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## Laban para sa kalikasan

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Editor

*KAPANSIN-PANSIN na abalang-abala na ang mga political operator sa panggugulo sa buong bansa at sa pagpapapogi sa mga kliyente nila lalo na iyong may mga planong tumakbo sa mga national position sa Mayo sa susunod na taon.*

At siyempre ang isa sa mga pinag-aagawang puwesto na ilalaban talaga nila ng patayan para makuha ay ang pagka-pangulo, at ang tsansang tumira sa Malakanyang sa loob ng anim na taon.

At ilan ngasa mga nagpahayag na nang interes na tumakbo bilang pangulo ay sina Sen. Ping Lacson at Manny Pacquiao, at tiyak na susunod na rin sa kanila sina VP Leni Robredo, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, Bongbong Marcos, at kundi magbabago ang ihip ng hangin ay si Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte rin.

Pati nga iyong mga walang pag-asang manalo na tulad nina Cong. Alan Peter Cayetano at Sen. Dick Gordon ay nagpa-plano ring tumakbo.

Sa totoo lang kahit matagal pa naman ang panahon ng kampanya ay matagal ng nangangampanya ang mga potential candidate na ito, at kapansin-pansin na halos iisa ang tema ng plataporma de gobyerno nila.

Lahat sila ay nangangako na hahanguin sa kahirapan ang mga tao, wawalisin ang korapsyon sa gobyerno, bibigyan ng trabaho ang walang trabaho, pabahay sa walang bahay at kung ano-ano pa.

Dahil nga sa dami ng magagandang pangako ng mga politiko, mapapaisip ka na parang nasa langit ka na pag natapos na ang halalan.

Pero as usual alam naman natin na hindi rin nila matutupad ang karamihan sa mga pangako nila.

Subalit kung ako ang tatanungin, ang kandidato na susuportahan ko ay iyong mangangako na itataguyod ang kapakanan at pangangalagaan ang ating kapaligiran at likas na yaman.

Sa totoo lang, kung ang isang kandidato ay totoong nagmamahal sa kalikasan tiyak na kaya niya ring labanan ang lahat ng uri ng katiwalian, at sa paraang ito ay mapapaangat niya rin ang uri ng pamumuhay ng mga mamamayan.

Napag-uusapan na rin lang ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan, nais kong batiin si DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu dahil sa mahusay niyang pamumuno sa kanyang kagawaran.

At isa nga sa mga reporma na isinusulong niya upang maipasa na bilang batas sa lalong madaling panahon ay ang Environmental Protection and Enforcement (EPEB) bill.



## Laban para sa kalikasan

Nasa dalawang kapulungan na ng Kongreso ang panukalang batas at naniniwala si Cimatú na malaki ang maitutulong nito sa kanilang kampanya upang sugpuin ang mga environmental crime tulad ng illegal logging at mining, bawal na pagbebenta ng endangered animal species at iba pa.

At habang hinihintay niya ang pagsasabatas ng panukala ay itinatag niya ang Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Services (ELEPS), na isang tanggapan na kahalintulad ng PNP at NBI, para mas mapalakas nila ang laban sa mga environmental criminal.

Sa madaling salita ay masigasig si Cimatú na pangalagaan at protektahan ang ating kalikasansapagkat alam niya na ito ang susi upang maging mas maunlad, malinis at maayos ang ating bansa, hindi lang ngayon kundi maging sa darating pang mga panahon.

Sana naman mayroong kahit isang kandidato sa pagka-pangulo ang magbibigay din ng pansin sa pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at kalikasan.

Hindi na biro ang nangyayaring mga sakuna sa bansa tulad ng mga malawakang pagbaha sa panahon ng tag-ulan at kawalan naman ng maayos na mapagkukunan ng malinis na tubig sa panahon ng tag-init.

At ang pangunahing dahilan ng mga sakunang iyan ay ang patuloy na pagkasira ng ating mga kabundukan, kagubatan at maging ating mga karagatan, na pinalalala pa ng global warming at climate change.

Kaya naman kung sino man sa tatakbong pangulo ang gagamiting plataporma ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan ay tiyak na susuportahan ko at ikakampanya ko pa ng LIBRE!



## EMB National Capital Region

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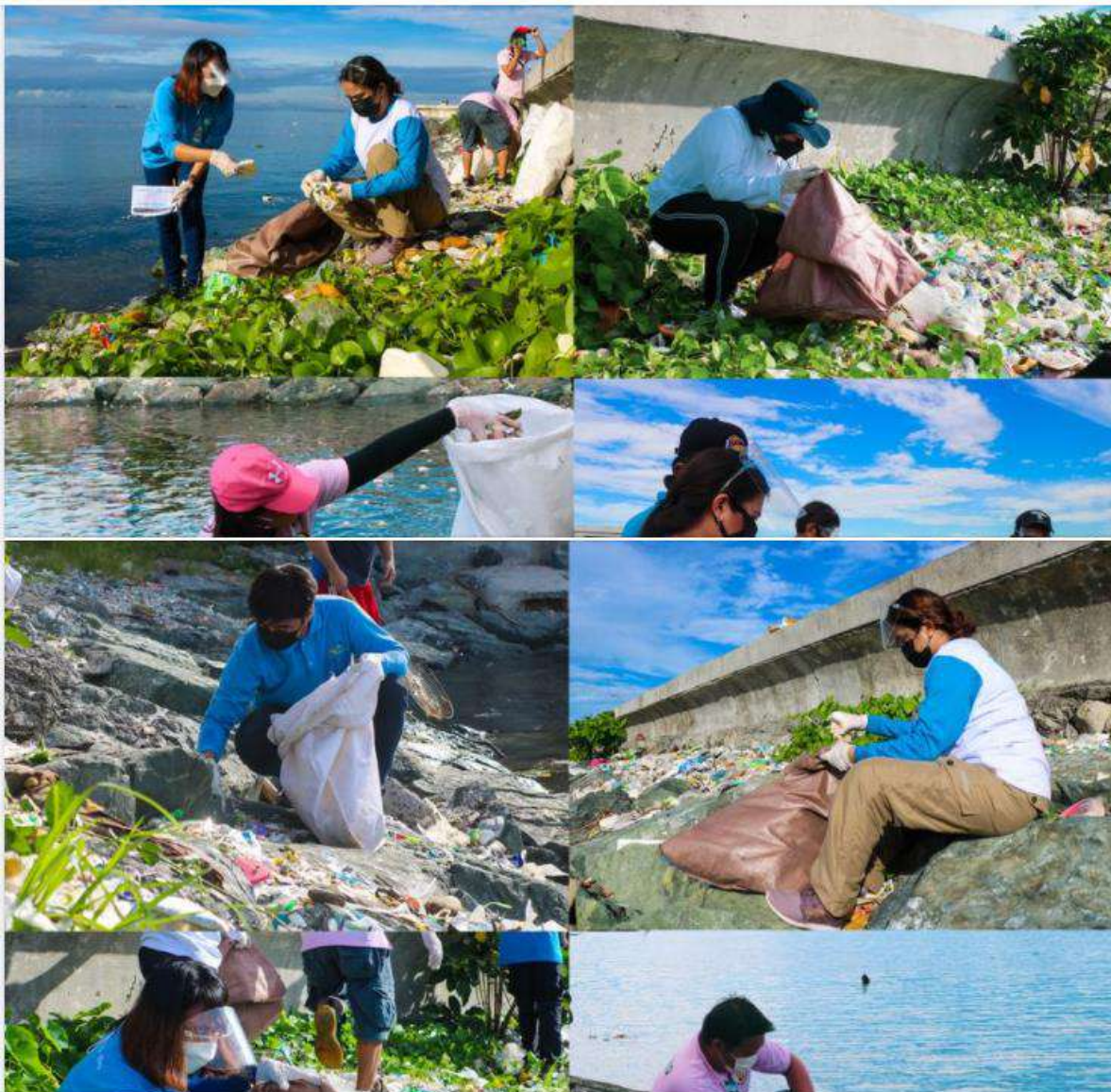
Environmental Management Bureau National Capital Region through its Ambient Water Unit and Solid Waste Management Section joined clean-up drive activity while observing COVID-19 Minimum Health and Safety Protocols (MHSP) on Saturday, September 18, at Gloria Maris, Manila Bay Area in celebration with the International Coastal Clean-up with the theme "Understand and Beat Marine Pollution."

In collaboration with Pasay City Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PCENRO), an estimated 6.5 tons of mixed wastes were collected on the said area within 4 hours of the clean-up drive activity.

International Coastal Cleanup is an annual event, celebrated every 3rd Saturday of September in the world. The event engages people to participate and volunteer in removing trash in different water bodies and waterways globally.

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## Mangrove forest boardwalk to rise in Kawayan town



Photo from DENR-Eastern Visayas

**RONALD O. REYES**

September 22, 2021

A MANGROVE forest boardwalk will soon rise in Kawayan, Biliran, following the planting of mangrove seedlings and propagules in the town.

“Mangrove benefits us all. They are extremely productive ecosystems providing the first line of defense for coastal communities. They stabilize shorelines by slowing erosion and providing a natural defense against strong waves and storm surge,” said Eugenia Bautista, former head of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) in Biliran.

Penro-Biliran handed over 1,800 tangal seedlings and bakawan propagules to Kawayan in partnership with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro)-Sta. Rita.

The planting materials were sourced from the 50-hectare mangrove seed production area in Barangay Tinago, Calbiga, Samar, which Cenro-Sta. Rita maintained.

Penro-Biliran spearheaded the planting activity along with volunteers from the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, the local government unit, the Philippine Army, and the local community.

The donation of mangrove planting materials and the planting activity initiated by Penro-Biliran were in response to Mayor Rudy Espina’s plan of creating a mangrove forest with a boardwalk in the town.



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“The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is always willing to support activities of the local government unit and any group or individual geared towards the protection of the environment and the safety of the community,” Bautista said. **(SunStar Philippines)**



## Boracay residents charged over forest code



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BORACAY Island, Aklan — Operatives from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) arrested four residents in this resort island Wednesday after they were found to have been occupants of the Boracay forest owned by the national government.

NBI Central Office team leader Rizaldy Rivera said that the arrested were three Filipinos and a German.

The NBI started its crackdown on erring Boracay residents since last year for squatting in forest and swamp areas in Boracay since last year.

The NBI has so far arrested 15 individuals, many of them foreigners.

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## NBI charges 4 Boracay residents for violating Forest Code



BORACAY. Rizaldy Rivera, of the NBI Environment Division, talks to the media about the filing of charges against four residents of Boracay. (Jun N. Aguirre)

[JUN N. AGUIRRE](#)

September 22, 2021

THE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) arrested four residents of Boracay on Tuesday, September 21, for illegal occupying a forest area owned by the government.

Rizaldy Rivera, team leader of the NBI Central Office, said three Filipinos and one German national were nabbed via warrantless arrest.

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"The four residents were charged Wednesday at the Aklan Provincial Prosecutors Office for violating the forest code. The law states that they could be able to bail at least P36,000 maximum for their temporary liberty," Rivera told members of the Aklan media Wednesday.

Two of those arrested claimed that they are holding tax declarations for their residence located in Mount Luho. The two others said they are just caretakers.

"The tax declaration is not recognized by the government if you are staying in the forest of Boracay. What is being allowed in the forest is the Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism





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Purposes, which the suspects said they have none," Rivera said.

The NBI Environment Team Division has reported that it already arrested 15 individuals who are all illegal occupants in Boracay last year. Some of those nabbed and charged were foreigners.

"We may arrest more people in Boracay in the coming days. These people have already been warned several times since the 2018 Boracay closure but still they do not listen," Rivera said.

For his part, Artem Colacion, information officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Western Visayas, said their department is supportive of NBI's operations.

"Our region/s legal team are coordinating with the NBI in filing the charges against the suspects," Colacion said. **(SunStar Philippines)**



## Resort owners, divers fear effects of Dumaguete reclamation project

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DUMAGUETE CITY – Professional divers and resort owners in Negros Oriental are apprehensive over the possible negative impacts of the proposed 174-hectare offshore reclamation project in this capital city on the diving and tourism industry.

Glenn Carballo, owner of Azure Dive Resort and president of the Negros Oriental Dive Association (NODA), told the Philippine News Agency in an interview that they decided to conduct an initial dive on Tuesday to determine the current state of the corals and sea grass beds in the area.

Carballo said more or less 40 divers joined the dive Tuesday morning near the “Dagsaan” area at Escaño Beach in Barangay Piapi here to also show their solidarity to the “No to 174 Reclamation” movement which has been calling for the scrapping of the project for more than two months now.



A diver swims past a coral reef off the coast of Escaño Beach in Barangay Piapi, Dumaguete City in an undated photo. On Monday (Sept. 21, 2021), more or less 40 professional divers conducted an underwater assessment of the coral reef and marine life in the area amid the controversial 174-hectare proposed reclamation project in the Negros Oriental capital. (Photo courtesy of Glenn Carballo/PNA/Manila Bulletin)

NODA, comprising some 30 resorts and dive shops in Negros Oriental, and owned by some of the “most experienced people in the diving industry in the Visayas”, noted that Dumaguete is the gateway to some of the most famous dive spots in the province and in the world, including the renowned Apo Island in Dauin town.

Earlier, Carballo wrote Mayor Felipe Antonio Remollo inviting him or the city’s representatives to join NODA in the dive, and to participate as well in a number of programs on understanding marine life and how people here benefit from it.



## Resort owners, divers fear effects of Dumaguete reclamation project

“As an organization, we are deeply concerned about the grave impact of the proposed 174-hectare Smart City reclamation to the future of the diving industry,” Carballo said in his letter to the mayor.

The “ambitious project” will affect the coral reefs not just in Dumaguete but also in Bacong, Dauin, and Zamboanguita, he noted.

Neither Remollo nor any of his representatives were present in the dive, Carballo said.

The NODA president told Remollo in his letter that they will submit to his office “a thorough and latest assessment” of the city’s marine environment, hopefully “to enlighten him”.

Remollo has repeatedly said in his statements that the reclamation project will benefit the people here through the generation of jobs, livelihood opportunities, and the boost in the economy, among others.

He said the project will be built “at no cost to the city” and is still in the early stages, with no permit application submitted yet to the Philippine Reclamation Authority or the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The mayor had also commissioned a group from outside of Dumaguete to conduct an underwater/marine survey, although the results have not yet been divulged to the public.

However, a coalition opposition group of environmentalists, scientists, church officials, and people’s organizations, among others, has noted alleged legal irregularities in the process by which the PHP23-billion unsolicited project is being pushed.

They also cited moral and environmental reasons in opposing the project, which was proposed by E.M. Cuerpo, Inc., a Quezon City-based group which has ties with a Chinese firm, Poly Changda Engineering Co., Ltd.



## Villar, muling nanawagan para sa malusog na kapaligiran

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MANILA, Philippines — Sa pakikiisa sa pagdiriwang ng “National Clean Up Month” nga-yong Setyembre sa bisa ng Proclamation No. 244, muling nanawagan si Senator Cynthia A. Villar para sa isang malinis at luntiang kapaligiran.

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“The children of our children and our great, great grandchildren would definitely reap the gains of our initiatives in working for a healthy environment and preserving them,” dagdag pa niya.

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Mahigit sa isang dekada na nang mag-isyu ang Supreme Court ng mandamus na nagtatakda sa concerned government agencies at local government units na linisin at ayusin ang Manila Bay. Inamin ni Villar na matagal pa bago maibalik kagandagan ng Manila Bay.

Patuloy si Villar sa pangunguna sa paglaban Manila Bay reclamation upang ma-preserve ang Las Pinas-Paranaque Wetland Park, ang 175-hectare critical area sa timog ng Manila Bay. Isa itong Wetland of International Importance na pinangangalagaan laban sa banta reclamation sa pamamagitan ng Republic Act 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (E-NIPAS) Act na inakda ni Villar.

Isinusulong ng senador na mas marami pang lugar ang mailagay sa government protection sa ilalim ng E-NIPAS Act.

“We have to put in place adequate conservation measures and appropriate management schemes to safeguard the biodiversity of ecologically rich and biologically important areas in our country so that present and future generations will continue to benefit from it,” giit ni Villar.

Ang senador ang principal author E-NIPAS Act na nagpalawig sa talaan ng protected areas sa bansa na 107 na mula 13. Kabilang dito ang mga tanyag na tourism destinations pati na rin ang internationally-recognized critical zones. Nilagdaan ang batas noong June 22, 2018. **VICKY CERVALES**



## MAYNILAD REFORESTS 626 HECTARES SINCE 2007

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**West Zone concessionaire Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) has already covered 626 hectares of denuded forest lands and coastal areas with trees and mangroves since 2007 through its “Plant for Life” reforestation program.**

Under the program, the company was able to plant more than 692,000 indigenous trees over 585 hectares of the Ipo and La Mesa watersheds as of August 2021, and more than 200,000 mangrove propagules over 41 hectares of Manila Bay’s coastline covering Muntinlupa City and Malabon City; and Cavite City, Bacoor, Rosario, Noveleta and Kawit in Cavite Province.

Maynilad has also intensified its watershed monitoring activities, which boosted the survival rate of the planted trees to an average of 80 percent over the last three years.

Planting trees in denuded portions of the watersheds helps to prevent soil erosion, thus protecting the quality of water stored in the dams that supply water for millions of consumers. It also helps with carbon sequestration, which is essential to reducing the greenhouse gases that lead to global warming.

“This program enabled Maynilad to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by around 25,000 tons per year,” said Maynilad President and CEO Ramoncito S. Fernandez. “Together with the rest of the MVP group of companies, we are ramping up our reforestation initiatives to attain ‘net-zero carbon’ by 2040.”

Maynilad taps its employees, as well as interested personnel from like-minded organizations, to participate in its annual tree-planting activity. Besides its reforestation and afforestation efforts, Maynilad has also made an initial foray into renewable energy with its recent energization of a solar farm to supply power for its La Mesa Pumping Station.



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Maynilad is the largest private water concessionaire in the Philippines in terms of customer base. It is a concessionaire of the MWSS for the West Zone of the Greater Manila Area, which is composed of the cities of Manila (certain portions), Quezon City (certain portions), Makati (west of South Super Highway), Caloocan, Pasay, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Valenzuela, Navotas and Malabon all in Metro Manila; the cities of Cavite, Bacoor and Imus, and the towns of Kawit, Noveleta and Rosario, all in Cavite Province.





## Bamboo planting, propagation measure pushed in Cebu City Council

By [Mary Ruth R. Malinao](#)(The Freeman)  
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The proposed measure entitled “Bamboo Propagation and Planting Ordinance in Cebu City” was referred to the Committee on Laws, Ordinances, and Styling for review.

CEBU, Philippines — Cebu City Councilor Eugenio Gabuya, Jr. has proposed an ordinance promoting bamboo propagation and planting in the riverbanks and watershed areas within the city.

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“Studies show that bamboo forests have many environmental benefits because they function as carbon sinks, produce oxygen, control soil erosion, provide organic matter, regulate water levels in watersheds, conserve biodiversity, beautify the landscape, and essentially contribute to the purification and regulation of the environment,” read the proposed ordinance.

Section 4 of the proposed measure provides that the city government shall identify suitable areas in all barangays along watershed areas, riverbanks, and communal forests for the establishment of bamboo plantations; conduct survey mapping and establish boundary demarcation for production and protection of such plantations; identify resident farmers who shall establish and maintain communal bamboo nurseries, among others.

The Cebu City Bamboo Development Task Force shall be created to carry out the provisions of the ordinance.

It shall comprise of the Mayor as the chairman; head of the Cebu City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CCENRO) as the vice chairman; and chairman of the City Council’s Committee



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on Environment and Committee on Agriculture, president of the Association of Barangay Councils, head of the City Agriculture Office, to name a few, as members.

The task force will consult various stakeholders, prepare the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 30 days upon the approval of the ordinance; conduct meetings for planning, consultation, updating, reporting and other activities, which may be deemed important to implement; prepare and implement a localized roadmap and action plan to be approved by the Mayor as basis for appropriating funds, among others.

Section 6 states that the funds for the implementation of the provisions of the ordinance and the activities of the city's Bamboo Development Task Force shall be appropriated and derived from the city's 20 percent Local Development Fund to be based on the approved action plan by the Mayor.

The Cebu City Bamboo Development Task Force may raise funds from other sources for specific project or activities as may be authorized by the laws. — **FPL**

## RE leader echoes IPCC's 'code red' alarm on climate change



BY BUSINESSMIRROR

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EDC president and chief operating officer Richard B. Tantoco

Unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, limiting global warming within 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius will be beyond reach.

This is the alarming reality sounded by First Gen-owned renewable energy (RE) leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) at a landmark Zoominar organized by the Ecumenical Initiative Forum, a gathering of faith-based organizations against climate change guided by the landmark Laudato Si encyclical of Pope Francis.

Dubbed "Climate Change: The Greatest Crisis of Our Time," the digital meet brought together stakeholders from the business sector, civil society, academe, and the Catholic Church led by the Focolare Movement Philippines, Season of Creation Pilipinas, and the National Laudato Si Program organized by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

"Contrary to what a lot of us may think, the COVID-19 pandemic is not our greatest problem. Even when we get out of this pandemic, the biggest crisis of our time still remains and that's climate change," said EDC president and chief operating officer Richard B. Tantoco as the forum's keynote speaker.

Tantoco bared the findings of the latest assessment report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued last August. The sixth in a series of periodic reports put out since 1990, it is the most daunting and alarming to date, pointing to irreversible consequences of climate change if no drastic action is taken to decarbonize the atmosphere.



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Among the undeniable facts the IPCC report established was that human activities have unequivocally warmed the oceans, land and atmosphere, when it was merely deemed a possibility eight years ago. It has also been confirmed that the scale of the recent climate system changes as a whole are unprecedented within a period of thousands of years of Earth's existence.

"Global surface temperatures will continue to increase at least until 2050," explained Tantoco. In terms of exceeding the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference or COP 21 limit of global temperature increase, "under most scenarios, crossing 1.5 degrees will happen in the early 2030s. [But] in the absence of deep carbon cuts, 2 degrees will be exceeded during this century."

In response, Tantoco outlined practical steps that nations and enterprises can take such as accelerating the pursuit of RE in powering not just homes and industries but transportation as well, coupled with "green" investing and an unequivocal rejection of fossil-based fuels such as coal. Forest cover rehabilitation and regeneration is also critical. For communities, resilience against extreme weather disturbances needs to be of utmost priority for local government units. For families and individuals, simple but impactful lifestyle practices such as conservation of natural resources and decreased material consumerism continues to be a big help.

"While we can no longer undo the environmental mistakes that humanity has made in the past, it is up to all of us to do something to prevent them from happening again—to be a part of the solution to the greatest crisis of our time," concluded Tantoco.

EDC is the country's biggest 100-percent RE company that accounts for over 40 percent of the Philippines' RE output and serves about 10 percent of the country's overall electricity demand with its installed capacity of almost 1,500MW. Its 1,181MW geothermal portfolio accounts for 62 percent of the country's total installed geothermal capacity and has put the Philippines on the map as the world's third largest geothermal power producer. ###



## Climate change is here

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Ace Fernandez  
Writer/Columnist

*SOMETIME ago, stunned Filipinos watched as flood waters spawned by a typhoon rose in matter of hours throughout Metro Manila and adjacent areas, sweeping away not just the usual shanties straddling waterways but also heavy vehicles*

Most countries now realize that the planet will be seeing unprecedented phenomena. This is about Climate Change. The result of man's abuse of the resources of Mother Earth.

Every day, every year, billions of particle pollutants like carbon dioxide are emitted into the air by industries and car engines while the trees that could have mitigated this pollution are decreasing in number due to illegal logging and the "kaingin" or slash-and-burn system.

In the Philippines, efforts have been undertaken to improve disaster mitigation response and weather forecasting capability, but the response to the storm surge and the cataclysmic flooding in some areas shows that much more must be done.

An expert said that long-term water management measures could include building channels that divert water away from residential and industrial enclaves to areas that can use the water from dams so that release can be done in smaller increments even if more frequently to reduce the risk of flooding.

Other countries are rushing to boost their defenses against natural disasters -- pero paano tayo, ano ba ang ginagawa ng gobyerno at ng mga Pilipino? Meron na ba tayong natutuhan sa bagyong Yolanda na libong buhay ang nawala at bilyong halaga ng kabuhayan at hanapbuhay ang nawaldas.

Naalala ko tuloy si dating DENR Secretary Gina Lopez dahil inakala ko na susuportahan siya ng mga miyembro ng Commission on Appointments sa Kamara at sa Senado dahil sa mata ng publiko ay siya ang tamang tao na mamumuno sa nasabing ahensya. Ngunit nagkamali ako dahil mas nanguna ang personal na interest ng mga nasa Kongreso na kakatawan sa mga sakim na mining companies sa bansa na siyang nagiging dahilan ng malawakang pagkasira ng kabundukan at kalikasan.

Dahil sa kanilang kasakiman, kasabwat ang mga dayuhang kapitalista ay walang magawa ang maliliit na mamamayan kahit nakikita nilang pinuputol ang mga punong kahoy na kay tagal nilang inalagaan dahil kadalasan, mismong mga tiwaling opisyal ng pamahalaan ang tumatanggap ng suhol sa mga gahaman.



## Climate change is here

Meron isang meyor na nagpakita ng tapang sa Palawan para ipatigil ang operasyon ng isang mining company sa kanilang lugar dahil ipinaputol ang halos sampung libong puno ng kahoy. Pansamantalang natigil ang operasyon nito at nagbunyi ang taong bayan ngunit sa bandang huli ang meyor ang nakasuhan at muling nag-operate ang mining company. Ito ang masaklap na katotohanan dahil sa kailangan daw ng gobyerno ang kaunting barya na ibibigay ng mga dayuhang nagmamay-ari ng mga kumpanya kahit ang taumbayan ang nadidisgrasya.

Samantala, sa lalawigan ng Quezon ay may mga grupong patuloy na nagsisikap na magkaroon ng kamalayan ang mga mamamayan sa kahalagahan ng balanseng ekolohiya ng ating kalikasan. Si Atty. Asis Perez at si Jay Lim ng Tanggol Kalikasan, isang environment NGO, ay walang pagod na isinusulong ang proteksyon ng kalikasan kasama ang iba pang environmentalist katuwang ang DENR. Umaasa ako na sa pagdating ng panahon ay magbubunga ang kanilang ginagawa upang matiyak na may mga grupong magpapatuloy ng kanilang sinimulang gawain para sa protection, conservation ng marine ecology at bio-diversity ng ating karagatan at kabundukan.

I believe that we should do the needed change to protect and preserve our only world, not tomorrow, but now. Naniniwala rin ako na ang isang mamamayang mayroong kamalayan at malalim na pag-unawa sa halaga ng kalikasan ay siyang magbibigkis sa ating lahat upang labanan ang hamon ng Climate Change.



## Duterte urges wealthy nations to act vs climate change

By [Helen Flores](#), [Cecille Suerte Felipe](#)(Philstar.com)  
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“Just as COVID-19 has had an uneven impact on peoples, climate change has also exposed the varying vulnerabilities of countries around the globe. The risks and burden of a warming climate are simply not the same for everyone,” Duterte said in a recorded message before the United Nations General Assembly.

MANILA, Philippines — President Duterte yesterday reminded wealthy nations of their “moral obligation” to support actions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

“Just as COVID-19 has had an uneven impact on peoples, climate change has also exposed the varying vulnerabilities of countries around the globe. The risks and burden of a warming climate are simply not the same for everyone,” Duterte said in a recorded message before the United Nations General Assembly.

“The greatest injustice here is that those who suffer the most are those the least responsible for this existential crisis,” he said.

Duterte warned the world has reached “a critical tipping point,” where failure to act will lead to “cataclysmic consequences for the whole of humankind.”

He said the Philippines has accepted its share of responsibility and will do its part to avert this collective disaster.

He said the country submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution, with a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent by 2030.

Duterte said he also issued a moratorium on the construction of new coal power plants and a directive to explore the nuclear energy option.



## Duterte urges wealthy nations to act vs climate change

“But this contribution will be rendered useless if the biggest polluters – past and present – choose to do ‘business as usual,’” he said.

“We therefore appeal for urgent climate action, especially from those that can truly tip the balance,” he said.

Duterte said developed countries must fulfill their longstanding commitment to climate financing, technology transfer and capacity-building in the developing world.

“Our world’s transition to a green economy must not be at the expense of developing countries’ economic vitality. It simply cannot be – or it would be another travesty of justice,” he said.

### CCC abolition

Meanwhile, Sen. Imee Marcos said the Climate Change Commission (CCC) might face abolition in the absence of significant accomplishments for the past three years.

During the Senate budget briefing, Marcos, who presided over the hearing, told Climate Change Secretary Emmanuel de Guzman that “nothing is moving” in his agency, which is supposed to lead the policy-making body of the government tasked to coordinate, monitor and evaluate government programs and ensure mainstreaming of climate change in national, local and sectoral development plans toward a “climate-resilient and climate-smart Philippines.”

“This is strike three. For me, this is my third time to hear your budget, and nothing is moving. Isn’t it for a recommendation for abolition, or definitely for overhaul? Nothing is happening right,” Marcos said.

“I’m not threatening you but if they (senators) say under your watch which agencies can be abolished, how can I justify it?” Marcos added.

“I truly believe that climate change is the worst problem that we will be confronting in the next decade and yet nobody has applied for money, I think it’s impossible to believe,” Marcos said.

De Guzman vowed to submit documents necessary to support proof of accomplishments.





## Rich states have ‘moral obligation’ to fight climate change: PRRD

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**MANILA** – President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday called on the wealthy countries to fulfill their “moral obligation” to support actions against climate change.

In a keynote speech during the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Duterte said rich nations should deliver on their financial pledges to address the impacts of climate change in developing countries.

“Developed countries must fulfill their longstanding commitment to climate financing, technology transfer, and capacity-building in the developing world. This is a moral obligation that cannot be avoided,” Duterte said.

Duterte said the shift to a green economy, which builds social equity while reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities, “must not be at the expense of developing countries’ economic vitality.”

“It simply cannot be — or it would be another travesty of justice,” he said.

Duterte also said the world is now facing a “critical tipping point,” adding that failure to act on climate change would lead to “cataclysmic consequences for the whole of humankind.”

He then asked all countries, especially those that can “truly tip the balance,” to take necessary actions to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

“We therefore appeal for urgent climate action,” Duterte said. “Climate change has also exposed the varying vulnerabilities of countries around the globe. The risks and burden of a warming climate are simply not the same for everyone. The greatest injustice here is that those who suffer the most are those the least responsible for this existential crisis.”

Duterte also cautioned that efforts to fight climate change would be “useless” if “biggest” polluters continue to choose “business as usual.”

For its part, the Philippines accepts its share of responsibility and will do its part to address climate change, Duterte said.

Duterte said the Philippines has already submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), with a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent by 2030.

The NDC represents the country’s goal of modernizing and pursuing low carbon and resilient development for the agriculture, waste, industry, transport and energy sectors over the 2020-2030 period.

Duterte added that he has also issued a moratorium on the construction of new coal power plants, as well as a directive to explore the nuclear energy option. (**PNA**)



## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?

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## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?

Sa ilalim ng maitim at maburak na tubig na ito sa isang pumping station sa Maynila, laging tanong sa isip ni Garry Makiling, 46 years old, kung ano ang dadatnan niya. Habang may mga tila walang pakundangan sa pagtatapon ng iba't-ibang basura gaya ng plastic, gamit na diaper, basag na bote at dumi, may mga taong gaya ni Garry na araw-araw itong hinaharap. Sila ang mga tagatanggal ng bara at tagapigil ng baha.



Ang pakay niya noong araw na makilala namin siya, tanggalin ang bara sa tinatawag na trash rake na sumasala sa mga basura sa Vitas pumping station. Ito raw ang dahilan kaya natigil ang kanilang operasyon. Para makahinga sa ilalim ng tubig, gumagamit si Garry ng compressor machine.



## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?



Dahil sa dumi ng tubig, wala nang makita sa ilalim pero dinig ang bawat paghinga ni Garry. Hindi rin daw maiwasang pumasok ang maruming tubig sa bibig niya habang kagat-kagat ang hose ng compressor.



## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?



Mula nang magsimula ang pandemya, may pagkakataon daw na pagkaahon ni Garry sa tubig, may mga face mask na nakasabit sa kanya.



## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?



Hindi nagsisimula sa pumping station ang problema sa basura dahil bago pa man bumagsak doon ang dumi, manggagaling muna ito sa mga bahay, kalsada, kanal hanggang sa dumiretso sa mga estero. Sa Estero de Magdalena sa Maynila, makikita ang ilang plastic, styrofoam, bote, at mga gamit na face mask.





## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?



Ang humahakot ng mga basura: mga estero ranger gaya ni Mang Danilo dela Cruz, 55 years old at Leonardo Duran, 31 years old. Kung noon, mga plastic, diaper at styrofoam ang nakukuha nina Mang Danilo ngayon, may mga face mask at face shield na raw silang nakokolekta. Noong araw na iyon, umabot sa dalawampung sakong basura ang nakolekta nila.





## Lumalaking problema sa basura, paano nga ba masosolusyunan ngayong may pandemya?



Ngayong may pandemya, sinasabing mas lumala ang problema sa basura, nagkalat ang maraming PPE gaya ng face mask at face shield. Mas dumami rin ang mga single use plastic waste dahil na rin sa pagtangkilik ng marami sa deliveries at take-out. Ano nga ba ang dapat gawin lalo na't bago pa man ang pandemya, malaki na ang problema natin sa basura?



Sa Cebu City, isang lalaki naman ang biglang lumusong at sumisid sa isang imburnal matapo lumubog sa baha ang lugar. Bakit nga ba niya ito ginawa?

Abangan ang buong kuwento ng “TRASH DIVERS” sa Reporter’s Notebook ngayong Huwebes, September 23, 2021 11:30pm sa GMA 7 pagkatapos ng Saksi.

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## WHO: Air pollution kills 7M a year, toughens guidelines

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The World Health Organization (WHO) said urgent action was needed to reduce exposure to air pollution, ranking its burden of disease on a par with smoking and unhealthy eating.

GENEVA, Switzerland - The World Health Organization (WHO) strengthened its air quality guidelines on Wednesday, saying air pollution was now one of the biggest environmental threats to human health, causing seven million premature deaths a year.

It said urgent action was needed to reduce exposure to air pollution, ranking its burden of disease on a par with smoking and unhealthy eating.

"WHO has adjusted almost all the air quality guideline levels downwards, warning that exceeding the new... levels is associated with significant risks to health," it said.

"Adhering to them could save millions of lives."

The guidelines aim to protect people from the adverse effects of air pollution and are used by governments as a reference for legally-binding standards.

The UN health agency last issued air quality guidelines, or AQGs, in 2005, which had a significant impact on pollution abatement policies worldwide.

However, the WHO said in the 16 years since, a much stronger body of evidence had emerged, showing how air pollution impacts on health at lower concentrations than previously understood.

"The accumulated evidence is sufficient to justify actions to reduce population exposure to key air pollutants, not only in particular countries or regions but on a global scale," the organization said.



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### Southeast Asia hard-hit

The new guidelines come just in time for the COP26 global climate summit held in Glasgow from October 31 to November 12.

The WHO said that alongside climate change, air pollution was one of the biggest environmental threats to human health. Improving air quality would enhance climate change mitigation efforts, and vice versa, it said.

The WHO's new guidelines recommend air quality levels for six pollutants, including ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide.

The other two are PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> -- particulate matter equal or smaller than 10 and 2.5 microns in diameter.

Both are capable of penetrating deep into the lungs but research shows PM<sub>2.5</sub> can even enter the bloodstream, primarily resulting in cardiovascular and respiratory problems, but also affecting other organs, said the WHO.

In response, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> guideline level has been halved.

In 2019, more than 90 percent of the world's population lived in areas where concentrations exceeded the 2005 AQG for long-term PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure. Southeast Asia is the worst-affected region.

### Premature deaths

"Air pollution is a threat to health in all countries, but it hits people in low- and middle-income countries the hardest," said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The WHO said that while air quality had markedly improved since the 1990s in high-income countries, the global toll in deaths and lost years of healthy life had barely declined, as air quality had generally deteriorated in most other countries, in line with their economic development.

"Every year, exposure to air pollution is estimated to cause seven million premature deaths and result in the loss of millions more healthy years of life," the WHO said.

In children, this could include reduced lung growth and function, respiratory infections and aggravated asthma.

In adults, ischemic heart disease -- also called coronary heart disease -- and stroke are the most common causes of premature death attributable to outdoor air pollution.

Evidence is also emerging of other effects such as diabetes and neurodegenerative conditions, the organisation said.

The WHO said the burden of disease attributable to air pollution was "on a par with other major global health risks such as unhealthy diet and tobacco smoking". -- **Agence France-Presse**

## Countering Bolsonaro's UN speech, Greenpeace reveals Amazon deforestation photos

Activists pushed back on Bolsonaro's statement, noting rising deforestation in the Amazon while publishing dramatic images captured in two Amazon states in September.



Illegal logging on Pirititi Indigenous Amazon lands with a repository of round logs, Amazon Rainforest. Image: Felipe Werneck/Ibama, [CC BY 2.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/).

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Hours after Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro painted a rosy picture of his administration's environmental record during a United Nations speech, Greenpeace and other environmental groups released a set of photos showing continued deforestation and fires in Earth's largest rainforest.

Speaking to the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro cited [a 32 percent reduction in deforestation in the month of August](#) relative to a year ago, the country's near decade-old Forest Code, and lands set aside as Indigenous territories — which he's fought to undermine and dismantle — as evidence of Brazil's contributions toward mitigating climate change.

“Which other country in the world has a policy of environmental protection like ours?” asked Bolsonaro, during his 12-minute speech, where he also acknowledged the country was facing “great environmental challenges.”

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But activists pushed back on Bolsonaro's statement, noting rising deforestation in the Amazon and his administration's rollback of environmental laws and law enforcement, and publishing dramatic images captured in two Amazon states between September 14 and 17.

"While Bolsonaro was en route to New York, we flew over the Amazon to record the reality of the destruction of the largest tropical rainforest in the world: illegal deforestation and burning. The images don't lie, but the same cannot be said of President Bolsonaro in his speech at the UN," said Stela Herschmann, Climate Policy Specialist at the Climate Observatory, in a press release.

"What we saw from above was the forest covered in smoke and unchecked devastation on the ground. Setting fire to the forest is part of the deforestation cycle, which includes the initial removal of the most valuable trees, a financial benefit for those who invest in land grabbing," said Romulo Batista, a spokesperson for the Greenpeace Brazil Amazon Campaign. "And it is a crime, as set forth in the Executive Order No. 10,735, of June 28, 2021, which bans the use of fire in agricultural and forestry activities in Brazil."

Brazil does have some of the strongest forest protection laws on the books among major tropical forest nations, but enforcement has been lax, especially under Bolsonaro, when [the deforestation rate in the Amazon has climbed to the highest level since 2008](#).

Bolsonaro's reference to one month of deforestation data doesn't reflect the trend of rising deforestation that he's presided over since taking office in January 2019. According to data from both the Brazilian government and Imazon, an NGO that independently tracks forest destruction, deforestation is distinctly higher now than at any time under Brazil's two previous presidents, Dilma Rousseff and Michel Temer. Looking at just the past 12 months, INPE's preliminary data suggests a slight drop in deforestation relative to last year, when forest clearing in the Amazon topped 11,000 square kilometers, an area the size of Jamaica. But in contrast, Imazon's data shows deforestation roaring ahead, well outpacing last year's rate.

Bolsonaro typically speaks about reducing "illegal deforestation," but as Batista notes, the administration has been reducing budgets for law enforcement, forgiving fines for illegal deforestation, and rolling back laws restricting forest clearing.

"Legalisation of illegal deforestation has accelerated since President Bolsonaro took office," wrote Philip M. Fearnside, an Amazon specialist at the National Institute for Research in Amazonia (INPA) in Manaus in [a May 2021 commentary published on Mongabay](#). "A first step in this process is the legalization of illegal land claims, after which past deforestation on the new 'properties' can be legalised and future deforestation can be allowed through the existing permitting system. Legalising illegal land claims in Brazilian Amazonia has been shown to stimulate deforestation."

"Proposals for other forms of legalising deforestation are also in the works, including allowing ranchers and soy planters to deforest legally within Indigenous lands."

Both activists and scientists are concerned that ongoing deforestation in the Amazon, combined with the worsening effects of climate change, could tip the rainforest ecosystem toward a drier savanna-like landscape. There is already evidence that this is occurring in the southern and eastern parts of the Amazon basin.

Source: <https://www.eco-business.com/news/countering-bolsonaros-un-speech-greenpeace-reveals-amazon-deforestation-photos/>

## France, UK seek Asean's support to protect lands, oceans by 2030



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RESPONDING to the planet's unprecedented rate of biodiversity loss, France and the United Kingdom are seeking the support of the Asean in calling for more ambitious international action to protect terrestrial and marine habitats all over the world.

In the “Better Understanding of the 30×30 Target (Protected and Conserved Area Management)” virtual roundtable on September 9 organized jointly by the British Embassy-Manila, the Embassy of France to the Philippines and to Micronesia, as well as the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), speakers from government and civil-society organizations underscored the urgency of protecting at least 30 percent of the Earth's lands, and at least 30 percent of the global ocean by 2030—known as the “30×30 target”—in an effort to abate the loss of habitats which threatens the existence of at least 1 million plant and animal species all over the world.

During the virtual event, Maldives Minister of State for Environment Dr. Abdulla Naseer, as well as Coordinator of the Republic of Palau's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment Gwendalyn Sisor, shared their respective countries' best practices in biodiversity conservation and marine protection. Later, Dr. Madhu Rao, senior advisor at the Wildlife Conservation Society, presented the benefits of the 30×30 target to the region.

Experts cited evidence—including a 2020 report drafted by more than 100 economists and scientists—which highlighted ways the economic benefits of protecting at least 30 percent of terrestrial and marine habitats would outweigh the financial costs, and could therefore provide benefits for both biodiversity conservation and people.

### ‘Ambitious, achievable’

FRANCE, UK, and Costa Rica are leading the call for a global 30×30 target to be included within the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework that will be concluded at the upcoming 15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15). To raise global support for this target, the UK leads the Global Ocean Alliance of countries in support of a target to protect at least 30 percent of the global oceans by 2030. The UK is also ocean cochair, alongside France and Costa



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Rica, of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, which champions the 30x30 target for both land and ocean.

“The science-based 30x30 target is an ambitious, but achievable goal,” said Ambassador of France to the Philippines Michèle Boccoz. “While each country is encouraged to set and work toward their own targets, the success of this initiative lies in reaching the common objective of 30 percent of protected lands and oceans by 2030 at the global level, as each country makes a contribution to the best of their resources and capacities.”

Asean member-countries—home to among the world's richest and yet, most threatened biodiversity hotspots—have been encouraged to join nearly 90 countries that have already indicated their support for a global 30x30 target via the Global Ocean Alliance and the High Ambition Coalition for Nature & People.

Ambassador-designate of the UK to the Philippines Laure Beaufile described the virtual roundtable as an important milestone to highlight the scientific evidence showing that protecting at least 30 percent of the ocean will help to reverse adverse ecological impacts, preserve fish populations, and increase resilience to climate change: “It was also an important opportunity for Asean countries to share their experiences, and consider committing to protect 30 percent of the ocean by 2030 through the Global Ocean Alliance.”

Beaufile added, “The UK, as president of the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference, believes ambitious, bold and real-world commitments and actions are needed now on climate change...Nature should be at [their core].”

### Land, marine-area protection

“PROTECTED areas and other effective area-based management measures can be effective tools to conserve and enhance both...terrestrial and marine biodiversity that underpins our resilience and survival,” ACB Executive Director Theresa Mundita Lim said during the roundtable discussion.

Moreover, Lim underscored that concerted action from all governments and across all sectors in society are essential in achieving a globally agreed ambitious and science-based 30x30 target—particularly in ensuring that benefits derived from ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as nature's contribution to people, are sustained, especially for countries that are most vulnerable.

“Subregional and regional cooperation, ...international partnerships and cross-sectoral cooperation, [as well as] adequate financing, however, will be necessary for the effective implementation and eventually, toward the achievement of the global goal for area-based protection,” the ACB official furthered. “This was the clear message that resonated in the panel discussion.”

Citing validated figures from the World Database on Protected Areas and the Asean member-states through the ACB as of August 2021, ACB Director of Programme Development and Implementation Clarissa Arida said they have collectively established the protection for 15.56 percent of terrestrial protected and conserved areas, as well as 3.88 percent of coastal and marine areas. Some countries have actually exceeded the 2020 targets for percent coverage.



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“Protected and conserved areas remain to be the foundation of safeguarding biodiversity and helping maintain ecological balance,” Arida averred. “As...Asean’s population of 661 million people are highly dependent on rich and healthy natural ecosystems, protected and conserved areas are important in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.”



## Pagpasa ng Boracay Island Development Authority sa Kamara, hindi na ikinagulat ng mga opisyal ng Aklan

By [Bombo Radyo Kalibo](#)

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KALIBO, Aklan – Muling nanindigan ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Aklan na suportado nila ang pagbuo ng Boracay Island Development Authority (BIDA) bill bilang regulatory body at hindi government owned and controlled corporation (GOCC).

Ito ang reaksiyon ni Aklan vice governor Reynaldo Quimpo matapos aprubahan ng Kamara sa ikatlo at huling pagbasa ang panukalang batas na bubuo ng BIDA-GOCC na mahigpit na tinututulan ng mga stakeholders at iba pang grupo sa isla.

Ayon kay Quimpo matagal na nilang inaasahan nga mabilis na paglusot nito sa Kamara.

Umaasa umano silang pumabor sa kanila ang bersyon ng Senado sa pamamagitan ng opposition paper na kanilang ipinadala.

Sa kabila nito, malaki rin ang pasasalamat ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pagpapalawig ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa termino ng Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) hanggang sa Hunyo 2022.

Inaasahang hindi maisakatuparan ang BIDA sa ilalim ng termino ni Duterte.

Sa House Bill 9826 o ang panukalang BIDA Act, umaabot sa 193 mambabatas ang pumabor habang pito ang kumontra at walang nag-abstain.

Sa ilalim ng naturang proposed bill, ang BIDA-GOCC ang mamamahala, magpapaunlad, magpapatakbo, magpapanatili at magre-rehabilitate sa Boracay Island Development zone sa buong isla ng Boracay at katabing Barangay Caticlan.

Source: <https://www.bomboradyo.com/pagpasa-ng-boracay-island-development-authority-sa-kamara-hindi-na-ikinagulat-ng-mga-opisyal-ng-aklan/>





## Seaweed facilities to rise in Dinagat Islands

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by [Mike Crismundo](#)

BUTUAN CITY — Seaweed farmers here may soon increase production of their products with the completion of the Seaweed Solar Dryer and Storage Facility (SSDSF) in barangay New Mabuhay, Dinagat town, in Dinagat Islands.

Regional Public Information Office (RPIO) of the Department of Agriculture (DA 13) Emmylou T. Presilda told The Manila Bulletin on Wednesday the said seaweed facilities are funded by the DA – Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP).

“This will help the New Mabuhay Seaweed Farmer and Fisherfolks Association (NMSFFA) increase the production of dried seaweeds from its members,” the region’s DA 13 information chief said of the project which is expected to be completed by December.



The still unfinished seaweed facilities that is set to rise in the Province of Dinagat Islands and is expected to be completed by December. (Photo courtesy of DA 13-PIO via Mike U. Crismundo/Manila Bulletin)

A Seaweeds Solar Drier, with a capacity of 7,500kg per batch, will improve the quality of raw dried seaweeds.

This will be coupled with a 3x6m storage warehouse with a capacity of 5mt and a motorized flatboat for hauling wet and dried seaweeds from the association members.

Aside from seaweed production, the subproject will also support the community-based enterprise, Ms. Presilda said.



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This includes the proper handling and moving of seaweed commodities and enhance the post-harvest processing to increase the income of the farmers and the NMSFFA.

In year one, this project envisions to produce and market 109,209 kg of quality dried seaweeds as an added enterprise. It also aims to generate an income of P2.9 million for the enterprise and increase fisher household beneficiaries' income by 25%, from P73,863.64 to P92,350.77, Ms. Presilda added.



## 2 weather systems continue to bring rains over parts of PH

By Ma. Cristina Arayata September 22, 2021, 9:45 am



(File photo)

**MANILA** – Cloudy skies and rains are expected over the western section of the country due to the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and a low-pressure area (LPA) embedded along the ITCZ, a weather forecaster said on Wednesday.

"Almost the whole day, light to moderate rains will be experienced over Mimaropa, Western Visayas, and the Zamboanga Peninsula. Heavy rains may be experienced in the afternoon due to thunderstorms," said Benison Estareja of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

He cautioned that floods and flash floods are possible in these areas during heavy rains.

"Metro Manila and the rest of the country will have fair, sunny weather. It will be warm and humid until noon. Localized thunderstorms will prevail in the afternoon so there are chances of rains," Estareja said.

The LPA, last observed 205 km. east-northeast of Pagasa Island, Palawan, has a slim chance of developing into a tropical cyclone within 24 hours.

The LPA is also forecast to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility within the day.

Light to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas will continue to prevail over the entire archipelago. (PNA)

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## Philippines' COVID-19 count up by 15,592 more cases

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At least 700 market vendors line-up to receive their first dose of the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine at the Bayombong public market in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya on Sept. 6, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines on Wednesday recorded 15,592 more coronavirus cases to bring its total count to 2,417,419.

Figures today brought the active cases down by 8,562 from the 171,142 on September 21. The Department of Health said four laboratories did not turn in screening results.

- Active cases: 162,580 or 6.7% of the total
- Recoveries: 24,059, bringing the number to 2,217,611
- Deaths: 154, or now 37,228 in total

### 'Selfish' act on COVID booster shots

- President Rodrigo Duterte scored wealthy nations that have begun administering [COVID-19 booster doses](#) when low-income countries like the Philippines remain struggling with their supply of the jobs.



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- The Food and Drug Administration warned the public not to buy the COVID-19 treatment drug [tocilizumab](#) from unknown sources, saying these might only worsen patients' conditions.
- An education official said teachers and personnel who would participate in the limited resumption of in-person learning would be [prioritized](#) to get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The Asian Development Bank kept its economic outlook on the Philippines, but said the country's recovery remains [fragile](#).
- Across the world, the Delta variant has [overwhelmed](#) other COVID-19 variants of concern, according to the World Health Organization.

## Global COVID-19 death toll breach 4.7M-mark

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After the US, the hardest-hit countries are Brazil with 591,440 deaths from 21,247,094 cases, India with 445,768 deaths from 33,531,498 cases, Mexico with 272,580 deaths from 3,585,565 cases, and Russia with 200,625 deaths from 7,333,557 cases.

PARIS, France - The novel coronavirus has killed at least 4,705,691 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1000 GMT on Wednesday.

At least 229,482,830 cases of coronavirus have been registered.

The vast majority have recovered, though some have continued to experience symptoms weeks or even months later.

The figures are based on daily reports provided by health authorities in each country.

They exclude revisions made by other statistical organisations, which show that the number of deaths is much higher.

The World Health Organization estimates that the pandemic's overall toll could be two to three times higher than official records, due to the excess mortality that is directly and indirectly linked to COVID-19.

A large number of the less severe or asymptomatic cases also remain undetected, despite intensified testing in many countries.

On Tuesday, 9,248 new deaths and 476,331 new cases were recorded worldwide.

Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were United States with 2,294 new deaths, followed by Russia with 817 and Mexico with 815.



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The country with the highest number of deaths compared to its population is Peru with 604 fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants, followed by Bosnia-Herzegovina with 314, Hungary with 312, Republic of North Macedonia with 311, Montenegro with 297, and Bulgaria with 290.

Latin America and the Caribbean overall has 1,475,799 deaths from 44,498,406 cases, Europe 1,292,882 deaths from 66,430,646 infections, and Asia 827,304 deaths from 53,075,479 cases.

The United States And Canada has reported 705,871 deaths from 43,993,847 cases, Africa 206,718 deaths from 8,184,855 cases, Middle East 195,124 deaths from 13,137,949 cases, and Oceania 1,993 deaths from 161,656 cases.

As a result of corrections by national authorities or late publication of data, the figures updated over the past 24 hours may not correspond exactly to the previous day's tallies. -- **Agence France-Presse**



## ‘Predominant’ Delta overwhelming other COVID variants of concern, says WHO

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During late 2020, the emergence of variants that posed an increased risk to global public health prompted the WHO to start characterizing them as variants of interest, and the more-worrying variants of concern, to inform the response to the pandemic. *Denis Balibouse, Reuters/file*

Delta has all but elbowed out the 3 other COVID-19 variants of concern, which now represent a tiny fraction of the samples being sequenced, the WHO said Tuesday.

"Less than one percent each of Alpha, Beta and Gamma are currently circulating. It's really predominantly Delta around the world," said Maria Van Kerkhove, the World Health Organization's technical lead on COVID-19.

Delta "has become more fit, it is more transmissible and it is out-competing, it is replacing the other viruses that are circulating," Van Kerkhove told a WHO social media live interaction, adding that Delta had been detected in more than 185 countries to date.

- PH's COVID-19 cases cross 2.4 million with 16,361 new infections

All viruses mutate over time, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19 disease.

- DOH di sang-ayon na naabot na ng NCR ang peak ng COVID-19 cases

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The UN health agency decided to name the variants after the letters of the Greek alphabet, to avoid the countries that first detected them being stigmatized.

Besides the four variants of concern, there are also five variants of interest, but Van Kerkhove said 3 of them — Eta, Iota and Kappa — were now being downgraded to variants under monitoring.

- DOH: Delta now most common variant in PH, with additional 319 cases

"This is really due to changes in circulation and that the variants of interest are just out-competed by the variants of concern. They're just not taking hold," she said.



## PAANO KUNG MAY MAGKASAKIT O MAMATAY SA F2F NA PAG-AARAL?



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MAGSASANIB-PWERSA ang Department of Education at Department of Health sa pagpapatupad ng face-to-face na klase sa elementarya hanggang high school

May inaprubahan umanong 100 eskwela na pagdarausan nito.

Nasa 20 ang pribadong eskwela at 80 naman ang pampubliko.

Bagama't nagsimula na ang klase nitong nakaraang Lunes, maaaring simulan ang f2f na klase sa mga darating na araw o matapos na maaprubahan ang mga patakaran dito.

Pipiliing pagdarausan ang mga lugar na hindi gaanong sinasalanta ng coronavirus disease-19 upang kahit papaano, hindi mapapahamak ang mga bata, guro, magulang at iba pa maaaring makilahok sa pagkaklase.

### NAUNA SA KOLEHIYO

Kung inyong matatandaan, nauna nang nagpatupad ang Commission on Higher Education ng f2f classes pero limitado lang sa hanay ng mga medical student mula sa magdodoktor, magnanars, magmi-midwife, magpaparmasyutiko at iba pa.

Ayon sa CHED, naging matagumpay naman ang idinaraos na klase dahil kakaunti lamang ang mga kaso ng pagkakasakit, partikular sa COVID-19.

Siyempre pa, inaasahan na natin na mangyari ito dahil alam ng mga guro, estudyante at pangasiwaan ng mga eskwela ang kanilang mga gawin upang tiyaking ligtas sa pandemya ang lahat na kasali rito.



## PAANO KUNG MAY MAGKASAKIT O MAMATAY SA F<sub>2</sub>F NA PAG-AARAL?

Kahit pa sabihin nating dumaraan sa iba't ibang paraan ang pagpasok ng mga estudyante, guro at iba pa gaya ng pagsakay sa mga pampublikong sasakyan, lugar na may mga biktima ng pandemya at iba pa.

Kaya naman, tuloy-tuloy na ang pag-aaral sa mga medical school..

PAANO SA ELEMENTARYA AT HIGH SCHOOL?

Heto ang ilang mahahalagang katanungan.

Lahat ba ng mga guro at empleyado ng mga eskwela ay bakunado, pinakamainam kung kumpleto bakunado?

Lahat ba ng mga magulang na kasali sa pagdala papasok o pag-uuwi ng mga bata, bakunado rin?

Paano ang mga empleyado?

Kung hindi sila bakunado, sila ba, eh, may mga pinanghahawakan na mga dokumento na negatibo sila sa COVID-19?

Sakaling may espesyal na sasakyan, gaya ng mga school bus, na maghahatid-sundo sa mga bata at magulang, bakunado rin ba ang mga tsuper at alalay ng mga ito?

Pero ang pinakamalaking katanungan: Paano ang mga bata na tiyak na hindi bakunado?

Alalahaning dumarami ang mga bata na tinaamaan ng sakit, hindi lang sa atin kundi maging sa ibang bansa at sila ngayon ang dinadale ng mga COVID variant at orig na virus.

### HEALTH PROTOCOL

Tanging health protocol ang seguridad para sa mga bata dahil hindi naman sila bakunado.

Bukod sa pagsusuot ng de-kalidad na face mask at face shield, tiyak diyan ang social distancing, pagkakaroon ng mga espasyo para sa kalinisan at paghuhugas ng kamay.

Bukod sa mga guro, magkakaroon ng mga assistant na magtitiyak ng pagtupad sa mga protocol at maaaring mapayagan din ang mga may pagsasanay na magulang.

Maaari ring tiyaking maayos ang mga gusali, may sapat na bentilasyon lalo na kung iisipin na hindi lang sa mga patak ng likido lumilipat ang virus kundi sa pamamagitan ng hangin.

Maaari ring magkaroon ng mga gadget para sa pagtukoy sa temperatura, silid na pupwedeng doon ilagay ang alanganin ang pakiramdam at iba pa.

Maaari ring magkaroon ng regular na disinfection sa mga eskwela at mismo sa lahat ng kasali sa pagpasok sa eskwela.



## **PAANO KUNG MAY MAGKASAKIT O MAMATAY SA F<sub>2</sub>F NA PAG-AARAL?**

### PAANO KUNG MAY MANGYARI?

Halimbawang may hindi magandang mangyari sa iskul, partikular ang pagdapo ng COVID-19, sa bata, sa guro, sa magulang at iba pa, ano ba ang mga inihahanda ng mga school management, guro, at DOH?

May mga tiyak bang quarantine area sa mga magkakaroon ng mild at moderate na impeksyon, kasama na ang mga asymptomatic?

May mga nakahanda na bang mga ospital na tatanggap sa mga biktima at may mga sasakyan o ambulansya bang nakahanda para itakbo ang mga biktima sa quarantine area o ospital?

May mga suplay ba ng gamot na pupwedeng gamitin sa lahat ng matatamaan ng sakit?

Paano ang presensya ng mga healthcare worker mismo sa eskwela na may sapat na kasanayan sa buong sistema ng pagliligtas upang maging maayos lahat ng usapin sa mga maiimpeksyon?

### SINO ANG SASAGOT?

Paano ang mga gastos kapag may nagkasakit, lalo na kung malubha at hahantong sa kamatayan nito?

Sino ang magbabalik sa mabigat na gastusin na maaaring aabot sa P500,000 hanggang milyon para sa mga nasa severe at kritikal na kalagayan at kamatayan?

Alalahaning paralisado ang buong pamilya kung may nagkasakit at walang makapaghahanapbuhay kaya kasama sa mga alalahanin ang gastos sa labas ng mga ospital.

Sino-sino ang mga dapat na managot dito?

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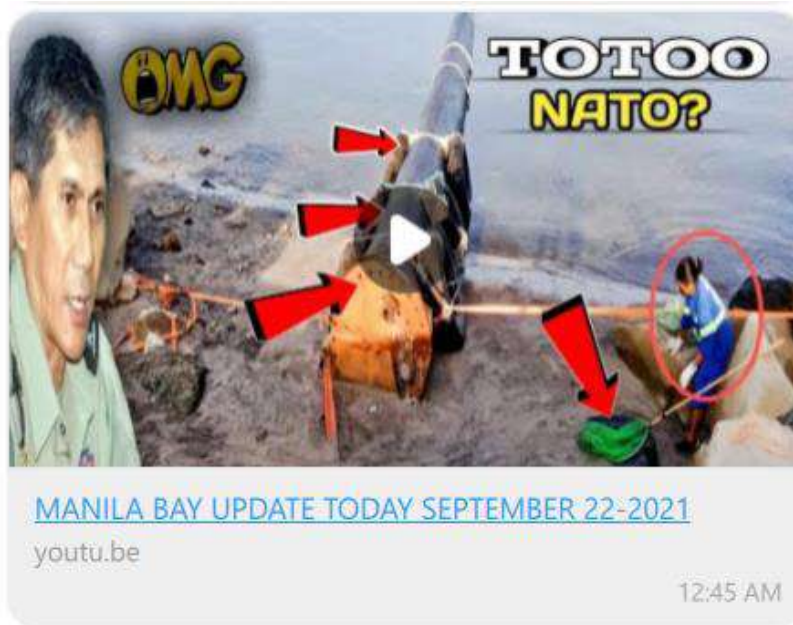
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


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