



## Ihahalal mo ba ang lapastangang pulitiko?

**INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY:** "... Dapat mong mala-man na sa mga huling araw ay darating ang mga panahon ng kaguluhan. Sapagkat ang mga tao'y magiging maibigin sa sarili, maibigin sa salapi, pala-lo, mapagmataas, mapag-samantala, suwail sa magulang, walang utang na loob at lapastangan sa Diyos..." (2 Timoteo 3:1-2, Bibliya).

**MGA PULITIKONG LAPASTANGAN, NAGLITAWAN NA:** Tiyak kong marami sa atin ang nakasaksi sa lant-arang paglapastangan at pambabastos sa sambayanang Pilipino ng mga kandidato sa mga lokal na posisyon na humarang, pumigil, o nagpasikip sa daloy ng trapiko sa maraming lansangan sa bansa sa unang araw ng kampanya noong Biyernes, Marso 29,

2019.

Naganap ang paglapastangan at pambabastos na ito ng mga nasabing kandidato sa pamamagitan ng kani-kanilang mga motorcades, o parada, kasama ang kanilang mga tagasuporta, para maipakilalang tumatakbo sila mga posisyong-lokal sa halalan sa Mayo 2019.

Marami ang pinerhuwisiyo ng mga kandidatong ito, partikular sa mga ordinaryong manggagawang Pilipino na nahuli sa pagpasok kanilang mga opisina dahil sa bigat ng trapikong likha ng mga walong-kaundangang pulitiko. Kasama dito ang isang judge ng Regional Trial Court sa Nueva Ecija na dumating sa kaniyang husgado ng two hours late.

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**KO?** Ang hindi maipaliwanag ng maraming mga kababayan natin sa ganitong inaasal ng mga pulitikong Pilipino ay yung maliwanag na kaalaman ng mga pulitikong ito na nakakaperhuwisiyo sila sa mga motorcades nila sa mga taong sinusuyo nila upang bumoto sa kanila sa darating na halalan.

Bakit kaya kahit alam na ng mga pulitiko na nakakasama sa mga magiging botante nila ang kanilang mga pagkilos ay ginagawa pa din nila ang ganooong mga gimik? Dahil iniisip kaya ng mga pulitikong ito na tanga ang mga botanteng Pilipino kaya di nauunawaan ng mga botanteng ito na mali na ng ginagawa ng mga pulitiko?

Tanga na nga kaya tala-ga ang mga botanteng Pilipino, at wala ng pag-asa pa

silang makapag-isip ng maayos pagdating sa mga mala-demonyong inaasal, inuugali, o di kaya ay mga ikinikilos, ng mga pulitiko? O, baka naman nagpipikit na lamang ng mata ang mga botante sa kasamaan ng mga pulitiko kasi nababayaran naman ang mga botanteng ito pagdating ng eleksiyon? Kayong mga nagbabasa ng kolum na ito, iboboto ba ninyo ang lapastangang pulitiko?

**MGA MAKASARILING PULITIKO, IBINABALANG DARATING:** Kung tutuusin at bubulay-bulayin ng mas malaliman, hindi maikakaila na ang mga ginagawa ng mga pulitikong Pilipino sa ngayon ay pagpapakita ng kanilang sagad-sa-butong selfishness, o pagmamahal sa kanilang mga sarili lamang. Maliwanag na wa-

lang pagmamahal ni katiting man lamang ang mga pulitikong Pilipino sa ngayon, kaya't kahit nakakaperhuwisiyo na sila sambayan, okay ang sa kanila.

Ang ganitong mga pulitiko ay ibinabala noong unang panahon pa man na magdadatingan sa daigdig. Ang sabi ng mga nakasulat na babala, sa mga huling kapanahunan, magiging sakim at mapagmahal lamang sa kanilang sarili ang mga tao. Wala silang galang at pag-ibig sa kapwa, lapastangan sa karapatan ng iba, at walang pagkilala o pagkatakot sa Diyos.

Ayon sa mga babala, mamamayagpag pansumandli ang ganitong mga tao, subalit itinatakda nila ang kanilang sarili at ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay sa isang hinaharap na sinusunog sila ng

apoy, at kinakain ng uod, ng walang katapusan. Ang problema lang, isasama ng mga taong ito, na maliwanag na isinumpa, pati na ang kanilang mga tagasuporta. Makinig ang may tenga, tumingin ang mga may mata!

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## Andanar urges ASEAN delegates to convey gains to people

**MANILA** - Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar on Wednesday urged delegates of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Committee on Culture and Information (COCI) Sub-Committee on Information to step up on their efforts to communicate the gains and initiatives of the regional bloc to its respective citizens.

"With all the communication tools now available to us, both traditional and digital media, I encourage you all to continue to maximize all of these in harping on the benefits of ASEAN. Alongside this are our continuing efforts as well to develop our information and media professionals to be better and more effective communicators," Andanar said in his keynote message at the 20th Meeting of the ASEAN COCI Sub-Committee on Information at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila.

Andanar cited the gains of ASEAN in establishing peace and harmony, strengthening the economy, and promoting tourism in the region.

He added that there are also initiatives undertaken by ASEAN to promote social development, environmental protection, and cultural

heritage preservation.

"ASEAN has indeed gone a long way. With its over five decades of existence as a regional association, ASEAN has done much work on building an integrated, peaceful and stable community with shared prosperity," he said.

Andanar said communicating these gains is the challenge for the ASEAN COCI.

"Are our peoples really realizing and recognizing all of these? Now here lies the continuing challenge for us in the ASEAN information sector to further step up our efforts in bringing to our peoples the message that ASEAN is working for them and that, as the ASEAN Communication Master Plan puts it, ASEAN is indeed a community of opportunities for all," he said.

Andanar said he looks forward to having more avenues to engage and cooperate with other ASEAN sectors and external partners to instill ASEAN pride and sense of belongingness among ASEAN people.

Delegates from the 10 ASEAN member-states, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines, attended the meeting.

In Aug. 2018, the Department of Foreign Affairs

(DFA) and the PCOO launched a book highlighting the achievements made by the ASEAN during the Philippines' chairmanship in 2017.

Among ASEAN's achievements under Manila's watch as chairman are the signing of the landmark ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, and the adoption

of a framework for a Code of Conduct of Parties (COC) in the South China Sea.

The ASEAN was established on Aug. 8, 1967 with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration -- later on referred to as the ASEAN Declaration -- by the five founding members of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

The bloc has since grown into an intergovernmental organization composed of 10 countries of Southeast Asia with several dialogue partners. (PNA)

## PAF to use other aircraft for transport missions

**MANILA** – The lift and transport missions of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) will be conducted by its EADS CASA C-295, GAF N-22 "Nomad", and NC-212i transport aircraft.

"Pwede naman natin gamitin (We can use the) C-295, 'Nomad' and NC-212i, (medium transport planes)," Air Force spokesperson, Major Aristides Galang, said Thursday.

The PAF has three C-295 in its fleet, along with two NC-212i planes and two to four "Nomad" transport aircraft.

Galang made the comment when asked what aircraft the PAF would use for its transport missions after the suspension of operations of its remaining Lockheed C-130 "Hercules" cargo planes. One of the planes caught fire as it was about to take off from Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga on Wednesday morning.

Investigation is ongoing as to the cause of the fire, he said,

declining to give an exact date when C-130 operations would resume.

Fire struck a C-130 plane with tail number 4726 as it was about to take off at about 7:10 a.m. Wednesday.

Upon seeing the flames, the flight crew immediately alerted firefighters at 7:13 a.m., who then managed to extinguish it at about 7:36 a.m.

No one was reported hurt. The C-130 was supposed to transport students from the National Defense College of the Philippines to Palawan then to Pagasa Island.

The postponed trip is part of the curriculum of the students, who are taking up master's degree at the National Security Administration.

Galang did not give specifics on the exact cause of the fire and damages on the C-130, pending the result of the investigation.

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