelines in the United States and may not reflect the alert level rating being used by the Department of Health.

The government is presently eyeing to ramp up its daily vaccination rate once the surge of cases subsides, the National Task Force (NTF) against COVID-19 said yesterday.

NTF chief implementer and vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. said while daily vaccination rates this month were ranging from 400,000 to 500,000, the government would be refocusing on the vaccination drive once COVID-19 inpatients start to decrease.

“Our daily average is decreasing because our (pool of) healthcare workers was halved. The majority of healthcare workers were reassigned to (hospitals) and we can see that our vaccination was sacrificed because it’s for more priority... to save the lives of our people who are now in hospitals,” he said during a vaccine delivery rite at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.



Ramping up the daily average was crucial, Galvez said, because once the number of inoculated people under priority groups has increased and the country's vaccine supply "saturates," the NTF would be discussing with the Inter-Agency Task Force the possibility of starting to vaccinate the pediatric and adolescent population.

As of yesterday, the NTF said the government has fully vaccinated over 20.2 million Filipinos, representing about only 18 percent of the total population of the Philippines.

"Hopefully, before the month ends, we can reach 30 percent of our target population," Galvez added.

Meanwhile, three million government-procured Sinovac vaccine doses arrived at NAIA Sunday afternoon, which Galvez said would be distributed to Ilocos, Cagayan Valley Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Western and Central Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula and a portion for second dose shots in Metro Manila.

An additional 2.5 million Sinovac doses are also expected this week.

So far, the country has received 17 million doses this month.

Galvez said before the end of October, the government was expecting the total vaccine deliveries to be at 100 million. The Philippines has received 69.7 million doses since February.

DOH disputes claims COVID unreal

The Department of Health has disputed claims by a certain group that coronavirus disease is not real and that the vaccines lead to death.

"It is not true that vaccination kills. Vaccines against COVID-19 have been given EUAs (emergency use authorization) by the Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective," the DOH said on social media.

DOH noted that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic and claimed the lives of over 4.6 million people worldwide.

A video claiming that COVID is not true and a number of those who received the vaccines against the infection died has been circulating on social media.

Members of the group Gising Maharlika last week staged a protest action at the Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila without observing physical distancing and most of them not wearing face masks.

The group asked the government to stop killing the people by implementing the mandatory vaccination program.

Members of the group insisted that COVID-19 is not real.

"Vaccination is voluntary and free," the DOH said while adding that an informed consent is also required before a person gets the first shot. – **Neil Jayson Servallos, Mayen Jaymalin, Rudy Santos**



Phl welcomes additional Sinovac doses

With the latest vaccine delivery, the country has received more than 69 million doses of various Covid-19 vaccines.

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By [Jom Garner](#)



More coronavirus disease vaccines from Sinovac arrive in the Philippines as the government continues its inoculation drive.
/ Photograph by Al Padilla for the daily tribune

The Philippine government on Sunday received a total of three million doses of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccines from China's Sinovac BioNtech — the third batch of Sinovac doses which arrived this month.

The vaccines were airlifted via Philippine Airlines flight PR359 and arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 2 past 5 p.m.

The government-procured vaccines were welcomed by National Task Force against Covid-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. and other officials from the Department of Health.

With the latest vaccine delivery, the country has received more than 69 million doses of various Covid-19 vaccines.

So far, a total of 17,798,550 doses have arrived in the country in the month of September.

Meanwhile, the government is planning to vaccinate five million tourism workers before the end of the year, as the pilot implementation of the new alert level system in the National Capital Region (NCR) is set to lapse by the end of the month.

Galvez said this was the target set by Cabinet secretaries and Covid-19 task force officials during the ceremonial vaccination for tourism industry workers held in Cebu last Friday.

The vaccine czar emphasized the need to vaccinate tourism workers, especially those working in major tourist destinations in the country such as Cebu.

He added that out of the 27 million confirmed vaccine doses (excluding COVAX) to be delivered in the country, 20 million are already allocated for the Cebu province.

At least 317,144 doses are allocated for Cebu province, 60,960 doses for Cebu City, 40,220 doses for Mandaue City, and 29,310 doses for Lapu-Lapu City.

Based on the latest vaccine statistics report, at least 18,771,725 individuals are now fully vaccinated while 23,416,857 are waiting to complete the required two doses.

Source: <https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/09/27/phl-welcomes-additional-sinovac-doses/>

Successful clinical trial on VCO vs COVID-19 goes international

Rainier Allan Ronda - The Philippine Star September 27, 2021 | 12:00am



Another coconut-producing country, Sri Lanka, has expressed interest in conducting a similar clinical trial on VCO as an adjunct therapy for COVID-19 afflicted patients in the South Asian island nation.

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MANILA, Philippines — The successful clinical study of the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) that showed virgin coconut oil (VCO) as an effective functional food that helps in the treatment of COVID-19 patients, done last year in Santa Rosa, Laguna, is set to go international.

Another coconut-producing country, Sri Lanka, has expressed interest in conducting a similar clinical trial on VCO as an adjunct therapy for COVID-19 afflicted patients in the South Asian island nation.

Science Secretary Fortunato dela Peña said that stalwarts of the coconut industry in Sri Lanka are already coordinating with the DOST-FNRI for their conduct of a VCO clinical study on COVID-19 patients to test its therapeutic benefits versus the coronavirus.

The Sri Lankans, Dela Peña said, will soon meet with FNRI director Imelda Agdeppa and Ateneo de Manila University professor Fabian Dayrit, who both led the VCO clinical trials in Santa Rosa for a briefing on the Philippine VCO study.

Agdeppa said that the cooperation effort is still being planned out.

“They are setting a meeting with us to discuss our findings and maybe possibly conduct the study in their country,” Agdeppa told The STAR.

The results of the DOST-FNRI VCO clinical trials have been published in an international scientific journal, the Journal of Functional Foods, last May.

The clinical trials covered 57 adults at the Santa Rosa Community Hospital, and the Santa Rosa, Laguna COVID-19 Quarantine Facility in Canossa Institute, who were admitted or isolated for being suspect or probable COVID-19 cases.

The main finding of the study declared that VCO had shortened the recovery period for VCO patients by at least five days.

Of the 57 suspected and probable patient-participants, a total of 37 tested positive for COVID-19. Of the 37 confirmed COVID-19 positive participants, 19 were in the group given meals mixed with VCO, and 18 in the control group who were given meals with no VCO.

The publication in the international journal will allow the study to be reviewed by the world’s top scientists.



DOST-FNRI plans on expanding clinical trials on VCO in the cities of Valenzuela and Muntinlupa, targeted to be finished within the year.

The expansion trial, which targets 120 participants with mild to moderate COVID-19, continues to face difficulty in enlisting participants without comorbidities.

Another program looking at the capacity of VCO to fight COVID-19, also funded by the DOST, is the in-vitro study conducted by the Ateneo de Manila University in partnership with Duke University-National University of Singapore, which also provided supporting evidence on VCO as a cure for COVID-19.

The ADMU-Duke University-NUS study, led by Dayrit, found that at the least, VCO was helpful in fighting SARS-CoV-2 which causes COVID-19 at low viral load.

There is also an ongoing clinical trial on VCO as a cure for moderate to severe COVID-19 cases being conducted by the University of the Philippines-Manila, that is also funded by the **DOST-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development**.



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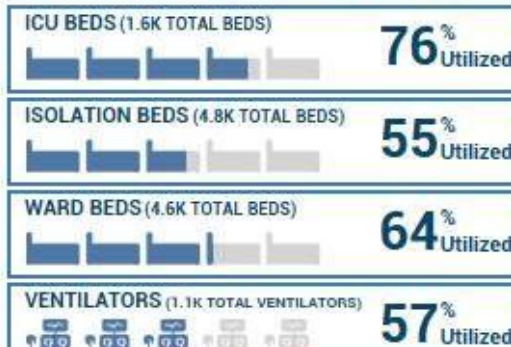
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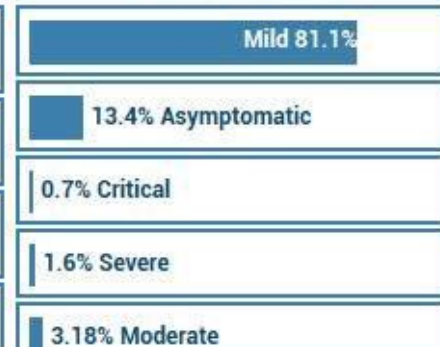


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No deaths were reported today due to technical issues in COVIDKaya. The Department of Information and Communications Technology is currently addressing issues encountered by the system. When the issue is resolved, the succeeding increase in deaths in the following reports will be due to the previous days' backlogs.

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



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