

Army Vision: By 2330, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride



TEAM ARMY

Serving the people. Securing the land.

oacpa.army2012@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
NEWS CLIPPINGS

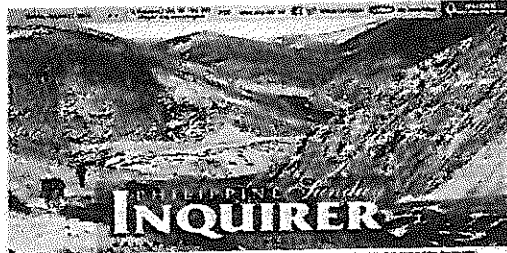
21 August 2016

Sunday

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.

Army vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.

NEWS HEADLINES 21 AUGUST 2016



INQUIRER

Duterte restores truce

Exiled Reds
prepare for
arrival of
comrades

By [Name]
[Location]

Ancient
script leads
prophet at
the shrine

Spiritual trek in the Himalayas leads to Dalai Lama

[Text]



'Crying Lady' it's destiny that
I saw Ninoy killing 33 years ago

[Text]

[Text]

'Silencing of guns'
paves way for talks

[Text]

[Text]

[Text]

[Text]

The Sunday Times

De Lima admits close ties with driver

'I spare him please'

Trump tops flagging campaign

Govt rejects the Ten Commandments

Boxing update

Presidential daughter, Sen. ex-patting triplets

Manila's leading newspaper

Tit-for-tat for peace

Gov't releases Tiamzon; NPA to fire 2 cops ahead of Oslo talks on Aug. 22

Abu Sayyaf frees teacher kidnapped on Tuesday

Misty lies, distortions, exaggerations: De Lima says about Duterte's tirade

'Habagat' to prevail; death toll rises to 14

177 Indonesians departing NATA as Filipinos nabbed

British police on their toes in human feet mystery

Daily Tribune

UN steps up war of words with Rody

Duterte not committing any crime—Police spokesmen

Tiamzon freed on bail; all systems go for peace talks

China pushing forward with maritime cooperation platform—DFA

Trump regrets offending people with how he speaks

Snippets of truth in Du30's attacks, but exaggerated—Leila

British police on their toes in human feet mystery

MANILA BULLETIN

THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Tit-for-tat for peace

Gov't releases Tiamzon; NPA to fire 2 cops ahead of Oslo talks on Aug. 22

Abu Sayyaf frees teacher kidnapped on Tuesday

Misty lies, distortions, exaggerations: De Lima says about Duterte's tirade

'Habagat' to prevail; death toll rises to 14

177 Indonesians departing NATA as Filipinos nabbed

British police on their toes in human feet mystery

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.

Army vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

21 AUGUST 2016

PAGE NR.	TITLE	WRITER	NEWSPAPER
1	Weather Forecast	-	PDI p.A6
NATIONAL NEWS			
2	'She has a right to defend herself'	Christina Mendez	Phil Star p.1
3-4	'We'll walk the extra mile for peace'	Christina Mendez	Phil Star p.1
ARMY RELATED NEWS			
5	3 militiamen hurt in NPA attack	Michelle zoleta	Phil Star p.A25
6	Soldier killed, 2 wounded in rebel assault in Aurora	Anthony Vargas	Mla Times p.A7
7	Top CPP-NPA leaders leave Mindanao jails	Mike Crismundo	Mla Bulletin p.21
8	3 CAFGU sugatan sa NPA harassment	Joy Cantos	PM p.2
9	Antipolo police canptain killed in gunfight with drug dealers	Alfred Dalizon	Peoples Tonight p.13
AFP RELATED NEWS			
10-11	Duterte restores truce with Reds	Christina Mendez	Phil Star p.1
12-13	Duterte restores turce 'Silence of guns' paves way for talks	Leila Salaverria	PDI p.A1
14-16	Duterte cuts health budget by P31B	Jess Diaz	Phil Star p.1
17	Lady ISAFP member slain	Steve Gosuico	Peoples Tonight p.13
18	Photo: Nagbibigay Pugay	Boy Santos	PM p.2
EDITORIAL / COMMENTARY			
19	Attaining peace and order	Atty Rene Espina	Mla Bulletin p.18
20	60,000 Patay, Tama na!		Remate p.6
21	Duterte and his generosity	Josephine Codilla	Remate p.6
ONLINE NEWS			
22	AFP to comply with all guidelines set by Duterte's Declaration of Restoration of Ceasefire	Priam F. Nepomuceno	www.pna.gov.ph

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.

Army vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.

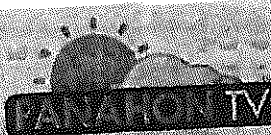
23-24	AFP supportive of all initiatives which can bring peace	RMA/PFN	www.pna.gov.ph
	AFP expects CPP-NPA to match gov't indefinite ceasefire with 'sincerity'	ALG	www.gmanetwork.com
25-26	Duterte orders 1-stop shop for soldiers' widows	Charlie C. Señase	www.inquirer.net

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.


21 August 2016

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Page: 16



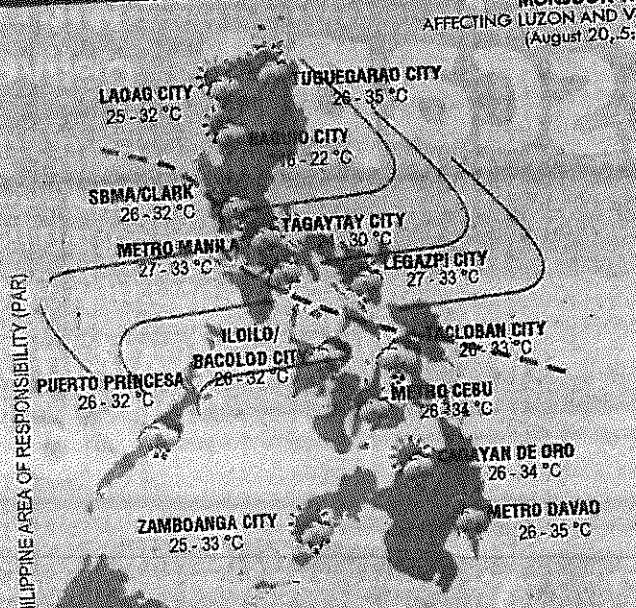
PANAHOON TV
www.panahon.tv



PANAHOON TV
www.panahon.tv

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST | AUGUST 21, 2016 | SUNDAY



MONSOON TROUGH AFFECTING LUZON AND VISAYAS (August 20, 5:00 AM)

PHILIPPINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (PAR)

SUNRISE 5:43 AM	SUNSET 6:16 PM
MOONRISE 8:36 PM	MOONSET 8:09 AM
FULL MOON AUG 18 5:27 PM	LAST QUARTER AUG 25 11:41 AM
LOW TIDE 4:52 AM 0.41 Meter	HIGH TIDE 11:48 AM 1.12 Meter




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

Cloudy skies with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms

Monsoon rainshowers

AUG 20		AUG 21		AUG 22		AUG 23	
METRO MANILA	26-32°C	27-33°C	TAGAYTAY	24-30°C	24-29°C	TACLOBAN	26-32°C
TUGUEGARAO	26-36°C	26-36°C	LEGAZPI	27-33°C	26-32°C	CAGAYAN DE ORO	26-34°C
LADAG	25-32°C	25-33°C	PUERTO PRINCESA	25-32°C	24-31°C	METRO DAVAO	26-35°C
BAGUIO	16-23°C	17-23°C	ILOILO/BACOLOD	25-31°C	24-30°C	ZAMBOANGA	24-33°C
SBMA/CLARK	25-33°C	26-32°C	METRO CEBU	25-32°C	25-32°C		

Watch PANAHOON TV everyday at 5:00 AM on PTV (Channel 4)

AIR 21
SAGOT KO, PADALA MO!

21 August 2016



Page: 1

'She has a right to defend herself'

Malacañang said yesterday it respects Sen. Leila de Lima's right to defend herself against President Duterte's claim that she had an illicit affair with her driver, who allegedly collected money from drug lords for her senatorial campaign.

"Anyone has the right to defend himself/herself before the bar of

public opinion," Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said.

But Andanar said the Palace and the President would not waver in the anti-drug campaign despite the senator's allegation that Duterte abused his power in shaming his critics.

"The war of this administration against

Turn to Page 16

She From Page 1

illegal drugs shall not be deterred," he added.

Andanar also said appropriate charges are set to be filed against the so-called narco-generals.

"The government will an-

nounce the charges that will be filed against some police generals this Monday," he said.

But Andanar refused to reveal the names of those who will be facing charges.

De Lima is the chairman of the Senate committee on justice and human rights that will investigate the drug-related

killings under the Duterte administration.

Last Wednesday, Duterte accused De Lima and her driver of having an illicit affair and being involved in the drug trade.

Duterte claimed that he had more goods to prove his claims against De Lima, who he again

described as "immoral."

Duterte also said he does not pity De Lima and would not apologize to her because she was the one who caused her own problems.

"She created a scandal. She knows she is a public scandal... What spare the family? If you are in the public office, your life

is an open book," he added.

De Lima confirmed yesterday that she and her driver, Ronnie Palisoc Dayang, were close but she denied links to illegal drugs.

She said the President's attacks showed an "abuse and misuse of executive power" and warned that her fate could befall

anyone who opposes the tough-talking President.

"I'm willing to resign. I'm willing to be shot in front of the President *kung may tunay o totoo na ebidensya na hindi imbento* (if there is credible evidence that is not fabricated)," De Lima said.

– Christina Mendez

21 August 2016



Page: 1

'We'll walk the extra mile for peace'

Malacañang yesterday expressed confidence that the unilateral declaration of the seven-day ceasefire by the communists will further boost the confidence-building measures of both parties in the days leading to the peace talks in Oslo, Norway.

Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said the government's moves to initiate the temporary release from detention of the communist consultants has borne fruit when the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front reciprocated by declaring a ceasefire.

Andanar is hopeful these actions from both camps will lead to substantial talks to end the decades-long insurgency in the country.

"The President has already walked the extra mile for peace. He is glad that the CPP/NPA/NDF showed a similar gesture of goodwill as a sign of sincerity to the peace process on the eve of our talks in Oslo, Norway," Andanar said.

"We, therefore, feel optimistic that the mutual efforts

Turn to Page 12

We'll

From Page 1

of both sides would lead to fruitful negotiations that could pave the way for substantive discussions in the hope of putting an end to one of Asia's longest-running insurgencies," he added.

Andanar noted how President Duterte has reached out to the CPP and other threat groups during the first two months of his administration.

He added the President's sincerity could be seen after the government facilitated the release of detained CPP-NPA leaders led by Benito and Wilma Tiamzon.

Malacañang earlier regarded the release of the Tiamzon couple as "an auspicious sign that the President is willing and sincere to walk the extra mile for peace."

Andanar said there is no better timing for the expression of good will from both sides than on the eve of the historic

reopening of peace talks in Norway on Aug. 21-26.

Presidential adviser on the peace process Jesus Dureza said the President will personally monitor the peace negotiations via Skype.

"He will be personally monitoring (the peace talks), he would like to see it in Skype, to personally observe what is happening," Dureza said in a press conference at the airport before flying to Norway.

The President, according to Dureza, directed all concerned agencies to speed up the release and the processing of travel documents of 22 detained rebels set to participate in the peace talks as consultants of the NDF.

As of yesterday, 20 of the NDF consultants have been temporarily freed from detention for the peace talks, among them the Tiamzon couple.

On Friday, the CPP and the

PA's National Operational Command announced its unilateral declaration of a seven-day ceasefire to bolster the resumption of formal peace talks.

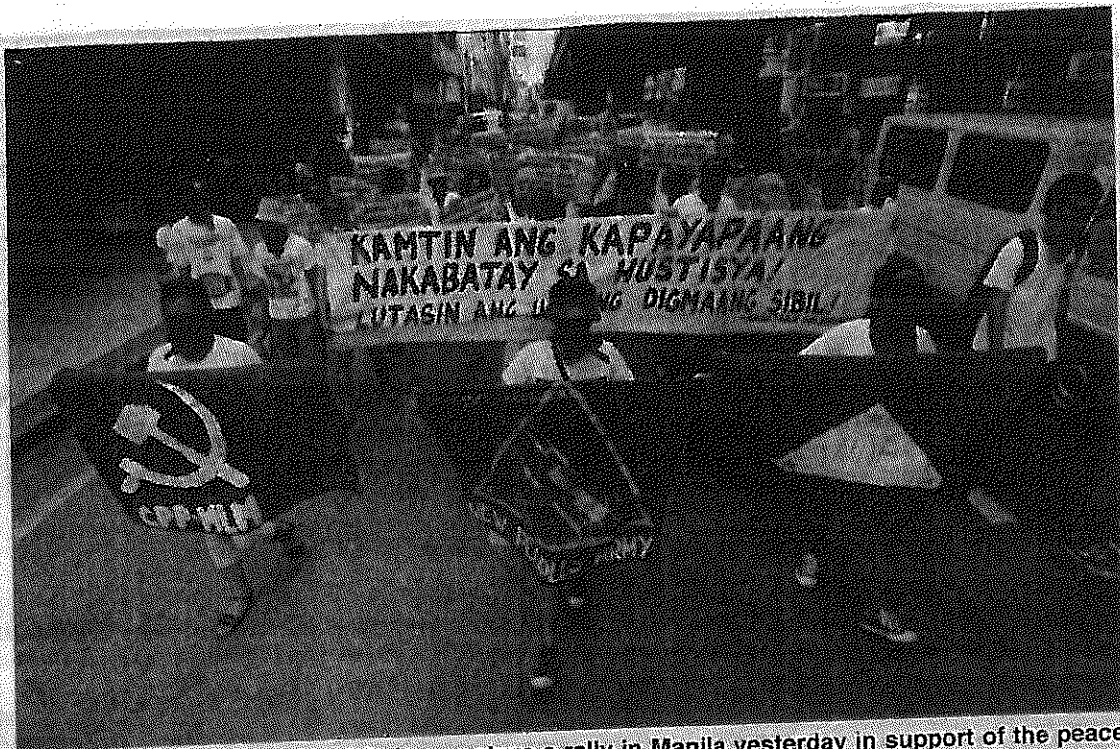
Also on Friday, the NDF ordered the release of two police officers held captive by the NPA in Southern Mindanao.

The NDF is representing the CPP-NPA in the peace talks with the government.

"The ceasefire will take effect starting 12:01 a.m. of Aug. 1 and will last until 11:59 p.m. of Aug. 27," the CPP said.

"This ceasefire declaration encouraged by the government's facilitation of the release of nearly all NDF consultants who are set to participate in peace negotiations in the course of the next several months," the CPP-NPA said.

The CPP-initiated ceasefire came a few hours after the release of the Tiamzon couple, who were arrested in March 2014.



Members of the Kabataang Makabayan stage a rally in Manila yesterday in support of the peace talks between the government and the National Democratic Front.

KRIZJOHN ROSALES

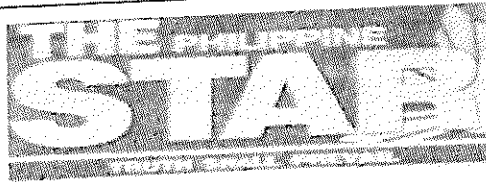
Release all political prisoners

"The CPP anticipates

the release of the rest of the NDFP consultants so that everyone can participate in the peace talks," the

CPP said in a statement – Christina Mendez, Edith Regalado, Janvic Mateo, Giovanni Nilles

21 August 2016



Page: 125

3 militiamen hurt in NPA attack

BATANGAS – Three militiamen were hurt when suspected communist guerrillas attacked a military detachment in San Juan town on Thursday.

Sherlack Contreras, Honorio Rosales and Rodelito Contreras of the Citizens Armed Force Geographical Unit in Laiya-Aplaya were taken to the San Juan District Hospital for treatment.

"The militiamen are there to help and provide community service. However, these rebels are against peace and development," Romeo Gan, commander of the 2nd Infantry Division said.

– Michelle Zoleta, Arnell Ozaeta

21 August 2016

The Manila Times

Page: 17

SOLDIER KILLED, 2 WOUNDED IN REBEL ASSAULT IN AURORA

A soldier was killed and two others were wounded after suspected New People's Army (NPA) rebels ambushed government troops delivering goods for the gift-giving activity to school children in Sitio Singawan, Barangay Umiray in Dingalan town of Aurora Province on Friday. Report by Philippine Army's 7th Infantry Division (ID) said the ambushed troops belong to the Charlie Company of the 56th Infantry Battalion, led by 2Lt Ghelyn Batomalaque. However, the report did not mention the names of the wounded and killed soldier pending notification of their families. The victims were aboard two motorboats when fired upon by undetermined number of NPA as they neared the docking area. While the troops defended their group, the panicked actions of the civilians on board caused the boat to capsize. It added that unknown numbers of rebels were reportedly wounded in the said incident.

ANTHONY VARGAS

21 August 2016

MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 21

Top CPP-NPA leaders leave Mindanao jails

By MIKE U. CRISMUNDO

CAMP BANCASI, Butuan City – The highest ranking New People's Army (NPA) leader of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) in Mindanao was released at the capitol-run prison facility in Cagayan de Oro City as field unit commanders of the Army's North-Eastern and Northern Mindanao 4th Infantry (Diamond) Division (4th ID) and Northeastern and Northern Mindanao Police Regional Offices 13 and 10 (PRO 13, PRO 10) watched.

Alfredo Mapano, alias "Ka Paris" was released by the regional trial courts in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon and Cagayan de Oro City to allow him to participate in the negotiations between the National Democratic Front (NDF) and the government in Oslo, Norway scheduled from Aug. 22 to Aug. 27. Mapano was facing charges of kidnapping, murder, frustrated murder and robbery in band with homicide.

Provincial Jail Warden Dominador Tagarda had Mapano released from the provincial jail at around 5 p.m. on Wednesday after Judge Florencia

Abbu of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 17 in Cagayan de Oro City signed the release order.

RTC Judges in Malaybalay City – Isobel Barroso, Teresita Camanong and Wilfredo Bibera Jr. – also issued the release of Mapano of that same day.

Mapano posted in one of the regional courts in Malaybalay City a bailbond of ₱100,000.

Field unit commanders of the AFP and PNP are only hoping that the peace negotiation would end the decades conflict between the government and the communists will end.

"We respect the rulings of the courts," said northeastern and northern Mindanao 4th ID spokesman Capt. Joe Patrick A. Martinez.

The court orders ended Mapano's seven years of incarceration.

Another political prisoner was temporarily freed from Malaybalay City Jail to also take part in the peace talks in Oslo, Norway.

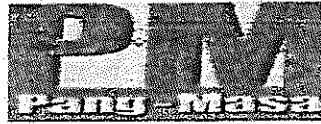
Political prisoner Pedro "Gonyong" Codaste also known as "Ka Inggo" who spent five years and eight months inside the prison for multiple murder and rebellion was released from the

same courts in Malaybalay City from incarceration on Friday, Aug. 19.

Codaste was bailed out for ₱200,000 for his two separate crimes in Butuan City and Bukidnon.

Codaste, 66, the alleged secretary general of the North Central Mindanao Revolutionary Party Committee (NCMRPC), was arrested at a military checkpoint on the border of Agusan Del Sur and Compostela Valley in December 2010 on the strength of a warrant of arrest in murder and frustrated murder charges in a local courts here and Bukidnon.

21 August 2016



Pahina. 2

3 CAFGU sugatan sa NPA harassment

Tatlong miyembro ng CAFGU Active Auxiliary (CAA) ang nasugatan makaraang paulanan ng bala ng mga rebeldeng New People's Army (NPA) ang isang detachment ng militar sa Brgy. Larya Aplaya, San Juan, Batangas kamakalawa ng gabi.

Ito'y sa gitna na rin ng nakatakdang pagpatuloy muli ng peace talks sa pagitan ng GRP at CPP-NPA-NDF panel sa Oslo, Norway bukas, Agosto 22.

Kinilala ang mga nasugatang CAFGUs na sina Honorio Rosales, Rodelito Contreras at Sherlock Contreras. Ang mga ito ay mabilis na isinugod sa pagamutan para malapatan ng lunas.

Ayon kay Lt. Xyzon Meneses, Spokesman ng Army's 2nd Infantry Battalion (ID), naganap ang pangha-harass ng NPA rebels dakong alas-10:45 ng gabi sa isang nilang military detachment sa nasabing lugar.

Sinabi ng opisyal na ang mga rebelde ay pumosisyon may ilang metro ang layo sa nasabing military detachment na kanilang pinaputukan at matapos ito ay mabilis na nagsitakas Kinondena naman

ni Major Romeo Gan, Commander ng Army's 2nd ID na ang isinagawang karahasan ng NPA rebels ay patunay lamang na hindi ang mga ito sinsero na makamtan ang kapayapaan at kaunlaran - *Joy Cantos* -

21 August 2016



Page. 13

Antipolo police captain killed in gunfight with drug dealers

By ALFRED DALIZON

FIGHTING erupted between heavily-armed drug dealers and the local police in Antipolo City on Friday evening leaving a police captain and two of the suspects dead, Police Regional Office 4-A director, Chief Superintendent Valfride Tabian said yesterday.

Slain in the gunbattle were Senior Inspector Mark Gil Garcia and two of the suspects including a heavily-tattooed man identified as William Malana, 45. The second suspect wearing a black shirt and black shorts remained unidentified.

Tabian said the clash took place during the conduct of a buy-bust operation in Sitio Maagay 1 in Barangay Inarawan, Cogeo, Antipolo City at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

He said that members of the Rizal Police Provincial Office's Provincial Intelligence Branch/Special Operations Unit led by Garcia were dispatched to the site to entrap a notorious drug dealer later identified as Malana.

The official said that the operation was triggered by information provided by some of the six suspects led by an Army soldier ar-

rested in a series of anti-narcotics operations in Angono and Taytay, Rizal.

According to the Rizal Police Provincial Office, an undercover officer had just bought P300 worth of shabu from Malana when the suspect and his pal sensed the entrapment operation and ran towards the dark alley while pulling their guns and firing several shots at the lawmen.

A brief firefight erupted between the two groups until the unidentified suspect was killed. However, Malana was able to enter his residence and barricaded himself up. Officials said that being the team leader, Garcia led his men in entering the house but was immediately shot in his left upper thigh by the suspect.

Although wounded, the officer managed to return fire killing the suspect on the spot.

Tabian said that Senior Inspector Garcia was rushed to the Rizal Provincial Hospital in Cogeo where an attending physician declared him dead at 9:05 in the evening due to loss of blood.

Recovered from Malana's possession were an improvised 12-gauge shotgun and a home-made pistol while the second suspect yielded a caliber .38 revolver with serial numbers 041352. Also

found at the scene were 30 small heat-sealed plastic sachets containing suspected shabu, two improvised tooters, seven aluminum foil strips with shabu residue and P620 in different denominations.

According to the Rizal police, prior to the deadly shootout, the team of Garcia managed to arrest six men led by an alleged Army soldier named Marino Dragon Jr. during a buy-bust operation in Sunstrip Subdivision in Bgy. San Isidro, Angono town and another suspected drug dealer known only as alias 'Kuba' during a buy-bust operation along Isagani Street in Bgy. San Isidro in Taytay.

The death of Senior Inspector Garcia came two days after Philippine National Police chief, Director General Ronald "Bato" M. dela Rosa, said that unknown to the public, a number of policemen have been killed or seriously wounded in fighting armed drug dealers in the country since last July 1.

"We have several policemen who have been killed, some are in 50-60 condition after armed drug suspects fought them off," said the PNP chief as he bared their preparedness to face a Senate inquiry tomorrow regarding drug-related kill-

ings in the country since the start of the Duterte administration.

According to the PNP chief, it's a reality on the ground that policemen going to an operation against criminals must be prepared to kill or be killed.

"We're at war (with drugs). So we go there prepared. You must be ready to kill or be killed 'pag pumasok ka sa anti-drug raid," he said.

Last August 3, Senior Police Officer 4 Edmar B. Bumagat of the National Capital Region Police Office's Regional Police Intelligence Operations Unit was shot and killed by a notorious drug trafficker and hitman he was trying to arrest in Makati City, becoming the first Metro Manila policeman killed as a result of the ongoing crackdown against drug trafficking and abuse, said NCRPO director, Chief Superintendent Oscar D. Albayalde.

SPO4 Bumagat and other operatives of the NCRPO-RPIOU led by Chief Inspector Jopit Jumawan were trying to arrest Angelo Tampas, a known drug pusher and professional hitman on the strength of a warrant for murder when he fought it out with the lawmen inside his residence at no. 8256 Constanca Street in Barangay Olimpia, Makati City on the evening of August 3.

21 August 2016



Page: 1

Duterte restores truce with Reds

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

President Duterte yesterday reinstated the unilateral ceasefire with communist rebels ahead of the peace talks in Oslo, Norway that start on Monday.

Presidential peace adviser Jesus Dureza said the government reciprocated the unilateral truce declared by the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) on Friday.

Dureza made the announcement during a press conference at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport as he headed to Norway for the resumption of peace talks with the rebel group.

He said the government's ceasefire declaration would take effect at 12:01 a.m. today.

Unlike the seven-day ceasefire declaration of the CPP-NPA-NDF, Dureza said the duration of the government's ceasefire would last "for as long as necessary to bring peace in the land."

"Today, the President restores the effects of that ceasefire declaration precisely at this strategic time when we are at the onset of the formal resumption of peace talks that had previously been stalled for the last four years," Dureza said.

He said the operational guidelines of the ceasefire declaration for the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police and other security units of the government are also restored.

"Our citizens deserve no less. They wish to live peaceful lives bereft of the costs

Turn to Page 12

Duterte restores From Page 1

and tragic consequences of conflict and violence. The enabling environment brought about by this 'silencing of the guns' will hopefully go a long way in bringing about an expeditious and early resolution to our differences and aspirations that have long divided us as a people," Dureza added.

The President, during his State of the Nation Address last July 25, first issued the unilateral ceasefire as a gesture of good faith in talking peace with the communist rebels.

Six days later, Duterte scuttled the truce after the rebels failed to explain the attacks on government forces despite the ceasefire declaration.

With the scheduled peace negotiations in Norway starting tomorrow, the CPP-NPA-NDF declared a ceasefire last Friday and ordered the release of its captive prisoners.

The rebels declared the unilateral ceasefire for seven days, or for the duration of the peace talks in Oslo from Aug. 21 to 27.

Dureza stressed the President is in full support of the orderly and effective conduct of peace negotiations with the release of the NDF consultants.

The NDF is representing the CPP-NPA in the peace talks with the Philippine government in Norway.

"President Duterte has caused the unprecedented

and historical release from detention of 20 prisoners who are needed in the peace negotiations. As we speak, there is continuing effort to make available in the Oslo peace talks resumption as many of them as possible," he said.

"I say again: the Duterte government will walk the extra mile for peace," he added.

The communists earlier slammed the government for not releasing their supposed peace consultants who they claimed should be covered by the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG).

The agreement provides immunity from arrest to NDF peace consultants. Some of the alleged peace consultants are NPA leaders like Benito and Wilma Tiamzon who are facing criminal cases.

The Tiamzons are among the NDF consultants ordered released from detention to join the peace talks in Norway.

The CPP-NPA has been waging a protracted Maoist insurgency for nearly 40 years, one of the longest in Asia, which has claimed the lives of more than 40,000 people despite several attempts at peace negotiations.

Former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the suspension of the peace talks in 2005 after the communist rebels walked out of the negotiations in Norway, accusing the Philippine government of including the CPP and the NPA in the US and European lists of foreign terrorist organizations.

Silent guns

The military, for its part, acknowledged the government's

open-ended ceasefire declaration with communist rebels.

"As per instructions from the higher political leadership, unlike the NPA's own week-long ceasefire declaration, the duration of the government ceasefire will last for as long as necessary," Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said.

He said the operational guidance issued to all military units in earlier truce would be restored.

"The declaration of restoration of ceasefire by the President and commander-in-chief that takes effect midnight of 20 August 2016, and his clear instructions for the AFP to restore its erstwhile operational guidelines will be communicated forthwith to all AFP units on the ground by all means possible as we speak,"

Padilla said.

Philippine National Police (PNP) spokesman Senior Supt. Dionardo Carlos said the rebel truce declaration is a welcome development.

"We are very happy for this development," he said.

Carlos said the PNP would strictly adhere to the government's restoration of the ceasefire declaration.

However, the PNP will continue to maintain its law enforcement functions.

Before the communists made the ceasefire declaration, a soldier was killed and five others were hurt in separate attacks by the NPA in Dingalan, Aurora and San Juan, Batangas last Wednesday and Friday, respectively. – Edith Regalado, Giovanni Nilles, Jaime Laude, Arnell Ozaeta, Michelle Zoleta, Jose Rodel Clapano

21 August 2016

PHILIPPINE DAILY
INQUIRER

Page: 41

Duterte restores truce

‘Silencing of guns’ paves way for talks

By Leila B. Salaverria

PRESIDENT Duterte yesterday reimposed the short-lived unilateral ceasefire that he declared last month after communist insurgents declared their own truce as both sides set the stage for a resumption of peace talks in Norway this week.

Mr. Duterte's move followed a unilateral ceasefire declaration by the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA), on Friday night.

But unlike the insurgents' seven-day truce, which starts after midnight today, the government ceasefire "will last as long as necessary to bring peace in the land and also in order to provide the enabling environment for the success of the peace negotiations," Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza said at a news conference at Ninoy Aquino International Airport before leaving for Oslo yesterday.

The government ceasefire al-

so starts after midnight today.

The gestures usher in five days of talks between the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), the political arm of the CPP, in the Norwegian capital, Oslo.

The talks start tomorrow and close on Friday.

The Norwegian government is brokering the negotiations to help try to end the 47-year-old communist insurgency that has claimed more than 30,000 lives and impoverished swaths of the Philippines.

Dureza said President Duterte "restored" the unilateral ceasefire that he announced

DUTERTE/A8

OFFICE OF

From page A1

during his maiden address to Congress on July 25.

The operational guidelines of the ceasefire for the military, the police and other security forces of the government would also be restored, Dureza said.

"Our citizens deserve no less. They wish to live peaceful lives bereft of the costs and tragic consequences of conflict and violence," he added.

He said that with the ceasefire, he was hoping for an early resolution of the conflict.

"The enabling environment brought about by this 'silencing of guns' will hopefully go a long way in bringing about an expeditious and early resolution to our differences and aspirations that have long divided us as a people," he said.

The military suspended operations against the NPA yesterday following the announcement of the government ceasefire, said Col. Edgard Arevalo, chief of the public affairs office

of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Mr. Duterte withdrew the unilateral ceasefire on July 30, after the NPA killed a militiaman in an ambush and the CPP failed to declare its own truce.

The failure triggered an exchange of harsh words between him and CPP founder Jose Maria Sison, although preparations for the resumption of peace talks continued.

Mr. Duterte and the communist leader had since patched things up.

Malacañang yesterday hailed the communist insurgents' truce declaration, saying the government was looking forward to ending the four-decade-long conflict.

"The President has already walked an extra mile for peace. He is glad that the CPP/NPA/NDFP showed a similar gesture of goodwill as a sign of sincerity to the peace process on the eve of our talks in Oslo, Norway," Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said.

Andanar said he had high hopes that the talks, the first in four years, would be successful.

"We therefore feel optimistic that the mutual efforts of both sides would lead to fruitful negotiations that could pave the way for substantive discussions in the hope of putting an end to one of Asia's longest-running insurgencies," he said.

Longer truce

Senate Minority Leader Ralph Recto said he hoped the ceasefire would last longer than a week.

"Peace, even if temporary, should have a validity period longer than a cell-phone load," Recto said in a statement.

At this point, the one-week ceasefire of the communists could be classified as "symbolic," he said.

"What the people want is peace that is sustained. Hopefully, that will be the end result of the peace talks," he said.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan lauded the Duterte administration's

peace initiatives, saying he hoped for an end to the insurgency with the release of political prisoners and the declaration of a ceasefire.

"We recognize the President's personal appreciation of the root causes of conflict between Filipino rebels and Filipino soldiers: poverty and injustice," Pangilinan said.

"Peace is both an end and a means. Peace is the result and the way to progress. When the guns are silent, much work against poverty and injustice can be accomplished," he added.

The government released top CPP leader Benito Tiamzon and his wife, Wilma, on Friday to allow them to take part in the resumption of peace talks in Oslo.

Mr. Duterte had promised to work for the release of other NDFP consultants so they could participate in the negotiations.

Edre Olalia, legal adviser to the NDFP, yesterday said that as of Friday, 17 consultants had been released.

At the airport news conference yesterday, Dureza gave assurance that the government was exerting effort to make available to the Oslo talks as many NDFP consultants as possible.

NPA captives to be freed

In response, communist guerrillas were preparing to release seven captives—six policemen and a civilian police office worker.

In the Caraga region, NDFP spokesperson Maria Malaya said yesterday that the release of five "prisoners of war" captured by the NPA in Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur provinces "signifies the revolutionary movement's serious intent in pursuing peace talks" with the government.

In Northern Mindanao, set to be freed were PO1 Richard Vaz Yu, who was snatched by NPA guerrillas in Barangay San Vicente in Carmen, Surigao del Sur, on July 5; PO2 Caleb Sinaca, PO3 Jayroll Bagayas

and civilian Rodrigo Angob, who were abducted in Barangay Cagtinae in Malimono, Surigao del Norte, on July 24.

In Southern Mindanao, the NPA was set to free two policemen captured in May and June.

Rubi del Mundo, NDFP spokesperson in the region, said the front had ordered the NPA to free Chief Insp. Arnold Ongachen, who was captured in Governor Generoso in Davao Oriental province on May 29, and PO1 Michael Grande, who was taken in Lupon, also in Davao Oriental, on June 19.

Del Mundo said the NDFP acknowledged President Duterte's efforts to release the front's consultants.

The NDFP, she said, was awaiting the release of more than 500 "political prisoners" being held in prisons across the country.

With reports from Kristine Felisse Mangunay and Jaymee T. Gamil; Chris Pangiban and Karlos Manlupig, Inquirer Mindanao; and AP and AFP

OFFICE C

5295

51 August 2016



Page: 1

Duterte cuts health budget by P31 B

By JESS DIAZ

The war on drugs has a trade-off in terms of allocation of taxpayers' money.

While President Duterte has substantially increased the budget of the police, military and his own office, he has largely reduced funding for health services, agriculture, labor and employment, and foreign affairs.

Budget documents the President has submitted to Congress show that he reduced the

Turn to Page 11

Duterte cuts

From Page 1

Department of Health's (DOH) budget from P125 billion this year to P94 billion next year, or by a whopping P31 billion.

Money for maintenance and other operating expenses of the DOH will go down from P75.1 billion to P38.9 billion, while funding for capital expenditures like clinics and hospitals will be reduced from P27.6 billion to P25.2 billion.

What will go up is funding for salaries, from P22.3 billion to P29.9 billion, principally because the DOH plans to recruit new doctors, nurses and midwives for deployment in rural areas.

During the Aquino administration, allocation for capital expenditures of the DOH increased due to the upgrading of medical facilities in the provinces and the construction of barangay health clinics.

Duterte is also reducing funds for agriculture by P3.6 billion, from P48.9 billion to

P45.3 billion; labor and employment by P5.3 billion, from P18.8 billion to P13.5 billion; and for the Department of Foreign Affairs by almost P4 billion, from P20.8 billion to P16.7 billion.

On the other hand, Duterte is substantially increasing the budget for his own office, from P2.9 billion to P20.030 billion. The increase includes P2.5 billion in intelligence funds and more than P7 billion for representation and entertainment expenses.

The President is also giving the Department of the Interior and Local Government, which includes the Philippine National Police, an additional P25 billion, and the Department of National Defense, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, P17 billion more.

"My government will double or even triple its efforts to bring drug pushers and crime syndicates behind bars. This budget provides P110.4

billion for the Philippine National Police, higher by 24.6 percent than in 2016,” Duterte said in his budget message to Congress.

He said the additional money would be used “to hire more policemen, buy more guns and patrol vehicles and finance other activities for more effective crime suppression.”

“Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of the Philippines will have P130.6 billion. This is 15 percent higher than its budget for this year. This will be used to intensify the AFP’s counter-terrorism efforts and to protect our borders,” he said.

He added that the AFP modernization program would have P25 billion “to give our soldiers more weapons and equipment.”

No salary hike for cops, soldiers

But the additional money for the police and the military do not include funding requirements for Duterte’s promise to double the salaries of soldiers and policemen.

He told soldiers in Cebu City three weeks ago that they would have doubled their paycheck by December this year.

But Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno said the Duterte administration would not be able to increase the salaries of soldiers and policemen this year.

Diokno said what soldiers and policemen would get is an additional monthly allowance of P5,000 starting next month.

This has prompted Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV to accuse Duterte of making promises that he could not keep, raising false hopes among police and military personnel and of being a “big talker.”

DepEd to get P566 B

But the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has proposed a budget of over P566 billion for the Department of Education next year, up by P135 billion from the allocation that DepEd received this year.

Based on the National Expenditure Program submitted

to Congress, DepEd’s budget – both new and automatic appropriations – will increase from P431.1 billion in 2016 to P566.2 billion in 2017.

Like in the previous administration, DepEd will receive the biggest chunk of the proposed P3.35-trillion budget for next year.

“Education is not on the back burner of the Duterte administration,” said Education Secretary Leonor Briones, noting that the President is supportive of the proposal to hike DepEd’s budget by almost 30 percent.

A fiscalizer and former national treasurer, Briones pledged to ensure that DepEd’s huge budget allocation is efficiently managed and that the projects are completed on time.

“We still have to prove that we are capable of spending every single centavo,” she added.

If the NEP 2017 is approved as proposed, DepEd will receive P116 billion under the Basic Education Facilities (BEF), which funds the construction

and rehabilitation of school buildings, as well as for the procurement of school facilities.

This year, the government has allocated over P82 billion for the BEF.

Another P28.3 billion is allocated for the creation of new teaching positions as the first batch of K-12 students is expected to begin Grade 12 next year.

According to the DBM, the government intends to construct or replace over 37,500 classrooms and hire more than 53,000 additional teachers in 2017.

The government has also allotted P16 billion for midyear bonus in line with the implementation of the latest salary standardization, and provided a P1-billion increase to the special hardship allowance of teachers from P1.1 billion in 2016 to P2.1 billion next year.

The proposed budget for financial subsidy for students almost doubled, from P28.9 billion this year to P45.5 billion next year. – **With Janvic Mateo**

21 August 2016



Page. 13

Lady ISAFP member slain

STA. ROSA, Nueva Ecija -- A lady member of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) was gunned down by two motorcycle-riding assassins last Thursday night here.

Provincial police director Senior Supt. Manuel E. Cornel identified the slain victim as Carmelita Pine, 32, married, of Bgy. Metolza, Naujan, Mindoro Oriental.

The lady ISAFP member was found dead with gunshot wounds in the head along the Sta. Rosa-Dingalan road on Purok 4, Bgy. Liwayway this town at 8:30 p.m.

Police said a witness saw a motorcycle driven by a man with a woman as his back-rider passed by and upon reaching said area, it suddenly stopped.

After which, three successive gunshots rang out and the same motorcycle-riding suspects again passed by and then fled towards the direction of Fort Magsaysay.

Residents checked what happened and saw the victim still lying on the street, with blood oozing from her head.

Probers said they recovered a fired bullet, two fired cartridge cases for Cal. 45 and the victim's personal belongings at the crime scene.

Police said follow-up investigation is still being undertaken to determine the identities of the suspects and the motive behind the killing. **Steve A. Gosuico**

21 August 2016



Pahina. 2



Nagbigay pugay sina Quezon Governor David "Jay-Jay" Suarez, Quezon Rep. Danilo Suarez at Philippine Marines Col. Ernesto Ravina sa bantayog ng yumaong si dating Pangulong Manuel Quezon na inalayan rin ng mga bulaklak kaugnay ng paggunita sa ika 138 taon nitong kaarawan sa Lucena City. -Boy Santos -

21 August 2016

MANILA BULLETIN

THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 18

NEVER ON A SUNDAY

Attaining peace and order

By ATTY. RENE ESPINA
Former Senator

IN the first 50 days of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's term of office, the emphasis has been on issues related to peace and order. First, the narco drug problem that has spread as fast as a mushroom grows after a heavy rain. It is a very serious one. Hardly anyone noticed the extent of the scourge in our country. Imagine, even here in Cebu, two arrested drug suppliers confessed that they got their orders from their (so far) unnamed boss who was a Muntinlupa jailbird.

Some key Cebu politicians have been included in this list of narco lords. The name of one of them was allegedly removed from the list by a high police official. Nevertheless he was no longer allowed to recommend his own chief of police. Of course, many of those in the list or those not listed claim innocence in so far as protecting the drug lords. In another city in Cebu, the alleged drug lord has pointed to his nephew as the drug boss. In this city, the information states that the drugs were manufactured inside the city jail

and in a mall.

We commend the Digong administration for the initial success in cutting down the supply of drugs manufactured and the supply of chemical ingredients, as well as the smuggling into our country of these items.

As the drug operations continue, the future challenge will be how to sustain its intensity so that at the end of the Duterte presidency, the operations do not fade and wane.

The second issue of peace and order is in the ARMM the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. The number of armed members of the MILF and MNLF that need to be disarmed will be quite a challenge. The Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) has been signed under the past Aquino administration, but because of the findings that the CAB had many unconstitutional provisions, plus the fact that it excluded many residents of the area - MNLF, Tausugs, Christians, etc., - Congress did not enact the CAB into law.

It will, therefore, be a challenge to the present administration and the members of the present Congress to craft a law that follows our Constitu-

tion to the letter, contains not even a hint or right to secession, and is fair to all citizens of the republic.

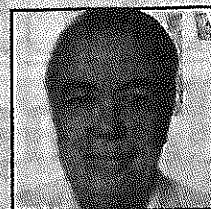
At the end of the process, no armed groups will be allowed to exist under any pretense. Only the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police will be fully armed in order to relentlessly enforce peace and order in all the ARMM areas and our national territory.

The third element to completely restore peace and order in our country is the surrender by the CPP-NPA-NDF of all its firearms and weapons. Under no circumstance would any of its members be allowed to retain its firearms. Nevertheless as "returnee citizens" of our country, they will be entitled to licensed firearms as any other Filipino.

Regretfully even as a unilateral truce-ceasefire was announced by the CPP this week, a firefight ensued in sitio Linao-Linao, Barangay Olaye, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte between elements of the NPA and AFP.

Every Filipino hopes and prays for peace, but not at any price!

rene.g.espina@gmail.com



21 August 2016



Pahina. 6

EDITORIAL

60,000 PATAY, TAMA NA!

MAHIGIT nang 60,000 ang patay sa giyera ng mga pwersa ng pamahalaan at New People's Army at mga rebeldeng Muslim mula 1968 hanggang sa kasalukuyan.

Halos magkapantay ang dami ng napatay, nasa 30,000 katao, sa mga magkakahiwalay na komunista at Muslim na rebelyon, bagama't mas matitindi ang mga masaker sa huli.

Kabilang sa mga matitinding masaker sa rebelyong Muslim ang pagpatay ng mga pwersa ng pamahalaan ng 10,000 Muslim sa Jolo noong 1974, 3,000 sa Pata Island noong 1981, 1,776 sa Malisbong, Sultan Kudarat noong 1974 at nasa 68 sa Jabidah massacre sa Corregidor noong 1968.

May mga masaker naman ang mga rebeldeng Muslim sa mga sundalo ng gobyerno gaya sa Pata Island, Sulu na kinamatayan ng 119 sundalo; Patikul, Sulu noong 1977 na kinamatayan ni Gen. Teodulo Bautista at 35 nitong tauhan; 23 sa Al Barca, Tipo-Tipo, Basilan noong 2007; at 44 sa Mamasapano nitong 2015 lamang.

May mga massacre rin sa pagitan ng mga pwersa ng gobyerno at NPA ngunit hindi kasinglala ng mga naganap sa pagitan ng mga pwersa ng gobyerno at rebeldeng Muslim.

Lahat ng ito ay nagbunga ng nakaririnding pagkahati-hati ng lipunang Filipino at nagbunga na rin ng kawalan ng pag-unlad ng pambansang ekonomiya hanggang sa kabilang tayo ngayon sa pinakamahirap na bansa sa kabila ng sobrang pagyaman ng illang pamilyang lokal at dayuhan.

Ngayon ay nagpursige ang pamahalaang Duterte na wakasan na ang mga rebelyon upang matikman naman ng lahat ang kapayapaan at magkaroon ng hakbang tungo sa pag-unlad na inaasahang mararamdaman ng nakararami kundi man ng lahat.

Salamat at tumutugon ang mga rebelde o rebolusyonaryo sa panawagan para sa kapayapaan at pagkakaisa.

Sa gitna ng lahat, ano-ano naman ang maiaambag ng milyon-milyong mamamayan upang tuluyang magkasundo-sundo ang mga nagdidigmaang panig?

21 August 2016



Pahina. 6

DUTERTE AND HIS GENEROSITY

IN the many places that he has gone to 50 days into his presidency, President Duterte's visits had been marked with a show of compassion and generosity, especially to the military and uniformed personnel and their families.

Sometimes people say he is too generous to a fault, not that it isn't a good thing. When he promised that he would increase the salaries of uniformed personnel, even as the amounts of the increase changed during and after the campaign period, he appears to be sticking to his promise no matter what it took to fulfill it despite his Budget Secretary's public pronouncements that an increase at this time is still not possible.

An insider intimated to me that when Budget Secretary

Diokno told the President that there was no money to fund the increases which he promised to grant starting this month, the latter simply replied, 'Wag mo akong pahiyain.'

When the President visited the troops in Sulu on August 12 and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana informed him during his conference with the field commanders prior to his "Talk to the Troops" of the needs of the Joint Task Group Sulu including, among others, the sum of P150 million to bring six army battalions to Sulu as well as to move the 2nd Manne Brigade from Sulu to Tawi-Tawi, I personally heard the President's positive response when he said "chicken," to mean that it was a small request he could immediately grant.



To the families of soldiers who perish in encounters, the President gives out a check worth P250,000.

While this is a benefit provided by law, the families of soldiers are all the more thankful because oftentimes it is the President himself who hands over the check to the families when he pays his last respects to the slain soldiers, an act not far from the practice of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo during her incumbency.

I learned from Master Sergeant Joy Fania, a former personnel of the Morale and Wel-

fare (MOWEL) branch of the Philippine Army, that her office was one of the busiest branches of the Army Personnel Management Center (APMC) because then President Arroyo made sure that whenever the AFP incurs casualties, it is she who will hand over the assistance (monetary, housing, etc.) to the wounded soldier, or to the bereaved family during the wake of a fallen soldier.

It is a good thing that soldiers and their families witness such show of compassion and generosity from their Commanders-in-Chief.

Army vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.

ONLINE NEWS

21 AUGUST 2016

www.pna.gov.ph

AFP to comply with all guidelines set by Duterte's Declaration of Restoration of Ceasefire

By Priam F. Nepomuceno

MANILA, Aug. 20 (PNA) — The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will fully comply with all operational guidelines brought about by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Declaration of Restoration of Ceasefire Saturday. This was emphasized by AFP public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo in a statement.

"The Declaration of Restoration of Ceasefire by the President and Commander-in-Chief (CinC) Rodrigo Duterte that takes effect midnight of 20 August 2016, and his clear instructions for the AFP to restore its erstwhile operational guidelines will be communicated forthwith to all AFP units on the ground by all means possible as we speak," he added.

"The nation can expect that the guidelines will be followed to the letter as it has been so prior its lifting by the CinC due to the want of similar declaration from and attacks on the AFP personnel by the other party to the talk," Arevalo stressed.

He added the entire AFP was as hopeful and prayerful as the nation and its people were and that this restoration of ceasefire would be matched with the same zeal and sincerity by the other party.

"So that in the end peace, progress, stability, and security will be for our people to relish," Arevalo pointed out.

Last Friday, the Communist Party of the Philippines and its New People's Army (NPA) declared a seven-day unilateral ceasefire hours after the release of its high-ranking leaders Benito and Wilma Tiamzon, who were named consultants to peace talks scheduled Aug. 22 to 26 in Oslo, Norway.

The rebel ceasefire will take effect 12:01 a.m. of Aug. 21 until 11:59 p.m. of Aug. 27.

Duterte, on his first State-of-the-Nation Address last July 25, declared a unilateral ceasefire against the rebels as a sign of goodwill.

But he was forced to lift it five days later after unprovoked NPA attacks against militiamen in Compostela Valley killed one and wounded four others last July 27 and failure of the rebels to declare their own version of the government ceasefire. (PNA)

RMA/PFN

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.

