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Sure hit: DENR 'overwhelmed' by public support for Manila Bay Dolomite Beach reopening

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Santiago Celario Writer

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public which made the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach truly successful," said DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has expressed elation over the "strong" public reception of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach when it reopened to the public on Saturday, (October 16), as Metro Manila was eased into Alert Level 3 status.

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public which made the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach truly successful," said DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

Crowds flocked to Roxas Boulevard to spend some time and take selfies on the dolomite beach—the newest tourist attraction along the Manila Baywalk area—over the weekend.





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Families troop to the so-called "Dolomite Beach" at Manila Bay Monday (October 18), two days after the area was opened to the public following the downgrading of Metro Manila's Covid-19 alert level status to Alert Level 3 last October 16. Authorities continue to patrol the area, reminding visitors to abide by Covid-19 health protocols. PHOTO BY MIKE TABOY

Only 300 persons will be allowed at a time inside the beach, which is open from 8:00 to 11:00 in the morning and 2:00 to 6:00 in the evening.

There is no need for people to be vaccinated to enter the premises, but wearing of face masks is mandatory.

DENR personnel and security marshals also made sure that health and safety protocols were strictly observed.

The 140-meter beach area comprises the Phase 1 of the Manila Bay Beach Nourishment Project of the DENR.

The reopening of the dolomite beach was a collective decision of the Manila Bay Inter-Agency Task Force headed by Cimatu, following the downgrading of Covid-19 alert level in Metro Manila.

Aside from promoting positive mental health, Cimatu said the dolomite beach offers another option to view the scenic Manila Bay sunset aside from the customary sunset view at the Baywalk portion near Remedios Street in Malate, Manila.

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As restrictions were eased in the National Capital Region, Environment Sec. Roy Cimatu is elated with the support of the public on the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach.



We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public which made the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach truly successful.

We will gradually expand the area accessible to the public for viewing in the coming weeks as we progress on with the completion of the project.





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Masayang ibinalita ng DENR na wala silang nakitang kalat sa Dolomite beach sa Manila Bay kasunod ng muling pagbubukas nito sa publiko noong weekend. Ayon kay DENR Usec. Jonas Leones, maaaring naaliw ang mga tao sa ganda ng Dolomite beach kaya't hindi nagtapon ng basura ang mga tao. #DZRI Nationwide

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Aminado si DENR Usec. Jonas Leones na bawal pa ring lumabas ang mga bata, alinsunod sa guidlines ng IATE kahit pa nasa maluwag nang Alert Level 3 ang NCR.

Pero sa panayam ng DZRH, sinabi ni Leones na iniintindi rin nila ang karanasan ng mga batang nakakulong sa bahay dahil sa COVID-19 pandemic kaya kung pumunta ang mga ito sa Dolomite beach ay pinapayagan na lang nila ang mga ito.

Ang importante lang naman daw, magsuot din sila ng face mask at face shield tulad ng kanilang mga magulang o mga kasamang kaanak. #DZRHNationwide

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Health protocols sa Dolomite beach tiniyak ng DENR



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Manila, Philippines – Tiniyak ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na nasusunod ang minimum health protocol sa pagbisita ng publiko sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite beach matapos itong buksan muli sa publiko.

Ayon kay DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Atty. Jonas R. Leones ang muling pagbubukas ng Dolomite Beach noong Oktubre 16 ay upang matiyak nito na mahigpit na nasusunod ng mga bumisita health protocol upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19 na virus.

Nabatid na kasama ni Leones ang mga kinatawan mula sa Philippine Coast Guard at Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), mga opisyal ng DENR mula sa Manila Bay Coordinating Office, National

Ang Capital Region, Environmental Management Bureau, at Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service ay kabilang din sa mga dumalo sa muling pagbubukas kasama ang Philippine National Police Maritime Group.

Samantala kaugnay nito sa text message ay tinitiyak ni DENR Director Tuchie Gaddie ng Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service na mahigpit na ipatupad ng DENR na ang minimum safety safety protocol ay babantayan sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach matapos itong buksan muli sa publiko.





Health protocols sa Dolomite beach tiniyak ng DENR

Sinabi ni Gaddie na mayroon silang mga marshal na umiikot sa loob ng beach. Sa pasukan pa lang, nakasulat na bawal magdala ng pagkain. At mahigpit naming ipinagbabawal ang pagtatapon ng basura. Sa kasalukuyan ay ginagawa pa rin ang CR malapit sa labas ng beach.

"May mga marshal tayo na nag-iikot sa loob ng beach. Sa entrance pa lang, may nakasulat na bawal magdala ng pagkain. At mahigpit na hingin na ipinagbabawal ang pagtatapon ng basura. Sa kasalukuyan ay ginagawa pa ang CR na malapit sa labas ng beach" Sabi ni Gaddie.

Idinagdag pa ni GAddie bukod sa pagbabawal ng pagtatapon ng basura sa loob at labas ng Dolomite Beach higit sa lahat, ang disiplina ng tao ang pinakamahalaga.

"Higit sa lahat, ang disiplina ng tao" ang kailangan, dagdag pa ni Gaddie. (Santi Celario)

Source: https://www.remate.ph/health-protocols-sa-dolomite-beach-tiniyak-ng-denr/



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Swimming may be allowed in Manila dolomite beach – DENR

By Rhodina Villanueva (The Philippine Star)

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Crowds gather as families spend quality time while waiting for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its 2nd day opening on Sunday (October 17, 2021). Miguel De Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — An official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said yesterday that swimming may be allowed in Manila Bay's dolomite beach by the end of the year.

DENR Undersecretary for policy, planning and international affairs Jonas Leones said visitors may be allowed to take a dip in the man-made beach by December.

- "Though people are allowed to visit the beach, swimming is still prohibited since there are still ongoing works to make the bay's water quality fit for swimming," Leones said.
- "Apart from making sure that enough dolomite sand has been put in place, we are continuously checking drainage outfalls discharging into Manila Bay. Cleanup of creeks and waterways has also been intensified," he added.

Leones said the rehabilitation of Manila Bay would continue so the level of fecal coliform in the baywalk's waters could reach 100 most probable number per 100 milliliters, which is the standard level for swimming and other contact recreation.

"We ask the public to observe discipline and follow health protocols while in the area," Leones said.

The P389-million rehabilitation program is pursuant to the 2008 writ of continuing mandamus issued by the Supreme Court, directing the DENR and 12 other government agencies to restore Manila Bay's water quality to a level fit for swimming.





Swimming may be allowed in Manila dolomite beach – DENR

The project, which involves covering 500 meters of the bay's shorelines with dolomite white sand, has received flak from those who cited health and environmental risks.

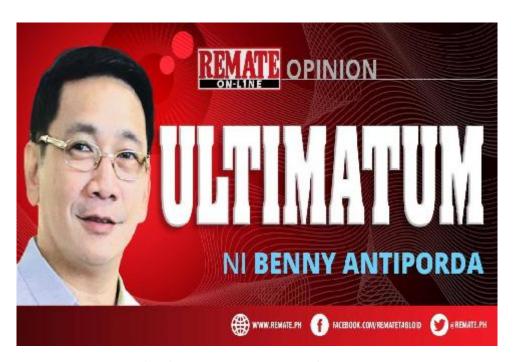
The dolomite beach reopened on Saturday after quarantine restrictions were eased in Metro Manila under Alert Level 3.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/10/19/2135081/swimming-may-be-allowed-manila-dolomite-beach-denr/amp/





MAGING MALAYA, MALUSOG AT MASAYA SA DOLOMITE BEACH



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HANGGA'T maaari, magiging bukas na araw-araw ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach.

Para sa atin, kabilang sa malalaking pakinabang ang pagkakaroon ng sariwang hangin at maaliwalas na tanawin sa dalampasigang ito.

Tiyak na makararamdam ang mga pupunta sa lugar ng magaan na dibdib sa paglanghap ng sariwang hangin at saya sa pakikipagtipan sa mga alon at malinis sa dalampasigan at dagat.

Malaking bagay ito sa kalusugan ng mga mamamayan at dayuhang nais na maglakad-lakad sa lugar.

Kaugnay nito, bagama't hindi pinapayagan ang pagtatayo ng kainan at pwesto ng paninda sa lugar, makikinabang naman ang mga restoran at iba pang establisimyento at nangangahulugan ang pagkabuhay ng ekonomiya ng Lungsod ng Maynila at iba pang lugar.

Magiging buhay na buhay ang mga nag-uugnayang hanapbuhay o negosyo para sa mga mamamayan at turista na magbubunga ng pag-unlad ng ekonomiya sa mas malawak na lugar.

500 AT 60 METRONG PAGBABAGO

May 500 metro and haba at nasa 60 metro and lapad nd puting dalampasigan.

Makaraang ma-reclaim ang ilalim at tambakan na rin ng mga buhangin at bato, ipinaibabaw rito ang dolomite na galing sa Cebu.

Nasa 100 o mahigit sa laki ng karaniwang alikabok ang ipinaibabaw na dolomite sa pasyalan upang walang lilipad at malanghap ng tao na alikabok.





MAGING MALAYA, MALUSOG AT MASAYA SA DOLOMITE BEACH

Itinaas ang lugar na dating mahigit gatao ang lalim sa tabi, nagsilbi nang upuan ang dating trensera at riprap at may sementadong tuntungan din para higit na matanaw ang malayo sa lawa.

Kalakip nito ang pagtatayo sa harapan ng Manila Yacht Club ng sewage interceptor and treatment plant na kayang linisin ang 500,000 litro ng maruming tubig galing sa kalupaan at establisimyento bago pakawalan sa Manila Bay.

Kasabay ng pagtatayo ng linisan ng tubig ang pagtitiyak na lahat ng establisimyento sa paligid ay magkaroon ng sariling treatment plant bago nila itapon ang gamit na nilang tubig.

Hindi naman inalis ang mga puno sa paligid at nagsisilbi silang silungan at pahingahan.

May sarili ring palikuran upang hindi darayo pa para sa tawag ng kalikasan ang namamasyal sa mga establisimyento patawid sa Roxas Boulevard.

NOON AT NGAYON

Dati-rati, halos puro basura ang nasa paligid at kung lulundag ka sa mga riprap at trensera upang maabot mo ang tubig, baka iba ang maapakan o mahawakan mo dahil ginagawang kubeta ang kahabaan ng dalampasigan.

Napakabaho rin ang lugar at sa halip na giginhawa ang iyong pakiramdam, uuwi kang mabigat ang dibdib.

Kahit hindi panahon ng pandemya, kinakailangan mong mag-face mask para hindi ka gaanong mahilo sa nakasusulasok na amoy mula sa paligid.

Ngayon, sa labas at loob ng beach, binabantayan na ang kalinisan at ang mga nagtatapon ng dumi na solido at likod kahit saan ay mahihiya nang ulitin ang dati nilang nakagawian.

Pwede mo nang isawsaw nang kaunti ang iyong mga kamay at paa sa tubig ngunit dahil marumi pa ang tubig sa pangkalahatan ng lawa, hindi pa puwedeng lumusong nang todo at mag-swimming.

Nakatutuwang isipin na sa mga pamilyang namamasyal, ang mga bata ay nakapagtatayo na ng mga kastilyong dolomite habang nakaupo ang mga magulang nang walang inaaalala na dumi.

PALALAWAKIN ANG KALINISAN

Tiyak na marami pa rin ang nagtatapon ng kanilang marurumi o nakalalasong likido at solidong basura na nakaaabot sa mga daluyan ng tubig sa beach.

Kaya naman, mula sa mga establisimyento sa paligid, susuyurin ng mga awtoridad palayo ang iba pa upang maituwid nila ang walang pakundangang pagtatapon ng basura.

Magsasama-sama ang lahat ng sangay ng pamahalaan, lalo na ang inutusan ng Supreme Court na kikilos para ibalik sa malinis at magandang imahe ng Manila Bay.

Kabilang sa mga nasabing ahensya na pinangungunahan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources ang Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Works and Highways, Local Water Utilities Administration, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Philippine





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Ports Authority, Department of Budget and Management, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police Maritime Group at Department of Interior and Local Government.

LAHAT MALAYANG MAMAMASYAL

Para sa lahat ang beach bagama't may mga panuntuan sa panahon ng pandemya, partikular ang pagsunod sa mga health protocol na pagsusuot ng face mask, face shield at social distancing.

Bakunado o hindi, mahirap, mayaman, bata at matanda, kabilang na ang mga kritiko ng pamahalaan, malayang makapunta sa lugar at makipagtipan sa malinis at magandang dalampasigan at kalikasan.

Source: https://www.remate.ph/maging-malaya-malusog-at-masaya-sa-dolomite-beach/



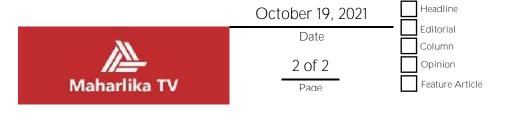


MANILA BAY TRANSFORMATION

October 18, 2021 min read By Glen Ramos

MANILA — Manila Bay has come a long way since 2012, from being one of the biggest garbage dumpsites in the city to become one of the most scenic areas in Metro Manila where one can relax watch the beautiful sunset in the afternoon.





MANILA BAY TRANSFORMATION

Aside from its famous sunset viewing spot, the Duterte administration has surely transformed Manila Bay into a haven for tourists and residents alike with the application of artificial dolomite beach.

But the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) urged the public to do its part by supporting the government's effort in maintaining the area by not throwing garbage and litters to ensure its beauty and cleanliness. (ai/mtvn)

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Local tourists relish 'freedom' at dolomite beach

By Marita Moaje October 18, 2021, 9:48 pm



DOLOMITE BEACH. A worker from the Manila Department of Public Services picks pieces of trash at the Manila Bay dolomite beach along Roxas Boulevard, Manila on Monday (Oct. 18, 2021). The beach saw an influx of visitors over the weekend after Metro Manila was placed under Alert Level 3. (PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)

MANILA – Aside from a clear view of the sunset, Filipinos now have another reason to flock to the Manila Bay along the Roxas Boulevard shoreline.

The dolomite beach has reopened to the public after months of rigid quarantine protocols due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic that limited people, especially children and the elderly, from going out.

On Monday morning, families and groups of friends were seen enjoying Manila's new attraction that welcomed the public on Saturday as Metro Manila was downgraded to Alert Level 3.

Libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, and scenic viewpoints also reopened in Manila.

The dolomite beach allowed visitors at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, two and a half hours earlier than the 8 a.m. soft opening during the weekend.

In an interview by PTV-4, families relished the opportunity of "freedom" even for just a short while.

"Napakasaya nila. Pagod na pagod sila paglakad namin mula sa Luneta pero nung makita 'yung beach, tuwang tuwa silang dumiretso sa dagat at nagtampisaw (They were so happy. They got tired walking from Luneta to here but as soon as they saw the beach, they got excited and went straight to the water to play)," Mericar said of her children.

Groups of cyclists were also seen parking their bikes outside the beach's entrance.

Benjamin said he used to just imagine going to the dolomite beach and usually takes a peek when he passes by the area.



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"Dati nadadaanan namin siya pero sarado pa so hindi pa allowed 'yung mga tao pumunta. Since may napabalita na may mga tao ng pumupunta, sinadya namin para makita din namin 'yung ganda ng dolomite beach (We used to pass by this area but it was still close then. When we heard that people were already coming here, we planned the trip so we, too, can also see the beauty of the dolomite beach)," he said.

Couples were also spotted by the beach.

"Sana pagdating ng araw maalagan ito ng mga susunod na pangulo at mabantayan. Tulad nito naumpisahan na. Wala na sana kokontra (I hope the next president will take care of this area. It has been started so I hope nobody is no longer against it)," Buddy said.

Visitors may stay as long as they want but only 300 individuals at a time will be allowed in until 6 p.m. daily.

Food, drinks, pets, picking up dolomite sand, spitting, and littering are not allowed.

Vaccination is not required but masks but must be worn at all times.

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public which made the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach truly successful," Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said in a statement on Saturday.

The 140-meter beach area comprises Phase 1 of the Manila Bay Beach Nourishment Project.

Marshals are all over area to remind the public of safety protocols. (PNA)

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DENR ISINAMA ANG KABATAAN SA PAGLULUNSAD NG TAMANG PANGANGALAGA SA KAPALIGIRAN



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Inilunsad ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) noong Biyernes ang nationwide Solid Waste Management Advocacy Campaign upang maitama ang pag-uugali ng publiko partikular na ang mga kabataan sa pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at tamang pangangasiwa at pagtatapon ng basura.

Sa pamamagitan ng DENR Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS), ang kampanyang ito ay ginawa upang mapabilis ang pagkakaroon ng malusog, luntian at malinis na Pilipinas sa gitna ng mga banta sa kalikasan sa bansa at sa buong mundo.

- "Ang paglikha ng isang mas mahusay at malusog na kapaligiran sa pamamagitan ng mahusay na pamamahala ng solid waste management ay isa sa pinakamalaking hamon na kinakaharap natin, sa DENR, ngayon," saad ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu sa paglulunsad ng kampanya noong Oktubre 15 sa DENR Central Office.
- "Kailangan talaga namin ng suporta ng mga tao, lalo na ang sektor ng kabataan. Ito ay mahalaga, upang mapahanga natin sila, maliban kung hindi tayo gagawa ng isang tama ehemplo ngayon sa pamamagitan ng masigasig na pagsasanay ng mabuting pamamahala ng solid waste management, walang maaasahang magandang kapaligiran ang susunod na henerasyon," dagdag nito.

Upang mapalaganap ang kamalayan at mahikayat ang publiko na suportahan ang kampanya, palalakasin ng DENR ang pakikiisa at pakikipagtulungan, teknolohiya at maging ang information, education at communication campaign.





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"Habang ang program na ito ay inilaan upang maging isang pang buong-bansa na diskarte, dinisenyo namin ito upang higit na nakatuon sa mga kabataan na kalaunan ay magsisilbing mga kampeon sa kapaligiran," sabi naman ni Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns sa SCIS Supervising Undersecretary Benny D. Antiporda.

Kabilang sa DENR solid waste management campaign ang Basura Buster, isang free, web-based game application para sa mga batang may edad na lima hanggang walong taon.

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"Creating a better and healthier environment through efficient solid waste management is one of the biggest challenges that we, at the DENR, are faced today," saad ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu sa paglulunsad ng kampanya noong Oktubre 15 sa DENR Central Office.

KABATAAN ISINAMA SA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES NG DENR

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"We really need the support of the people, especially our youth sector. It is important, therefore, to impress to them that unless we do something right today by diligently practicing sound solid waste management, the future will be bleak," dagdag nito.

Upang mapalaganap ang kamalayan at mahikayat ang publiko na suportahan ang kampanya, palalakasin ng DENR ang pakikiisa at pakiki pagtulungan, teknolohiya at maging ang information, education at communication campaign.

"While this program is intended to be a whole-ofnation approach, we designed this to be more focused on the youth who would later serve as our environmental champions," sabi naman ni Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns at SCIS Supervising Undersecretary Benny D. Antiporda.

Kabilang sa DENR solid waste management campaign ay ang Basura Buster, isang free, web-based game application para sa mga batang may edad na 5 hanggang 8 taon.

Ang application na ito na pwedeng ma-download sa Android devices sa pamamagitan ng Google Play Store, Ang manlalaro na maaaring makapagipon ng puntos sa pamamagitan ng paghihiwalay ng iba't-ibang uri ng basura sa paraan ng "educational at entertaining."

Sa pamamagitan naman ng social media accounts, umaasa ang DENR na maimpluwensiyahan ang "behavioral change" sa pamamagitan ng mga videos ukol sa tamang pangangasiwa at pagtatapon ng basura sa pang-arawaraw na sitwasyon.

Kabilang na dito ang paghihiwalay ng basura, pagdadala ng sariling eating utensils sa restaurants, at pagbebenta ng basura o ang tinatawag na "Pera sa Basura."





6,000 bats recovered from four illegal poachers in Bulacan

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Four illegal wildlife poachers were arrested after yielding more than 6,000 Wrinkle-lipped bats (Chaerephon plicatus)—some of them already dead—in an operation conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and other agencies in San Miguel, Bulacan, the agency reported Monday, Oct. 18.

Executive director of DENR-Central Luzon Executive Director Paquito Moreno, Jr. identified the suspects Rolando Santiago, 40; Reynante Donito Gonzales, 44; Rejie Mangahas, 28; and Ronald Santiago, 39, who were caught in possession of the vulnerable species worth P90,000.

They were arrested inside the Biak-na-Bato National Park.

DENR said it already filed criminal charges against the suspects for violating Section 20 (a) of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) law as amended by RA 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS law.

"Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possesion of any plants or animals or products derived therefrom without permit from the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) are strictly prohibited inside the protected area," Paquito said in filing the charges.

Section 21 of RA 7586 imposes a penalty of maximum of P500,000 fine, exclusive of the damage value of wildlife, and a maximum of six years imprisonment.

According to the DENR, an undetermined number of dead bats were immediately buried to prevent potential spread of infection and zoonotic disease, while at least 100 bats that were still alive were released back into the wild.

DENR warned the public that it would hunt down people involved in illegal wildlife trade and destruction of protected areas and penalize them under existing environmental laws, rules and regulations.

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6K bats rescued, poachers arrested

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BY JONAS REYES

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan — A total of 6,000 Wrinkle-lipped bats were rescued while four suspected poachers were arrested by authorities in this town in an effort to preserve the biodiversity of the area.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Central Luzon executive director Paquito Moreno Jr. said that the agency along with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office Baliwag, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National Anti-illegal Logging Task Force in Biak Na Bato National Park conducted a sweep of the area and saw four suspected poachers gathering these animals.

Moreno said that the 6,000 wrinkle-lipped bats are worth over P90,000.

Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possession of any plants or animals or products derived therefrom without permit from the Protected Area Management Board are strictly prohibited inside the protected area.

The suspects, meantime, were identified as Rolando Santiago, Reynante Donito Gonzales, Rejie Mangahas, and Ronald Santiago, all residents of barangay Biak-na-Bato in San Miguel town.

The bats — with scientific name Chaerephon Plicatus — are classified as vulnerable species under DENR Administrative Order 2019-09 or the Updated National List of Threatened Philippine Fauna and their Categories.

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POACHED WILDLIFE. DENR Central Luzon workers sort more than 6,000 Wrinkle-lipped bats worth over P90,000 seized during a recent anti-poaching operation in the protected area of Biak-na-Bato National Park in Bulacan province. (DENR Central Luzon)

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FOUR suspected wildlife poachers were arrested recently by the joint operatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)- Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) based in Baliwag town in the protected area of Biak-na-Bato National Park (BNBNP).

The operation was joined by the Philippine National Police (PNP) of San Miguel town and the National Anti-illegal Logging Task Force.

DENR-Central Luzon executive director Paquito Moreno Jr. reported that more than 6,000 Wrinkle-lipped bats (Chaerephon plicatus) worth over P90,000 were seized during the operations from Rolando Santiago, 40; Reynante Donito Gonzales, 44; Rejie Mangahas, 28; and Ronald Santiago, 39, all residents of Barangay Biak-na-Bato in San Miguel town.

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He said wrinkled-lipped bats are classified as vulnerable species under DENR Administrative Order 2019-09 or the Updated National List of Threatened Philippine Fauna and their Categories.

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The more than 2,000-ha historic BNBNP was established by former President Manuel Quezon through Proclamation 223 in November 1937.

DENR study shows that the park is home to 177 animal species, including endemic species like Kalaw or Philippine hornbill, Spotted wild boar, Philippine deer, Giant cloud rats, Philippine macaque, monitor lizards, and swiftlets.

Source: https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1910539/Pampanga/Local-News/4-wildlife-poachers-nabbed





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Marbled freshwater eels, bakit itinuturing 'guardians of the river'

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Pinuntahan ni Doc Nielsen Donato ng "Born To Be Wild" ang isang ilog sa Baggao, Cagayan, upang magsagawa ng dokyumentaryo tungkol sa itinuturing "guardians of the river'-- ang marbled freshwater eels, o 'igat.'

Namangha si Doc Nielsen sa ganda ng lugar at sa linis ng tubig sa ilog na may bahagi na idineklarang sanctuary para sa naturang uri ng igat.

Mala-ahas ang hitsura ng igat at madulas ang kanilang balat bilang proteksiyon sa kanilang sarili.

Mga maliliit na nilalang sa ilog na pangunahing pagkain ng igat tulad ng mga alimasag at mga hipon.

Sa isang pagkakataon, nahuli-cam ang paghabol ng igat para almusalin sana ang isang maligsing alimasag sa ilalim ng tubig.

Ngunit bakit nga ba itinuturing tagapagbantay ng ilog ang naturang igat at ano ang kahalagahan nito sa ecosystem ng lugar?

Tunghayan ang episode na ito ng "BTBW" at alamin ang mundo ng marbled freshwater eels, at kilalanin ang mga nagpopotekta sa kanila. Panoorin.

--FRJ, GMA News

Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/balitambayan/talakayan/807474/marbled-<u>freshwater-eels-bakit-itinuturing-guardians-of-the-river/story/</u>





PAGPAPASABOG NG FILMINERA MINING INIREREKLAMO



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Bigyan muna natin ng daan ang matagal nang reklamo ng mga residente sa Brgy. Panique, Aroroy, Masbate hinggil sa walang puknat na pagpapasabog na isinasagawa ng Filiminera Resources Corporation.

Halos sumasambulat na raw ang tainga ng mga tagarito tuwing nagpapaputok ng dinamita ang kompanyang wala nang pinipiling oras kahit hating-gabing mahimbing na ang tulog nila.

Patunay na walang pakundangang pagyanig ang nagaganap sa lugar na ito araw-araw na abot-tanaw lang ng dambuhalang dayuhang minahan ang pagbitak-bitak ng kabahayan dito dulot ng animo'y intensity 6 na lindol.

Perwisyo rin umano ang ingay ng mga higanteng trak ng Filminera na dumaraan sa kalsadang nasa gilid lang ng pamamahay ng mga tagaritong walang habas na tumatakbong akala ng mga drayber nito ay bumibiyahe sila sa national highway.

Ipinarating ng inyong lingkod ang penitensyang ito ng mga taga-Panique kay Aroroy Mayor Arturo Virtucio nang makapanayam natin sa Laging Handa Briefing na isinagawa ni Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin Andanar kamakailan kung saan sinabi ng Alkaldeng ipaaabot niya sa kompanya ang suliraning ito kasabay ng suhestiyon na gawin ang pagpapasabog sa nararapat na oras.

Sa totoo lang,hindi talaga maunawaan ng mga kababayan ko ang usad-pagong na pagtugon ng mga kinauukulan hinggil sa kaliwa't kanang problemang kinahaharap ng mga tagarito mula nang gibain ng kompanya ang kabundukan sa Aroroy dahil sa open pit mining nito.





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Tone-toneladang ginto na ang hinakot ng Filminera subalit laganap pa rin ang kahirapan ng mga residente rito, lalo na 'yung mga dating minerong nawalan ng trabaho bunsod sa linargahan ang operasyon ng dayuhang kompanyang hindi naman kalakihan ang ibinabayad na excise taxes sa gobyerno nasyunal at lokal.

'Yun bang kumakalam na nga ang kanilang sikmura sa gutom, napeperwisyo pa sila sa mga pagyanig at ingay ng mga sasakyang walang pakialam ang pamahalaan dito.

Tangna, walang konsyensya talaga ang ilang bulag at binging ganid sa kwartang opisyal na may mga negosyo sa loob ng kompanyang patuloy na yumayaman sa gitna ng pobreng nasasakupan.

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Waste picker communities reap from PLDT, PBSP's waste management efforts

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One man's trash is another man's treasure. This holds true for some 300 beneficiary families who are set to receive food packages as part of the waste management program launched by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) to mark its 50th anniversary.



Dubbed as Xtrash Challenge, the initiative was implemented in partnership with Basic Environmental Systems & Technologies, Inc., (BEST), and aimed to raise funds for urban poor communities by incentivizing the waste collection efforts of companies. Points were awarded for every kilo of waste surrendered to collection centers.

As an affirmation of the Group's commitment to environmental stewardship, PLDT and its wireless unit Smart Communications, Inc. (Smart) were able to collect and segregate over 5,400 kilograms of waste. At the conclusion of the challenge, PLDT and Smart were recognized among the top performers in the NCR-wide challenge participated in by PBSP-member organizations.

"Managing waste management is essential for building sustainable and livable cities. This challenge is concrete evidence that behavioral change and private sector participation are key to a functional waste management approach. We recognize the efforts of our members and their role as critical and committed actors in this battle against solid waste," said PBSP Executive Director Elvin Ivan Uy.

"We are honored and thankful to receive these awards as top participants of PBSP's recycling initiative. I receive them on behalf of the PLDT and Smart employees who generously participated in the program despite the limitations of COVID," PLDT and Smart Corporate Sustainability and Investor Relations Head Melissa V. Vergel De Dios said.

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Pinay scientist bags prestigious Green Talents Award in Germany

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A Filipino scientist from Mindanao, whose projects involve the upcycling of waste to produce materials used in infrastructure, was among this year's awardees in the prestigious Green Talents International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development in Germany.



Top: Dr. Lawagon receives her award from Dr. Michael Meister, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of Education and Research. Bottom: CDA a.i. Lillibeth Pono, Consul Mary Luck Hicarte and Vice-Consul Mina Ganzon of the Philippine Embassy in Berlin congratulate Dr. Lawagon in a virtual private room. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Embassy in Berlin)

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) disclosed Monday, Oct. 18, that Filipino scientist, Dr. Chosel Lawagon, was among the 25 awardees selected by a panel of German experts from among 467 applicants from 78 countries.

Officials of the Philippine Embassy in Berlin attended the virtual awarding ceremony hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) on Oct. 15 where they were given a private virtual room to interact with Lawagon.

Lawagon is a director at the Center for Green Nanotechnology Innovations for Environmental Solutions at the University of Mindanao (UM). She focused on upcycling waste through nanotechnology.

One of her research projects, which is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), is about the conversion of waste into nanoparticles that can be incorporated into smart





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concrete. This project could help address the need for more resilient infrastructure in earthquakeprone Mindanao.

Her second research project involves the integration of nanomaterials from agricultural and plastic waste into a nanogenerator. This has the potential to be a cheaper renewable energy alternative to solar panels.

Together with the UM College of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences, Lawagon is also conducting research on the impact of landfill leachate on nearby rivers in Davao City.

As a Green Talents awardee, Lawagon participated in the virtual Green Talents Science Forum, which gave her and her fellow awardees an overview of Germany's sustainability research landscape, and the opportunity to network with German researchers.

Lawagon returned to the Philippines in 2020 under the DOST's Balik Scientist Program. She will travel to Germany next year for three months of research in a German partner institution of her choice.

The Green Talents International Forum features an international competition for outstanding young scientists committed to promoting sustainability in their communities.

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An urgent response to climate change



By Michael Rellosa

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IF 11,000 scientists from 153 countries get together, agree and sign a paper (Ripple and colleagues, 2020), complete with the planet's vital signs indicating extremely worrying trends and, at the same time, exhibiting the lack of humanity's progress to halt and reverse climate change, then we better sit up, take notice and heed this clarion call for action. Since then, nearly 3,000 more scientists have added their signatures, and 1,990 jurisdictions in 34 countries have formally declared a climate emergency. If you are not living under a rock, you would have heard of the unprecedented snowballing of climate-related extreme events such as the devastating flooding in South America and Southeast Asia, record-breaking heat waves and the resultant wildfires in Australia and the Western United States, an extremely busy Atlantic hurricane season and apocalyptic cyclones in Africa, South Asia and the Western Pacific.

No wonder <u>Ted Torres</u>, erstwhile business editor of a rival paper, has been posting nonstop about climate change on his Facebook page. No wonder friends from the multilateral agencies have, likewise, been pushing solutions that are supposed to prepare us for such scenarios and to make our existence a bit more sustainable. Yet, nary a sign of concern or even acknowledgment that the future is bleak and that we need a multilateral, all of government, nay, all of nation — perhaps even an all of planet — approach to the problem at hand. It is unfortunate that other events, the ongoing pandemic, the geopolitical strains and general disintegration of society, the peddling of outright disinformation and the resultant cynicism of the populace have taken up much of our attention.



Be that as it may, the insurance industry in the <u>Philippines</u> — the country, which ranks as one of the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and the resultant catastrophic perils — which is supposed to be experts at risk management and purveyor of appropriate solutions, has not even





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started to acknowledge the situation and barely scratched the surface in coming up with solutions. It is true that the government, together with business and the rest of the populace, finds itself in the same situation. However, it is my belief that the insurance industry should be among the first to respond.

In previous columns, I mentioned the various initiatives that the industry, the Insurance Commission and its partners and collaborators have come up with, such as the Philippine Catastrophe Insurance Facility, or PCIF, a scheme designed to pool the catastrophic perils taken on by the industry even out its peaks and valleys thereby lessening volatility, and increasing efficiencies while leveraging on size when dealing with the international reinsurance market, hopefully resulting in better and sustainable pricing. The other promising one is the introduction of a parametric product, the triggers of which would be excess rainfall and wind (read typhoon). The first iteration of this product is a scaled-down version, which could be sold on a stand-alone basis or bundled into the existing products of insurance companies. Owing to its size, it is currently designed for the underserved portion of the insuring public, but it is easily scalable to meet the needs of the mainstream. There are other initiatives such as the introduction of nature-based solutions, and a revved-up plan on education and awareness in conjunction with other concerned groups such as Arise Philippines (watch this space for more information).

It may be a start, but truth be told, we could do more. We could start by being acutely aware of the current situation, follow the science and gain an acceptance of what will be and what can be done to better prepare ourselves. Start early, start now, so that what solutions we have, to begin with, gain traction and are given a chance to stabilize and be able to work properly once the inevitable does occur. It is true that in a democracy, one cannot push one's ideas and expect everyone to follow. No one has a monopoly on good and workable ideas and solutions, but please realize that indeed there is no perfect solution. We could spend ample amounts of time to produce one that will be acceptable to all. Therein lies the rub, we do not have the luxury of time.

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COP26 and the climate change ambition loop



by Marit Stirius-Cabug

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THE countdown to the 26th international conference on climate change, or <u>Conference of Parties</u> (COP26) as it is also known, is well under way with less than two weeks to go before the kickoff in Glasgow. Expectations are — as always — high as the urgency is getting more acute. "Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis" report of the <u>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</u> that was released in August confirmed that nations can't afford to hesitate in instituting drastic measures to slow, stop and reverse climate change. Words such as "unequivocal" and "unprecedented" describe the human-induced changes to the climate and the resulting impact on life as we know it.

Civil society groups have started campaigns to pressure governments to take action though some governments have already adopted ambitious plans to fight climate change. Ambitious and ambition actually seem to be key words with nonprofit organizations and governments talking about "accelerating the ambition loop."

"Ambition, ambition, ambition" was the answer of Maisa Rojas, coordinator of <u>Chile</u>'s <u>Scientific Advisory Committee</u> on Climate Change, when asked what would be the focus of Chile's government at COP26 (Nature Climate Change, www.nature.com, Oct. 11, 2021). Chile has made a commitment to reach the net-zero of climate change-inducing emissions by 2050. Rojas, like her government, believes that if Chile, a relatively small country, can make such an ambitious commitment, so can other small countries and together, that would create a big positive impact for the planet. Chile's example can inspire and challenge other nations, big and small, to set the same goals. "Thus, our focus for the upcoming COP26 will be encouraging other small countries to raise their ambitions," Rojas told Lingxiao Yan of Nature Climate Change journal.

The international nonprofit CDP Global tracks the ecological footprints of companies, cities and governments. The organization talks about creating an "ambition loop to accelerate progress toward the objectives of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. We — nations, local governments, business, organizations, communities and individuals — must all get more ambitious and take our respective efforts to the next level."

Big business is the master of "greenwashing" and making corporate social responsibility look charitable though PR mileage is often greater than positive impact on people and community. Yet, the climate change "ambition loop" seems to drive for instance, Globe, as the company has adopted the net-zero-by-2050 target. The company's e-waste collection and management program is one of the initiatives adopted to rid the environment of potentially toxic substances and recover reusable and recyclable components and materials from discarded electronics.

A community that has taken the campaign for a clean and nontoxic environment to the next level is <u>Apo Island</u> in Dauin, Negros Oriental. This island barangay (village) of 920 residents (2020 Census) is a world-famous dive spot attracting thousands of foreign tourists before the pandemic. In 2020, it embarked on a zero waste management program, which last month culminated in Apo



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Island being declared the first zero waste island in the <u>Philippines</u>. The program started with an "audit" of the garbage to determine its composition in order to come up with a waste management system most suitable for the place. An information campaign was conducted to ensure that all residents would know how to properly segregate their garbage. The barangay introduced door-to-door collection of segregated waste.

Bottles, cans and other recyclable items are rinsed and cleaned by residents and establishments before being disposed of. These items are sold to junk dealers while before they would have been ferried to the mainland for final disposal at the local landfill.

Sadly, Apo Island still sees a lot of trash from the mainland washing up on its shores. This is unfortunately a common sight in the Philippines due to improper disposal of garbage and excessive use of sachets and other plastic packaging. Plastic is here, there and everywhere. Proposing expensive, dioxin-spewing incinerators disguised as "waste-to-energy" facilities will just make it worse as mass burning of trash will be an incentive to generate even more of it.

COP26 is thus a venue for anti-plastics campaigners to push their battle cry for a plastics-free world. One of the organizations in the forefront of this campaign is Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA). The ubiquitous plastic "fuels the climate crisis," GAIA says in its campaign, pointing out that most plastics are made from petrochemicals. So-called biodegradable plastic is a disintegrating-into-a-thousand-pieces myth that delays society's shift to more sustainable consumption practices where there is less waste, less toxicity, where the negative ecological footprint of our actions are not left for future generations to deal with. Each one of us must become conscious of the environmental impact of the decisions we make every day and start dropping or replacing the ecologically unsound ones. Let's not wait until 2050.





Mideast in danger on climate change



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PAPHOS: The climate crisis threatens a double blow for the <u>Middle East</u>, experts say, by destroying its oil income as the world shifts to renewables and by raising temperatures to unliveable extremes.

Little has been done to address the challenge in a region long plagued by civil strife, war and refugee flows, even as global warming looks likely to accelerate these trends, a conference heard last week.

"Our region is classified as a global climate change hotspot," <u>Cyprus</u> President <u>Nicos Anastasiades</u> told the <u>International Conference</u> on Climate Change in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East.

Home to half a billion people, the already sun-baked region has been designated as especially vulnerable by the <u>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</u> and the <u>UN</u>'s World Meteorological Organization.

Yet it is also home to several of the last countries that have not ratified the 2015 <u>Paris Agreement</u> — <u>Iran</u>, <u>Iraq</u>, Libya and Yemen — weeks before the UN's COP26 climate conference starts in Glasgow.

When it comes to climate change and the Middle East, "there are terrible problems," said <u>Jeffrey Sachs</u>, who heads the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

"First, this is the centre of world hydrocarbons, so a lot of the economies of this region depend on a fuel that is basically anachronistic, that we have to stop," said Sachs of New York's Columbia University.

"Second, obviously, this is a dry region getting drier, so everywhere one looks, there is water insecurity, water stress, dislocation of populations," he told AFP.

Sachs argued that "there needs to be a massive transformation in the region. Yet this is a politically fraught region, a divided region, a region that has been beset by a lot of war and conflict, often related to oil."

The good news, he said, is that there is "so much sunshine that the solution is staring the region in the face. They must just look up to the sky. The solar radiation provides the basis for the new clean, green economy."

Laurent Fabius, the former French foreign minister who oversaw the Paris Agreement, pointed out that in this year's blistering summer, "we had catastrophic wildfires in Cyprus, Greece, <u>Turkey</u>, Israel, Lebanon".

"There were temperatures over 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit) in Kuwait, Oman, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran. We have drought in Turkey, water stress in different countries, particularly Jordan.

"These tragic events are not from a disaster movie, they are real and present."

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Publiko, dumagsa ang ilang kilalang pasyalan kasabay ng pagbaba sa Alert Level 3 ng Metro Manila simula nitong Sabado

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Dumagsa ang mga tao sa ilang kilalang pasyalan sa Metro Manila nitong weekend matapos ibaba sa Alert Level 3 ang buong rehiyon na nagsimula nitong Sabado, October 16.

Ilan sa mga pasyalang ito ay ang dolomite beach sa Manila Bay, Quirino Grandstand sa Ermita sa Manila at ang Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

Nahirapan naman ang mga otoridad na panatilihing nasusunod ng publikong nagtungo sa lugar ang health protocols at social distancing dahil dagsa ang mga ito.

Sa ngayon, dahil sa dami ng tao ay nababahala si Dr. Maricar Limpin, presidente ng Philippine College of Physicians dahil sa pre-pandemic na tagpo.

Posible kasi aniya magdulot pa ito ng muling pagtaas ng kaso lalo't maraming tao ang nasa labas.

Kahit naman nakikita na ang pagbaba ng mga kaso, iginiit ni Dr. Rontgene Solante isang Infectious Disease Expert na hindi dapat magpakampante ang publiko dahil hindi pa rin nawawala ang virus.

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#MayCOVIDpa: Strict observance of COVID-19 rules stressed amid crowding in NCR sites

By Jeline Malasia

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Crowds gather as they wait for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its second day being open on Oct. 17, 2021. (The STAR/Miguel de Guzman)

(*Updated 7:35 p.m.*) Calls to strictly observe and be mindful of the minimum public health and safety protocols for COVID-19 were stressed on social media as photos of crowding in the metro circulated over the weekend.

The Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach opened to the public last Saturday as the National Capital Region downgraded to Alert Level 3 of general community quarantine.

News outlets reported pictures and clips of the area which featured throngs of people visiting the site on Sunday.





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<u>COVIDMan</u>," a Filipino donning a COVID-themed costume who goes to places and reminds people of health protocols, went in the area as well.

According to him, a cop eventually arrived on the scene and suddenly enforced a 15-minute visitation limit due to the number of people.

He claimed that there was no signage in the area indicating such a rule.

The Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach is the first phase of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Manila Bay beach nourishment project.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said that people may stay in the area as long as they want but only 300 individuals are allowed during the visiting hours from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

He added that it is also open to those who are not yet fully vaccinated but everyone needs to wear the requisite face mask. The wearing of face shields is optional since it is an outdoor area.

Cimatu also said that bathing in the Manila Bay waters is prohibited since the level of fecal coliform has not yet gone down to 100 most probable number per 100 milliliters, which is the standard level acceptable for swimming.

Amid the reported crowding, the environment chief said that they are "overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public." He, however, maintained that health protocols were observed in the area through the help of DENR personnel and security marshals.

Those who saw the photos online expressed concerns citing that there is still a prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, especially the presence of the highly contagious Delta Variant.

"'Pag Alert Level 3, hindi po ibig sabihin na back to normal na. May COVID pa rin po ha," ABS-CBN's data analytics head Edson Guido <u>tweeted</u>.

"May Covid pa po. Kayo din, baka mag lockdown ulit. #MayCovidPa," Supreme Court Associate Justice Marvic Leonen <u>wrote</u>.





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"Omg! After weeks, tataas na naman COVID cases then maglo-lockdown na naman. Paulit-ulit na lang," another <u>Filipino</u> online user likewise said in response to the photos of crowd.

"'Di ba applicable ang social distancing sa (Alert) Level 3?" another <u>Twitter user</u> commented.

Alleged pictures of crowds in Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City were also uploaded by some online users over the weekend who similarly aired concerns on the observance of COVID-19 rules.

Other online users pointed out that Filipinos have been under lockdown for nearly two years now.

"Guys we've been locked up at home for almost TWO years. Ok? Other countries around the world are shifting back to normal life. Let's please not judge people who want to go out, but encourage them to ALWAYS practice safety measures. We can't have another year of this," a <u>Twitter user</u> said.

Alert Level 3 has been in place in Metro Manila last October 16. NCR would be placed under this quarantine classification until October 31.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases said that this is <u>imposed</u> when "case counts are high and/or increasing, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at increasing utilization."

<u>Alert Level 3</u> allows individual outdoor exercises for all ages, regardless of their comorbidities or COVID-19 vaccination status.

Venues of social events, if outdoors, are only allowed a maximum of 50% venue capacity and provided its workers are all fully vaccinated. These include venues for family reunions.

"All other establishments, or activities in areas not covered by granular lockdowns and which are not otherwise specified in Section 4(4), may be allowed to operate or be undertaken at 100% on-site or venue/seating capacity, as the case may be, provided they implement minimum public health standards," IATF-EID said on its guidelines.

The <u>Department of Health</u> on Monday said that cases in NCR could further decline by November based on the projections that were provided to them.

Despite this, infectious disease expert Dr. Rontgene Solante cautioned the public against complacency as the ICU utilization still rate remains high at 75%.

As of October 15, Metro Manila is still among the top regions in the country in terms of recording active and new COVID-19 cases.

The DOH requires everyone to stay at least one-meter away from each other for precautionary measures against the virus. It is nearly equivalent to a length of a motorcycle.

The United States' Centers for Disease Control and Protection said that people should observe "at least 6 feet" or "about an arm's length" distance from each other.

"Social distancing, also called 'physical distancing,' means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household," its <u>website</u> said.





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"Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay at least 6 feet away from others when possible, even if you—or they—do not have any symptoms," it said.

COVID-19 is transmitted through aerosols and respiratory droplets that are emitted through talking, shouting, singing, coughing and sneezing.

Apart from wearing face masks, strictly practicing physical distancing measures are among the ways to mitigating the spread of the virus which has a high transmission rate.



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Tayud residents sign manifesto vs Consolacion reclamation project

(The Freeman)
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At least 120 residents signed a manifesto of appeal, asking President Rodrigo Duterte to put a stop to the Seafront City project which will not only affect their livelihood but also their homes.

CEBU, Philippines — Residents of Barangay Tayud in Consolacion town whose livelihood depend on the shipyard operations are seeking the stoppage of the municipality's 235-hectare reclamation project.

At least 120 residents signed a manifesto of appeal, asking President Rodrigo Duterte to put a stop to the Seafront City project which will not only affect their livelihood but also their homes.

These residents include habal-habal drivers, tricycle drivers, operators of carenderia (eatery) and owners of boarding houses that serve workers and visitors of the six shipyards that operate in Barangay Tayud.

The other signatories are fisherfolk who do not only live along the shorelines of Barangay Tayud but also rely on fishing as source of income.

"We are poor residents who can't afford to live in expensive subdivisions or get an apartment unit. We survive on fishing and doing hard labor like working in shipyards that are located in our barangay. Some of us, like the vendors and tricycle and habal-habal drivers, earn from the operation of the shipyards and other businesses in our community," they said in their petition.

"And the risk of losing both our homes and our source of livelihood while we are still suffering from a pandemic is unbearable. We are begging that you listen to our pleas," read a portion of the petition which they signed on Sunday, October 17.





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To disprove claims by Mayor Joannes Alegado and other town officials that Barangay Tayud is no longer rich in marine resources, a group of at least 20 fishermen went out to the sea near the shipyards to catch fish early Sunday morning.

The fishermen were later joined in by their wives and children for the ceremonial signing of a petition addressed to Duterte at the mangroves swamp in their area to show how the proposed project would lead to the destruction of the marine habitat there.

"We are registered voters of Barangay Tayud and most of us have lived in the barangay all our lives. This was where we were born, where we studied, got married and raised our children," the petition read.

"Despite the development that is now being enjoyed by our locality, many of us continue to fish or earn from the bounty of sea, something that we inherited from our forefathers. Mr. President, we are knocking at your kind heart and are appealing that you listen to our pleas," it added.

They lamented that they were never consulted by the municipal government nor were they invited to a public hearing on the project.

Tayud residents were the second group who filed a petition to the President against the project.

At least 2,000 workers of the six affected shipyards filed a petition that was sent last week, expressing opposition against the project as they too were not consulted about the proposed reclamation.

The Consolacion municipal government has partnered with a private consortium—La Consolacion Seafront Development Corporation (LCSDC)—to undertake the 235.8- hectare "Seafront City" reclamation project on the coastlines of Barangay Tayud.

Incidentally, Securities and Exchange Commission records showed that the LCSDC was only incorporated last Oct. 31, 2019 with a capitalization of P10 million. Among the incorporators were incumbent Rep. Victor Yap of Tarlac and his brother, Jose Yap Jr., who was the former mayor of San Jose town in Tarlac.

Based on the 2020 census, Tayud's population reached to more than 23,000. At least 31.25 percent of the population is minors who depend on their parents for survival.

While they are not against progress and development, residents and other affected sectors are asking government officials to also consider them and their welfare in the decision-making process.

"The Consolacion LGU (local government unit) must focus on addressing the basic needs and wellbeing of the residents, especially that we're struggling in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic," said Edward Ligas, former Commissioner of the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor. — PR, KQD (FREEMAN)

Source: https://www.philstar.com/the-freeman/cebu-news/2021/10/18/2134974/tayud-residents-

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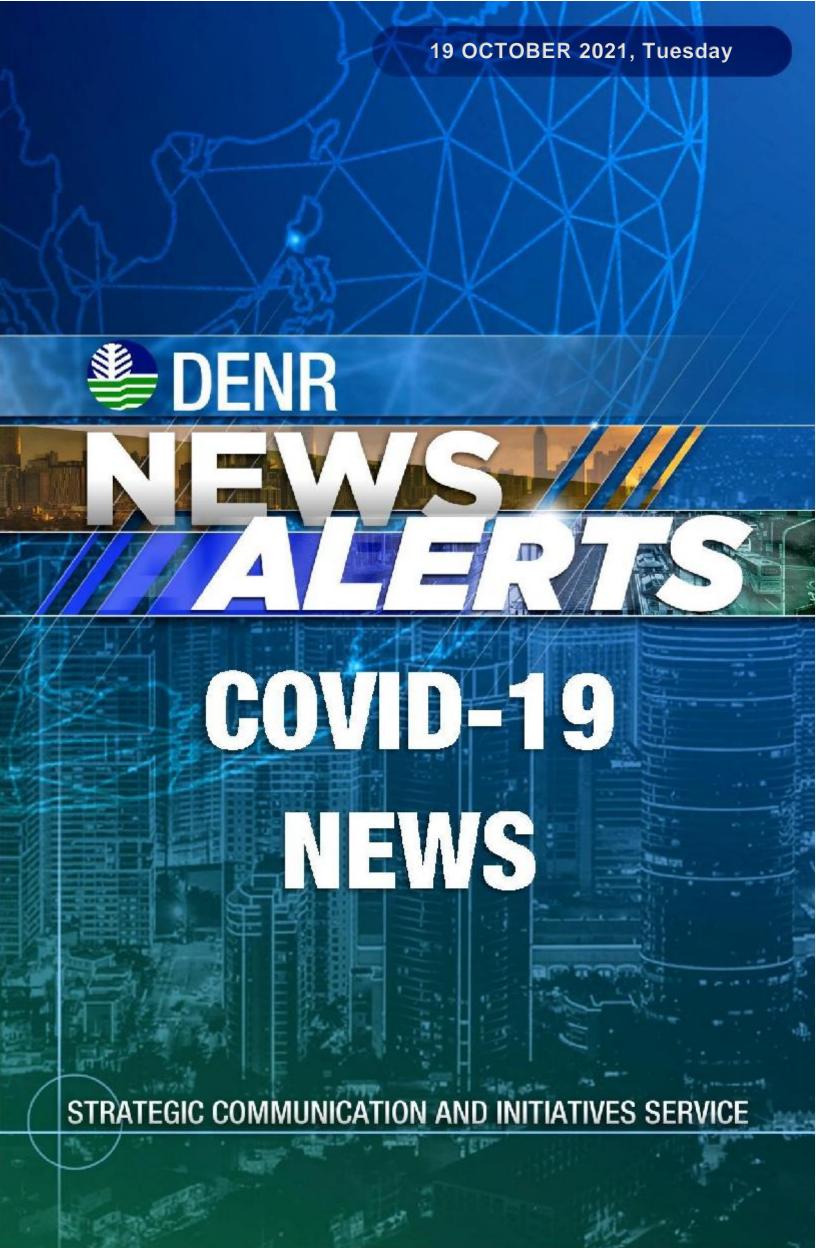
Manila, Philippines – Nagbabala ang Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) sa mga residente ng Northern Luzon sa posibleng pagbaha.

Ito ay dahil sa patuloy na pagpapakawala ng tubig ng mga dam ng Magat, Ambuklao, at.

Sinabing tag-iisang gate ang binuksan sa bawat dam.

Partikular na apektado ang mga lugar ng Ramon, San Mateo, Aurora, Cabatuan, Luna, Reina Mercedes, Burgos, Naguilian, at Gamu.

Samantala, binalaan din ang Bokod at Itogon sa Benguet sa posibleng pagbaha. RNT/FGDC







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DOH reports 6,943 new COVID-19 cases

(Philstar.com)

- October 18, 2021 - 4:01pm



Crowds gather as they wait for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its second day being open on Sunday.

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday logged 6,943 new coronavirus infections, bringing the Philippines' overall tally to 2,727,286.

Today's numbers saw active cases significantly down by 12,809 from the 81,641 on October 17. DOH said two laboratories did not submit screening results.

- Active cases: 68.832 or 2.5% of the total
- Recoveries: 19,687 bringing the number to 2,617,693
- Deaths: 86, or now 40,761 overall

Reminder amid eased restrictions

• DOH urged the public to remain vigilant against COVID-19. It came as many flocked to public spaces over the weekend, with Metro Manila downgraded to Alert Level 3 of the granular lockdown.





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- Authorities also reported 633 more cases of the highly contagious <u>Delta variant</u> of COVID-19 that were detected out of 748 samples sent for whole genome sequencing.
- The Philippines received 270,090 more doses of <u>Pfizer</u>'s COVID-19 vaccine that will be allocated for minors' inoculation.





PH logs 6,943 fresh COVID-19 cases; active infections down to 2.5% of total

Gillan Ropero, ABS-CBN News Posted at Oct 18 2021 04:15 PM



People flock to the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach along Roxas Boulevard in Manila, Sunday, October 17, 2021. The project was opened on the same day the IATF announced the easing of COVID-19 restrictions to Alert Level 3 in NCR on October 16. Public may visit the site daily from 8 am - 11 am, and 3 pm - 6 pm. *George Calvelo, ABS-CBN News*

MANILA - The Philippines on Monday reported 6,943 new COVID-19 cases, the second straight day that the number of cases was below 7,000, data from the health department showed.

The last time the country recorded below 7,000 infections was on Aug. 3 when the Department of Health announced 6,879 cases, according to the ABS-CBN Investigative and Research Group.

Of the total 2,727,286 cases, 68,832 or 2.5 percent were active infections, according to the latest DOH bulletin.

COVID-related deaths increased by 86, resulting in a total of 40,761.

There were also 19,687 more recoveries, raising the total number of recuperations to 2,617,693.

The number of fresh recoveries is the highest in six days or since Oct. 12 when DOH announced 25,146, the ABS-CBN IRG said.

"Bagama't bumababa ang mga kaso ng COVID-19 na naiiuulat nitong mga nakaraang araw, hindi dapat tayo maging kampante. Bagkus, ipagpatuloy ang tamang pagsunod sa minimum public health standards at agad na magpabakuna," the DOH said.

(Although COVID-19 cases are decreasing these past few days, we should not be complacent. We must continue observing minimum public health standards and get vaccinated.)





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The positivity rate was at 13.3 percent, based on samples of 54,150 individuals tested on Oct. 16, Saturday.

Two laboratories, which contribute on average 0.3 percent of samples tested and 0.2 percent of positive cases, were unable to submit their data, the DOH said.

The intensive care unit (ICU) bed utilization rate in Metro Manila and the Philippines was at 59 percent and 62 percent, respectively.

Twenty-five duplicates were removed from the total case count, of which 16 were recoveries, the DOH said. Thirty cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation, it added.

ALAMIN: Guidelines sa ilalim ng Alert Level 3 na ipatutupad sa NCR

Metro Manila on Saturday eased to Alert Level 3, allowing more businesses to reopen at a limited capacity.

All areas in the country have "peaked and are at downward trend while all island groups showed peaks" last month, said DOH Undersecretary and spokesperson Maria Rosario Vergeire.

Zamboanga Peninsula is the lone region currently classified as high risk for COVID-19 cases, she added.

More than 24.3 million people in the country have been fully vaccinated against the respiratory illness, while nearly 28 million others have received their first dose, according to government data.

The Philippines aims to fully vaccinate more than 77 million people to achieve population protection against COVID-19 following the emergence of more transmissible variants.

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633 more Delta variant cases detected: DOH

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor October 18, 2021, 3:50 pm



MANILA – Another 633 cases of the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus have been recorded nationwide, a health official said Monday.

In an online media forum, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said a total of 748 samples were collected on October 16.

Of the samples collected and sequenced, about 633 or 84.36 percent were Delta variant cases, three or 0.40 percent were Alpha variant cases, and six or 0.80 percent were Beta variant cases.

A total of 17,147 samples have been sequenced and 88.46 percent or 15,168 were listed with lineages as of October 17.

"Incoming international travelers comprise 962 or 5.61 percent [samples sequenced for variants]," Vergeire said.

Vergeire noted that all regions and all cities and municipalities in the National Capital Region (NCR) either have Alpha or Beta variants detected.

The Delta variant, initially detected from returning overseas Filipinos, is now detected in all 17 regions and all NCR cities and lone municipality.

Meantime, the P.3 variant, which was initially observed in only one region in the country, is now detected in all regions. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1156972





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Binawian ng buhay sa COVID-19 sa Pilipinas pumalo na sa 40,761

(Philstar.com)

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People trooping to the Manila baywalk dolomite beach along Roxas boulevard in Manila city on October 17, 2021, a day after authorities eased its quarantine restrictions in the nation's capital.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 6,943 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Lunes, kung kaya't nasa 2.72 milyon na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

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

- Lahat ng kaso: 2,727,286
- Nagpapagaling pa: 68,832, o 2.5% ng total infections
- Kagagaling lang: 19,687 dahilan para maging 2,617,693 na lahat ng gumagaling
- Kamamatay lang: 86, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 40,761

Halos 13,000 COVID-19 vaccines nasayang

- Kinastigo ng DOH ang ipinatutupad na "<u>no vaccine, no salary</u>" policy na ipinatutupad ng ilang employers sa kanilang mga tauhan. Ani Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, wala pa ring batas na nag-oobliga sa mga taong bigyan nito at hindi dapat gawin sa trabaho.
- <u>Lumundag naman ng 633 ang dami ng mas nakahahawang Delta variant COVID-19 cases sa bansa</u>, bagay na nagpapalobo ng datos sa 4,431 infections.
- <u>Paonti naman na nang paonti</u> ang mga namamatay sa COVID-19 sa Pilipinas matapos nitong maabot ang rurok nitong Agosto, patuloy pa ng gobyerno.



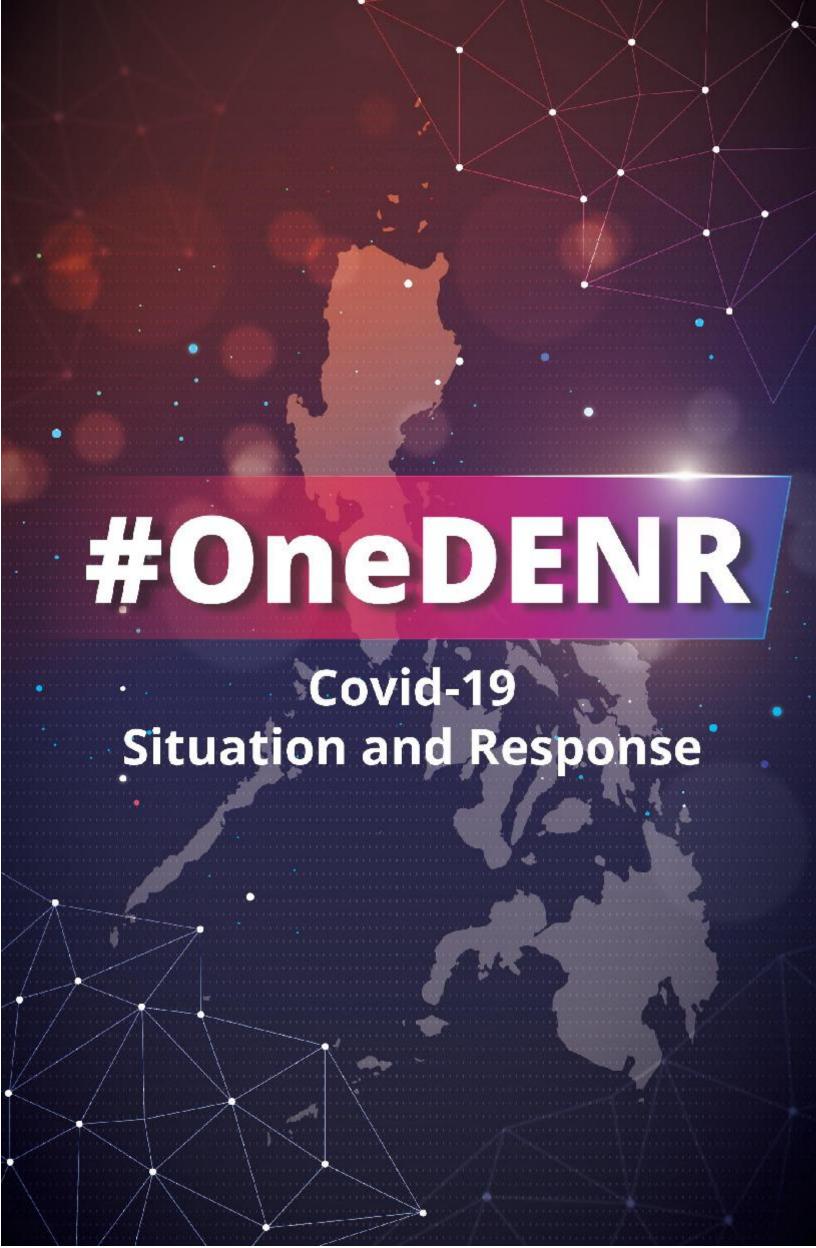


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- <u>Apat na menor de edad na ang nakararanas ng side-effects mula sa COVID-19 vaccines</u> matapos itong iturok sa mga 12-anyos pataas simula Biyernes, dagdag ni Vergeire. Gayunapaman, hindi pa raw ito ang opisyal na datos.
- Nasa 12,970 na sumatutal ang nasasayang na doses ng COVID-19 vaccines sa Pilipinas sa ngayon, kalakhan dahil sa temperature "excursions" at problema sa transportasyon, dagdag pa ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan kanina. Ang ilang gamot sa Cotabato at Ilocos Norte, nadamay pa sa sunog.
- <u>Nadagdagan naman ng 200,000 pang doses Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines ang suplay ng bansa</u> matapos lumapag ang eroplanong nagdala nito sa NAIA Terminal 3 sa Pasay City nitong Biyernes. Plnatatalon nito ang kabuuang vaccine suplay ng Pilipinas sa 2.29 milyon.
- <u>Umabot na sa 24.3 milyon ang nakakukumpleto ng COVID-19 vaccine doses sa Pilipinas</u>. Bahagi lang 'yan, 52.3 milyong gamot na naituturok na sa bansa sa ngayon.
- Sumampa na sa 239.43 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, <u>ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization</u>. Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.87 milyong katao.

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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

2.5%

68,832

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

96.0%

TOTAL NG GUMALING 2,617,693

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

TOTAL NG NAMATAY 40,761

MGA BAGONG KASO 6,943

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 19,687

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 86

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,727,286

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 16

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PORSYENTO NG MGA

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UMISTANSYA NG ISANG METRO AT LIMITAHAN ANG PISIKAL NA INTERAKSYON SA IBA

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ICU BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS) 62% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.9K TOTAL BEDS) 46% Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.9K TOTAL BEDS) 46% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.2K TOTAL VENTILATORS) ****

45% Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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KALAGAYAN NG MGA **AKTIBONG KASO**

Mild 79.7%

5.5% Asymptomatic

1.9% Critical

4.5% Severe

8.42% Moderate

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45° Utilized

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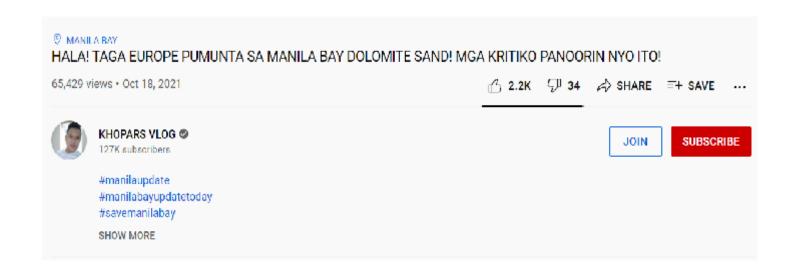




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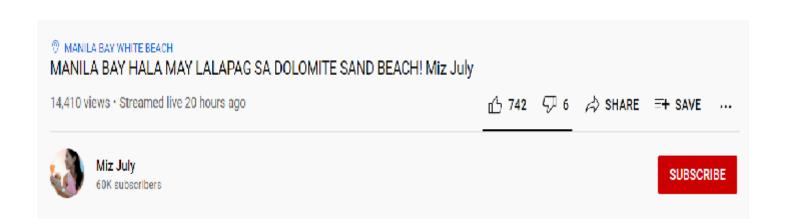




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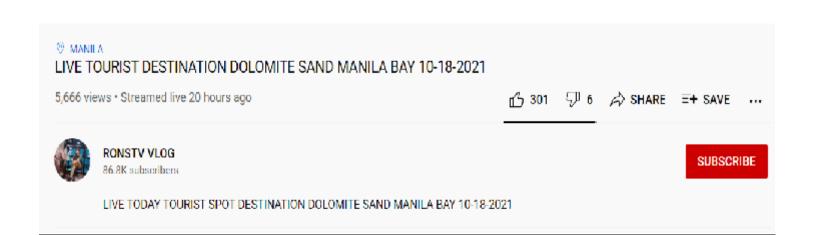




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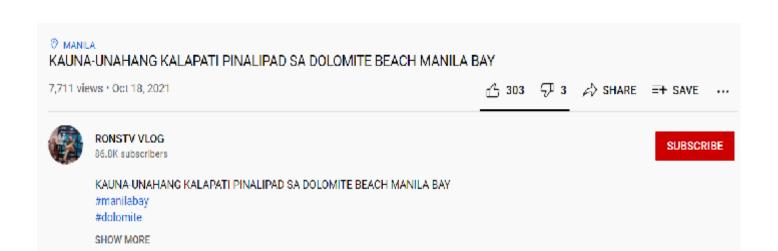




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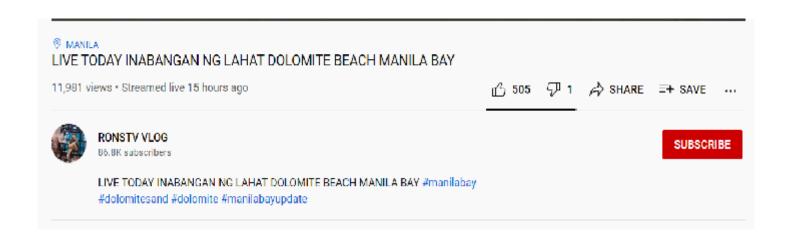




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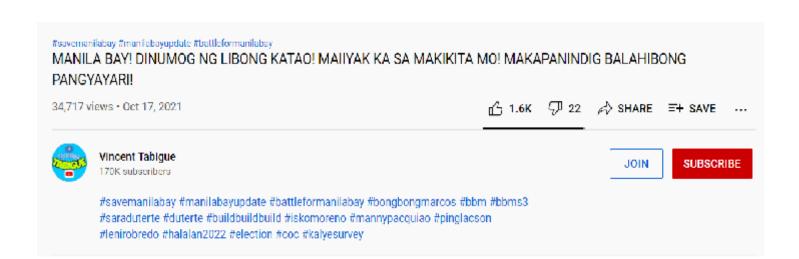




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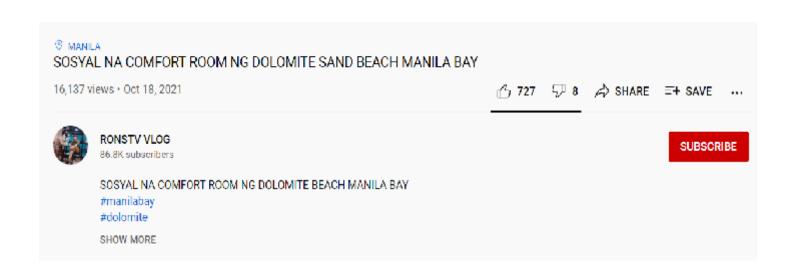




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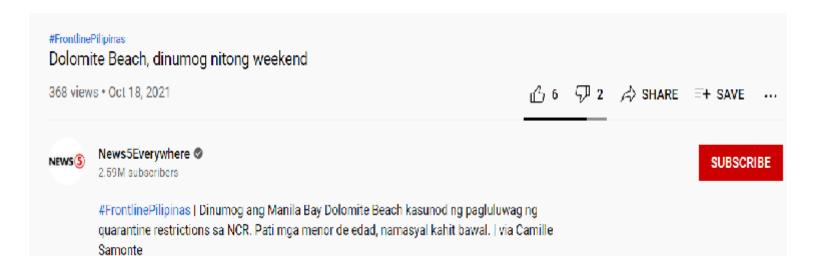


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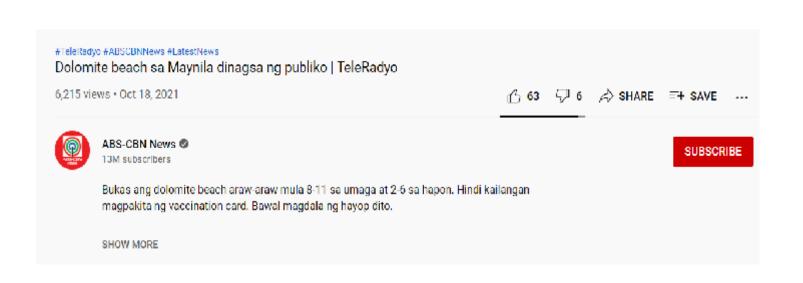




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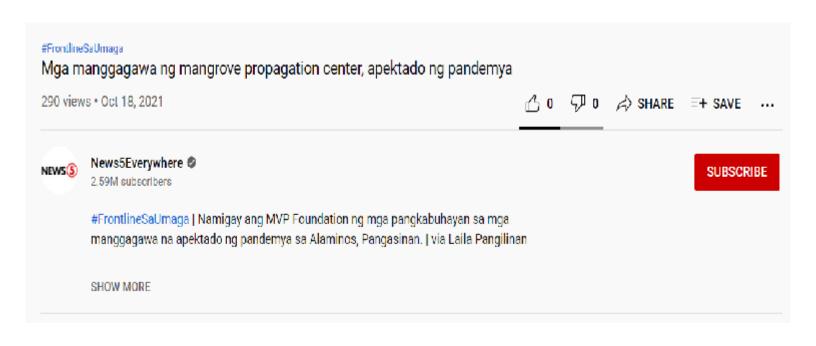




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