

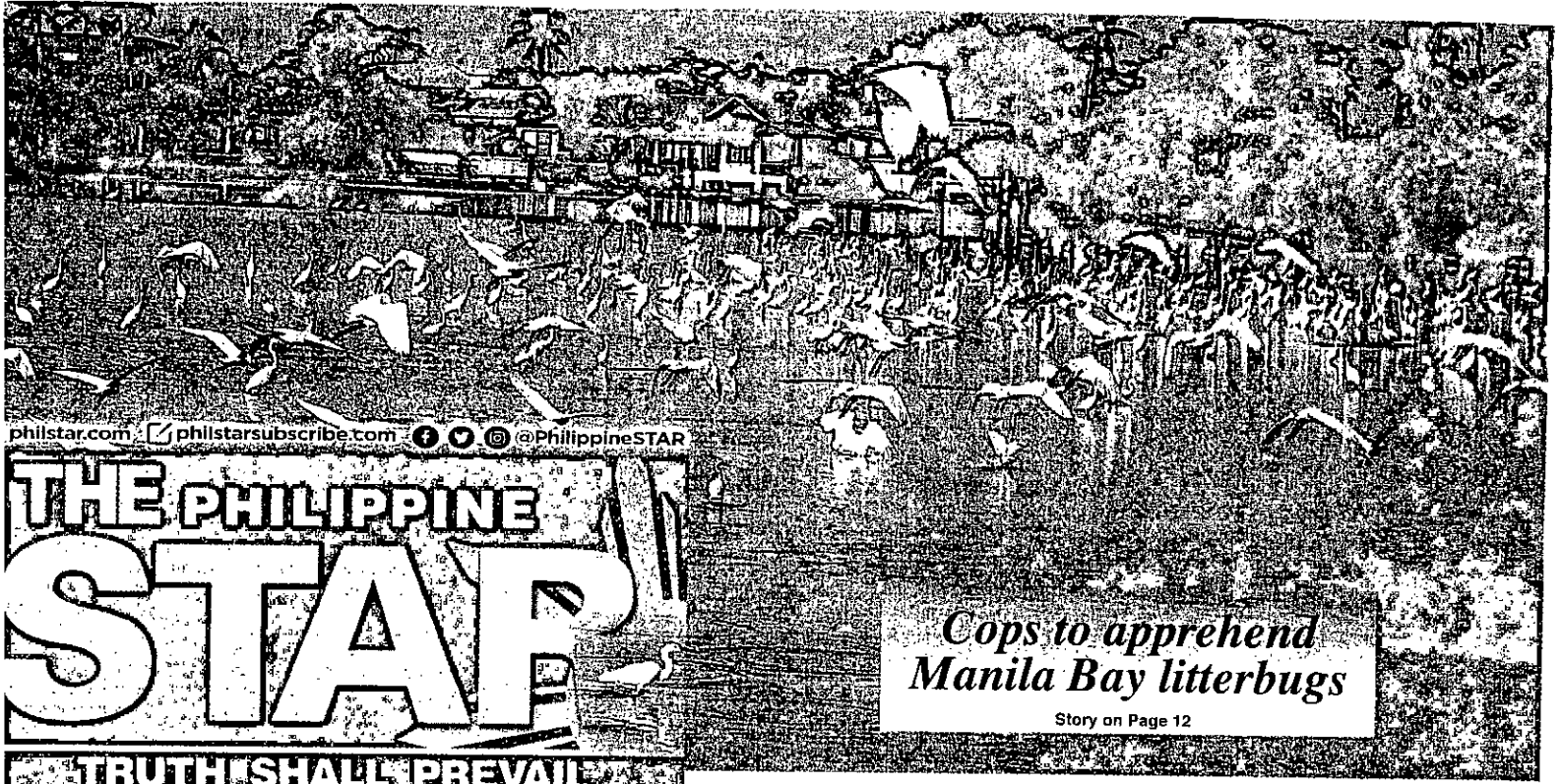
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*Cops to apprehend  
Manila Bay litterbugs*

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Migratory birds search for food at a fish pond in Kawit, Cavite yesterday. Egrets and other wild birds from Asia enter the Philippines to escape the harsh northern winters by resting and feeding in wetland areas such as Manila Bay. JOEY VIDUYA

# Manila Bay litterbugs face arrest

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) is setting its sights on people and firms littering Manila Bay, an official said yesterday.

Director Guillermo Eleazar, NCRPO chief, said they are ironing out the details in enforcing existing laws and ordinances against littering in Manila Bay.

He said the NCRPO is ready to apprehend violators once the new rehabilitation plan is enforced.

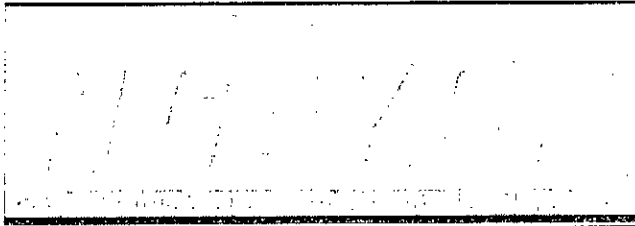
The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is set to unveil its

Manila Bay rehabilitation plan on Sunday.

Eleazar said all violators – be they private individuals who litter or establishments that dump waste into the bay – will be made accountable.

Eleazar also encouraged his fellow police officers to help clean up Manila Bay aside from providing security assistance.

President Duterte ordered the cleanup late last year, warning hotels and other establishments to stop dumping waste in the bay or face closure. – Romina Cabrera



## Informal settlers sa Manila Bay, bibigyang ayuda ng PCUP

Bibigyan ng maayos at dekalidad na relokasyon ang tinatayang 220,000 pamilya na inaaasahang maaapektuhan ng isasagawang rehabilitasyon sa Manila Bay.

Ayon kay Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) Chairperson/ CEO, Alvin S. Feliciano, sisikapin ng naturang ahensiya na maayos ang lilipatan ng mga informal settlers na naninirahan sa paligid ng Manila Bay at handarin ang kaniyang tanggapan na makipag-ugnayan

sa mga ito para maging maayos at mapayapa ang isasagawang relokasyon.

"Lubos tayong natutuwa na kabilang ang PCUP sa inter-agency committee para sa rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay na pinangungunahan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) dahil mas maantabayanan natin ang pagbibigay ayuda sa mga maaapektuhan ng rehabilitasyong isasagawa sa look," ani Feliciano.

"Bilang ahensiya ng

gobyerno na nagsisilbing tulay ng maralitang taga-lungsod sa pamahalaan, titiyakin natin na hindi sub-standard ang mga bahay na lilipatan ng ating mga kababayah. May maayos na patubig, kuryente, at kalsada, at malapit ito sa mga eskwelahan at klinika upang hindi na kailanganin pang lumayo para sa maayos na edukasyon at serbisyong pang-kalusugan. Higit sa lahat, sisiguraduhin natin na mayroong naghihintay na oportunidad

sa bawat isa upang di na nila maisip pang bumalik sa kanilang pinanggalingan," dagdag pa nito.

Samantala, ayon kay DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, tinatayang-aabutin sa P47 bilyon ang gagastusin,

para sa pagsasa-ayos ng Manila Bay at kasama na rito ang budget para sa relokasyon ng mga taong naninirahan sa paligid nito. Inaasahang mag-sisimula ang nasabing proyekto sa Enero 27, 2019. (Rudy Ardal)



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## Fisherfolk group wants 'pro-people' Manila Bay rehab

By Rio N. Araja

A NATIONAL federation of fishermen and fishworkers on Thursday called for a more "pro-people" rehabilitation of Manila Bay.

Pablo Rosales, *Pagkakaisa ng mga Samahan ng Mangingisda* chairperson, expressed disappointment over the failure of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to hold a dialogue with them in the P47-billion rehabilitation plan of Manila Bay.

"The government's plan is anchored on restoring the bay's waters to pristine quality, in order to make it safe for swimming again. It wants to employ a Boracay-style clean up in a body of water that is facing much more complex challenges," he said, saying that the 190-kilometer Manila Bay is much bigger than the 1,000-hectare Boracay Island in Aklan.

"And more importantly, around five-million people are living in the coastal areas around the bay, their livelihoods dependent on the bay's resources," he said.

Gilbert Reyes, a *Pangisda* leader in Paranaque City, said they were never consulted.

"Instead of consulting us and employing our assistance in the rehabilitation efforts as key stakeholders, the communities are being threatened of evictions and demolitions," he said.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said the bay's rehabilitation will kick off on Jan. 27.

"What will happen to the small fishers in Manila Bay who are dependent on fishing for their livelihoods? How will the government address the economic displacement that will result from its rehabilitation plan?" Reyes asked.

He, however, clarified *Pangisda* is not against the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.

## SKETCHES

ANA MARIE PAMINTUAN

### Bless the beasts

Growing up in the city of Manila, I was a regular visitor to the zoo. So as a young reporter assigned to cover city hall, I was delighted to be allowed to play with newborn lion cubs at the zoo (they look adorable, but those claws can cause serious injuries even when they're tiny).



Even before then, however, I knew the zoo needed major improvements. The elephants and giraffes always looked listless in their enclosures. Once, someone had the brilliant idea of bringing in a polar bear, even if the zoo lacked a facility to keep the poor beast in Arctic temperature. In an open enclosure in the tropical heat, the bear sat pathetically on a block of ice. I don't think it lasted three months.

The chimps were always a popular attraction. When the crowds gathered, the chimps would start thumping the ground with their fists and jumping up and down. As soon as people turned their backs to pose for pictures with the animals in the background, the chimps would reach into their backsides and then lob turd balls at the people. If humans were hit, the chimps would whoop it up and swing happily around the pen. Everyone laughed – except those who were hit.

I always considered this a display of unhappiness by the intelligent animals, and wondered if they would kill us humans if given the chance. And no, the "Planet of the Apes" remake was still several years away so I wasn't influenced by any movie. You could see the displeasure in the chimps at the zoo.

I wonder about the chimps these days, now that the Manila government has shut down the zoo indefinitely for what the public is told would be a thorough cleanup.

The zoo was found to be discharging sewage into a creek that washes out into Manila Bay. Environment officials found the creek to be heavily polluted, like almost all the other waterways in the city of Manila (Pasig River at least is much improved, though this is no thanks to the city government).

So Manila officials decided not to wait for President Duterte to order the zoo shut down. The zoo is now closed – certainly not for good, but it has raised expectations of a dramatic rehab.

On TV and the Internet we can watch wildlife species in their natural habitat, engaged in all types of activities from birth to death. But observing them live, and if possible interacting with them, is a different experience that every human being must try at least once.

As the voices of those advocating against animal cruelty have grown stronger, several countries have implemented measures to make interaction with wildlife as minimally disruptive as possible to the beasts and their natural environment.

Obviously, the ideal places are wildlife conservation parks with vast tracts of land where animals roam freely. The wildlife areas are simply fenced off to keep out hunters, poachers and other threats, so the animals don't even know that their habitats have been turned into gigantic pens.

I've been to a safari in such a park in South Africa. We toured the park on an open-top jeep-like vehicle. The guide carried a shotgun, but he reassured us that wildlife generally shun humans. In fact the problem in such safaris is that human presence drives away the beasts, and visitors must wait a long time before they spot the animals.

It was breathtaking, however, to watch hyenas chase an antelope and catch it. Giraffes were concealed in a grove of trees as tall and slender as the animals' necks. Two elephant calves rolled around playfully, destroying everything in their path in a thunderous roar. In the evening, as we enjoyed a barbecue in an open enclosure within the park surrounded by torches to keep out the beasts, we could hear elephants trumpeting nearby. The primeval howl can give you goose bumps.

Obviously, not all countries can offer safaris. Some countries such as Indonesia operate wildlife theme parks on a much smaller scale, with visitors exploring only from the safety of vehicles.

Indonesia also has a massive zoo in southern Jakarta, whose unique attractions include the Komodo dragon, the venomous monster lizard endemic to the country, as well as the Sumatran tiger and orangutan. Ragunan Zoo occupies 140 hectares; compare this to the Manila Zoo's 5.5 hectares. The more adventurous can visit islands and provinces across Indonesia where the Komodo dragon freely roams.

Several countries offer petting opportunities or at least close encounters with their unique wildlife. In China you can pose beside a live panda – part of a massive conservation park for the adorable-looking endangered animal. In Australia you can hold a koala and pose with a kangaroo. In South Africa you can ride an ostrich.

Even dangerous predators can be offered for human interaction. In the US state of Louisiana, you can hold a baby alligator, or explore the swamps on an open boat, waiting for the big ones to emerge from the water. In the Sacred Monkey Forest of Ubud in Bali, Indonesia, monkeys roam freely even in city streets, and will perch on your head and shoulders for a photo if you reward them with food afterwards.

We can develop such areas for communing with wildlife and nature, outside congested, polluted cities. Visitor fees can be collected and souvenirs sold for proper maintenance of the facilities.

The level of humaneness in a society is reflected in the way it treats animals. The shutdown of the Manila Zoo should prove to be good news for both the animals in its care and the humans who visit.



## GOTCHA JARIUS BONDOC



# Government incapable of finishing anything

- Environment - Deforestation, destructive mining, and illegal quarrying were banned in 1935 - yet goes on for nearly a century.

The much-ballyhooed massive cleanup of Boracay remains unfinished. The western white-sand beaches have been cleared of rowdy partiers; their garbage continues to pile up on the other side of the island.

Now they're talking of a Manila Bay rehab as if it's novel. None of 23 national and local government offices that the Supreme Court ordered to do so as far back as 2008 has explained its failure all these years.

- Disaster mitigation - The Mines and Geosciences Bureau in 1999 distributed and posted online geo-hazard maps of municipalities and barangays. Identified were areas prone to floods, tsunamis, storm surges, and landslides. Officials continue to allow residents there, so thousands die each year.



## DENR SERYOSONG IPASARA O PAGMULTAHIN ANG MGA ESTABLISIMYENTONG PASAWAY SA MANILA BAY

NANAWAGAN si Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu sa lahat ng local government units na tiyakin na ang lahat ng commercial at residential establishments sa kanilang nasasakupan ay sumusunod sa tamang pagtatapon ng kanilang wastewater sa anumang daluyan ng tubig at higit sa lahat sinabi pa ni Cimatu na importante ang pagbibigay ng impormasyon sa mga residente kung ano ang kanilang responsibilidad upang malinis ang Manila Bay.

Sabi pa ni Cimatu, malaking problema ng bansa ang solid waste dahil na rin sa hindi tamang segregasyon, walang humpay na paggamit ng "single-use plastic products at hindi tamang pagtatapon ng basura.

Sa darating na Enero 27 ay ihahayag na ng DENR ang mga establisimiyentong direktang nagtatapon ng kanilang wastewater sa Manila Bay, esteros at ilog na nakakonekta sa naturang dagat.

Ang mga establisimiyentong mapatutunayang lumala-

bag at bumabalewala sa environmental laws ay maaaring maipasara o kaya naman ay pagmultahin ng hanggang P200,000 kada araw.

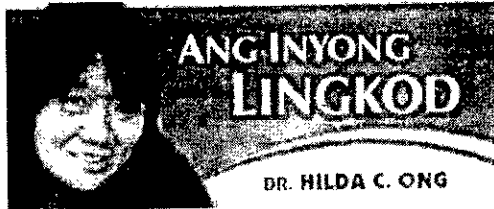
"We will issue notices of violation to non-compliant establishments or we will shut them down," babala pa ni Cimatu. "Until they comply, they cannot operate."

Kinakailangan ding sumusunod ang mga establisimiyentong ito sa "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3R) para sa tamang solid waste management.

"Segregation at source is a simple practice that, when done habitually, will rid not just Metro Manila but the entire country of solid waste that pollutes land, water and air," pagdidilin ng kalihim.

"With education, we can clean-up Manila Bay, we can sustain it, and we can preserve the revived Manila Bay," pagtatapos nito.

**PCSO NAHIGITAN ANG  
'SELF-IMPOSED**



### REVENUE TARGET NITONG 2018

Dahil sa malaking tiwala ng taumbayan kung kaya't nalampasan ng PCSO ang 'self-imposed revenue target' nito sa katatapos na taong 2018. Ayon sa inilabas na datus ng Gaming, Product Development and Marketing Sector ng corporate agency, umabot sa 'record high' na Php 63.55 Billion ang kinita nito o halos apat na bilyong pisong mas malaki sa target nitong sixty billion pesos lamang.

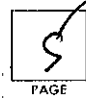
Kumita ng Php31.9 Billion ang multi-million Lotto games at digital games; Php26.1 Billion sa Small Town Lottery; Php4.39 Billion mula sa Lotto Keno; Php1.14 Billion mula sa Instant Sweepstakes; at Php 4.86 Million sa mini-sweepstakes.

Noong taong 2017, pumalo sa Php52.9 Billion ang kinita ng PCSO, lubhang malayo sa karaniwang Php37.4 Billion na kinikita nito sa nagdaang administrasyong Aquino.

Ayon kay PCSO General Manager Alexander Balutan, dahil nakikita ng sambayanan na ang kasalukuyang pamunuan ng corporate agency ay kumikilala sa 'transparency' at 'leadership by example' ay nawala ang pagdududa nila sa pagtaya sa mga gaming products nito.

Nakatulong din umano sa paglaas ng kita ang pagpapaliwanag sa mga mananaya na hindi lamang basta paglilibang ang kanilang ginagawang pagtangkili sa mga produkto ng PCSO, kundi isang pamamaraan ng pagtulon. Ika nga ni General Manager Balutan, mas pinalutang ang konseptong "sa bawat taya, para sa kawanggawa."

Lumaki rin umano ang kinita ng corporate agency dahil sa mahigpit na implementasyon ng Executive Order No. 13 na inilabas ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte na nag-uutos sa Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Department of the Interior and Local Government, at Department of Information and Communications Technology upang sugpuin ang lahat ng uri ng illegal gambling sa bansa.



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pansamantala ang Manila Zoo dahil sa isyu ng polusyon ng Manila Bay. Ang mga itinatapong tubig ng zoo ay pumupunta umano sa estero na tumutuloy naman sa Manila Bay. Mayroong kampanya na linisin ang Manila Bay matapos magpahayag ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na napakarumi na ng karagatang ito. Ang plano ay lagyan ng dalawang water treatment na planta ang zoo para hindi na ito makapagtapon ng maraming tubig sa estero

na lilinis na rin ng gobyerno.

Wala namang problema sa pansamantalang pagpapasara sa zoo. Ang sa atin lang, sana, hindi mapababayaan ang mga hayop. Noong 1959, nang magbukas ang Manila Zoo. Ang pinakasikat na residente rito ay si Mali, ang Asian elephant. Mahigit 40 years old na si Mali. Ang pagkakakilala nga sa kanya ay "ang pinakamalungkot na elepante sa buong mundo" dahil wala itong kasama. Gayunman, sana, habang sarado ang zoo,



### Manila Zoo, apektado sa isyu ng polusyon sa Manila Bay?! Hmmm...

ipatupad na ang planong rehabilitasyon nito sa halagang isa't kalahating bilyong piso. Nagbibigay ng kasiyahan ang mga hayop sa maraming tao, kaya sana ay naibibigay din ang tamang pangangalaga para sa kanila.

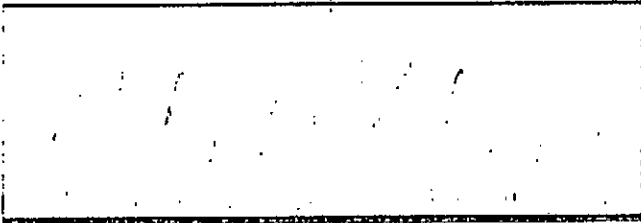
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Bumigay din ang Mababang Kapulungan, hindi na 9 yrs. old ang pananagutan para sa kriminalidad kundi 12-anyos na. Dahil sa rami at lakas ng oposisyon sa edad na 9, na ang tingin ng marami ay

masyadong bata pa para makilalang kriminal ng lipunan kaya sumangayon sa edad na labindalawa. Kung masangkot man ang bata sa kriminal na gawain, dapat idaan ito sa pagpapayo at rehabilitasyon.

May mga tutol pa rin sa edad na ito, pero mukhang ipapasa ito ng Kongreso. May ilang bersiyon din ang Senado, pero parehong 12-anyos ng pananagutan. Minsan, mapaiisip tayo kung ano na ang nangyayari sa lipunan at kailangang ibaba ang edad ng pananagutan.





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## Rehabilitasyon ng Manila Zoo

ISINARA ang Manila Zoo dahil sa isyu ng polusyon ng Manila Bay. Ang maruming tubig ng zoo ay dumadaloy sa estero na humahantong naman sa Manila Bay. May kampanya na linisin ang Manila Bay, matapos ipahayag ni President Duterte na napakarumi na ng karagatang ito. Ang plano ay lagyan ng dalawang water treatment plant ang zoo sa loob ng tatlo o apat na buwan para hindi na nagtatapon ng maruming tubig sa estero.

Wala namang problema sa pagsara ng zoo. Ang sa akin lang ay sana hindi rin napapabayaang mga hayop doon. Taon 1959 nang buksan ang zoo. Ang pinakasikat

na hayop ay ang elepanteng si Mali. Higit 40-taong gulang na si Mali. Ang pagkakakilala nga sa kanya ay ang pinakamalungkot na elepante sa buong mundo, dahil walang kinakasama. Sana habang sarado ang zoo, ipatupad na ang rehabilitasyon ng zoo sa halagang P1.5 bilyon. Nagbibigay ng kasiyahan ang mga hayop sa mga tao, kaya sana, naibibigay rin ang tamang pag-alaga sa kanila.

Samantala, inilagay ng International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) ang tawilis sa listahan ng mga isda na namemeligrong maubos. Mula sa Taal Lake ang tawilis. Ibig sabihin, may posibilidad na mawala na nang tuluyan ang isda, kung hindi kikilos ang gobyerno. Ayon sa IUCN, dapat may regulasyon na sa paghuli ng isda, pati na rin ang paggamit ng mga ilegal na pamamaraan sa pangingsda, at polusyon ng lawa. Hindi ko alam kung may iba pang hayop na namemeligro nang maubos.

Babala na ito na kung hindi pangangalagaan ang mga hayop, isang araw ay mawawala na lang ng tuluyan. Tulad ng tawilis na tila inabuso ang paghuli nito. Lahat ay may hangganan, kung magiging pabaya. Kayá mahalaga na idaan na sa rehabilitasyon ang Manila Zoo, para maalagaan ang mga hayop doon.



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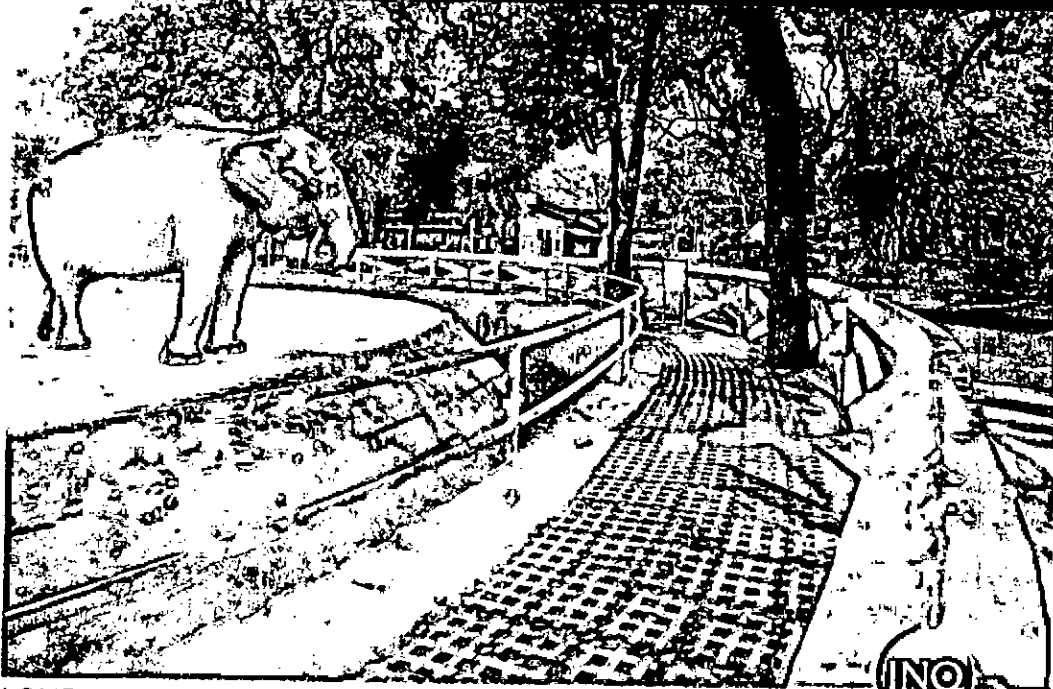
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**LONELY MAMMAL** Mali, Manila Zoo's most popular resident, seems to be puzzled by the lack of visitors at her enclosure. The city government has decided to close the zoo, effective on Jan. 23, for the installation of water treatment systems, after it was tagged as a major polluter of Manila Bay. —EDWIN BACASMAS

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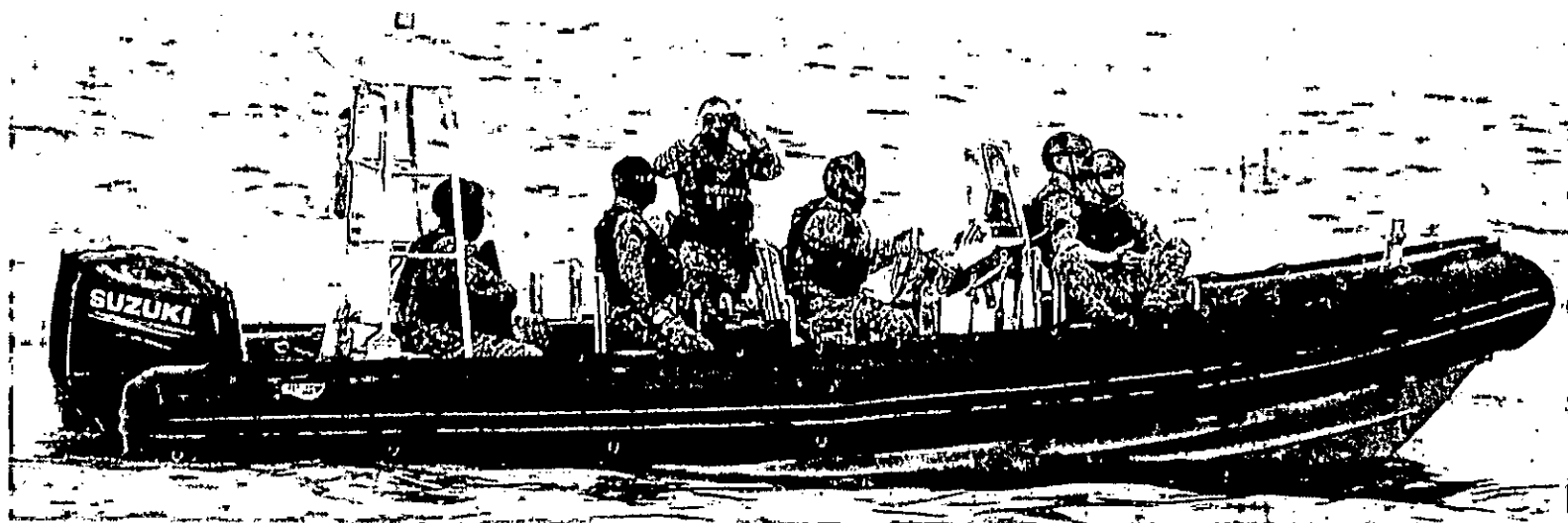
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MEMBERS of the Philippine Coast Guard inspect the waters of Manila Bay before the Department of Environment and Natural Resources begins its clean-up.

BOB DUNGO



**Stacyation** Muster of storks rests inside an enclosure at the Manila Zoo which is currently closed to public viewing until it finishes installing a sewage treatment plant.

AFP



# 5 die, 2 missing in Agusan landslide

By **BEN SERRANO**

**SANTIAGO, Agusan del Norte** – Five miners died while two others were reported missing following a landslide that buried a bunkhouse in a remote area here on Sunday night, authorities reported yesterday.

One miner survived the incident, which occurred at around 9 p.m. on the slope of Mt. Manhupaw in Barangay Pangaylan, according to Chief Superintendent Gilbert Cruz, Caraga police director.

The remains of the victims were recovered by members of a search and rescue team on Wednesday

morning.

Inspector Ronelo Dormitoryo, Santiago police chief, identified the fatalities as Rene Daguing, Casiano Iligan, Ramil Iligan, Jun Rex Perig and Tata Salahay.

The lone survivor, identified as Alan Daguing, was rescued by his fellow miners the day after the

landslide.

Daguing was brought to the Cabadbaran City District Hospital for treatment.

Search and rescue operations continued as of yesterday afternoon for two missing miners, identified as Jay-R Matadong, 28, and Gaga Matanog, 31.

The victims were preparing to sleep when rocks and mud rolled down from the mountain.

Authorities said the landslide was caused by heavy rains brought by Typhoon Amang. – **With Jaime Laude, Emmanuel Tupas**



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## Landslide in Agusan Norte kills 6, 1 missing

SIX miners were confirmed dead, while one was missing in a landslide in Santiago, Agusan del Norte, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) in the area said on Thursday.

Erma Suyo, PDRRMO Agusan del Norte officer, said the landslide happened near Mount Manpuhaw along the border of Santiago and Jabonga towns.

A police report identified the victims as Rene Ganguunlligan, Ramil Iligan, Casiano Iligan, Tata Salasay, Rex Pening, Jay-I Matanog and one "Gang-gang."

Another miner remained missing as of Thursday.

Suyo said civilians were also taking part in the recovery of cadavers, while the wife of one of the victims hired about 20 people to transport the bodies of the victims to Cabadbaran City.

She added that they only

learned about the incident after a lone survivor was brought to a local hospital for treatment.

Suyo said the area, declared as "red zone," was New People's Army (NPA)-infested and there was no presence of military or police officers.

The mountain is accessible only by four-wheeled vehicles for 4 kilometers (km) and *habal-habal* (motorcycles) for 5 km.

It can be reached after a trek of 17 km for eight to 10 hours.

Caraga police said the miners were on their way to the mountain for treasure hunting.

Maj. Gen. Felimon Santos, commander of the military's Eastern Mindanao Command, assured that the presence of the NPA rebels would not affect their retrieval operations.

"No problem with the NPA. Troops are doing their best. They are only having a hard time because of the landslide," Santos said.

**DEMPSEY REYES**



## 4 dead in landslide in Agusan del Norte

BY VICTOR REYES

FOUR hunters died Sunday in a landslide in Mt. Manhupaw at the boundary of Santiago and Jabonga towns in Agusan del Norte, police reported yesterday.

Three others remained missing.

Citing a belated report, Caraga regional police director Chief Supt. Gilbert Cruz named the fatalities as Rene Gan-ungun-Iligan, Ramil Naño Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan and Tata Salasay.

Cruz said they learned of the incident on Monday when the wife of one of the fatalities reported to the Santiago police station that her husband was buried in a landslide while treasure hunting on Sunday night.

Follow-up operations led to the recovery of the fatalities and a survivor, identified as Alan Daging.

The bodies were brought to Barangay Poblacion 2 in Santiago town.

The missing were identified as Rex Penig, Jay-jay Matanong and a "Gang-gang."

SPO2 Teotan Contreras, investigator from the Santiago police station, said the landslide occurred at the height of heavy rains brought about by tropical depression "Amang."

Amang weakened into a low pressure area last Tuesday and has dissipated.

"It was raining at that time

because of Amang. Right now, there is no longer a typhoon, but it's still raining in the area," said Contreras.

Police and provincial disaster risk reduction and management officials said authorities are having difficulty in search, rescue and recovery operations because the place is a known area of the communist New People's Army.

### RAINY WEATHER

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration yesterday said many parts of the country will experience cloudy and rainy weather until Sunday.

Weather forecaster Raymond Ordinario said a tail-end of a cold front, which is the merging of cool and warm winds that produces clouds and rains, will bring cloudy skies with light to moderate rains to parts of the Bicol region, Southern Luzon, and Eastern and Central Visayas until Sunday.

The rest of Luzon, including Metro Manila, will continue to experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with passing light rains due to the cold northeast monsoon or "hanging amihan." The rest of the country will have generally fair weather except for possible isolated rains because of localized thunderstorms. — *With Angela Lopez de Leon*



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# Landslide kills 4 in Agusan del Norte

By **ALFRED DALIZON**

**HEAVY rains brought about by typhoon Amang triggered a landslide in a rebel-infested village located at the boundary of Santiago and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte which killed four treasure-hunters Sunday night, a belated Police Regional Office 13 report said yesterday.**

Three others were believed to have been trapped underneath tons of rock and mud that destroyed a mining area in Mount Manpuhaw and are also believed to be dead, the PRO13 said.

PRO13 director, Chief Superintendent Gilbert DC Cruz said a businesswoman named Jasmin Iligan went to the Santiago Municipal Police Station in Surigao del Sur shortly before midnight Monday and reported that at around 9 p.m. Sunday, her husband Rene and his companions who were involved in treasure-hunting were trapped in a landslide in Mount Manpuhaw located at the boundary of Santiago and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

Cruz said the bodies of four of the victims were recovered by their relatives. He identified them as Rene

Iligan, Ramil Naño Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan and Tata Salasay.

The bodies were transported to Sitio Kasagayan, Bgy. Poblacion 2 in Santiago, as rescuers continued to search for the missing.

According to the woman, her husband and his fellow treasure hunters she identified as the two Iligans, Salasay, Alan Daging, Jay-ay Matanog and a certain Gang-gang were buried in a landslide that struck the place where they were digging for supposed buried treasures.

The place is believed to be heavily-infested with New People's Army guerrillas and is about 25 ki-

lometers away from Bgy. Poblacion. It could be reached by walking for eight to ten hours and crossing two rivers.

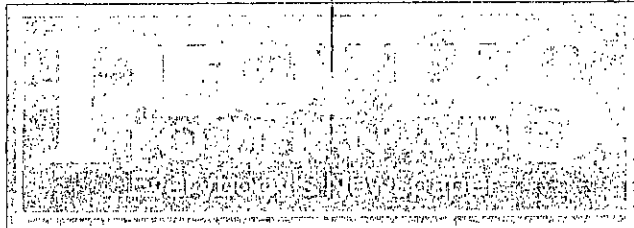
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**Zaida Delos Reyes**





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# Landslide buries 7 treasure hunters in Agusan del Norte

By Alfred Dalizon

**HEAVY rains brought by typhoon "Amang" triggered a landslide in a rebel-infested village in the boundary of Santiago and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte killing four treasure-hunters late Sunday night, a belated Police Regional Office 13 report said yesterday.**

Three others were also trapped under tons of rock and mud that destroyed a mining site in Mount Manpuhaw and were also believed to have been killed, the PRO13 said.

According to PRO13 director Chief Supt. Gilbert DC Cruz, a businesswoman named Jasmin Iligan went to the Santiago Municipal Police Station in Surigao del Sur shortly before Monday midnight and reported that at around 9 p.m. on Sunday, her husband Rene and his companions who were involved in treasure-hunting were trapped in a landslide in Mount Manpuhaw located at the boundary of Santiago and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

Cruz said that the bodies of four of the victims were recovered by their relatives. He identified the fatalities as Rene Iligan, Ramil Naño Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan and Tata Salasay.

The bodies were transported to Sitio Kasagayan, Bgy. Poblacion 2 in Santiago municipality as rescuers continued their search for the missing three more treasure hunters.

According to the woman, her husband and his fellow treasure hunters she identified as the two Iligans, Salasay, Alan Daging, Jay-ay Matanog and "Gang-Gang" were buried in a landslide that struck the place, where they were digging for supposed buried treasures.

The place is believed to be heavily-infested with New People's Army guerrillas. It is about 25 kilometers away from Bgy. Poblacion and could be reached by walking for 8-10 hours and crossing two rivers.

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**4 miners die in Agusan del Norte landslide**

FOUR people were killed and three are still missing after a landslide hit Mount Manhupaw in Agusan del Norte, police confirmed Thursday. Relatives recovered the bodies of Rene Gan-ungunlligan, Ramil Nafio Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan, and Tata Salasay, said Chief Supt. Gilbert Cruz, Caraga regional police director. Rex Penig, Jay-ay Matanog, and a certain "Gang-gang" remain missing, while one, Alan Daging, survived despite injuries, Cruz said in a report forwarded to media. The incident occurred around 9 p.m. Sunday, but local police only learned it from the wife of one of the victims, late Monday night.

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he said. Initial information indicated the victims, allegedly involved in treasure hunting, were buried by a landslide that Mount Manhupaw, which lies at boundary of Santiago and Jabonga towns, Cruz said. The incident has initially been blamed on tropical depression "Amang," according to the official. —John Roson



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## 7 NATABUNAN SA LANDSLIDE SA AGUSAN DEL NORTE

PITO katao ang pinaniniwalaang nasawi habang isa ang nakaligtas matapos na matabunan ang kanilang bunkhouse kasunod ng naganap na pagguho ng lupa sa Mount Manhupaw sa bayan ng Santiago, Agusan del Norte.

Kinilala ang mga pinangangambahang natabunan ng landslide na sina Rene Gan-ungunligan, Ramil Iligan, Casiano Iligan, Tata Salasay, Rex Penning, Jay-i Matanog, at isang alyas Gang-gang.

Nakaligtas sa tra-

hedya ang 29-anyos na si Allan Daging isa sa mga minero na natutulog umano sa natabunang bunkhouse.

Ayon sa ulat, bundod ng patuloy na naranasang pag-ulan kaya naganap ang landslide noong Linggo ng gabi.

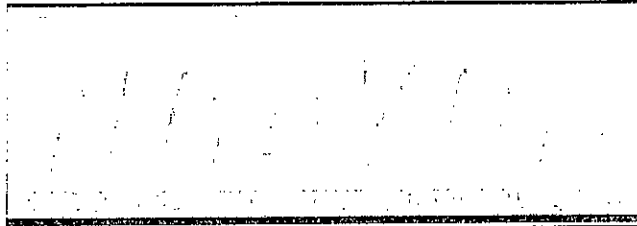
Sa salaysay ni Daging, alas-8 ng gabi noong Linggo nang makarinig ito ng malakas na kalabog habang natutulog sila sa bunkhouse.

Sa impormasyon ng Caraga Regional Police Office, isang Jasmin Iligan, may asawa, businesswoman.

at residente ng Brgy. Hinapuyan, Carmen, Surigao del Sur ang nagtungo sa Santiago MPS at nag-report na natabunan ng lupa ang kanyang asawa at mga kasamahang treasure hunter.

Tiniyak ng Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office ng Agusan Del Norte na iimbestigahan nila ang landslide at inatasan ang City Environment and Natural Resources Office ng Tubay na ipatigil ang pagmimina sa lugar.

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# 7 minero nailibing nang buhay

**Ni JOY CANTOS**

Nasawi ang pitong minero matapos mailibing nang buhay habang isa ang mapalad na nakaligtas makaraang aksidenteng matabunan ng gumuhong lupa habang naghahanap ng mina ng ginto sa liblib na lugar sa Mt. Manhupaw sa hangganan ng Santiago at Jabonga, Agusan del Norte, ayon sa opisyal kahapon.

Sa ulat ni CARAGA Police Director P/Chief Supt. Gilbert Cruz, apat sa pitong minero na ang nahukay ang mga bangkay habang patuloy pa ang search and retrieval operation sa tatlong iba pa at isa naman ang masuwerteng nakaligtas sa insidente.

Kinilala ng opisyal ang apat na bangkay na nareko-

ber sa lugar na sina Rene Gan-ungunligan, Ramil Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan at Tata Salasay.

Patuloy naman ang search and retrieval operation sa tatlong iba pa na sina Jay-Ja-ay Matanog, Rex Penig at isang tinukoy lamang sa alyas na "Gang-Gang", pawang mga nasa hustong gulang.

Masuwerte namang nakaligtas sa pangyayari at ginagamot na sa ospital si Alan Daging na siyang nag-salaysay sa mga otoridad ng masaklap na sinapit ng kanyang mga kasamahan.

Ayon kay Cruz, ang insidente ay ini-report sa pulisya nito lamang Enero 22 ni Jasmin Iligan,

negosyante, misis ng isa sa mga biktima hinggil sa paghahanap ng mina ng ginto ng kaniyang mister at mga kasamahan nito kung saan ang mga ito ay noon pang Enero 20 umalis patungong kabundukan sa nasabing lugar pero hindi

na nakabalik kaya labis na nagalala ang pamilya ng mga ito.

Ang landslide ay sanhi ng malalakas na pagulan sa CARAGA Region dulot ng pananalasa ng bagyong Amang kung saari lumambot ang lupa at natabunan ang grupo ng mga minero.



**BOSES NG MASA, MATA NG BAYAN**

**Magupit ni 'Amang'**

**7 NALIBING NANG BUHAY SA LANDSLIDE**

PITONG minero ang patay nang matabunan ng gumuhong lupa ang kanilang bunkhouse sa bahagi ng Bundok Manhupaw sa bayan ng Santiago sa kasagsagan ng paghagupit ng Bagyong Amang sa Agusan del Sur.

Nakilala ang mga biktima na sina Rene Gan-ungunligan, Ramil Naño Iligan, Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan, Rex Penig, Tata Salasay, Jay-ay Matanog, Alan Daging at isang 'Gang-gang'.

Buhay namang nahugot ng rescue unit mula sa pagkakatabon ng lupa na may kasa-mang putik si Daging na patuloy na ginagamot sa Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital sa Butuan City.

Ani Daging, alas-9:00 ng gabi ng Linggo habang sila'y kumukubli sa bunkhouse malapit sa minahan sa nabanggit na bundok nang

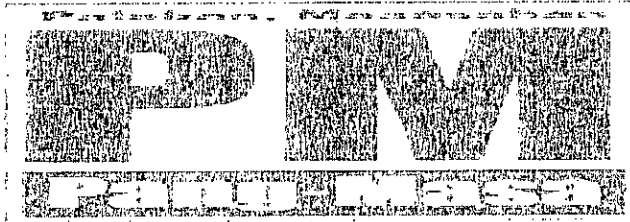
biglang gumuho ang itaas na malaking bahagi ng lupa at dumausdos sa kanilang tinutuluyan.

Nabatid na nasa 17 kilometro ang layo ng pinangyarihan mula sa pinakamalapit na barangay ng Poblacion.

Ayon kay Police Regional Office 13 Director Chief Supt. Gilbert Cruz, nahukay na ang mga labi nina Gan-ungunligan, Iligan, Tagunsulod at Salasay habang tulo pa sa kanila ang patuloy na nirerekober sa lugar.

Nagpadala ng karagdagang puwersa ang pulisya at militar upang magbantay ng seguridad sa mga awtoridad na tumutulong sa retrieval operations dahil hindi kalayuan ang kampo ng New People's Army (NPA) na nasa 25 kilometro lamang sa ground zero.

(Jeff Tumbado)



# 7 MINERO NILAMON NG LUPA

**N**alibing nang buhay ang 7 minero matabunan ng gumuhong lupa habang naghahanap ng mina ng ginto sa liblib na lugar sa Mt. Manhupaw sa hangganan ng Santiago at Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

Sa ulat ni CARAGA Police Director P/Chief Supt. Gilbert Cruz, nahukay na ang bangkay ng apat sa mga treasure hunter habang patuloy pa ang search and retrieval sa tatlong iba pa habang isa naman ang masuwerteng nakaligtas.

Ang apat na nasawi

ay kinilalang sina Rene Gan-ungunligan; Ramil Iligan; Casiano Tagunsulod Iligan; at Tata Salasay, pawang dinala na ang labi sa Poblacion 2, Santiago, Agusan del Norte.

Pinaghahanap ang tatlong iba pa na sina Jay Jay Matanog; Rex Penig at isang tinukoy lamang sa alyas na Gang-gang; pawang nasa hustong gulang at mga residente sa Surigao del Sur. Ang nakaligtas na si Alan Daging ang nagkuwento sa mga otoridad ang sinapit ng mga kasamahan.

## Ni JOY CANTOS

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mula sa highway ng Poblacion, Santiago, Agusan del Norte patungong kabundukan sa nasabing lugar pero hindi na nakabalik kaya labis silang nag-alala.

Nabatid na ang lugar ay nasa distansyang 4 kilometro kung lalakbayin ng 4 wheels vehicle at maliban dito ay maglakad pa ng 17 kilometro na tinatayang aabutin ng

8-10 oras bukod pa sa tatawiring dalawang ilog kaya hindi agad-naiparating sa pulisya ang impormasyon.

Ang landslide ay sanhi ng malalakas na pagulan sa CARAGA Region dulot ng pananalasa ng bagyong Amang kung saan lumambot ang lupa at natabunan ang grupo ng mga treasure hunter.



## Packagers struggle with ban on plastic

BY ELIJAH FELICE E. ROSALES

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**P**ACKAGERS are struggling to cope with the shifting consumer preference for paper over plastic, but are confident their sales will continue to increase for as long as the economy is driven by consumption.

Joseph Ross S. Jocson, outgoing president of the Packaging Institute of the Philippines, said the growing campaign to ban single-use plastic is posing a challenge to the industry. This, he argued, resulted in several local governments prohibiting the use of plastic bags in supermarkets.

"The challenge is actually with the plastic bag, [as] there are local government units who are ban-

ning single use," Jocson said on the sidelines of the ProPak Philippines 2019 Expo.

The packaging industry apparently took another hit when the government decided to rehabilitate Boracay last year and Manila Bay this month. Packaging—yet again—was faulted for the country's environmental woes, Jocson lamented.

"Now that there is more [environmental] awareness because of what happened to Boracay and [with] what is happening in Manila Bay, they always look at packaging as a culprit," he added.

The government, acting on President Duterte's directive, will begin cleaning up Manila Bay on Sunday.

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Establishments surrounding the popular sunset viewing sight were tasked to either connect to sewer lines or put up their own sewerage treatment plant in accordance with environmental laws. Informal settlers residing near the bay will also be relocated in housing sites to be identified by the government.

In spite of the shifting consumer preference, packagers are optimistic their industry will continue to expand, as demand will always be present for as long as the economy is driven by consumption, Jocson argued. Consumption accounts for 70 percent of the economy.

"[Packaging] correlates with population. It correlates with inflation. It correlates with income of the people. When the population grows, the demand for food rises, as well as the need for packaging. The industry keeps on expanding, and it never declined," the business leader explained. He claimed the global value of packaging now stands at \$1 trillion, which he said is proof that the industry remains firm in the face of adversity. Jocson added labels and packs make up at least 20 percent of total cost of every product—it is, therefore, virtually irreplaceable.

"Actually, we see it as the third-largest industry because, as I have said, everything is packaged: from the food we eat to the commodities we purchase in the supermarkets," he said. Packagers from all over the world on Thursday gathered at Pasay City for the ProPak Philippines 2019 Expo. The three-day business convention intends to present to enterprises the latest innovations on packaging and processing solutions.



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## Tawilis now endangered species

By ELLALYN DE-VERA-RUIZ

*Sardinella tawilis*, which can only be found in the Philippines, is now an endangered species, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Based on IUCN's research, major factors that threaten the extinction of Tawilis include "overfishing, illegal use of active fishing gears, such as motorized push net and ring net, proliferation of fish cages, and deterioration of water quality."

It added that the freshwater sardine's catches, which can only be found in Taal Lake, have steadily declined since at least 1998, when harvest was about 1,672 metric tons.

The harvest was estimated to be about 240 metric tons in 2005 and about 107 metric tons in 2010.

It is estimated that harvest has declined by about 49 percent over the past 10 years if the 2010 estimate is applied to 2017.

Researchers have likewise noted the introduction of several non-native species for commercial purposes that contributed to the decline of *Sardinella tawilis* stocks.

A survey conducted from 1996 to 1999 recorded 27 fish species from 32 families in the lake, which is much lower than records from the 1920s that recorded 101 species from 32 families.

Given this, about 87 percent of fish species had disappeared by 1996, which coincided with the same period that aquaculture began, researchers said.

IUCN said the declining population of Tawilis should be considered a "high" priority for conservation by the Philippine government.





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## World losing climate change race – UN

**DAVOS, Switzerland:** UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Thursday warned that the world was “losing the race” on climate change as he demanded that governments make bolder commitments beyond

the Paris accord.

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time. We are losing the race,” he said on the margins of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

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## World losing climate

“It is absolutely central to reverse this trend.”

Guterres said he was “not hopeful” that nations would find the resolve but stressed: “We need political will and we need governments who understand that this is the most important priority of our times.”

The Paris climate accord has been shaken by the withdrawal of the United States under President Donald Trump, and by threats to do the same by Brazil’s new hard-right leader Jair Bolsonaro.

The UN chief said the commitments made in Paris were already “not enough”.

“If what we agreed in Paris would materialize, the temperature would rise more than 3.0 degrees [Celsius],” he said on a Facebook Live broadcast from Davos.

“We need countries to make stronger commitments,” Guterres said, calling for more measures to mitigate against climate change, adapt to it, and financial aid for poorer countries.

**AFP**



# Davos elite frets over climate change

**The WEF, meanwhile, is trying hard to “green” its annual event**

The World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos is one of the few places where environmental activists attend the same events as the private jet crowd, and get a chance to try to convince them to change their ways face-to-face.

To come or not to

come to the swanky forum in the Swiss Alps? That is the question that Greenpeace asks itself each year.

Coming is “not for us a given, because this is a group of elites who have gotten us into the lot of messes that we have around the world right now,” the environmental organization’s executive director Jennifer Morgan told *AFP*.

Last year, US President Donald Trump came

to address the WEF just months after announcing he would abandon the Paris climate agreement.

This year, Brazil’s new far-right leader Jair Bolsonaro—another climate sceptic—headlined the event, to the chagrin of NGOs who have warned about the impact his economic development projects will have on the Amazon rain forest and indigenous peoples.

Despite her misgivings, Morgan is attending this year’s event alongside the likes of chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall, veteran wildlife documentary maker David Attenborough and former US vice president Al Gore.

They have their work cut out for them: from the oil industry to the agrifood business, there are plenty of executives walking the WEF halls who have yet to be fully convinced of the merits of converting to renewable energy and alternatives to plastic.

But although the Davos elite told a WEF survey that they are more worried than ever about climate change, selling them on shifting to a more environmentally friendly approach may not be easy, judging from the record number of private jets chartered for this year’s event.

The company Air Charter Service forecast nearly 1,500 private jet flights over the week to airports near the ski resort.

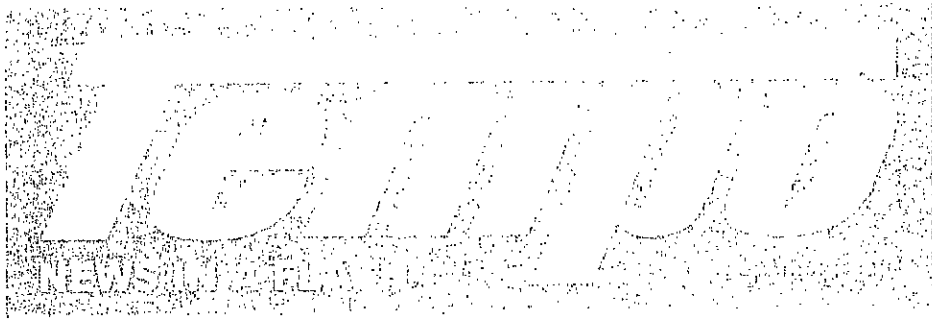
That is up from more than 1,300 aircraft movements seen at last year’s forum, indicating the convenience of flying privately continues to outweigh any concerns about the outsized carbon footprint it involves.

The WEF, meanwhile, is trying hard to “green” its annual event, providing electric limousines to transport many of the big names between events, while it strongly recommends that others bundle up and brave the icy streets on foot.

All plastic straws have been banned, plates are made of recyclable cardboard and soda bottles are all in recyclable glass.



FORMER US vice president Al Gore delivers a speech at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, eastern Switzerland. *AFP*



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## Nuclear commission



**T**HE recent suggestion by American environmentalist Michael Shellenberger, a Time magazine "Hero of the Environment" award-winning author, for the Philippines to shift to nuclear energy to generate electricity deserves serious consideration.

Power demand continues to soar more rapidly than supply due to population growth and accelerating economic development.

Electricity rates also remain astronomical because of high production costs, using fossil fuels which also cause deadly air pollution. In truth nuclear energy is a lot cheaper and "the safest way to make electricity" as Shellenberger puts it.

Our fear of nuclear matters largely stem from the Fukushima (Japan) tragedy but our panic reaction to it has been largely exaggerated by its post-tsunami ac-

counts and not directly from nuclear technology itself.

Having objectively understood their fears, many European countries, the US and South Korea, have now opted to revive their nuclear power plants. We also need now perhaps to consider reviving our mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP).

On the issue of BNPP sitting astride earthquake faults, DOST USec and Phivolcs director Renato Solidum said "the Phivolcs' recommended buffer zone against rupturing is at least five meters on both sides of a verified deformation zone." BNPP is 64 kilometers south of the Iba Fault in Zambales, 78 kms northwest of the Marikina West

Valley Fault System, and 83 kms south of the East Zambales Fault.

Significantly, the Lower House has recently approved unanimously the "Comprehensive Nuclear Regulation Act" (HB 8733) which seeks to establish a comprehensive nuclear regulatory framework and policy systems and programs, and create an autonomous Philippine Nuclear Regulatory Commission (PNRC) to be attached to the Department of Science and Technology, to oversee their implementation.

Crafted by Albay Rep. Joey Salceda together with seven other lawmakers including Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Majority Deputy Leader Ron

Salo, and Senatoriable Gary Alejano, HB 8733 seeks to establish a legal framework that will adequately protect public health and safety, and the environment against the ill effects of ionizing radiation, and ensure the security of radiation resources.

Salceda said the bill also provides penalties for violators including imprisonment for up to five years, and/or fines ranging from ₱1 million to ₱5 million. PNRC-generated revenues shall accrue to the state general fund. There will also be a Nuclear Waste Management Fund from a portion of payments for nuclear generated electricity, exclusively for the safe disposal of nuclear wastes.