

Ø Mayor Beng Climaco thanked President Aquino for his visit to Zamboanga City Sunday, January 25, to know firsthand the city's security concerns and rehabilitation efforts. "Zamboanga City must be very blessed and special that the president cannot contain himself but to be with us personally in our time of difficulty."

Ø The president's visit was very fruitful and yielded commitments for P200 million for additional permanent houses under Z3R, P400 million for sewerage facilities in permanent housing sites and P50 million as bridging fund. Other developments:

- On the issue of terrorism- the president presided a command conference with the security sector and ordered the creation of an inter-agency/multi-sectoral body under the Crisis Management Committee to help address issues affecting the city

- The president ordered the closure of all illegal wharves in the city

- The president ordered the drafting of a comprehensive response plan in emergency situations to prevent civilians from being part of the collateral damage

- Per request of Mayor Climaco, the president directed Justice Secretary Leila De Lima with the help of Prosecutors to immediately file before the Supreme Court an appeal for the swift transfer of high profile inmates at the City Reformatory Center to Manila

- After the inspection at the City Reformatory Center with DILG Secretary Mar Roxas – the president ordered further improvements to ensure security and order at the center

- In his visit to the blast victims in the hospitals - the president gave financial assistance and encouraged them to look at things positively by saying "may misyon pa kayo sa buhay". To the families of the slain civilians, he also gave financial aid and promised to assist in certain forms of scholarship

Ø Mayor Beng Climaco will make a summary of her administration's accomplishments and plans during her State of the City Report before the City Council at Centro Latino in Paseo del Mar, Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Ø The Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) in a meeting Monday (Jan. 26) approved the request of IDPs from Sumariki to return temporarily to the said place with waiver signed by them. The waiver however is subject to revision by the City Legal Office. It also approved the use of the 5 out of the 38 hectares at Valle Vista at Kasanyangan for temporary shelter site and numerous resolutions for the welfare of the IDPs.

Ø The City Abattoir is a recipient of a pneumatic stunner, a devise used for stunning animals prior to slaughter, from the National Meat Inspectors Service in collaboration with the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Australian government.