

QC implements traffic rerouting for Undas

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The Quezon City government will implement a traffic rerouting scheme in anticipation of the surge of cemetery goers, Mayor Joy Belmonte announced yesterday. Belmonte said they would mobilize members of the Task Force for Transport and Traffic to ensure the smooth flow of vehicles along roads leading to cemeteries within or near the city's boundaries.

These include the Manila North Cemetery, Eternal Garden Memorial Park, Baesa Cemetery, Bagbag Cemetery, Novaliches Cemetery, Himlayang Pilipino, Holy Cross Memorial Park and San Juan Cemetery.

Belmonte said traffic personnel would be deployed near the cemeteries.

"Traffic measures are in place to ensure that the people will not be inconvenienced when they visit their dead," she said.

Ambulances and rescue vehicles will be on standby in case of emergencies, Belmonte said.

For those visiting the Manila North Cemetery, the outermost westbound lane of A. Bonifacio Avenue from Mayon-Del Monte to Calavite street will be closed starting at 4 a.m. tomorrow.

Motorists will not be allowed to enter the Bagbag and Novaliches cemeteries.

In Manila, authorities asked motorists to avoid roads leading to Dangwa and the Manila North Cemetery to spare themselves from traffic jams.

Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau chief Dennis Viaje said they would implement road closures during the holiday break.

In Makati, the number coding scheme will be suspended today and tomorrow.

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority said it would allow one-side parking near cemeteries for a short period of time. – Janvic Mateo, Jose Rodel Clapano, Ghio Ong