

Belmonte vows sanctions vs illegal gambling hubs

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has warned illegal gambling operators of the stiffest sanctions if they continue to operate unlawfully.

The caution came after Belmonte issued notice of violations against Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGO) hubs based in Eastwood City in Libis following a surprise inspection.

She vowed that more surprise inspections are in the offing against illegal gambling hubs in the city.

The surprise inspections aimed to ensure that POGO centers operating in the city comply with local requirements and ancillary clearances for business.

Among the POGO hubs which received notice of violations were Omniworld Enterprise, Inc., Singtech Enterprise Inc. and Great Empire Gaming and Amusement Corp. They reportedly failed to present necessary clearances required to conduct business in QC such as locational clearance, sanitary permit, environmental clearance, occupational permits of its employees, among others.

The POGO hubs have been given a 15-day grace period to comply with the business permit requirements of Quezon City.

“While we welcome the business locators in our city, we want to ensure that our rules and regulations are followed to the letter. Otherwise, you will have to face the consequences of non-compliance,” Belmonte told one POGO hub owner.