Outgoing Recom official asks brgy execs' cooperation in anti-crime drive

BY REMY GUSTILO

BARANGAY officials and the people themselves should assist the police in the campaign against the criminal elements in the community. They should consider themselves as partners in the maintenance of law and order.

Thus declared outgoing Recom XI PNP Director, Chief Senior Superintendent Edgar Galvante , who said

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Cops to undergo special schooling



Mayor Rodrigo Duterte (third from right) is joined by City Administrator Antonio Llamas, Vice-Mayor Benjamin de Guzman, City Police Director Rogelio Abaday and commanders of all police stations during a command conference yesterday to assess the peace and order situation. (Nono Sumatra)

To counter terrorism

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BELIEVING that threats from terrorists will be Davao's major problem in the next four years, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte yesterday bared plans to send a select team of police officials to undergo a special schooling on counter terrorism course in the capital.

Presiding at a command conference at City Hall yesterday, the mayor told the different police station commanders to be on alert for these "special threats."

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Mass layoff at GSO

EXASPERATED by a continuing reports of graft and corruption and below par performance, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte yesterday ordered the relief of all personnel in the General Serv-

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Casuals not rehired were 'poor performers'

MAYOR Rodrigo Duterte yesterday debunked the reported accusations of recently terminated casuals on the alleged favoritism in the implementation of the city's reorganization.

Those casuals who accused the city government of playing favorites in the selection of the employees to be accomodated in the reorganization were evaluated and found to be the worst performers at city hall for several years now, Duterte stressed.

" Kana sila mga bulakbol , sigig absent mao na naalisdan mo og wala na pabalika" an angry Duterte said.

Duterte clarifed that the appointment of employees under the reorganization plan was based on a careful study and scrutiny conducted for one year and in accordance with the rules and provisions laid down by the Civil Service Com-

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Galvante reassigned to Camp Crame

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PHILIPPINE National Police Regional Command director chief Supt. Edgar Galvante is among the 18 PNP commanders reshuffled by Malacañang the other day as recommended by the outgoing DILG secretary Rafael Alunan and PNP Director General Recaredo Sarmento.

Sources from the Recom headquarters said Galvante was replaced by Chief Supt. Jose Lalisan who was then the Director of the Police Aviation Security Command (PASCOM). Galvante now is assigned as director for per-

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Security guard killed in motorcycle accident

A DEAD body of a security guard was recovered early dawn yesterday from a big canal following an accident involving his motorcycle.

Witnesses said they first saw one side of the red motorcycle falling into a canal along the corner of Jacinto and Padre Gomez streets at 1:30 a.m. yesterday before they found an arm of the victim ny the motorcycle side.

The victim was identified through his ID as Joel Diva, 20 years old with no exact address, and employed

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Transport boom lures P1.4-B in investments

DAVAO CITY- The transport industry has generated some P1.4 billion in new investments for the region, Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) regional manager Demosthenes Arbilon said yesterday.

Arbilon said the new investments from the transportation industry came in the form of new taxi units, buses, including new cars acquired by private individuals.

He said there are now about 2,000 new taxi units

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FVR urged to take over DILG

SEN. Franklin M. Drilon has urged President Fidel V. Ramos to immediately accept the resignation of Sec. Rafael Alunan III and assume the position of DILG Secretary in a concurrent capacity pending the

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Davao Airport waives fees for OCWs

OVERSEAS contract workers departing thru the Davao International Airport for their respective jobsites are now exempted from paying Terminal Fee starting January 1, 1996. This privilege which is extended only to all OCWs duly processed by the POEA was earlier implemented at NAIA in December 1995.

Francisco B. Domingo, Chief, POEA- Regional Center for Mindanao disclosed that this is part of the government's package of benefits granted to these OCWs in recognition of their contribution to the national economy who are considered as the modern-day heroes of the country.

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Writer apologizes to lady

WRITER Roger Balanza has apologized to businesswoman Joji Ilagan-Bian for a news article he wrote insinuating that Ms. Bian was hiring students from her career school to work as guest relations officers in videoke houses that she and her husband owned.

Balanza has also retracted allegations in the

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Tribal datus undergo training

TRIBAL datus in Talaingod, Davao Province began learning the rudiments of leadership in a seminar workshop which opened yesterday under the auspices of the Office of Southern Cultural Commu-

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DIPC exceeds target by P1.57-billion

THE Davao Investment Promotion Center (DIPC) has registered a total of P4.57 billion worth of investments for 1995 exceeding the P3 billion-target for the year.

The port facility expansion project of the Davao Union Cement topped the value of investments with P720 million followed by the feedmill plant of the Universal Robina Corporation which is valued up to P461 million.

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