

DENR dissuades staff from posting negative comments vs gov't

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By MA. ANGELICA GARCIA, GMA News

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Monday issued a memorandum discouraging its employees from posting negative comments against the government on social media amid the threat of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In the memorandum issued by DENR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Marcos Dacanay, all employees, including those under contract of service were advised not to “comment or post negative on social media against the government.”

“As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government,” it added.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda confirmed the issuance of the memorandum to GMA News Online, saying it was a reminder to their employees that what was needed now was support instead of negativity.

“We just reminded them the government does not deserve negative comments now. What we need is support coming from our constituents, from our people” he said.

Antiporda added that the DENR was not curtailing the freedom of speech but was just reminding its employees to be positive amid the unprecedented situation.

As of Monday, the Philippines has recorded a total of [3,660 COVID-19 infections](#) with 163 deaths and 73 recoveries. — **DVM, GMA News**

Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/732878/denr-dissuades-staff-from-posting-negative-comments-vs-gov-t/story/?fbclid=IwAR1eyRMBQ1eRhKGCe3D0o4yVX37XfVJBNzdJiS4w_M1e9FT8ivPw4tcYou8

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(April 6, 2020)

– The Department of Environment and Natural Resources told its employees not to criticize the government on social media.

A memorandum circular directed its nationwide offices “not to comment or post negatively on social media against the government” as well as “support the government in fighting the CoVid-19.”

“As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government,” the memo, signed by DENR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Marcos Dacanay, said.

Undersecretary Benny Antiporda confirmed to News5 that the department issued the memo, but denied that it was a curtailment of freedom of expression.

“We have the right to look into our own people and to tell and remind them that they cannot bite the hand that feeds them,” said Antiporda, who was a former president of the National Press Club.

Antiporda said the government does not deserve the negative criticism from its own employees at a time when it is dealing with a global pandemic.

He said the employee who leaked the memo on social media had apparently called for the ouster of President Rodrigo Duterte.

“I don’t think that the president deserves it,” he said. “Especially [if] contract of service ka, nakikinabang ka sa gobyerno tapos sasabihin mo oust Duterte, so I don’t think it’s fair.”

He also said the memo has no disciplinary action and only serves as a reminder for its employees.

Antiporda added that constructive criticism is welcome, as he too had called for the use of rapid test kits for the COVID-19, something that the health department had disapproved of.

The month-long lockdown in the entire Luzon has seen many taking to social media their call and criticism on how the government is dealing with the COVID-19 crisis.

President Duterte said in his late night address on March 3 that Filipinos are free to criticize his administration on social media.

“If it makes you happy, then you smile,” he said. “If not, you criticize me. Walang pigil, social media, lahat kayo.” (*Christian de Lano Deiparine/JBS*)

Source: <https://news.tv5.com.ph/breaking/read/gag-order-denr-employees-told-to-refrain-from-posting-negative-comments-vs-govt>

DENR to employees: Do not post negative comments on gov't COVID-19 response

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, April 6) - As critics take to social media to air their grievances against the Duterte administration's response to the coronavirus pandemic, government employees are discouraged from taking part.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) told employees not to post negative comments or criticize the government's response to COVID-19 online.

In an internal memorandum obtained by CNN Philippines, DENR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Marcos Dacanay told agency heads to advise all their employees, including those under contract of service, to refrain from posting anti-government sentiment online.

"As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government," the memorandum said.

Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda confirmed to CNN Philippines the issuance of the internal memorandum, saying it was an informal reminder to employees.

"Our Asst. Secretary for Admin relayed the message to all ARDs na naka-monitor ang Malacañang sa mga comment nila; na 'wag naman sanang negative comments," Antiporda told CNN Philippines.

[Translation: Our Asst. Secretary for Admin relayed the message to all ARDs that Malacañang is monitoring their comments, and that they hope there are no negative comments.]

Antiporda clarified that the department is not curtailing freedom of speech.

"You can come up with constructive criticism. There's no curtailment of freedom of speech here," he said.

"Yung 'oust Duterte,' I don't think it's fair. Being a government official or employee, you don't bite the hand that feeds you," Antiporda added.

[Translation: The 'oust Duterte,' I don't think it's fair. Being a government official or employee, you don't bite the hand that feeds you.]

The memo urged employees to unite and support the government in the fight against COVID-19.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/4/6/denr-tells-employees-dont-post-negative-comments-online.html?fbclid=IwAR3B-ftecK2vhLcW3uzqViSIDFdCEvar9meO5hzWYUjZN5WPic8wPj97Sk>

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By: [Darryl John Esguerra](#) - Reporter / [@DJEsguerraINQ](#)

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is discouraging its employees from posting negative remarks about the government on social media amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

In a memorandum dated April 5, 2020, a copy of which has circulated online, DENR directed its provincial, city, and regional heads to advise their staff, including those under Contract of Service (COS), “not to comment or post negative in the social media against the government.”

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Just in: a friend received this memo today

"Please advise all your employees, including those under Contract of Service, not to comment or post negative in the social media against the government." @gmanews @rapplerdotcom @ABSCBNNews @ANCALERTS @cnnphilippines @inquirerdotnet

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April 6, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO : All PENR Officers
All CENR Officers
All Regional Office Division Chiefs

FROM : The Assistant Regional Director for Management Services

SUBJECT : **POSTING AND COMMENTING NEGATIVE IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA**

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In this regard, please advise all your employees, including those under Contract of Service, not to comment or post negative in the social media against the government. As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government. In this way, we enjoin the community to support the government in fighting the CoVid-19.

The government cannot win this battle alone, we should unite and together we will rise again as one.

For information and guidance.

ENGR. MARCOS G. DACANAY

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“As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government,” the memo, signed by DENR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Marcos Dacanay, reads.

In a phone interview with [INQUIRER.net](#), Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda confirmed the issuance of the memo but insisted that it is just a “reminder” against posting “purely negative criticisms” about the government’s handling of the health crisis.

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Antiporda explained that the memo was issued after some government employees, most of whom are under the COS setting and job order (JO) workers, aired their frustration on social media after being affected by the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine since they are under the no work, no pay scheme.

President Rodrigo Duterte placed the entire Luzon under lockdown to prevent the further spread of the respiratory disease. The measure also effectively suspended work for the majority of the region’s populace as it likewise halted the operations of public transport. Luzon region is home to about half of the country’s population.

And now that the government has issued an order to allow the release of the salaries of contractual employees to help tide them over the month-long quarantine of Luzon, Antiporda said it is now unfair for COS and JO workers to criticize the government.

“I don’t think the government deserves na i-bash nila ‘yung sariling gobyerno nila. This is just to tell them that you don’t bite the hand that feeds you ‘di ba?’” he said.

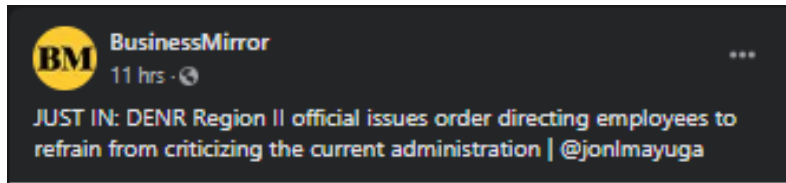
But the DENR official explained that the memo is not meant to curtail freedom of expression although he also said disciplinary action awaits possible violators of the law.

“There’s no curtailment of freedom of speech here. It’s just a reminder. So if ever, they will post [something] negative about the government then we will look into it. If there’ a violation of the law then we will conduct disciplinary actions,” he said.

“What we mean by these negative comments are those oust Duterte...those are negative comments and that will not help the government in this fight of ours,” he added.

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Source: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1254788/dont-bite-hand-that-feeds-you-denr-asks-staff-to-stop-posting-anti-govt-views#ixzz6IsZ0rezm>



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Arianne Merez, ABS-CBN News

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MANILA (UPDATE) - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued a memorandum Monday discouraging its employees from posting negative comments about the government on social media.

Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda confirmed to ABS-CBN News the issuance of the memo, which directed heads of DENR offices at the provincial, and city-level to dissuade their employees from posting negative comments about the government on social media as the coronavirus pandemic persists.

"Please advise all your employees, including those under Contract of Service, not to comment or post negative in (sic) the social media against the government," the memorandum, issued by DENR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Marcos Dacanay, reads.

"As a government employee, we should exemplify discipline to the community and promote cooperation to the government," the memo added.

The memorandum has been making rounds online with some netizens saying that it goes against freedom of expression.

'SIMPLE REMINDER'

"This is just a simple reminder. There is no disciplinary action against that. It's their freedom also but it's just to remind them that you know, you don't bite the hand that feeds you," Antiporda told ABS-CBN News.

"It is just to remind them that the government needs the help of each and everyone," he added.

Antiporda said "destructive" comments of some government employees against the Duterte administration prompted the issuance of the memo. He, however, claimed that such statements were not issued by DENR employees.

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MEMO BASED ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOV'T EMPLOYEES

In a statement sent to ABS-CBN News, Civil Service Commissioner Aileen Lizada said the DENR memorandum was based on Republic Act 6713, or the code of conduct for government employees and public officials, which mandates professionalism and commitment to public interest over and above personal interest among government employees.


“Yung weight na nasa each and every official and employee, they should bear in mind that they represent the institution,” Lizada explained.

Lizada said that government employees should always remember that they represent the agency they work for.

“Sometimes hindi natin matanggal yung pagkatao ng isang empleyado. Dapat they should bear in mind, when you post something, you carry with you yung pagiging government employee. Kaya, ingat dapat,” she said.

“Kasi, kung hindi mo titutulungan ang agency mo, magko-comment ka pa ng negative, bakit ka nandyan?” Lizada added.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/06/20/denr-discourages-employees-from-posting-negative-comments-about-govt-online?fbclid=IwAR0jvo0N4SjjBCCBWzPa6pA4yds2WbMXQ1igwnrEBNWLewbKJbBd_DETxSc

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Ipinahayag ni Eastern Samar Governor Ben Evardone na nakipag-ugnayan na ito sa DENR upang masigurong hindi makakalapit sa isla ng homonhon sa Guiuan, Eastern Samar ang isang barko sakay ang mga Chinese national. Ayon kay Evardone, inaprubahan ng DENR ang kanyang hiling na ihinto ang pagkarga ng chromite mula sa minahan ng isla.

"I also already alerted the PNP, coast guard and quarantine office of DOH to prevent this from docking in Homonhon. We need to protect the health and safety of my constituents," ani Evardone.

Ang pahayag ng gobernador ay sagot sa official statement ng parish priest ng Homonhon kung saan nangangamba siya at mga residente sa pagdaong ng naturang barko. | via Ranolfo Docdocan, ABS-CBN News

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH - HOMONHON
DIOCESE OF BORONGAN

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

IT HAS COME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT A CARGO VESSEL WITH CHINESE NATIONALS ON BOARD, IS HEADED FOR HOMONHON ISLAND FOR A SCHEDULED LOADING OF CHROMITE ORES FROM THE MINING OPERATIONS OF TECHIRON MINING COMPANY BETWEEN APRIL 3-5, 2020.

CONSIDERING THE DANGER THIS POSES TO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT PANDEMIC DUE TO COVID-19,

WE HEREBY STATE OUR STRONG OPPOSITION

TO THE SAID LOADING OPERATIONS ON OUR ISLAND UNTIL AFTER THIS HEALTH CRISIS IS OVER.

THIS ISSUE HAS GIVEN OUR PEOPLE UNDUE ANXIETY OVER THEIR SAFETY FOR THE PREVIOUS DAYS UNTIL NOW.

THEREFORE, IN BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE IN HOMONHON, THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH URGENTLY APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), MINES AND GEO-SCIENCES BUREAU (MGB), THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), AND ALL RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SWIFTLY ACT ON THIS MATTER IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Ex-DENR Secretary Jun Factoran pumanaw na

April 6, 2020 @ 8:00 AM 22 hours ago

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Manila, Philippines – Pumanaw na ang Environment Secretary at veteran lawyer na si Fulgencio “Jun” Factoran Jr. dulot ng ‘lingering illness’ sa edad na 76 kahapon, Linggo Abril 05, 2020.

Nagsilbi si Factoran bilang deputy executive secretary sa ilalim ng administrasyon ni former present Corazon Aquino mula 1986 hanggang 1987.

Makaraan ay naitalaga si Factoran bilang secretary sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) mula taong 1987 hanggang 1992. Remate News Team/FGDC

Source: <https://remate.ph/ex-denr-secretary-jun-factoran-pumanaw-na/>

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A popular spot in Manila was looking especially clean on Sunday amid the enhanced community quarantine implemented to address the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the country.

[YouScooper Junifer Abatayo](#) was out for a quick a trip to the grocery in Ermita on Sunday, April 5, when she couldn't resist taking photos of the serene beauty of a nearly empty Roxas Boulevard.

A stretch of road as well as a portion of the Manila Bay walk were free of trash and loiterers.



(Photo: Junifer Abatayo/YouScoop)



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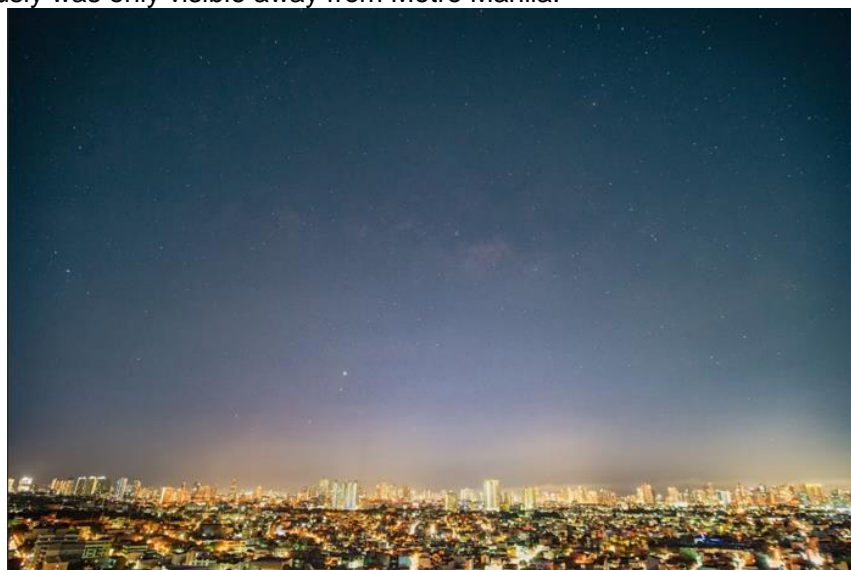
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Milky Way now visible in Metro Manila

posted April 06, 2020 at 06:10 pm

by [Steph Larena](#)

Have you looked up in the sky recently? If you look carefully, you'll slightly get a view of the Milky Way galaxy from the city—which previously was only visible away from Metro Manila.



STARRY CITY. The galactic center of the Milky Way is visible over the city lights of Makati and Quezon City in this photo by Philippine Astronomical Society president Kashogi Astapan.

The Philippine Astronomical Society recently shared a photo of the galaxy taken from Manila. With “some minor enhancements,” the galactic center was slightly visible over the city lights of Makati and Quezon City in the photo taken by PAS president Kashogi Astapan using Fujifilm X-E2 with Samyang 12 mm f2 lens.

According to the organization, the visibility was due to the clear sky, new moon, less air pollution, and less light pollution.

PAS’ statement has been confirmed by experts, saying that the air quality in Metro Manila has improved after the Luzon-wide, government-imposed enhanced community quarantine.

Citing data from Airtoday.ph, the Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology at the University of the Philippines Diliman reported a 180 percent decrease in PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers) since the first day of the ECQ.

Aside from causing shortness of breath and aggravating pre-existing respiratory conditions, high levels of PM2.5 can also reduce visibility in the sky.



Airtoday.ph’s monitoring station records air quality in its location. (Photo from Airtoday.ph)

Records from Airtoday.ph showed decrease of PM2.5 in various areas in Metro Manila. For instance, the air quality at the monitoring station located at the Lung Center of the Philippines during the first week of the ECQ (March 16-22) has improved by 80 to 180 percent from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. versus data two weeks before the quarantine (March 2-8).

The same trend was observed at Airtoday.ph’s monitoring station in Edsa Muñoz which showed a 70 to 90 percent reduction of PM2.5 since the ECQ.

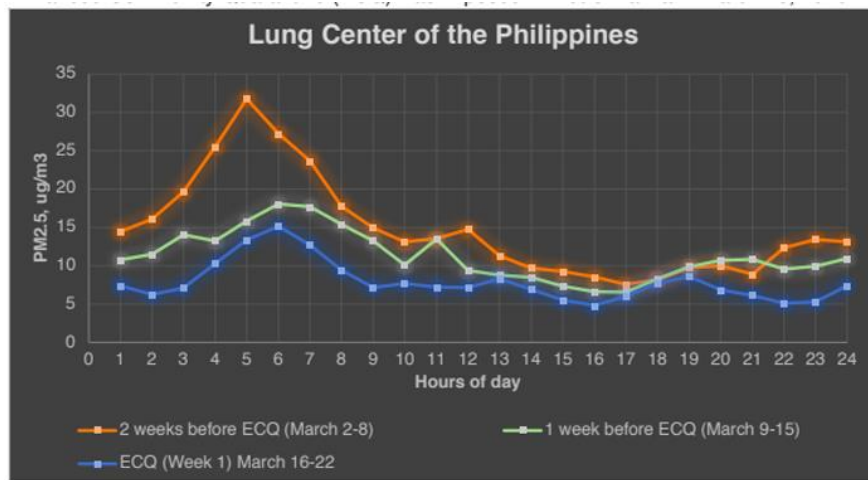
The improved air quality was attributed to the imposed road restrictions, according to UP Environmental Pollution Studies laboratory head Dr. Mylene Cayetano.

“Majority of the air pollution comes from vehicle emissions. Cordoning off East Avenue and Quezon Avenue, both hospital zones, brings positive feedback of cleaning the air,” said Cayetano.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources likewise confirmed the air quality in Metro Manila has improved based on data from their monitoring stations.

Citing records on March 22, the DENR said, “The 24-hour average level for PM10 in Las Piñas and Marikina went down to 31.67 and 27.21 micrograms per normal cubic meter (ug/Ncm) from a high 57.81 and 31.28 ug/Ncm, respectively, on March 9.”

“The acceptable threshold standard level of PM10 is 60 ug/Ncm,” said the Environment department.



Graph shows the concentration levels of PM2.5 at the Lung Center of the Philippines two weeks before, a week before, and the first week of the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine. (From Airtoday.ph and Environmental Pollution Studies Laboratory)

Meanwhile, the PM2.5 levels in Muntinlupa and Parañaque on March 22 were 10.78 and 14.29 ug/Ncm, respectively, which the DENR said were much lower when they were recorded at 28.75 and 27.23 ug/Ncm, respectively on March 10.

“This explains why our sky now is clear and looks clean,” said Undersecretary Benny Antiporda in a statement.

Source: <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/321163>

Masungi Georeserve warns of forest fires in Antipolo, Tanay

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By **Patrick Garcia**

The Masungi Georeserve announced Monday that it has recorded numerous forest fires that have ravaged the unprotected mountain areas in Antipolo and Tanay, Rizal.



(Photo from Masungi Georeserve Facebook)

“Last night, our team recorded forest fires around the Antipolo and Tanay areas,” they wrote in a Facebook post Monday.

“The call for vigilance for our forests extends not only to threats of quarrying and illegal logging, but also of forest fires as we enter the dry season.”

The Georeserve said the fires were most probably caused by humans either intentionally (for kaingin or charcoal production) or unintentionally (through negligence or carelessness).

“Many times, burned forests and degraded lands pave the way for land grabbing, conversion, and unsustainable development when people say that ‘burned lands are no longer forest lands.’ But this should never be the norm, as restoring degraded lands represents one of the most effective ways to combat climate change,” they added.

“At the frontlines of forest protection, we continue to defend Masungi and surrounding areas against fires and attempts of quarrying amid the lockdown. Now is the time to heighten forest protection all over the country,” the Georeserve added.

The Masungi Georeserve is a conservation area in the Philippines situated in the Southern Sierra Madre range in Baras, Rizal.

It is centered on the geological formations of Masungi Rock and was declared a strict nature reserve and wildlife sanctuary by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in 1993. It has become a popular tourist destination after it was opened to the public in 2015.



 CNN Philippines 10 hrs · 🌐

LOOK: Forest fires were recorded around the areas of Antipolo and Tanay last night. www.cnn.ph



Masungi Georeserve
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FOREST FIRES RECORDED IN RIZAL

Last night, our team recorded forest fires around the Antipolo and Tanay areas. The call for vigilance for our forests extends n... See [More](#)

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/CNNPhilippines/posts/2786286921611189>

Forest fires reported in Antipolo, Tanay mountain areas

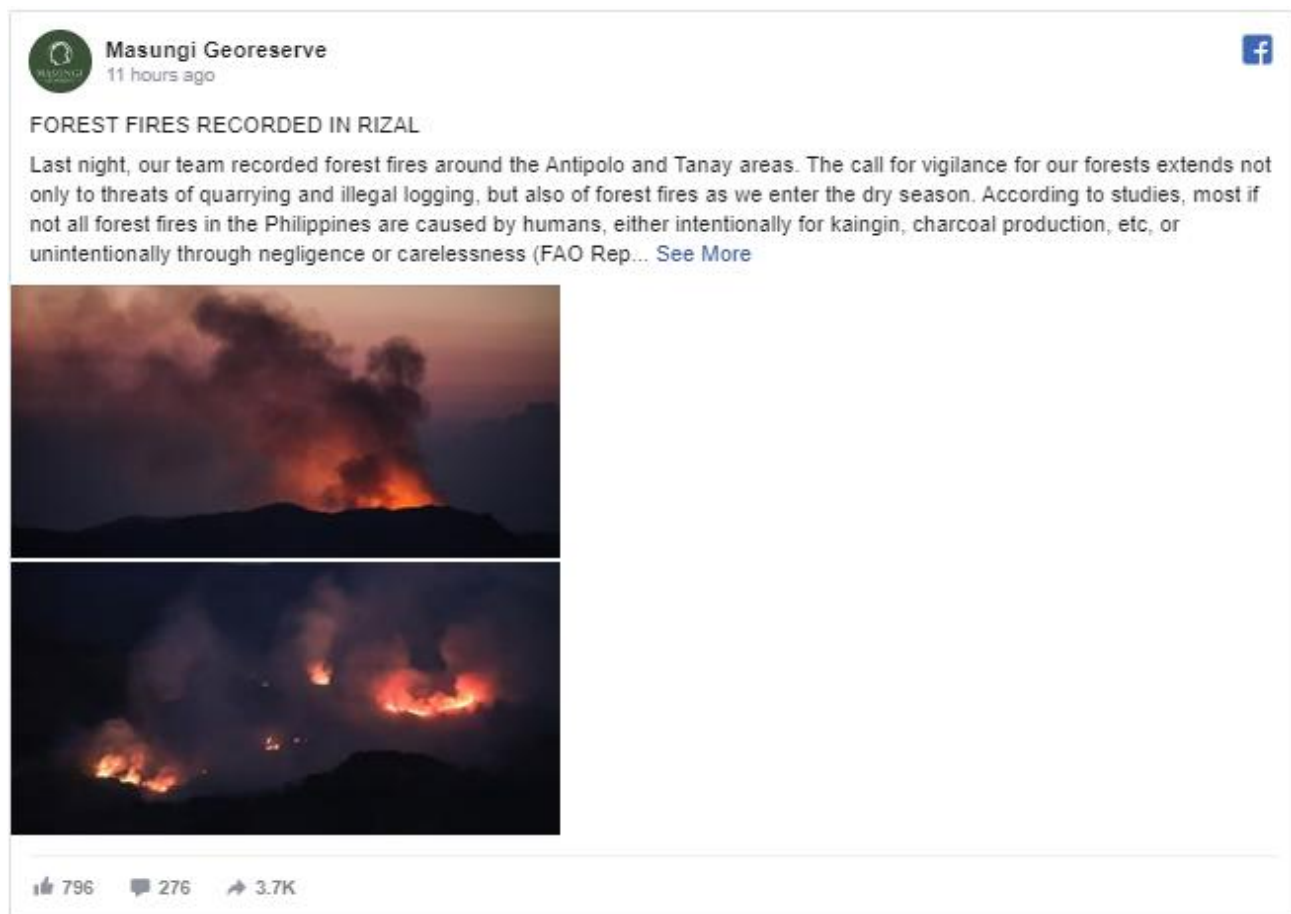
ABS-CBN News

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MANILA - Forest fires were recorded in unprotected mountain areas in Antipolo and Tanay in Rizal, an official from Masungi Georeserve said Monday.

Advocacy Officer Billie Dumaliang told ABS-CBN News that the fires were spotted by their teams at around 8 p.m. Sunday.

She said the fires may reach the nearby Masungi Georeserve.



She suspects that the fires are man-made, either caused by kaingin, charcoal production, or unintentionally through negligence.

Dumaliang said these are possibly results of unemployment forcing people to find alternative livelihoods amid the Luzon lockdown.


"People are going back to kaingin, charcoal-making, and logging due to lack of jobs," she said.

In an Facebook post, Masungi Georeserve officials explain: "Many times, burned forests and degraded lands pave the way for land grabbing, conversion and unsustainable development when people say that 'burned lands are no longer forest lands.'"

They called for everyone to be vigilant for threats of forest fires, especially during the dry season.


Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/06/20/forest-fires-reported-in-antipolo-tanay-mountain-areas>



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The Masungi Georeserve announced on Monday that it recorded forest fires around the Antipolo and Tanay areas on Sunday evening, April 5, 2020.

"At the frontlines of forest protection, we continue to defend Masungi and surrounding areas against fires and attempts of quarrying amid the lockdown. Now is the time to heighten forest protection all over the country," it said. (Photos courtesy of The Masungi Georeserve)



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AGAWAN NG ANTI-COVID-19 MEDICAL SUPPLIES MATINDI

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DAHIL sa takot sa pumapatay na Corona Virus Disease-19, nag-aagawan o nagdadamutan na ang mga mayayamang bansa ng mga suplay na medikal gaya ng personal protective equipment, N95 at surgical mask, glove at iba pa, ayon sa news.com.au.

May nagkukwadruplet ng presyo para makuha nila ang suplay o gumagamit ng mga sariling eroplano para siguradong makuha at makarating sa kanila ang binili nila o humaharang sa biyahe papunta sa iba.

Meron ding pipilitin lahat ng produkto mo, kahit nasa ibang bansa ka, na ibigay mo sa kanila dahil national o citizen o kompanya kang orig sa kanila.

SA ITALIA

Sa Italia na may pinakamalalang kalagayan sa pagkakaroon ng patay na 15,362, hinarang ng Italian customs police ang 8,000 mask at disposable glove sa ibibiyaheng sana ng mga manufacturer sa Switzerland na may patay nang 666 at 20,510 kabuuang biktima.

Ang France, hinaharang na rin ang paglabas ng medical supplies sa kanilang bansa.

Pangatlo ang France sa may pinakamalaking patay sa bilang na 7,560 at pang-5 sa may pinakamaraming biktima sa bilang na 82,165.

Hinaharang din ni American President Donald Trump ang pag-export ng Amerikanong kompanyang 3M ng medical supplies sa Canada at Latin America at gusto ng nasabing bansa na sa kanila ipadala ang mga suplay kung hindi parurusahan ito.

Todo reklamo naman si Canada Prime Minister Trudeau sabay babala na napakarami nang medical supply na gawang Canada ang ipinadadala ng gobyerno nito sa America.

PRESYO QUADRUPLET

Sa China, hinarang umano o "took control" ang isang eroplano sa tarmac na naghahandang lumipad patungong France at may dalang mga medical supply.

Sinubukang bilhin umano ng mga Kano ang medical supplies at nag-alok ng apat na beses na presyo para lang madala ang mga ito sa Amerika.

Pero nakipagmatigasan umano ang French emergency doctor na si Dr. Jean Rottner ng Mulhouse City na matatagpuan sa Alsace, France.

Dinenay naman ito ng gobyernong pederal ng USA.

Ang USA ngayon ang may pinakamaraming biktima sa bilang na 311,301 bagama't pangatlo lang sa may pinakamaraming patay sa bilang na 8,476.

Kaya gayun na lang ang pagkukumahog nito sa pagharang at pamumuwersa na dalhin sa kanila ng mga medical supply.

PARA SIGURADO

Dahil sa nasabing mga pangyayari, mismong mga sariling eroplano ng Italia at Spain ang sumusundo na sa mga medical supply na binibili nila o donasyon sa kanila ng ibang mga bansa.

Hindi nila ipinagkakatiwala sa ibang mga kompanya ng eroplano sa takot na maharang ang mga suplay ng iba gaya ng mga mask at respirator.

Sa USA, inutusan na mismo ni Trump ang mga lider ng lahat ng estado na magkanya-kanya na silang humanap ng mga medical supply kaya karambola ngayon ang mga estado ukol dito.

ANG PINAS?

Malaking bagay ang donasyon ng pamahalaang China na test kits na mahigit 100,000 at gayundin ang 40,000 na donasyon ng Singapore at kasama na ngayon ang mga nanggaling din sa South Korea at Japan.

May sarili in tayong produksyon ng test kits mula sa Univerity of the Philippines-National Institute of Health.

Ang malaking problema ay ang suplay ng mga personal protective equipment mula sa buong mukha na binubuo ng N95 mask, transparent na takip ng mukha at eyeglass, ang pinakakapote na dapat 2-3 na layer o suson at hindi lamang isang piraso, ang mga safety glove na dapat dalawa para hindi makapasok ang virus at kaukulang sapatos na rin.

Kailangan din ng mga ventilator para sa paghinga ng ma pasyente na hirap huminga.

Itong mga gamit na ito ang kailangan na kailangan ng ating mga frontliner sa ospital gaya ng mga doktor, nars at iba pa at ng mga rumeresponde gaya ng mga ambulance personnel at mga doktor, nars at iba pa mula sa militar at pulis.

Ang totoo, karambola ngayon ang mga pampublikong ospital, lalo na sa mga lalawigan ukol sa mga PPE at ventilator.

Dahil dito, napakasaklap isipin na dumarami ang mga ospital na nagsasabi sa kanilang mga doktor, nars at iba pa na sila na ang maghanap ng sarili nilang mga kagamitan dahil walang maibigay sa kanila ng mga ospital

Hindi kaya tayo namatayan na ng 12 doktor at isang nars dahil sa labis na kakulangan ng mga kagamitan at mabagal na pag-test sa mga may dala ng sakit?

PRIBADONG SEKTOR

Nakatutulong nang husto rin ang mga pribadong sektor para punuan ang mga pagkukulang.

At ang balita natin, may ilang suplay na nakatengga sa pier habang may iba pang nakahandang ibibiyahe pa mula sa China.

Halos donasyon ang mga ito ng mga negosyante, kabilang na ang maraming Chinese at Tsinoy.

Paano kaya pabibilisin na makalabas ang mga nakatengga sa pier at makapasok sa bansa ang mga nakapilang donasyon mula sa ibang bansa?

Wala tayong maaasahan mula sa mga mayayamang bansa na nag-aagawan ng mga medical supply dahil sila man ay sinasalakay ng higit na matindi ng Covid-19.

Source: <https://remate.ph/agawan-ng-anti-covid-19-medical-supplies-matindi/>

Mining company secures mineral ore export permit despite lockdown

By [Jonathan L. Mayuga](#)

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The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) has granted the application of a mining company to export chromite ore concentrate to China, a move described by anti-mining groups as “defiant” of existing general community quarantine put in place by local officials over the province of Leyte.

The Mineral Ore Export Permit was granted by the MGB Region 8 to Chromiteking Inc. allowing it to haul and transport around 7,000 wet metric tons of ores valued at P61.23 million from Homonhon Island in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, to any main point in China.

The ore was sold to Lee-Mah Trade Limited, for which the Philippine government will earn P2.45 million in excise tax, according to the Mineral Ore Export Permit issued by Leo Van V. Juguan, regional director of the MGB Region 8 on March 31, 2020.

Jaybee Garganera national coordinator of the Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM) said the permit was granted on March 31, when the entire Leyte is under general community quarantine.

The province was placed under general community quarantine to prevent the entry and spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the province via an executive order signed by Leyte Gov. Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

The order placed under general community quarantine and enhancing the implementation of mandatory precautionary measures against the contagion.

The general community quarantine period covers 12 midnight of March 18 and will last until April 17.

“How could the MGB officials go to their office? There is a lockdown order by Governor Petilla, including Tacloban City,” he asked.

He also said that the local government of Guiuan, including the barangay with jurisdiction over the mines, was not informed about the permit despite their opposition to any mining operations since 2016.

Garganera also said the previous permit of the company was suspended because of lack of transparency and the suspension order of then-Secretary Gina L. Lopez.

“I don’t think the conditions [for the lifting of the suspension order] have been met to warrant the issuance of a new permit,” he said.

Garganera said the continuous operation of the mining company entails great risks of spreading Covid-19.

“What are the assurances and measures that the crew of that Chinese ship are free from Covid-19?” he said.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2020/04/06/mining-company-secures-mineral-ore-export-permit-despite-lockdown/>

Two-week extension of lockdown likely

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CASES RISING Health workers on Sunday bring in a new patient, classified as “under investigation” for carrying the coronavirus, at a public hospital in Manila. —RICHARD A. REYES

MANILA, Philippines — The Luzon lockdown is likely to be extended by two weeks. In a statement on Sunday, presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo cited an “emerging consensus” among medical experts, businessmen, government officials and others that extending the lockdown by two weeks was “necessary.”

“Lifting it could be premature as it might wipe out the gains we have so far achieved in containing the virus,” Panelo said, adding that President Duterte was “all ears and eyes” on the situation. “He is evaluating the best option to take that will effectively [e]nsure the success of our war against this wily and faceless global enemy. He will make this decision in due time,” Panelo said.

VP’s support

Vice President Leni Robredo said she supported a 15-to-20-day extension of the lockdown but urged the government to decentralize the distribution of cash aid so that families badly hit by the quarantine could receive financial relief fast.

“I think it is crucial that people understand why [the extension] has to be done. If they don’t understand why it is necessary, there will be resistance,” Robredo said in a television interview.

“I think this resistance will be lessened if people understand why it needs to be done [and] if their basic needs are met,” she added.

Robredo said the distribution of relief under the social amelioration program should be done by local governments, not by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, so that it would go faster.

“Anything that is too centralized will affect the speed,” she said. “I think local governments should do the distribution, because they have the sense of what is happening on the ground.”

Opposition Rep. Edcel Lagman of Albay province also backed the extension of the Luzon lockdown, but recommended that a steady supply of food and financial aid go with the extension.

Lagman said it would be counterproductive to begin mass testing for the new coronavirus when the lockdown had already been lifted.

“It would be extremely difficult to implement initial selective and subsequent comprehensive mass testing in a dispersed and mobile population,” he said.

Holy Week meetings

Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, spokesperson for the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases, said in a radio interview on Sunday that the group would meet throughout this week and submit a recommendation to Mr. Duterte as soon as possible.

In a radio interview on Sunday, Nograles said the available data was not enough for the body to make a decision last week.

“We wanted to see a clearer trend so we deferred it to this week so that we have two days worth of data that we can input in the models created. We will continue the discussions by [Monday]. Hopefully, things will be clearer by then,” Nograles said.

Carlito Galvez Jr., chief implementer of the government’s response to COVID-19, the deadly disease caused by the new coronavirus, said on Saturday that the government was looking at the possibility of extending the Luzon lockdown by 15 to 20 days.

An extension would give the government time to carry out mass testing, which is planned to begin by April 14.

Nograles said the task force was looking at several factors based on data and findings by epidemiologists, mathematicians and academic experts.

Among these are the epidemiological trend, the health-care system’s capacity, social, economic and security concerns, he said.

The Department of Health (DOH) reported on Sunday a total of 3,246 coronavirus cases, 152 more than 3,094 on Saturday. It said eight more patients had died, raising the toll to 152, and seven others had recovered, bringing the number of survivors to 64.

Globally, according to the World Health Organization, the coronavirus has killed more than 56,000 and infected over 1 million people.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire maintained that the rising number of local infections was the result of the DOH’s expanded testing capacity. She explained that the slow recovery rate was due to the long process of bringing patients back to health.

A patient with a mild case of COVID-19 takes about two weeks to recover from the onset of symptoms, Vergeire said, citing studies. For severe or critical cases, it takes three to six weeks for the patient to recover, she said.

“That’s why many of our active cases have not been included yet in our list of recoveries,” she said.

Testing capacity

The number of positive cases increases because the country's testing capacity has increased, she added.

"Little by little, we're able to catch up with our backlogs so we can say that we're now seeing [the] real-time number of COVID-19 cases," Vergeire said.

As of Sunday, she said, more than 19,000 people had been tested for the coronavirus. She said the figure included patients who had tested positive for the virus.

"They are tested repeatedly to monitor their progress," she said.

Vergeire said the mass testing planned by the government was "targeted."

"We need to prioritize the vulnerable members of the population such as pregnant women, those who are immunocompromised, and our front-line health workers who have the highest exposure to the virus," she said.

—*WITH REPORTS FROM TINA G. SANTOS, JHESSET O. ENANO AND DJ YAP INQ*

Source: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1254384/two-week-extension-of-lockdown-likely#ixzz6IsieKVTI>

Duterte seeks more funds for COVID-19 response as P270B ‘not enough’

By: [Darryl John Esguerra](#) - Reporter / [@DJEsguerraINQ](#)

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MANILA, Philippines — President Rodrigo Duterte asked Finance Secretary Carlos “Sonny” Dominguez III on Monday evening to look for more sources to fund the government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, saying that the P270-billion budget already allotted was “not enough.”

In a televised address, he noted that P100 billion for one month or P 270 billion for two months was not enough.

“I’m calling on Secretary of Finance to generate [more],” Duterte said in a televised public address.

“Magnakaw ka, maghiram ka. Wala akong pakialam. Produce mo ‘yung pera,” he added. [Steal it, borrow it. I don’t care. Produce the money.]

The P270 billion budget for the novel coronavirus response efforts was part of the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, which granted Duterte special powers to allocate it.

The President said he would want Dominguez to explore other options to adjust the 2020 national budget.

The government has set aside P200 billion worth of cash aid to be distributed to about [18 million low-income households](#).

The beneficiaries are to receive subsidies of P5,000 to P8,000 per household monthly for two months.

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Source: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1254828/duterte-says-p270-b-budget-for-covid-19-not-enough-wants-finance-chief-to-look-for-more-fundings#ixzz6IsfhhIUZ>

PH's first microsatellite returns to Earth, ends mission

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PH's first microsatellite returns to Earth, ends mission after exceeding life span

Kristine Sabillo, ABS-CBN News

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MANILA — After exceeding all expectations and lasting 4 years in space, the Philippines' first microsatellite Diwata-1 is finally returning to Earth, the government said Monday.

The Department of Science and Technology's Sustained Support for Local Space Technology and Applications Mastery, Innovation and Advancement (STAMINA4Space) program announced that the Filipino-made microsatellite is nearing the Earth's atmosphere and will likely lose contact soon.

"We confirm that today, 6 April 2020 at 04:49 a.m. Philippine Standard Time (PST), Diwata-1 was at an altitude of approximately 114 km based on telemetry data received from the satellite," STAMINA4Space posted on its Facebook page.

"This altitude is very close to the Karman line, or the widely accepted boundary between outer space and the Earth's atmosphere. It is expected that beyond this altitude, the chances of successfully establishing contact with Diwata-1 are extremely low."

"This, therefore, marks the official end of the mission lifetime of Diwata-1."

Diwata-1, which was made by Filipino engineers through a satellite program in Japan, was meant to only last for 18 months in space.

It was launched to the International Space Station (ISS) on March 23, 2016 and released into orbit on April 27, 2016.

The microsatellite has been described to be just as big as a balikbayan box and weighed around 50 kilograms.

"Welcome back, home! You will always be remembered for opening the horizons of space to the Philippines," STAMINA4Space said of Diwata-1.

"You have, in many ways, exceeded our expectations in your four years of service. We shall build upon your legacy as we continue to explore new frontiers and forge ahead with the future of the Philippine space program."

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Since its launch, the satellite has captured more than 17,000 images of the Philippines, and a total of 45,572 images as of February 2, 2020.

Satellite images are helpful in environmental, weather and resource monitoring.

As of December 2019, almost 1,000 users benefited from the data of Diwata-1 and Diwata-2. This includes data for scientific research and education, environment assessment, disaster monitoring, agriculture, climate, infrastructure and water resources.

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Here's a recap of Diwata users for 2019! 🌍 As of November 30, 2019, a total of 917 end-users benefited from Diwata #data. Read to know our end-users by sector, type and primary application. Sign up here to access Diwata data 📄 data.phl-microsat.upd.edu.ph #Diwata1 #Diwata2

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See STAMINA4Space's other Tweets

Diwata-1 also paved the way for other microsatellite projects, including the cube satellite Maya-1.

As of late last year, the Philippines has 13 microsatellites in space and in the pipeline.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/06/20/phs-first-microsatellite-returns-to-earth-ends-mission-after-exceeding-life-span?fbclid=IwAR1kqo0mFBvQWvGLBmbsxQosJ_q-HYYFKRrNQ30QcmwxxSsz435sPO8JaLQ



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Isang striped dolphin ang binawian ng buhay matapos makitang palutang-lutang sa karagatan sa Vigan City. May nakitang sugat sa katawan ng dolphin nang dalhin ito sa pampang ng mga mangingisda noong Sabado ng gabi. Nagawa pang ilipat sa BFAR Rehabilitation Area ang dolphin pero namatay din ito nitong Linggo.

Ayon sa BFAR ang nakitang sugat sa katawan ng dolphin ay kagat ng pating at pahilom na ito. Base naman sa necropsy na isinagawa, maaring may liver disease at respiratory complication ang dolphin na sanhi ng ikinamatay nito. (Photo courtesy: 103rd Maritime Police) | via Ria Galiste, ABS-CBN News

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Nickel Asia resumes mining operations amid Covid-19



By [Eireene Jairee Gomez](#)

April 7, 2020

MINING firm Nickel Asia Corp. (NAC) is set to resume its mining operations, particularly its ore shipment activities after the provincial government of Surigao del Norte amended a recent order that temporarily suspended the operations of mining and mineral processing plants in the province. In a disclosure to the local bourse on Monday, Nickel Asia said its subsidiaries Taganito Mining Corp. (TMC) and Hinatuan Mining Corp. (HMC), operating in Claver and Tagana-an, Surigao Del Norte, respectively, received a copy of Memorandum Order 20-124, allowing the continued operations of export mining companies and mineral processing plants and the entry of foreign vessels of export-oriented companies within Surigao Del Norte. “With the lifting of the suspension of mining operations in Surigao Del Norte, TMC and HMC will resume their mining operations in compliance with the health and safety precautions specified in SDN MO 124 and the policies adopted by the NAC Group in response to the Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic,” the company said. The memorandum circular amended the Executive Order 20-011 issued last March 28 that temporarily suspended the operations of mining and mineral processing plants in Surigao del Norte province.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/04/07/business/business-top/nickel-asia-resumes-mining-operations-amid-covid-19/710529/>



Tigre sa Bronx Zoo, positibo sa COVID-19

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New York – Nagpositibo ang apat na taong gulang na Malayan tiger sa Bronx Zoo sa New York sa COVID-19.

Sa ulat ng US Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories, ito ang kauna-unahang kaso ng tigre na may kaugnayan sa virus.

Ayon sa news release ng zoo, ang tigreng kinilalang si Nadia kasama ang kapatid nitong si Azul ay nagkaroon ng dry cough kasama ang dalawa pang Amur tigers at tatlong African lions ay inaasahang nakarerekober na.

"Though they have experienced some decrease in appetite, the cats at the Bronx Zoo are otherwise doing well under veterinary care and are bright, alert, and interactive with their keepers. It is not known how this disease will develop in big cats since different species can react differently to novel infections, but we will continue to monitor them closely and anticipate full recoveries," paliwanag ng pamunuan ng zoo.

Na-infect na umano ang naturang hayop dahil sa nag-aalaga rito na posibleng asymptomatic o hindi pa nakararanas ng sintomas.

"Appropriate preventive measures are now in place for all staff who are caring for them, and the other cats in our four WCS zoos, to prevent further exposure of any other of our zoo cats," dagdag pa sa press release. **Remate News Team/FGDC**

Source: <https://remate.ph/tigre-sa-bronx-zoo-positibo-sa-covid-19/>



This handout photo released by Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo on April 5, 2020 shows the Malayan tiger Nadia who tested positive for Covid-19. A tiger at New York's Bronx Zoo has tested positive for COVID-19, the institution said Sunday, and is believed to have contracted the virus from a caretaker who was asymptomatic at the time.

AFP/Wildlife Conservation Society/Julie Larsen Maher

Bronx zoo tiger tests positive for COVID-19

(Agence France-Presse) - April 6, 2020 - 3:56pm

NEW YORK — A tiger at New York's Bronx Zoo has tested positive for COVID-19, the institution said Sunday, and is believed to have contracted the virus from a caretaker who was asymptomatic at the time.

The four-year-old Malayan tiger named Nadia along with her sister Azul, two Amur tigers and three African lions all developed dry coughs and are expected to fully recover, the Wildlife Conservation Society that runs the city's zoos said in a statement.

"We tested the cat out of an abundance of caution and will ensure any knowledge we gain about COVID-19 will contribute to the world's continuing understanding of this novel coronavirus," the statement sent to AFP said.

"Though they have experienced some decrease in appetite, the cats at the Bronx Zoo are otherwise doing well under veterinary care and are bright, alert, and interactive with their keepers," the statement continued.

"It is not known how this disease will develop in big cats since different species can react differently to novel infections, but we will continue to monitor them closely and anticipate full recoveries."

All four of the zoos and the aquarium in New York -- whose virus death toll has topped 4,000 -- have been closed since March 16.

The zoo emphasized that there is "no evidence that animals play a role in the transmission of COVID-19 to people other than the initial event in the Wuhan market, and no evidence that any person has been infected with COVID-19 in the US by animals, including by pet dogs or cats."

Chinese disease control officials had identified wild animals sold in a Wuhan market as the source of the coronavirus pandemic that has infected well over one million people worldwide.

According to the US Department of Agriculture website there had "not been reports of pets or other animals" in the United States falling ill with coronavirus prior to news of the tiger Nadia.

"It is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus," the department's website says.

In late March a pet cat was discovered infected with the novel coronavirus in Belgium, following similar cases in Hong Kong where two dogs tested positive for COVID-19.

All of those animals are believed to have contracted the virus from the people they live with.

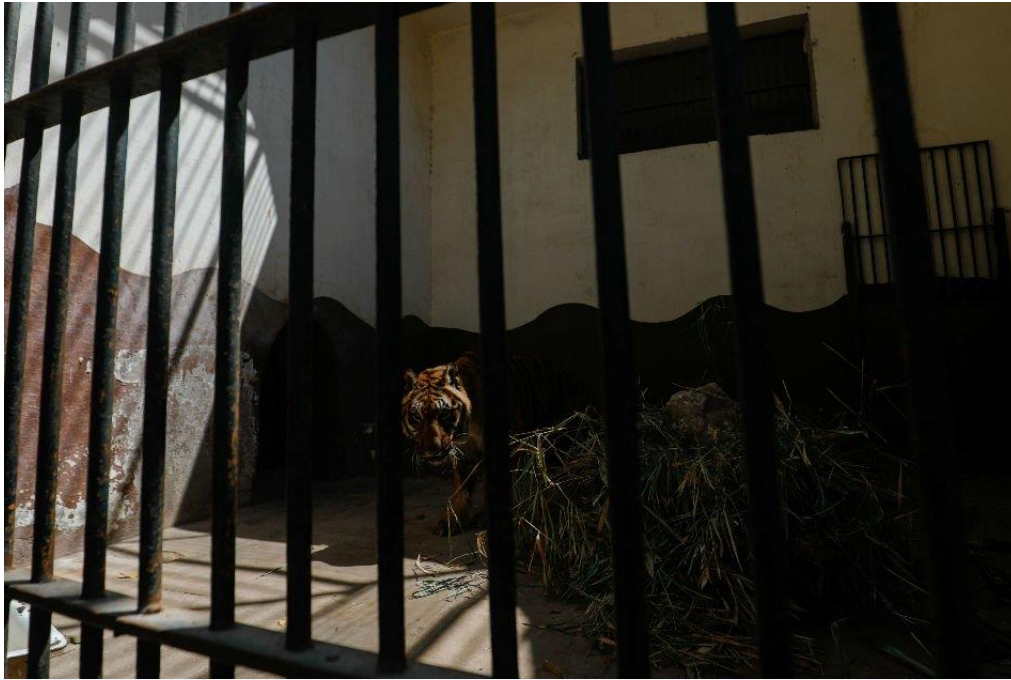
The Bronx zoo said preventative measures were in place for caretakers as well as all cats in the city's zoos.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/lifestyle/pet-life/2020/04/06/2005861/bronx-zoo-tiger-tests-positive-covid-19>

Tiger at New York's Bronx Zoo tests positive for coronavirus

Reuters

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A tiger is seen in its cage after Giza Zoo was closed to visitors to help prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt April 2, 2020.

A tiger at the Bronx Zoo in New York City has tested positive for the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, in the first known case of COVID-19 in an animal in the United States or a tiger globally, a zoo spokesman said on Sunday.

Nadia, the 4-year-old female Malayan tiger that tested positive, had developed a dry cough but is expected to recover, the Wildlife Conservation Society, which manages the zoo, said in a statement.

"We tested the cat out of an abundance of caution and will ensure any knowledge we gain about COVID-19 will contribute to the world's continuing understanding of this novel coronavirus," WCS said in the statement.

The positive test marked the first coronavirus case for a tiger anywhere and the first of an animal in the United States, spokesman Stephen Sautner said.

Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/04/06/20/tiger-at-new-yorks-bronx-zoo-tests-positive-for-coronavirus>

Chernobyl radiation levels spike as forest fires rage

By Rob Picheta, CNN

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(CNN) — Radiation levels near the site of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster have spiked as firefighters battle to contain two forest fires in the area.

A fire covering around 50 acres broke out on Saturday afternoon near the village of Vladimirovka, within the uninhabited Chernobyl exclusion zone, and responders were still fighting two blazes on Monday morning, Ukrainian emergency services said in a statement.

"There is bad news -- in the center of the fire, radiation is above normal," Egor Firsov, head of Ukraine's ecological inspection service, wrote in a Facebook post alongside a video of a Geiger counter. "As you can see in the video, the readings of the device are 2.3, when the norm is 0.14. But this is only within the area of the fire outbreak."

His measurements refer to the microsievert per hour ($\mu\text{Sv/h}$) reading; the maximum allowable amount of natural background radiation is 0.5 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$, the emergency services said, but Firsov's reported amount was nearly five times that.

A total of 124 firefighters, two An-32P planes and an Mi-8 helicopter are battling the largest blazes, and have carried out 42 water drops on the area. Another 14 firefighters were battling a smaller blaze of around 12 acres, the emergency services said.

However, the spike in radiation levels does not appear to extend to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, or to the city of Chernobyl itself, where authorities say radiation levels remain normal.

Another image of a Geiger counter near the fire, taken on Sunday, showed a reading just below the maximum permissible amount.

Vladimirovka sits within the deserted 1,000-square-mile exclusion zone, which was evacuated after the devastating 1986 blast at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant that sent radioactive fallout billowing across Europe and exposed millions to dangerous levels of radiation.

The region has since been taken over by nature, and forest fires are not uncommon.

"The problem of setting fires to grass by careless citizens in spring and autumn has long been a very acute problem for us," Firsov wrote. "Every year we see the same picture -- fields, reeds, forests burn in all regions."

He called for new legislation to impose harsher penalties for anyone caught starting fires in the area. "There are relevant draft bills. I hope they will be voted in. Otherwise, large-scale fires will continue to occur every autumn and spring," he wrote.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/world/2020/4/6/Chernobyl-radiation-levels-forest-fire.html?fbclid=IwAR0knnVU1iu-muSrTpalLodhJMd4EPqiuHPoGK41e6FGOVZI0nEL2exfhVc>

These animals have great communication skills

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We have all at least once wondered if animals talk to each other. Well, even though they don't have a developed language like humans do, many animal species have great communication skills.

There are many ways animals communicate, and all of them are quite amazing.

Treehoppers send good vibrations

Small insects called treehoppers cling to plant stems and communicate with each other by vibrating the stem they're on. These signals are not understandable to us without the help of special instruments, but the sheer variety of these vibrations is pretty stunning. The adults vibrate as a part of a courtship ritual, with males often composing songs to woo females. Maybe that's how the Beach Boys got the idea for "Good vibrations".

Caribbean reef squids use patterns on their bodies

These strange animals use their pigment cells to send different signals to their peers. These cells are called *chromatophores* and they are dispersed all over their bodies. Caribbean reef squid can expand or contract these pigments very fast which helps them show different patterns and colors that explain different moods or even some more complex information.

Elephants engage in long-distance calls

Scientists have for a long time been amazed by the mystery of elephant communication that happened while they were separated by very long distances until one scientist realized that they produce sound waves of low – frequency. These sound waves humans can't hear, but if they are strong enough we feel them as a pressure.

Humpback whales are the poets of animal kingdom

Humpback whale males sing to their mates, but the really amazing thing about these songs is that they have sequences that rhyme. We are not sure why, but rhyming probably helps them remember the songs like rhyme in our poetry helps us remember the words. They also use tempo when singing since the whale songs at normal speed sound like somebody having stomach cramps, but if we listen to the sound some 15 times faster it sounds more like some birds are singing.

We can't hear them but bats talk to each other

Bats use sonars to understand the location of things around them. They use a process known as echolocation which means that they emit sounds at high frequencies we can't hear and use the echoes from close objects to map out their surroundings. It also helps them for hunting and locating predators. Bats communicate among themselves by using screeches and chirps humans also can't hear because they are emitted at high frequencies.

Ravens have mastered gesticulation

Ravens can use their beaks and wings to make gestures and point to an object in a similar way as humans using hands. They can show and offer objects and items like stones or twigs. These gestures are usually meant for the members of the opposite sex and those who see these gestures react by looking at the objects.

Source: <https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/299766/these-animals-have-great-communication-skills#ixzz6Is461Hb8>

Endangered turtles hatch 'peacefully' in the beach,

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Endangered turtles hatch 'peacefully' in the beach, thanks to Brazil's safety measures

By [Kathreena Gabaldon](#)

April 06th, 2020

Weeks after the [World Health Organization](#) declared the coronavirus a global pandemic, efforts from different countries were made to slow down the rate of infection. Because of these efforts set by the government and other health officials, multiple reports surfaced about its positive impact on the environment and wildlife.

For instance, last March 22, residents of Pernambuco, Brazil witnessed the "rare sighting" of **97 endangered Hawksbill sea turtles** hatching on the beach without any disturbance from people. **Why is this occurrence so special?**

According to [World Wildlife](#), the specie is classified as one that's critically endangered but is fundamental in marine ecosystems and maintaining the health of coral reefs and seagrass beds. And during a typical day, these baby turtles have a high risk of being stepped on by beachgoers and eaten by hungry birds. However, thanks to the quarantine measures enacted in Brazil, these young reptiles were able to freely walk to the shore of the beach.



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The government officials of the [Paulista City Hall](#) took some photographs showing the moment these little creatures moved towards the ocean to secure their safety.



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In an interview with [LAD Bible](#), Herbert Andrade, Environmental Manager at Paulista, explained: "In all, 291 sea turtles were born on the coast of Paulista in 2020, with 87 green turtles and 204 hawksbill turtles. This time, due to preventive measures against the new coronavirus, the population was unable to closely monitor the birth."



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Here's to hoping we get to see another event like this again soon!

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