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By Marna Dagumboy Del Rosario December 20, 2021, 6:41 pm



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Magkakaroon ng massive clean up drive sa Calumpit River sa Bulacan ang DENR-Central Luzon upang maibsan ang pagbabaha sa ilang lugar sa Bulacan, inisyatibo ito ng ahensya dahil sa pagbabaha sa mga mabababang lugar tuwing may bagyo. Kasabay rin ang clean up sa pagpapabilis ng rehabilitation project ng Manila Bay sapagkat nakakonekta ang ilog dito.

Ayon sa panayam kay Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, sa kanyang pagbisita sa Bulacan, ay agad nitong natanaw ang kahalagahan na malinis agad ang ilog dahil sa naiipong basura sa ilalim nito na bumabara sa mga daanan ng tubig na isang pangunahing dahilan sa pagtaas ng tubig

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Dagdag ni Cimatu, kung malilinis ang Calumpit River, lubhang makatutulong ito sa Hagonoy, Paombong, at ilang bahagi ng Malolos na maibsan ang pagbaha sakanilang lugar.

Kaalyado ng DENR sa proyektong ito ang GM Faustino Construction, Inc. Sasagutin ng kumpanya ang mga kailangan kagamitan sa paglilinis.

Itinatayang mahigit 168,562 tonelada ng basura ang nakuha ng DENR mula 2019 simula nang mangyari ang Manila Bay rehabilitation program.

Nakolekta ang mga ito mula sa 22,580 estero at ilog mula Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac, at Nueva Ecija.

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DENR, MAGSISIMULA NG CLEAN UP DRIVE SA CALUMPIT RIVER

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3 lalaki huli sa pagpuslit ng narra



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ISABELA-Bumagsak sa kamay ng alagad ng batas ang tatlong lalaki na nakatak dang magpupuslit ng tinatayang mahigit 2,000 boardfeet na narra na isinakay sa isang elf truck sa bahagi ng Cabatuan road ng Brgy. San Fermin, Cauayan City dito sa nasabing lalawigan.

Sa ulat, kinilala ang mga suspek na sina Roland Dela Cruz, 28-anyos, may asawa, traysikel driver; Ronald Valerio, 35-anyos, magsasaka, walang asawa at Jonathan Vicente, 42-anyos, may asawa na pawang mga residente ng Brgy. Villa Concepcion, Cauayan City, Isabela.

Una rito, nakatanggap ng impormasyon ang mga tauhan ng Regional Group on Special Company (RGSC) Isabela mula sa isang concerned citizen na ang mga nasabing suspek ay magbi-biyahe umano ng kahoy patungo dito sa nasabing Lungsod.

Dakong alas-5 kaninang umaga, agad naglatag ng Anti-illegal Logging operation ang pinagsamang operatiba ng Cauayan City, RGSC Isabela, 2nd Isabela Provincial Mobile Force Company (IPMFC) at Provincial Intelligence Unit ng Isabela Police Provincial Office (IPPO) kung saan namataan ng mga otoridad sa kahabaan ng brgy. San Fermin ang elf truck na may plakang TMA-151 na minamaneho ni Dela Cruz.

Sa panayam ng REMATE kay PCapt. Grandeur Tangonan, Deputy Chief of Police ng Cauayan City Police Station nang busisihin ng kapulisan ay nabisto ang sakay na illegal logs na tinabunan ng nakasakong “ipa” at tinakpan ng tolda kung saan ay tuluyang inaresto ang tatlong suspek dahil walang maipakitang mga kaukulang dokumento ng kanilang ibiniyaheng kahoy.



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Ang mga nasabing kahoy ay pagmay-ari ni Fred Cagurangan na nakatak dang i-deliver ang mga ito sa isang Furniture shop dito sa lungsod.

Pinuri ni PCol. Cipriano ang kanyang kapulisan sa matagumpay na kanyang direktiba sa pinaigting na kampanya laban sa illegal logging sa lalawigan.

Nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa PD 705 o illegal logging ang tatlong suspek. **Rey Velasco**



Paranaque City ranks 2nd in Manila Bay clean-up, rehab

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by [Jean Fernando](#)

The Paranaque City government was recognized by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) for its Manila Bay clean-up, rehabilitation, and preservation program.

Mayor Edwin Olivarez said the city government was recognized as one of the highly compliant local government units in the implementation of the Manila Bay clean-up, garnering 92.80 percent and was Top 2 in the entire National Capital Region (NCR).

He said the city was also top performer in the liquid waste cluster in the recently conducted 2021 Regional Inter-Agency Committee validation.

The mayor thanked the DILG for the recognition given to the city government of their hard work in preserving the Manila Bay.

Olivarez also praised Amurao and Quiogue for conducting regular clean-up drives at the coastal area in Paranaque.

He was joined by engineer Pablo Olivarez, the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) team headed by Bernie Amurao, engineer Tere Quiogue, and DILG Paranaque Field Office Director John Visca in receiving the award held at the Manila Hotel.



[Environmentalists hail SC decision on plastic pollution case as a ‘game-changer’](#)

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The Supreme Court’s decision to issue a Writ of Kalikasan on the implementation of Republic Act 9003 was “a huge first step to change mindsets and embed the protection of our ocean,” according to environmental groups.

Environmental health and justice advocates welcomed the Supreme Court’s issuance of the Writ of Kalikasan and Writ of Continuing Mandamus for the government’s inaction on non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging (NEAPP) as required by Republic Act No. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act).

“We congratulate the civil society petitioners and laud the Supreme Court for its immediate action, which we believe will obligate assigned agencies to do their utmost best to release the NEAPP list that should have been issued 20 years ago,” Aileen Lucero, National Coordinator, EcoWaste Coalition, said in a statement.

EcoWaste issued the coalition following the release of a Supreme Court ruling dated December 7, 2021, which resolved to issue the writs as requested last October by 52 petitioners led by Oceana Philippines and other members of the civil society, along with former Senator Sergio Osmeña III.

The petition aims to compel the multi-agency National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) to implement the NEAPP provisions of RA 9003.



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Section 29 of RA 9003 mandates the NSWMC to prepare a list of non-environmentally acceptable products one year after the law has taken effect.

Meanwhile, Section 30 bans commercial establishments from selling or conveying products placed, wrapped or packaged in non-environmentally acceptable packaging after the phase-out period.

“Environmentally acceptable,” as defined in RA 9003, pertains “to the quality of being reusable, biodegradable or compostable, recyclable and not toxic or hazardous to the environment.”

Clearing blurred lines in implementation

The Supreme Court’s decision was “a huge first step to change mindsets and embed the protection of our ocean. This is indeed a very special case that merits the attention and needed action from every Filipino,” Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos, Vice-President of Oceana Philippines, said in a statement.

“This sets a solid foundation and precedent upon which we can build our collective efforts to battle the plastic crisis that continues to threaten our natural world including our ocean, food security, livelihood and health.”

“IDIS welcomes the decision of the Supreme Court as we continue to fight against the plastic crisis. As an NGO working towards the protection and sustainable management of the watersheds in South-Central Mindanao, we saw how plastic pollution affects our watersheds and our water sources and endangers wildlife and their habitats. IDIS, along with our partners, was successful in lobbying for the regulation of single-use plastics in Davao City,” Atty. Mark Peñalver, Executive Director of the Davao-based Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS) and one of the petitioners, added.

“However, without clear guidelines from the National Government, the LGUs can only do so much within its authority. Thus, this case is of significant interest in our fight against the plastic crisis as this will set a precedent to future policies especially to the LGUs,” he pointed out. “This decision by the Supreme Court reaffirms the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology,” he added.

Two global studies on beached and recycled plastic pellets released last December 14 by the International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), which counts on the EcoWaste Coalition and IDIS among its members, reveal the presence of toxic chemical additives and pollutants in plastics that pose multiple health threats to humans and the environment.

The health effects include causing cancer or changing hormone activity (known as endocrine disruption), which can lead to reproductive, growth, and cognitive impairment.

Many of the toxic chemical additives have several other known health impacts, persist in the environment, and bioaccumulate in exposed organisms, according to the studies.



Mulanay's turtle hatchlings

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JOHN Lawrence Domingo, 12, stumbled on an actual sea turtle hatching its eggs in Mulanay last month.

Municipal environment officer Joelda Tadeja immediately went to barangays Ibabang Yuni and Patabog upon being informed by barangay officials and took steps to ensure protection of the sea turtles hatchlings he identified to be olive ridley and green species.

Tadeja reported 13 such sightings in Ibabang Yuni and 2 incidents in Patabog.

The first batch of sea turtle hatchlings was released to the sea last Dec. 4. There will still be multiple sea turtle hatchlings that will be released in January next year at the shorelines of Ibabang Yuni and Patabog.

Tadeja said that they no longer transferred most of the hatchlings to a bigger hatching site but built protective wood and plastic nets nearby where they found the hatchlings.

Tadeja also gave orientation in the conservation and protection measures to the coastal residents who were also given an additional financial incentives by Mulanay Mayor JT Ojeda for being protective of their coastal resources.

Lim said they were amazed by the active participation and engagement of the 2 coastal barangays in marine protection which he said would surely increase the sea turtles and nest sites in the coastal areas still unravaged by human depredations.

Residents have become conscious of environmental protection which we support as a step in the right direction.



Prov'l gov't halts pebble picking in Ilocos Norte coastal town

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LAOAG CITY – The province of Ilocos Norte is bent on temporarily suspending pebble picking in the coastal village of Caruan in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte to ensure that not only a few benefits from it.

With a recurring problem on illegal pebble picking in the area, Governor Matthew Joseph Manotoc has announced that pebble pickers are given a month or until Jan. 21 next year to sell their remaining stockpile and stop operation for the meantime.



PEBBLES FOR SALE. Pebbles of seven different colors are available for sale along the national highway in Barangay Caruan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte. (File photo by Leilanie Adriano/PNA/Manila Bulletin)

On Saturday, provincial administrator Yvette Convento-Leynes said the Provincial Quarry Office has been conducting an inventory of the existing stockpile of pebbles since Dec. 15 in coordination with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Ilocos Norte police.

These are all exhibited along the national highway for sale until the Jan. 21, 2022 deadline.

“All stockpiles must be declared, otherwise, these will not be given special clearance for the disposal of pebbles,” Manotoc said on Friday as he ordered the Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office led by its director, Col. Christopher Abrahanano to ensure the implementation of the law.

All pebbles that will remain unsold after the deadline will be forfeited.

Leynes said a public consultation would be conducted on Dec. 21 to hear the side of the affected pebble pickers.

The governor assured that the Ilocos Norte government is willing to provide whatever alternative livelihood assistance that they may ask for.



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He likewise appealed to the mayor of Pasuquin to extend assistance to the affected pebble pickers as he pinned the responsibility on the town's officials to resolve once and for all the illegal pebble picking in the area which he said merely benefits a chosen few.

The governor is referring to a local cooperative in the area which has been stormed by a series of complaints due to alleged abusive leadership and unjust treatment among the pebble picking community.

For his part, Abrahanon on Saturday said his men would establish an integrated checkpoint not only on crime prevention but also to check the illegal transport of pebbles and other environmental law violations in the area.



TUGON NG LGU SA NAGREREKLAMO

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SAKSI NGAYON INSIDER

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HABANG abala ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa propaganda... este, pagpapaganda ng Manila Bay kung saan mamamasdan ang nakamamanghang paglubog ng araw sa tuwing sasapit ang dapit-hapon, abala naman sa pagwasak ng kalikasan ang ilang local government officials sa bayan ng Bagac sa lalawigan ng Bataan.

Dangan naman kasi, kabi-kabila ang pangangalakal ng mga anyong tubig kung saan may tila walang humpay na pagmimina ng tinatawag na black sand na gamit ng construction companies sa iba't ibang imprastraktura.

Ang siste, pawang local permits lang ang hawak ng mga kumpanyang nuknukan ng galante sa mga opisyal ng lokal na pamahalaan – lalo pa't nahaharap na naman sa malaking gastusan ang mga hihirit pa ng dagdag termino sa nalalapit na halalan sa Mayo ng susunod na taon.

Ayon sa mga eksperto, hindi nakabubuti ang pagkakalkal ng higit pa sa balik at basurang nasa sahi ng sapa, ilog, lawa, laot o kahit pa karagatan. Anila, nagbubunga ng masamang epektong tinatawag na ecological imbalance kung saan apektado ang iba pang organismong may buhay na nabubuhay sa daluyan.

Ang masaklap, hindi lang “living organisms” sa mga ilog at sapa ng Barangay Pag-asa (Bagac) ang apektado. Pati ang mamamayan ng nasabing barangay, napeperwisyo.

Ang higit na nakababahala ay ang tugon ng gobyerno nang idaing nila ang dulot na perwisyo. Pasaring sa mga taga-Barangay Pag-asa – lumipat na lang kung sila'y napeperwisyo!

Sa wari ko, pinoprotektahan ng kung sinong kumag diyan sa munisipyo ang interes ng kanyang kasosyo sa negosyo.



TUGON NG LGU SA NAGREREKLAMO

Susmaryosep! Hindi iskwater ang mga dumudulog ng reklamo. Sila'y pawang lehitimo sa nasabing barangay na halaw sa dalawang baryong pinag-isa – ang Barrio Wawa at Barrio Sibacan. Sila yaong nagbabayad ng buwis kung saan nagmumula ang salaping ginagastos ng gobyerno. Sila rin yaong botanteng hinihingan ng boto.

Hindi masama ang pagmimina kung ilalagay sa tama. Pero sa kaso ng Bagac, tila wala na ito sa mapang saklaw ng DENR. May sarili itong polisiya sa hangaring magtamasa sa operasyon ng pagmimina – sukdulang mawasak ang kalikasan, ang mga kabahayan, ang kabuhayan at maging ang mamamayan.

Bakit nga naman hindi palalayasin ang mga nagrereklamong residente ng Barangay Pag-asa kung sa mining operation naman sila tumitiba?

Panawagan kay Bagac Mayor Ramil del Rosario, solusyunan ang hinaing ng mga lehitimong residente ng kanyang bayan, lalo pa't nalalapit na naman ang halalan.



GINIBANG KABUNDUKAN SANHI NG MALAWAKANG BAHA



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Hindi pa rin tumatalab sa gobyerno na ang dahilan ng mala-delubiyong pagbaba ng rumaragasang baha sa mga lalawigang sinalanta ng malalakas na bagyo ay ang walang puknat na paggiba ng naglalakihang kabundukang dati'y hitik sa mga punongkahoy.

Sa halip kasi na tuldukan nito ang malawakang pagkawasak ng kabundukan sa bansa, linargahan pa ng pamahalaan ang open pit mining sa mga probinsyang alam naman ng lahat na ito ang bumubura sa mga 'yan.

'Andyan din ang kaliwa't kanang quarry sa dating malalawak na kabundukan na ngayon ay tuluyan nang tinabas para itapal sa mga reclamation area na tinirikan ng mga dambuhalang gusali.

Ilan bang minahan sa Visayas at Mindanao ang sumira sa mga kabundukan doon gamit ang open pit na pagmiminang pinagkakakitaan nga ng gobyerno bunsod sa excise taxes na ibinabayad nito samantalang maraming buhay at tahanan naman ang nawawasak tuwing tinatamaan ng malalakas na bagyong tulad ni Odette?

'Yang lalawigan ng Cebu na napakagandang tanawin ang mga bundok noong dekada 80 ay mistulang kalansay na ngayon dahil sa tinabas na kabundukang madalas ay binabaha na kahit ilang oras lang na pagbuhos ng ulan.

Nakatutulog pa ba ang mga taong gobyernong itinuturong may pahintulot sa mga paggiba ng mga kabundukan na 'yan sa gitna ng mga namamatay na at nawawalan ng tahanan tuwing binabayo na mala-delubiyong bagyo?



GINIBANG KABUNDUKAN SANHI NG MALAWAKANG BAHA

Bagaman mababayaran ang mga nawasak na ari-ariang sinalanta ng bagyo, maibabalik pa ba ang buhay ng mga naulilang kaanak na namatay dahil sa pagiging bulag at bingi ng gobyerno kumikita ng milyones mula sa mga kompanya ng minahan at negosyanteng utak ng pagwasak ng mga bundok sa iba't ibang ng bansa?

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CLIMATE CHANGE

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DPA ni BERNARD TAGUINOD



PANGALAWA ang Pilipinas sa mga bansa sa mundo na apektado ng Climate Change o pagbabago ng panahon na ang itinuturong dahilan ay ang industrialize countries tulad ng China at Amerika.

Ibig sabihin, ang Pinas kasama ang Japan (una sa listahan), Germany, Madagascar, India, Sri Lanka at Kenya ang nagdudusa habang ang industrialize countries ay patuloy ang ligaya.

Kawawa tayong maliliit na bansa dahil imbes na umangat tayo ay lalo tayong nalulugmok sa kahirapan at utang dahil sa laki ng epekto ng malalakas na bagyo na dumarating taon-taon at palakas nang palakas ha.

Base sa mga record ng gobyerno, mula 2010 hanggang 2020 ang US\$10 billion o katumbas ng P506.1 billion, higit kalahating trilyong piso, ang halaga ng imprastraktura at agrikultura ang sinira ng mga bagyo.

Napakalalaking halaga n'yan at para mabawi 'yan ay kailangang mangutang ang gobyerno para itayong muli ang mga imprastrakturang nasira at tulungang makabangon ang mga magsasaka (hindi lahat natutulungan ha).

Malaki sana ang naitutulong ng halagang ito para lumago pa ang ekonomiya ng ating bansa pero nawawala lang dahil sa mga bagyo na dumarating sa ating bansa taon-taon.

Hindi pa kasama d'yan ang halaga ng mga ari-arian tulad ng bahay ng mga biktima ng bagyo na nagpapalugmok din sa mga karaniwang tao sa kahirapan. Inaayudahan naman sila ng gobyerno pero hindi 100% dahil ang ibinibigay lang sa kanila ilang pirasong yero at ilang kilong pako.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Wala yatang taon na hindi tayo nakaranas ng bagyo at sa atin pa tumama ang pinakamalakas na bagyo sa mundo... si Yolanda na nanalasa sa Region 7 at 8 noong 2013.

Bukod diyan, wala na yatang lugar sa Pinas ang ligtas sa malalakas na bagyo at palitan lang ang nangyayari dahil noong 2020 ang Luzon partikular na ang Region 2 at Bicol ang winasak ng bagyong Ulysses at ngayon naman sa Visayas at Mindanao nanalasa si Odette.

Kahit anong gawin nating paghahanda, kahit sumunod tayo sa dikta ng United Nations (UN) at mga environmentalist, mga scientist at kung sino-sinong mga eksperto, kung hindi babawasan ng industrialize countries ang ibinubugang kemikal na sumisira sa ozone layer ay hindi mareresolba ang problemang ito.

Pangunahin ang China sa mga nagbubuga ng mga kemikal na delikado at bumubutas sa ozone layer... ang trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11) na ginagamit sa home insulation. Phase out na ang produksyon nito sa mundo pero ang China gumagamit pa rin!

In 2021, governments blew hot on 1.5°C goal, colder on climate action

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KUALA LUMPUR — Around the world, 2021 was a year shaped by weather extremes. Germany and China saw devastating floods, while parts of Europe and the United States were ravaged by wildfires. Drought in East Africa led to crop losses and hunger, from Kenya to Madagascar.

Worsening disasters — in many cases made more likely and severe by climate change — have at last pushed governments to grasp the importance of meeting an international goal to rein in global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7°F), experts say.

In 2015, when the landmark Paris Agreement was struck, about 195 nations formally committed to limit warming to “well below” 2°C (3.6F) above preindustrial times, while “pursuing efforts” for a more ambitious ceiling of 1.5°C.

The potentially devastating effects of letting the Earth’s climate heat up beyond that lower limit became more evident this year, according to government officials and climate scientists.

“[We] did witness a clear shift from other countries to support keeping 1.5°C alive,” said UN ambassador Aubrey Webson of Antigua and Barbuda, who chairs the Alliance of Small Island States, uniting 39 nations from the Pacific to the Caribbean.

Those island states have long led the push for the 1.5°C goal to prevent further catastrophic losses, with many of them at risk of being swallowed up by rising seas as the planet warms.

The problem now is that while support for the 1.5°C limit won fresh political backing in 2021, it remains out of reach.



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Countries are still wrangling over how to get on track to meet the goal, with pledges to cut climate-heating emissions not yet on the scale or time-frame needed.

The planet has already heated up by 1.1°C since the industrial revolution unleashed widespread use of fossil fuels.

Mr. Webson said the new high-level momentum behind 1.5°C — as seen among leaders this year, from the G7 and G20 summits to the COP26 UN climate talks — must be matched by rapid action.

“Rhetoric and pledges without implementation are fool’s gold for small islands,” he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

EMISSIONS GAP

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has said man-made carbon dioxide emissions need to fall by about 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels, and reach “net zero” by mid-century to give the world a good chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C and avoiding the worst impacts of climate change.

The good news is that 90% of the global economy is now covered by national net-zero emissions targets, up from 68% in 2020, according to the Net Zero Tracker compiled by a coalition of four research groups.

Frank Rijsberman, director-general of the Seoul-based Global Green Growth Institute, which works with governments to achieve a green transition, said the surge in net-zero pledges showed growing commitment to the 1.5°C goal.

“We now have almost universal acceptance of the 1.5°C target — that’s a big step forward,” he said.

A flurry of net-zero pledges were made before and at November’s COP26 climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, with host Britain claiming success for keeping the 1.5°C goal alive, even while admitting “its pulse is weak.”

The two-week meeting ended with a pact that included a pledge to double funding to help vulnerable nations adapt to climate impacts, as well as commitments to “phase down” coal power and end “inefficient” fossil fuel subsidies.

UN environment chief Inger Andersen said COP26 “did not get as far as we had hoped” — but had kept 1.5°C within reach. She called for climate ambition and action to be ramped up “urgently and meaningfully” to put the world on a safe path.

Efforts need to be redoubled because emissions-cutting pledges for 2030 made so far would still leave the world facing an average temperature rise of 2.4°C, estimates Climate Action Tracker, a non-profit research group.

Jennifer Morgan, executive director of Greenpeace International, noted COP26 was meant to close the gap in emissions reductions needed to limit warming to 1.5°C.



In 2021, governments blew hot on 1.5°C goal, colder on climate action

“While that didn’t happen, it is now clear that 1.5°C is the only temperature goal that is reasonable for society to aim for,” she said.

At the same time, it is harder to achieve, as leaders did not step up “fully” at COP26, she added.

Climate policy expert Niklas Hohne of the Germany-based NewClimate Institute said that while more leaders had spoken out in favor of a 1.5°C limit than 2°C, the “discrepancy between the firmness and the reality of the 1.5°C goal has widened in 2021.”

Recognizing this, the Glasgow summit agreed countries should come back with more ambitious plans to curb emissions next year.

‘WAY OFF TRACK’

Differences over which countries should shoulder more responsibility to cut emissions faster and further — and how to pay for measures to do that, such as adopting clean energy — have complicated efforts to keep the 1.5°C goal within reach.

The United States and China top the emissions chart — both historically and in terms of today’s greenhouse gases — although on a per-person basis, China drops down the ranking.

Malaysian environmentalist Meena Raman, who has attended UN climate talks since 2007, said the main question had never been over opting for the 1.5°C goal but rather how to ensure it is achieved in a fair way — something COP26 failed on again.

“Net zero by 2050 is what we call ‘The Great Escape.’ We need to get to real zero (emissions) within this decade,” said Ms. Raman, president of Friends of the Earth Malaysia.

The World Meteorological Organization warned in October that greenhouse gas concentrations hit a record last year and the world is “way off track” to cap rising temperatures.

In August, an IPCC report said average global temperatures would likely cross the 1.5C threshold within the next 20 years — bringing stronger droughts, heatwaves, floods and storms.

Former IPCC chair Robert Watson told the Thomson Reuters Foundation that goal is “now harder to reach than ever before.”

“The rhetoric is consistent with 1.5°C, but the pledges are not,” said the British chemist, warning that the less ambitious global target of staying below 2C is also in doubt.

For example, since COP26, China and India have told their mining firms to boost coal production to plug energy shortages, while President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., asked US oil and gas companies to raise production to ease high prices, Mr. Watson pointed out.

In addition, Britain’s trail-blazing pledge to slash its emissions 78% by 2035 from 1990 levels is not supported by — or consistent with — current national policies, he noted.

“2021 can be summed up as the year of rhetoric not action,” said Mr. Watson. — **Beh Lih Yi/Thomson Reuters Foundation**



Bohol covered in mud, darkness after Odette

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Flooding and powerful winds from Typhoon Odette left several Bohol localities covered in mud, left the entire province without electricity, and claimed the lives of 94 residents.

In Ian Cruz's "24 Oras" report, cars and motorcycles were swept away by floodwaters that were 11 to 20 feet deep in Loboc, Bohol.

Residents took shelter on the roofs of their homes while Odette's rains battered the province.

Odette's winds also knocked down trees at a famous man-made forest between Loboc and Pilar.

The Tarsier Conservation area in Bohol was not spared from the typhoon's impact. With this, only two tarsiers, considered the most endangered primates, could be seen as the others had taken shelter under rocks and large tree branches.

Meanwhile, of the 94 fatalities, one was a senior citizen who died after a coconut tree fell on his home.

Two senior citizens also lost their lives due to extreme cold as Odette demolished their house. — **Consuelo Marquez/DVM, GMA News**



UN help ‘underway’ for PH typhoon victims

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz December 20, 2021, 5:55 pm



(File photo courtesy of PCG Negros Occidental)

MANILA – An official of the United Nations (UN) assured that a “coordinated” response from the organization and its partners are already “underway” to help those in need in the wake of Typhoon Odette.

In a statement on Monday, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Philippines Gustavo Gonzalez said UN humanitarian assessment teams have been able to access areas and communities “hit hardest” by ‘Odette’.

“The reports and images of utter devastation they are sending back are heartbreaking and our deepest sympathies go out to those who lost so much, including loved ones,” Gonzalez said.

In response, he said UN agencies, non-government organizations (NGO), its partners in the private sector are making efforts to provide shelter, health, food, protection, and other “life-saving responses” to those affected.

“We are coordinating with the Government authorities to ensure we provide timely support and are fully mobilized in addressing critical gaps and the needs of the most vulnerable,” Gonzalez said.

He also commended the “professionalism of front-line responders” led by Philippine government officials, the Philippine Red Cross, and others in evacuation, search, and rescue efforts “in very difficult circumstances and logistics.”

“On behalf of the UN and the Humanitarian Country Team, our message to the people of the Philippines is one of solidarity and support,” Gonzalez said.

Earlier, Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the damage caused by Odette in the country was “huge” based on an initial report, noting that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) has already been deployed to bring relief in affected areas.



UN help 'underway' for PH typhoon victims

In its Monday afternoon update, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) confirmed nine deaths and two injuries caused by the typhoon, while 49 deaths, 199 injured, and 18 missing persons are under validation. *(PNA)*



MAGKAISA, MAGTULUNGAN PARA SA ODETTE VICTIMS



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KAPANTAY o mas masahol pa sa bagyong Yolanda!

Ito ang kwento ng mga mamamayang dinaanan o dinapuan ng bagyong Odette at grabeng napinsalaan ng buhay at ari-arian.

Bagama't kakaunti pa lang ang kinukumpirma ng National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council na namatay, iniulat na ng mga lokal na pamahalaan, halimbawa ang Bohol, na may 47 nang patay sa kanila at maaaring madagdagan pa ito.

Sa kabuuan, nasa 75 na ang sinasabing patay at maaaring madamay ang hanggang ngayo'y nawawala pa.

Kasalukuyan namang inaalam ng mga awtoridad ang mga ganap na nasirang bahay at bahagya lamang.

Nasiraan din ang mga magsasaka ng kanilang mga pananim at alagang hayop sa hampas ng malalakas na hangin na may bugsong lagpas sa 200 kilometro kada oras habang nilunod ng baha ang iba.

Mahigit 300,000 naman ang lumikas o nasa mga evacuation center at nawalan ng pagkain, pagkakitaan, tahanan o kaya'y nagkakasakit at iba pa.

DALAMHATI AT PAGHIHIRAP

Sa kabuuan, mga Bro, grabeng pagdadalamhati at paghihirap ang dinaraan ng mga biktima.



MAGKAISA, MAGTULUNGAN PARA SA ODETTE VICTIMS

Habang mayroong madaling makabangon dahil may reserba sila sa buhay sa gitna ng kalamidad, higit na nakararami ang tiyak na maghihintay ng ilang buwan bago sila makapagsimulang bumangon sa sumpa ng kalikasan.

Halimbawa na lang ang mga magsasaka ng palay na kailangang kumayod sa loob ng apat na buwan bago sila makapag-ani ng kanilang mga itanim.

Mas mahaba pa nga ang kailangan ng mga nag-aalaga ng mga baboy, kambing, kalabawa at iba pa.

Hindi naman basta muling makapagsimula ang mga negosyanteng nawalan ng puhunan at nasiraan ng mga kagamitan at kailangan pa nilang magsiutang para sa panibagong puhunan.

Siyempre pa, paano ang mga namatayang ang mga nasawi ang haligi nila sa buhay?

At paano rin ang mga nakadepende lang sa arawang pagbebenta ng lakas paggawa?

MAGKAISA SA PAGTULONG

Mapapalad ang mga hindi dinaanan ng bagyo, kasama na ang mga politikong may itinatago sa baul para sa pangangampanya sa darating na halalan.

Para sa mga ordinaryong mamamayan, maganda kung makapaghugot tayo ng kahit kaunti mula sa katiting nating ikinabubuhay at ialay bilang ayuda sa mga nangangailangan ngayon.

At sa parte ng mga politiko, isantabi muna ang pulitika at dumukot sa mga baul ng kayamanan at ibahagi rin sa mga biktima.

Gumagawa na ang pamahalaang Duterte ng lahat ng paraan upang matugunan ang pagdadalamhati at paghihirap ng mga biktima.

Makipagkapit-kamay tayo lahat sa pamahalaan na maghatid ng pamatid ng gutom, uhaw at kawalan na dinaranas ng mga biktima.

Kung problema ang pagpaparating ng tulong, nandiyan ang pamahalaan at pinagkakatiwalaan nating mga indibiduwal at organisasyon para maugnayan para sa gawaing paglingap.

Hindi lang panalangin at pananampalataya sa Diyos ang kailangan ng mga biktima kundi mga palad nating may laman na pang-ahon sa mga biktima ng kalamidad.

Tara, mga Bro, ipadama natin sa kanila ang tunay na anyo ng pagmamahal sa kapwa, magpa-Pasko man o hindi.



PAHABOL NA DELUBYO



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Hindi pa rin ako makapaniwala roon sa picture na nakita online. Ang lapad, ang lawak nitong si Typhoon Odette na sumalanta sa Mindanao at Visayas nitong mga nakaraang araw. Eksaktong 10 taon makaraang bayuhin ni Sendong ang Cagayan de Oro na rumagasa ang baha sa Cagayan River na kumitil ng mahigit isang libong buhay.

‘Di talaga pinalampas ni Inang Kalikasan ang 2021 at binigyan pa tayo ng pahabol na super-typhoon. Bagama’t hindi na tayo nagulat sa palalang epekto ng nagbabagong klima, mahirap lang talagang tanggapin na daan-libong pamilya na naman ang apektado, milyon-pisong halaga ng mga pananim at ari-arian ang nasira at bilyong piso na naman ang kailangan para bumawi at makabangon ang ating ekonomiya.

Pasalamat na lang tayo na hindi masyadong malala ang epekto ng Omicron variant dito sa atin.

Doon kasi sa Europa, Amerika at iba pang mga mayayamang bansa, mukhang bagong surge ng COVID19 ang pinakamalaking problema nila ngayon.

Sa papalapit na eleksyon, mabuti naman at naisip ng mga kandidato na isantabi muna ang pulitika sa halip ay tumugon muna sa pagtulong. Walang lugar ang “calamity politics” sa panahon ng mga disaster.

Ito ‘yung pagbibida at pamumulitika ng mga nasa pwesto, na kunwari ay magbibigay-ayuda, pero exposure o photo ops lang naman ang habol.

‘Yan ang mga politikong dapat huwag iboto, at sigurado ako na hindi natin sila kailangan. May disaster man o wala.



PAHABOL NA DELUBYO

Sinisingil na talaga tayo ni Inang Kalikasan. Bagyo, daluyong, baha. Pandemya. Tag-init at taggutom. Nasabi ko na ito noon, sasabihin ko lang ulit ngayon.

Hangga't hindi tayo nagigising sa tamang pangagalaga ng kalikasan, hangga't hindi natin tinitigilan ang pagsira at pagdumi sa mga gubat, ilog, hangin at kapaligiran, tuloy-tuloy ang mga delubyong haharapin natin. Isama mo na ang delubyo mula sa isang korap na gobyerno.

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Philippines logs 3rd case of Omicron variant

By [Gaea Katreena Cabico](#)(Philstar.com)

- December 20, 2021 - 2:58pm



This photo taken on April 2, 2020 shows returning overseas Filipino workers.

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines has recorded its third case of the Omicron variant—a Filipino who returned from Qatar last month.

The 36-year-old male overseas Filipino worker arrived at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport via Qatar Airways 924 on November 28, Department of Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said Monday. The patient had travel history to Egypt.

According to Vergeire, the patient underwent isolation in Cebu until December 16 after testing positive for COVID-19 on December 5. The patient, who is asymptomatic, is now undergoing home quarantine in Cavite.

The results of the latest batch of genome sequencing were released on Saturday. The patient was tested again on Sunday and his test yielded a negative result.

“The case is currently finishing his home quarantine in Cavite and has remained to be asymptomatic since arrival,” Vergeire said.

Authorities identified three close contacts of the individual. Vergeire said all underwent home quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19.

Last week, health authorities detected the country’s first two cases of the heavily-mutated Omicron variant, which has been classified as being “of concern” by the World Health Organization.

Early studies suggest that Omicron is more transmissible than the Delta variant.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/12/20/2149114/philippines-logs-3rd-case-omicron-variant/amp/>



Metro Manila stays on Alert Level 2 until Dec. 31

By Lade Jean Kabagani December 20, 2021, 6:47 pm



VAX TALKS. Vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. (left) delivers his message at a mall vaccination site in Taytay, Rizal on Monday (Dec. 20, 2021). He thanked local government units and the private sector for their continued support in the national vaccination rollout. (PNA photo by Lade Kabagani)

MANILA – The Covid-19 Alert Level 2 status in Metro Manila will remain for the rest of the year despite the detection of a third Omicron variant case in the country, National Task Force (NTF) Against Covid-19 chief, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., said Monday.

The vaccine czar said the possible amendment on the alert level status will be based on the epidemiological recommendations of the Department of Health, considering key factors on cases surge and hospitalization rate.

"If the cases are high, including critical cases, and if the attack rate will increase, that's the time we will raise our alert level," Galvez said during a media briefing at a mall vaccination site in Taytay, Rizal.

Galvez said there is a continuing decline in Covid-19 cases in the country, with just 9,592 active infections as of Monday.

"Thank God, we maintained the low positivity rate. Actually, there are some areas that recorded less than one percent of positivity rate," he added.

Still, he cautioned the public against complacency amid the downtrend.

"For now, we will just maintain the alert level, but we will massively accelerate the vaccination. At the same time, we will revisit our preparations in terms of treatment, quarantine facilities, and hospital treatments as well as the responses of the local government units (LGUs)," he said.

Stringent border control measures against the Omicron variant are also in place, added Galvez.

"Though we prepared a good response in terms of stringent border controls, as I've said earlier, we expected that," he said. "The low cases and figures were sustained despite the opening of our economy."



Metro Manila stays on Alert Level 2 until Dec. 31

Galvez thanked anew LGUs and the private sector for proactively participating in the national Covid-19 vaccination days.

"And we have already reached our milestone of hitting 100 million jabs administered nationwide and we are now reaching 40 percent fully vaccinated out of our total population. That's a huge milestone," he said.

Secretary Vince Dizon, the Presidential Adviser on Covid-19 Response and NTF deputy chief, said the decision to impose lockdowns or to raise the alert level status should be based on the set parameters of number of cases, attack rate, and the two-week growth rate.

"As we say, we should take advantage of our low cases to prepare against the Omicron variant including acceleration of our vaccination program," Dizon said. **(PNA)**

Vaccine wastage in typhoon-hit areas minimal – DOH

By [Sheila Crisostomo](#) (The Philippine Star)
- December 21, 2021 - 12:00am



In this file photo a healthcare worker fills a syringe with Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at a community vaccination event in Los Angeles, California, August 11, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — A hundred vials of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines were wasted in Region 6 due to a power outage caused by Typhoon Odette, the Department of Health (DOH) said yesterday.

According to DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, they are closely monitoring the situation in typhoon-hit areas.

However, they received reports that the Pfizer vaccines in Tinangawan in Iloilo province got wasted because of a power interruption resulting from the typhoon.

Vergeire assured the public that the cluster would be “replenishing” the wasted jabs in the region.

Citing reports from the National Vaccination Operations Clusters, Vergeire noted that there has been “minimum” vaccine wastage due to the calamity.

“Thanks to the local government units (LGUs), because the impact of the typhoon on our vaccines had been minimized,” she told a press briefing.

Vergeire added the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao had reported “no vaccine wastage” while the assessments for Regions VII, VIII and Caraga are still ongoing.

DOH Undersecretary and National Vaccination Operations Center head Myrna Cabotaje, meanwhile, said that a majority of typhoon-hit areas were expected to resume their COVID-19 inoculation yesterday.

However, some LGUs have signified their plan to resume the jabbing by Dec. 27 or 28.



Vaccine wastage in typhoon-hit areas minimal – DOH

Cabotaje added this is because the LGUs are focused on “relief, rescue and rehabilitation” of the affected areas.

She underscored that LGUs could resume the COVID-19 jabbing at the evacuation centers.

“It’s up to LGUs when they will resume vaccination. But they can do the vaccination at the evacuation sites,” she maintained.

More vaccines arrive

The COVAX Facility donated some 1,775,955 doses of US-made Pfizer that arrived yesterday around 4 p.m. at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 on board Emirates Airline flight EK 332.

Another COVAX shipment of US-made Pfizer vaccines procured by the government also arrived last night at around 9:20 p.m. at NAIA Terminal 3 on board Air Hong Kong flight LF 456.

The Argentinian government donated some 500,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines that will arrive today at NAIA 3 on board Turkish Airline flight TKo84 via Turkey.

Last Sunday, the German government donated another 1,062,100 doses of US-made Moderna vaccines that arrived at around 3:30 p.m. on board Singapore Airlines flight SQ 912 via Singapore. –

Rudy Santos, Jose Rodel Clapano



Kaso ng COVID-19 sa mundo, sumampa na sa higit 275.01 milyon

By Angellic Jordan December 20, 2021 - 01:21 PM



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Pumalo na sa 275.01 milyon ang bilang ng kumpirmadong kaso ng COVID-19 sa buong mundo.

Batay sa huling tala, pumalo na sa kabuuang 275,017,427 ang tinamaan ng nakakahawang sakit sa iba't ibang bansa.

Nangunguna pa rin sa may pinakamaraming naitalang kaso ng COVID-19 ang Estados Unidos na may 51,765,714 cases.

Sumunod na rito ang India na may 34,746,838 na nagpositibo sa pandemiya.

Nasa 22,213,762 naman ang kaso sa Brazil habang 11,361,387 ang napaulat na kaso sa United Kingdom.

Narito naman ang naitalang COVID-19 cases sa iba pang bansa at teritoryo:

- Russia - 10,214,790
- Turkey - 9,171,119
- France - 8,625,849
- Germany - 6,812,736
- Iran - 6,170,979
- Spain - 5,455,527
- Argentina - 5,389,707
- Italy - 5,389,155
- Colombia - 5,107,323



Kaso ng COVID-19 sa mundo, sumampa na sa higit 275.01 milyon

Samantala, lumabas din sa pinakahuling datos na umakyat na sa kabuuang 5,370,457 ang bilang ng nasawi sa iba't ibang bansa.

Nasa 246,766,389 naman ang total recoveries ng COVID-19 pandemic sa buong mundo.

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 93

**REQUIRED ON-SITE WORKFORCE IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES UNDER THE ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution declared it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, the IATF, through Resolution No. 146-F (s. 2021) dated 28 October 2021, recommended to the Office of the President the adoption of the Alert Level System for all areas of the Philippines, through a phased nationwide rollout;

WHEREAS, the President, through Executive Order No. 151 approved the nationwide implementation of the Alert Level System and the adoption of the "Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response in Pilot Areas" (Alert Level System Guidelines);

WHEREAS, the Alert Level System Guidelines provides that government agencies and instrumentalities shall remain to be fully operational and shall adhere to the required on-site workforce depending on the alert level, with those assigned to work off-site subject to alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission;

WHEREAS, there are reports that some government agencies and instrumentalities have such a small proportion of their total workforce on-site that the delivery of public service suffers as a result;

WHEREAS, there is a need to balance health considerations and the continuous delivery of public services, regardless of the alert level system prevailing in a particular area;

NOW THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Government remains in full operation. Government agencies and instrumentalities shall remain fully operational regardless of the alert level of the area where they are located, but subject to the following required on-site workforce as prescribed in the Alert Level System Guidelines, while applying work from home and other flexible work arrangements:

- a. Alert Level 5 Skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other

critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

- b. Alert Level 4 at least 40% on-site workforce
- c. Alert Level 3 at least 60% on-site workforce
- d. Alert Level 2 at least 80% on-site workforce

Section 2. Authority to increase on-site workforce. The heads of all agencies and instrumentalities of the executive branch, including government –owned or –controlled corporations (GOCCs), may increase the on-site workforce of their offices beyond the minimum provided above.

Department secretaries may require heads of agencies over which they have control or supervision, or which are attached to their departments, to implement a larger on-site workforce should the one set by the agency head be insufficient for the delivery of services, as determined by the department secretary.

Agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, shall require an on-site workforce that is larger than the minimum provided above, as may be necessary to deliver their mandates.

In all cases, the requirement on on-site workforce shall be subject to social distancing requirements and other minimum public health standards.


Section 3. Continuous effectivity of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 86 (s. 2021). The provisions of MC No. 86 (s. 2021) on compliance with health protocols in the workplace, and the conditions therein for the temporary closure of premises of government agencies and instrumentalities, shall continue to be observed under the Alert Level System.

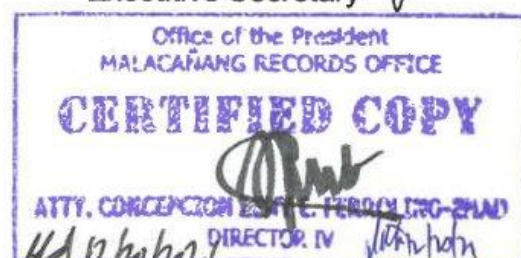
Section 4. Application to other agencies. The offices of the legislative and judicial branches of government, independent constitutional commissions and bodies, and local government units are strongly urged to adopt the provisions of this Circular.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-one.

By Authority of the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



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