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QC ENFORCES 'KULIGLIG' BAN; CRACKDOWN ON

THE Quezon City government has intensified its crackdown against "kuligligs" or improvised tractor-trikes as it confiscated 130 of such vehicles plying the EDSA-Balintawak area.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the clearing operations, led by the Task Force for Transport and Traffic Management, along the city's thoroughfares started November last year but apprehended drivers were initially given warnings.

In a dialogue with the apprehended drivers, the mayor offered three modes of assistance for their livelihood amid the ban on *kuligligs* along the city thoroughfares.

Belmonte said apprehended drivers can avail of the "Balik Probinsya" program, where they can reclaim their sidecars and use them to earn a livelihood in

their respective hometowns.

Apprehended drivers can surrender their sidecars in exchange for P5,000 cash aid and alternative livelihood assistance or they can simply apply for the city's e-trike program.

"We are fully aware of the needs of every family and that is why we offer them alternatives that will help their livelihood," she added.

The city government also offered livelihood assistance to their wives and scholarships for the children of "kuliglig" drivers.

According to Ben Ibon, head of the Tricycle Regulatory Division, "kuligligs" are prohibited from operating along national highways and main thoroughfares, same with regular tricycles and pedicabs. **Maricel Cruz**



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