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**DILG says Anti-Terrorism Bill is not anti-human rights;  
only terrorists should be afraid of it**

The proposed Anti-Terrorism Bill is not anti-human rights and, in fact, seeks to protect the rights of innocent people from terrorists, according to the DILG.

Contrary to the claims of critics, DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the Anti-Terrorism Bill seeks to finally stamp out terrorism in the country. *"The Anti-Terrorism Bill aims to eradicate terrorism from our country. The people have nothing to fear from this bill; it is only the terrorists and their supporters who should fear it,"* he said.

*"This bill is a bold and timely upgrade in our arsenal against all forms of terrorism, whether the Communist-terrorists or the violent extremists that have been plaguing our country for so many years. The Marawi siege by the Maute group and other ISIS-inspired groups as well as the attacks by Communist terrorists on civilians pose a continuing clear and present danger to the lives of our countrymen,"* he said.

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## **DILG: LGUs which impose localized lockdowns must organize quick response teams**

With the general community quarantine (GCQ) in effect in Metro Manila and modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) in greater parts of the country, the DILG said that local government units (LGUs) which impose localized lockdown in specific areas in their communities must have organized their quick response teams (QRTs) that shall carry out the test-trace-treat strategy against Covid-19 in the lockdown areas.

*“By imposing localized lockdowns in specific areas within their jurisdiction, LGUs must have already organized their QRTs which shall swiftly and efficiently assist in the proper management of the Covid-19 situation in those areas,”* said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Año said that while the Interagency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) has given LGUs the authority to impose localized lockdowns, the imposition comes with the responsibility to implement the strategy to contain the disease in the lockdown areas as well as implement social amelioration to alleviate the conditions of those affected.

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*"We want our local government units (LGUs) to take the lead role and assume greater responsibility in the fight against Covid-19 since they can better assess the prevailing conditions in their respective areas[.]"*

**-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año**

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## DILG: "Sabong" not allowed to operate in GCQ/MGCQ areas

Despite the relaxed guidelines under the general community quarantine (GCQ), DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año today reiterated that cockfighting is still not allowed to operate whether under ECQ or MECQ in light of reports reaching the department that some LGUs have allowed their operation.

*"Bagamat mas maluwap po ang ating mga kautusan, bawal pa din ang sabong saan mang bahagi ng mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng GCQ or MGCQ as we continue to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the country," Año says.*

*"Ang GCQ po ay hindi para magawa po natin ang mga gusto nating gawin tulad ng pagsasabong; ito po ay para gumulong ulit ang ekonomiya. GCQ or MGCQ does not mean we are free of the virus so we must always be vigilant," he adds.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS

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### **DILG 3 supports DepEd's Brigada Eskwela and Oplan Balik Eskwela**

DILG 3 Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag assured the DILG support to the Department of Education's Bayanihan Sa Paaralan' initiatives during the 2020 Joint Brigada Eskwela (BE) & Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE) Regional Kick off Ceremonies virtual activity aired on Facebook on June 3, 2020.

For this year, the program aims to promote convergence of efforts among government

agencies and stakeholders to ensure that learning continues amid COVID-19 pandemic. DepEd focuses on the preparations and strengthening partnership engagements in the BE to comply with certain health standards and protocols.

*"Just like what we did in the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, ganun din po ang gagawin natin sa Bayanihan sa Paaralan. Hinihikayat po namin ang mga lokal na pamahalaan, ang mga lokal na opisyal lalo na ang mga Mayor at Gobernador na tayo ay tulungan dahil nasa kanilang mga kanayunan ang ating mga paaralan,"* Daquioag said.

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## DILG XII RD warns as hordes of local stranded individuals head home

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III has issued an urgent call to both residents and LGU officials of the Region as new Covid—19 cases was recorded just a few days after locally-stranded individuals have come home.

*"If you notice, lahat ng ating kababayan ay sumobra 'ata ang pagka-relax at mukhang*

*naging complacent. We say NO to Complacency! Sayang naman na wala na sana tayong recorded cases for many weeks then suddenly, we are confronted with these statistics na biglang dumami ang naging positive. Personally, I am quite alarmed with these new developments,” Dir. Leysa laments.*

She urged the public once again to exercise caution at all times, living up to the health standards set by the government which include mandatory wearing of face masks, hand washing, and physical distancing when in public places. She also advised people to refrain from going out of their homes unless necessary or when purchasing essential goods and supplies.

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## NEWS FROM ATTACHED AGENCIES

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## **Gamboa: PNP Libreng Sakay to continue, has ferried 11,000 stranded commuters since operations**

The Philippine National Police "Libreng Sakay" project has transported and helped a total of 11, 480 stranded workers and commuters since public transportation in the National Capital Region (NCR) was suspended eight weeks ago.

PNP Chief, Police General Archie Francisco Gamboa directed the Directorate for Police Community Relations (DPCR) and the Police Community Affairs and Development Group (PCADG) to continue the PNP Libreng Sakay project which on its ninth week of operations. *“Aside from this Libreng Sakay project in the major highways along EDSA, we also launched Free Ride Project in communities and barangays using police vehicles to provide a free ride to elderly and pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women with small children,”* Gamboa added.

In the latest report from the Operations Management Division of PCADG, a daily average of 300 to 400 workers and commuters were transported by PNP trucks and vehicles from March 19, 2020 to June 7, 2020.

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## BJMP National Selection Board begins online interviews for JO1 applicants

More than a week after the resumption of the recruitment activities for Jail Officer 1, the National Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (NHRMPSB) is now conducting online interviews for JO1 applicants via ZOOM.

The Board would like to fill up the attrition quota the soonest time possible to augment the manpower complement in the field especially during this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

*"We are deeply concerned with our colleagues in the field; that is why we are pushing for additional personnel to help them,"* said Jail Chief Superintendent Rivera.

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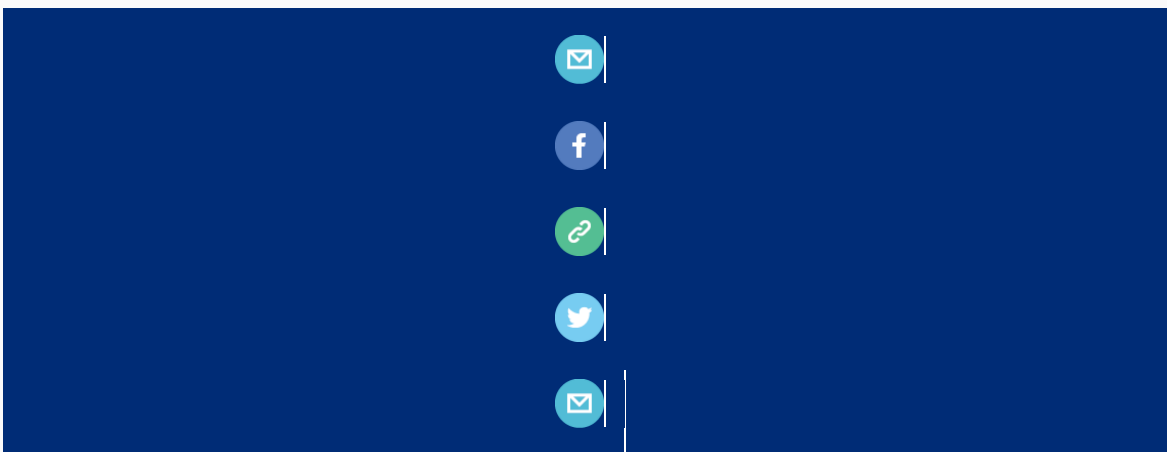
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