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‘OPLAN DISIPLINA’ ENFORCERS NAB 188 TRAFFIC VIOLATORS

SOME 188 persons were arrested in Malabon City following an operation conducted by a composite team of police and local law enforcers working under the “Oplan Disiplina” project of Mayor Canuto ‘Tito’ Oreta.

Ferdy ‘Bong’ Tengson, Action officer, said bulk of those apprehended have violated traffic offenses ranging from driving without license, non-wearing of helmet driving while under the influence of liquor.

A number of drivers were taken to the City’s police headquarters for questioning for failing to show the registration papers of their motorcycle, as well as several others for ignoring the enforcers’ checkpoint.

Corresponding charges as provided for under existing laws and city ordinances were lodged against some while most of them were made to pay cash as penalties for committing simple traffic violations.

Launched three years ago, the ‘Oplan Disiplina’ project of the city government has become the guiding force of the administration of Mayor Oreta in maintaining order on every corner and street in Malabon.

Since the project’s birth in 2007, hundreds (persons) have been arrested for committing various traffic violations, however, drivers have not learned their lesson – they keep on committing similar offenses.

Comparing, however, to previous years without ‘Oplan Disiplina’, - the last three years of the project’s existence proved effective as shown by the order and discipline now pervading on streets in the city.

“Kumpara noong wala pa ang ‘Oplan Disiplina’, ang daming nahuhuling traffic violators – ngayon ay kumunti na ang traffic offenders. Pero hangga’t may nahuhuli, ‘di kami hihinto,” Tengson stressed.

Aside from traffic, Tengson’s group also targets vendors that sells their wares on public places such as sidewalks and obstructions on waterways like shanties constructed along river banks and creeks.

Citing the city’s gain with ‘Oplan Disiplina’, Tengson said Mayor Oreta who is in his third term as City executive is keen and enthusiastic on continuing the project the rest of his final years at the City Hall. -30-