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Statement on the Fraternity Violence in UP Diliman
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The UP Diliman administration condemns the violence yesterday involving Upsilon Sigma Phi and Alpha Phi Beta. The incidents are being investigated and charges will be filed against those found to be criminally liable. The penalties for violence are severe, and can include expulsion from the university.

The irony of the violence did not escape our attention, given that on the same day of the encounters, the UP Diliman Men's Basketball Team won a game that pushes them into the Final Four or semi-finals. This victory would not have been possible without the widespread support of all sectors, most especially Nowheretogobutup, an alumni group where Upsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Phi Beta and all the other fraternities of UP Diliman have been key players, working together to support our athletes.

Among these alumni were elders of Upsilon Sigma and Alpha Phi Beta who worked feverishly toward the declaration of a truce among their resident or student members. We thank these alumni, with hopes that the truce will hold.

We wish to emphasize too that CCTV footage of the encounters, which has been appearing in media, was released without proper authorization. This unauthorized release is being investigated and highlights why we need to enforce the Data Privacy Law: CCTV footage, in the wrong hands, can lead to speculation and a violation of due process.