

COVID-19 Special Coverage

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Statement of the DILG on the Signing of Republic Act 11479 or The Anti-Terror Act of 2020

The entire DILG family, including our attached agencies – National Police Commission, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Philippine Public Safety College, Local Government Academy, Philippine Commission on Women, National Youth Commission, and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos — would like to thank the 18th Congress and President Rodrigo Duterte for signing the Anti-Terror Bill into law yesterday.

We thank the President under whose strong leadership this historic legislation was signed, the Senators and the members of the House of Representatives who crossed party lines and placed the interest of the nation first, and our local government officials who from day one have expressed their support for the passage of this law for the safety and security of their constituents against all terrorist groups.

The signing of this law is an important step in the whole-of-nation approach against terrorism because it will give us the upper hand against communist terrorists and violent extremists who have sought legal cover under the obsolete provisions of the Human Security Act and

had never been prosecuted nor jailed for their atrocious terror attacks against the nation and the Filipino people.

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"The DILG will not allow this law to be abused and it will be used judiciously only for the purpose for which it was enacted[.]"

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



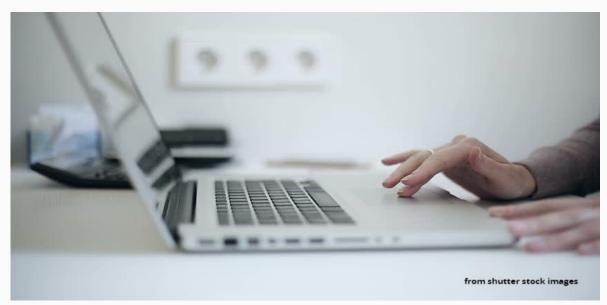
DILG: Back-ride will be allowed starting July 10 but for couples only

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año confirmed today that back-riding in motorcycles will now be allowed but for couples and live-in partners starting tomorrow, July 10, 2020 utilizing motorcycles with protective shields between both riders in compliance with the guidelines set by the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID).

"Simula bukas, July 10, ay papayagan na natin ang back-riding ngunit sa couples lang muna. Alam naman natin ang sitwasyon ngayon, tumataas ang bilang ng mga positive cases. At least ang couple ay nakatira sa iisang bahay lang 'yan,' he said.

Año said that despite allowing back rides for couples, the public must still be cognizant of the proper protocols set by the IATF which includes the installation of protective barriers in the motorcycle. He also said that the policies on wearing face masks in public will also be strictly implemented by authorities.

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DILG to LGUs: Go digital to impede COVID-19 contagion, boost economic activity

The DILG urged all local government units (LGUs) to bolster the digital economy and move towards digitized government transactions to reduce contact, impede further contagion, and boost economic activity as the country continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año also urged all LGUs to fast track the issuance of permits and clearances in setting up crucial infrastructure needed for digital connectivity across the country including the construction of cell sites to improve internet connectivity.

He said that going digital is the "call of the time". He said that more than technological advancement, digitized government and consumer transactions are precautionary measures that can contribute immensely to impeding virus transmission.

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REGIONAL NEWS



DILG CAR gives rebel returnee P65-K cash grant thru ECLIP

A Former Rebel (FR) in the Cordilleras received a total of PhP 65,000 cash assistance and benefits through the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP).

The DILG administered package under ECLIP includes Immediate Assistance (15,000.00), Livelihood Assistance (50,000.00), and Firearm Remuneration (double the cost valuation of the firearm). A Reintegration Assistance (21,000.00) is also included to cover administrative expenses. Additionally, FRs can also qualify for a house and lot or a housing grant from the National Housing Authority (NHA) amounting to as much as PhP 450,000.00.

"It is the earnest effort of the government to welcome back our brothers and sisters who wish to return back to society for a peaceful life. Our concept of peace would include embracing the values that are important in our hearts, that is, integrity, excellence through government service, transparency, and accountability," said DILG-CAR Regional Director Marlo Iringan.



DILG Caraga welcomes newly-appointed AFP to strengthen EO70 efforts

The newly-appointed Commander of the 4th Infantry Division, Major General Andres C. Centino, together with 402nd Infantry Brigade Commander, Brigadier General Maurito L. Licudine paid a visit to the Caraga Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) to discuss the appropriate steps to be taken next in the efficient implementation of EO 70 as it achieves its full-steam enforcement.

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General Centino highlighted the need for the twelve (12) Lines of Effort to be continually empowered in the discharge of their duties on the matter of ending local communist armed conflict to ensure that the whole-of-nation principle will be upheld in securing peace and development in Caraga region.

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DILG XII supports 10th Tree Growing Festival in Koronadal City

Members of the DILG XII Regional Executive Committee (ExeCom) showed their full support as the City of Koronadal, South Cotabato celebrated its 10th Tree Growing Festival last June 29.

Led by DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, the ExeCom joined this year's urban greening program and planted cherry blossom trees and other ornamental palms along General Santos Drive located in front of the Koronadal City Hall.

Celebrated through City Ordinance No. 12, series of 2012, the Tree Growing Festival is also part of the city government's celebration of the annual World Environment Month every June.

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NEWS FROM ATTACHED AGENCIES



BJMP officer comes to the aid of injured cyclist

Jail Officer 1 Christine Lloyd Mandilag did not hesitate to come to the aid of a motorcycle

accident victim while on her way to duty at Bocaue Municipal Jail.

All JO1 Mandilag thought was her sworn duty as a Nurse and as a public officer. This heroic act is only one of many from the BJMP during this pandemic

Click to read more and view JO1 Mandilag's admirable public service.

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PCW welcomes PNP leadership's move to probe, possibly dismiss personnel tagged in harassment, murder of teenage girl

The Philippine Commission on Women lauds the move of Philippine National Police Chief PGen Archie Gamboa to investigate and possibly dismiss two police personnel allegedly involved in the murder of a teenage girl in Ilocos Sur.

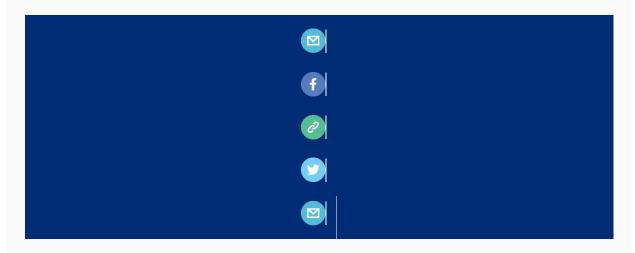
The slain teenager earlier accused one of these police personnel of committing acts of lasciviousness while her 18-year-old cousin also filed rape charges against the other. Initial police investigation revealed that the suspects took advantage of the two girls who were reportedly intoxicated when they were arrested for violation of curfew.

The PCW vows to continue working with the PNP- Women and Children Protection Center (WCPC) in addressing VAW.

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