

Belmonte starts campaign vs illegal gambling

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte on Tuesday affirmed that she will eradicate all forms of illegal gambling in the city. With this, Belmonte issued a stern directive to Quezon City Police District (QCPD) chief Col. Ronnie Montejero to crack down on all forms of illegal gambling in the city. Stressing that the city government won't tolerate illegal gambling, Belmonte asked the QCPD to launch an all-out war to stop its operation and apprehend those behind it.

"We will launch a full-scale operation against all forms of illegal gambling such as jueteng, video karera, ez-2 and loteng, even small-scale operations in our barangays," Belmonte said.

To recall, Belmonte gathered all 142 barangay chairmen of Quezon City to inform them of the strict implementation of the city ordinance against illegal gambling. She asked the barangay officials to closely monitor and report any gambling operation in their respective areas and to provide intelligence reports on illegal bet collectors or "bookies."

In addition, Belmonte said fiesta celebrations with cock fighting or "sabong (cock fighting)" and all games in funerals or "sakla (traditional card game)" will no longer be allowed.