

# Balintawak cleared of vendors anew

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Joint forces of the Quezon City government and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) conducted anew Wednesday morning a clearing operations at the problematic Balintawak area.

Personnel from the MMDA and Quezon City's Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) started the operation at 4 a.m. where vendors and motorists illegally occupying roads and sidewalks were apprehended.

Garbage trucks were also in the area to ensure that all trash were collected in the market area.

Mayor Joy Belmonte vowed the city government will conduct regular clearing operations relentlessly in support of President Duterte's directive to reclaim public roads being used for private purposes.

The city's clearing operations started on June 8, but reports said that fewer people were apprehended yesterday as the previous operations have served as deterrent.

However, vendors in the area lashed out at the MMDA and the city government, claiming bias against them as these operations were only being conducted against the poor.