



CENTENARIANS HONORED - Quezon province's four centenarians were honored by former congressman Aleta Suarez (center standing) during the Senior Citizens Convention in Gumaca recently. (Danny Estacio)

6 cops survive CamSur ambush

By NIÑO N. LUCES

CAMP OLA, Albay - Six members of the Camarines Sur Provincial Mobile Force Company survived an ambush in Libmanan town, Camarines Sur, Saturday afternoon.

Chief Inspector Malu Calubaquib, spokesperson of the Bicol police, said the officers, PO3 Roland Hermogeno, PO1 Vladimir Gualalupe, PO1 Roy Carbonell,

PO1 Eliseo Jomar Palaroan; PO1 Daisy Bhel Genova, and PO1 Mikhail Jose Concina were wounded after their mobile car was fired on by armed men believed to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) along the highway in Sitio Patag, Barangay Mambulo Nuevo.

The group was part of a nine-man team led by PO3 Jason Canoto who had come from a medical mission in Barangay Bagamelon in the same town.

Genova said the ambushers used improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to stop the police vehicle before opening fire at the officers.

"They used IEDs and followed by burst of fire from the enemy prompting our troops to return fire. The enemy fled after the incident towards unknown direction," Calubaquib told Manila Bulletin.

The wounded officers were brought to Mother Seton Hospital in Naga City.

Mayors alarmed over killing of political bet

By LIEZLE BASA-INGO

BAYAMBANG, Pangasinan - Several mayors and board members of this province were alarmed over the killing of former councilor Levin Uy Friday.

Mayors Cezar Quiambao of Bayambang, Arthur Celeste of Alaminos, Ramon Guico of Binalonan, and Board Member Raul Sison have suggested placing Bayambang under the control of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) or the military during next year's election.

"Makakabuti sa bayan ng Bayambang ang ganitong sitwasyon (under Comelec at military control) upang maiwasan ang pagdanak pa ng dugo bago pa mag eleksiyon," Quiambao said.

Celeste called on politicians in Pangasinan to stop resort-

ing to politics that triggers violence.

"Sana ito na ang una at hul- ing kaso ng pagpatay dahil sa pulitika," Celeste said.

"Nakakatakot ang mga pangyayari kung dahil lang sa pulitika magpapatayan. Mas maganda kung martial law na lang," Celeste said.

Guico shared Celeste's opinion.

The officials believed the killing of Uy was politically motivated, citing the death threats he had been getting.

Police declined to speculate on the motive, saying it will first go through evidence like CCTV footage and witnesses' accounts.

The officials have challenged Supt. Fidel Junio, the town police chief, to quickly identify the killers and even the mastermind.

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11111]

AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Nature and Scope of Franchise. - Subject to the provisions of the Philippine Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, the franchise granted to Vanguard Radio Network Company, Inc., hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assignees, under Republic Act No. 7529, as

amended by Republic Act No. 8069, to construct, install, establish, operate, and maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio and/or television broadcasting stations, including digital television system, through microwave, satellite or whatever means, as well as the use of any new technology in television and radio systems, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay stations in the Island of Luzon, Regions 6, 7, 10, and 11, is hereby extended for another twenty-five (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities. - The stations or facilities of the grantee shall be constructed and operated in a manner as will, at most, result only in the minimum interference on the wavelengths or frequencies of existing stations or other stations which may be established by law, without in any way diminishing its own privilege to use its assigned wavelengths or frequencies and the quality of transmission or reception thereon as should maximize rendition of the grantee's services and/or the availability thereof.

SEC. 3. Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications Commission. - The grantee shall secure from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) the appropriate permits and licenses for the construction and operation of its stations or facilities and shall not use any frequency in the radio/television spectrum without authorization from the NTC. The NTC, however, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

SEC. 4. Responsibility to the Public. - The grantee shall provide, free of charge, adequate public service time which is reasonable and sufficient to enable the government, through the broadcasting stations or facilities of the grantee, to reach the pertinent populations or portions thereof on important public issues and relay important public announcements and warnings concerning public emergencies and calamities, as necessity, urgency or law may require; provide at all times sound and balanced programming; promote public participation; assist in the functions of public information and education; conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; promote audience sensibility and empowerment including closed captioning; and not use its stations or facilities for the broadcasting of obscene or indecent language,

speech, act or scene; or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, to the detriment of the public interest; or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

Public service time referred herein shall be equivalent to a maximum aggregate of ten percent (10%) of paid commercials or advertisements which shall be allocated based on need to the executive, legislative, judiciary, constitutional commissions and international humanitarian organizations duly recognized by statutes: *Provided*, That the NTC shall increase the public service time in case of extreme emergency or calamity. The NTC shall issue rules and regulations for this purpose, the effectivity of which shall commence upon applicability with other similarly situated broadcast network franchise holders.

SEC. 5. Right of the Government. - The radio spectrum is a finite resource that is part of the national patrimony and the use thereof is a privilege conferred upon the grantee by the State and may be withdrawn any time after due process.

A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines, in times of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, emergency, disaster, or disturbance of peace and order: to temporarily take over and operate the stations or facilities of the grantee; to temporarily suspend the operation of any station or facility in the interest of public safety, security and public welfare; or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any agency of the government, upon due compensation to the grantee, for the use of said stations or facilities during the period when these shall be so operated.

SEC. 6. Term of Franchise. - This franchise shall be in effect for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the approval of this Act, unless sooner revoked and cancelled. This franchise shall be deemed *ipso facto* revoked in the event the grantee fails to operate continuously for two (2) years.

SEC. 7. Self-regulation by and Undertaking of the Grantee. - The grantee shall not require any previous censorship of any speech, play, act or scene, or other matter to be broadcast from

its stations, but if any such speech, play, act or scene, or other matter should constitute a violation of the law or infringement of a private right, the grantee shall be free from any liability, civil or criminal, for such speech, play, act or scene, or other matter: *Provided*, That the grantee, during any broadcast, shall cut off from the air the speech, play, act or scene, or other matter being broadcast if the tendency thereof is to propose and/or incite treason, rebellion or sedition; or the language used therein or the theme thereof is indecent or immoral: *Provided, further*, That willful failure to do so shall constitute a valid cause for the revocation and cancellation of this franchise.

SEC. 8. Warranty in Favor of the National and Local Governments. - The grantee shall hold the national, provincial, city, and municipal governments of the Philippines free from all claims, liabilities, demands, or actions arising out of accidents, causing injury to persons or damage to properties, during the construction or operation of the stations of the grantee.

SEC. 9. Commitment to Provide and Promote the Creation of Employment Opportunities. - The grantee shall create employment opportunities and shall allow on-the-job trainings in their franchise operation: *Provided*, That priority shall be accorded to the residents in areas where any of its offices is located: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall follow the applicable labor standards and allowance entitlement under existing labor laws, rules and regulations and similar issuances: *Provided, finally*, That the employment opportunities or jobs created shall be reflected in the General Information Sheet (GIS) to be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission annually.

SEC. 10. Tax Provisions. - The grantee, its successors or assignees shall continue to be subject to all applicable taxes, duties, fees or charges and other impositions under Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as "The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997", as amended, and other applicable laws.

SEC. 11. Sale, Lease, Transfer, Grant of Usufruct, or Assignment of Franchise. - The grantee shall not sell, lease, transfer, grant the usufruct of, nor assign this franchise or the rights and privileges acquired thereunder to any person, firm, company, corporation or other commercial or legal entity, nor

merge with any other corporation or entity, nor shall transfer the controlling interest of the grantee, whether as a whole or in part, and whether simultaneously or contemporaneously, to any person, firm, company, corporation, or entity without the prior approval of the Congress of the Philippines and compliance with legal requirements stipulated in other statutes: *Provided*, That any person or entity to which this franchise is sold, transferred, or assigned, shall be subject to the same conditions, terms, restrictions, and limitations of this Act.

SEC. 12. Dispersal of Ownership. - In accordance with the constitutional provision to encourage public participation in public utilities, the grantee shall offer to Filipino citizens at least thirty percent (30%) or a higher percentage that may hereafter be provided by law of its outstanding capital stock in any securities exchange in the Philippines within five (5) years from the commencement of its operation: *Provided*, That in cases where public offer of shares is not applicable, the grantee shall apply other methods of encouraging public participation by citizens and corporations operating public utilities as allowed by law. Noncompliance therewith shall render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

SEC. 13. Reportorial Requirement. - The grantee shall submit annual reports to the Congress of the Philippines, through the Committee on Legislative Franchises of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Public Services of the Senate, on its compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise and on its operations on or before April 30 of every year during the term of its franchise. The reportorial compliance certificate issued by Congress shall be required before any application for permit or certificate is accepted by the NTC.

SEC. 14. Fine. - Failure of the grantee to submit the requisite annual report to Congress shall be penalized by a fine of Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per working day of noncompliance. The fine shall be collected by the NTC from the delinquent franchise grantee separate from the reportorial penalties imposed by the NTC and the same shall be remitted to the National Treasury.

SEC. 15. Equality Clause. - Any advantage, favor, privilege, exemption, or immunity granted under existing franchises, or which may hereafter be granted for radio and/or television broadcasting, upon prior review and approval of Congress, shall become part of this franchise and shall be accorded immediately and unconditionally to the herein grantee: *Provided*, That the foregoing shall neither apply to nor affect the provisions of broadcasting franchises concerning territorial coverage, the term, or the type of service authorized by the franchise.

SEC. 16. Repealability and Nonexclusivity Clause. - This franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

SEC. 17. Separability Clause. - If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 18. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, resolutions, instructions, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 19. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
VICENTE C. SOTTO III, President of the Senate
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on August 29, 2018 and August 15, 2018, respectively.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA, Secretary of the Senate
DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING, Acting Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: OCT 30 2018
RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines



SAKURA BEADS TREE - Baguio City Jail female dorm warden April Rose Ayangwa puts accessories on a sakura tree made by detainees using beads. The tree is being sold for P6,000. (Rizaldy Comanda)

Rookie cop takes hostage, kills self

By MAR T. SUPNAD

CAMP PRES. QUIRINO, Ilocos Sur - A rookie policeman held hostage a homeowner for hours before shooting himself in Bantay town.

POI Rolly Reotutar Dizon, 38, who was on guard duty at the Ilocos Sur police headquarters last Friday, took a M16 rifle and rode a tricycle to Altamira Subdivision.

Dizon broke into a house there and held the resident at gunpoint, and holed up in the bathroom.

Responding police tried to talk Dizon into releasing his hostage, but he began shooting at them.

Somehow the resident managed to escape, and when Dizon found out, he turned the rifle on himself and shot himself in the face.

The policeman was already dead by the time he was taken by the responding team to the Northside Doctor's Hospital.

Police were still trying to determine what triggered the incident.

"We don't know yet how it happened. We are looking at the possibility that he was mentally disturbed basing on accounts of personnel who have had conversations with him and his previous records of administrative cases," Sr. Supt. Clint Bayacsan, provincial police chief, said.