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## Dolomite sand good for Manila Bay's nourishment — Cimatu

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

The crushed dolomite dumped on the shores of the Manila Bay is apparently not only good for the mental health but also for the waters of the famed tourist attraction.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Sec. Roy Cimatu made the assessment Thursday night, Aug. 26, as he presented the department's achievements in a Cabinet meeting with President Duterte.

Cimatu reiterated that the artificial white sand project is part of Manila Bay's "beach nourishment."

The DENR chief, who has repeatedly defended the use of dolomite sand against critics, said the dolomite sand actually "cleans the water" of the Manila Bay, prevents erosion, and increases the width of the beach.

According to Cimatu, the fecal coliform in the Manila Baywalk went down from 5.75 million MPN (most probable number) in 2019 to 7,000 MPN in 2020 following the launch of the Battle for the Manila Bay, a massive clean-up program.

What's most notable for Cimatu was that the agency recorded the lowest fecal coliform level in the area where the dolomite sand was dumped, which was at 130 to 140 MPN.



The Manila Bay dolomite beach. (Photo by Noel Pabalate)



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“Malapit na natin makuha ‘yong 100 na ano natin, mission natin 100 para makapag-swimming na (We are close to achieving 100 MPN coliform level. Our mission is to get 100 MPN so people will be allowed to swim),” he said, proving that the dolomite is good for the waters.

In September last year, Presidential spokesman Harry Roque raised another benefit of the dolomite. He said the effects of the placement of the controversial sand “could not be quantified” in terms of benefits to the people’s “mental health.”

“I don’t buy that argument. Kasi alam mo, sa gitna ng pandemya, kinakailangan din na pangalagaan ang mental health (Because you know, in the middle of the pandemic, we need to take care of our mental health),” Roque said in an interview with reporters as critics argued that funds for Manila Bay’s rehabilitation could have been allotted to the government’s pandemic response.

Duterte, in Thursday’s briefing, praised Cimatu for his efforts to rehabilitate Manila Bay.

In defending the rehabilitation project, Duterte said: “Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes, period.”

He also claimed it was only Cimatu who had the capability to rehabilitate Manila Bay because the past administrations had the “chance” of doing it, but didn’t do something.

“What is beautiful is beautiful, period,” he added.



## Digong pinuri si Cimatú sa pagpapaganda ng Manila Bay



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MANILA, Philippines – Ipinagtanggol ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa pagsisikap nitong pagandahin ang Manila Bay, lalo na ang paggamit nito ng mga durog na dolomite rocks sa baybayin nito.

Sa kanyang pangalawang Talk to the People, Huwebes ng gabi, pinakinggan ni Pangulong Duterte ang ginawang presentasyon ni DENR Secretary Roy Cimatú kaugnay sa naging accomplishments ng departamento.

“Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes, period. ‘Wag ka na magtanong kasi hindi naman ninyo kaya kung kayo. You had your chance, actually. For so many years, you had every chance to do it,” ayon kay Panulong Duterte.

“Was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horns? Si Cimatú lang,” diing pahayag nito.

Tinatayang aabot sa P389 milyon ang inilaang pondo ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources para sa rehabilitation program ng Manila Bay.

Umani ng batikos ang proyekto dahil hindi napapanahon ang pagpapaganda sa Manila Bay lalo’t may kinakaharap na pandemya ang bansa sa COVID-19.



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sa kabilang dako, patunay sa kakayahan ni Cimatú, tinukoy ni Pangulong Duterte kung paano pinaganda ng Kalihim ang Boracay mula sa pagiging tila naging tapunan ng basura nito.

“Ginagawa na nga ni Secretary Cimatú para mapaganda ang lahat. Tignan mo ngayon ang Boracay. Noon, maraming magagandang babae na naliligo doon, Roy. Noong pinaganda mo, mas lalong pinakamagandang lahat na babae sa buong mundo, nandyan na. Ayaw mo pa yan?” aniya pa rin.

“What is beautiful is beautiful, period,” dagdag na pahayag ni Cimatú.

Samantalla, pinasalamatan naman ni Pangulong Duterte si Cimatú, dating chief-of-staff Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

“Pasalamat tayo. Itong mga ito mga retired military na ito, ayaw na nito magtrabaho, pinipilit ko lang ,” ayon sa Punong Ehekutibo. **Kris Jose**





## Duterte on Manila Bay 'white sand': 'Dolomite is beautiful'

By Currie Cator  
August 27, 2021



Visitors take photos at the dolomite-covered part of Manila Bay on Monday, the second day the area was opened to the public. PHOTO BY ENRIQUE AGCAOILI

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PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte once again defended the controversial overlaying of crushed dolomite on the shore of Manila Bay by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Duterte made the remark in his talk to the nation on Thursday night, as he compared the "white sand" project to beautiful women in Boracay.

"Tingnan mo ngayon ang Boracay. Noon, maraming mga magagandang babae na naliligo [roon]. Noong pinaganda, mas lalong [lahat ng] pinakamagandang babae sa buong mundo, nandiyan na. Ayaw mo pa 'yan? (Look at Boracay. Many beautiful women used to bathe there. After it was rehabilitated, all of the most beautiful women in the world are now here. Don't you want that?)" he said.

"What is beautiful is beautiful. Period. Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes. Period," Duterte added.

He went on to slam critics of his administration's dolomite beach project, which was questioned by a number of experts, saying only Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu was brave enough to "take the problem by its horns."



## Duterte on Manila Bay 'white sand': 'Dolomite is beautiful'

"Wag ka nang magtanong kasi hindi naman ninyo kaya kung kayo (Do not ask because you would not be able to do it if it were you)," Duterte said.

"You had your chance, actually. For so many years, you had every chance to do it. Was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horns? Si Cimatu lang (Only Cimatu)."

The Chief Executive then defended his decision to appoint former military officers to his Cabinet, including Cimatu, who was a retired Army general.

"Lahat 'yang kaharap ko na military, puro ko kaibigan 'yan. Hindi lang 'yan basta kinuha ko; kilala ko (All those in front of me who are military are my friends. I didn't just put them there; I know them. I can vouch for their honesty and industry)," he said.

The government spent P389 million on the so-called beach nourishment project, which aims to improve and "protect the coastal resources in the area and prevent flooding, erosion, and pollution."

But the initiative was heavily criticized by the public, with others deeming it as a health hazard and a waste of taxpayers' money.

Malacañang said it believed the project will benefit Filipinos' mental health, especially during the pandemic.

In September last year, the opening of the Manila Bay "beach" saw crowds wanting to get a glimpse of the "white sands."

'Martial law needed to clean Manila Bay'

The event led to violations in safety protocols, particularly physical distancing.



## Duterte admires ‘beauty’ of Manila Bay dolomite beach

[August 27, 2021](#)

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo Duterte defended Thursday the efforts of Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu to restore the heavily polluted Manila Bay by pouring crushed dolomite boulders along its shorelines.

In his pre-recorded Talk to the People aired Thursday night, Duterte said the overlaying of the dolomite on the portion of Manila Bay is pleasing to the eye.

Duterte made the remarks, after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources’ (DENR) Manila Bay nourishment project using dolomite rocks has been met with criticism.

*“Alam mo, maraming nagreklamo diyan. Ginagawa na nga ni Secretary Cimatu ang lahat para mapaganda ‘yung [Manila Bay] (You know, many are complaining there. Secretary Cimatu is doing everything to restore Manila Bay),”* he said. *“What is beautiful is beautiful, period. Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes, period.”*

Duterte made the statement, after he asked Cimatu to present the DENR’s accomplishments, which included the Manila Bay rehabilitation.

Duterte vouched for Cimatu’s competence, saying the Environment chief is the only person who took Manila Bay’s environmental problems “by its horns.”

*“For so many years, you had every chance to do it. Was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horns? Si Cimatu lang. Eh ‘di magpasalamat tayo (Cimatu is the only one who did it. So, we should be thankful),”* he said.

The DENR undertook the beach nourishment last year to protect the coastal resources in Manila Bay and prevent coastal flooding, erosion, and pollution.





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The estimated cost of the entire Manila Bay rehabilitation project is PHP389 million, with PHP28 million of which was allotted for the overlaying of the artificial white sand on a stretch of Manila Bay's shoreline.

Environmentalist groups have slammed the DENR's temporary effort to address Manila Bay's environmental problems, saying the project is a health hazard and a waste of public funds.

Despite this, many have expressed appreciation for the man-made white sand beach.

Apart from the dolomite overlay, the DENR also aims to restore the water quality of Manila Bay by conducting clean-ups of estuaries and setting up sewage treatment plants.

Duterte said the cleaning of estuaries is vital for the total restoration of Manila Bay.

"You begin with the cleaning of the *esteros* (estuaries). You cooperate with Secretary Cimatú and we have to provide dredging material [or] equipment," he said. "And, if need be, destroy all houses *at iyong mga esteros na ninakaw ng subdivisions, buksan, pilitin mo* (and the estuaries stolen by subdivisions, open it). But this cannot be done in an ordinary day."

Duterte, however, acknowledged that his suggestion can only be done after his term, and stressed that the use of "martial law powers" is needed to restore Manila Bay to its former glory.

"*Alam mo, hindi ako. Hindi na ako magiging presidente* (You know, it's not me. I'm no longer the president at that time). But you need another martial law powers for a president someday to do these things," he said. (PNA)



## Wa' paki na nagtapon lang daw ng pera sa dagat... "Dolomite is beautiful" – P-Duterte

ni [Lolet Abania](#) | August 27, 2021



Ipinagtanggol ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang multimillion-peso project na crushed dolomite na inilagay sa bahagi ng Manila Bay, kung saan aniya ang naging resulta nito ay maganda.

“Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes, period. ‘Wag ka na magtanong kasi hindi naman ninyo kaya kung kayo,” ani Pangulong Duterte nitong Huwebes nang gabi sa kanyang ikalawang public address ngayong linggo.

“You had your chance, actually. For so many years, you had every chance to do it. Was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horns? Si Cimatu lang (Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu),” dagdag ng Pangulo.

Bilang bahagi ng P389-milyon Manila Bay rehabilitation program, sinimulan ng DENR noong nakaraang taon ang paglalagay ng tone-toneladang white sand — na gawa sa crushed dolomite boulders na ipinadala sa lugar na galing sa probinsiya ng Cebu — sa maliit na bahagi sa kahabaan ng bay’s shoreline.



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Si Cimatú na ipinrisinta ang natapos na proyekto ng DENR sa isang televised briefing ay nagsabing kaya ng dolomite sand na mapigilan ang maaaring coastal erosion, ma-filter ang tubig nito at madagdagan ang beach width ng Manila Bay.

“It is considered a beach nourishment kasi malaking bagay ang nagagawa niya diyan. Nililinis niya ‘yung... na-prevent niya rin ang erosion at saka, ‘yung mga luwag ng beach ay napaluwagan nito,” ani Cimatú.

Nauna na ring sinabi ng DENR na ang beach project ay mag-eengganyo sa mga tao na huwag magkalat sa paligid nito.

Gayunman, umani ito ng mga kritisismo mula sa iba’t ibang sektor gaya ng environmental at fishing groups na tinawag nilang isang “cover-up” sa tunay na problema sa polusyon ng nasabing bay.

Matatandaang tinangay din ang artificial white sand ng malakas na buhos ng ulan na tumama sa nasabing lungsod. Gayundin, nang magkaroon ng bagyo, matapos nito ay napuno ng tone-toneladang basura ang paligid ng Manila Bay.

Isang grupo naman ng mga scientists ang nagpahayag na ang gobyerno ay “literal na nagtapon ng pera sa dagat” dahil anila, ang pondo para rito ay maaari pa sanang magamit sa pagpapabuti ng mga hospital facilities, vaccine procurement, at financial assistance sa panahon ng pandemya para sa mga Pilipino.

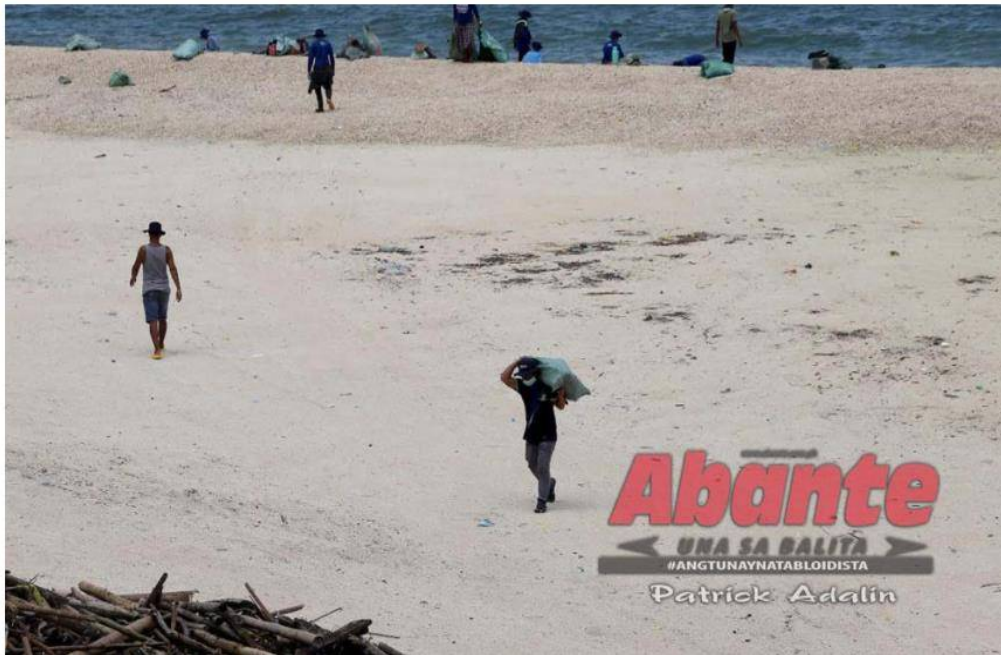




## Malacañang niresbakan mga kontra sa `dolomite beach'

By Abante News — Last updated Aug 27, 2021

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Sa kanyang Talk to the People Huwebes ng gabi, sinabi ng Pangulo na wala siyang nakikitang mali sa proyekto dahil matagal nang utos ng Supreme Court (SC) na linisin ang Manila Bay.

Ilang administrasyon na aniya ang nagdaan subalit walang nangahas na tumugon sa utos ng SC para ayusin ang Manila Bay na dati ay mistulang dagat ng basura.

Binuweltahan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang mga kritiko na patuloy na bumabatikos sa multi-milyong pisong dolomite project sa Manila Bay.



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Pinuri pa ng Pangulo si Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatú dahil sa pagpapaganda niya sa Manila Bay.

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## Baywalk waters may soon be fit for swimming, other recreations

By Catherine Teves August 27, 2021, 7:42 pm



*(PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)*

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"Hopefully, we'll be able to go into that standard by October," he said on Thursday during the government's Talk to the People program.

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He, however, said fecal coliform level in Baywalk waters already dipped to some 7,000 MPN/100 mL this August.

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With treatment, however, Serrano said fecal coliform levels in June this year in Abad, Padre Faura and Remedios outfalls' effluent already dipped to 13.7 million MPN/100 mL, 11,000 MPN/100 mL and 22,000 MPN/100 mL, respectively.

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## 'Martial Law' power needed to reclaim, clean up esteros, says Duterte

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For President Rodrigo Duterte, the illegal reclamation of esteros or canals in the country has become so bad that a “Martial Law power” would be needed to solve it.



President Rodrigo Duterte drives home a point during the “Talk to the People” public briefing on Aug. 26, 2021 (Screenshot from Facebook live)

Duterte made this comment during his pre-recorded “Talk to the People” public briefing on late Thursday night, Aug. 26, when Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu discussed the factors that led to the pollution of Manila Bay.

“Unless you improve the esteros, the cleanliness of the esteros, lahat ‘yang kanal pupunta lahat ‘yan sa Manila, Pasig [River] (the canals all lead to Pasig River), then Manila Bay. ‘Yung lahat ng dumi diyan sa Pasig, papunta talaga ng dagat ‘yan (All of the waste in Pasig, they will all go to the sea),” Duterte said.

According to the President, a form of special authority would be needed to dredge and clear the esteros—including those that have been reclaimed by subdivisions—in a way that there is zero interruption from litigation.

“Alam mo hindi na ako maging Presidente (I may not be the President anymore), but you need another Martial Law power for a President someday to do this thing. Yung wala nang TRO [temporary restraining order], basta yung mali, kung ano yung original sa mapa, yun ang sundin (There would be no more TROs, whatever is wrong, whatever is on the original map, that’s what will be followed). Then this country could find a relief,” he said.



## 'Martial Law' power needed to reclaim, clean up esteros, says Duterte

Duterte, who once served as a prosecutor in Davao City, noted how the filing of TROs against the government's clearing of esteros could indefinitely hamper the action.

"Maraming estero na sarado na kasi ginawang parte ng subdivision (A lot of esteros are closed because they have been made part of a subdivision). You know these things cannot be addressed in an ordinary working day in government. Kasi magkakaroon ka ng kaso niyan, TRO dito, TRO doon (You would have to face a case, a TRO here and a TRO there). Much as I would like to proceed with my job unhampered unbridled, I cannot because I have to contend with democracy and the courts," he said.

"So yung kaso, libo yung kaso araw-araw. Eh kung criminal case nga mag-hearing ngayon, arraignment, basahan ka ng demanda, ang next hearing ninyo ay two months after (The cases will number in the thousands everyday. In a criminal case, if you get arraigned today, the next hearing will take place two months after)," noted Duterte.

He also cited the scale of the estero problem, saying it would need the use of heavy dredging equipment from the DENR.

"Hindi naman madadala ng pala yan (Shovels won't be enough). Kailangang i-dredge na talaga yan (Those need to be dredged) including the esteros and if need be destroy all houses and yung esteros na ninakaw ng mga subdivisions, buksan, pilitin mo (force open the esteros that were taken by the subdivisions). But this cannot be done in an ordinary day," the President said.



## Mala-martial law power sa Manila Bay, kailangan vs TROs – Duterte



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MANILA, Philippines – Maaaring kailanganin ng gobyerno ang martial rule-like power para maiwasan ang temporary restraining orders (TROs) na magiging hadlang para linisin ang “bodies of water” sa bansa.

Sinabi ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa kanyang Talk to the People, Huwebes ng gabi, na kailangan na gumawa ng kaukulang hakbang ang pamahalaan para gawing mas malinis ang Manila Bay kabilang na rito ang dredging at pagbubukas ng mga canal at mga ilog na nakaaapekto sa kalidad ng tubig sa Manila Bay.

Gayunman, batid naman ng Chief Executive na mahirap itong gawin at hindi matutugunan sa ordinaryong araw lamang lalo pa’t maaaring magdemanda ang mga tao at puwede ring magpalabas ng temporary restraining orders (TROs).

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need be destroy all houses at ‘yung mga esteros na ninakaw ng mga subdivision. Buksan, pilitin mo, but this cannot be done in an ordinary day,” ayon sa Pangulo.

“Hindi na ako maging president, but you need another martial law power for a President someday to do this thing,” dagdag na pahayag ng Punong Ehekutibo sabay sabing ‘Yang wala ng TRO, basta ‘yung mali, ano ‘yung original mapa, ‘yun ang sundin. Then this country would find a relief of what is now a quagmire of our country.”

Samantala, natuwa naman ang Pangulo sa naging presentasyon ni Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu ukol sa progreso ng Manila Bay. **Kris Jose**





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"MARTIAL LAW POWERS" President Rodrigo Duterte's effort to fix the esteros in the country, this is allegedly the big reason why Manila Bay is still dirty.

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## PRRD praises Ramon Ang for Pasig River rehab efforts

[August 27, 2021](#)

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte on Thursday heaped praises on San Miguel Corp. (SMC) president Ramon Ang for extending assistance to the government to restore the Pasig River.

Duterte thanked Ang for helping the government using his own money without asking for something in return.

This, after Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu told Duterte that Ang has doubled to PHP2 billion the budget for the project to clean up and rehabilitate the Pasig River.

*“Nakikita kong tao na magtulong sa ating bayan, nagvo-volunteer, walang [kondisyon] at gumagastos pa is Ramon Ang (The person who volunteers to help the country without the condition is Ramon Ang),”* Duterte said. *“Iyan lang ang masabi ko kay.. Eh napag-usapan namin si Ramon Ang eh. Ako saludo ako diyan (That’s all I can say about Ramon Ang. I salute him).”*

Pasig River has been named as the world’s most polluting river when it comes to plastic waste, according to the scientific study released by the Rotterdam-based Ocean Cleanup.

The study found that the 27-kilometer Pasig River, which runs through Manila, accounts for 63,000 tons of plastic entering oceans from rivers per year.

SMC, in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), has started its five-year Pasig River clean-up effort.

In June this year, Ang announced that the budget for the major river rehabilitation project was doubled to PHP2 billion.

SMC is targeting to extract around 50,00 metric tons of silt and waste from the Pasig River every month, or a total of 600,000 metric tons per year from the river.



## PRRD praises Ramon Ang for Pasig River rehab efforts

The company has already acquired advanced and specialized equipment for the Pasig River rehabilitation project.

The project is SMC's second major river rehabilitation initiative. Last year, the company also launched the PHP1-billion cleanup of the 27-kilometer Tullahan-Tinajeros River for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. *(PNA)*





## NPA protects illegal loggers: Duterte

[August 27, 2021](#)

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte on Thursday revealed that the communist movement’s armed wing, the New People’s Army (NPA), is protecting illegal loggers in exchange for money.

In his pre-recorded Talk to the People, Duterte said illegal loggers were not afraid of forest rangers because they are guarded by NPA insurgents.

“*Yung mga tawag nilang forest guards, hindi natatakot iyan* (They are not afraid of forest guards),” Duterte said. “*Protektado sila sa itaas ng mga NPA. Ang NPA, meron diyan eh. Ang illegal logging operations, meron diyan sila sa itaas* (The NPA rebels are protecting them. The NPA is there. They are looking after those involved in illegal logging operations).”

This, after Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu told Duterte that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources’ (DENR) Forest Management Bureau is looking to increase the country’s forest cover by fighting illegal logging in protected areas.

Duterte, however, said NPA guerillas would do everything to help illegal loggers for them to collect money.

“*Akala mo* (Do you think) the NPA, they are doing something for the country? My God, *wala* (they have done nothing). They are killing people and extorting money from everybody from all sources. *Kaya nga hindi natatakot, iyan ‘yan* (That’s why they are not afraid, because of it),” he said.

Duterte ordered Cimatu to make sure that the forests are “really guarded and the trees are allowed to bloom.”

He also gave a warning to those who will go against the government by continuing their illegal logging operations.





## NPA protects illegal loggers: Duterte

*“Alam ko ang negosyo ninyo. Pero huwag niyong isali ‘to kasi protected area nga. Nauubos na nga, may nagtatanim na nga eh, papakialam pa ninyo (I know your business. Do not target the protected areas. They are planting trees and yet, you will try to conduct operations there),” Duterte said. “Huwag ninyong gawin iyan kasi tayo ang magkaka-deperensiya. Eh ‘pag nagka-deperensiya tayo, eh alang-alang naman magpatalo ang gobyerno, talagang kayo ang maupakan ko (Do not do that because we will have a problem). The government will not allow itself to be defeated. I will really punch you).”*

The DENR has signed an administrative order (AO) creating the Environment Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) that will intensify the environmental laws.

ELEPS was formed, as the DENR awaits Congress’ action on the proposed bill seeking the creation of an Environmental Protection and Enforcement Bureau.

Under the AO, ELEPS will cover the enforcement of environmental laws as enumerated in the Supreme Court rules of procedure for environmental cases like terrestrial laws, coastal, marine and aquatic resources, and aerial law.

ELEPS will also encompass the DENR’s existing enforcement units such as the Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force, Philippine Operations Group on Ivory and Illegal Wildlife, and other enforcement task forces.

The Communist Party of the Philippines-NPA is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. (*PNA*)



## SB19 gets fans' support for advocating reforestation

By: [Russel Loreto](#)

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SB19 echoes their support for Masungi Georeserve's reforestation campaign. Image: Masungi Georeserve/Facebook

The award-winning P-pop boy group SB19 recently showed its support for the Masungi Georeserve's reforestation campaign.

In a photo shared by the Masungi Georeserve social media page, the five SB19 members are shown holding a banner that says, "REFOREST NOW!"

"We hope they continue to inspire more people through their music and help bring light in times of darkness!" Masungi Georeserve wrote in its post to show appreciation for the five-member group.



## SB19 gets fans' support for advocating reforestation



Image: screengrabbed from SB19 'Pagsibol' Jacket Making Film/YouTube

The group featured the Masungi Georeserve, a nature reserve in Tanay, Rizal, in the recently released videos of its extended play “Pagsibol.” The wildlife sanctuary is where the group filmed the second layout of its musical recording, which was initially [released](#) last July 22.

“We’re one with nature,” said Ken, one of the members of SB19, as he described the mood produced by the location of their photoshoot.

“I would recommend anyone to go here because the place is very beautiful,” another member, Pablo, said in the video.

Reactions from the fans, collectively known as A’TIN, have been mostly positive and supportive of the boys’ environmental advocacy.

Read more: <https://entertainment.inquirer.net/419768/sb19-gets-fans-support-for-advocating-reforestation#ixzz74mLDGnnK>

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## Duterte favors Boracay casinos, defends dolomite beach

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Now, you'll say, "This Duterte, you said you don't want gambling, and now you encourage the opening of a gamble house in Boracay for tourists?" President Rodrigo Duterte said in his pre-recorded address aired Thursday night.

MANILA, Philippines — President Duterte has changed his stance and is now in favor of building a casino on Boracay Island, saying the government needs funds.

"Now, you'll say, "This Duterte, you said you don't want gambling, and now you encourage the opening of a gamble house in Boracay for tourists?" Duterte said in his pre-recorded address aired Thursday night.

"Please forgive me for the contradiction. Now we don't have money. Wherever we get money, I'll take it. If that's from gambling, so be it," he said.

"If I were wrong there, yes, I am wrong. If I didn't stand by my word, yes that's right, but I need money to run the government because I have a lot to finance," the President said.

In April 2018, the Duterte administration shelved a plan by Macau's Galaxy Entertainment Group to build a \$500-million integrated casino-resort in the famous holiday island.

Located in Aklan, Boracay was closed for six months in 2018 to undergo rehabilitation after Duterte called it a "cesspool" due to pollution.

Meanwhile, the President also defended the overlaying of dolomite sand on the shore of Manila Bay.

In his taped "Talk to the People," Duterte praised Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.





## Duterte favors Boracay casinos, defends dolomite beach

“Dolomite is beautiful to the eyes. Period,” the President said. “Do not ask, because you cannot do it...”

“For so many years, you had every chance to do it. Was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horns? It’s only Cimatú. So let’s thank him,” he said.

The Manila Bay white sand beach project drew flak, with critics saying it should not be done during a pandemic.

Marine experts have also warned that crushed dolomite poses health problems when inhaled.

The government has allocated P349 million to transform a portion of Manila Bay into a white sand beach.



## Duterte now wants casino in Boracay as gov't needs funds

By: [Daphne Galvez](#) - Reporter / [@DYGalvezINQ](#)

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MANILA, Philippines — President Rodrigo Duterte is now encouraging to have a casino established in Boracay Island now that the government needs more funds.

Duterte on Thursday seemed to have reversed his previous pronouncements against gambling, now saying a gambling house is needed since the government is running out of funds.

“Pag sinabi: ‘Ito si Duterte, bakit sabi mo ayaw mo ang sugal, tapos ngayon ‘yung casino sa Boracay, ‘yung gambling house doon, ine-encourage mong buksan para sa tourists?’ Patawarin na po ninyo ako for the contradiction,” he said in a public address.

(If they say, ‘you said before that you were against gambling but you are now encouraging to open the casino in Boracay for tourists?’ Forgive me for the contradiction.)

“Ngayon wala tayong pera, kung saan man tayo makakuha ng pera, kukunin ko. Kung diyan sa gambling, so be it,” he added.

(We have no money now and I would get money whenever I could. If it’s from gambling, so be it.)

“Ngayon kung nagkamali ako, tama ‘yan, nagkamali ako. Kung wala akong islang salita diyan, tama ‘yan wala akong isang salita diyan pero kailangan ko ng pera para patakbuhan ang gobyerno kasi marami akong nagastos,” he added.

(Now if I were wrong there, yes, I am wrong. If I didn’t stand by my word, yes, I didn’t but we need money to keep the government running because we have a lot of expenses.)

In April 2018, Duterte said he is against the building of a [casino in Boracay](#) after Galaxy Macau’s Galaxy Entertainment Group and its local partner, AB Leisure Exponent Inc., announced their plan of a \$500-million integrated casino resort in the famous island resort.

He reasoned that it was the [residents of Boracay](#) who insisted on a no-casino policy in the famous resort island.

In July this year, Duterte allowed the [resumption of gambling activities](#) such as the Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) as the country needed more funds to address the pandemic.  
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## 'Not the tourists we want': Binay against Duterte move to allow gambling in Boracay

ABS-CBN News

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MANILA – Senate Committee on Tourism Chair Nancy Binay is against President Rodrigo Duterte's move to allow the building of a casino in Boracay.

Duterte on Thursday reversed his previous stance over the tourist destination because he said the government needed more funds now.

In 2018, Duterte ordered that Boracay should be casino-free when the island reopened after it was shuttered to tourists to rehabilitate the sewage system and remove allegedly illegal structures.

“I am totally against na ibalik yung gambling sa Boracay. Hindi yun yung type of tourist that we want in Boracay. May ibang pwede namang pagkunan ng pera,” she told ANC’s “Headstart.”

“There are other ways to raise revenue and alam naman natin yung Boracay is crown jewel ‘yan ng ating tourism, and sayang naman ‘yung the way the island was brought back kung papayagan natin itong gambling,” she added.

Binay said the Senate panel may ask the National Economic and Development Authority and Department of Finance to see what other revenue sources the government may tap into to fund the pandemic response.

“I’m also wondering who advised the President na option yung pagbalik ng gambling sa Boracay. And I don’t think yung income na makukuha doon sa gambling sa Boracay would be sufficient revenue para magamit ng government,” she added.

--ANC, 26 August 2021



## Ex-Justice Carpio denies owning developments in Boracay

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Retired Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio on Friday denied that his family owned developments in Boracay Island, according to Ivan Mayrina's report on "24 Oras."

Carpio issued the remark after President Rodrigo Duterte [claimed](#) that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources found developments in Boracay Island belonging to his family.

According to Carpio, his grandmother had farmland in Boracay Island which was later passed down their family.

"My grandmother, who was widowed at a young age, had farmland in Boracay Island in the late 1910s. She had the land titled under the Torrens system from 1927 to 1932," Carpio said.

"The farmland was inherited by her seven children, whose share in the land were in turn inherited by their own children," he added.

However, he said he and his siblings had already sold most of their land.

"My immediate family of seven siblings sold most of our land to realty developers, who are developing the land on their own. No one in my family is part of any real estate development in Boracay Island," he said.

Duterte said he has ordered the Department of Agrarian Reform to subject the pieces of property to land reform.—**Joahna Lei Casilao/LDF, GMA News**





## Philippines reactivating Marine Research Center in Pagasa

By [Michael Punongbayan](#) (Philstar.com)  
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“We are also now reactivating the Marine Research Center in Pagasa Island,” National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr., who chairs the National Task Force on West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS), said at a virtual press briefing.

MANILA, Philippines — National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. announced yesterday the government’s efforts to reactivate its Marine Research Center on Pagasa Island in the West Philippine Sea.

He said the move seeks to better study and safeguard the country’s maritime resources and look after the welfare of fishermen in the area.

“We are also now reactivating the Marine Research Center in Pagasa Island,” Esperon, who chairs the National Task Force on West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS), said at a virtual press briefing.

“We might have to go into some cooperation with other countries so that we would be able to better study and protect what is ours in the Kalayaan Island Group and the rest of the West Philippine Sea,” he said.

Esperon said more vessels will also be deployed in the area next year through the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Philippine National Police (PNP).

Such patrols, he noted, have two primary missions – protecting the country’s eight stations in the West Philippine Sea, the biggest of which is Pagasa Island, and protecting Filipino fishermen.



## Philippines reactivating Marine Research Center in Pagasa

“So with whatever capabilities we have, rest assured that our agencies are working together,” he said, noting that the government is doing a lot to assert its rights in the West Philippine Sea.

He said the Philippines is and always has been a maritime nation and fishing communities rely on the country’s vast marine resources, which is why it is the duty of the state to protect fisherfolk from harm and harassment and guarantee access to fishing grounds.

He added that the national government is working in partnership with Congress, local government units (LGUs) and communities to push for robust investments in maritime monitoring, scientific research, law enforcement and defense capabilities.

“These capabilities must encompass all aspects and domains. Not just the sea but also land, air, undersea, space and cyberspace,” he said.

Esperon said the government has even caused the procurement by the UP Marine Science Institute of four research vessels that will add to the naval research vessels of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Meanwhile, the DA said it continues to implement various programs and interventions to aid fisherfolk in the West Philippine Sea.

At a virtual presser yesterday, Agriculture Undersecretary for agri-industrialization and fisheries Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero said the DA through the BFAR continues to offer fisherfolk means to sustain their fishing activities.

These include the improvement of fishing vessels. “So we continue to provide improved fishing vessels, which are larger and more sturdy,” Caballero said.

She emphasized the need to work in clusters through organizations or cooperatives to be able to make the program more sustainable.

“We have to look at them in terms of their ability to sustain (the vessels) that’s why we work with organizations or cooperatives in terms of managing larger fishing vessels,” she added.

Caballero also said that in coordination with the NTF-WPS, the DA-BFAR is looking for ways to lower direct costs incurred by fisherfolk in conducting their fishing activities, including providing affordable fuel.

She stressed the need to ensure that fisherfolk have resources to catch when they go out to fish, so?the DA-BFAR is offering various technology interventions to augment supply, such as aquaculture. – Catherine Talavera



## [Good for the country; draft policy on waste-to-energy released](#)

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*Proponents of WTE argue that the technologies that process non-renewable waste can reduce environmental and health damages and generate sustainable energy at the same time.*

IN a move to diversify the country's energy mix and promote sustainable energy resources, the Department of Energy (DOE) has released a "draft policy" on the development of waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities in the Philippines.

*"Must dispatch preference is given to power generation from eligible WTE facility in hierarchy of dispatch schedule," it said, adding that the agency deems it necessary to issue a policy to "further support as well as address issues and concerns in the development of WTE in the Philippines."*

WTE technology converts chemicals from non-recyclable materials such as plastics into energy resources.

Proponents of WTE argue that the technologies that process non-renewable waste can reduce environmental and health damages and generate sustainable energy at the same time.



## [Good for the country; draft policy on waste-to-energy released](#)

There is a proposed measure at the Senate allowing the use of WTE facilities in waste treatment and disposal and to generate sustainable energy.

Under Senate Bill 363 or the Waste-to-Energy Act (WTE Act), only waste treatment technologies that do not emit toxic and poisonous fumes into the environment will be allowed to operate.

### **Solving two problems at once**

The agency wants WTE included in the qualified RE generating units considered as “must dispatch.”

Moreover, DOE said it recognizes that WTE facility projects simultaneously achieve the twin socioeconomic benefits of local government units’ (LGUs) solid waste management and provision of additional source of power supply.

The draft circular states that incentives will be given to distribution utilities procuring energy from eligible WTE facilities.

“For every 1 megawatt sourced from duly registered eligible WTE facility shall be given two renewable energy certificates [REC] under the renewable energy market.”

For WTE facilities with embedded system to Distribution Utilities (DU), a competitive selection process (CSP) must be conducted. The power supply contract between the DU and the WTE facility will be valid for 10 years.

However, WTE projects initiated and completed by LGUs shall be exempted from the CSP.





The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is optimistic that the construction of retarding basins will make flood hazard area in Cavite more resilient during rainy season and swift changes of global weather.

DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar expressed confidence that the Flood Risk Management Project for Imus River is the most viable solution to mitigate damage on areas vulnerable to flooding in Imus and Bacoor, Cavite.

We have high hopes that this project will reduced flood risk to local homes and businesses, said Secretary Villar.

According to DPWH Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations [Emil K. Sadain](#), the construction of two (2) reservoir projects namely Imus and Bacoor Retarding Basins located in Brgy. Anabu and Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, [Imus City](#), Cavite will reduce the flood peak discharges to low-lying part of Imus and Bacoor Rivers by temporarily managing flood run-off or stormwater in the off-site retarding basins.

The construction of Imus Retarding Basin has a detention pond area of about 35 hectares while Bacoor Retarding Basin has two (2) temporary storage pond or basin connected by sluiceway for a total area of 9 hectares to contain floodwaters during a storm event and reduce the peak volume of flood flow at Imus River and Bacoor River, added Undersecretary Sadain.



Retarding basins are being constructed to temporarily store most, if not all, of the rainwater runoff during very high rainfall, to absorb and contain flooding in periods of high rain and later release at regulated flow rate.

The project is based on a [flood management master plan for Imus River](#) prepared by [Japan International Cooperation Agency \(JICA\)](#).

The on-going structural measure is also being funded by JICA under its Official Development Assistance (ODA) facility and implemented by DPWH-UPMO Flood Control Management Cluster (FCMC) headed by Project Director Ramon A. Ariola III.



Undersecretary Sadain together with UPMO FCMC Project Managers Aurelio C. Mendoza and Rogelio O. Ang checked on Friday, August 27, 2021 the progress of work for the putting up of pre-cast concrete blocks revetment wall at surrounding dike, overflow dike, drainage sluice, maintenance road, slope protection, and other project components.

To date, the P2.2 Billion project has physical accomplishment of about 85 percent, and is slated to be completed by this fourth quarter of 2021.

Source: <https://journal.com.ph/news/provincial/retarding-basins-solve-flooding/>



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## PH hopes to set up vax plant by 2022

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora August 27, 2021, 4:23 pm



Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire (*File photo*)

**MANILA** – The Department of Health (DOH) is hoping the country's first local vaccine manufacturing site will be established by next year, an official said Friday.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, in a media briefing, said a feasibility study on the Philippines' "Vaccine Self-Reliance Project" is currently ongoing and is slated for completion by November of this year.

Once the study is out, the official said the government may start with other steps to put up the manufacturing facility.

"{W}e are already doing parallel discussions with foreign vaccine manufacturers and local partners and we're with the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Trade and Industry on this, so hopefully once the feasibility study is finished, we can already start doing the other things so that we can set it up by next year," she said in Filipino.

In May, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said several firms expressed their interest to manufacture vaccines locally, but the government cannot disclose their names yet.

These companies are now in talks with potential foreign manufacturers and technology providers from India, South Korea, China, and possibly from the United States and Australia.

If conditions permit, vaccine manufacturing operations may start as early as the fourth quarter of this year or the second or third quarter of 2022. (*PNA*)





## Philippines posts 2nd biggest COVID-19 cases in a day

By [Shiela Crisostomo](#)(Philstar.com)

- August 28, 2021 - 12:00am



A barangay worker checks the temperature of residents queuing in Barangay Baesa, Quezon City.

MANILA, Philippines — The country's daily COVID-19 tally hit 17,447 yesterday, making it the second highest recorded since the pandemic began last year, the Department of Health (DOH) said.

Last Aug. 23, the DOH recorded the most number of new COVID-19 cases in a day at 18,332.

Yesterday's figure pushes to 1,916,461 the total COVID-19 caseload in the county, with 142,531 of them still logged as active cases.

The Philippines also registered its highest positivity rate to date at 26.1 percent, much higher than the five percent rate set by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an indication that a country has its COVID-19 cases under control.

The latest DOH case bulletin also reflected 113 patients having succumbed to the disease, bringing the death toll to 32,841. On the other hand, a total of 1,741,088 recoveries have been recorded with 6,771 more patients having beaten the virus.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/08/28/2123124/philippines-posts-2nd-biggest-covid-19-cases-day/amp/>



## 17,447 new COVID-19 cases push Philippines' count to 1.91 million

(Philstar.com)

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COVID-19 patients pictured inside the chapel of Quezon City General Hospital on Aug. 19, 2021.

The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Friday reported 17,447 new coronavirus cases, bringing the country's overall count to 1,916,461.

Today's numbers saw active cases up by 10,610 from the 131,921 on August 26. It is the second highest since the pandemic hit in 2020, next only to the 18,332 last Monday, August 23.

The Department of Health said one laboratory did not submit test results.

- **Active cases:** 142,531 or 7.4% of the total
- **Recoveries:** 6,771, bringing the number to 1,741,089
- **Deaths:** 113, or now 32,841 in total

### COVID-19 deaths up, too

- A health official said the country is also seeing an increase in [coronavirus deaths](#) and not just in infections. Average deaths by August 24 have reached 106, according to DOH.
- The Philippine Genome Center got an additional P295.7 million funding to expand its [biosurveillance](#) capacity to Visayas and Mindanao.
- DOH said it would seek more funds to provide risk allowance to some 17,000 health care workers.
- NDRRMC chief Ricardo Jalad tested positive for COVID-19. He is among the 116 in the Office of Civil Defense to contract the disease.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/08/27/2123035/17447-new-covid-19-cases-push-philippines-count-191-million/amp/>





## COVID-19 cases in PH breach 1.9M mark, active infections highest since April

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, August 27)** – The country on Friday reached two grim milestones in its ongoing battle against COVID-19.

The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country passed the 1.9 million mark after 17,477 more people caught the coronavirus, the Department of Health reported.

The number of new infections is now the second highest single-day case tally, beating the 17,231 reported on [August 20](#). It's the sixth time the country surpassed its second highest single-day case count this month.

The DOH case bulletin also counted a total of 1,916,141 cases in the country with 7.4% or 142,351 of them active or currently ill. It's the highest active case tally following April 19, when there were over 141,000 sick patients.

At least 96.2% of active cases have mild symptoms, 1.1% have severe symptoms, 1.1% are asymptomatic, 0.96% are in moderate condition and 0.6% are in critical condition.

The death toll also rose to 32,841-- which is 1.71% of the COVID-19 total -- after 113 more people lost their lives. This breaks the nine consecutive days of recording over 150 deaths recorded daily.

DOH spokesperson and Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergiere said in a briefing on Friday morning the agency has noted the [rising COVID-19 deaths](#) in the country, inching closer to the average number of fatalities per day recorded during the surge in April.

Meanwhile, 6,711 more people recovered, bringing the survivor tally to 1,741,089 or 90.8% of the cases.



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The DOH said it removed 186 duplicates from the total case count, all of which are tagged as recoveries. Around 47 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified into deaths after final validation.

The total excludes data from one laboratory which failed to submit its report on time. It contributed an average of 0.1% of tested samples and 0.1% of positive individuals in the last 14 days.

The positivity rate - or percentage of all tested people with positive results - increased to 26.1% based on 70,396 tests reported on August 25 from the 24.9% based on 65,903 tests reported on August 24.





## EDITORIAL - Get vaccinated

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The lines remain long at vaccination centers particularly in Metro Manila. On the other hand, vaccine hesitancy remains significant in many parts of the country, fueled partly by vaccine skepticism spread by certain physicians who have been slammed by their colleagues, and partly by residual fears generated by the hysteria over the Dengvaxia controversy.

From the start, scientists and infectious disease experts have stressed that no vaccine can guarantee 100 protection. But the COVID vaccines approved for emergency use can protect against hospitalization, severe infection and death.

Even with breakthrough infections attributed to more virulent coronavirus variants particularly Delta, health frontliners point out that the vaccines work. The spokesman for the state-run Philippine General Hospital, a COVID referral facility, cites their experience even as the PGH has been forced to suspend accepting walk-in patients for now except life-threatening cases. This was after the number of COVID patients exceeded the 230-bed capacity of PGH by over 100.

Dr. Jonas del Rosario pointed out that while 90 percent of medical frontliners in PGH are inoculated, 100 breakthrough COVID infections have been recorded for all types of vaccines, but most have only mild symptoms.

Among the 108 adult COVID patients in PGH as of Aug. 3, he noted that 86.2 percent were unvaccinated, 11 percent had received their first dose while only 2.8 percent were fully vaccinated. The fully jabbed had only mild to moderate infections, while many of the unvaccinated were severe and critical cases.

Del Rosario is urging the public to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their household members and officemates, as well as reduce the workload of medical workers.



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In recent weeks as a surge believed driven by the Delta variant has forced a return to lockdowns, several hospitals have run out of COVID facilities particularly for critical cases even after adding more beds. Hospitals have expressed concern about increasing resignations of healthcare workers who are exhausted, worried about infection, and unhappy about poor pay and delayed payment of allowances.

With COVID cases yesterday still at a high 17,447 and 113 more deaths, vaccination is the best way not only to save lives but also to help an increasingly overwhelmed healthcare system.



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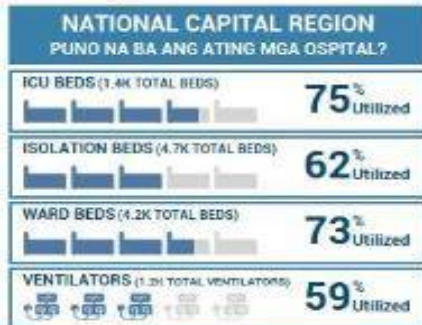
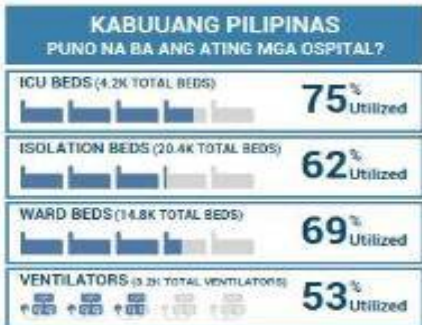
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Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, nariyan din ang mga hotline ng ating mga pasilidad. Puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating Telemedicine Service Providers, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines>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

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
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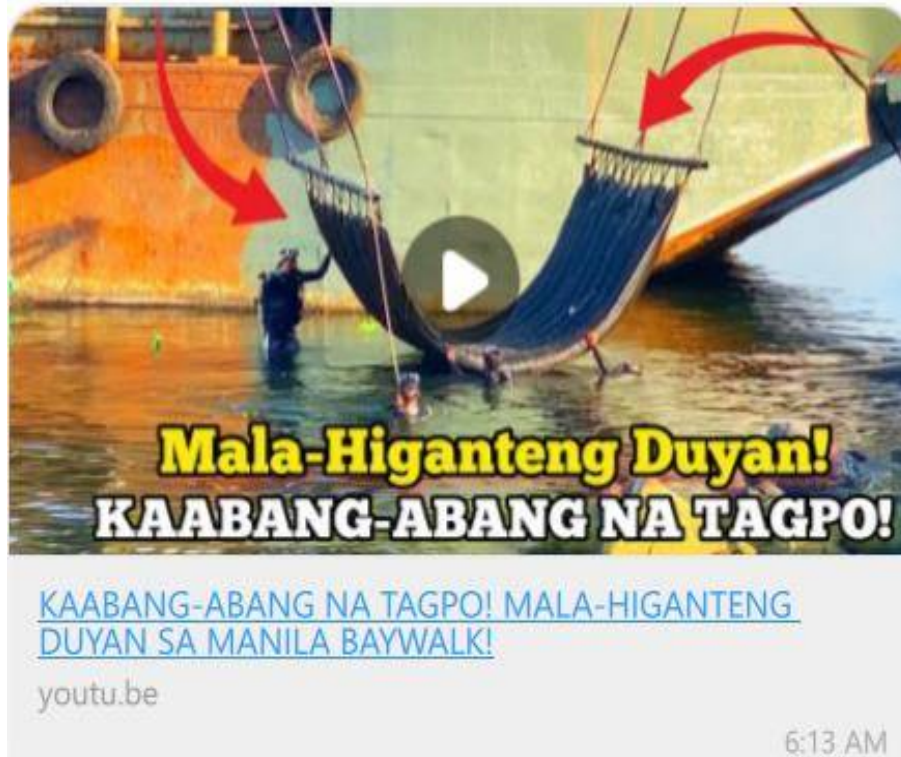
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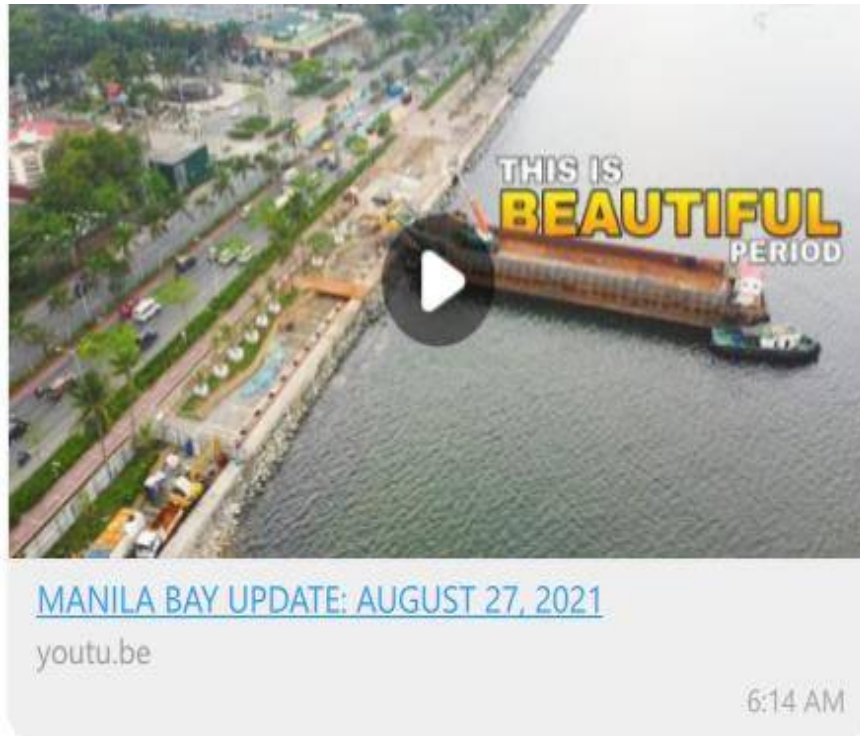
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
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