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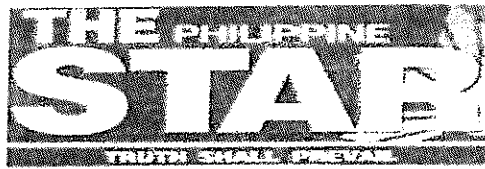
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## 5 presidential bets vow to attend 1st debate

By SHEILA CRISOSTOMO

All five presidential candidates in the May elections have committed to attend the first presidential debate to be held at the Capitol University in Cagayan de Oro City on Feb. 21, Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman Andres Bautista said yesterday.

The five are Vice President Jejomar Binay of the United Nationalist Alliance, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago (People's Reform Party), Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte (Par-

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tido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan), Sen. Grace Poe (independent) and Manuel Roxas II (Liberal Party).

"This is the first time a presidential debate is being held outside Metro Manila and in Mindanao," Bautista said.

Bautista said three town forums would be held by organizers to "help crowd-source the questions to make sure that the concerns of the Mindanaoans are asked during the debate."

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The topics include agriculture development, poverty reduction and asset creation and redistribution, Charter change and peace and order.

The initial debate will be led by television network GMA 7 and broadsheet *Philippine Daily Inquirer*.

The second presidential debate, to be organized by **The STAR**, TV5 and *BusinessWorld*, will be held at the University of the Philippines-Cebu on March 20, while the third debate will be led by *ABS-CBN* and *Manila Bulletin* and will be held at the University of

Pangasinan on April 24.

Presence in the debate is not compulsory but an empty chair will be left for the candidate who will not appear.

### Señeres still included

Meanwhile, Bautista said that the name of the late presidential aspirant and OFW Family Club party-list Rep. Roy Señeres will likely remain on the official ballots.

Bautista said the Comelec is still studying the manifestations and motions filed by Señeres' family and political party, the

Partido ng Manggagawa at Magsasaka-Workers and Peasants Party.

"The family and the party have contradicting manifestations. Even within the family (there is disagreement). While the family's lawyer has filed a motion (to exclude his name in the ballots), some family members told me they are still thinking about it," he said.

The poll chief added that for



him, it is best to retain Señeres' name on the ballots to "honor his memory."

"I think he has a good legacy and track record. I hope the family and the party will preserve that. We should honor his memory and not use it in politics," Bautista said.

**'Reveal state of health'**

Sen. Vicente Sotto III yes-

terday urged all presidential aspirants to be open about the state of their health to determine if they can survive the rigorous 90-day campaign period and eventually, the next six years in office as president.

Sotto said even vice presidential and senatorial candidates should also do the same.

Santiago has said she has

beaten lung cancer, but raised a howl when urged to make public her health records late last year.

Duterte, on the other hand, cancelled some campaign sorties this week due to migraine.

Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., who is running for vice president, was also confined for a few days last week after a bout with pneumonia.

– With Christina Mendez

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## PCGG OKs auction of Marcos jewels

By JANVIC MATEO

One of the three jewelry collections seized from the family of the late former president Ferdinand Marcos will be auctioned off.

The Asset Privatization Council has approved for international auction the so-called Hawaii Collection comprising around 300 pieces of jewelry and other luxury items, the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) said in a statement yesterday.

Seized by US Customs authorities from the Marcoses upon their arrival in Hawaii in 1986, the jewelry collection

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was later forfeited in favor of the Philippine government through an agreement between former first lady Imelda Romualdez-Marcos and the PCGG.

The collection includes an exceedingly rare 25-carat pink diamond, which has been appraised at around \$5 million (around P235 million at current exchange rates).

PCGG Chairman Richard

Amurao hopes that the Filipino people will finally benefit from the proceeds of the collection.

"The jewelry confiscated from the Marcoses remain a singular manifestation of the misguided priorities of the Marcos presidency," he said.

Amurao said part of the jewelry collection will be exhibited prior to auction.

"It has been long desired

by the PCGG to put the jewelry collection on public display to inform the Filipino people of the excesses of the Marcos dictatorship," he said.

"The collection is a critical part of the past. We believe that the exhibit of these ill-gotten jewels will be a great vehicle to raise awareness, especially for the younger generation and those who have forgotten, to remind the Filipino people of the perils of the two-decade regime of corruption that was under the

Marcoses."

### Jewelry collection worth P1 B

Conservative estimates put the value of the three collections at P1 billion, the PCGG said.

The jewelry collection also includes the so-called Roumeliotes and the Malacañang Collections.

Composed of only around 60 pieces of jewelry, the Roumeliotes collection is deemed as the most expensive among

the three.

It was seized from alleged Marcos associate Demetriou Roumeliotes as he tried to smuggle it out of the country.

It was later forfeited in favor of the Bureau of Customs as the attempt to smuggle it out of the country is a violation of the Tariff and Customs Code.

On the other hand, the Malacañang collection consists of over 400 jewelry and other luxury items that were left in the Palace after the People

Power Revolution.

In 2014, the Sandiganbayan declared the jewelry collection part of the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses. The Marcoses are appealing the ruling before the Supreme Court.

Last year, the PCGG invited rival auction houses Christie's and Sotheby's to appraise the jewelry collections.

Estimates submitted by the auction houses showed that collective value of the three collections is at least P1 billion, the PCGG said.



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## ACROSS THE COUNTRY

### 2 soldiers killed in Kalinga encounter

BAGUIO CITY – Two Army troopers were slain in an encounter with New People's Army guerrillas in Kalinga on Thursday.

Pvt. Roderish Azada and Cpl. Joel de Leon of the 50th Infantry Battalion were pursuing the rebels who fled from an encounter in Sitio Bacras in Barangay Apatan in Pinukpuk town when the incident occurred. They were pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Two weeks ago, three soldiers were killed in clashes with NPA rebels in Balbalan town. – Artemio Dumlao, Raymond Catindig

### Abu Sayyaf bandit slain

ZAMBOANGA CITY – A suspected member of the Abu Sayyaf was killed while another was captured in separate incidents yesterday.

The bandit, who remained unidentified, was shot dead during a scuffle with a soldier who responded to a hacking incident involving another soldier.

M/Sgt. Esmeraldo Manugay was patrolling the periphery of the headquarters of the 10th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Buhanginan in Patikul, Sulu when the suspect appeared from behind and hacked him, said Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado, commander of Joint Task Group Sulu.

Meanwhile, Abdulla Mutalib, alias Yusop, was captured in Barangay Matikang in Lantawan, Basilan at 12:55 a.m. by members of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit and 55th and 54th Special Action Force Co.

– Roel Pareño

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# Bomb attempt to disrupt Sagayan Fest thwarted

By ALI G. MACABALANG

**B**ULUAN, Maguindanao – Government troops discovered yesterday morning an improvised explosive device (IED) along the highway here, causing a brief disruption in the Fifth Sagayan Festival in this town, which is already on its fifth day.

Sr. Insp. Gani Miro, Buluan police chief, said his office received at about 7:30 a.m. a phone call informing them about the presence of a black bag abandoned in an area where the provincial government is currently constructing a modern capitol complex cum commercial zone.

Alerted by responding policemen that cordoned the area, bomb experts from the Army's 33rd Infantry Battalion based in Tacurong City arrived, found inside the bag an IED fashioned out from an 81mm mortar projectile with detonating cords

and a timer clock, and deactivated it at about 8:41 a.m., Miro said.

Provincial police director Sr. Supt. Nickson Muksan said an in-depth investigation was initiated to establish possible suspect and motive in the foiled bomb try.

Muksan gave organizers of the annual festival the go-signal to resume with the festivities, but nevertheless advised them and revelers to be cautious "because there are unscrupulous people trying to create fear" following reports of brewing agitation because of the non-passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law in Congress.

He said the sporadic atrocities by guerrillas of the brigand Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in the distant towns of Datu Piang and Salibu were also being closely watched by authorities to prevent violence from spilling over to this town.

Governor Esmael Mangudadatu, festival lead organizer, was expected to arrive here yesterday after attending meetings with national officials and is expected to renew his appeal for patience among peace advocates, on one hand, and understanding from other quarters who could have been dismayed with recent political developments.

"Our province has been battered

by sporadic clashes, internally, and by some misperceptions, externally. Give us room for respite from these challenges through an undisturbed conduct of the festival," Mangudadatu told the Bulletin by phone.

Provincial administrator Abdulwahab Tunga and budget officer Lynette Estandarte, both key festival facilitators, said the festival's various traditional sports

games and alugan sa Maguindanao or cooking contest that were scheduled at 8 a.m. yesterday were held two hours after the discovery and deactivation of the IED.

Also scheduled from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. yesterday was the coronation ceremony for the winner among the 13 candidates of the palamata nu Maguindanao beauty pageant.

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# Gov't, MILF commit to truce until 2017

By JOSE RODEL CLAPANO

Despite the failure of Congress to pass the Bangsamoro law, a cease-fire between the government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) will hold for at least another year.

The two sides doused fears of renewed violence as they agreed to extend the life of international peace monitors until March 2017.

This was announced at the first meeting of the two panels since Congress adjourned without passing the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL).

In a joint statement yesterday, government negotiator Miriam Coronel-Ferrer and her MILF counterpart, Mohagher Iqbal, expressed disappointment over Congress' failure to pass the BBL, which is required under a comprehensive peace accord forged in 2014.

The joint statement was issued after two days of talks in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which brokered the peace deal.

Despite the setback, the government and the 11,000-strong MILF agreed to extend until March 2017 the mission of Malaysia-led ceasefire monitors.

They also kept in place a joint

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group that allows the MILF to help government troops capture terrorists and outlaws.

It is hoped that both measures would prevent any outbreak of violence stemming from rebel frustration with the delay in the peace process.

Iqbal has warned that the setback has caused deep anxiety among guerrillas, and that the uncertainty could be exploited by radicals opposed to the peace deal.

The House of Representatives and the Senate ended the last regular session of their term early this month without passing the bill, which aims to establish a more powerful and potentially larger autonomous region for minority Muslims.

The bill was stalled by indignation over the killing early last year of 44 police commandos in fighting that involved some of the guerrillas from the MILF.

The two negotiating panels also reaffirmed their commitment to the peace process and to preserve the gains of more than 17 years of negotiations.

"The parties recognize that the non-passage of the BBL has adversely affected the timeline of establishing the Bangsamoro entity," read the statement.

Ferrer and Iqbal vowed to exert more effort to promote the Bangsamoro Bill.

"Towards this end, the parties shall exert further efforts to promote understanding and greater acceptability of the proposed basic law," they said.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment to stay the course of peace and sustain the existing peace infrastructure.

"This infrastructure is fundamental in keeping the peace on the ground and supporting the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB)," read the statement.

"It is important that it remains functional for the next administration to carry forward the implementation of the agreements."

The government and MILF thanked the International Monitoring Team for the effective monitoring of the im-

plementation of cessation of hostilities between the government and MILF forces.

The parties received the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission's report and also thanked its members for their hard work.

Ferrer said a discussion on operationalizing the report's recommendations is going on.

The parties also signed the Terms of Reference for the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation.

They also agreed to create a working group to recommend to the panels a set of interventions for vulnerable sectors, including widows, orphans, people with disabilities, detainees and their families.

The parties also discussed the updates provided by the Third Party Monitoring Team and the Independent Decommissioning Body.

They also agreed that the socio-economic package for the initial 145 decommissioned MILF combatants should continue and discussed the security and storage of the turned-over weapons.

The parties expressed their condolences to the family of

MILF peace panel member Lanang Ali Sr., who passed away on Feb. 10.

Lanang was the chairman of the Technical Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities and was appointed member of the MILF peace panel in 2001.

The parties expressed their appreciation to President Aquino, under whose guidance and leadership the peace agreements were signed, and to Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak for his continued support for the Bangsamoro Peace Process.

They also thanked the members of the MILF Central Committee headed by chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim for their resolve to pursue the path to peace despite challenges.

"For their continued support to the Bangsamoro peace process and presence in this particular panel meeting, the parties also extend their gratitude to European Union Ambassador (EU) Franz Jessen, the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission headed by its chair Mō Bleeker, the Independent Decommissioning Body led by its chair Mustafa Pulat and Third Party

Monitoring Team headed by its chair Alistair MacDonald."

The parties also extend their gratitude to Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar Tengku Mohamed as the third-party facilitator from Malaysia and to those members of the International Contact Group who were present at the talks, namely Japan, Turkey, United Kingdom, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources and the Community of Saint Egidio.

"In particular, the parties are deeply grateful to the outgoing UK representative to the ICG Thomas Phipps, for his invaluable contribution to the Bangsamoro peace process."

At Malacañang, Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. urged the next administration to continue the peace agreement.

"The joint agreement reflects the shared commitment of both parties to the attainment of the Bangsamoro's aspirations on long-term peace and progress," he said.

"The continuation of other normalization programs on transitional justice and recon-

ciliation, camps transformation and provision of socio-economic packages serve to strengthen confidence on the sustainability of the peace process," he said.

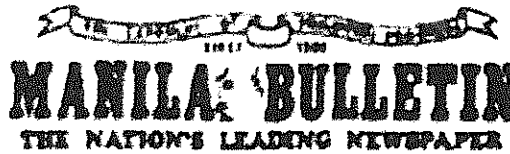
Coloma said the government would create awareness and build consensus so that the next steps, including the enactment of a basic law and the setting up of a new governance framework, may be vigorously pursued and fully implemented in the near future.

### **Military response**

Meanwhile, spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said the Armed Forces is ready to defend the peace process in Mindanao against any lawless group out to take advantage of the non-passage of the Bangsamoro Bill, following renewed hostilities in Maguindanao between government forces and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters.

Col. Noel Detoyato, Armed Forces public affairs chief, said the Bangsamoro Bill is but part of the long and tedious Mindanao peace process. – **With Delon Porcalla, Jaime Laude, AP**

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# Indal's capture major blow to BIFF

By **ALEXANDER D. LOPEZ**

DAVAO CITY – The spokesperson of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) has acknowledged that the capture of the bandit group's No. 4 man – Hassan Indal – consti-

tuted a "major blow" to their organization.

This was disclosed by Abu Misry in an interview with the Manila Bulletin Wednesday afternoon.

In the same interview, Misry confirmed that it was, indeed, Indal,

who also goes by the alias of Abu Hazam, that was captured last February 10 in Barangay Kalanganan, Cotabato City.

"Si Hassan Indal po yong nahuli sa Kalanganan," Misry confirmed.

Indal is considered the No. 4 man in the organization, top military officials in Maguindanao have said.

"Malaking kawalan sa BIFF ang pagkakahuli kay Hassan Indal," Misry pointed out.

But the BIFF spokesperson asserted that the incident was only one of the challenges that the organization was facing and that their struggle and fight will continue.

"Pero naniniwala kami na ito ay pagsubok lamang sa organisasyon. Magpapatuloy pa rin ang aming pakikipaglaban para sa mga Moro ng Mindanao" Misry said.

Series of skirmishes again erupted between the rebel group and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in the province of Maguindanao since Saturday last week until Wednesday morning.

Misry vowed that they will launch more attacks to government and military establishments in the area.



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## 'Commander Bravo' overstaying in Lanao del Norte – AFP

By **MIKE U. CRISMUNDO**

**BUTUAN CITY** – The Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) has been asked by the Philippine Army (PA) to convince Abdullah Macapaar, alias "Commander Bravo," and his group to leave Lanao del Norte immediately.

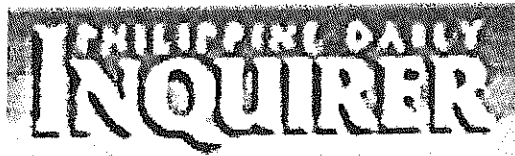
Commander Bravo is considered as the leader of the North-Western Mindanao front operating in Bukidnon, Misamis and Lanao of the 303RD Brigade of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a breakaway group from the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

A declassified intelligence report said Commander Bravo was spotted in Barangay Pangao, Munai town and Barangay Delabayan, Kauswagan town, both in Lanao del Norte, to attend the "tibao," or wake, of deceased relatives. The report said he has been in the area since January 16.

Intelligence sources also said that Commander Bravo is not only in Lanao del Norte to pay his last respects to his deceased relatives but also to visit the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) and Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) in Munai, Lanao del Norte and discuss socio-economic development projects for MILF communities.

"However, when verified with CCCH, there was no scheduled visit of the JNC and IDB in Lanao del Norte which Bravo expects anytime soon," intelligence source also said.

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## Leila says she OK'd Korean's transfer; info may clear ex-BI chief

By Tarra Quismundo

COULD this revelation set former Immigration Commissioner Siegfred Mison free from liability?

Former Justice Secretary and now Liberal Party senatorial bet Leila de Lima yesterday admitted that she approved Mison's move to transfer Korean fugitive Cho Seongdae to a facility of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces (ISAFP) Compound at the military headquarters in Quezon City in October.

Cho's transfer, which later led to his second escape from detention after his arrest on human trafficking and extortion charges, was the basis of the National Bureau of Investigation's recommendation to file charges of grave misconduct against Mison.

Cho was moved to the military facility after he escaped from the Bureau of Immigration's Warden Facility (BIWF) in Bicutan, Taguig City, on Sept. 29 through an alleged P1-million payoff to immigration officers. He is currently detained at the NBI since his second rearrest.

The information was revealed for the first time by De Lima and Mison yesterday in response to statements made on Thursday by acting Justice Secretary Emmanuel Caparas on the possibility of revisiting administrative charges against him even if he is no longer in government service.

The NBI report on Cho's escape made no mention of De Lima's concurrence to the ISAFP transfer, saying Mison was administratively liable as the BI had "acted on its own, disregarding protocol" in moving Cho without first informing the DOJ. Both the NBI and the BI are agencies under the Department of Justice (DOJ).

"Yes, I was informed about it and it was cleared with me," said De Lima through text yesterday.

She said there was "justifiable reason" to move Cho because of his escape from the BIWF.

"It was also my understanding that there were indications from the initial results of the probe into that prior escape from the BI detention facility that the BI personnel thereat were involved, hence it was no longer advisable or safe to keep that fugitive in that facility," said the former Justice chief.

She said she was willing to vouch for the transfer, in case administrative charges against Mison would be pursued.

"Yes, of course. That's the truth," said De Lima.

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# Sympathizers question continued incarceration of Marcelino

By Mario J. Mallari

Sympathizers of detained Lt. Col. Ferdinand Marcelino yesterday scored the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police-Anti-Illegal Drugs Group (PNP-AIDG) for what they claimed as "all-out efforts" to keep the Marine official incarcerated for his alleged involvement in illegal drugs.

Marcelino's sympathizers, who requested anonymity being in the active government service, noted latest charges of illegal possession of firearms slapped on Marcelino and the opposition of the PNP-AIDG to the transfer of the Marine officer from Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City to the Philippine Navy or the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

"These are clear indications that they (PDEA and PNP-AIDG) are out to keep him in jail," one of Marcelino's sympathizers told the *Tribune*.

"There is nothing wrong with that (keeping Marcelino in detention) if they have solid proof that he is indeed involved in the illegal drug trade. But have they presented any strong evidence against him?" the source asked.

Another Marcelino's sympathizer said the case of Marcelino has become "too personal," noting that some quarters may be out to get back at the former PDEA officer who was known as a no-nonsense drug buster.

Marcelino served as chief of PDEA's Special Enforcement Service (SES) during the time of retired Gen. Dionisio Santiago. As PDEA-SES head, he went after big-time drug syndicates.

"Colonel Marcelino has stepped on too many individuals in his crusade against the illegal drugs...they might be faking this opportunity to exact revenge on

him," the second source theorized.

"His safety must be ensured by the authorities," the source added.

The two were one in challenging PDEA and PNP-AIDG, particularly PDEA director general Undersecretary Arturo Caceda Jr. and PNP-AIDG director Senior Supt. Antonio Gardiola, to come out with solid evidence to establish Marcelino's links to illegal drugs trade.

They noted that more than three weeks after Marcelino was "arrested" at a clandestine laboratory being used in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu in Sta. Cruz, Manila, there has been no solid evidence presented to pin down Marcelino.

"Without solid evidence, they (PDEA and PNP-AIDG) seem to be engaged in fishing expedition," the first sympathizer told the *Tribune*.

"By this time, they should have presented what they have before the court and the media to justify the arrest and detention of Colonel Marcelino," the source added.

So far, Marcelino's presence at the targeted area was the primary basis of the charges slapped on him by PDEA and PNP-AIDG.

The other source said "they charged him (Marcelino) with two criminal cases both punishable with maximum-life imprisonment, maybe it is fair that they (PDEA and PNP-AIDG) back their accusation up with evidence."

"It is sad how these serious charges are thrown against a military officer with solid reputation as a no-nonsense drug buster," he added.

Both PDEA and PNP-AIDG admitted that Marcelino was not within their radar of those involved

in illegal drugs prior to his arrest.

Marcelino was arrested by joint operatives of the PNP-AIDG and PDEA early morning last Jan. 21 at a townhouse unit at Celadon Residence in Sta. Cruz. He denied any link to illegal drugs and claimed he was on a surveillance mission in the area.

He was subsequently presented to the media by Caceda and Gardiola and charged with possession and manufacture of illegal substance.

Combined PDEA and PNP-AIDG operatives seized 76 kilograms of shabu from the townhouse where Marcelino and Chinese Yan Yi Shou were arrested.

The PNP-AIDG even urged the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) to look into Marcelino's bank accounts after seizing 13 bank deposit slips from Marcelino during his arrest, amounting to P2.2 million. However, the bank transactions happened in May 2014 when Marcelino was commander of Military Intelligence Group-4 (MIG-4) in Laguna.

Marcelino promptly offered to sign "unconditionally" any waiver that AMLC may require to investigate his bank accounts and any document allowing proper agency to scrutinize his assets.

He, however, called on his accusers to sign a similar waiver in the spirit of fairness.

Caceda has linked Marcelino and Shou to Mary Co, the alleged owner of the townhouse unit at Celadon Residences where the P380 million worth of shabu was seized.

Despite his arrest, several government officials vouched for the integrity of Marcelino as a drug buster, among them were Santiago, Army chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Ano and even former Justice Secretary Leila de Lima.

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## PNP files more raps vs Marcelino

By EDU PUNAY

The Philippine National Police Anti-Illegal Drugs Group (PNP-AIDG) has filed another criminal complaint against Marine Lt. Colonel Ferdinand Marcelino with the Department of Justice (DOJ).

After filing charges of conspiracy in manufacture and possession of illegal drugs under Republic Act 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) against the former Philippine Drug Enforce-

ment Agency (PDEA) official, the PNP-AIDG filed earlier this week charges of illegal possession of firearm and violation of the election gun ban.

Senior Deputy State Prosecutor Anthony Fadullon confirmed the DOJ will conduct a preliminary investigation on the new charges against Marcelino. The case was assigned to Assistant State Prosecutor

Mike Humarang.

The charges were filed after PNP-AIDG verified that the license of Marcelino's gun, confiscated during his arrest in a drug raid in Sta. Cruz, Manila on Jan. 21, had expired. The anti-narcotics group also found out that Marcelino does not have a certificate of exemption from gun ban.

The preliminary investigation on

the drug charges against Marcelino is being separately heard by Senior Deputy Prosecutor Theodore Villanueva, who is set to hold a last hearing on Monday before submitting the case for resolution.

Marcelino was arrested with Chinese Yan Yi Shuo by operatives of the PNP-AIDG and PDEA at an apartment in Manila where they seized 64 kilos of suspected shabu.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Totoo na wala ngang kinalaman ang majority of the Moro people sa pagkamatay ng 64 Filipinos sa Mamasapano incident at bakit daw dinamay ang BBL na tanging pag-asa para makamitan ang kapayapaan. May kasabihan tayong mga Pilipino na "ang sugat ng kalingingan ay dama ng buong katawan."

Hindi natin masisi ang ilang kongresista at senador kung bakit nag-alinlangan sila na ipasa ang BBL. Dahil nga sa ginawa ng ilang miyembro ng MILF na katayin ang sugo ng pamahalaan na tumutupad lamang ng kanilang tungkulin na madakip nga itong si Marwan. Hindi rin natin masisi ang mga Moro sa nasabing lugar dahil kanilang kalipi ang nasabing terorista at nilusob na ang kanilang teritoryo. Ang bawat panig ay may malaking pagkukulang kaya naganap ang matinding trahedya at nasawi ang 64 Filipinos. Apektado ang BBL. Ito ang sinasabing -- charge to experience. Na-overlook ito ng mga authorities na nag-execute ng planong hulihin si Marwan patay man o buhay.

Ang unang framework

ng kapayapaan sa Mindanao ay ang ARMM. Kapayapaan ito sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng MNLF. Subalit nagkaroon ng kapalpakan. Hindi maayos ang pagpapalakad nito. Ang pondo para rito ay binubulsa lamang ng ilang namumuno roon. Ngayon, ang pangalawa sana ay itong BBL.

Nakakasiguro pa rin ba ang lahat ng mamamayan sa Mindanao na hindi ibubulsa ng ilang lider ng MILF ang pondo para sa BBL? Ilang bilyong piso ang nakalaan para rito na kukunin sa kaban ng bayan.

Hindi lamang ang mamamayang Moro ang naghihirap, maging mga naninirahan sa mga lungsod. Di ba maraming squatters, nakawan at patayan sa siyudad dahil nga sa kawalan ng trabaho? Makikita natin sila sa lahat ng panig ng ating probinsya.

Ngayon 'yong nakalaang pondo para sa BBL, bakit hindi gamitin sa pagpalaganap ng mga pabrika o sakahan na makakatulong sa mga Pilipino upang makahanap ng trabaho. Dagdag na kita ng gobyerno at makakatulong lalo sa naghihirap nating mga kababayan.

Tunay na kalinga lamang mula sa mga lider ng ating gobyerno ang nararapat upang makamitan ang kapayapaan.

-- Luisito A. Crisostomo

Palanan, Makati City

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Dear Editor:

Talagang serious ang AFP sa pag-remind sa mga pulitiko at mga kasundalohan na bawal na bawal ang makialam ang mga sundalo sa pulitika. Kung nais ng mga pulitiko na mag-campaign para sa mga sundalo ay gawin nila sa labas ng kampo? Ay ano ba 'yan. Unless kung pahihintulutan ng lider ng AFP na lumabas ang mga sundalo para makinig sa mga pulitiko. Sa labas ng kampo gagawa ng stage? Talagang only in the Philippines.

Kasi nga may polisya ang AFP na sila ay apolitical. Ibig sabihin wala silang kakampihan na sinumang kandidato maging ito man ay kabilang sa administrasyon. Bawal sa mga sundalo na maging sa Facebook hinggil sa pulitika. Bawal ang mag-suot o magdala ng campaign paraphernalia ng kandidato. Kailangang lihim na lihim ang kanilang napupusuang iboboto. Wala silang karapatan na ipahayag ang kanilang saloobin. Iyan ang military discipline. Pag pumasok ka sa sundalo under ka na sa policy ng AFP. You have no right at all. Surrender ang iyong civilian rights. Patulin ang military rules and law.

Kaya kayong mga sibilyan na nais na pumasok sa sundalo, makasampung ninyong isipin kung kaya n'yo ang buhay ng isang sundalo. Malayo sa pamilya at handang ibuwis ang buhay alang-alang sa kapakanan ng bayan at sambayanan.

-- Lita A. Valencia  
Commonwealth Village, Quezon City

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Dear Editor:

I am saddened for what happened to the junior officer who was killed in a clash last Feb-

ruary 3, 2016 at Sitio Sapang Tin-aw, Pantukan, Compostela Valley. An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detonated by the NPA that killed First Lieutenant Ralph Pantonial and Private First Class Eulezys Bantulo. The government troops were conducting a routine patrol when the encounter happened. Using of IED is a clear violation and a disregard to the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL). But the NPA still continue to do this because of their desperate and selfish ideology.

The junior officer who was killed is 1Lt. Pantonial who is described as an "achiever", a dedicated man with commendable honors.

Again, we lost a soldier who dedicated his life for our benefit. He may have a bright future but these ruthless NPA rebels ended his life. He is a young hero who died for his country. It is ashamed that he lost his life due to the criminal actions of fellow Filipinos who have chosen to turn their back on the ideals of our country.

Since then, I always teach my students to respect the soldiers who are one of the present heroes of our country. At a young age, they are given with tasks and responsibilities that we cannot imagine. 1Lt. Pantonial may have died early in the hands of the NPA but his life is not wasted because for us, HE IS A HERO.

-- Maria Precious R. Burgos  
Elementary School Teacher  
Calinan, Davao City

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## EDITORIAL

TONIGHT

# Bakit 'amicable settlement?'

## THE DEFENSE WATCH



### Paul's Alarm

By Paul Gutierrez

SA nangyaring "bak-bakan" sa Compostela Valley, Davao region noong Miyerkules, mahihirapan na namang magpalitan ang ating mga "kasama" sa New People's Army (NPA) at Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) kung bakit mayroon (na naman) silang 'child soldier' matapos mahuli sa isang Army checkpoint si 'Ka Dong,' isang 14-anyos mula sa Bgy. Panibasan, Maco, ComVal.

Sugatan si Ka Dong matapos tamaan ng bala sa kaliwang hita; "salamat" naman sa mga nakahul-ing sundalo, agad siyang dinala sa pagamutan.

Isang sundalo rin ang nasugatan sa nagpapatuloy na sagupaan ng mga rebelde at militar dyan sa ComVal habang dalawang NPA na mula sa GFC 25 ang nakumpirang patay.

Samantala, noong Martes, dalawang NPA pa rin ang nahuli naman ng 201st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division sa lugar ng Bgy. Cagsiay 2, Mauban, na umano'y "responsible" sa pangangikil,

agh, pangungolekta ng 'revolutionary tax' sa hanay ng mga kontratista at negosyante sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

Pamilyar sa atin si 201st Brigade chief, BGen. Rhoderick Parayno, kung 'di tayo nagkakamali, dati siyang 'spokesman' ng militar na palagi rin nating 'kahuntahan' noon kapag kumakalap ako ng balita.

At hindi na tayo nagtataka kung bakit masipag sa kanyang trabaho si Gen. Parayno dahil marami tayong kilalang magagaling na opisyal na galing dyan sa 201st Brigade, partikular na si CGPA Ed Año, na bosing ng brigada bago tuluyang "pumaimbulog" ang kanyang 'military career'.

Masipag si Gen. Parayno dahil natitiyak nating ayaw niyang "mapahiya" sa kanyang mga pinalitan, hehehe.

Pamilyar din sa atin ang Bgy. Cagsiay 2 dahil dyan sa lugar na 'yan ako malimit magpasyal noon upang 'mag-interview' naman sa mga bosing ng Melito Glor Command at kahit kay CPP spokesman, Gregorio 'Ka Roger' Rosal, ang matalik

nating kaibigan (sumalangit nawa).

Noong 2011, sa nasabing lugar din napaslang si Rosemarie 'Ka Intsa/Ka Solly' Domanais, ang asawa ni Ka Roger at kalihim ng 'Laguna front,' matapos namang makasagupa ng mga tropa ng 201st Brigade na noon ay nasa "timon" pa ni CGPA Año.

Alright, Gen. Ed, tama ba ang "balik-tanaw" ko sa mga pangyayari, hehehe.

Sa mga "nadakma" namang NPA, lumalabas namang "kababayan" pa natin ang isa sa kanila, 'Kuya' Nani Cortez, dahil itong si Ryan 'Ka David' Relao Asores, ayon kay Parayno, ay mula sa Bgy. San Jose, San Pablo City, Laguna. Ang pagkakataon nga naman!

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Bilang pagpapatuloy sa aking kolum noong Martes hinggil sa sinapit ni Francisco Garrovillas ('Sitwasyon ng mga seaman dapat silipin'), uulitin natin na WALANG nakuhang tulong kahit isang dolyar na duling mula sa kanyang agency, ang Rickmers Marine Agency, ang kanyang pamilya sa katwiran na nu'ng mamatay siya (Hulyo 2009), "finished contract" na siya.

Translation? "Tapos" na ang kanyang kontrata nung mamatay siya sa kanser na nakuha naman niya bilang 'engine fitter' sa mga barkong kanyang

"sinampahan" mula 2005 hanggang 2008.

Sinusulat natin ito, sa kasamaang palad ay wala namang ibinigay na kahit 'legal assistance' sa kanyang pamilya ang MARINA at kahit ang OWWA.

Kumbaga, ito ang mga ahensiya na "masipag" lang kumolekta sa kuwarta ng ating mga OFW/Seaman pero kapag kailangan na nila ng tulong aba'y... "nganga," sabihin pa!

Sa sitwasyon, napilitan si Mrs. Aniana Garrovillas, asawa ng namatay, na kunin ang serbisyo nina Atty Joseph Entero at Atty Edwin dela Cruz, sa kasong isinama nila sa Department of Labor (DOLE).

At noong Oktubre 28, 2010, pinaboran ni Labor arbiter Lilia Savari si Mrs. Garrovillas kung saan inutusan ang Rickmers na magbayad ng kabuuang US\$74,500 bilang "danyos perwisyo."

Yun nga lang, matapos umapela, BINALIG-TAD ng NLRC ang desisyon at "dedma" na rin (siyempre) ang "MR" (motion for reconsideration) ng pamilya kahit pa nga sa Court of Appeals.

Umatot sa Korte Suprema ang apela subalit nabasura rin; sa ating pagbabasa sa desisyon, napansin natin na natalo sa 'technicality' at hindi sa "merito" ang apela sa SC matapos hindi magbayad ng 'filing fee' ang mga abugado ni Mrs. Garrovillas.

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## Bakit...

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Ayon kay Mrs. Garrovillas, sa kanilang huling pag-uusap ng mga abogado ng Rickmers, pilit silang pinapipirma sa "waiver" (quit claim) kapalit ng halagang US\$2,500 – na katumbas lang ng suweldong hindi ibinigay sa kanyang mister noong ito ay buhay pa at nasa empleyo pa ng kumpanya (bagaman nga may-sakit na siya noon).

Ang "masakit" pa dito, DOLE Sec. Rosahinda Baldoz, "katulong" pa umano ang iyong mga abogado, agh, abogado, d'yan sa NLRC sa pagkumbinsi kay Mrs. Garrovillas na pirman na ang waiver dahil ito raw talaga ang "kalakaran."

Eh, sanamagan, naman 'di ba, mga kabayan? Suweldo ng mister naging pambayad ng Rickmers sa 'amicable settlement?'

'Asan naman ang "kon-

sensiya" at "malasakit" dito? Ganyan ba talaga ang mga kapitalista at kayo d'yan sa DOLE?

Ang "dagdag-pasakit" naman sa pamilya Garrovillas, PAO chief, Presida Acosta at SC administrator, Midas Marquez, sapul daw nang matalo sa NLRC ang kaso (2011), aba'y kahit "anino" o boses nitong sina Atty. Entero at Atty. dela Cruz, HINDI na nakita at narinig ni Mrs. Garrovillas!

Aber hindi ba sa 'Canon of Ethics' ng mga abogado, dapat may katapat na parusa ang ganitong mga "pabayang" abogado sa kanilang mga kliyente?

At sa panig naman ng Rickmers, baka naman puwede ninyong bawasan ang inyong mga "gulang" sa katawan? "Tubuan" naman kayo ng konsensiya d'yan, Rickmers president, 'George Guerrero' (na nakapirma sa 2008 contract ni Mr. Garrovillas). Abangan!!!

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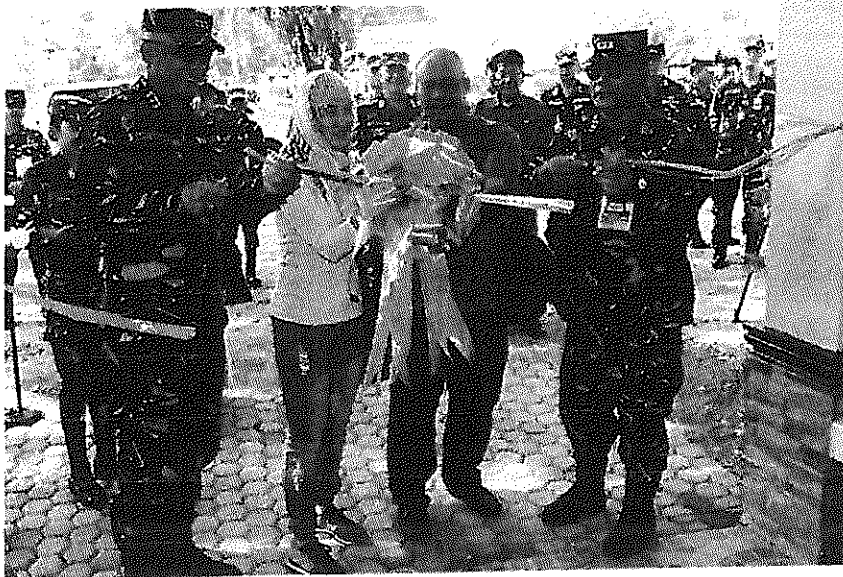
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### Army opens public assistance center in Maguindanao

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Generals Demosthenes Santillan (left) and Edmundo Pangilinan of the 6th Infantry Division (right) were assisted by Loremae Andong of ABS-CBN and Philippine Star's John Unson in Thursday's launching of 6th ID's Kampilan Public Assistance Center. 6th ID/KPAC photo

Maguindanao, Philippines - The Army's 6th Infantry Division (ID) on Thursday launched the Kampilan Public Assistance Center (KPAC), a doorway for peace programs meant to hasten the cordiality of local sectors and the military.

The KPAC, where historical visual aids and a collection of firearms recovered by soldiers from rebels in past encounters are displayed, will also function as a press center, where journalists covering the activities of 6th ID can write news reports.

The launching of the newly-established KPAC was attended by the vice commander of the Armed Forces, Major Gen. Demosthenes Santillan.

"This KPAC will be our first line of public service to all Muslim, Christian and Lumad people who may wish to come to Camp Siongco for a purpose," said 6th ID's commander, Major. Gen. Edmundo Pangilinan.

Pangilinan said the KPAC, located just meters away from the main gate of Camp Siongco in Datu Odin Sinsuat town in Maguindanao, shall be a showcase of the Army's civil-relations thrusts complementing President Benigno Aquino III's peace overtures with Southern Mindanao's Moro sectors.

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The 6th ID is actively involved in various peace programs intended to boost the cordiality between the national government and the Moro communities in Central Mindanao.

"The center shall be manned by our uniformed public servants whose primary mission is to serve all people who may come in through this facility," Pangilinan said.

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## **Umano'y labanan sa pagitan ng AFP at MILF sa Maguindanao, iimbestigahan na**

By Bombo Anne SoberanoPosted in Latest NewsFriday, 12 February 2010 12:00

Iimbestigahan ng mga concerned groups ang nangyaring labanan noong Miyerkules sa Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao kung saan nakasagupa umano ng militar ang pwersa ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Ito'y sa harap ng umiiral na peace process sa pagitan ng gobyerno at MILF.

Ayon kay AFP Spokesperson BGen. Restituto Padilla, na papasok na sa eksena ngayon ang AFP Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (Ahjag) at ng Coordinating Committee on Cessation of hostilities (CCCH) ang nangyaring insidente kung saan namatay ang isang sundalo.

Naganap kasi ang engkwentro sa umano'y teritoryo ng MILF.

Sinabi ni Padilla na nagpaalam naman umano ang militar sa MILF na mag ooperate sila doon laban sa mga miyembro ng BIFF na nagpapasabog ng mga tulay sa bahaging iyon ng mindanao.

Aniya, habang nasa teritoryo ng MILF ang mga sundalo ay may ilang mga armadong kalalakihan ang umatake sa mga tropa ng pamahalaan.

Naniniwlaa ang AFP na biff ang kanilang naka engkwentro at hindi MILF bagay na hindi pa nila tuluyang makumpirma hanggang sa ngayon.

Hindi naman masabi ni Padilla kung nilabag ba ng MILF ang napagkasunduang ceasefire.

Sa ngayon hinihintayin na lamang ng AFP ang magiging report ng CCCH ay AHJAG para mabatid kung ano ba talagang grupo ang nakalaban ng mga sundalo.

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## **AFP no comment sa pagkakasangkot ng MILF sa Maguindanao clash**

By Bombo Anne SoberanoPosted in Latest NewsFriday, 12 February 2016 10:41

Walang plano ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) na suspindihin ang kanilang isinasagawang security operations sa may bahagi ng Maguindanao, ito'y kahit napaulat na nagkasagupaan umano ang tropa ng pamahalaan at Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Ayon kay AFP Spokesperson BGen. Restituto Padilla na ginagawa lamang ng mga sundalo ang kanilang trabaho para i-secure ang ongoing development projects sa nasabing lugar ng sa gayon hindi ito maantala.

Una rito, may lumabas na report na ang nakasagupa ng mga sundalong Army ay mga miyembro ng MILF sa may Barangay Dawang, Datu Saudi Ampatuan nitong nagdaang Miyerkules.

Habang bini-beripika pa ng militar ang report kaugnay sa tinamong casualties sa panig ng rebeldeng grupo.

No Comment naman ang militar sa umano'y pagkakasangkot ng MILF sa nangyaring labanan.

Tumanggi namang ihayag ni Padilla kung anong armadong grupo ang nakasagupa ng mga sundalo subalit sa kalaunan nagpahiwatig ito na ang grupong MILF.

Kinumpirma din ni Padilla na noong Biyernes pa nakipag ugnayan ang militar sa hanay ng MILF ng sa gayon maabisuhan ng mga ito ang kanilang mga tauhan kaugnay isinasagawang operasyon ng militar sa ilang lugar sa Maguindanao.

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## **Sugatan na sundalo at 2 NPA nasa stable na, matapos ang encounter sa ComVal**

By Bombo DavaoPosted in Latest NewsFriday, 12 February 2016 04:02

(Update) DAVAO CITY - Patuloy na ginagamot ngayon pero nasa stable na kondisyon na ang isang sundalo na sugatan sa nangyaring bakbakan sa Brgy. Tagdangua, Pantukan, Compostela Valley.

habang patuloy ding ginamot ang dalawang NPA na nahuli ng mga otoridad.

Ayon kay Captain Rhyen Batchar, tagapagsalita ng 10th ID, tumagal ng 20 minuto ang labanan sa pagitan ng 47th IB at rebelde na ikinasugat ni Cpl. Boskie Carcellar na tinamaan sa dibdib.

Agad naman itong dinala sa Camp Panacan Station Hospital ng Eastern Mindanao Command (Eastmincom) headquarters.

Na-recover sa encounter site ang isang high powered firearm na pagmamay-ari ng mga rebelde.

Agad na naglagay ng checkpoint ang mga kasundaluhan sa posibleng exit point ng mga rebelde.

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Hindi naman sila nabigo dahil lumapit sa kanilang puwesto ang dalawang sugatan na pinaniniwalaang miyembro ng rebelde na isang menor de edad na tinawag sa mga pangalang alyas Dong at isang alyas Dondon na parehong taga-Maco, Comval.

Dinala kaagad ang dalawa sa Pantukan hospital.

Napag-alamang positibong miyembro ng rebelde ang dalawa na nananatili pa ngayon sa hospital.

Sinabi ni Batchar, magdaragdag sila ng tropa sa lugar dahil sa sunod-sunod na encounter ng dalawang grupo sa nakalips na limang araw.

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## **Police, military neutralize 'criminal gang', seize cache of firearms in Negros Oriental**

DUMAGUETE CITY, Feb. 12 (PNA) — Law enforcement authorities have neutralized an alleged criminal gang in southern Negros Oriental, tagged as “Haring Bakal”, and confiscated a cache of firearms following the arrest of its alleged leader and two members.

Two other suspected gang members were not around when the search warrants were served at a hinterland barangay in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental.

Seized Thursday during a joint police and military operation led by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) in Negros Oriental were three homemade 12-gauge shotguns, a cal. 38 homemade revolver, and several rounds of ammunition of different calibers.

Joint elements of the local CIDG headed by Chief Insp. Julius Tuban Garcia, with support from the 79th Infantry Battalion, the Provincial Public Safety Company (PPSC) and the Sta. Catalina police station, served three search warrants in the hinterland barangay of Talalak in Sta. Catalina on Thursday.

The suspected members of the alleged criminal gang were said to be residing in the sub-villages (sitios) of Lo-as, Ondol and Tamlang, several kilometers apart from each other in Barangay Talalak.

It took the operatives more than ten hours to walk on foot to reach the residence of Franco Delicano, 59 years old, married, in Sitio Ondol, who is the alleged leader of the group.

Afterwards, the law enforcers proceeded to Lo-as to serve the search warrant for Edwin dela Cruz, 49 years old, married, and who has a pending warrant of arrest for attempted murder issued by Regional Trial Court Branch 36 Judge Ananson Jayme in Bayawan City, and another search warrant for Herman Cadayday.

Delicano, Dela Cruz and Cadayday were all taken into custody by the law enforcers.

However, the fourth search warrant for Maning Oblemo and Nelson Oblemo was also served but the subjects were not around.

Recovered from the residence of Delicano was one homemade shotgun with magazine, 18 pieces live ammunition of 12 gauge shotgun, one Cal. 38 revolver with four live ammunition and 16 pieces live

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ammunition for cal. 45 pistol. When asked where he placed the Cal. 45 gun, Delicano said it was damaged when test fired.

One homemade shotgun, with one live ammunition, was confiscated from Cadayday. He was accused by his own sister, Lilia, of attempted murder and the suspect in the shooting to death of his nephew Jo-onn Laurente in August of 2014.

The suspects will be charged with violating provisions of RA 10591 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Firearm/Ammunition Regulation Act and Commission on Elections (Comelec) Resolution No. 10015, otherwise known as the Comelec gun ban.

CIDG Negros Oriental officer-in-charge Chief Insp. Garcia said Delicano was a subject of Oplan Paglalansag Omega Salikop.

Dela Cruz, meanwhile, was a subject of Oplan Pagtugis as among the top ten wanted persons in their area of jurisdiction and all of them was part of the One Time Big Time operation of CIDG.

In an interview, Delicano vehemently denied they were members of Haring Bakal group or a private armed group, stressing that he is just an ordinary farmer in the area.

He claimed the shotgun is for self-defense and was not used to kill anybody but wild pigs locally known as "bakatin" in their area.

Delicano, however, disclosed his brother was a member of the rebel New People's Army.

Cadayday on the other hand said they bear arms due to unabated theft of animals and cattle rustling in their barangay and also for self defense.

He is a former member of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPA-ABB).

Garcia said the group has been under surveillance for their alleged involvement in robbery-hold up incidents in the area and for suspicion they belong to a gun-for-hire group that can be utilized as goons in the forthcoming elections. (PNA)

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## **Solon sa AFP/PNP: 'Panghihingi ng permit to campaign ng mga rebelde, aksyunan'**

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Inoobliga ni House committee on suffrage and electoral reforms chairman Fredenil Castro ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) na tuldukan ang pangangikil ng mga rebeldeng grupo para sa permit to campaign at permit to win.

Sinabi ni Castro na hindi sapat na puro salita ang naririnig sa AFP at PNP tungkol sa problemang ito at sa halip, kailangan ng katapat na kongkretong aksyon.

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Kinukondena ng kongresista ang pangingikil na ito ng mga rebeldeng komunista dahil inaalisan nito ng oportunidad ang mga kandidato na kulang sa resources na makapagpakilala sa mga botante, habang inaalisan din ng pagkakataon ang mga botante na makilatis ang mga kandidato.

Inamin ni Castro na siya mismo ay nabiktima na ng permit to campaign ng NPA nitong 2013 elections nang padalhan siya ng sulat ng mga rebelde sa Capiz at hingan ng P300,000 para makapangampanya sa lugar sa kanilang lalawigan na kontrolado ng mga rebelde.

Hindi umano niya binayaran ang hinihinging salapi noon kaya pinagbabaklas ng mga ito ang kaniyang campaign posters at binantaang huwag mangangampanya sa mga lugar na itinakda ng mga ito.

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## **Engine problems cut short Navy resupply-mission in PHL-held features in Spratly**

By Priam F. Nepomuceno

MANILA, Feb. 12 (PNA) – Equipment casualty forced the BRP Laguna (LT-501), one of the Navy's tank landing ship, to cut short its resupply run in Philippine-held features at the Spratly Islands Group.

This was confirmed by Western Command spokesperson Capt. Cheryl Tindog in an interview with the PNA Friday.

"LT-501 (BRP Laguna) left Puerto Princesa (Palawan) last Feb. 4 (for the resupply run). They proceeded (first) to Rizal Detachment (Commodore Reef) and arrived there last Feb. 6," she said.

However, due to bad weather condition in the area, BRP Laguna stayed for two days near Rizal Detachment.

"After two days, the ship was supposed to proceed on her next destination, however, BRP Laguna's main engine number 2 broke down. So they decided to go back to Balabac for repairs and sailed on single engine only. They arrived there last Feb. 10. Usually, they should have arrived in Pagasa Island by this time, if the ship did not sustain engine trouble," Tindog stressed.

It was not immediately known on whether another resupply mission is in the offing following the problems experienced by BRP Laguna.

The Philippines has Marine units deployed in Ayungin Shoal, Pagasa (Thitu) Island, Lawak (Nanshan) Island, Parola (Northeast Cay) Island, Patag (Flat) Island, Kota (Loaita) Island, Rizal (Commodore) Reef, Likas (West York) Island, and Panata (Lankiam Cay) Island. (PNA)  
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