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## Voters urged look at bets' track record, integrity, platform

MANILA -- The electorate must look at the track record, integrity and platform before choosing candidates to support in the May mid-term elections, Quezon City vice mayor Joy Belmonte said on Wednesday.

Belmonte said the

people must be reflective in electing their leaders and consider looking into the candidate's personality, and background to assess if they are capable of implementing positive change for their constituents.

"Three things to look

into a candidate first, track record. It is important because that will show if a candidate is capable of fulfilling his promises and the deeds he has included in his platforms. Study that, you can easily access it on the internet," Belmonte *(Turn to p. 2)*

# MMDA removes window hours' in major roads, Mabuhay Lanes

MANILA -- The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has removed the "window hours" policy for the number coding scheme in all major thoroughfares and Mabuhay Lane routes in Metro Manila.

This after its policy-making body, Metro Manila Council (MMC),

has agreed to standardize the enforcement of the "no window hours" scheme on national roads and roads listed as Mabuhay Lanes following its meeting last Tuesday.

"MMDA traffic enforcers will apprehend violators on national roads while counterpart traffic enforcers of local

government units will do the apprehension in their jurisdiction," MMDA general manager Jose Arturo "Jojo" Garcia said in a statement on Wednesday.

The apprehension of violators is effective immediately upon the approval of the resolution by the MMC.

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## PAJ Binhi Awards for excellence in agri journ set

MANILA -- The Philippine Agricultural Journalists Inc. will present the winners of the annual Binhi Awards for excellence in agricultural journalism for 2018 on Thursday at the Makati Diamond Residences with Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol as guest of honor and speaker.

PAJ president Alfredo Gabot said the awards, sponsored by San Miguel Corporation, include Agricultural Journalist of the Year, Agri Beat Reporter of the Year, Environment Journalist of the Year, Agricultural Magazine of



the Year, Agricultural Newsletter of the Year and Agricultural Section of National Newspaper of the Year.

Noel O. Reyes, chair of the Binhi Awards

committee, said other awards are Best Climate Change Story of the Year, Best Environment Story of the Year, Agri Regional Television Program of the Year, Agri

## Easterlies to affect PH Wednesday

MANILA -- The easterlies will affect the country on Wednesday, the weather bureau said in its 4 a.m. forecast.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), the Visayas, Bicol region, southern Quezon, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Metro Manila and the rest of the country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies, with isolated rain showers caused by the easterlies.

Moderate to occasionally strong

winds from the east will produce moderate to occasionally rough coastal waters in northern Luzon, the eastern sections of Central and Southern Luzon, the Visayas, and Mindanao.

Temperature in Metro Manila will range from 22 degrees to 34 degrees Celsius; Tuguegarao City, 21-34 degrees Celsius; Baguio City, 14-26 degrees Celsius; Angeles City, 23-35 degrees Celsius; Lipa City, 22-33 degrees Celsius; Metro Cebu, 24-21 degrees Celsius; and Metro Davao, 25-34 Celsius. (PNA)

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The MMC, composed of the 17 mayors in Metro Manila, will also amend their existing number coding schemes and traffic codes implemented in their jurisdiction.

The Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program or the number coding scheme is enforced during weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on major thoroughfares in Metro Manila, including EDSA.

Under the scheme, vehicles banned on a certain day of the week depending on their license plate or conduction sticker ending digits cannot traverse major thoroughfares and Mabuhay lane routes for any hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, the

MMDA said it is set to implement a 60 kilometers per hour (kph) speed limit in major roads at Metro Manila following its approval by the MMC.

"This 60 kilometers is basically on lean hours if there is no traffic to reduce the speed and avoid accidents," MMDA traffic chief Edison "Bong" Nebrija said in a television interview.

The Metro Manila mayors have yet to sign the resolution approving the speed limit in the metropolis as this is needed to be published first before its implementation.

The MMDA will be apprehending violators using speed guns once the policy is implemented, Nebrija said. (PNA)

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Agri Photo Journalist of the Year, Best Agri News Story of the Year, and Best Agri Feature Story of the Year.

Former Agriculture Secretary Senen Bacani heads this year's board of judges with Monetary Board member Bruce Tolentino, Dr. Crispin Maslog, Ms. Mary Jane Llanes Oconer, AVP for corporate and media affairs of SMC, and broadcaster and former congressman Angelo Palmones as members.

The new officers and directors of the PAJ will be inducted coinciding with the Binhi Awards ceremonies. The PAJ is also expected to launch its Binhi Magazine, a new membership ID and its reactivation as member of the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists.

The PAJ will also present Excellence in Agricultural Journalism Award (posthumous) to the late journalist and

professor Rodolfo "Rudy" Fernandez.

L i f e t i m e Achievement Awards will also be presented to Dr. Anselmo Roque, Zac Sarian, Marcelo Lagmay and PAJ co-founder Jake Espino.

Special awards will also be conferred on Henry Lim Bon Liong of SL Agritech Corp. and PAJ past president Roman Floresca.

Aside from Gabot, officers to be inducted are Fermin Diaz, VP for internal affairs; Noel Reyes, VP for external affairs; Ruby Lumongsod, secretary; Aileen Garcia, asst. secretary; Inez Magbual, treasurer; Thelma Tolentino, auditor; Michael Alunan, PRO for print; Rolando Gonzalo, PRO for Broadcast; Rex Navarro, Johnny Goloyugo, Charisma Love Gado Gonzales, Melly Tenorio and Rogelio Matalang, and past president Roman Floresca, directors. (PR)

**Children seek work at the cemetery after school**

Sanaa- Barefoot in a blue striped shirt, Ahmed al-Hamadi walks from school to a cemetery in the Yemeni capital where he works to help his family survive.

The 13-year-old makes his way through the cemetery, where graves are cramped together and overgrown with weeds.

Hauling gallons of water on his tiny shoulders, he waters plants and sprinkles tombstones to rid them of the Sanaa dust for a modest payment from the families of the deceased.

"We usually wait for funeral processions to work," Ahmed told AFP. "If no one has died, we just hang around the graves and play around here."

Ahmed is among millions of children struggling to stay in school in Yemen, where war, poverty and disease have brought the Arab world's poorest country to its knees.

The Yemen conflict, which pits the government against northern rebels linked to Iran, took a turn for the worse when Saudi Arabia and its allies intervened on behalf of embattled President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi.

March 26 marks four years since the Saudi-led coalition launched the military campaign to oust the Huthi rebels who occupied most of Yemen several months earlier -- triggering what the United Nations calls the world's

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interview.

"Second is the personality, you should see if a candidate is a person with integrity, and can fulfill his duty. He should also be accessible and fair to his constituents," she added.

"Lastly, the platform. The people should see if a candidate's platforms are realistic. And just to help you, here in Quezon City for instance, our city's budget is PHP21.5 billion. Fifty-five percent of that must go to salaries according to our laws. And the amount left from the initial PHP21.5 billion, you do the math (mathematics) to see if the

worst humanitarian crisis.

Yemen has the highest level of child labour in the Arab world, both as a percentage and in sheer numbers, according to the International Labour Organization.

And in the chaos of war children are the most at risk, with girls facing forced marriage and boys recruited as fighters.

UNICEF, the UN children's fund, called Yemen a "living hell for children" in 2018, with a whopping 80 percent of minors in need of aid.

The agency estimates that two million Yemeni children, out of an eligible seven million, are out of school as the war grinds into its fifth year.

Alongside the violence, Yemen's already-fragile economy has contracted by over 50 percent since the escalation of conflict in 2015, according to the World Bank.

The currency has plummeted, and with it purchasing power.

Yemen's private sector is all but dead and the government-run central bank has struggled to pay civil servants' salaries despite over \$2 billion of cash injections by Saudi Arabia.

Many families have had no choice but to rely on their children for income -- sometimes as little as a few dollars a month.

Three years ago, Atiqa Mohammed was an

officer in the Yemeni military. Today, she runs a little grocery store and more often than not her shelves are empty.

She had to turn a group of children away one March afternoon, with neither bread nor milk to sell them.

"The war has devoured everything," she told AFP. "I don't want much. Bread and tea would be enough, as long as it's an honest living."

Three-quarters of Yemen's population of 29 million are in need of humanitarian aid, with upwards of 10 million at the brink of mass starvation, according to the UN.

And in some areas, both government- and rebel-held, teachers have not been paid their wages since 2016. UNICEF stepped in this month, disbursing the equivalent of \$50 per month to some 100,000 educators.

Ahmed is one of the luckier ones. His school still opens its doors to pupils in Sanaa, controlled by the Huthis since the rebels staged a takeover of Yemeni territory in 2014.

But when his father could not find work, it was up to him to help his family. He first tried street peddling before

turning to the cemetery as a last resort.

Fifteen-year-old Yasser al-Arbahi also found himself working at the cemetery after his father had a stroke, putting his dreams of becoming a doctor on hold.

His days have become routine: wake up, attend class until noon, then head to the cemetery after lunch.

"If there's a grave that needs to be cleaned, I'll spray it down. Then on Fridays, I make sure I have water to sell to the families who come to visit the graves."

Some 10,000 people have been killed in Yemen over the past four years, according to the World Health Organization, although rights groups say the toll could be five times higher.

Both the Saudi-led alliance and Huthi rebels have been accused of acts that could amount to war crimes, while the coalition has been blacklisted by the UN for killing and maiming children.

By the tombstones in Sanaa, Yasser pays particular attention to cacti and flowers planted on the graves, taking the time to water them all.

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**Gov. Boying Remulla Leads Kalinga sa Kalikasan in the Municipality of Tanza:** On March 26, 2019, Governor Boying Remulla visited the people of Tanza and led the provincial government's environmental awareness campaign dubbed as *Kalinga sa Kalikasan* conducted in Brgy. Julugan 5. Gov. Remulla was joined by his son, Indang Municipal Councilor Ping Remulla, and his brother, Gov. Jonvic Remulla in encouraging the people to actively participate in protecting and nurturing the environment for the benefit of the younger generation. Tanza Mayor Yuri Pacumio together with the Sangguniang Bayan Members warmly welcomed and thanked the *Kalinga sa Kalikasan* team for visiting their municipality. (PICAD)



**PGC's Kalinga sa Kalikasan Continues in the City of Bacoor:** On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, Gov. Jonvic Remulla led the *Kalinga sa Kalikasan* program conducted at Brgy. San Nicolas 3 in the City of Bacoor on March 26, 2019. Thousands of Bacoor residents participated in the environmental awareness campaign of the provincial government. Board Members Rey Fabian, Edralin Gawaran and Rainier Ambion joined the event and expressed their support to the plans and programs of the Remulla administration. (PICAD)



**CAVITE CELEBRATES 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF AGUINALDO:** Cabinet Secretary Karlo B. Nograles graced the Cavite Day on March 22, 2019 at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit with the celebration of President Emilio Aguinaldo's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary. Governor Boying Remulla, Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, OIC-Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang and other local officials welcomed Secretary Nograles to the historical event; while National Historical Commission of the Philippines Chairman Rene Escalante joined the secretary during the wreath-laying rites to honor the life and legacy of the Father of the Philippine Independence. Meanwhile, Philippine Postal Corporation President Norman Fulgencio led the awarding of the Aguinaldo Commemorative Coin and Stamp to Secretary Nograles who delivered the keynote speech on behalf of President Rodrigo Duterte. Other guests who paid respects and expressed their support to Cavite's historical and cultural preservation were NHCP Executive Director Ludovico Badoy, 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative Francis Abaya, Kawit Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo, Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, as well as, some officials and employees of other national and local agencies. —PICAD



**CAVITEÑO YOUTH ELECTED AS NATIONAL PYAP PRESIDENT:** The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office awarded a certificate of recognition to Mr. Mark Philip Iso during the flag raising ceremony of capitol employees on March 25, 2019. Mr. Iso's significant contributions as an active President of the Pag-Asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) in Bacoor City and in the Calabarzon region earned him the PYAP National President post during the election of officers held last March 11-15, 2019 in Zamboanga del Norte. On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, the provincial board members and staff of PSWDO expressed their congratulatory message to Mr. Iso, as well as to Bacoor CSWD Officer Liliane Ugalde.





**LINGAP SA KALIKASAN AT THE CITY OF BACOOR:** Persistent in its advocacy on protecting the environment, the provincial government of Cavite which was represented by Governor Jonvic Remulla, on behalf of his brother Governor Boying Remulla, led the Lingap sa Kalikasan Program recently at Talaba 5 and Talaba 7 Covered Court in the City of Bacoor. The program aims to boost environmental awareness and encourage the people to take part in environmental conservation through the continuous clean up activity along the roads and sewerage areas. With Governor Jonvic were Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, Bacoor Mayor Lani Revilla, and 2nd District Board Members Edralin "Aba" Gawaran and Reynaldo Fabian. —(PICAD)



**OPA AND 4-H CLUB HOLDS PROVINCIAL 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY:** Municipal/City 4-H coordinators and LGU delegates together with their student representatives from various public and private schools in the province actively participated in the Provincial 4-H Achievement Day carrying the theme, "BIDA 4-H: Bringing Innovation and Development in Agriculture through 4-H Club" held on March 26, 2019 at the Farmers and Fishermen's Hall, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) Compound in Brgy. Luciano, Trece Martires City. The event aims to engage the youth in the field of agriculture, partake in different livelihood projects and showcase their talents. Provincial Agriculturist Ms. Lolita C. Pereña warmly acknowledged all the participants while Indang Municipal Councilor John Mark "Goto" M. Cayao, keynote speaker, shared his own story which inspired and motivated the young ones to keep on chasing their dreams and never let failures bring them down as it is part of the journey in achieving their goals. Meanwhile, Asst. Provincial Agriculturist for Operation Mr. Reynato Rozul and Regional 4-H Focal Person Mr. Roy Roger Victoria also imparted words of encouragement to the participants. First place winners in various contests were awarded including: Mr. Ivan Louie Cruto of Dasmariñas National High School in 4H Promotional Video Making; Ms. Anajane Marie Silvestre of Imus City in 4-H Himig Handog; Mr. Jom Sanchez of Dasmariñas City in Spoken Poetry; Mr. Joseph Ponce of Indang Municipal in On-the-Spot Canvass Making; Mr. Jimuel Limbo of Naic National High School in Terrarium (Bottle Gardening); Ms. Erica Tanaotanao of Munting Ilog National High School- Silang in 4-H Quiz Bee; and, Ms. Yasmine Daño of Imus City in Cacao Based Processing and Packaging Technology Contest. The said winners will represent the province and compete in the Regional 4-H Achievement Day on April 10-12, 2019. —(PICAD)



**KALINGA SA KALIKASAN IN DASMARIÑAS CITY:** More than 2,200 environment volunteers from Barangays Langkaan 1, Langkaan 2 and Zone 3 gathered for another Kalinga sa Kalikasan project of the provincial government conducted on March 22, 2019 at the City Homes Subdivision Covered Court, Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite. On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, Governor Jonvic Remulla and Vice Governor Jolo Revilla led the clean-up drive and delivered their inspiring messages to continue saving the environment. The city government led by Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat together with the city councilors and barangay captains thanked the governor for the provincial government's endless commitment and support to various programs especially for Dasmariñas residents. —(PICAD)



**CAVITEÑA HAILED 2019 MOST OUTSANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN IN THE PHILIPPINES:** The provincial government of Cavite conferred a medal and certificate of recognition to Provincial Librarian Ms. Concepcion Villanueva during the flag raising ceremony of capitol employees on March 25, 2019. On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, Board Members Rudy Lara, Rainier Ambion, Rey Fabian and Vale Encabo led the simple awarding rite to Ms. Villanueva for being hailed the Most Outstanding Public Librarian, bringing pride and honor to the province during the National Conference of Librarians 2019 held at Citystate Asturias Hotel in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on March 18-21, 2019. Ms. Villanueva served as a role model to co-employees, inspiring everyone to continue to innovate, keep learning and get involved in the community to help build a stronger nation. (PICAD)



## SUMMER'S NEVER OUT OF STYLE WITH FOREVER 21

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## PGC joins Education Summit

Heads and representatives of different departments of Cavite provincial government, the city government of General Trias and representatives from other private stakeholders were recognized during the Education Summit at Luis Ferrer Jr. Senior High School in Pasong Kawayan 2, City of General Trias on March 20, 2019. With the theme, "Enhancing Learning Competencies by Sustaining Ties with Education Partners", the summit recognized the contributions of partner institutions in the work immersion program for the Senior High School curriculum. It brought together stakeholders to strengthen partnership for

better learning outcome and provided a venue for interaction and collaboration among them as well as future partners with the view of providing relevant and excellent education.

Dr. Daisy Z. Miranda, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent warmly welcomed all the public and private stakeholders who have responded to their invitation and lively discussed the Adopt-a-School Program and Partner Benefits.

According to Dr. Miranda, Adopt-a-School Program which started in 1998 was created to help generate resources and sustenance to education outside the mainstream funding and the national budget.

Partners are enjoined to support the schools in the areas of infrastructure, health and nutrition, teaching skills development, computer and science equipment and learnings support. Under the program, private entities, either local or overseas are given opportunity to become partners in education through their assistance in the advancement and modernizations of public elementary and high schools. In return, they are to enjoy additional tax incentives as they implement their project.

Furthermore, during the summit, the school principal, Ms. Mercelita Javier delivered the state of the school address highlighting their accomplishments notably the 722 graduates last year and 905 graduating students for this school year. She also reported that Luis Ferrer Jr. Senior High School has posted 633 NC passers for 2017-2018 and 729 for 2018-2019.

On the other hand, Mayor Ony Ferrer delivered an inspirational message encouraging the learners to pursue college education to be more competitive. He motivated the students to continue acquiring

knowledge to be financially independent in the future. "Education is an equalizer and students always have their chance to succeed in life. Grab it. Do not be satisfied on your present situation", he emphasized.

The mayor also expressed his gratefulness to all the stakeholders who have imparted skills and information to the students which they can use in the real world.

As for the city government's commitment to better education, he announced the planned establishment of additional Luis Ferrer Jr. Senior High School branch at Sta. Clara-Pinagtipunan and Biklatan area.

Sixth District Board Members Kerby Salazar and Felix "Jango" Grepo also conveyed their messages to the students and the public/private partners reflecting their eagerness to support the youth of Cavite.

Selected graduating senior high school students also shared their work immersion experience while the impression of work immersion was delivered by the representative of a partner office from the city government of Gen. Trias. — (PICAD)



**Summer Punch:** Sweater-knit top and knee-length skirt



**Colorblock** sheer sarong skirt



**Citrus Crush:** Citron ribbed midi dress from Forever 21



**Side-striped ribbed top** worn with a midi skirt



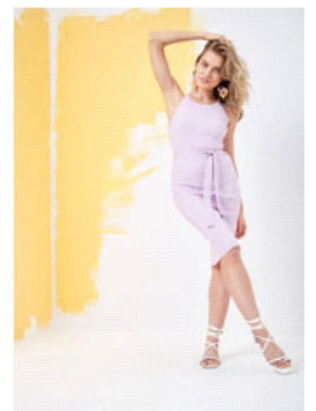
**Soak up in the sun** with an oversized floppy straw hat and sage-colored bikini from Forever 21.



**Summer Swing:** Cool-toned tops and bright-colored accessories



**Leaf-print buttoned-shirt** and denim shorts



**Pastel Please:** Lavender ribbed midi dress

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## Blazers advance, but Nurkic injured

Los Angeles—Jusuf Nurkic suffered a horrific leg injury while helping the Portland Trail Blazers clinch their sixth consecutive playoff berth with a double overtime victory over the Brooklyn

Nurkic led the scoring for the Blazers with 32 points while adding 16 rebounds and five assists in a 148-144 triumph at the Moda Center in Portland.

But the 24-year-old Bosnian's evening ended in despair when he collapsed to the court in agony after suffering a gruesome-looking injury in the second period of overtime.

Nurkic's left leg buckled beneath him as he landed after attempting to tip in a shot.

Several players from both sides visibly recoiled after seeing the severity of Nurkic's injury, which sent the arena into a concerned hush.

Nurkic was treated by medical personnel with a towel masking his face before being stretchered off the court.

The Bosnian big man had been enjoying the best season of his career, averaging 15.4 points, 10.3 rebounds and 1.4 blocks per game before Monday.

Nurkic's injury left his team-mates distraught.

"Seeing one of your brothers go down like that, I just don't know what to say," said Blazers Turkish star Enes Kanter.

"Tonight I'm just going to go home and just pray for him because this is way bigger than

basketball."

Blazers ace Damian Lillard described Nurkic as "my little big brother."

"We talk every day, text, Facetime," Lillard said. "I can get on him in a way that I probably can't get on nobody else because of our relationship. I hate to see that happen."

### Vucevic casts spell

Elsewhere Monday, the in-form Orlando Magic sent the Philadelphia 76ers spinning to a 119-98 loss.

Nikola Vucevic dominated a Sixers line-up missing Ben Simmons through illness to finish with 11 rebounds and four assists as well as a double-digit points tally.

The defeat left the Sixers in third place in the Eastern Conference standings with 47 wins against 27 defeats.

The Magic's fifth consecutive win has kept them firmly in the hunt for a playoff berth with the same number of wins (36) as Miami, who occupy the eighth and final playoff berth.

The two teams meet in Miami on Tuesday in a game that could ultimately decide Orlando's chances of making the playoffs.

Montenegrin Vucevic was backed by a 24-point display from Evan Fournier. Michael Carter-Williams chipped in with 15 from the bench.

Orlando's defense, which has been the best in the league since the All-Star break, restricted the Sixers to just six three-pointers while forcing 15 turnovers.

"The second half was

about as well as we've played," Magic head coach Steve Clifford said.

"I think tonight we were balanced. Our defense was good, we made shots.

"We were good with the starters and then when we broke the line-up we sustained the play well."

There was another upset in Memphis, where Brazilian international Bruno Caboclo scored a career-high 24 points as the Grizzlies dented Oklahoma City Thunder's likely playoff ranking with a 115-103 win.

Caboclo, who only landed a permanent multi-year deal with Memphis last month after a frustrating few years spent trying to break into the NBA, rewarded his new employers' belief with a game-winning display.

The 6ft 9in 23-year-old small forward from Sao Paulo also pulled down 11 rebounds and provided two assists to give the already-eliminated Grizzlies a deserved win over the higher-ranked Thunder.

The defeat leaves Oklahoma City in eighth place in the Western Conference standings with 43 wins and 31 defeats.

In Salt Lake City, Devin Booker exploded for 59 points but could not prevent the Phoenix Suns suffering a blowout 125-92 defeat against the Utah Jazz.

Booker's brilliant half-century of points included five three-pointers as he drained 19 of 34 field goal attempts at Vivint Smart Home Arena in Salt Lake City.

The 22-year-old



## Thousands of children homeless after quake

Jakarta- Thousands of children are living in makeshift shelters six months after a devastating earthquake and tsunami pounded the Indonesian city of Palu, aid agencies said Tuesday, as authorities wrestle with a "painfully slow" recovery.

The magnitude 7.5 quake and subsequent deluge razed swathes of the coastal town on Sulawesi island last September, killing more than 4,300 people, according to Indonesia's national disaster agency.

At least 170,000 residents from Palu and surrounding districts are still displaced and entire neighborhoods are still in ruins, despite life returning to normal in other areas of the city.

"Six months after this disaster we are extremely concerned about the estimated 6,000 children still living in temporary

Booker is only the fourth player in NBA history to post multiple 50-point games before his 23rd birthday.

The Suns star joins an elite band of players which includes Rick Barry, LeBron James and Kyrie Irving.

accommodation such as tents, as well as the thousands more that are living in homes that have been damaged," said Tom Howells of Save the Children.

Salsa, 10, and her parents have lived in a tent with a dirt floor ever since the towering waves tore through their home in Donggala near the epicenter of the quake.

"The light here is from a battery lamp," the fifth-grader said.

"Often when we sleep there are a lot of mice."

Monsoon rains have fanned outbreaks of malaria and dengue fever, while residents in hard-hit areas have been forced to navigate open sewers and mounds of sharp rubble.

The force of September's quake saw entire neighborhoods leveled by liquefaction—a process where the ground starts behaving like a liquid and swallows up the earth like quicksand.

The Red Cross said recovery has been "painfully slow" and often complex.

"How can you rebuild a coastline, city or community when large parts of it are simply swallowed by the earth?"

said the organization's chief Indonesia representative Jan Gelfand.

Apart from the damage to tens of thousands of buildings, the disaster destroyed fishing boats, shops and irrigation systems, robbing residents of their income.

"People in affected communities need a regular source of income to sustain themselves and regain a sense of normalcy," said Christophe Bahuet, the UN development agency's Indonesia representative.

Indonesia has said the damage bill in Palu topped \$900 million. The World Bank has offered the country up to \$1 billion in loans to get the city back on its feet.

The vast Southeast Asian archipelago is one of the most disaster-prone nations on Earth due to its position straddling the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, where tectonic plates collide.

Last year was a particularly tough, however, with more than 2,500 disasters ranging from a series of deadly earthquakes on Lombok island to landslides and volcanic eruptions.