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STATEMENT OF THE DILG ON THE HEALTH OF SECRETARY AÑO

USec. Jonathan E. Malaya Spokesperson

After being declared by his doctors as fit to work, Secretary Eduardo M. Año will return to work today, 8 September 2020, and reassume his duties as head of agency.

The Secretary tested negative for COVID-19 last September 2 and has fully recovered from the disease. We thank the public for your prayers and expressions of support to Secretary Año.

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DILG: Charges filed vs perpetrator of viral post telling couples to practice physical distancing after sex

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año has formally filed a complaint against the perpetrator of fake news circulated on social media allegedly quoting him as advising couples to practice physical distancing after sex.

This was confirmed by DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan E. Malaya after the Philippine National Police (PNP) completed its investigation and identified the culprit as Gabriel Marvin Cabier, a 26-year-old resident of Cebu City.

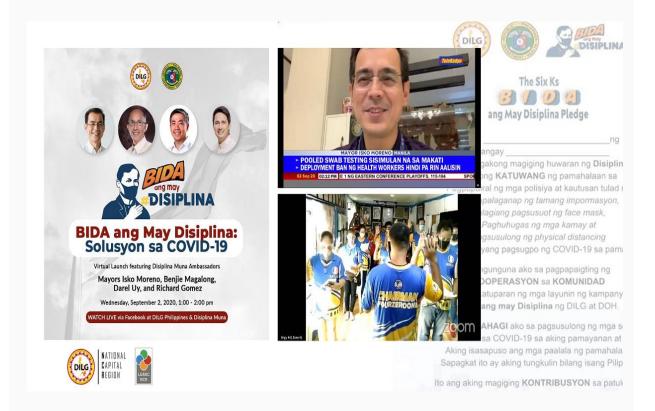
"Opisyal na pong nakapagsampa ng kaso si DILG Secretary Año sa nagpakalat ng malisyoso at maling impormasyon na nagsasabing sinabi niya diumano na mag-physical distancing ang mga couple matapos mag-sex. Ang pagsasampa natin ng kaso ay isang paalala na maging responsable po tayo sa ating ipinopost sa social media. Gamitin po natin ito para sa kabutihan lalo na at tayo ay nahaharap sa isang matinding krisis," Malaya said.

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"We pushed through with the filing of criminal cases as a warning to all would-be perpetrators of fake news to think twice before they do something similar. We will prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law."

-DILG Usec. Jonathan E. Malaya

REGIONAL NEWS



DILG NCR: Disiplina Muna Ambassadors lead Bida ang May Disiplina virtual launch

Manila Mayor Francisco 'Isko Moreno' Domagoso, together with other local chief executives joined the online launching of the Bida ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19 campaign.

Bida ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19 combines the BIDA Solusyon campaign of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Disiplina Muna advocacy of the DILG. It aims to encourage people to be active participants in the fight against COVID-19 by rebuilding the culture of discipline in adhering to health standards.

Domagoso is one of the ambassadors of the Disiplina Muna program of the DILG. The nation's capital city hosted the national launch of the program in 2019.

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DILG Pampanga, AFP talk further actions on anti-insurgency

DILG Pampanga Director Myrvi Apostol-Fabia and Lieutenant Colonel Felix Valdez, Commanding Officer of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army, laid down the succeeding strategies following the success in the surrender of a total of 24 rebels, further aiming to ultimately curb the violent extremist movement in the locality.

Immediately following the ceremonial awarding of the cash-aid assistance to 14 former

rebels through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP), antiinsurgency focus group members sat down for a meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, to further discuss provincial actions to finally put an end in the local movement against the government.

The meeting forms part of the activities under the Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) Program of the national government from the Executive Order No. 70 on the whole-of-nation approach against violent rebel groups and terrorists.

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DILG Soccsksargen adds more focal persons to strengthen localization of EO 70 in the region

This development came as the additional list of target barangays for the Region was released according to DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

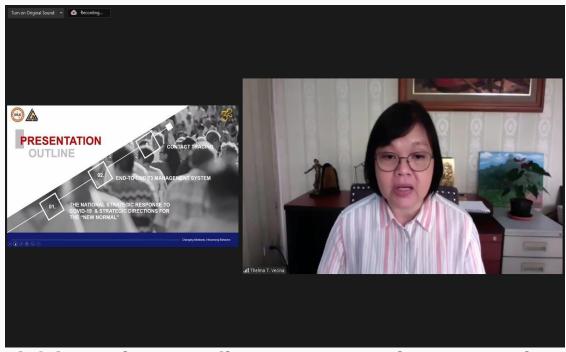
There were 1,325 target barangays as the 2020 nationwide target of which Region XII has 103 identified barangays. This includes the original 63 target barangays and the additional 40 barangays which were added by the National Task Force (NTF) on ELCAC to be targeted

for CY 2020.

Director Leysa, in an earlier statement recalled that "the advocacy on Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) has been sustained by the Department" and all the adjustments are in place as a way of ensuring that all the efforts toward the realization of insurgent-free communities will not be paralyzed, even during the dark days of Covid 19 pandemic.

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LGA continues online contact tracing course for LGUs

The Local Government Academy (LGA) imparts contact tracing skills to through online course for local government units (LGUs) last September 4, 2020.

The contact tracing course is entitled, Building Resilience of LGUs for the New Normal: Embracing COVID-19 Contact Tracing Work.

Now on its 6th out of 12 batches, the LGA continuously equips the participants with competencies that will aid in the fight against COVID-19.

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BJMP-NCR conducts orientation of jail officers on ELCAC through webinar series

The BJMP-NCR Regional Community Relations Service (CRS) Team conducted the Episode 1 of the CRS Webinar Series entitled "Orientation on the Joint National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict for Jail Officers."

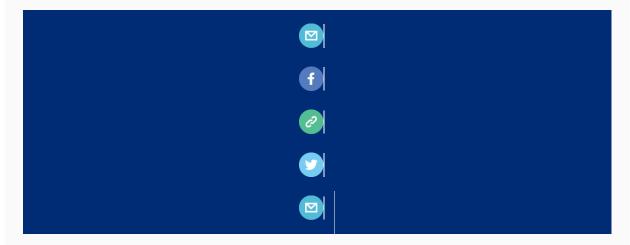
The CRS, and Welfare and Development Officers of the Regional Office and jail units participated during the webinar last September 4, 2020.

The EO 70 webinar orients jail officers of their duties as public servants and strengthening BJMP's support role in ending local communist armed conflict towards long and lasting peace.

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