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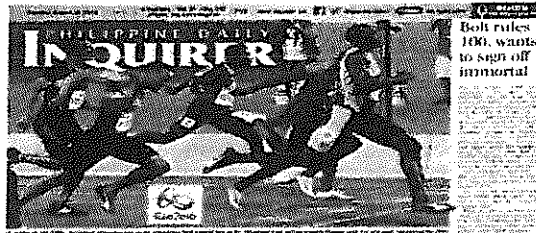
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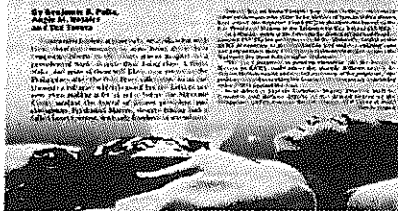
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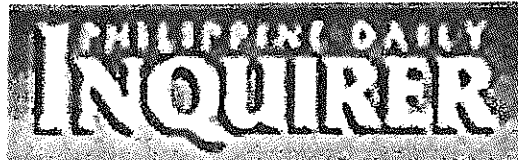
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BAGUIO CITY 16 - 21 °C
SBMA/CLARK 24 - 30 °C
TAGAYTAY CITY 22 - 28 °C
METRO MANILA 24 - 31 °C
LEGAZPI CITY 26 - 32 °C
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PUERTO PRINCESA 25 - 34 °C
METRO CEBU 26 - 33 °C
CAGAYAN DE ORO 24 - 34 °C
ZAMBOANGA CITY 25 - 34 °C
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SOUTHWEST MONSOON AFFECTING LUZON

LOW PRESSURE AREA
 ESTIMATED AT 890 KM EAST OF BALER, AURORA
 (August 15, 5:00 PM)

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SUNRISE 5:42 AM	SUNSET 6:18 PM
MOONRISE 4:32 PM	MOONSET 5:26 AM
FIRST QUARTER AUG 11 2:21 AM	FULL MOON AUG 18 5:27 PM
LOW TIDE 4:28 PM 0.11 Meter	HIGH TIDE 8:08 AM 1.18 Meter

MANILA SOUTH HARBOR

Partly cloudy to at times cloudy with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms
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 Monsoon rains/rains

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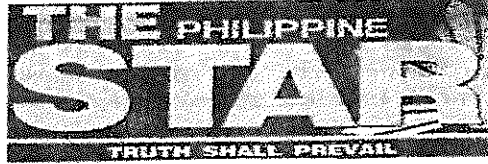
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Canieso, former Army chief, dies

BY VICTOR REYES

FORMER Army chief Maj. Gen. Roldolfo Canieso, a well-versed artillery officer who played a role in quelling coups during the time of President Corazon Aquino, died last Saturday, two weeks after suffering a stroke during a military activity in Negros Occidental.

Army spokesman Col. Benjamin Hao said the remains of Canieso, a member of the Philippine Military Academy class of 1956, lie in state at the St. Peter's Chapel in Bacolod City.

Canieso will be brought to the mortuary of the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on Thursday and public viewing will be on Friday and Saturday. His remains will be interred at the LNMB on Sunday.

Hao said the Army will provide military honors for Canieso, being a former Army chief.

Hao described Canieso as "one of the legendary artillery officers of the Philippine Army." Canieso was the first Army chief to serve under President Corazon Aquino in February 1986. He held the top Army post until July 1987.

"He became legendary when he was a battalion commander in Central Mindanao. He was able to shape the battlefield

using different firepower, particularly combat equipment like artillery," he said.

Canieso faced and helped quell coup attempts during the Aquino administration while the Army chief.

In one instance, Canieso ordered howitzers aimed at the Army headquarters which military rebels had seized. Canieso threatened to demolish the building with the use of the howitzers, forcing the rebels to retreat.

Hao said Canieso suffered a stroke while attending a military event at the headquarters of the 303rd Brigade in Camp Gerona in Murcia town in Negros Occidental. He said Canieso was brought to the hospital but never recovered.

2Lt. Revekka Roperos, public affairs officer of the 303rd Brigade, said Canieso attended the celebration of the brigade's 30th foundation anniversary as an invited guest. She said Canieso was invited being a former Army chief and a resident of the province.

"He was one of the invited guests....He did not actually collapse. At the end of the program, he could straighten his body while on his chair, catching people's attention so our medical personnel responded and brought him to the hospital," Roperos said of Canieso.

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Army to give full honors to 'legendary' officer

FULL military honors will be given to a former Philippine Army commander described by his colleagues as one of the "legendary" artillery officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) who died over the weekend.

The remains of retired Maj. Gen. Rodolfo Canieso are expected to arrive at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (Heroes' Cemetery) on August 18, said Col. Benjamin Hao, Army spokesman.

Canieso, who gained fame at the height of the government's campaign against separatist rebels from the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), died on August 13 in Bacolod City (Negros Occidental). He was 84.

His remains lie in state at Saint Peter Chapel in Alihis, Bacolod City.

Interment at the Libingan ng mga Bayani is tentatively scheduled for August 21.

Hao said the Army will pro-

vide all necessary military honors for the former Army commander such as vigil, bugler and drummer, firing party, military host and pallbearers, escort and transportation, and arrival and departure honors.

Canieso's remains will be laid to rest in Section 20 of the cemetery where generals and flag officers-in-command are buried.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1956, Canieso was the 28th commanding general of the Philippine Army, who served from February 28, 1986 to July 1, 1987 during the administration of President Corazon Aquino.

Credited for liberating Jolo (Sulu) from the MNLF fighters who took over Sulu's capital town, he was also among the generals cited for his role in crushing mutineers during coup attempts against the Aquino administration.

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Scout Ranger officer is new Solcom head

BY VICTOR REYES

A SENIOR Scout Ranger officer yesterday assumed the post of commander of the military's Southern Luzon Command (Solcom) based in Camp Nakar in Lucena City, which Gen. Ricardo Visaya vacated when he became Armed Forces chief last July 1.

Now Lt. Gen. Ferdinand Quidilla, outgoing chief of the 9th Infantry Division in Camarines Sur, took over the Solcom command in rites presided by Visaya, his classmate at the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1983.

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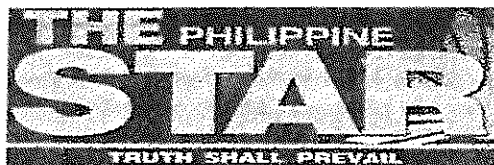
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NPA rebel nabbed in Sorsogon

CAMARINES NORTE – A suspected New People's Army rebel was arrested after a shootout with police and military operatives in Barangay Somal-ot in Casiguran, Sorsogon on Sunday.

Senior Superintendent Ronaldo Cabral, Camarines Norte police acting director, identified the rebel as Jun Zarsuela, who was wounded in the shootout. Two other rebels escaped.

Cabral said government operatives were serving a warrant for Jeffrey Benson, alias Ka Peta, in Barangay Somal-ot, when the firefight occurred.

– Francis Elevado

Army battalion deployed to Mindanao

BACOLOD CITY – An Army battalion based on Negros island has been deployed to Mindanao.

Col. Francisco Delfin, 303rd Infantry Brigade commander,

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Delfin gave assurance that there would be no security vacuum in Negros, saying 3rd Infantry Division reconnaissance companies aside from the 62nd and 79th IBs remain on the island.

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2 soldiers, cop killed in anti-drug operation

MIDSAYAP, North Cotabato (PNA) – Two soldiers, a policeman and their civilian guide were among the fatalities in an anti-illegal drugs operation against a notorious local bandit in Barangay Nabalawag, Misayap, North Cotabato early Sunday.

According to Col. Noly Samarita, commander of the Army's 602nd Brigade, a six-hour fire fight erupted as government troops moved in to serve a warrant of arrest against Moks Masgal, who is also known as Commander Mabrook, leader of an armed lawless group.

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but remained unidentified as of press time.

Four followers of Masgal, including his brother, were also killed in the fighting.

Capt. Joan Petinglay, spokesperson of the 6th Infantry Division, said eight government forces were wounded and were undergoing medication at Camp Siongeo hospital.

After the encounter, members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) who maintain communities in the borders of Maguindanao and North Cotabato, have reportedly offered to help in the capture of Masgal, police said.

Sr. Insp. Relan Mamon, Midsayap town police chief, said leaders of Moro fronts in Barangay Nabalawag and nearby communities said they will help provide intelligence information on the

whereabouts of Commander Mabrook, who is allied with the outlawed Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF).

He did not name the MILF and MNLF officials who offered to help.

"Illegal drugs is haram (forbidden) in Islam, so we are against it because it destroys human brains and addicts tend to do crimes more often," an MNLF leader, who introduced himself as "Commander Talgo," told reporters in Filipino.

Mamon said Mabrook has about 50 armed followers equipped with rocket propelled grenades, assault rifles and explosives and survived operation by extortion, kidnapping, robbery in band and sale of prohibited drugs.

"Our intelligence information showed he is now being coddled by the BIFF in Liguasan marshland," an Army intelligence officer said.

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Former NPA leader in Panay posts bail

By TARA YAP

ILOILO CITY – A former ranking leader of the New People's Army (NPA) in Panay on Monday posted bail in Iloilo City as she prepares to join the peace negotiations in Oslo, Norway, later this month.

Maria Concepcion "Concha" Araneta-Bocala, 65, who is charged with illegal possession of firearms, posted a P100,000 bail before Judge Guilljie Delfin-Lim of Regional

Trial Court Branch 23.

Araneta-Bocala was arrested in August, 2015 by a team from the Philippine Army's 3rd Infantry Division (3ID) and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG-6).

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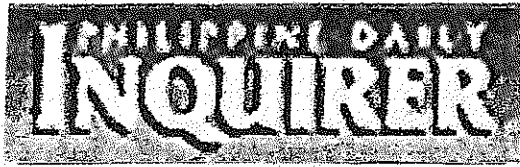
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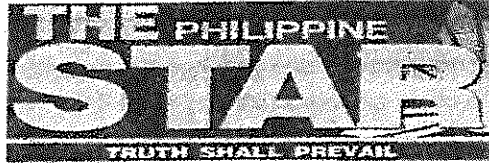
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**By Ryan Ponce
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PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte is giving "extra rice" to three million beneficiary-families under an increased budget for conditional cash transfer (CCT) in next year's P3.35 trillion General Appropriations Bill (GAB) that was submitted yesterday to the House of Representatives.

During the campaign, then presidential candidate Duterte vowed to expand the CCT program of the government.

The P62 billion CCT budget in this year's P3,002 trillion General Appropriations Act (GAA) was increased to P78.7 billion next year to benefit 4.62 million families.

Under the P78.7 billion CCT fund, President Duterte allocated P23.4 billion for rice allowance that would benefit three mil-

lion poor families out of the total 4.62 million beneficiary-families.

The following are the departments that will get big appropriations: Department of Education (P567 billion); Department of Public Works and Highways (P458 billion); Department of Interior and Local Government (P150 billion); Department of National Defense (P134 billion); and, Department of Social Welfare and Development (P129 billion).

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Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno who submitted the national budget to House leaders yesterday said it also contains provisions for higher salaries for

police and military personnel.

At the same time, the national budget pegged the total lump sum of the Special Purpose Funds (SPF) at P1.3 trillion, which is higher than this year's P1.28 trillion.

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Davao City Rep. Karlo Alexei Nograles, who chairs the House committee on appropriations, assured the timely passage of the national budget.

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Marcos burial: Time for Robredo to walk the talk

A day after the May 2016 elections, then Liberal Party vice presidential candidate Leni Robredo declared that if she won, she would not support President Rodrigo Duterte if he got involved in anything law-bending. "*Kahit siya iyong ak-ing Pangulo, kapag mali po ang ginagawa, hindi naman po ako magto-tolerate*," Robredo said.

With Robredo's recent pronouncement that the interment of Marcos "will not bring unity to the country," she is clearly saying that Duterte is wrong in his decision to allow the burial of former President Ferdinand Marcos at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani* (Cemetery of Heroes).

So if Robredo, indeed, cannot tolerate Duterte's wrongdoing, then she should not only call out Duterte, she should also spearhead the battle against the interment of Marcos at the *Libingan* – not just in words but in deed, too – especially given her harsh denunciation of Marcos as a man "who [has] greatly committed crimes and moral turpitude to the Filipino people." Robredo ought to walk the talk.



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Doing so, however, will put her at loggerheads with Duterte – an awkward situation after she excitedly took on the Cabinet-level post of chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) offered by the President. Push too hard and she risks losing her job – or being tagged as an ingrate. If she doesn't become more proactive, she will definitely look like she sold out – or that she's clinging to her post. Either way, Robredo will be walking on eggshells.

Of course, there is always that possibility that Robredo, the lawyer, may yet be persuaded by the legal argument of her Commander-in-Chief, also a lawyer and former prosecutor.

For Duterte, it's a simple argument: The law allows

former soldiers and Presidents like Marcos to be buried at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani*.

"I would like to say forget about the medals. Just focus on whether he is a Filipino. He fought for his country, and he's once upon a time a President. That's the law! We cannot go out of the law," Duterte added.

Although not exactly a law, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Regulation 161-373, entitled, "The Allocation of Cemetery Plots at the LNMB," is what Duterte appears to be referring to, which, ironically, was issued by President Cory Aquino, together with former AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, on April 9, 1986.

Paragraph 2 of the AFP regulation enumerates who are qualified to be interred in the cemetery, particularly, "the remains of the following deceased persons are qualified and therefore, authorized to be interred in the *Libingan ng mga Bayani*:" (1) Medal of Valor awardees, (2) Presidents or Commanders-in-Chief AFP; (3) Secretaries of national de-

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The disqualification rules will

not apply to Marcos since he was never "dishonorably separated/reverted/discharged from [military] service." Moreover, former President Cory Aquino made sure Marcos would never be "convicted by final judgment of a [crime] involving moral turpitude." Why? Because Cory and her allies barred Marcos from returning to the Philippines, despite the latter's deathbed wish to come home to die. That also means Marcos cannot be tried in a criminal case because he cannot not be taken into custody as the Philippine law requires.

In fact, the Marcos family was forced to file a case before the Cory-appointed Supreme Court questioning the prohibition on their return. But the Supreme Court denied the plea of the Marcoses, coming up with the now precedent-setting (or infamous?) legal doctrine that "the right to return to one's country is not among the rights specifically guaranteed by the bill of rights." Which is another way of saying you can leave the Philippines but the government can stop you from coming back

(aka forced exile).

So that leaves us with the qualifications, which most lawyers we've talked to say legally permit Marcos to be interred at the Fort Bonifacio national cemetery being a soldier, if not a former President.

The AFP regulation, being a mere military rule, could have been easily changed by any sitting President after Cory. But for the past 29 years, the rules remained unchanged. As Duterte puts it: "You know, if they had wanted it – and they were already in power at the time, the Yellows – they should have passed a law when Marcos was still in Guam that if he ever returned to the country dead, he could not be buried at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani* ... But nothing has been done."

The way it looks, Duterte is not about to go back on his decision to let Marcos be buried at the *Libingan*. We're certain civil society organizations, human rights groups, leftists, as well as Robredo's supporters, are all waiting to see the depth of her conviction.

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Marcos' burial at *Libingan* is 'an act of civilization'

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I borrowed the phrase "an act of civilization" from Victor Hugo's tribute to Voltaire during the 100th death anniversary of the great French philosopher

and dramatist.

Hugo (author of *Les Miserables*), on that occasion, got to the heart of why every country should pay homage to her great sons and daughters, when he said: "We are here to perform an act of civilization. We are here to make affirmation of progress, to pay respect to philosophers

for the benefits of philosophy, to bring to the 18th century the testimony of the 19th, to honor magnanimous combatants and good servants, to felicitate the noble efforts of people

"We are here at this grand moment, in this solemn hour, to bow religiously before the moral law, and to say to the

world, which hears France, this: There is only one power, conscience in the service of justice, and there is only one glory, genius in the service of truth."

So it might be also for the coming burial of President Ferdinand Marcos but for the dishonest controversy that the Aquino

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crowd, joined by leftwing activists, is hysterically promoting in a desperate bid to stop the official interment.

Burying Cory's dog with military honors

I am joining the debate on the planned burial of President Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB) in indignation, because of my discovery that during the time of President Corazon Aquino, she ordered the burial, with military honors, of her dog at Malacañang Park, while she doggedly refused to allow Marcos' interment at the Libingan.

On Facebook, someone has posted an old Reuters story on the controversy generated by the dog's interment. The dog's name was Shadow, and it was a Labrador bitch, and she served as security for President Cory for six years.

The canine devotion is maudlin, but what appalls and offends is the imposture of the Aquino crowd that there is a legitimate question about whether President Marcos is qualified to be interred at the Libingan.

The fact is, Marcos is qualified many times over for interment there, and with all the honors that he deserves because he is:

1. a Medal of Valor awardee;
2. a former President of the Republic, and incidentally, the only reelected President in the country's history;
3. a former secretary of national defense; and
4. a veteran of World War II

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Libingan has been advocated by many, but no one has presented it more forcefully and convincingly than retired Brig. Gen. Rosalino A. Alquiza, who wrote to Star columnist Federico Pascual on the matter, and who then quoted the letter in a column published on April 24, 2011.

Alquiza wrote:

"AFP Regulations G 161-373, subject: 'Allocation of Cemetery Plots at the LNMB,' issued on 9 April 1986 by GHQ AFP under then AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos and then President Corazon C. Aquino, prescribes who are entitled to be interred in the LNMB.

"Pursuant to the aforecited AFP Regulations, re-published on 11 Sept 2000 as AFP Regulations G 161-375, there are 10 categories of deceased persons entitled to be buried at the LNMB, namely:

1. Medal of Valor Awardees;
2. Presidents or Commanders-in-Chief, AFP
3. Secretaries of National Defense
4. Chiefs of Staff, AFP
5. General/Flag Officers of the AFP
6. Active and retired military personnel of the AFP
7. Former AFP members who laterally entered/joined the PNP and the PCG
8. Veterans of Philippine Revolution of 1896, WWI, WWII and recognized guerrillas.
9. Government Dignitaries,

Statesmen, National Artists and other deceased persons whose interment or reinterment has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Congress or the Secretary of National Defense.

10. Former Presidents, Secretaries of National Defense, widows of former Presidents, Secretaries of National Defense and Chiefs of Staff..

"Former President Marcos is entitled to be interred at the LNMB in any of four categories, namely: as Medal of Valor awardee, as former President, as former Secretary of National Defense, and as veteran of World War II.

"As regards disqualification, Marcos was neither dishonorably discharged nor convicted with finality of an offense involving moral turpitude. While he was charged with several offenses, he was never convicted. Thus, he died an innocent man.

"Except for the 9th category (Government Dignitaries, Statesmen and National Artists), the regulations do not require the approval of the President or anybody else for the interment at the LNMB of those so entitled.

"The LNMB is a military cemetery (just like the Arlington Cemetery in the United States) intended primarily for military personnel and veterans. One does not have to be a hero to qualify to be buried there..."

It was President Cory Aquino who signed the regulations, but she then arbitrarily put up the barrier to Marcos' interment at the Libingan.

Presidential approval is not required for the interment of a person meeting the qualifications, but Cory made an exception for Marcos, and subsequently President Ramos also tried to make it appear obligatory. It is only now with President Duterte

that we have a President who is firm in honoring the regulations.

Pathetic protest and propaganda

The puny protest staged last Sunday at Rizal Park, bathed in yellow shirts and led by Mar Roxas, Risa Hontiveros and Leila de Lima, seeks to continue Cory's bile from the grave. Aided by the still slavish yellow media (ABS-CBN, Inquirer, Star), the protestors hallucinate that they can panic President Duterte into retreat from his decision to allow the burial with honors of President Marcos at the Libingan. Or that they can stampede the Supreme Court into issuing a restraining order on the burial.

Panic Duterte? Bamboozle the High Court? Who are they kidding?

Leni Robredo had more sense. She ran away from the charade.

A debt of justice

To close this meditation on the Marcos interment at the Libingan, I turn to the words of the great Athenian statesman Pericles, who in 431 BC delivered an oration as a memorial to the first Athenian soldiers who fell in the Peloponnesian War.

Pericles said:

"It is a debt of justice to pay superior honors to men who have devoted their lives in fighting for their country..."

"The grandeur of this community was acquired by brave and valiant men, men who knew their duty..."

"It is greatness of soul alone that never grows old."

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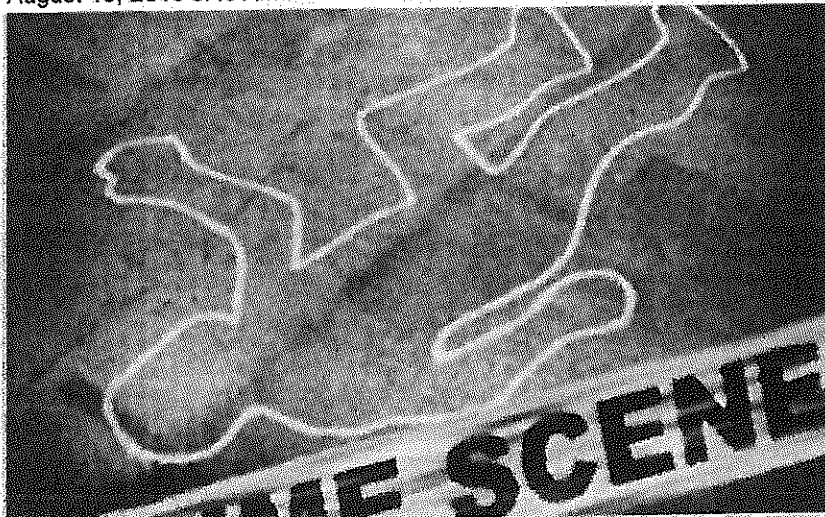
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8 killed, 8 hurt in North Cotabato anti-drug operations

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MIDSAYAP, North Cotabato, - At least eight persons were killed and eight soldiers were wounded during anti-drug operations before dawn Sunday in a remote village here, authorities said.

According to Col. Noly Samarita, commander of the Army's 602nd Brigade, a fire fight erupted when joint government forces were to serve warrants of arrest against a certain Commander Mabrook, leader of armed lawless elements in Barangay Nabalawag, Midsayap, North Cotabato at 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

An Army report identified four of the fatalities as PO3 Darwin Espallardo of the North Cotabato PNP, Cpl. Jose Miravalles, Pfc. Jaypee Duran, both of Division Reconnaissance Company, and an unidentified military guide.

Four followers of Commander Mabrook, including his brother, were also killed in the six-hour fighting.

Capt. Joan Petinglay, spokesperson of the 6th Infantry Division, said eight government forces sustained minor injuries and are undergoing medication at Camp Siongco hospital.

She said that Mabrook and his followers were engaged in illegal drug activities in the boundary of North Cotabato and Maguindanao. It was not clear if Commander Mabrook was among those killed or arrested.

Samarita said elements of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), North Cotabato police, military and the 6th Infantry Division Recon Company were approaching the village when they were fired upon by armed men, triggering a fire fight.

A military report identified five of the eight wounded in action (WIA) as Sgt. Arinio Grafil, Cpl. Diocesar Espanola, Pfc. Romnick Clerigo, Privates Normel Grande and Edgar Gegone, all of the 6th Division Reconnaissance Company.

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Senior Supt. Emmanuel Peralta, chief of the Cotabato provincial police, said the target of operations was Moks Masgal alias "Commander Mabrook," a former Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) sub-leader with about 50 armed followers.

Peralta said Masgal was believed to be distributing shabu in the borders of North Cotabato and Maguindanao. A civilian, identified as Daib Malimbias, a resident of Nabalawag, was killed during the shootout.

Two MG-520 attack helicopters provided air support, forcing Commander Mabrook and his men to flee deep into the Maguindanao marshland.

Several packs of methamphetamine hydrochloride were seized from the village.

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Gov't-MILF anti-crime pact questioned after recent clashes

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In this 2012 file photo, members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front pray together as they gather at their stronghold at Camp Darapanan in Maguindanao province to coincide with the tentative peace-signing agreement between MILF and the government. AP/Karlos Manlapig, File

COTABATO CITY — Two bloody encounters between anti-narcotics operatives and secessionist forces the past six days again raised questions on the propriety of the government's anti-crime cooperation pact with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The 1997 Agreement on General Cessation of Hostilities between the government and the MILF binds both sides to cooperate in maintaining law and order in flashpoint areas to ensure cordiality with each other.

Three members of a composite anti-narcotics unit, PO3 Darwin Espallardo, Army Cpl. Jose Miravalles and Private 1st Class Jaypee Duran, were killed on Sunday in an encounter with Moro rebels, led by Mukz Masgal, also known as "Commander Madrox," in Barangay Nabalawag in Midsayap town in North Cotabato in an operation that went haywire and sent hundreds of villagers running for their lives.

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Masgal, who is facing 11 criminal cases in different courts, is a known drug lord operating a group of more than 50 people peddling methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) in isolated areas in Midsayap and Aleosan towns, both covered by the government-MILF ceasefire accord.

His group was also tagged as behind the deaths of more than 20 local drug peddlers from competing syndicates in the past three years.

The interim security agreement, crafted by government and MILF negotiators in Cagayan de Oro City in July 1997, obliges the rebel group to help the police and the Armed Forces neutralize criminal gangs and terrorists through a joint ceasefire committee and an ad hoc joint action group.

So intense was Sunday's encounter between the group of Masgal and combined agents of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the Army's 6th Infantry Division and the Philippine National Police that a military artillery base nearby has to fire 105 Howitzer cannons at rebel reinforcements closing in from neighboring barangays.

Local officials said Masgal originally was a member of the MILF, but was booted out due to his involvement in criminal activities, including the collection of "protection money" from peasants in areas where his group operates and large-scale distribution of drugs and marijuana.

Sources close to him said he has been introducing himself lately as an ally of radical jihadist Imam Karialan, leader of one of two factions in the outlawed Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF).

"He (Masgal) is 'big fish,' a large-scale drug dealer," said one of the sources, who asked not to be identified for security reasons.

The incident on Sunday in Midsayap, an agricultural town in the first district of North Cotabatao, was preceded by last week's encounter between an anti-narcotics unit and a group of rogue Moro rebels, led by Manuel Ugalingan, most known as "Commander Boyet," in Barangay Marguez in Esperanza town in Sultan Kudarat.

Soldiers, PDEA agents and policemen were about to peacefully arrest Ugalingan for his drug trafficking activities, but he and his men opened fire, provoking a brief encounter.

Ugalingan was killed in the exchange of gunfire, which waned only when his companions yielded and turned in their assault rifles when they saw him fall after having been shot in the head by an Army sniper.

Ugalingan's 11 followers who surrendered to the raiding team voluntarily turned in their assault rifles.

Senior Superintendent Raul Supiter, director of the Sultan Kudarat provincial police office, said they have separately charged the arrested suspects with illegal possession of firearms and explosives and violation of the Philippine Dangerous Drugs Act.

Local officials in Esperanza said Ugalingan started as a commander in the MILF, but became estranged with his superiors in the group and eventually joined the BIFF.

The BIFF is not covered by the 1997 ceasefire agreement between the government and the MILF.

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#LAGINGHANDA | JTF-NCR prepositioned WASAR in Marikina

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MANILA — With the danger of flooding still not over due to the southwest monsoon, the military's Joint Task Group-National Capital Region has deployed "WASAR" (water search-and-rescue) assets in flood-prone communities in Marikina City.

This was stressed by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in its 8:00 a.m. update.

WASAR units were deployed in Marikina City's Barangays Libis, Bulelak, Malanday, Balubad, Nangka, Angel Santos, and Tumana.

Deployed assets consist of three-rigid hull boats and two fiber glass ones and their crews.

Also deployed were three medical teams to evacuation centers located in Barangay Malanday, Nangka and H. Bautista.

As of Sunday, around 2,807 families or 10,561 persons were evacuated from the communities bordering the Marikina River which rose to the 16.3 meter mark due to heavy monsoon rains.

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Surigao lawmaker files bills on salary hike for police, soldiers

Manila, Aug. 15 (PNA) — Surigao del Sur 2nd District Representative Johnny Pimentel has filed two bills that seek to raise the minimum salary of the country's police and military personnel.

Pimentel said House Bill 1325, which seeks to increase the minimum salary of police officers to PHP50,000, is timely since the base compensation of the police force has remained at its 2009 rate. The present base salary of a Police Officer 1 is PHP14,834.

"Salary equity must be extended to the men and women of our police force. They are the ones tasked in maintaining peace and order in our communities. It would be an injustice if they are not well compensated," he said.

Pimentel also noted that the lack of compensation fosters a culture of corruption.

"If salaries are unable to address the basic needs of our officers, the chances of (them) succumbing to temptation become real," he said.

The bill provides a differentiated pay schedule upgrade for all uniformed police personnel according to rank, qualifications and length of service.

Pimentel also filed House Bill 1350 granting a similar salary hike for members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (PNA)

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