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## 24-Hour Weather Forecast and Extended Weather Outlook for Selected Cities:

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| CITIES   | 24-Hr Weather, Winds and Sea Condition Forecast<br><i>from 5PM today until 5PM tomorrow</i> |  | Extended Weather Outlook<br><i>Duration: 5PM until 5PM of the following day</i> |              |              |              |  |
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|  | 16 JUL  |  | 17 JUL  | 18 JUL       | 19 JUL       | 20 JUL       |  |
| Metro Manila                                   | 25°C<br>33°C  | Light to Moderate: Southeast - South<br>Manila Bay: Slight to Moderate | 25°C<br>33°C  | 25°C<br>33°C | 25°C<br>34°C | 25°C<br>34°C |  |
| Tuguegarao City                                | 25°C<br>36°C  | Moderate: South - Southwest  | 25°C<br>36°C  | 25°C<br>36°C | 25°C<br>36°C | 25°C<br>36°C |  |
| Laoag City                                     | 25°C<br>33°C  | Moderate: South - Southwest<br>Coastal Waters: Moderate                | 25°C<br>33°C  | 25°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>33°C |  |
| Baguio City                                    | 17°C<br>24°C  | Light to Moderate: South   | 17°C<br>24°C  | 16°C<br>24°C | 16°C<br>24°C | 16°C<br>24°C |  |
| SBMA (Olongapo) /<br>Clark Zone (Angeles City) | 25°C<br>33°C  | Light to Moderate: South<br>Subic Bay: Slight to Moderate              | 25°C<br>33°C  | 25°C<br>33°C | 24°C<br>33°C | 24°C<br>32°C |  |
| Tagaytay City                                  | 22°C<br>30°C  | Light to Moderate: South   | 22°C<br>30°C  | 22°C<br>30°C | 23°C<br>30°C | 22°C<br>30°C |  |
| Lipa City                                      | 24°C<br>32°C  | Light to Moderate: South   | 24°C<br>32°C  | 24°C<br>32°C | 24°C<br>32°C | 24°C<br>32°C |  |
| Legazpi City                                   | 26°C<br>34°C  | Light to Moderate: South<br>Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate         | 26°C<br>33°C  | 26°C<br>33°C | 25°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>32°C |  |
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| Tacloban City                                  | 25°C<br>32°C  | Light to Moderate: Southeast<br>Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate     | 25°C<br>32°C  | 25°C<br>32°C | 26°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>32°C |  |
| Cagayan de Oro City                            | 24°C<br>32°C  | Light to Moderate: Southeast<br>Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate     | 24°C<br>32°C  | 25°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>32°C | 25°C<br>33°C |  |
| Valencia City                                  | 19°C<br>32°C  | Light to Moderate: Southeast   | 19°C<br>32°C  | 20°C<br>32°C | 20°C<br>32°C | 21°C<br>32°C |  |
| Metro Davao                                    | 25°C<br>34°C  | Light to Moderate: Southeast<br>Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate     | 25°C<br>34°C  | 25°C<br>34°C | 25°C<br>33°C | 25°C<br>33°C |  |
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|  | 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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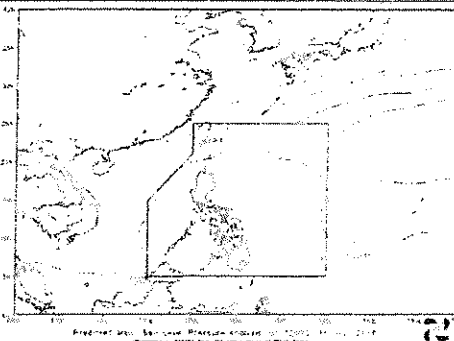
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**SYNOPSIS:** AT 4:00 PM TODAY, THE LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA) WAS ESTIMATED BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA AT 1,035 KM EAST OF CASIGURAN, AURORA (17.0°N, 131.8°E). RIDGE OF A HIGH PRESSURE AREA (HPA) EXTENDING ACROSS LUZON.

**FORECAST:** PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS WILL PREVAIL OVER THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

LIGHT TO MODERATE WINDS BLOWING FROM THE SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST WILL PREVAIL OVER NORTHERN AND CENTRAL LUZON AND COMING FROM THE SOUTHEAST OVER THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE COASTAL WATERS THROUGHOUT THE ARCHIPELAGO WILL BE SLIGHT TO MODERATE.



**PAGTAYA:** BAHAGYANG MAULAP HANGGANG SA MAULAP NA KALANGITAN NA MAY PULU-PULONG MGA PAG-ULAN O PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG IIRAL SA BUONG BANSA.

MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG HANGIN MULA SA TIMOG HANGGANG SA TIMOG-KANLURAN ANG IIRAL SA HILAGA AT GITNANG LUZON AT MULA NAMAN SA TIMOG-SILANGAN SA NALALABING BAHAGI NG BANSA. 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 4:00 PM TODAY AND RECORDED AT PAGASA WEATHER STATION, SCIENCE GARDEN, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY:

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| <b>MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b><br>1:50 PM TODAY — 33.4°C             | <b>MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b><br>6:00 AM TODAY — 94 % |  |
| <b>MINIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b><br>6:00 AM TODAY — 25.5°C             | <b>MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b><br>1:50 PM TODAY — 60 % |  |
| <b>TIDAL PREDICTIONS ALONG MANILA BAY</b><br>(Courtesy of NAMRIA) |   | <b>OVER METRO MANILA:</b>                      |
| <b>HIGH TIDE TOMORROW:</b><br>7:51 AM ..... 1.13 METERS           | <b>SUNRISE / SUNSET</b>                                   | <b>MOONRISE / MOONSET<br/>AND ILLUMINATION</b> |
| <b>LOW TIDE TOMORROW:</b><br>4:27 PM ..... 0.15 METER             | <b>SUNSET TODAY:</b><br>6:29 PM                           | <b>MOONSET TOMORROW:</b><br>3:03 AM            |
|   | <b>SUNRISE TOMORROW:</b><br>5:35 AM                       | <b>MOONRISE TOMORROW:</b><br>4:09 PM           |
|   | <b>SUNSET TOMORROW:</b><br>6:29 PM                        | <b>ILLUMINATION TOMORROW:</b><br>91 %          |

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# Japan to pressure China on sea ruling

**ULAN BATOR – Tokyo raised pressure on Beijing at an Asia-Europe summit yesterday to respect an international tribunal's ruling that dismissed its claims to much of the South China Sea.**

At a retreat outside the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told the assembled leaders that the rule of law was "a universal principle that the international community must firmly maintain," according to Japan's *Jiji Press*.

"I strongly hope the parties to the dispute comply with the award and lead to a peaceful solution of the dispute in the South China Sea," he said.

The ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague on Tuesday invalidated Beijing's claims to much of the

South China Sea and West Philippine Sea, which are embodied in a "nine-dash line" that dates from 1940s maps and stretches close to other countries' coasts.

The decision has proved a boon to Tokyo, which is embroiled in a separate territorial dispute of its own with Beijing and vies with it for influence across Asia.

Beijing boycotted the PCA hearings, saying the court had no jurisdiction, and has vowed to ignore the ruling.

It also said the subject should not be brought up at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in the Mongolian capital.

But Abe's comments yesterday followed a blitz of meetings with leaders and foreign ministers from around the region on the summit sidelines as he sought to build consensus on the issue, including discussions Friday with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr.

Both countries have competing claims with Beijing in the strategically vital South China Sea, where tensions have mounted over the

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# Rody to Peter Lim: Face drug probe

## ‘If I get evidence, I will execute you’

By Leila B. Salaverria

**PRESIDENT** Duterte on Friday met with a Chinese-Filipino businessman he had accused of being one of the country's top drug lords and threatened to kill him to his face.

In the bizarre meeting at the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) office in Davao City that evoked scenes from a gangster film, Mr. Duterte warned Peter Lim to steer clear of narcotics.

“I will execute you ... I will

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calls for inquiry /A15**

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finish you off,” the President said during the meeting.

Malacañang posted a video of the sitdown on a government YouTube channel yesterday with a caption identifying Lim as “one of the top drug lords in the Triad involved in illegal drug operations in the country.”

But the businessman from Cebu denied that he was the alleged Chinese-Filipino drug dealer Peter Lim, alias Jaguar, who was singled out by the President in an address on national television on July 7.

Peter Lim is a fairly common name in the Philippines, part of whose population claims ethnic Chinese descent.

The Bureau of Immigration last week said there were more than 4,000 people named Peter Lim in its database.

The Peter Lim who met with Mr. Duterte said that since the televised address in which the President said “the moment he steps out of the plane, he will die,” he had feared for his life

“My family is really in a deep problem now in Cebu. We are getting all the threats,” Lim said.

But Mr. Duterte shot back: “I will not say I’m sorry because the reason you’re here is you’re a suspected drug lord.”

The President refused to shake hands with Lim and warned the businessman not to lie to him or he would kill him if he found evidence of his link to the illegal drug trade.

“I threatened to have you killed. You know, I’ll really have you killed if I get [evidence]. I’ll really finish

you off,” the President said.

Lim was investigated by the House of Representatives when it looked into the illegal drug trade in 2006.

### Get a lawyer

Mr. Duterte told Lim to get a lawyer and go to the National Bureau of Investigation for questioning and face the people who had accused him.

He told Lim that the government wanted to be fair, that he had nothing personal against him or debt of gratitude to him.

The government is not out to pin down the innocent, the President said.

“We want to help you. Help us clear you,” he told Lim.

Lim, who confirmed that he was investigated by the House when it looked into drug trafficking in 2006, said he understood what Mr. Duterte was saying and thanked the President for seeing him.

He tried to make the President less severe with words of praise.

“Our nation is very lucky to have you, because without you, I don’t know. You’re the only President who could save our nation,” Lim told the President.

The businessman promised to help the government fight illegal drugs in any way he could.

### Congressional probe

Mr. Duterte asked Lim why he was being linked to drugs.

Lim replied that it could be because of the mention of one Barry Lo, alias Peter Lim, in the newspapers in 2006.

After Lo was named in the news, he said, then Cebu Rep. Antonio Cuenco sought a congressional investigation of the drug trade in which many business-

men from Cebu were allegedly involved.

Mr. Duterte asked what happened after the investigation, and Lim said nothing came out of it.

Mr. Duterte said he would get the evidence presented against Lim, including those presented during his investigation by the House.

“Then we will see. If you didn’t do anything wrong, you open your life and everything. If they have witnesses, you can tell your lawyer to have them summoned. Let them confront you [with their accusations]. We will also watch those people who might be trying to crush you,” the President said.

### Triad leader

In his televised address on July 7, Mr. Duterte said Peter Lim was a Triad leader who ran a drug cartel in the Visayas. He said Lim was also known as Jaguar.

“This person is not the Jaguar who was killed in [a police] operation in Las Piñas sometime ago and who was buried in Cebu. This is a different Jaguar,” the President said.

In Davao City, Isidro Lapeña, a retired police official, told reporters yesterday that Lim sought a meeting with the President to deny that he was a drug lord.

Adzhar Albani, director of the PDEA in Southern Mindanao, said Lim “surrendered” to the President, who ordered the businessman to prove his innocence.

Lim was allowed to go after the meeting with the President, Albani said.

### Not off the hook

But Lim “is not yet off the hook,” he said, adding that the businessman was on the PDEA’s list of drug lords.

“Yes, he is. The Peter Lim that ap-

peared last night is one of those listed as leaders of drug groups in the country. There are other groups ... [This] surrender is a very good indication that the campaign of our President against drugs is succeeding,” he said.

Albani acknowledged that there were many Peter Lims in the Philippines, but made it clear that the Peter Lim who met with the President was the Peter Lim from Cebu who, together with his brother Wellington, was investigated by the House in 2006.

“He denied that he is the Peter Lim we are looking for, but he voluntarily said he was [the Peter Lim of Cebu who was investigated by Congress]. He also denied that he is the one who goes by the name Jaguar,” Albani said.

The Lims own Hilton Heavy Equipment and other businesses in Cebu.

### Probable cause

In a report in a Cebu newspaper, former Representative Cuenco said the House had “found probable cause” for the prosecution of the Lims but the NBI cleared them.

“The National Bureau of Investigation failed to validate the information against the Lim brothers,” Cuenco said in an interview with the *INQUIRER* last week.

Cuenco said the House investigation was prompted by information given to him by the police as then chair of the House dangerous drugs committee.

He said two witnesses who testified against the Lims were killed in 2006 and in 2011.

The witnesses, Bernard Liu and Ananias Dy, worked at the Lim’s heavy equipment business, he said.

*With reports from Allan Nawal, Inquirer Mindanao; and AFP*

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# Chaos descends on Turkey

## Coup attempt ends with 161 killed, 1,440 wounded

**A**NKARA, Turkey (AFP) — President Recep Tayyip Erdogan battled to regain control over Turkey yesterday after a coup bid by discontented soldiers, as signs grew that the most serious challenge to his 13 years of dominant rule was faltering.

After hours of chaos and violence unseen in decades, Erdogan ended uncertainty over his whereabouts, flying into Istanbul airport in the early hours and making a defiant

speech cheered by hundreds of supporters.

Soldiers and tanks took to the streets late on Friday and multiple explosions rang out throughout the night in Ankara and Istanbul, the two biggest cities of the strategic NATO member of 80 million people.

After a night of drama and bloodshed, at least 161 people had died, more than 1,440 people were wounded, and 2,839 soldiers who joined the putsch detained, according to state-run news agency Andalou. ►8

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Officials insisted the putsch bid was falling apart with over 1,560 officers held and close to 200 unarmed soldiers at the Turkish military HQ surrendering.

Crowds of flag-waving supporters of Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) appeared to have turned the tide, defying orders of a curfew and marching out onto the streets to block the attempt to overthrow the regime.

### Filipinos safe

In Manila, Malacañang said it was closely monitoring the developments in Turkey while Philippine embassy officials there were reaching out to Filipinos.

Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said there are approximately 3,500 Filipinos in Turkey and they have been advised to stay indoors.

Andanar said the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has already talked to some of the Filipinos there and, so far, they are all safe.

"They were advised by the embassy to stay home. The embassy continues to monitor the situation closely," said a statement by DFA spokesperson Charles Jose.

### Treason and rebellion

The strongman denounced the coup attempt as "treachery," saying he was carrying out his functions and would keep on working "to the end."

"What is being perpetrated is a treason and a rebellion. They will pay a heavy price for this act of treason," Erdogan said at the airport. "We will not leave our country to occupiers."

Turkey's parliament, which had been targeted by coup plotters and received extensive damage, was meanwhile holding an extraordinary session, broadcast live on television, while special forces were reportedly securing the headquarters of the military chief of staff.

Dozens of soldiers backing the coup surrendered on the Bosphorus bridge in

Istanbul they had held throughout the night, holding their hands above their heads as they were detained, television pictures showed.

There was chaos in Istanbul as angry crowds took to the streets to boo the passing tanks, with smaller numbers welcoming the troops.

As a helicopter flew over the famed Taksim Square, scene of massive anti-Erdogan protests three years ago, the crowd began to boo, shaking their fists at the night sky before they were shot at by the soldiers.

"The people are afraid of a military government," a 38-year-old man who gave his name as Dogan told AFP. "Most of them have been in military service, they know what a military government would mean."

### Parliament bombed

The sound of F16 fighter jets screaming low over the capital Ankara signalled the start of the putsch late Friday, with troops also moving to block the two bridges across the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul.

As protesters took to the streets,

an AFP photographer saw troops open fire on people gathered near one of the bridges, leaving dozens wounded.

Soldiers also shot at protesters angrily denouncing the coup bid at Istanbul's Taksim Square, injuring several.

Turkish army F-16s launched air strikes against tanks stationed by coup backers outside the presidential palace in Ankara, while the parliament was also bombed, leaving its offices wrecked.

Regular explosions could be heard from the AFP office situated near the complex.

World leaders called for calm, with US President Barack Obama and other Western countries urging support for the government they said had been democratically elected.

The attempted coup brought new instability to the Middle East region, with Turkey a key powerbroker in the ongoing Syria conflict.

In a key moment in the standoff, Turkish security forces rescued the country's top army general Hulusi Akar who had reportedly been taken hostage in the earlier stages of the coup bid.

Istanbul authorities sought to make a show of normalisation with the bridges re-opening to traffic and Ataturk International Airport — which had been shut down by the plotters — gradually reopening.

#### **Coup bid 'to restore order'**

After the initial dramatic military movements, state broadcaster TRT said the troops behind the putsch had declared martial law and a curfew, in a statement signed by a group calling itself the "Council for Peace in the Homeland".

It said the coup had been launched "to ensure and restore constitutional order, democracy, human rights and freedoms and let the supremacy of the law in the country prevail, to restore order which was disrupted".

No named military officer claimed responsibility for the actions although Prime Minister Binali Yildirim claimed a key pro-coup general had been killed.

Turkey's once-powerful military has long considered itself the guardian of the secular state founded by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923. (With a report from Elena L. Aben)

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## 8 BIFF men killed in Maguindanao

MAGUINDANAO – Eight Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) bandits have been killed in an encounter with Army soldiers in Mamasapano town since last week.

Local officials identified the fatalities as a certain Monib, Boy ISIS, Odin, Bansil, Bohari, Nasif, Badrudin and Salik. Ten other bandits – Tuwah, Runi, Omar, Tanser, Kasim, Kamar, Kahirudin, Ibrahim, Moctar and Odih – were wounded.

The wounded soldiers were identified as Pfc. Dan Antiporta, Glen Villanueva, Jason Ojanola, Manolito Tero and Ronnie Angel as well as Cpls. Mike Encarnacion and Kim Tablasan.

The hostilities erupted when the bandits attacked personnel of the 19th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Kuloy on Wednesday. The bandits fired at soldiers patrolling Barangay Meta in Datu Unsay, reportedly in retaliation for the death of their three comrades.

Capt. Joann Petinglay, spokesperson for the Army's 6th Infantry Division (ID), said the soldiers were on a community immersion activity when the attack occurred.

"It was not a tactical activity. It was purely an educational engagement parallel with the religious and cultural sensitivity policy of the 6th ID," Petinglay said. – John Unson

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## AFP, Abu clash in Basilan rages

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Firefights between Abu Sayyaf bandits and Army troopers continues in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

"Troops have to counter sniper attacks," Maj. Filemon Tan, spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, said on Friday.

Tan said the bandits also planted improvised explosive devices (IEDs) leading to their

lair, slowing down ground assaults.

An Army ranger was killed and five others were wounded on Tuesday after they stepped on an IED.

The encounter started last week after the bandits attacked the headquarters and detachments of the 18th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Baguindan.

– Roel Pareño

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Shown during the groundbreaking ceremony are SM City Baliwag assistant mall manager Rodora S. Tolentino, Camachin Bgy. Captain Lowel V. Sembrano, Col. Felimon T. Santos Jr., INF (GSC) PA, 703rd Brigade Commander and LTC Eugenio Julio C. Oslas, IV INF (GSC PA, 48th Brigade officer and Maximo C. Herrera, DEPED supervisor.

## AFP 48 Battalion, SM Baliwag join force for a cause

AS promised, proceeds of the Northern Lights Music Festival Year II will be used to build a new library for the Camachin Elementary School in DRT, Bulacan where 101 Dumagats are studying.

The SM City Baliwag team went to Camachin Elementary School last July 8, 2016 for the groundbreaking of the library. Despite bad weather, the 48 Infantry Battalion Philippine Army headed by Col. Lt. Eugenio Oslas IV under the command of Col. Felimon Santos, Brigade Commander of 703rd Brigade, members of the Philippine Army, students, teachers and SABL Team participated in a boodle fight after the rites.

"The day in Camachin was a memorable day for all of us here, as we are very thankful to Team SM City Baliwag for strengthening the eagerness of our children to learn more. The new library will serve as a tool for them to broaden their knowledge academically," said Education supervisor Maximo Herrera in a speech.

SM City Baliwag Assistant Mall Manager Rodora Tolentino gave an inspirational message, citing that even the owner and founder of the SM Group of Companies, Henry Sy Sr., used to be a poor man.

He strived and pushed himself to become successful, risking what he had and just believing that he can do anything, Tolentino revealed of Sy Sr.

The group gave SM Care Bears to students who attended the program. The kids gave their bears names and promised them that they will take a really good care of the stuff they receive.

It can be recalled that the 1st Northern Lights Music Festival donated a house for the Yolanda Housing Project of SM Cares in Tacloban.

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# Hundreds displaced as AFP continues to engage BIFF bandits

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

The ongoing conflict between government troops and members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) has already displaced close to 300 families in Maguindanao province.

Reports reaching the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, said about 296 families or 1,480 individuals, have been displaced due to the armed conflict between Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) troops and BIFF forces within the boundaries of Datu Unsay and Shariff Aguak, in Maguindanao.

The military said the fighting took place at around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and

resulted in the death of 11 BIFF fighters and a 15-year-old female teenager, who was hit in the crossfire.

Undersecretary Ricardo B. Jalad, OCD Administrator and National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) Executive Director, said those who were displaced came from Brgy. Meta, Datu Unsay, Maguindanao.

The displaced families, according to Jalad, are temporarily staying in Brgy. Malangog, Datu Unsay Terminal, and Sittio Star Apple.

"The families have built make-shift tents at Brgy. Malangog and Sittio Star Apple while other families seek shelter at the Datu Unsay terminal," he said.

Jalad said that, as of 4 p.m. Thursday, the Municipal Disaster Risk

Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC) Datu Unsay has already distributed 158 food packs which include rice, noodles and sardines.

The PDRRMC in Maguindanao, meanwhile, distributed 180 food packs to the affected residents.

Meanwhile, the office of Maguindanao Gov. Esmarel Mangudadatu has given an undisclosed amount of cash assistance to the parents of 15-year old Fatima Ilian, the girl killed in the crossfire when BIFF and military forces.

The AFP said that at least 11 members of the BIFF were killed while 19 others were wounded following intense firefight with government soldiers in Datu Unsay, Maguindanao, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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### 135 AFP peacekeepers sa Haiti, pinarangalan

Ginawaran ng parangal kahapon ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ang 135 sundalong nagsilbing peacekeepers sa Haiti sa loob ng isang taong deployment matapos ang mga itong umuwi na sa bansa.

Ayon kay AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Ricardo Visaya, isang malaking karangalan sa bansa at inspirasyon ang matagumpay na misyon na ginampanan ng 19<sup>th</sup> AFP Philippine contingent sa Haiti.

"As peacekeepers deployed to one of the most politically unstable environments in the world, critical responsibilities were bestowed upon you. And alongside those duties are the challenges of working in a foreign land, thousand miles away from home and your loved ones", ani Visaya sa welcome ceremony at medal parade ceremony sa all Air Force contingent.

Ayon kay AFP Public Affairs Office Chief Col. Edgard Arevalo, ang 135 na malakas na contin-

gent ay pinamumunuan ni Col. Vincent Incognito na tumanggap ng United Nations Service Medals sa ginanap na seremonya sa GHQ canopy area kahapon.

Ang AFP ay nagdeploy ng kaunaunahang contingent sa United Nations Stabilization Mission sa Haiti (MINUSTAH) noong 2004 matapos pagtibayin ang Security Council Resolution No 1542.

Nabatid pa na ang 135 AFP peacekeepers ay binubuo ng 11 opisyal at 124 Enlisted Personnel na gumagana ng misyon kabilang ang security operations sa pamamagitan ng clerical services, transport services, VIP security at perimeter defense.

Magugunita na dumating sa bansa ang naturang mga peacekeepers noong Hulyo 11 na agad isinailalim sa medical checkup sa AFP Medical Center na pinalitan naman ng Army 20<sup>th</sup> Philippine Contingent to Haiti na umalis sa bansa noong Hulyo 8. (*Joy Cantos*)

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### Depektibong pabahay para sa AFP, PNP, bubusisiin

Hinihiling ng isang kongresista na magsiyasat ang Kamara tungkol sa umano'y substandard housing units o kulang sa kalidad na mga pabahay para sa mga pulis at sundalo.

"All socialized housing projects of the Government must conform to the highest standards to ensure the quality and sustainability of the housing units," ayon kay Magdalo Party-list Rep. Gary C. Alejano.

Naghain siya ng isang resolusyon na nagaatas sa kinaauukulang komite ng Kamara para imbestigahan ang substandard housing units na ipinatayo ng National Housing Authority (NHA) para sa mga miyembro ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP).

Aniya, ang NHA ay may mandato na ipatupad ang AFP/PNP Housing Program, isang flagship program ni ex-Pres. Noynoy Aquino, na ang layunin ay pagkalooban ng permanenteng pabahay at security of tenure ang mga sundalo at pulis na mababa ang sahod.

Gayunman, binanggit niya na sa isang site inspection na personal na ginawa sa Baras, Rizal at Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, na obserbahan ng inspecting group na kinabibilangan ng miyembro ng Kongreso, ang umano'y inhumane housing environment para sa mga kawal at sundalo.

**Bert de Guzman**

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# UP backs gov't, communist peace talks

Representatives from different sectors at the University of the Philippines in Diliman have expressed support for the upcoming peace talks between the Duterte administration and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"As the national university, it is our duty to take up this issue of peace talks," UP Diliman chancellor and Kalinaw UP lead convenor Michael Tan said in Filipino during the launch of the group on Friday.

Tan said "kalinaw" is a

fitting name of the group as it means "peace" in Bisaya and "clarity" in Tagalog.

He said the role of the university will be to educate the people about the peace talks.

"What UP will do is come up with education materials and information materials so that the people would know why we enter into peace talks and what are can we do for it to progress," added the UP official.

Tan said Kalinaw UP is an offshoot of the Save Our Schools campaign, which welcomed members of indig-

enous peoples who travelled to Manila last year to protest the ongoing militarization in their communities in Mindanao.

He urged the Duterte administration to shot its commitment to the peace talks by dismantling the paramilitary groups allegedly created by the military to fight against the New People's Army, the CPP's armed wing.

Tan also called for the release of political prisoners, particularly the consultants of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, the

CPP's political arm, in the peace process.

Kalinaw UP also called for the resumption of the peace talks between the government and the Moro rebels.

Following his election, Duterte asked some members of his then-prospective Cabinet to meet with exiled CPP founder and Duterte's former professor Jose Maria Sison.

Among those who flew to Europe were Silvestre Bello III, now labor secretary, and Jesus Dureza, Duterte's presidential adviser on the peace process.

– Janvic Mateo

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# Teachers' reps seek probe of killing of lumad, tutors

By Gil Cabacungan  
and Edwin Fernandez  
*Inquirer Mindanao*

TWO PARTY-LIST lawmakers have asked President Duterte to look into the killing of a lumad leader and two teachers and the wounding of two others in Davao City and Cotabato City last week.

ACT Teachers Representatives Antonio Tinio and France Castro said Mr. Duterte should call for an investigation into the killing of lumad school leader Hermie Alegre and the wounding of tribal chief Danny Diarog in Sitio Kahusayan, Davao City, at 2 p.m. on Friday.

"Through underhanded ways, perpetrators kill and maim lumad leaders like Alegre and Diarog who stand with their people in their struggle for land and self-determination. By attacking their leaders, they aim to incapacitate our lumad brothers and sisters who only want to serve their communities and live according to their own ways, with

their ancestral land and resources," Tinio said in a statement.

Alegre was an officer of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Salugpungan Ta' Tanu Igkanugon (Unity in Defense of Ancestral Land) Community Learning Center in the sitio, while Diarog is the chieftain of the Bagobo tribe there. They were attacked on their way home from a meeting with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples by motorcycle-riding suspects.

Castro said the attack would adversely impact the education of lumad children and their peaceful way of life.

The attack was believed to have been aimed at sowing fear among the lumad, after the issuance of an arrest warrant by a Davao court for the "Haran 15," who were accused of assisting hundreds of lumad evacuees fleeing from the military encamped in their communities two years ago.

"Lumad school and community

leaders being targeted by the military, paramilitaries and private armies mean that indigenous learning and the lumad way of life are also under attack," Castro said.

ACT also condemned the killing of two women teachers and the wounding of another in Cotabato City on Tuesday.

Killed by suspects also on a motorcycle were Fahara Kabuntalan La, 29, and Sittie Usop Abdullah, 31. Aisah Karon Malugka, 34, was wounded.

All three were teachers at Mokamad Ali Elementary School in Barangay Tamontaka 4. They were in a tricycle when they were fired upon, according to Chief Insp. Rustom Pastolero of Police Station 3.

The tricycle driver, Fahad Abdulwahid Abdullah, 21, was also wounded in the gun attack that occurred in full public view but with the gunmen wearing ski masks, Pastolero said.

"These teachers do not have known enemies," Johnny Balawag,

administrative officer of the public city schools division, told reporters.

"The local authorities, both the local government unit and the

Philippine National Police, should work hard and fast to determine the perpetrators of the incident," Raymond Basilio, ACT secretary general, said.

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## President dared to arrest, prosecute lumad leader's, tribal chief's assailants

**T**WO party-list lawmakers on Saturday asked the Duterte administration to investigate the recent killing of a lumad school leader and wounding of a tribal chief.

In condemning the incident, Party-list Reps. Antonio L. Tinio and France Castro of ACT Teachers challenged President Duterte to hold the perpetrators accountable.

"We urge President Duterte to immediately address these latest attacks against the lumad," they said in a statement.

The lawmakers, citing reports of Karapatan-Southern Mindanao, said motorcycle-riding gunmen killed Hermie Alegre and critically wounded Danny Diarog in Sitio Kahusayan, Davao City, at around 2 p.m. on Friday.

"They were on their way home from a meeting with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples [when the incident happened]," the lawmakers said.

Alegre was an officer of the Parents-Teachers Association of the Salugpungan Ta' Tanu Igkanugon (Unity in Defense of Ancestral Land) Community Learning Center, or STTICLC, in the sitio, while Diarog is the chieftain of the Bagobo tribe there.

"This attack is as despicable as it is cowardly," Tinio said.

"Through underhanded ways, these perpetrators kill and maim

lumad leaders, like Alegre and Diarog, who stand with their people in their struggle for land and self-determination. By attacking their leaders, they aim to incapacitate our lumad brothers and sisters who only want to serve their communities and live according to their own ways, with their ancestral land and resources," Tinio added.

For his part, Castro stressed the welfare of the children, saying that schools like those of the Salugpungan are put up and maintained by indigenous communities themselves to fill in the lack of public schools in their areas.

"Attacks, such as this, threaten the right of lumad children to education and a peaceful life. Lumad school and community leaders being targeted by the military, paramilitaries and private armies mean that indigenous learning and the lumad way of life is also under attack," Castro said.

Tinio and Castro, meanwhile, cited similar threats, such as the public maligning and the recent issuance of a warrant of arrest by a Davao court against the "Haran 15," who are pinned for assisting in 2014 hundreds of lumad evacuees, including teachers and students of Salugpungan and other mission schools, fleeing from the military encamped in their communities. *Jovee Marie N. dela Cruz*

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# Lumads in Davao accuse Quiboloy of land-grabbing

By Ted Tuvera

Indigenous Lumads from Davao City accused self-proclaimed "son of God" Pastor Apollo Quiboloy – a major campaign donor of President Duterte during the campaign – of land-grabbing.

Kerlan Fanagel, a community leader from among the Lumads, exclusively told *The Daily Tribune* how the influential Davao-based religious leader harassed their community and deprived them of their ancestral lands.

Quiboloy's "prayer mountain" that extends to the Lumad domain in Barangay Manuel Guianga, Tugbok District in Davao City, according to Fanagel, is basically "an encampment site of Quiboloy's private army."

"(Quiboloy's) Jesus Christ Cooperative (JCC) is behind the intimidation of Lumads in our own land. Our community is always under the threat of his private army. Well, he refuses to call it a 'private army' but as the 'Special Caggu Auxiliary Army' that's under the watch of (Philippine Army's) 84th Infantry Battalion," Fanagel told *The Tribune* in a sit down interview.

"By hook or by crook, Quiboloy really wants our land for eco-tourism. In fact, we are still looking into the possibility that his hired goons could be behind the killing of our comrades (last Friday)," the Lumad leader noted.



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Fanagel refers to the killing of Danny Diarog, a tribal chieftain of the Bagobo K'lata tribe and Hermie Alegre, PTCA president of Salugpungan school in Sitio Kahusayan, Barangay Dianga, Tugbok District, Davao City who were shot dead at 2 p.m. last July 15 by unidentified men riding in tandem at Sitio Kagaspan while on their way home from a meeting.

In a news report in 2012, it was noted that Diarog exposed how three backhoes were brought to their Sitio Kahusayan to begin the construction of a road going to the nearby Prayer Mountain owned by Quiboloy who leads the Jesus Christ the Kingdom Above Every Name.

Diarog's father, Dominador, was also murdered in April 2008 for their

community's assertion that their land is theirs and is not Quiboloy's.

"Our community has a status quo order from the Davao City Council, that's why (Quiboloy) is not supposed to touch us. But what he's doing is this: he puts up fences and says that it's part of his kingdom. And because we're in that area, he calls us squatters in our own land," Fanagel said.

"There are even some of us who are charged with illegal trespassing! It's the land of our ancestors, and now this false prophet is stealing it from us," he fumed.

As early as 2012, the pastor had already annexed more than 20 hectares of "protected land" in Mt. Apo. Due to the expansion of Prayer Mountain, Lumads of the Bagobo K'lata tribe have been forced to leave the foothills of Mt. Apo and have lost their livelihood.

But Fanagel said that they still trust President Duterte, a former long-time Davao City mayor, who promised them that harassment of Lumads should stop.

"President Duterte knows our plight very well. He talked to us. He's from Davao. We hope that his personal friendship with Quiboloy wouldn't destroy the trust we indigenous peoples invested in Duterte, our ally," he said.

"We also hope that, in his capacity as the Commander in Chief of the military, he will order his soldiers to stop patrolling our

lands," Fanagel added.

But nonetheless, it seems that Duterte is heavily indebted to Quiboloy for his successful bid for the presidency.

During the campaign season, Quiboloy claimed to have dreamt 18 years ago that Duterte, his friend, will become the President of the Philippines.

Back in January 2014, more than 40 armed men arrived in Barangay Manuel Guianga ordering people to leave. They said, "You have to leave because we are taking over, this land has been sold already to Pastor Quiboloy."

Then Mayor Duterte sent the chief of the Tugbok police to clear the area of the armed men and allow the people to return to their homes but the armed men ignored the policemen, according to the villagers.

Duterte said he "believed that the pastor had nothing to do with the armed men."

Just about a year ago, in April 2015, Duterte once again stood by his friend and his claim of ownership of the said ancestral lands. Stressing that he is not protecting Quiboloy, he nonetheless dismissed the claims of land-grabbing made by the Kahugpungan sa Lumad under the Pasaka or the Confederation of Indigenous People in Southern Mindanao. He also denied accusations that the pastor is maintaining his own private army.

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## No conspiracy in arbitration case, says Phl lawyer

One of the American lawyers who represented the Philippines in its case against China has debunked claims of Beijing that the arbitration is a political farce and conspiracy initiated by the United States.

Speaking at a forum at the University of the Philippines on Friday, Lawrence Martin of Foley Hoag said their firm would not be the right choice for a conspiracy as they have previously represented clients in cases filed against the US government.

China has rejected the recent award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, which overwhelmingly sided with the Philippine submission in connection with the issues

surrounding the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea.

It claimed that it would not recognize the ruling as it is unilaterally initiated by the Philippines, with some reports noting that China has claimed that the Philippine move was orchestrated by the US.

Martin debunked claims of Beijing that the ruling is non-binding, saying China is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) that it ratified in 1996.

"Honestly, with all due respect, there's no serious argument that China did not consent, there's no serious argument that the tribunal did not have jurisdiction, and

there's no serious argument that the award is not final and binding with China as much as the Philippines," Martin said.

"By signing UNCLOS, China specifically agreed that the Philippines – like any other state – can start an arbitration against it. In other words, China did consent when it signed the law of the seas convention," he added.

Martin also added that by signing UNCLOS, China agreed that the tribunal has the power to decide if it has jurisdiction over a case.

### Scenarios

Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio

outlined his optimistic and realistic scenarios that might happen following the ruling.

At best, China might eventually adopt a "face-saving exit" to comply with the ruling, he said.

Carpio said it may follow the position of Taiwan's former president Ma Ying-jeou, who said they claim only the islands within the nine-dash line and not the sea regions.

"It will be in compliance with the ruling without saying that they will comply. In many cases where states lost in the arbitration, the initial reaction is we will not comply. But they complied in a different way, but still satisfactory to

the winning party. That's my optimistic scenario," he said.

Realistically, China may continue to ignore the ruling and might force the Philippines to look at other ways to enforce it, Carpio said.

He said the Philippines can invoke international law by asking other bodies created by UNCLOS, such as the International Seabed Authority, to suspend permits that it gave to China.

"We (can) ask the International Seabed Authority or a tribunal to suspend the permits of China to explore the sea beds because it is cherry-picking, it is not taking the UNCLOS as a package deal," he said.

Carpio said the Philippines can also seek reparation for the marine environment damage brought by the activities in the areas declared as part of the Philippine exclusive economic zone.

He also noted China is planning to file for a continental shelf claim at the East Sea, which will fall under another provision of UNCLOS.

"If China wants to proceed with their application, it has to comply also with the other portions of UNCLOS," it added.

With the ruling, Carpio said the Philippines can also file a case if China decides to establish an oil platform in an area under the country's exclusive

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zone, such as in Recto (Reed) Bank.

Sen. Juan Edgardo Angara, on the other hand, called for tempering expectations on what this would mean for the country in the short term.

Angara said it is still too early to see any benefits for the Philippines as a result of the ruling on the issue.

This includes the expectation of some Filipino fishermen that they would be able to fish in the disputed waters, including Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal, following the ruling.

"Let's be reasonable in our expectations. Let's give our diplomats some time to come out with something advantageous for us. But now we definitely have the momentum because of the decision. It gives us some leverage, let's use that leverage," Angara said.

Since the ruling was only released last week, Angara said the talks between the two sides most likely have not started, so nothing new in the current situation in the disputed waters should be expected.

What is important right now, Angara said, is that the Duterte administration steps up its diplomatic efforts with China to figure out how to move forward now that the ruling has been handed down.

"That's why right now we should be aggressive in pursuing those diplomatic overtures," Angara said.

He said both official talks and unofficial backchannel negotiations should be explored to try to secure a beneficial arrangement for both sides.

"International law is very different. In international law, a judgment is only one of many instruments you can use going forward. There is no sheriff in international law (to enforce the decision) so you have to step up your diplomatic efforts," Angara said.

"And top of the diplomatic agenda should be allowing our fishermen back into the disputed areas, which are no longer disputed but from the point of view of China, they obviously feel they still have rights there. But that's something we can negotiate moving forward," he added.

### Trust and respect

President Duterte has raised the possibility of designating former president Fidel Ramos as an envoy to China to negotiate on behalf of the country now that the ruling is out.

The Chinese government has stated it is looking for a "win-win" outcome in the talks.

Angara said sending someone like Ramos, who has the trust and respect of China, is a good move.

He said a possible joint exploration agreement with China is worth considering as long as it is consistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

"I think we have to bear in mind what Justice Carpio said that a sovereign-to-sovereign agreement might run afoul of the Constitution. But there is nothing stopping us from entering into commercial contracts with Chinese companies, for instance," Angara said.

**- Marvin Sy**

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## A day in the lives of one-time communist rebels

BY MAURO GIA SAMONTE  
COLUMNIST

### Part IV

THE South China Sea dispute between the Philippines and China is always expectedly top of the agenda of every Philippine communist. As a communist, you are supposed to be fraternal with all communists in the world. But as a Filipino, you are supposed to uphold Philippine sovereignty. In the event that China attacks the Philippines, what will a Philippine communist do? Being a Filipino, counter the communist attack? Or being a communist, acquiesce to the aggression?

Time and again, I had raised this concern in articles on my blog and in this column, and I would have loved to take it up with top leaders of what could actually be the golden era of the communist movement in the Philippines. It was during Bilog's watch as chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines and head of its Military Commission that the party had peaked at five commissions exercising strong political influence

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in their respective areas encompassing the whole archipelago; the NPA, according to various estimates, at 25,000 regulars (Bilog said during the reunion it was 23,000, a figure that even so still put the revolutionary army at past the 10:1 ratio in relation to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the criterion for the revolutionary forces to combat the enemy effectively and succeed, up until 1985 the AFP stood at 150,000); and a particularly inspiring achievement was the establishment in the Cordilleras of five armed independent regimes, already impenetrable by the enemy and being reputed as the cells of what would become the People's Republic of the Philippines.

With the feared outbreak of hostilities in the South China Sea getting imminent as the United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling adverse to China is expected to be issued anytime soon, I had intended to get from Bilog and his group some sort of confirmation for my own view on the matter. [This column



MY SAY

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*was written and submitted for publication before the July 12 PCA ruling favoring the Philippines on its case against China in the West Philippine Sea. - Ed.]*

Pursuant to a Leninist dictum, I had consistently held that in the context of world political economy, the United States must use all military might to advance its capitalistic aggression the world over, hence US imperialism. In this view, therefore, the South China Sea struggle is not a conflict between China and the Philippines but rather between China and the US. As the Philippines suffered untold woes and destruction fighting the American war in World War II, so is it again being brought to the brink of fighting a war that is not its own. I believe I have sufficiently ventilated this issue in my past col-

umns prior to the Capas reunion.

Filipinos must be enlightened on the fact that between China and the US, it is the latter that has gone on a binge of aggressions the world over, in the Mediterranean, in the Asia Pacific and in the Middle East. China has never warred with other nations except those it had engaged with at one time or another over boundary issues, as with Vietnam and Laos. On the issue of aggression, China has always been on record as resolutely opposed to it, committing large forces to assist aggressed nations in resisting aggression, as North Korea against the US invasion in the 50s.

Bilog had had good friendly relations with China during his watch as chairman of the CPP and I was particularly interested in finding out his stand on the China-Philippines dispute at the UN PCA over the West Philippine Sea. I wanted to get his say on the matter ahead of the issuance of the PCA ruling on the dispute, expected anytime this week.

Answering my question, Bilog declared that the Chinese-occu-

pied features in the contested waters (reefs, rocks, and submerged banks) are Philippine territories and shared the view of Duterte of holding bilateral negotiations with China after the PCA issues its ruling.

Bilog just echoed the popular sentiment of Filipinos, who must be enlightened on the fact that sovereignty is not at issue in the PCA case. The contention of China is that the PCA has no jurisdiction over questions of who owns those features and on this basis, it has consistently made its stand of neither participating in the PCA deliberations nor accepting its final ruling.

My gravest concern, however, is that the PCA PH-China sea row has evidently been instigated by the US in order to gain a clout for launching its own war designs against China. Already the US has marshaled its international alliances for this purpose, at the same time that beginning January this year, it has deployed US navy ships (carriers and destroyers) in the South China Sea, conducting

naval exercises, including aerial surveillance of Chinese positions on Woody Island, Mischief Reef, and Fiery Cross Reef.

Instantly, China sent its jet fighters into the air in a show of readiness to counter any US attack while deploying its own navy forces in the contested waters.

I had wanted to consult Bilog on this particular situation and see how his forces, if they were still intact, could help in the urgent need to educate the people on the real issues involved in the conflict: that the question of who owns those Chinese-occupied sea features will not be decided upon by the PCA; neither will the question of maritime rights (for example, to fish or engage in oil exploration) be settled, maritime rights being contingent upon the question of who owns the coastal land; and the fear of war is real only insofar as the US obstinate design to war with China is concerned. I wanted to know how much still is the anti-US imperialism fire burning in their hearts, as it did in every nook of the country four decades ago.

In World War II, the United States abandoned the Philippines to rampage and slaughter by Japan in order to focus on the European Theater. The red fighters of Central Luzon, members of the *Hukbo ng Bayan Laban Sa Hapon* (HUKBALAHAP), carried the brunt of struggle against the Japanese aggression, but under the leadership of *Huk Supremo* Luis Taruc, the *Hukbalahaps* bravely fought the Japanese and by the time Gen. Douglas MacArthur returned in 1945, they had liberated the entire Central Luzon. The lesson from this experience is that in times of war, the people's army is able to consolidate its forces and establish a solid base for its political power.

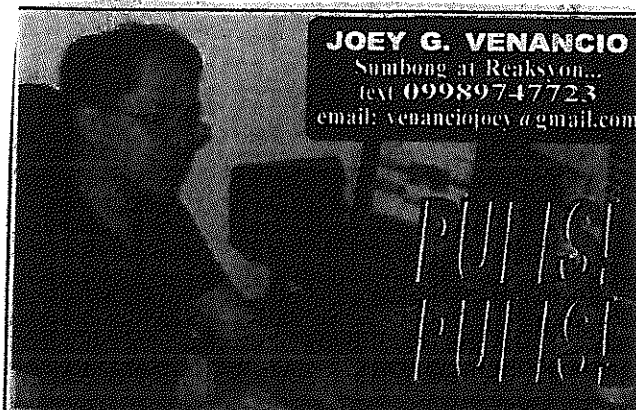
Might this situation offer to Bilog and his remaining forces the opportunity to do another Taruc-like liberation of Central Luzon?

One problem here, really: in World War II, the Japanese did attack, in fact savagely. In this perceived imminent war in the South China Sea, will China attack the Philippines? No, it will not. China will attack the US.

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### Malabo pa raw ang dobleng dagdag sahod ng PNP at AFP

Ito ang sinabi ni Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno: Kung mangyari mang taasan ng doble ang sahod ng mga pulis at militar ay posibleng sa suod na himang taon pa.

Hehehe... mag-e-eleksyon na naman yun ng presidente. Maaring magamit na naman yun para sa kampanya.

Sino at kailan ba ipinahayag na doblehin ang suweldo ng mga pulis at sundalo? Hindi ba noong kampanyahan? Ang tandem nina Digong at Alan ang nagsabi na kapag nahalal sila ay gagawin nilang P50,000 hanggang P100,000 ang sahod ng mga pulis at sundalo pati mga titser.

Ang kaso, si Digong nga lang ang nanalo. Olat si Alan, na siyang nagsulsol sa Pangulo para makuha ang simpatya ng pulis at sundalo in aid of their candidacy.

Kunsabagay... pinangakuan na nga kayo, gusto nyo pa tuparin? Hahaha... Nganga!

### Leave it to the Marines

Papalitan na raw ng sundalo, Marines, ang mga bantay sa National Bilibid Prison (NBP).

Isa na ngang bagong retired na Marines' general ang itinalaga sa Bureau of Correction, si Major General Alexander Balutan, na magsisimula sa kanyang bagong task sa Agosto 1.

Ito'y upang matigil na umano ang korapsyon at paghahari ng mga mayayamang convicted criminals sa loob ng Bilibid.

Ang Marines kasi ay kilalang hindi matakaw o hindi nasisilaw sa pera. Ang importante lang sa kanila ay may makam at tubig na pampaligo. Hehehe...

Hindi rin sila sumusunod o nakikipag-usap sa kahit kanino, maliban sa kanilang immediate superior.

Sabi nga kapag walang tiwala sayo ang isang tao: "Tell it to the Marines". Oha?

Kaya wish natin... magiging maayos na nga ang pama-malakad sa NBP sa kamay ng Marines. Just do it, Maj. Gen. Balutan, Sir! All eyes on you...

## ONLINE NEWS

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### MILESTONE | Army engages major telecommunication companies

Manila, Neo-Batara July 14, 2016 | Comment: Army Teles



FORT BONIFACIO, Taguig City – In its effort to further develop the communication system, the Philippine Army will hold fellowship activity with prominent private and commercial Telecommunication Companies (TELCOs) nationwide to be held at its headquarters here on Friday, July 15.

Heads and representatives of 31 major TELCOs in the Philippines are expected to attend the activity to include PLDT, Globe Telecom, Nightline Inc. and Philippine Institute of Cybersecurity Professionals.

Other participating companies are Barhead Solutions Inc., IOT Technology, HBCom, Synetcom, SMS Global Solutions, Macrologic, Intrade, Theon Sensors, Comclark Network and Technology Corp., Rollbase, EBDI Philippines Inc., Prism Blue Limited, Orange and Bronze Software Lab Inc., Fire Eye Philippines, MSI-ECS Philippines Inc., Fortinet, Trend Micro Inc., Nimble Storage, HP Networking, APC Complete Solutions, Global Knowledge, Cisco Philippines, Microsoft, First Data Corp., Global Sign, Neo Tech Asia Distributor, and Eset.

The activity includes Cal .45 pistol firing and fellowship night with BGen. Diosdado G. Respecio, Commander of the AFP's Communication, Electronics and Information System Service as the guest of honor and speaker.

The Army's Command and Control Communication and Cyber System (C4S) have initiated the activity in line with the Army's guidance to initiate a sense of shared responsibility with stakeholders in implementing various development initiatives.

Colonel Vener Odilon D. Mariano, the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for C4S said that partnership and collaboration with TELCOs will contribute to the Army's planning and development initiatives in terms of communication and cyber security system.

"It also provides us (Army Signal Corps) the necessary knowledge and skills to facilitate the installation, operation, and maintenance of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) equipment and facilities." Mariano said.

Meanwhile, the Army's partnership with various TELCOs is a realization of the Army Transformation Roadmap's (ATR) and the Internal Peace and Security Plan (IPSP) Bayanihan's objective to encourage stakeholder support through continuous engagement with key stakeholders.

"This effort is in line with our ATR Basecamp 2016, to become a well-equipped Army that has established a respectable image in Southeast Asia," said Col. Benjamin L. Hao, the Army spokesperson.

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## PEACEKEEPERS | AFP honors 19th Philippine Contingent to Haiti

July 15, 2015 | Camp Aguinaldo | AFP Contingent



CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City—The Armed Forces of the Philippines honored yesterday July 15, the 19th Philippine Contingent to Haiti after a year of deployment as peacekeepers in the Caribbean country.

The 135-strong contingent led by Colonel Vincent B Incognito received their United Nations Service Medals during a ceremony at the GHQ Canopy Area here.

The peacekeepers were welcomed by the AFP Chief of Staff General Ricardo R Visaya, Philippine Air Force Commanding General LtGen Edgar R Fallorina, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations MGen Carlito G Galvez, and AFP Peacekeeping Operations Center Commanding Officer Col Eugenio V Hernandez.

"As peacekeepers deployed to one of the most politically unstable environments in the world, critical responsibilities were bestowed upon you. And alongside those duties are the challenges of working in a foreign land, thousand miles away from home and your loved ones," General Visaya said during the welcome and medal parade ceremony.

The AFP deployed its first contingents to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) in 2004 following its establishment through the Security Council Resolution No. 1542.

MINUSTAH was established to maintain a secure and stable environment, assist in strengthening Haiti's government institutions, and promote and protect human rights after the series of armed conflicts that shook the country under the Aristide administration.

The 19<sup>th</sup> PCH was organized and selected based on the manning requirements specified in the agreement between the Government of the Philippines and the United Nations.

Composed of 135 personnel (11 Officers and 124 EP), the contingent provided administrative and security operations through clerical services, transport services, VIP security, and perimeter defense.

The all-Air Force contingent arrived in the country last July 11 and immediately undergone a medical checkup at the AFP Medical Center. They were replaced by the all-Army 20th PCH which left the country on July 8.

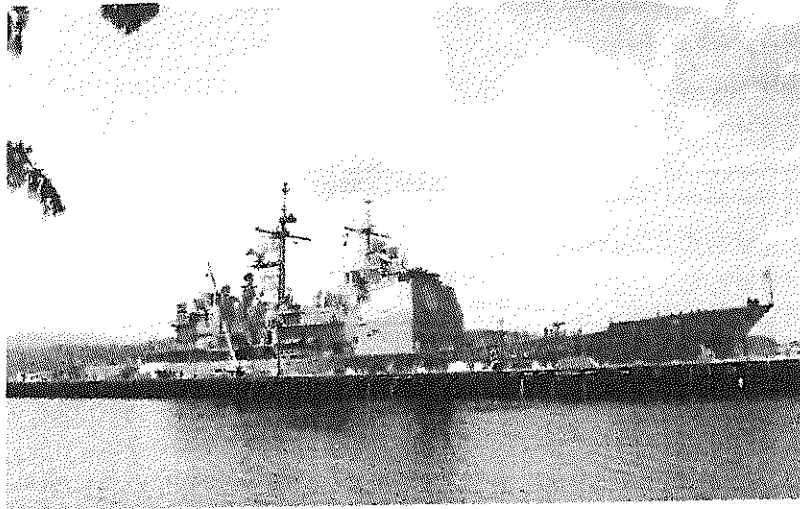
"As your eyes have been opened with the problems occurring outside the territory we are primarily tasked to protect, I am certain that you have gained the motivation to serve more because you now have more to offer to our country and to the Filipino people," General Visaya added.

## US Navy missile cruiser docks at Subic following WPS patrol

From the Manila Bulletin (Jul 14): US Navy missile cruiser docks at Subic following WPS patrol

The USS Shiloh, a Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser of the United States Navy, docked at this premier Freeport yesterday after conducting routine operations in the West Philippine Sea (WPS).

The ship arrived here two days after the release of the United Nations (UN)-backed Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling that rejected China's claims over much of the WPS.



**MARITIME PATROL MUSCLE** – The USS Shiloh, a Ticonderoga class guided missile cruiser of the United States Navy, docks at Alava Wharf in Subic Bay yesterday after conducting patrols in the West Philippine Sea. (Jonas Reyes /mb.com.ph)

The USS Shiloh was part of the group of the US Carrier Strike Group 5, including the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

The patrolling US Navy fleet also included the USS Chancellorsville, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer from Destroyer Squadron (DESRON), and aircrafts from Carrier Air Wing (CVW).

A report from the US Navy stated that the routine operations in the WPS are conducted to maintain and improve readiness and develop their cohesion as a strike group.

Meanwhile, the John C. Stennis Strike Group and the Carrier Strike Group-5 (CSG-5) conducted Dual Carrier operations.

According to the Rear Admiral John Alexander, commander of Task Force 70, the Dual Carrier operations is done to maintain interoperability between the ships and aircrafts.

He added that these forward-deployed ships are operating in the WPS to maintain the area "open for all to use."

"The U.S. Navy has flown, sailed and operated throughout the Western Pacific in accordance with international law for over a century, and will continue to do so," Alexander said.

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## Resolution filed to fast-track talks with Reds

From Business World (Jul 16): Resolution filed to fast-track talks with Reds

MEMBERS of the Makabayan bloc filed a resolution urging President Rodrigo R. Duterte to fast-track the peace talks with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and the release of its detained consultants.

House Resolution No. 16, co-authored by incoming House Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez, seeks to release the 21 detainees and other Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantee (JASIG)-protected persons.

The JASIG is an agreement between the NDFP and Philippine government signed in 1994 that adopts safety and immunity for those facilitating peace negotiations.

The resolution urges Mr. Duterte to "vigorously pursue" the peace talks, which stalled during the Aquino administration.

The formal peace talks between the Philippine government and NDFP will begin later this month in Oslo, Norway. Both parties will tackle the following agenda:

- affirmation of previously signed agreements;
- accelerated process for negotiations, including the timeline for the completion of the talks; socioeconomic reforms; political and institutional reforms; end of hostilities and disposition of forces;
- reconstitution of JASIG list;
- amnesty proclamation for the release of all detained political prisoners subject to the concurrence of Congress; and
- mode of interim cease-fire

The House resolution was filed by Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, ACT Teacher Reps. Antonio L. Tinio, France L. Castro, Anakpawis Rep. Ariel B. Casilao, Gabriela Reps. Emmi De Jesus, Arlene D. Brosas, and Kabataan Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago.

<http://www.bworldonline.com>

## 'Abusive' tribal chieftain tagged in militarization in Dav Or

From the often pro-Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) online publication the Davao Today (Jul 15): 'Abusive' tribal chieftain tagged in militarization in Dav Or

Residents scored the alleged abuses of a tribal chieftain in Caraga town, Davao Oriental province which have triggered military offensives and displaced at least 399 families.

Grace Curso, council member of the Pasaka Confederation of Lumads Compostela-Davao Oriental said the residents are blaming tribal chieftain Cupertino Banugan for the military offensives in Barangay Pichon, Caraga town, on Friday, July 8.

Curso, who joined the fact-finding mission on Tuesday, said the Banugan collects royalty fees and other dues out of the residents' falcatta logs sale and other businesses for the last 31 years.

She said that if a villager builds a house, he would be asked to pay P10,000 to Banugan. Curso said Banugan would also ask for a percentage of the villager's produce of cash crops like abaca or livestock.

Banugan is an appointed tribal chieftain by the National Commission on the Indigenous Peoples.

"They also said that when they asked for help from the government no action was taken because Banugan is very influential," she said.

"So it is only now that the residents has asked for the help of the NPA whom they believe will help them," Curso added.

She said that is the reason why the NPAs arrived at the area this June.

NPA's ultimatum

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Lt. Miguel Diorda of the 67th IB told Davao Today that the NPA has given an ultimatum that they will attack Sitio Sangab, one of the 18 sitios in Barangay Pichon, if Banugan will not surrender.

Diorda said they even received a letter about the ultimatum urging the Army to surrender Banugan. He said they received the letter on June 24. But Diorda said he was not sure of the date on the letter.

"They gave us a letter which says that we have to surrender Cuper (Banugan)," Diorda said.

He said the NPA's arrived in the area on June 22.

He said the NPA has threatened to attack Sitio Sangab, a known stronghold of anti-communist paramilitary forces, if Banugan will not surrender.

Captain Eliseo Marcolino also told Davao Today on Monday, July 11 that the Army's presence was to drive out the NPAs.

He said they were aware of the land disputes in the area but said that it is "an internal problem between the natives."

"Kaya mi niaksyon mi diha, kay nidako ang problema sa presensya sa NPA kay ilahang gi-claim ang kinabuhi daw ni Cupertino Banugan, ni tribal chieftain (We only responded because of the presence of the NPAs who are claiming for the life of Banugan)," Marcolino said.

He said until a case is filed against Banugan in court, "he is innocent".

'Coddled by the military'

In a statement, Rubi Del Mundo, spokesperson of the National Democratic Front in Southern Mindanao said the Army "has coddled and deputized its paramilitary Mandaya Ancestral Defense Unit (Manadu) to commit rights violations against Lumads in Caraga and Baganga in the Davao Oriental" for decades.

Del Mundo said that the armed paramilitary is headed both by Banugan and his brother Ramon.

Del Mundo said the Manadu militia killed Romeo Mapando in April 2011 following a land dispute against Banugan.

"They also killed Mali Lagungan and Roque Banagan. In 2013, the same men strafed the house of brothers Roming and Espidito Justo in Sitio Kaliongan, tied their hands together and threatened to kill them when Banugan suspected the farmers of selling their own abaca hemp without his knowledge," he said.

Del Mundo said the Mandaya residents in Barangay Pichon "lived in virtual martial law" under Banugan and the Manadu since mid-1980s.

"The Manadu, like the Alamara and other paramilitaries proliferating in the region, is being used by the AFP to conduct counter-revolutionary war and sow terror against Lumads and other civilians. The AFP, especially during Oplan Bayanihan, employs psywar tactics to disunite the Lumads, foments anti-revolutionary sentiment and recruits paramilitaries as mercenaries to commit the most heinous war crimes," said Del Mundo.

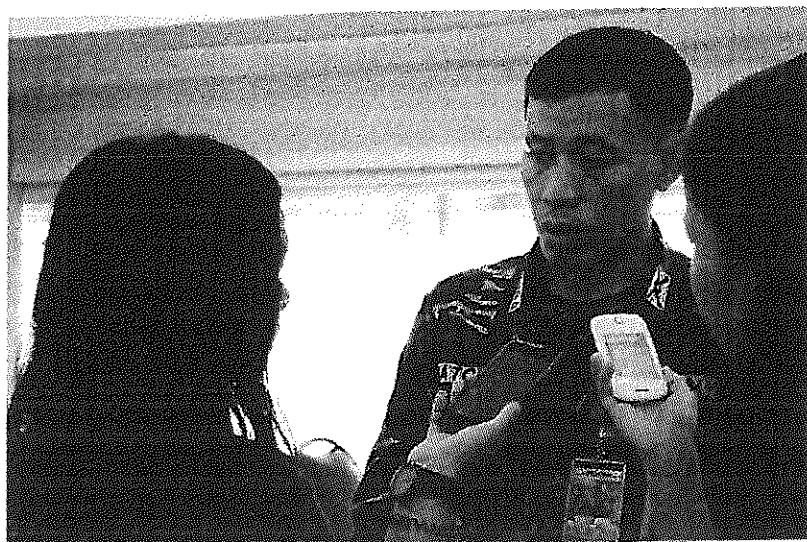
Davao Today is still trying to get the side of Banugan as of press time.

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## Army warns threat of 'pangayaw' for Labawan's killing

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(Paulo C. Rizal/davaotoday.com file photo)

Capt. Rhyan Batchar, spokesman of the Army's 10th Infantry Division said some tribal leaders are approaching them for advice on what to do after Labawan's death.

Labawan, is a tribal leader of the Ata in Paquibato district here who took an active role in the government's anti-insurgency campaign. He was killed by the New People's Army on July 6 in Panabo City. Labawan was buried on Thursday, July 8.

"We have some tribal leaders going to the division and asking for advises. There are several tribal leaders going to the Division to ask what will they do," Batchar said.

He said the 1003rd Brigade is now conducting "peace dialogues" among the groups of the Lumad "to avoid further bloodshed."

"We cannot control it already. All we can do right now, is to talk to them, to prevent (it), because sooner or later they will face criminal charges if they still pursue with the pangayaw," said Batchar.

Batchar said Labawan was "a very active member of the Ata Manobo tribe, who is helping his fellow Lumad in Paquibato district to alleviate their way of living."

However, the NPA in a statement said "Labawan was guilty of blood debts and thereby meted with the death penalty for serious crimes against the people, especially the Lumads and peasant settlers of Davao City and North Cotabato."

"He was also guilty of grave acts of collusion in the reactionary regime's campaign of duplicity and disunity among Lumads," said Rigoberto Sanchez, spokesperson of the NPA Southern Mindanao Regional Command.

Sanchez said Labawan was enlisted as an intelligence operative for the Intelligence Service of the AFP (ISAFP) since 2001.

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## ISIS recruits Southeast Asians through newspaper

From the Asian Journal (Jul 14): ISIS recruits Southeast Asians through newspaper



THE Extremist group Islamic State (ISIS) has launched a new Malay-language publication in an effort to gain support among jihadists in Southeast Asia, according to Malaysian newspaper Berita Harian.

Called Al-Fatihin (Arabic for "The Conqueror"), the newspaper was launched in the southern Philippines on June 20 and has been distributed to Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore, southern Thailand and in parts of Mindanao where many of the Filipino Muslims there speak the Malay language.

CNN Indonesia reported that ISIS has its own sector of Malay-speaking correspondents from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines called Katiba Nusantara.

Jasminder Singh and Muhammad Haziq Jani, terrorism analysts at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, co-authored a research paper last month called "Al-Fatihin: Islamic State's First Malay-Language Newspaper", which detailed the purposes of the newspaper, which were to serve Southeast Asian jihadists and recruit new ones.

They also analyzed the underlying effects of introducing such a publication to the region.

"Al-Fatihin's tagline ("The newspaper for Malay-speaking migrants in the Islamic State") drives the point that, no matter the differences and nuances in language, identity and origins, Southeast Asian jihadists have [a] common logos and as such, all Malay-speaking jihadists should act as one," said Singh and Jani.

The paper detailed the first issue of the newspaper, which was 20 pages long and focused on the month of Ramadan and the act of jihad, also known as the "holy struggle."

The issue also included a three-page message from the late Abu Ayyub al-Masri, Egyptian insurgent and former al-Qaeda leader in Iraq, encouraging insurgents to "continue their jihadist activities, search for martyrdom and kill and crucify the polytheists, disbelievers, oppressors and transgressors."

The use of the Malay language was an effective strategy for recruitment because it allows for the organization to "disseminate [ISIS] propaganda" to a broader audience in an effort to unify the jihadist population in the region.

"Al-Fatihin buttresses [ISIS] messages calling on militant groups in Indonesia and the Philippines to unite and pledge their allegiance to Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi," the paper read.

An anonymous security expert told Berita Harian that the newspaper can be seen as a warning that Malay-speaking territories are in ISIS's sight.

"This psychological campaign means that the terrorists have a big objective, which is to expand their influence among

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people who understand the Malay language,” said the expert.

The source added that based on the way that the language is being used, the writer(s) and/or editor(s) may be from Southeast Asia.

Two days after Al-Fahitin was launched, ISIS released a video claiming the Philippines as its territory and told its supporters in Southeast Asia to travel to the country if they can't make it to Syria, according to Singaporean newspaper Strait Times.

The Philippine military reportedly dismissed the video as “mere propaganda,” according to Strait Times.

Over the last few years, there has been growing speculation that the Philippines is ISIS's next target. Southeast Asian militant groups have already pledged allegiance to ISIS, like the Abu Sayyaf in Mindanao and Mujahideen in eastern Indonesia. An upsurge of jihadist activity from Abu Sayyaf, has raised concern over ISIS' influence in the country.

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