**CITY OF MALOLOS, Bulacan** – Three alleged members of a drug syndicate were killed while four others were arrested in Barangay Minuyan, City of San Jose del Monte (CSJDM) on Friday night.  
  
Col. Lawrence Cajipe, Bulacan provincial director, identified fatalities as alias Mateo, alias Francisco, and alias Karding while those nabbed were Sarah Jane Padilla, 33; Ivan Cabataña, 26; Rommel Paña, 21; and Jimuel Cos, 23.  
  
Cajipe said the operation came from a tip from a concerned citizen to police that there was an armed group in Phase 4, Towerville, Barangay Minuyan.  
  
He said the operatives of the Intelligence and Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) of SJDM police immediately launched a surveillance and validation operation.

“An armed encounter with the suspects ensued as the latter sensed the presence of police operatives in the area,” he said.Cajipe said the suspects drew their firearms and fired at the operatives, prompting the latter to retaliate and killing the suspects.  
  
The other four suspects were caught with 20 sachets of suspected shabu and an unidentified firearm found at the crime scene.  
  
Forensics experts processed the crime scene and recovered an improvised shotgun, a caliber 9mm pistol with serial number 020-78970, an improvised handgun, and five small heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu.  
  
The suspects and confiscated pieces of evidence were brought to Bulacan Provincial Crime Laboratory Office.  
  
The suspects will be charged with violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 before a local court. (PNA)

PULILAN, Bulacan—The local government of this town has secured P20 million in coronavirus vaccines from British pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca, according to officials on Wednesday (Jan. 20).  
  
The vaccines will arrive in the third quarter of this year or earlier, said Mayor Maritz Ochoa-Montejo during the town’s 225th anniversary celebration.  
  
Montejo said priority in the town’s vaccine program included health workers and others on the frontline of the fight against COVID-19.

Also on top of the list are government workers, senior citizens and other vulnerable groups.  
  
Pulilan, an agricultural town, is famous for its “Kneeling Carabao Festival” which is held during the San Isidro Labrador Feast in May.  
  
Montejo cautioned residents against violating health protocols, especially during wakes, burials and other gatherings.

TYPHOON “Ambo” forced 13 families from the City of San Jose del Monte and Obando town to evacuate while nine villages in Meycauayan remain submerged in 2 to 3 feet of flood water on Saturday.  
  
The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) said at the peak of the storm Friday, a total of 13 families from San Jose del Monte and Obando were evacuated to City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office Evacuation Center, Chapel and town halls.

Power interruptions were also prevalent in the towns of Bocaue, Santa Maria, Baliwag, Doña Remedios Trinidad, Norzagaray, Pulilan, Guiguinto and Obando, and in the cities of San Jose del Monte and Meycauayan.

They were allegedly both drunk and then went to fish at the Cagayan River in Mabantad village at 6 p.m. on May 15.  
  
Rivera said four bridges in the province were not passable as of Saturday because of continuous downpour. The submerged bridges were the Annafunan overflow bridge and Gucab overflow bridge in Echague town, Alicaocao overflow bridge in Cauayan City, and Baculud overflow bridge in the City of Ilagan.  
  
The rains, on the other hand, were good for Bulacan’s dams that usually supply Metro Manila’s households. As of Saturday, Angat Dam’s water level is 190.19 meters, Ipo Dam is 100.71 meters and Bustos Dam is at 14.75 meters.