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**Higaonon Tribes lodged complaint on illegal mining/earth moving**



The Palalan Higaonon Tribes Group of Kinawe, Libona, Bukidnon headed by “Datu Mantumanod” (Leonardo V. Modesto, Jr., seated and presenting documents), Tribal President and Chairman of the Higaonon Tribes Marketing Cooperative, lodged a complaint at the Office of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau-10 on April 15, 2016 against a group of individuals doing mining and earth moving within their ancestral domain claim at Zone 7, Kinawe, Libona, Bukidnon without any permit granted by any concerned agency.

The technical personnel of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Region 10 has conducted joint inspection and investigation on the subject area along with personnel from Bukidnon Environment and Natural Resources Office, (BENRO), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, (NCIP). Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Libona and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, (CENRO), Talakag, Bukidnon.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau-10 will issue a Stoppage Order, if the result of the inspection and investigation conducted show that there are actually illegal mining activities over the ancestral domain claim of the Higaonon Tribes in Kinawe, Libona, Bukidnon..

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