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DILG: Crime down by 46.66% amid COVID-19 pandemic, urges leftists and critics to stop spreading fake news

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DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año urged the Leftists to stop spreading fake news about this alleged spike in drug war killings that is not supported by any scrap of evidence.

"It has never been a policy of this government and the Philippine National Police to violate human rights, much more extrajudicial killings. We will continue to prosecute anyone even law enforcement who violates those rules, violate human rights of our citizens," he said.

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DILG, DOH ink partnership with private sector, launch female celeb as Ambassador of BIDA ang May Disiplina campaign to fight vs COVID-19

In the quest for positive behavior change towards defeating the COVID-19 pandemic, the DILG and the Department of Health (DOH) will formally ink their partnership with the private sector and celebrity ambassadors of the BIDA ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19 national advocacy campaign on today, September 16.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año says that participation of the private sector and celebrities in the said campaign will significantly boost the cause of the project to encourage citizens to have individual self-discipline, especially now that there are reports of deliberate violation of minimum health protocols that are even flaunted on social media.

“Ang laban sa COVID-19 ay laban nating lahat hindi lamang ng pamahalaan. Napakalaking bagay na tinutulungan tayo ng mga pribadong sektor at ng mga kilalang aktor at artista sa ating hangarin na hikayatin ang mga Pilipino na makiisa kontra COVID-19 sa pamamagitan ng disiplinadong pagsunod sa minimum health standards at iba pang mga alintuntunin,” Año says.

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"Sobrang nakakataba ng puso na mayroon tayong mga kaibigan mula sa pribadong sektor na nagpaabot ng kanilang tulong sa atin. They are doing this out of love for the country and the willingness to pitch in their contribution amid the crisis."

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



DILG lauds SC ruling rejecting plea for COVID-19 mass testing

The DILG on Thursday lauded the Supreme Court ruling rejecting the plea of a group seeking to compel the DILG and other government agencies to conduct free COVID-19 mass testing.

DILG Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said the High Court's 13-1-1 vote denying the petition for mandamus was a "breath of fresh air" that should put an end to what was obviously a "propaganda stunt."

"We welcome the Supreme Court decision because it reinforced the government's position that there is no need to conduct mass testing for the coronavirus simply because there is already a comprehensive COVID-19 testing program in place."

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REGIONAL NEWS



DILG Caraga welcomes inauguration of halfway houses awarded to 111 former rebels as financial assistance in Surigao Del Sur

DILG Caraga Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, duly represented by Provincial Director Pedrito P. Alacaba of Surigao del Sur, to Governor Alexander T. Pimentel during the unveiling of the halfway house of the Province of Surigao del Sur located in Barangay Dayoan, Tago Surigao del Sur by the RTF-ELCAC led by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles.

Quoting from the handbook of TFBL titled “Turning a House into a Home”, DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año once remarked, “Former rebels are risking everything by surrendering and

we want to make sure that the government is there every step of the way in their journey towards healing and reintegration in the society. Halfway houses are where their new life begins.”

Moreover, an awarding of financial assistance to 111 ECLIP beneficiaries was also conducted which includes the Immediate assistance of PhP 15,000.00, Livelihood Assistance PhP 50,000.00, Reintegration Assistance PhP 21,000.00 and firearms remuneration.

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DILG XII punong barangays not among those suspended for SAP Tranche 1 anomalies

DILG-12 Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa confirmed that not one punong barangay from the region made to the dreaded list of barangay officials who had been placed on a six-month preventive suspension by the Office of the Ombudsman.

In a press release, DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Ano released the names of 89 punong barangays from all over the country who were suspended following the filing of complaints by the Department “for anomalies and irregularities involving the implementation of the first tranche of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP).

Director Leysa said that the mass suspension is quite “unprecedented”, putting on the record of the nation’s history as the “first mass suspension in the Philippines.” Dir. Leysa believes that the DILG is “simply showing its resolve and commitment to clean up the bureaucracy”, especially the corrupt officials who took advantage of the SAP implementation.

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DILG-6 to hire 3,000 contact tracers for Western Visayas

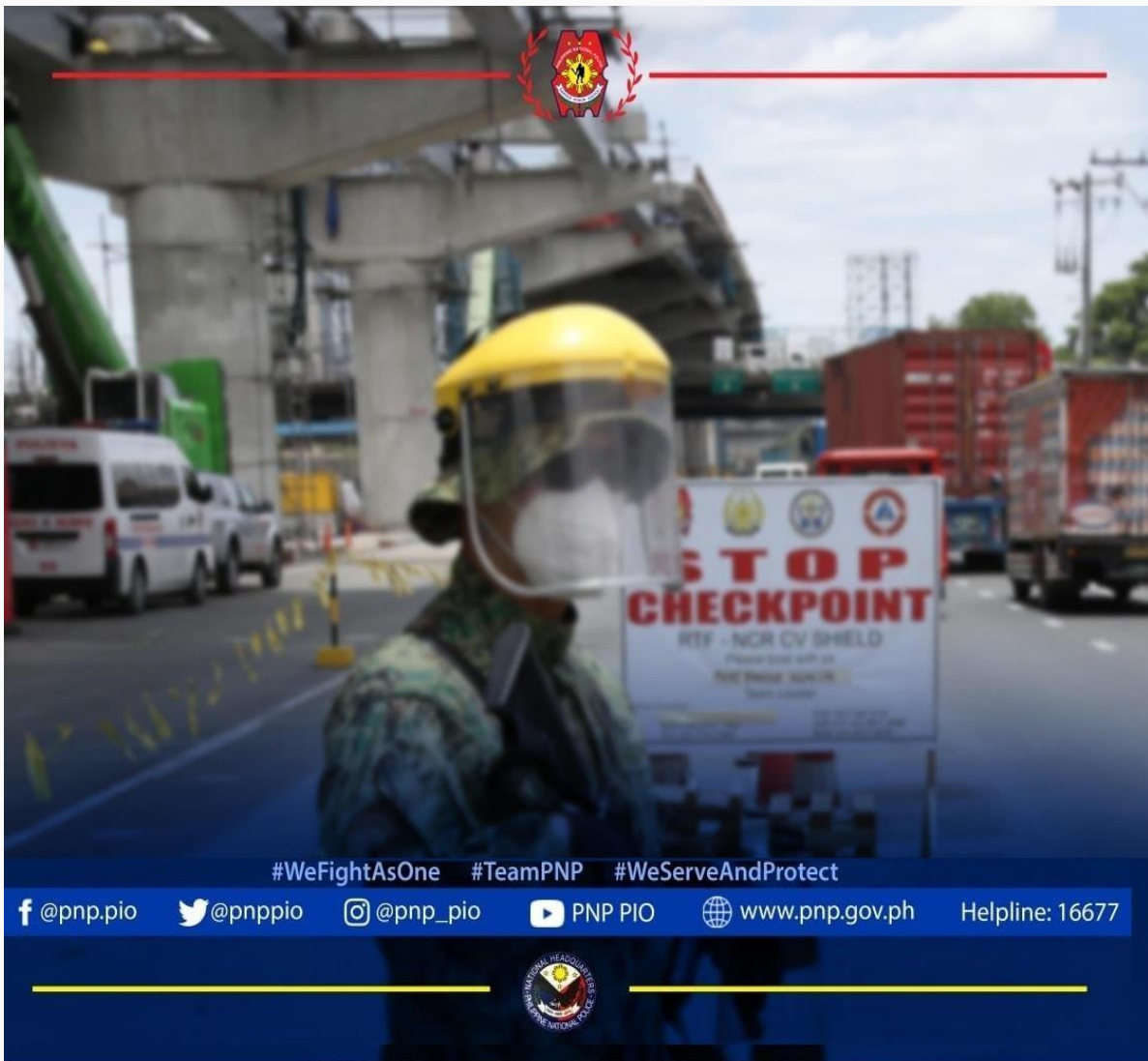
The DILG-Region 6 is set to hire more than 3,000 contact tracers from the six provinces and two highly-urbanized cities in the region.

These contact tracers shall complement the existing contact tracing teams of local government units, and help track those who might be infected with Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by conducting case interviews, profiling, and performing initial health risk assessment of COVID-19 positive cases and their close contacts.

The hiring is part of the government’s expanded contact tracing efforts to effectively manage the spread of the viral disease that has gripped the world beginning early this year.

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Cascolan: Police Frontliners to get COVID-19 hazard pay for ECQ and MECQ duty

Philippine National Police Chief, Police General Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan announced that all police personnel who rendered duty in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from June 2020 onwards are entitled to receive COVID Hazard Pay.

“Aside from our enhanced medical system and supportive healthcare for personnel, the PNP leadership also ensures the welfare of our personnel who selflessly served the community and the Filipino people at the height of COVID-19 pandemic,” he said

This is also consistent with existing provision of the national government under the Administrative Order No. 26 dated March 23, 2020 that provides the grant of COVID-19 Hazard Pay to government personnel who physically reported for work during the period of implementation of an enhanced community quarantine relative to the COVID-19 outbreak, Cascolan explained.

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NYC adopts 2020 Youth Declaration for a Better Philippines

The National Youth Commission passed a resolution dated 17 September 2020 adopting the 2020 Youth Declaration for a Better Philippines.

The said document is made for and by the youth from all over the Philippines through the Ideas Positive Youth Forum on Public Health 2020, a culmination program of all online and offline activities of #IPYFPH2020: Building a Better Normal with the Youth held last 1-12 August 2020.

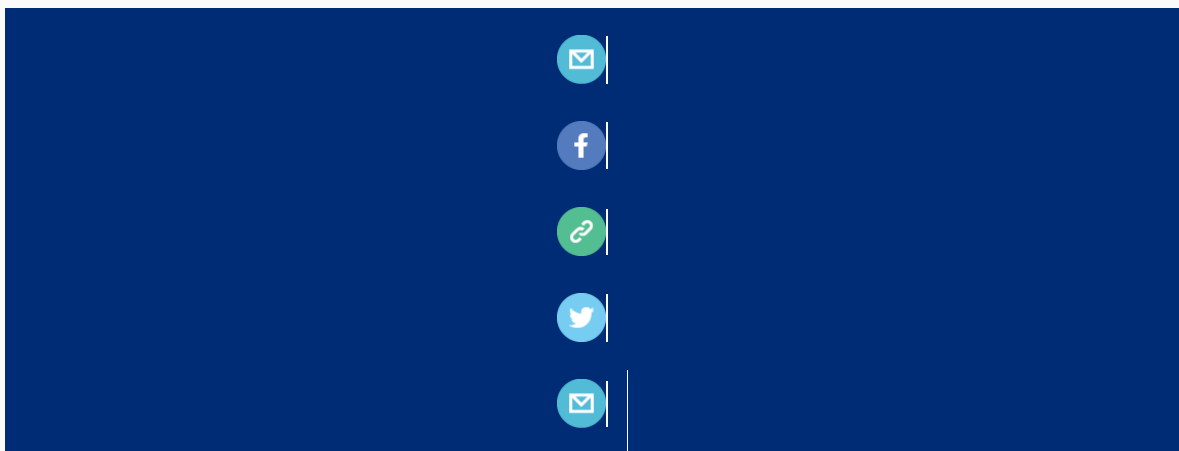
This is in conjunction with this year's celebration of International Youth Day with the theme: "Youth Engagement for Global Action" which aims to highlight all efforts to make young people's engagement in the local, national and global levels more relevant, equitable, and inclusive for all youth, including efforts by young people

themselves.

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