

Mayor Rama orders City Legal and HRDO to investigate on alleged 5,000 collection

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After receiving reports from residents in Citi Center Complex, Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama will look into the alleged collection of fees being operated by a certain Cebu City Hall official.

Danny Gabiana, former head of Division for the Welfare of the Urban Poor (DWUP) and now under the Department of Public Service (DPS), allegedly collected P5,000 as down-payment from the residents occupying the Citi Center Commercial Complex for the relocation site in barangay Canduman, Mandaue City.

At a press conference, Mayor Rama said that he will refer the case to the city legal office as well as the Human Resource Department. He wanted Gabiana to be called to answer all allegations thrown at him by the residents themselves.

Before Rama left for Rome three weeks ago, he instructed city administrator Jose Poblete to clear the city-owned commercial complex in barangay Kamagayan. This will be used already as a temporary shelter for city night dwellers rescued by the city task force implementing the "Rescue Operation for Night Dwellers" which is headed by the Department of Services and Social Welfare (DSWS).

In another development, Mayor Michael Rama asked the council to put aside their political orientation when it comes to approving the second Supplemental Budget (SB2).

The executive department prepared the SB 2 and already passed this last July for the approval of the city council. However, this was given back to them several times by the council due to lack of requirements.

The SB2 is yet to be approved by the council next week in their regular session.

Mayor Rama said that the council, which is dominated mostly by the opposition, should not prolong the approval of the supplemental budget since it could delay projects intended for the barangays, as well as the operating expenses of Cebu City Hall.

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He asked the council not to lead the people in believing that the city government does not have projects for them due to unavailability of funds.

Rama also said that they should be performing their duties as councilors by not paralyzing the executive department that could put prejudice to its constituents.

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