

Protocol violators accosted in QC

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Over 23 persons, including 13 females, were accosted for violating health protocols in Quezon City during the conduct of Oplan Magdalena in restobars over the weekend.

Following the campaign on anti-criminality and full implementation of minimum health standard protocols of the IATF and other Quezon City ordinances, authorities conducted continuous visitation, inspection, and monitoring in the different bars/establishments to ensure compliance of city ordinances.

The violators were arrested by combined elements of District Special Operations Unit; District Women and Children Concern Section; Kamuning Police Station; together with inspecting team of **Business Permits and Licensing Department**, and **Social Services and Development Department** of Quezon City.

Report showed that at about 10 p.m. of 27 August, the joint inspecting and operating team proceeded inside Up and Beyond Resto Bar, located at 184 Kojak Building, Tomas Morato, Barangay Sacred Heart, Quezon City and saw the presence of numerous workers and guests inside the three occupied rooms drinking liquor, which prompted them to issue Ordinance Violation Receipts (OVR) to the management and customers present during the said operation. After documentation of their respective OVRs, they were advised to go home and settle their fines/ penalties at the Department of Public Order and Safety of Quezon City.

Meanwhile, at about 11:46 a.m. of 28 August, the BPLD released a closure order to the said establishment for violating the modified enhanced community quarantine guidelines and continuously operating during public safety hours despite being strictly prohibited.

Quezon City **Mayor Joy Belmonte** warned other owners and operators of nightclubs and restobars to follow the city's health rules or face closure and other penalties.

She said that drinking in public is one of the causes of the rise of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases in the city.

“You are endangering the lives of your customers and other residents because drinking in public is one of the reasons for the increase in Covid-19 cases in our city,” she added.