

QC enforces queueing at terminals

Police seized stolen goods consisting of wristwatches, handbags, designer shoes, perfume and local and foreign currency

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The plan of the Quezon City Task Force for Transport and Traffic Management to instill discipline among commuters and crack down on illegal terminals has received the concurrence of Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte.

The task force plans to institutionalize among passengers lining up at legitimate terminals and dismantle illegal terminals that contribute to road congestion.

Belmonte appointed lawyer Ariel Inton as task force head through Executive Order 9-2019 to lead the clearing operations, dubbed as “Bayanihan sa Lansangan.

“We want Quezon City to be a commuter/passenger friendly city. The earlier you are in line, the soonest you get to board a vehicle,” said Inton, adding that he will also provide priority lanes for PWD and senior citizens.

He will recommend to the QC City Council the passage of an ordinance penalizing passengers who will be caught not lining up at loading and unloading zones and at terminals with immediate community service.

“In other words, if you are hard-headed, right there you have to render community service. You won’t be able to just leave. If you are in a hurry, we will inconvenience you because you do not follow directions,” said Inton.

Emphasizing the need for order, he cited that based on a recent study, it would take commuters more time to take a ride in the absence of a systematic process like lining up.

The task force chief said there is already a system in place in Kalayaan Avenue, which they are closely monitoring to ensure that passengers are abiding by it.

Also, Inton said the task force would focus on removing illegal tricycle and jeepney terminals occupying busy roads and sidewalks.

“We will meet barangay officials and transport officials to figure out the transfer of their terminals from those busy streets to a more appropriate space,” he said.