

# Cavite LGUs to beat road clearing ops deadline

**GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite** – With 16 days more to go before the Sept. 29 deadline, Cavite’s 16 towns and seven cities are now in the homestretch in their respective public road clearing in compliance with President Rodrigo Duterte’s directive to reclaim public roads from private use and remove illegal structures and obstructions.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular 2019-121 has imposed the deadline on Sept. 29 for local government units (LGUs) throughout the country.

"I think we will get it before the Sept. 29 deadline by DILG. Most of the residents and business owners already comply with the clearing operations order," General Trias City Mayor Antonio Ferrer said in an interview.

Ferrer has led the clearing operations since Day One of the DILG’s enforcement order, in Barangay Tejero, by directing the Public Order and Safety Task Force to check compliance by the city’s 33 villages ahead of the deadline.

This city’s clearing operations also received the support from 33 village chiefs through the Liga ng Barangay (LnB) Federation president Alfred Ching for the city-wide information dissemination campaign and actual cleanups.

"I am grateful to those who have already followed the DILG order," Ferrer said.

The city’s clearing operations covered busy stretch of the Antero Soriano Highway from Bacao to Tejero; Tejero Crossing, Tejero-San Juan Road, Malabon Trias proper; Gen. Antonio Road from Bacao to Dulong Bayan to Brgy. 96th, Governor Ferrer Drive from Barangay Prinza to Manggahan, Crisanto delos Reyes Avenue from Manggahan to Alingaro, Governor’s Drive from San Francisco to Manggahan, up to the boundary at Trece Martires City.

In Carmona town, Mayor Roy Loyola and his team are clearing the stretch of Governor’s Drive and the town proper’s main road, assisted by the local police and the clearing task force.

Tagaytay City Mayor Agnes Tolentino also ordered the 34 village chiefs to place “No Parking” signs on the city’s major thoroughfares, including the removal of illegal structures on sidewalks.

In Amadeo town, some 26 village chiefs and their clearing operations team also removed electric posts and tree obstructions upon instructions from Mayor Re-

del Dionisio who also ordered the upkeep of the town’s main Crisanto delos Reyes Avenue.

Meanwhile, Cavite’s western coastal town of Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes Chua admitted he has to work until midnight to monitor the clearing operations along the Antero Soriano Highway going to Cavite City.

He has been supervising the removal of electric posts obstructing the main highway because these posts that pose risks and hazards to motorists and vehicles, have to be removed after the road-widening projects.

He thanked the town’s 16 village leaders for taking the lead to clean their respective areas and responding to constituents’ reports on illegal obstructions that need to be removed.

Officials of the cities of Imus, Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Cavite, Trece Martires and the towns of Kawit, Rosario, Naic. Maragondon, Ternate, Magallanes, Bailen, Alfonso, Indang, Mendez, Gen. Mariano Alvarez and Silang confirmed that they are now in the final stages of clearing operations in their respective areas. (PNA)

## Manhunt underway for gunmen in ambush of ex-Pangasinan gov

**MANILA** -- Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Gen. Oscar Albayalde on Thursday ordered a manhunt against the still unidentified assailants who ambushed the convoy of former Pangasinan governor Amado Espino Jr. on Wednesday afternoon.

PNP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Bernard Banac said Albayalde has directed the Police Regional Office (PRO-1) to immediately arrest the suspects, expedite the investigation, and file criminal charges to give justice to the victims.

Banac also said the PNP strongly condemns the attack against Espino and his bodyguards, who were fired upon by unidentified assailants around 4:30 p.m. while traversing an intersection onboard a Toyota Innova and Land Cruiser in Barangay Magtating, San Carlos City.

Espino and four others were hurt while Pat. Richard Esguerra died on the spot.

Provincial information officer Orpheus Velasco, in an interview Wednesday, said Espino suffered gunshot wounds but is now in stable condition after undergoing treatment.

Col. Redrico Maranan, Pangasinan Police Provincial Office (PPPO) director,

said two suspected getaway vehicles of the assailants in the ambush were recovered.

Maranan said a red Hyundai hatchback was found in Barangay Cobol in San Carlos City while a metallic blue Ford Everest was found in Barangay Pasima in Malasiqui town.

"There were high-powered firearms in the vehicles and the investigators are processing the (pieces of) evidence," he said.

Maranan added that closed-circuit television cameras around the area and the dash camera of the

vehicles, along with eyewitnesses, are being investigated by the authorities.

He said a special investigation task group, called SITG Espino, was formed with the joint efforts of the PPPO, Crime Investigation and Detection Group Regional Office (Ilocos), Police Regional Office among others, to conduct an in-depth investigation into the case.

"Rest assured we are doing everything to solve this case," Maranan said.

He said as requested, police are providing security to the family of Espino following the ambush. (PNA)

## Palace confident of DICT performance under Honasan

**MANILA** -- Malacañang is confident about the performance of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) under the helm of its newly confirmed chief, Secretary Gregorio Honasan II.

"We welcome the confirmation of the ad interim appointment of Mr. Gregorio Honasan II as the Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) by the Commission on Appointments," Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo on Wednesday said in a statement.

The former senator was confirmed by the Commission on Appointments, where he was hailed as "extremely qualified" to take the position.

"The Palace is confident that Secretary Honasan would be able to implement the President’s marching order of providing the Filipino people better connectivity through the full rollout of the national fiber optic cable network and operationalization of the country’s new major telecommunications player," Panelo said.

Honasan was appointed by the chief executive as the DICT head, replacing the agency’s acting secretary, Eliseo Rio Jr. (PNA)

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**JESUS**, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.*

### 3 O’CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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