

QC rejects allegations of 'uncollected cadavers'

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THE Quezon City government on Monday refuted the claim of Anakalusugan Party-list Rep. Mike Defensor in connection with uncollected cadavers of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) patients at the Lung Center of the Philippines.

Assistant city administrator for operations Alberto Kimpo said Defensor

should have verified his facts with the Lung Center of the Philippines first before making his accusations.

He was referring to Defensor's allegations that Carol Patalinghog, assistant chief of the Welfare and Relief Division of the city's Social Services and Development Department, stopped the transfer of the cadavers to Light Funeral Homes because it was not among those accredited by the

city government.

Defensor earlier said the Lung Center sought help to cremate the remains of the COVID-19 patients since it could only accommodate four bodies.

He said the city government's refusal was politically motivated since it was the defeated mayoralty bet, former representative Vincent "Bingbong" Crisologo, who facilitated the transfer of the cadavers.