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























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



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Tuguegarao City	 25°C 36°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast	 25°C 36°C	 25°C 36°C	 25°C 36°C	 24°C 35°C	
Laoag City	 25°C 33°C	Light to Moderate: South Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 26°C 33°C	 25°C 33°C	 25°C 34°C	 25°C 33°C	
Baguio City	 17°C 25°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast	 17°C 24°C	 16°C 24°C	 16°C 24°C	 15°C 22°C	
SBMA (Olongapo) / Clark Zone (Angeles City)	 25°C 33°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast Subic Bay: Slight to Moderate	 24°C 33°C	 25°C 33°C	 24°C 33°C	 25°C 33°C	
Tagaytay City	 22°C 30°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast	 22°C 30°C	 23°C 30°C	 22°C 28°C	 21°C 28°C	
Lipa City	 24°C 33°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast	 24°C 33°C	 24°C 32°C	 23°C 30°C	 23°C 30°C	
Legazpi City	 24°C 32°C	Light to Moderate: Southeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25°C 32°C	 24°C 31°C	 25°C 33°C	 26°C 33°C	
Puerto Princesa City	 25°C 32°C	Moderate: Southwest – Southeast Coastal Waters: Moderate	 25°C 33°C	 24°C 32°C	 23°C 31°C	 22°C 30°C	
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Tacloban City	 24°C 31°C	Light to Mod. Southwest – Southeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 24°C 30°C	 23°C 29°C	 24°C 30°C	 25°C 31°C	
Gagayan de Oro City	 24°C 32°C	Light to Moderate: Southwest Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 23°C 32°C	 23°C 31°C	 24°C 31°C	 25°C 32°C	
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Metro Davao	 25°C 32°C	Light to Moderate: Southwest Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25°C 33°C	 25°C 33°C	 25°C 34°C	 25°C 34°C	
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LEGEND:

	Clear skies		Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshowers and/or Thunderstorms		Occasional Rains		Rains with Gusty Winds
	Partly Cloudy Skies		Cloudy skies with Rainshowers and/or Thunderstorms		Monsoon Rains / Rains		Stormy
	Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshowers		Light Rains				

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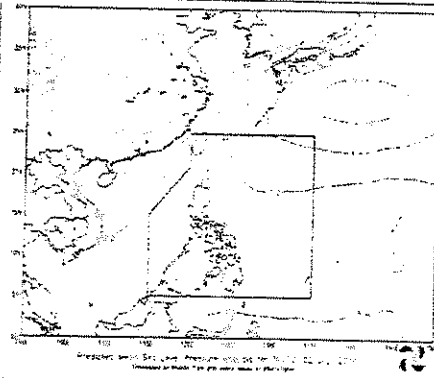
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FORECAST: CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINS AND THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE EXPERIENCED OVER VISAYAS, MINDANAO, BICOL REGION AND MIMAROPA. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS WILL PREVAIL OVER METRO MANILA AND THE REST OF LUZON.

LIGHT TO MODERATE WINDS BLOWING FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST WILL PREVAIL OVER LUZON AND VISAYAS AND COMING FROM THE SOUTHWEST OVER MINDANAO. THE COASTAL WATERS THROUGHOUT THE ARCHIPELAGO WILL BE SLIGHT TO MODERATE.



PAGTAYA: MAULAP NA PAPAIRIN NA MAY MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG MGA PAG-ULAN AT MGA PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG MARARANASAN SA KABISAYAAN, MINDANAO, KABIKULAN AT MIMAROPA. BAHAGYANG MAULAP HANGGANG SA MAULAP NA KALANGITAN NA MAY PULU-PULONG MGA PAG-ULAN O PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG IIRAL SA METRO MANILA AT SA NALALABING BAHAGI NG LUZON.

MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG HANGIN MULA SA TIMOG-KANLURAN HANGGANG SA TIMOG-SILANGAN ANG IIRAL SA LUZON AT KABISAYAAN AT MULA NAMAN SA TIMOG-KANLURAN SA MINDANAO. ANG MGA BAYBAYING DAGAT SA BUONG KAPULUAN AY MAGIGING BANAYAD HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMAN ANG PAG-ALON.

EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY FOR THE 24-HR PERIOD ENDING AT 8:00 PM YESTERDAY AND RECORDED AT PAGASA WEATHER STATION, SCIENCE GARDEN, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY:

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE: 1:00 PM YESTERDAY — 33.5°C	MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 6:00 AM YESTERDAY — 94 %	
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE: 6:00 AM YESTERDAY — 24.5°C	MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 1:00 PM YESTERDAY — 58 %	
TIDAL PREDICTIONS ALONG MANILA BAY (Courtesy of NAMRIA)	OVER METRO MANILA:	
HIGH TIDE TODAY: 7:51 AM 1.21 METER	SUNRISE / SUNSET	MOONRISE / MOONSET AND ILLUMINATION
LOW TIDE TODAY: 3:51 PM 0.13 METER	SUNRISE TODAY: 5:31 AM	MOONSET TODAY: 4:17 PM
HIGH TIDE TODAY: 10:12 PM 0.49 METER	SUNSET TODAY: 6:29 PM	MOONRISE TOMORROW: 4:09 AM
LOW TIDE TOMORROW: 12:12 AM 0.47 METER		ILLUMINATION TOMORROW: 3 %

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'Surrender in 48 hrs or die'

Bato: Crooked cops must quit or fight us

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE NEW Philippine National Police chief yesterday gave police coddlers of drug lords two days to surrender or face the consequences of defying President Duterte's merciless fight against illegal drugs.


"Surrender in 48 hours or die," Director General Ronald "Bato" de la Rosa said in a speech during ceremonies for his assumption of office as the new PNP chief.

President Duterte led the ceremonies, ordering corrupt policemen in a speech to resign, vowing "zero tolerance" for rogue law enforcers, and promising "to die" for those who do their duty honestly.

"I will not run this country with a corrupt police," Mr. Duterte said.

Government officials, lawmakers and diplomats attended the event, held at PNP headquarters in

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CROWNING MOMENT
President Duterte formally installs Director General Ronald "Bato" de la Rosa as the 21st chief of the Philippine National Police on Friday. De la Rosa replaced Director General Ricardo Marquez, who retired from the service on Tuesday.

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'Surrender in 48 hrs or die'

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Camp Crame, Quezon City.

"I will not tolerate, [I will have] zero tolerance for abuses committed by the law enforcement agencies, including the National Bureau of Investigation," the President said.

Indicating he had information about corruption at the top levels in the PNP, Mr. Duterte said there would be a "major revamp."

He said he knew the identities of high-ranking police officials involved in corruption and illegal drugs, and urged them to leave the service immediately.

"You know that I know, we all know, so you better resign. You have no more future in the police," Mr. Duterte said.

It was the first time that Mr. Duterte spoke about corruption in the PNP since he said after his election in May that high-ranking PNP officials in Camp Crame were coddling drug lords.

Director General Ricardo Marquez, the PNP chief who retired on Tuesday, denied Mr. Duterte's claim, but De la Rosa, talking tough like Mr. Duterte yesterday, warned those officials that their days were numbered.

De la Rosa, a former police chief of Davao City whom Mr. Duterte promoted over the heads of several higher-ranking officials in the PNP, warned the alleged coddlers of drug lords in the service, "This has to stop right now or I'll stop you from enjoying your life."

"I promise you, change is coming, including your birthday, which will be changed to Nov. 2."

Nov. 2 is All-Souls' Day.

De la Rosa also gave Manila policemen involved in the illegal drugs trade 48 hours to surrender or leave the service, be "full-time drug lords and fight us."

Company of criminals

Mr. Duterte called on policemen to shun the company of criminals who, he said, like to have their pictures taken with mayors, police and military officials "to build a reputation of invincibility."

"Do that, taint yourselves in the company of known criminals and [crime] syndicates [and] you will be sorry," Mr. Duterte said.



NEW MILITARY CHIEF President Duterte is flanked by newly installed AFP chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya (right) and Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda as they salute the flag at the change of command ceremony on Friday. JOAN BONDOC

He said he would monitor the records of policemen, warning that having been a mayor for 22 years, he knew how policemen broke the rules, like converting gasoline allocations into cash.

Young policemen should build a good track record, he said.

"I will plot your history, your personal history," he added.

Officials transferred to other areas should stop the practice of bringing their own men with them, he said, adding that he knew the purpose of this was to raise money.

Mr. Duterte said he would not countenance the tactic of policemen facing charges of going on absence without leave to get their cases dismissed.

He said these policemen would surface only after they had bargained with the victims or when the victims were already gone then ask the courts to dismiss their cases.

Support for good cops

Mr. Duterte, however, said good policemen could count on him for support.

He said he would stake his life and his presidency to protect policemen who were doing their duty. He also promised to double their salaries and arm them well so they could fight crime more effectively.

"Do not bullshit with me. But do your duty, I will die for you. Do your duty and if in the process you kill 1,000 [criminals], I will protect you," he said.

"And if [lawmakers] try to impeach me, I will hurry up the process and we go out of the service together," he added.

Policemen should not hesi-

tate to shoot suspects who fight back when they are being arrested, Mr. Duterte said.

"If there is resistance that [puts] your life in jeopardy, then by all means shoot and shoot him dead. That is my order," he said.

Praise from Lacson

The President's stand drew praise from Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former PNP chief, who cited his experience with "trumped up harassment charges."

In a statement, Lacson lauded Mr. Duterte's "assurance of legal protection for police personnel who kill criminals in the line of duty."

He said the President's stand was a morale booster for policemen who may think twice before engaging criminals "for fear of being charged."

"Many retired policemen, I'm sure, wish they had served under a Commander in Chief like President Duterte," Lacson said.

Mr. Duterte has been criticized for his crime-fighting methods as the authoritarian mayor of Davao City, and he has been linked to so-called death squads that have killed more than 1,000 criminal suspects in the city.

But he insists he knows the limits of official power and he adheres to the rule of law.

At his inauguration in Malacañang on Thursday, Mr. Duterte said he knew "what is legal and what is not."

"My adherence to due process and rule of law is uncompromising," he said.

At the PNP change of command yesterday, the President said the fight against drugs

should be relentless to prevent drug lords from gaining influence anywhere in the country.

Military must help

Mr. Duterte said even the military should be involved in the fight against drugs.

He cited former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for raising the drug problem to the level of national security.

"So the Armed Forces must pitch in," he said.

If he does not act now, the drug problem may become so big that drug bosses will gain influence all over the country, he said.

Mr. Duterte projected that if the government does not strike hard now, the Philippines could become a narco-state in two to seven years.

Facing the Armed Forces of the Philippines at Camp Aguinaldo yesterday afternoon for the change of command, Mr. Duterte asked military officials to join the hunt for drug lords.

The President railed against convicted drug lords who he said continued to operate in New Bilibid Prison.

"You are embarrassing the government," Mr. Duterte said, referring to the imprisoned drug lords "It's like you're slapping us."

He warned them: "Count the hours. I don't want it to take days."

At the turnover of command Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya replaced acting AFP chief Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda.

The AFP chief of staff, Gen. Hernando Iriberry, retired in April. *With reports from Tarr Quismundo and Julliane Lov de Jesus, Inquirer.net*

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Duterte to PNP: Kill 1,000, I'll protect you

Bato warns bad cops: Nov. 2 will be your new birthday

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Killing a thousand people in the line of duty is justified.

This was the message of President Duterte yesterday to police personnel as he assured them that he has their back in their mission of keeping the public safe.

"Do your duty, and if in the process you kill one thousand persons because you were doing your duty, I will protect you. And if they try to impeach me, I will hurry the process and we will go out of the service together," Duterte said.

He conveyed the message during ceremonies for Director General Roland de la Rosa's

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assumption of command of the Philippine National Police (PNP)

Duterte said he would be ready to die for police and protect them.

"Do not bulls**t me... do your duty, I will die for you," he told the police top brass during the command turnover ceremony held at the PNP headquarters at Camp Crame.

Duterte stressed that the drug menace poses a "clear

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and present danger" that needs to be addressed with the help of the military.

He cited the executive order of former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that raised the threat of narcotics as a national security concern.

Duterte said this is necessary to prevent the country from being run by drug lords, like some countries in South America.

"Where do you find a country, a mayor is inaugurated in the morning and in the afternoon, he is executed? That will not happen, that will not happen during my watch. I said I will be harsh," he said.

Without directly saying he is giving law enforcers a field day to kill drug offenders, Duterte said the killings should be justified – like when the suspects fight it out with lawmen.

If the suspect resists arrest or fights back, Duterte said that constitutes self-defense for the police.

"But for all, about this killing, extrajudicial killing, may I again bring you back to your fundamentals," Duterte said.

"About the only time that a police officer or any civilian for that matter acting in defense for himself or for a

stranger, is that you announce your authority or at least the crime or the wrong that the other guy has committed and will just announce that you are arrested and if you are a civilian you can do that," he added.

Duterte said a policeman is justified to shoot the offender if his life is in danger.

"And if there is a resistance that would place your life in jeopardy, then by all means shoot and shoot him dead. That is my order," he told the policemen led by De la Rosa.

De la Rosa, known by his moniker "Bato" (Rock), found his shoulder boards heavier as he received three more stars yesterday.

De la Rosa was promoted from the rank of chief superintendent – or the equivalent of brigadier general in the military – to director general or full general in the military.

Duterte formally installed De la Rosa as the 21st chief of the PNP.

The PNP leadership said there is no legal impediment in giving De la Rosa the highest police rank as he takes over from Ricardo Marquez, who retired last Tuesday.

Scalawags

Duterte also warned scalawags in the police force that

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FOURTH STAR: President Duterte promotes newly appointed Philippine National Police chief Ronald de la Rosa to director general, a four-star rank, during turnover rites at Camp Crame in Quezon City yesterday.

KIWI BULACLAG

the end is coming.

"Let me tell you now, I will not run this country with a corrupt police. *Mag-aaway tayo diyay* (I will not accept that) and I do not want to demean you or to take anything from you," he said.

Duterte said the PNP will have a major revamp.

He also said he would monitor the careers of all policemen, particularly those involved in illegal activities.

"I said do not mess with me. I am not challenging anybody but do not ever, you know, take it against me because I will really take it against you. You commit crimes then you are charged, you go AWOL,"

he said.

"You better resign, you have no more future in the police."

Duterte also warned against corruption in the police force, mentioning the practice of converting gasoline allocations to cash and doctored liquidation reports.

"So beginning from now, I will not tolerate, zero tolerance, for abuses committed by the law enforcement agencies, including the National Bureau of Investigation," he said.

"Do not do it! Ever, ever again."

He directed all officers, from the regional director down to

precinct commanders, not to use their posts in raising funds.

He also advised police officers against having their pictures taken with people suspected of criminal activities.

"Kindly, most kindly avoid the company. You know these drug lords and a budding criminal would always want to have their pictures taken with the mayor, with the commanders, with the military, with the police, just to build a reputation around him of invincibility," he said. "That's how it is done. I know, you know that I know, and we all know."

Duterte also warned lawmen involved in illegal drugs.

"I know your life story. I know how you handle your work and I know how good you are. But I also know sometimes you can become a bad boy in the organization so beginning from now, I will not tolerate, zero tolerance for abuses committed by the law enforcement agencies," Duterte said.

Slip of tongue

Barely 24 hours into office, Duterte could not avoid cursing during his two public appearances since he was sworn into office on Thursday.

Duterte was unable to stop himself from saying "p*** mo" in Filipino as he emphasized his frustration over how ram-

nant drug use has affected the nation.

There were times that he also slowed down in the middle of his speech, obviously to prevent himself from cussing.

He also told policemen not to "bulls**t" him in his campaign against illegal drugs.

The President cursed during his speech at the Solidarity Dinner with the Poor held at the Delpan Sports Complex in Tondo, Manila the other night.

Duterte earned a few laughs when he merely nodded after the leader of the troops saluted after the welcoming honors at the PNP rites yesterday.

Nocturnal by nature, Duterte was able to attend early morning schedules—first during his own inauguration—and then the turnover ceremonies with the police. The events preceded command conferences with his top military and police officials.

During the campaign, the President explained that the media should not take his statements hook, line and sinker.

"You judge me, not by the cuss words, epithets and curses that you hear. Judge me for what I stand for, the values that I hold dear," he was quoted as saying. — Giovanni Nilles, Cecille Suerte Felipe

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NPA leader falls

BACOLOD CITY-- Joint police and military operatives arrested a New People's Army leader in Siaton, Negros Oriental on Wednesday night.

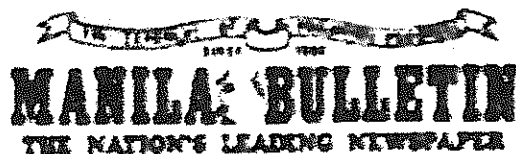
Marilyn Badayos, 47, with aliases of Aling Mita and Jong, was collared at a checkpoint in Barangay Bondoc in Dumaguete City.

Senior Superintendent Harris Fama, Negros Oriental police acting director, said Badayos is the secretary of the South East Front-Komite Rehiyonal-Negros.

Badayos is tagged in the killing of Pfc. Marlon Lanes on July 4, 2014. She is also a suspect in the ambush of two police officers in Candori town on Feb. 18.

– Danny Dangcalan

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Woman NPA leader arrested in Negros

By **TARA YAP**

ILOILO CITY – A female leader of the New People's Army (NPA) was arrested in Siaton, Negros Oriental.

Lieutenant Colonel Ray Tiong-

son, chief spokesman of the Philippine Army's 3rd Infantry Division (3ID), identified the arrested NPA leader as Marilyn Badayos, alias "Mita."

Joint forces of the Police Regional Office (PRO-Negros Island Region) and 3ID nabbed Badayos last Wednesday, June 29, 2016 while she was en route to Dumaguete City aboard a motorcycle.

There was a warrant of arrest against Badayos for her alleged involvement in the death of Private First Class Marlon Lanes.

The soldier, who was with the 79th Infantry Battalion (79 IB) was shot and killed in Bais City during a July 2014 sniping incident.

Colonel Francisco Delfin, commander of the 303rd Infantry Brigade (303 IB), disclosed that ex-NPA rebels identified Badayos as the leader of several attacks against soldiers, cops and civilians in Negros Island.

Badayos allegedly had a hand in the ambush of police officers in Candoni, Negros Occidental last February 18, 2016 which led to the demise of Police Officer 3 Joe Harry Peralta and Police Officer 1 Henry Pacheco.

The 3ID also linked Badayos' NPA-led group to the deaths of 12 civilians and members of Citizens Armed Geographical Unit (CAF-GU) in Negros Island.

Badayos is also allegedly behind various extortion activities, particularly forcing local businesses to pay revolutionary taxes.

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EDUCATION IN A SHOEBOX – Army officers distribute Shoebox 'Aral Kits,' which contain school supplies and slippers to Kindergarten students during a simple ceremony Thursday at the Advance Command Post of the Army's Fourth Infantry (Diamond) Division in Barangay Bancasi, Butuan City. (Mike U. Crismundo)

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NPA leader nadakip sa Negros

ILOILO CITY – Nadakip ng mga tropa ng gobyerno ang isang ba-baeng leader ng New People's Army (NPA) sa Siaton, Negros Oriental, noong Miyerkules ng gabi.

Kinilala ni Lieutenant Colonel Ray Tiongson, chief spokesman ng Philippine Army's 3rd Infantry Division (3ID), ang nadakip na si Marilyn Badayos, alias "Mita."

Naaresto si Badayos ng mga elemento ng Police Regional Office (PRO-Negros Island Region) at 3ID habang patungong Dumaguete City sakay ng motorsiklo.

Napag-alaman na may arrest warrant na ipinalabas ang korte laban kay Badayos dahil umano sa kanyang pagkakasangkot sa pagpatay kay Private First Class Marlon Lanes.

Si Lanes ay nakatalaga sa 79th Infantry Battalion (79 IB) nang siya'y mabari at mapatay sa Bais City noong July 2014.

Ayon kay Colonel Francisco Delfin, commander ng 303rd Infantry Brigade (303 IB), itinuro ng mga ex-NPA rebels si Badayos na siyang namuno sa pag-atake sa mga sundalo, pulis at mga sibilyan sa Negros Island. **(Tara Yap)**

ASG seizes 6-year-old boy

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Armed men believed to be members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) kidnapped a six-year-old boy in front of an elementary school in Patikul, Sulu, shortly before noon Thursday.

Police in Sulu identified the boy as Santino Espino, 6, a Grade 1 pupil of Don Jose Godinez Elementary School located in Barangay Latih, Patikul.

The report said four armed men appeared from behind and took the boy to their service vehicle and sped off towards Barangay Latih in

the same town.

The incident took place at about 11:15 a.m. while the boy and his mother were about to leave the school for a noon break.

Police and military authorities immediately conducted hot pursuit operations to recover the boy from the suspects.

According to the police, the suspects have not contacted yet the family of the boy to relay their demand for the safe release of the young Espino. **(Nonoy E. Lacson)**

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Operation vs Sayyaf patuloy

SULU — Patuloy ang operasyon kahapon ng militar kontra Abu Sayyaf sa lalawigan ng Sulu kasabay nang pormal na pag-upo ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, ngunit wala pang linaw kung maililigtas ba ng mga awtoridad ang mga dayuhang bihag ng notoryosong grupo.

Hawak ng Abu Sayyaf ang 7 Indonesian crew ng tugboat Charles, gayundin ang isang Norwegian, isang Dutch at isang Hapon. sa nasabing lalawigan na bahagi ng Mus-

lim autonomous region sa Mindanao.

Sinabi naman ni Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi na base sa

kanyang importasyon ay nasa maayos na kalagayan ang 7 nationals nila, ngunit madalas umanong nagpapalit-palit ng taguan ang Abu Sayyaf upang hindi matunton ng militar.

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umano ni Abu Sayyaf sub-leader Alhabi Misaya ang mga Indonesian hostages na may P20 milyong ransom. (Al Jacinto)



Todo alerto ang mga armadong sundalo habang bumibili ng tubig sa isang village sa Jolo. Sulu na ku-
ta ng Abu Sayyaf. (Al Jacinto)

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Duterte, Robredo meet finally

By RAYMUND F. ANTONIO

Finally, they met.

President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Vice President Ma. Leonor "Leni" G. Robredo shared the same stage, shook hands, and exchanged pleasantries at the change of command ceremony of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, yesterday.

In his first speech before the military as Commander-in-Chief, Duterte afforded Robredo first mention in his salutation and drew a smile from his lady Vice President as if "breaking the ice."

"This is my first time to meet you personally. I would have preferred to be seated beside you but nandiyan si Defense (Secretary Delfin Lorenzana)," Duterte said, drawing applause and laughter.

Later, Robredo described her meeting

with Duterte, however brief, as "cordial," but she did take the chance to ask him if she can set a schedule for a courtesy visit to Malacañang.

"Pagbalik ko siguro sa office iyon ang aasikasuhin ko na makapag-set kami ng meeting (When I return to my office, I will attend to that matter of arranging a meeting with him)," she said.

The two highest leaders of the country held separate inauguration ceremonies last Thursday with Duterte swearing in at Malacañang in Manila in the afternoon and Robredo at the Quezon City Reception House in QC in the morning.

Neither of them attended each other's inauguration rites after it was reported that a supposed meeting between Duterte and Robredo set in Davao City before June 30, never materialized.

Top-level miscommunication

Yesterday, the Office of Vice President

(OVP) released a statement that there was no consultation about her supposed meeting with Duterte before their scheduled inaugurations.

"Hindi ho kami nakonsulta sa schedule noong meeting. (We were not consulted on the schedule of the meeting)," said Georgina Hernandez, spokesperson of Robredo, adding that the newly elected VP had a previous engagement set in Japan on the day of the supposed meeting in Davao.

Special Assistant to the President Christopher Go was quoted as saying the two were supposed to meet, but Robredo had backed out.

"So hindi hard to get. Pumayag eh. (So he is not hard to get. He agreed)," said Go as he referred to Duterte, who was according to Robredo was reportedly hard to get.

Hernandez, however, disowned such statement from Robredo.

Ping: Give Leni a job

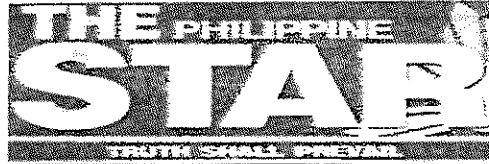
Meanwhile, Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson sought yesterday an appropriate government position for Robredo under the Duterte administration.

"It would be better if she's given a post that can make use of her talent and motivation to help President Duterte's administration fulfill their promise to the people. I have no doubt that VP Leni's heart is in the right place in this regard," Lacson said.

If given a job to do, Robredo could boost the efforts of the new President to fulfill his promise to the people, Lacson said.

Earlier reports indicated Robredo is planning to pursue anti-poverty and pro-women advocacies as Vice President, even if she has not been given a Cabinet post. (With reports from Elena L. Aben, PNA, and Mario B. Casayuran)

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Rody wants peace, not war

By GIOVANNI NILLES

President Duterte yesterday said that his first job as an elected leader and commander-in-chief is not to go to war but to bring peace to the land.

During his speech after military honors given to him by the Armed Forces of the Philippines, he said he has been busy going around and talking with many sectors to bring peace to the country.

"So, even before I was proclaimed, before the assumption of office, I was busy going around Mindanao and talking to a lot of people to bring about peace in our land. I started with the Left and with the NPA (New People's Army), and we got a favorable answer from the leaders, including Jose Ma. Sison (founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines)," said Duterte.

He recounted that, in the 1970s, he used to listen to Sison talk about revolution.

"I was then in the AB, and half of it, well, of course, at the College of Law. And I am now 71 years old and the communist party is still talking of a revolution. So, I asked them what they really wanted. I was a student then. I am now a grandfather and I even become a President. I don't know really why you have to supply the answer. Maybe president (Fidel) Ramos can give us an idea," Duterte said.

Aside from talking with the communist rebels, he also talked with representatives of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

He added that he also asked his friend, MNLF founder Nur Misuari, if the fighting between the rebel forces and the government would continue.

"My job is to bring peace. My job is to talk to the enemies of the state, to the Communist Party of the Philippines, to the MILF, and to the men, and see if I could make a difference in our lives," Duterte also said.

Duterte said that he still has not included the Abu Sayyaf group in the government's campaign against criminality, pointing out that the issue is closely related to the issue of Mindanao.

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Duterte to drug lords: Count your hours, eat your supply

By ELENA L. ABEN

On his first day at work, President Duterte issued a new warning against drug lords. If before he gave them days to reform and stop their illegal activities, this time Duterte told them to "count the hours" signaling the end of their reign.

"We will eliminate the drug lords once and for all. We have to stop this practice sa Bilibid (New Bilibid Prison). Give up or eat your supply (drugs). I've already lost my patience. I arrested you in Davao because you were cooking shabu, but I did not kill you because human rights (advocates) will protest. After your conviction, you were taken to Muntinlupa. But instead, you cooked shabu inside (prison)." Duterte said in disbelief and exasperation in his speech during the turnover

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ceremony of the AFP Chief of Staff in Camp Aguinaldo yesterday afternoon. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya assumed as the new military chief yesterday.

The tough-talking Commander-in-Chief said, "we can only take so much insult. Ako ay nasusuka na."

What is certain he said is "there is always a time for everything. There is always time for you to make money and make a mockery of our laws. There is always a time to be in control even when you are inside. But there is always a time to rest and to die. That is the reality of life. I am not threatening you. I am just telling you," he reminded the drug lords who reportedly offered a huge bounty for Duterte.

"Where can you find a government where trafficking of drugs is being controlled inside the Bilibid prison? Only here. And it's a slap on our face, many times," he said.

Because of this, Duterte did not mince words as he declared: "I'm warning them there. They have TVs there... You count your days. You are shaming the government, you are slapping us in the face. Count hours, not days!"

"I have no tolerance for drugs, zero... we will eliminate the drug lords, once and for all. We have to stop this practice in the Bilibid," he further stressed.

"The drugs must be suppressed if it cannot be eliminated. For as long as the greed for money is there the very corrosive effect of money has an impact on our society. There are a lot of people using it. Before, they (drug peddlers) were just in the rural areas. Now they have reached the hinterlands. They are getting the carabaos, chickens, pigs... Well, the NPA is listening anyway. What if your kangaroo court just kill (those drug peddlers who go to the mountains) so that the solution to this problem will be quicker," he said.

"Anyway, if you encounter that, it's always a crime committed in your presence... just finish them off in the mountains. You are not doing anything there, anyway. There is a slowdown in the fighting," he added.

Because of the serious problem about drugs, Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre said the government is considering to build an island prison facility like America's Alcatraz to house

imprisoned drug lords.

In the meantime, Aguirre said high-profile inmates will continue to be housed at Building 14 of the NBP despite complaints from its inmates who wanted to be returned to the general prison population. Building 14 has been designated by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to accommodate high profile inmates of the NBP following initial raids that resulted in the discovery of contrabands including illegal drugs and weapons.

To address their complaints, Aguirre said that the government is also looking into the possibility of housing them in the military's Camp Aguinaldo or in Tanay, Rizal.

Meanwhile, Visaya said the military will help the police in its anti-drugs operations.

Visaya said the military will be unrelenting in their military operations against terrorist groups like the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and all its allied terrorist cells.

"We will realign military resources to their identified bailiwicks and sanctuaries and apply our military strength to suppress them, hunt them down and finish them," Visaya said. (With reports from Jeffrey Damicog and Francis Wakefield)

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ASG wants to dialogue with Dureza

By **NONOY E. LACSON**

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Ranking leaders of the Abu Sayyaf bandits holding captive Norwegian national Kjartan Sekkingstad want to talk with Presiden-

tial Peace Adviser lawyer Jesus Dureza to discuss issues prior to releasing Sekkingstad from their mountain lair.

Abu Rami, the self-proclaimed spokesman of the bandits aired the group's request at

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noon yesterday during the Zamboanga-Basilan Connection program over RMN-DxRZ radio here.

The spokesman said they have long wanted to talk with Dureza about issues concerning the group which apparently where ignored in the past before releasing Sekkingstad.

The group is reportedly "waiting for some individuals or group of individuals" within the week "to negotiate" with them for the release of Sekkingstad.

Abu Rami also allowed Sekkingstad to talk on radio and air his plea to both Philippine and Norwegian governments.

"I strongly appeal and ask for help from the Philippine government and from the Norwegian government, for as you know the amount they are asking is more than the amount my family can manage to established."

Weak but OK

Sekkingstad said he has been in captivity for the past nine months and "I hope someone can help me get out and get my freedom back. They are demanding ₱300 million for my release."

"I would like to appeal to the Norwegian government and also to the Filipino government, the new president Mr. Duterte. Please help me get out of here because its very dangerous in here to stay,"

Sekkingstad pleaded.

"I got in touch with my family in Norway and I asked them to put up the demand but there is no way my the family can post the demand," he said in a weak voice.

He said he is the only captive left with the ASG who are constantly on the move to avoid government troops

"They are giving me rice and fish or whatever is available food they have. I am not treated like a slave. I am tired but am OK, weak but am okay and we are changing location frequently," he said.

A text message sent by the bandits to a staff of the radio station read: "Hindi na kami mag ultimatum. Ideretso namin pugutan ng ulo pag wala kaming matanggap nito dalawang araw, negotiator for our demand."

The ASG released their Filipina captive Marites Flor last June 23 in Sulu province. Dureza said he negotiated for the release of Flor on behalf of President Duterte. Dureza said no ransom was paid but the ASG said they released Flor in exchange for ₱20 million.

Flor and Sekkingstad were among four hostages taken by armed men from Samal Island and brought to the jungles of Sulu. Two of the Canadian hostages were beheaded a month apart.

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Duterte to NPAs: Carry out executions

By Mario J. Mallari and Ted Tuvera

President Duterte yesterday urged communist rebels to start killing drug traffickers, adding another layer to a controversial war on crime in which he has warned thousands will die.

In his inauguration speech last Thursday, he insisted his adherence to the rule of law was "uncompromising," apparently seeking to assuage concerns from human rights groups that he planned to orchestrate mass extrajudicial killings.

Duterte, however, yesterday called on communist rebels to hold their own guerrilla court hearings and then carry out executions.

"Drugs have reached the hinterlands... what if you use your kangaroo courts to kill them to speed up the solution to our problem," Duterte, a lawyer and former city prosecutor, said in a speech before the military's top brass in Camp Aguinaldo.

The communists' armed wing, the 4,000-strong New People's Army (NPA), is known for assassinating civilians deemed to have committed so-called crimes against the people.

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But its courts and summary executions are illegal.

In a late-night speech last Thursday in Tondo attended by only a few journalists, Duterte called on ordinary Filipinos to kill drug addicts, which is also illegal.

"If you know of any addicts, go ahead and kill them yourself," Duterte told a crowd of about 500 persons.

Duterte also vowed to kill drug traffickers, using foul language he promised in recent weeks to "tone down" as President.

"These sons of whores are destroying our children. I warn you, don't go into that, even if you're a policeman, because I will really kill you," said Duterte.

Before dawn on Friday a bullet-riddled body was found in a Manila slum with a sign on it saying: "I am a Chinese drug lord," police said.

The murder bore all the hallmarks of an extrajudicial killing, which would make it the first of Duterte's presidency.

Manila Police district deputy director for operations Marcelino Pedrosa told *Agence France Presse* that the death was being considered a summary execution because the

victim was apparently killed due to alleged involvement in drugs. He said there were no suspects.

With Duterte's encouragement, police had already killed dozens of alleged or suspected drug traffickers between his May 9 election victory and Thursday's inauguration.

'Zero tolerance'

Duterte also issued another stern warning to wayward police as he yesterday installed Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Ronald "Bato" de la Rosa and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Ricardo Visaya during successive ceremonies in Camp Crame and Camp Aguinaldo, respectively.

In his messages, Duterte reiterated his directive for the PNP and AFP to work together in addressing criminality, particularly the proliferation of illegal drugs.

Duterte vowed to give his all-out support to police and military in fighting crimes.

"I will provide funds, weapons needed to fight criminality, particularly drugs. We might not be able to stop in in time within six months, maybe in six months and one day it's finished," said Duterte.

"Do your duty...and I will protect you," he added.

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Duterte said there would be “zero tolerance, for abuses committed by the law enforcement agencies.”

“I will not run this country with a corrupt police,” he stressed.

Duterte said he won by six million votes in the last May national elections carrying the message of defeating criminality and corruption.

“I told Bato ‘we should not let our people down,’” he added.

According to him, the AFP will have to assist the PNP in addressing criminality and illegal drugs.

At the same time, Duterte said he will allow Visaya to form a Board of Generals (BOG) that will be in charge of the promotions and assignments of senior officials.

During the previous administrations, there were allegations of favoritism in the promotion system as generals loyal to those in Malacañang were given juicy positions both in the PNP and AFP.

“I will not entertain... I will not interfere in promotions and assignments,” said Duterte.

The Commander in Chief, however, said De la Rosa and Visaya should be accountable for their subordinates.

For his part, Visaya said the military will relentlessly pursue the terrorist Abu Sayyaf group in compliance to Duterte’s directive.

“We will be unrelenting in our focused military operations against terrorist groups like the Abu Sayyaf group and all its allied terrorist cells,” he stressed.

“We will realign military resources to their identified bailiwicks and sanctuaries and apply our military strength to suppress them, hunt them down and finish them,” he vowed.

Visaya reiterated his plan to operate against the ASG “24/7.”

At the same time, Visaya said the military will support PNP law enforcement operations to eliminate criminality.

Duterte arrived in Camp Crame at exactly 9:45 a.m. After installing Dela Rosa, the President attended a command conference where “Oplan Double Barrel” – an all-out campaign plan against big-time and street-level drug peddlers, was presented.

Around 1:19 p.m., Duterte arrived in Camp Aguinaldo to install Visaya, a member of the PMA “Matikas” Class of 1983.

A command conference also followed Visaya’s installation.

Duterte meets Robredo

For the first time, Duterte also acknowledged Vice President Leni Robredo when they met for the first time during yesterday’s change of command ceremony in Camp Aguinaldo.

The two were guests at the installation of Visaya as chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines vice Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda, incumbent AFP Vice Chief of Staff, who served as acting AFP chief since April.

Duterte opened his remarks by greeting Robredo “the Vice President Leni Robredo.”

“This is my first time to meet you personally. I would have preferred to be seated beside you but Defense (Secretary Lorenzana) is there,” Duterte said in jest during his speech.

Robredo responded by smiling at the President.

Duterte and Robredo were seen having a brief chat after the formal ceremonies.

In a chance interview, Robredo said the talks were “very cordial.”

“I asked his permission if I could set a schedule or courtesy visit, so when I come back to the office, we would set a meeting,” she told reporters.

“He said I could come anytime,” the Vice President said.

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Visaya says change will be felt in drive vs crime, terror

LT. GEN. Ricardo Visaya, newly-installed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff, said change would be felt by the way the military conduct internal security and territorial defense operations and the manner it will assist law enforcement agencies in their fight against terrorism, drugs, and criminalities.

At the same time, while promising to be hard on terrorists and criminals, Visaya said the AFP will continue to embark on a people-centered approach as it involves various rebel factions in the new government's aim towards nation building.

"We will support the expanded peace process with rebel groups and participate in consensus-building so we can already proceed forward in unity and harmony with our fellow Filipino citizens," Visaya said in his acceptance speech during a change of command ceremony at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on Friday.

"Our impact in far-flung communities and even in urban centers will be felt as we gear for peace as we shun hatred and fear, and as we slowly break down the barriers of animosity and bigotry that have gripped our nation for decades," Visaya added.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy PMA Class of 1983, Visaya assumed the command of the 125,000-strong AFP, replacing Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda who was appointed acting AFP chief by former President Benigno Aquino 3rd following the retirement of Gen. Hernando Inberri in April this year.

Visaya said the military will be unrelenting in focused military operations against terrorist groups like the Abu Sayyaf Group and all its allied terrorist cells.

"We will realign military resour-

es to their identified bailiwicks and sanctuaries and apply our military strength to suppress them, hunt them down and finish them. We will continue to apply the full force of the law 24/7 to go after these criminals and profit-seeking elements who operate under the guise of religious fervor and holy war," Visaya pointed out.

To realize this, he said the AFP will rethink its armament acquisition program to further beef up its capacity and capability to search and engage rouge and lawless elements.

"Over and above our role to run after the terrorists, we will also intensify our support to law enforcement agencies, particularly the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in their mission to eliminate widespread criminality and the wanton destruction of lives brought about by the spread and use of illegal drugs," he said.

According to the AFP chief, the same advocacy will be implemented within the military ranks by continuously weeding out scalawags who use drugs and have links with illegal groups and activities.

"Then we will proceed to build alliances with our counterparts to bring down syndicates and other organized crime groups," he added.

On the issue of territorial defense, Visaya said the military will abide by the political, legal and democratic processes to settle the issue and support national policy to strengthen the country's position in the regional and global area.

"The AFP will rationalize our relationship with our allies in order to strengthen our military ties with them while at the same time prioritize the interest of our force and our nation," he said.

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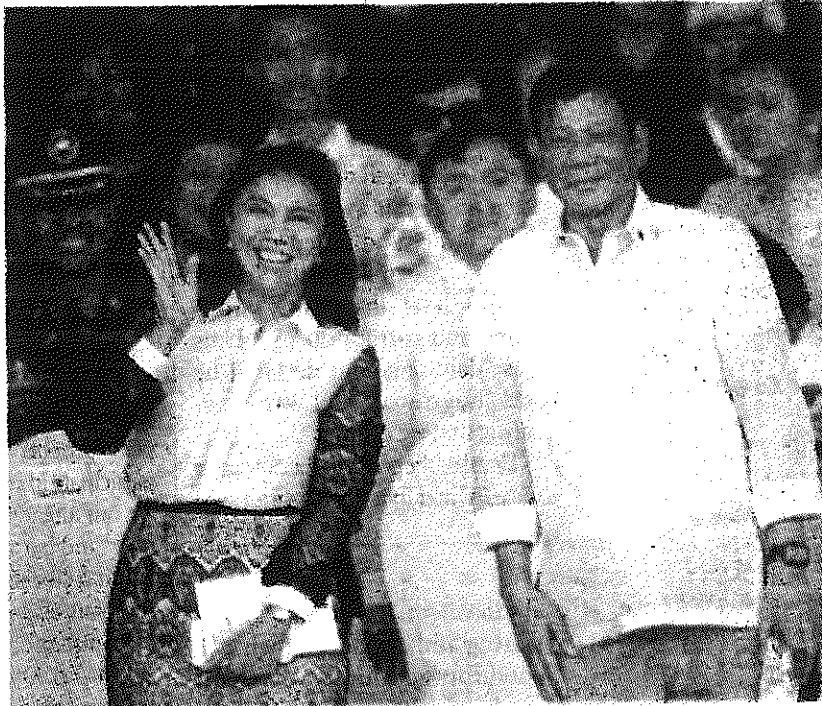
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Duterte, Robredo meet

VICE President Leni Robredo and President Rodrigo Duterte greeted each other in what she described as a "cordial" meeting at the military turnover ceremonies on Friday, finally breaking the ice that formed during a bitter election campaign.

After receiving full military honors, Duterte walked to his seat and shook hands with Robredo, even offering her the coconut juice he was about to drink. Robredo, all smiles, politely declined.

The turnover rites took place at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, a day after the two took their oaths of office in separate ceremonies. Duterte held his inauguration at the

'CORDIAL MEETING' A beaming Vice President Maria Leonor 'Leni' Robredo waves to the crowd as she is photographed with President Rodrigo Duterte. For the first time since winning the May 9 polls, the two met during turnover ceremonies for new Armed Forces chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City. AFP PHOTO

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Malacañang presidential palace while Robredo took her oath at the infamous "Boracay Mansion," now the Quezon City reception house.

In his remarks, Duterte said he would have preferred to be beside Robredo at the grandstand, but Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana was seated between them.

Duterte and Robredo have yet to talk about the new government since winning the polls, indicating a cold relationship between the two highest officials of the land who come from warring political parties.

After the brief encounter, Robredo

told reporters that Duterte agreed to have a formal meeting soon.

"Very cordial *yung* meeting. *Nagpaalam ako sa kanya [Duterte] kung pwede akong magpa-set ng schedule* or a courtesy visit, *sabi niya naman, 'Anytime,' so pagbalik ko siguro sa office, 'yun 'yung aasikasuhin ko na makapag-set kami ng ganoong meeting* [I asked for his permission if I can schedule a courtesy visit. He told me, 'Anytime.' So when I return to my office, I will work to set that meeting]," the Vice President said.

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'Iron-hand policy won't solve Sayyaf problem'

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SULU: Amid continued speculation on whether martial law remains an option for the Duterte government in fighting the Abu Sayyaf insurgency, former Sulu Vice Governor Sakur Tan said an iron-hand policy alone will not help solve the kidnappings and criminality problem in the province.

Instead, Tan said peace and development efforts are also needed to address the threats posed by the Abu Sayyaf and other criminal groups.

Tan, who was with Duterte in Davao City recently, said he personally heard how passionate the President was about the changes he wants to see in the country, and how angry he was—as he had always been—about the evils of drugs and criminality. And Duterte is deadly serious about it, Tan observed.

"We in Sulu have to attune ourselves to the dare and challenge of the new President if only to take them as opportunities to mend the new damages done to the image of our province because of incidences of kidnapping, the drug trade and other criminal activities by a few in our midst. No one can block the wave of changes," Tan said.

"The imposition of martial law by the new leadership is being considered in areas known to be lairs of kidnap-for-ransom and other armed groups. We are of the opinion that we should tread light



ON PATROL Government troops in a military convoy pass a village in Jolo town in the southern Philippine province of Sulu where security forces are battling Abu Sayyaf bandits holding seven kidnapped Indonesians, a Norwegian, a Dutchman and a Japanese. PHOTO BY AL JACINTO

and with utmost care on the matter of imposing martial law. Even the mere mention of it reawakens the stigma of the bygone era more than four decades ago. Many us personally experienced that dark episode which was punctuated by abuses of the military authorities, and ignited a devastating and destructive rebellion," he added.

Tan said that if and when martial law is imposed as the only option left to take, then it must be well-defined and limited only to target areas. The emergency powers, he said, that goes with it should not be intrusive on the civil rights of the people and should maintain, protect and respect the mandate of the duly-elected local government.

"We will not get in the way of the law against those who are proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt whatever their positions in the government or stature in society may be," Tan, who supported Duterte's presidency in the elections, said.

He stressed that incidences of criminality cannot find solution in an iron-hand policy alone. The causes of such crimes and the emergence of armed groups trad-

ing in what has been termed as a "thriving industry" of kidnapping and drug trade, Tan said, should be seriously looked into.

He said there should be parallel actions by the national government to the military operations and law enforcement, in the form of social, economic and livelihood programs, and the necessary infrastructures that are basic and prerequisites in nation-building such as roads, schools and hospitals, seaports, post-harvest facilities and so forth.

Tan said on hindsight, that if the huge allocations to the region were prudently and diligently spent for which they were earmarked, development would have served as a formidable deterrent to any form of adventurism from any group.

"We take exception to the tirades of some sectors that the proliferation of crimes, specifically the kidnappings, as indicative of the failure of local governance. The local government is not in the chain of command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police where competency lies in the maintaining peace and order. People should not be barking up the wrong tree

and instead let those who are mandated with responsibilities do so with due diligence and they should be held to account for any dereliction of duties and tasks," Tan declared.

"We have always maintained the position that law enforcement operations, to be more effective, should entail the involvement of the community and local leaders. It is not fair to pass judgment that local leaders and the people in the communities are coddling criminals and in one way or the other alleged to be committing the crimes themselves. We must bear in mind that this outlook is not healthy and may aggravate the situation further and ignite the flame of resistance against the authorities. The peace-loving and the exponents of the rule of law are still in the majority. Where will true justice be if we bundle the good and the bad together and judge the entire province to be in cahoots with criminals? Let the law take its course and do not let the innocent be the collateral damage to over-zealousness or self-agenda of some players in the field," he added.

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Duterte urges communists to kill criminals

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday urged communist rebels to start killing drug traffickers, adding another layer to a controversial war on crime in which he has warned thousands will die.

Duterte won May's election in a landslide after a campaign dominated by his pledge to end crime within six months, promising to do so by unleashing security forces with shoot-to-kill orders.

In his inauguration speech on Thursday, Duterte insisted his adherence to the rule of law was "uncompromising", apparently seeking to assuage concerns from human rights groups that he planned to orchestrate mass extrajudicial killings.

But on Friday, Duterte called on communist rebels waging one of Asia's longest insurgencies to hold their own guerrilla court hearings and then carry out executions.

"Drugs have reached the hinterlands... what if you use your kangaroo courts to kill them to speed up the solution to our problem," Duterte, a lawyer and former city prosecutor, said in

a speech before the military's top brass in Manila.

The communists' armed wing, the 4,000-strong New People's Army, is known for assassinating civilians deemed to have committed so-called crimes against the people.

However its courts and summary executions are illegal.

In a late-night speech on Thursday to a slum community in Manila attended by only a few journalists, Duterte called on ordinary Filipinos to kill drug addicts, which is also illegal.

"If you know of any addicts, go ahead and kill them yourself," Duterte told a crowd of about 500 people.

Duterte also vowed to kill drug traffickers, using foul language he promised in recent weeks to "tone down" as president.

"These sons of whores are destroying our children. I warn you, don't go into that, even if you're a policeman, because I will really kill you," said Duterte, 71.

A former mayor of the southern city of Davao, Duterte had alternately denied and confirmed running death squads there

that summarily executed suspected criminals.

Human rights groups say the squads -- made up of local police, former communist rebels and hired assassins -- have killed more than 1,000 people.

Bullet-riddled body

Amnesty International said Friday it is encouraged by Duterte's inauguration pledge to honour the country's obligations under international law.

"But now he is in power, he needs to lend substance to those words and break with his earlier rhetoric," Rafendi Djamin, the rights group's director for South East Asia and the Pacific said in a statement.

Before dawn on Friday a bullet-riddled body was found in a Manila slum with a sign on it that read: "I am a Chinese drug lord," local police said.

The murder bore all the hallmarks of an extrajudicial killing, which would make it the first of Duterte's presidency.

Manila police district deputy director for operations Marcelino Pedroso

told AFP the death was being considered a summary execution because the victim was apparently killed due to alleged involvement in drugs. He said there were no suspects.

With Duterte's encouragement, police had already killed dozens of alleged or suspected drug traffickers in the time between his May 9 election victory and Thursday's inauguration.

New Philippine police chief Ronald Dela Rosa on Friday accused unnamed officers of trafficking drugs they had confiscated in anti-narcotics raids, and ordered them to turn themselves in by Sunday.

"I'm giving you 48 hours to voluntarily surrender to me," he said in a speech.

"This has to stop right now or I will stop you from enjoying your evil life."

Meanwhile at least 300 officers in several Manila police precincts underwent surprise urine tests Friday to check if they had been using illegal drugs, an AFP photographer on the scene said.

The results were not immediately known. AFP

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'I WILL NOT TOLERATE ABUSES' – DUTERTE

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PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte on Friday warned erring policemen and soldiers, including members of other law enforcement agencies such as the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), that he would not tolerate abuses, saying he would personally track their records during his term in office.

Speaking during turnover ceremonies for new Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Ronaldo "Bato" de la Rosa, Duterte also declared that corrupt police generals and their minions "have no more future" in the force. He also warned them not to associate with known criminals.

"So beginning from now, I will not tolerate, zero tolerance, for abuses committed by the law enforcement agencies including the National Bureau of Investigation. Kindly, most kindly avoid the company [of criminals]... do that taint yourselves in the company of known criminals and criminal syndicates. You will be sorry," the President said.

He noted that it was common practice for drug lords and other criminals to rub elbows with top officials in government to project an air of "invincibility."

Duterte said he would be unable to perform his mandate effectively if law enforcers, especially policemen, were into various corrupt practices.

"Let me tell you now, I will not run this country with a corrupt police. *Mag-aaway tayo diyay* [We will quarrel] and I do not want to demean you or to take anything from you," he said.

Duterte, however, said his job

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'I will not tolerate abuses' – Duterte

would be easier with an executive order issued by former president and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that raised to the level of a threat to national security the drug menace.

"So, the Armed Forces must pitch in. You have to help," he told the officers of the military present.

Electronic tracking

The President said he would track electronically the records of law enforcers, particularly those involved in crimes. "And I would know ... the generals who are tainted with corruption and drugs ... you better resign," he added.

Before taking office, Duterte said at least three police generals were involved in the illegal drug trade, and warned them to leave the police service immediately.

According to the President, he had knowledge of prevalent corruption in the PNP, including the conversion of gasoline rations into cash. He also pointed to the practice of officials bringing along a few police officers as bagmen when sent to new assignments.

"There is a practice among you that if you are assigned to another station or assignment, you bring along two or three, four, and they are there with you, no assignments except to raise money. To give to the precinct commander, to give to

the regional director and up. I know that," he said.

No board of generals

Because of corruption in the PNP, Duterte noted, he would do away with the PNP Board of Generals until the organization has been fully reformed. The board selects and approves key assignments and promotions in the PNP.

In the case of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, he said the practice would be allowed.

"I am ready for the Army but for the police I am very sorry, I do not want to return to that Board of Generals until is a reformation in the organization... After six years, [there should be] enforcement, law abiding, God-fearing and only doing what is good for the country, then you can have anything back including the Board of Generals. In the meantime, no such thing," Duterte added.

For his parting words, the new President told de la Rosa: "*Huwag tayong mapahiya sa Pilipino* [Let's not be an embarrassment to the Filipino] ... I will protect you in all of your undertakings, adventures, as a law enforcement guy, I will be there to protect you. I will provide you the funds. I will provide the weapons needed to fight criminality, particularly drugs."

He said he might not be able to stop crime on his sixth month in office, "[b]ut certainly after six months and one day, matapos na sana lahat [I [everything would be finished]," Duterte said.

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Dela Rosa, Visaya vow to join hands against criminality

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NEWLY promoted Director General Ronald dela Rosa and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya assumed on Friday as National Police chief and Armed Forces chief of staff, respectively, vowing to push and bring results to the Duterte administration's strong stance against criminality, while disciplining members of the uniformed service, including ridding them of corrupt members.

Dela Rosa, a member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 1986 who was promoted to his rank minutes before he was installed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte as National Police chief, admonished the 160,000 members of the force to join him in the crusade of cleaning the country from criminals, including those in the drug business, while weeding out unworthy policemen.

"In my fight against drugs, criminality and corruption, either you are with me or you are not with me. If you are with me, then let's do it. But if you are not with me, then you are finished," dela Rosa warned.

"We will be relentless in our internal cleansing efforts. We have to eliminate the scalawags from within

our ranks," dela Rosa said.

He gave a two-day deadline for unworthy members of the police he called as scawalags to surrender to him, otherwise, they should prepare for a "war" with their colleagues.

"*Kayong mga kotong, abusado, tamad na pulis, bilang na ang mga araw ninyo. Lalo na kayong mga pulis dito sa Metro Manila na pinagmamayabang pa ninyo na kayo ang mga ninja, na kayo ang taga-recycle ng shabu [methamphetamine hydrochloride]. I am giving you 48 hours to voluntarily surrender to me at sabihin ninyo sa akin lahat. Otherwise, mag-AWOL [absent without official leave] na lang kayo at mag-full-time drug lord na lang at makipag-giyera na lang kayo sa amin,*" dela Rosa said.

"Hindi ko po masisikmura ang kalakarang ngayon sa mga kotong na pulis... hindi kung magkano ang kolekta sa illegal gambling, kundi magkano ang kanilang koleksiyon sa illegal drugs," he added.

Dela Rosa warned scalawag policemen to stop from their illegal activities, otherwise, he would stop them, hinting he would kill them.

"I am telling you this, this has to stop right now, or I'll stop you from enjoying your life. I promise you, change is coming, including your birthday, which will be changed to November 2," he warned.

Amid his strong pronouncements, dela Rosa managed to insert a light moment, provoking laughter from the audience that included former National Police chiefs. He also acknowledged their help when he was still a junior member of the police or even its forerunner, the Constabulary.

Poking fun at former National Police chief Nicanor Bartolome, dela Rosa said he was envious on how Bartolome had grown his mustache, while also thanking dismissed Director General Alan LM Purisima for improving the "White House," the official residence of the National Police chief, that his family would occupy during his watch.

Purisima had received criticisms, allegedly for the lavish construction of the dwelling inside Camp Rafael Crame, the National Police general headquarters.

At the Armed Forces turnover of command ceremony, Visaya said the military will relentlessly

pursue the Abu Sayyaf Group and other lawless elements operating around the country.

"We will be unrelenting in our focused military operations against terrorist groups, like the Abu Sayyaf Group and all its allied terrorist cells. We will realign military resources to their identified bailiwicks and sanctuaries, and apply our military strength to suppress them, hunt them down and finish them," he said.

"We will continue to apply the full force of the law 24/7 to go after these criminals and profit-seeking elements who operate under the guise of religious fervor and holy war," he added.

Along with the terrorism problem, Visaya said the military will also join in the campaign against criminality, working hand in hand with the police.

"We will also intensify our support to law-enforcement agencies, particularly the National Police and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, in their mission to eliminate widespread criminality and the wanton destruction of lives brought about by the spread and use of illegal drugs," he said.

Before he assumed as the top military chief, Visaya, member of the PMA Class of 1983, was the chief of the Armed Forces Southern Luzon Command.

Retired Maj. Gen. Delfin Lorenzana also formally assumed his position as secretary of national defense, succeeding Voltaire T. Gazmin.

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I will kill you!

Nagbanta muli si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte laban sa mga drug lords na sila ay kanyang papatayin kapag hindi tumigil sa kanilang illegal na gawain.

"If you destroy my country, I will kill you. If you destroy our children, I will kill you. If I am asked by the CHR, I do not know

you," banta ni Duterte sa mga drug lords sa kanyang talumpati sa change of command sa Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) kahapon sa Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Sinabi ni President Duterte na hindi niya kailanman kukunsintihin ang paglaganap ng droga sa bansa kaya sinisiguro niya

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na tuloy-tuloy ang giyera ng kanyang administrasyon laban sa illegal drugs.

"We will eliminate the drug lords once and for all," diin ni Duterte.

Aniya, may hinuling mga drug lords sa Davao City na nahatulang makulong sa New Bilibid Prison (NBP) sa Muntinlupa pero ang pagtatapos ay nagluluto pa rin ng shabu kahit nasa Bilibid.

"Trafficking of drugs is being controlled inside the New Bilibid Prison.

At parang sampal iyan sa atin. Hindi ko nga kayo pinatay sa Davao dahil magagalit ang CHR pero heto kayo nagluluto na naman ng shabu sa kulungan. Sinasampal ninyo kami kaya magbilang na kayo ng oras, hinihiya ninyo ang gobyerno," pahayag pa ni Duterte.

Inatasan na ng Pangulo ang AFP na tumulong sa mga law enforcers upang tuluyang matigil ang paglaganap ng illegal drugs sa bansa.

"We (law enforcers) can only take so much in-

sult. Ako ay nasusuka na. You have to help me put a stop," ayon kay President Rody.

Iginiit din ng Pangulo na ang kanyang unang trabaho bilang pangulo ng bansa at commander-in-chief ng AFP ay hindi makipagdigma kundi isulong ang tunay na kapayapaan sa buong bansa.

"The first job of the president is not go to war but to bring peace," wika pa ni Duterte sa mga sundalo sa pagiuklok niya kay Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya bilang bagong AFP chief.



Matapos ang mainit na labanan ng kanilang partido sa nagdaang halalan, nagkita at nagka-usap na sina President Rodrigo Duterte at Vice President Leni Robredo sa ginanap na AFP Change of Command sa Camp Aguinaldo sa Quezon City kahapon. (Kuha ni Krizjohn Rosales)

Digong, Leni bati na

Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon, nagkita na rin at nagbatian na sina President Rodrigo "Digong" Duterte at Vice President Leni Robredo sa "change of command" ceremony sa Camp Aguinaldo.

Sina Duterte at Robredo na pawang mga panauhing pandagal sa pagluluklok sa puwesto sa bagong talagang si AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya ay bahagyang nagka-usap sa kanilang pagtatagpo sa nasabing turn-over ceremony.

Nabatid na agad na binati ni Pangulong Duterte na hirekognisa sa kanilang pambungad na pananalita si Robredo bilang

"The Vice President Leni Robredo."

"This is my first time to meet you personally. I would have preferred to sit beside you but defense (Secretary Lorenzana) is there," ani Duterte kung saan nagtawanan ang mga dumalo sa okasyon.

Bilang tugon ay ngumiti naman si Robredo kay Duterte habang nagtalumpati ang huli kasunod ng pagtatalaga kay Visaya na humalili sa kaniyang mistah na si Acting AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda.

Magugunita sa kanyang mga pahayag sa publiko, inamin ni Duterte ang pagiging malapit niya

kay Senador Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., na nagsampa ng reklamo sa umano'y pandaraya sa kanya sa nakalipas na halalan laban sa ipinoklamang vice president na si Robredo.

Matapos ang okasyon, bahagyang nagharap at nag-usap sina Duterte at Robredo.

Sa ambush interview, sinabi ni Robredo na naging maayos naman ang pag-uusap nila ni Duterte. Aniya, magsasagawa siya ng courtesy call sa tanggapan ni Duterte sa Palasyo ng Malacañang at ang iskedyul ay inaayos na ng kanyang mga staff. (Joy Cantos)

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PRESIDENT Duterte meets Vice President Leni G. Robredo for the first time in public during the Armed Forces change of command ceremony in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City yesterday. (Mark Balmores)

Duterte, Leni meet

By ELENA L. ABEN

President Duterte and Vice President Leni G. Robredo met and shook hands for the first time during a military event in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City yesterday.

Duterte and Robredo's first public appearance together took place at the change of command ceremony of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

As he delivered his remarks, the President first acknowledged the presence of Robredo.

"This is my first time to meet you personally. I would have preferred to be seated beside you but nandyan si Defense (Secretary Delfin Lorenzana)," Duterte said, drawing applause and laughter.

The two held separate inauguration ceremonies on June 30 – Duterte in Malacañang and Robredo at the Quezon City Reception House.

They were supposed to meet in Davao ahead of their inaugurations, but this did not push through because Robredo had to make a trip to Tokyo, Japan for the National Day Celebration of

the Filipino Community in Japan.

When asked by reporters after the AFP turnover ceremony, Robredo described her meeting with Duterte as "very cordial."

"Very cordial 'yung meeting, nagpaalam ako sa kanya (Duterte) kung puwede akong magpa-set ng schedule or a courtesy visit," she said.

"Sabi niya naman anytime, so pagbalik ko siguro sa office, 'yun 'yung aasikasuhin ko na makapag-set kami ng meeting," she added.

Meanwhile, Duterte said that he is now working on negotiations with the Leftist and separatist groups to end the decades-old communist and Muslim insurgencies in the country.

"The first job of a president is not to go to war but rather to bring peace to his land," he said.

"Even before I was already proclaimed... before assumption of office, I was busy going around Mindanao and talking to a lot of people to bring about peace in our land," Duterte said, adding that he started with the Left, whose leaders, including Jose Maria Sison, gave a favorable reply.

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US warns China of countermeasures if it provokes on South China Sea

WASHINGTON (PNA/Kyodo) — United States Secretary of State John Kerry has told Chinese officials that Washington will launch countermeasures if Beijing takes further provocative acts in the South China Sea, US diplomatic sources said Thursday.

If Beijing unilaterally declares an air defense identification zone over the disputed waters, for example, "It will force our hand," Kerry was quoted by one of the sources as saying during the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue on June 5-7 in Beijing.

Kerry stopped short of saying what kind of countermeasures he has in mind. But he appears to have signaled actions such as strengthening US freedom of navigation operations and the deployment of US military units in the

South China Sea.

Kerry also demanded that China abide by a ruling that a UN-backed arbitral tribunal will hand down on July 12 regarding the legitimacy of Beijing's claims to almost the whole South China Sea, according to the sources.

"The world is watching" China's response to the ruling to be issued by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Kerry was quoted by the source as saying.

The Philippines brought the arbitration case to the court, arguing China's claims to most of the South China Sea violate the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Many experts believe the coming ruling will be unfavorable for China.

During the talks in Beijing, Kerry expressed displeasure about China's

lobbying to member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations not to support the arbitration process.

"We know what you are doing – dividing ASEAN," Kerry was quoted by another source as saying.

A Chinese official, however, said, "We are not bound by the UNCLOS," the source said.

China has said it will not accept arbitration on the South China Sea and repeated its preference to negotiate bilaterally with other claimants such as the Philippines and Vietnam in a perceived attempt to overwhelm them with its economic might.

The United States is considering expanding the Navy's surveillance activity in the South China Sea as Beijing has stepped up island construction and militarization of outposts in the dis-

puted waters in an apparent attempt to unilaterally alter the status quo there.

Washington is closely watching whether Beijing will take further provocative measures such as unilaterally declaring an ADIZ over the South China Sea and reclaiming Scarborough Shoal, which Manila claims as its territory.

Separately, the United States has informed China that it will refrain from taking specific actions on the South China Sea before Beijing hosts a summit of the Group of 20 major developed and developing nations in September, according to a diplomatic source.

The move signals Washington's push on Beijing to exercise restraint ahead of planned talks between President Barack Obama and President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Sept. 4-5 summit in Hangzhou, eastern China.

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By SATUR C. OCAMPO

Direction of Duterte gov't: 'Compassion, real change'

Formally speaking as President of the Philippines soon after making his oath of office last Thursday, Rodrigo R. Duterte made it abundantly clear that "*Malasakit, Tunay na Pagbabago*" (Compassion, Real Change) define the character and direction of his administration.

He emphasized that he had articulated these battlecries during the presidential campaign "in behalf of the people hungry for genuine and meaningful change." Having been elected on that basis, he deems it his mandate to pursue such change, no matter the "rough ride" to its realization.

For the change to be permanent and significant, he added, it "must start with us and in us." Thus, the new president summoned the people to join him in seeking to "recover and revitalize... the lost or faded values (of) love of country, subordination of personal interest to the common good, and concern and care for the helpless and the impoverished."

Further, Duterte cited as "foundations" for his administration these quotations from two American presidents – Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

From Roosevelt: "*The test of government is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide for those who have little.*"

(I might add that almost all governments within the IMF-WB-WTO ambit – led by the United States – have run roughshod over this tenet by aggressively pursuing and propagating neoliberal economic globalization. The end result: graver and graver socio-economic inequality between the 1 percent very rich and the 99 percent of national populations around the world.)

From Lincoln: "*You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the poor by discouraging the rich; you cannot help the wage earners by pulling down the wage payers. You cannot further the brotherhood by inciting class hatred among men.*"

(Many have wondered how, in this era of neoliberal economic globalization, this tenet can be applied to reverse – or merely abate – the pervasive socio-economic inequalities. All too evident are the excesses, unchecked greed, the insensitivity of the powerful few. This has led to the phenomenal rise of class hatred – without apparent organized incitement – in the developed nations and not just in the so-called Third World countries.)

"My economic and financial, political policies are contained in these quotations," Duterte said. "*Read between the lines. I need not go into specifics... these shall be supplied in due time.*"

He struck a good point for governance right at the beginning of his speech: "*We have to listen to the murmurings of the people, feel their pulse, supply their needs, and fortify their faith and trust in us whom they elected to public office.*"

Then he reassured human rights defenders who have reacted strongly to his statements about extrajudicial killings, the death penalty by hanging, and his methods of fighting criminality, sale and use of illegal drugs, and corruption:

"As a lawyer and former prosecutor, I know the limits of the power and authority of the president. I know what is legal and what is not... My adherence to due process and the rule of law is uncompromising."

Peace advocates heard Duterte's reiteration of his commitment to implement all signed peace agreements (with the two Bangsamoro groups – MILF and MNLF – and with the National Democratic Front), qualified with the phrase "in step with constitutional and legal reforms." Moreover, he called for the participation of the indigenous peoples and other stakeholders "to ensure inclusivity in the peace process."



As his inaugural inside Malacanang ended, Duterte brightened the day for the progressive organizations, led by Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, rallying at the Chino Roces (Mendiola) bridge. He welcomed and dialogued with a group of Bayan leaders for 40 minutes in the palace's Osmena Room.

He had the activist leaders fetched by the Presidential Security Group. After congratulating him, they handed him a copy of "The People's Agenda for Change," adopted at a National People's Summit held the previous day. It contained 15 proposals of long-term perspective as well as recommended actions, submitted by various sectors, for the first 100 days of the Duterte government.

Among the issues they discussed were labor contractualization, destructive mining, indigenous people's ancestral lands, land reform, release of political prisoners on humanitarian grounds, and increasing the budgets for health services and education.

According to a Facebook posting by Renato Reyes, Bayan secretary-general, Duterte responded sympathetically to the political prisoners' plight because he was familiar with similar cases in Davao. The President also told the group he was studying the possibility of distributing six million hectares of public land to farmers, saying he believed in the principle of land to the tillers.

Assured that the new government respects the freedom of speech and right to peaceably assemble, Reyes asked if they could hold their traditional rally during the President's state-of-the-nation address closer to the House of Representatives at Batasan Hills. Duterte replied there shouldn't be a problem. (Under previous administrations, the police had been placing motor-vehicle barricades and police phalanxes on Commonwealth Avenue to keep rallyists far away from Batasan Hills.)

Duterte told the activists he wanted peace and national unity to be his presidency's legacy, and that he was serious about finding a solution to the prolonged armed conflicts. The dialog ended with a photo shoot. The first to raise a clenched fist was Duterte, the sleeve of his barong rolled up.

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Gonzaga, Daquis earn PSL team slots

BY JEAN RUSSEL V. DAVID REPORTER

JOVELYN GONZAGA and Rachel Anne Daquis are the first two confirmed members of the Philippine Superliga (PSL) team that will compete in the FIVB Women's Club World Championship scheduled on October 18 to 23 at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City. PSL president Ramon "Tats" Suzara made the announcement on Thursday evening.

"We are really overwhelmed because out of many who tried-out for this, I made it. All the pressures now were gone and at the same time it is really a dream come true for me," the 24-year old Gonzaga told *The Manila Times* in an interview.

Gonzaga said that even though she's praying for her inclusion in the list, she is not expecting anything in return.

"I am not expecting anything because I don't want to be hurt nor

disappointed. But deep inside, I am very hopeful and praying to be included in the roster because it is really my dream," she said.

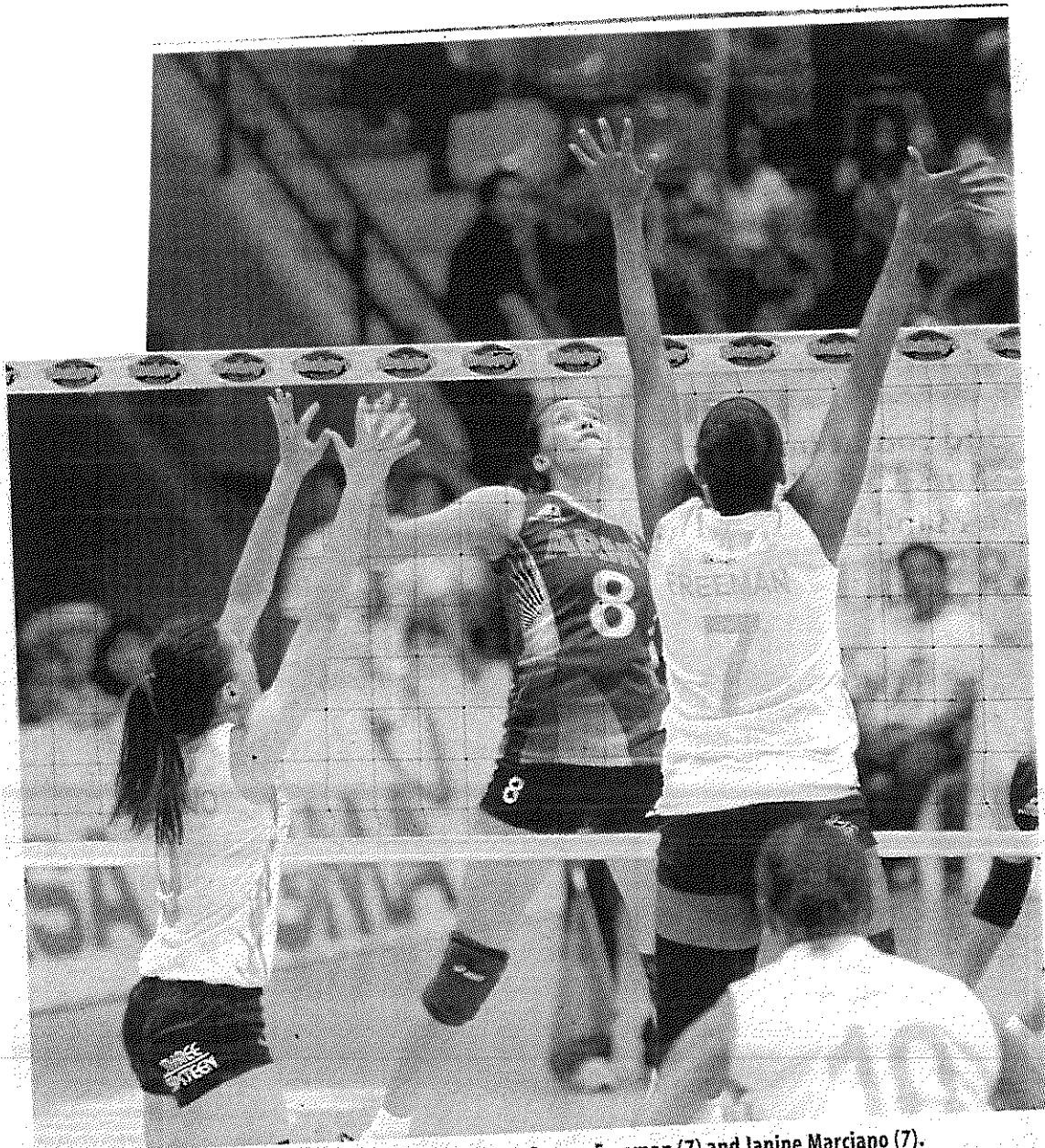
Gonzaga is keen on proving her doubters wrong for the sake of her fans, "I know there are doubters but there are also people who really support us. We are thankful to our fans that are wholeheartedly guiding and supporting us toward our journey in the World championships. We are

also thankful to them [doubters] because they serve as an inspiration to us to really strive and train hard for us to meet their expectations. But not only that – meeting our expectations we set for ourselves to improve and prove them that we are worthy of these slots," said Gonzaga.

The Philippine team will be composed of seven local players and seven foreign players.

"They are the two of the country's best players. It is only fitting to invite them to be part of the team that will compete in the best club tournament in the world. We welcome Rachel and Jovelyn on board and we hope that they will do everything to make us proud," said Suzara.

The PSL All-Star team will test its mettle against seven of the world's best teams namely Rexona Ades of Brazil, Bangkok Glass of Thailand, Volero Zurich of Switzerland, Hisamitsu Springs of Japan, Eczacibasi Vitra Istanbul and Vakif Bank Istanbul of Turkey as well as Pomi Casalmaggiore of Italy.



■ Jovelyn Gonzaga (8), in action against Home Ultera's Sareea Freeman (7) and Janine Marciano (7).
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HAPPY FOR 'GOLDEN TICKETS'

RC COLA-Army stars Jovelyn Gonzaga and Rachel Anne Daquis are grateful to be chosen as two of seven Philippine Superliga (PSL) players who will play alongside seven foreigners on the Philippine team to the International Volleyball Federation Women's Club World Championship, from October 18 to 23, at the SM Mall of Asia Arena.

Gonzaga and Daquis received the first two "golden tickets" from PSL President Ramon Suzara before the RC Cola-Army-Standard Insurance-Navy match the Lady Troopers won, 25-23, 25-19, 25-14, in the All-Filipino Conference on Thursday at the Cuneta Astrodome.

"This is a childhood dream come true," Gonzaga said. "I tried not to expect this privilege so I won't get hurt. I thank God for this opportunity."

"I am thankful to the PSL for its faith in me. Whatever role given to me I will perform with all my heart," said Daquis, who, like Gonzaga was emotional as their names were announced.

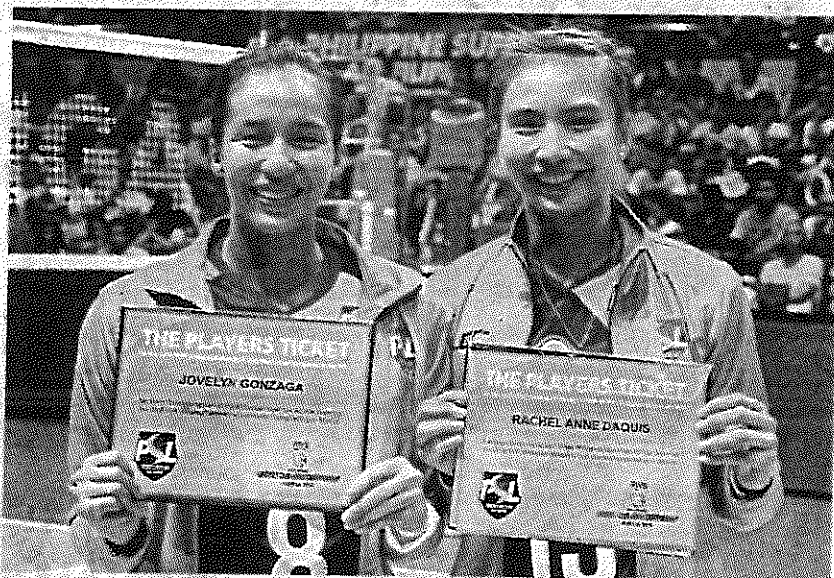
"This is also for my family, especially for my [recently departed] Mom, who also dreamt of seeing me play in a major international tournament," said Gonzaga, the *probinsyana* from Guimaras who is now one of the country's top players.

Daquis, a many-time national athlete, admitted that doubters have come her way and the pressure is on for her. But she vowed to give her best and prove her haters wrong, like what she did while playing for Far Eastern University in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

"The pressure is on me, but I am resting my fate on Papa Jesus," Daquis said.

The identities of the remaining five local players will be announced in the next few weeks. They will team up with seven reinforcements from Brazil, Japan and Italy for the club championship.

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RACHEL ANN DAQUIS (right) and Jovelyn Gonzaga pose with their "golden tickets."