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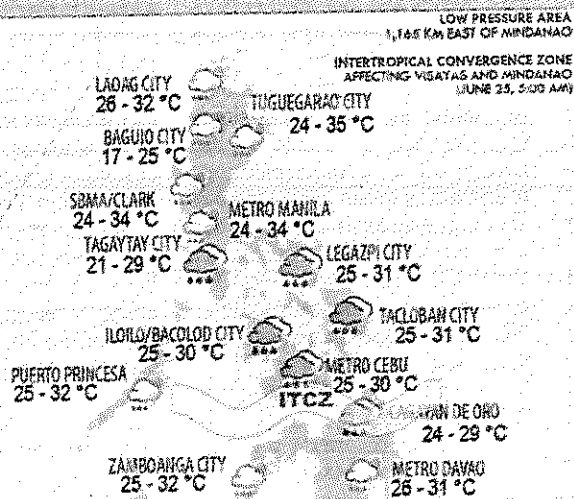
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# Just go quickly, EU tells UK

## Britain under pressure to set 'divorce' timetable

LONDON—Britain was under pressure on Saturday to set out a quick timetable for a divorce from the European Union (EU) after the country's historic vote to leave the bloc sent shockwaves around the world.

Global stock markets plunged on Friday, and sterling saw its biggest one-day drop in history after Britons voted by 52-48 percent to exit the European Union, which it joined more than 40 years ago.

Ratings agency Moody's downgraded its outlook for Britain, saying its creditworthi-

ness was now at greater risk as the country would face substantial challenges to successfully negotiating its exit from the bloc.

European Commission Presi-  
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dent Jean-Claude Juncker said he wanted to begin negotiating Britain's departure immediately.

"Britons decided yesterday that they want to leave the European Union, so it doesn't make any sense to wait until October to try to negotiate the terms of their departure," Juncker told Germany's ARD television station.

Prime Minister David Cameron announced on Friday he would resign after leading the failed campaign to stay in the bloc, and said someone else should take the lead in negotiating the unprecedented and complicated extrication.

He suggested his replacement would be in place by October.

That person could be his Conservative Party rival Boris Johnson, the former London mayor who became the most recognizable face of the "Leave" camp and who is now favorite to succeed him.

## Biggest blow to unity

Britain's decision to leave the European Union is the biggest blow since World War II to the European project of forging greater unity.

The United Kingdom itself could also now break apart, with the nationalist leader of Scotland, where nearly two-thirds of voters wanted to stay in the European Union, saying a new referendum on independence from the rest of Britain was "highly likely."

Scottish government ministers were meeting on Saturday to decide their next move.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel will meet French, German and Italian leaders in Berlin on Monday to discuss future steps, and the foreign ministers of Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, will meet on Saturday morning.

US President Barack Obama on Friday tried to limit the fallout from Britain's vote to leave the European Union, which threatens to harm the US economic recovery and distract US allies from global security issues.

Obama vowed that Washington would still maintain both its "special relationship" with London and close ties to Brussels, but stood by his warning that Britain would move to the back of the queue when it came to trade deals.

US presidential candidate Donald Trump, whose own rise has been fueled by similar anger at the political establishment, called the vote a "great thing."

Supporters of Islamic State and al-Qaeda said Britain had divided and weakened itself, according to the SITE monitoring service.

Militant Islamists took to the internet to applaud the British vote, with one saying it marked the "beginning of the disintegration of the Crusaders."

## Markets fall

The British pound fell as much as 10 percent against the US dollar on Friday to levels last seen in 1985 on fears the decision could hit investment in the world's fifth-largest economy, threaten London's role as a global financial capital, and usher in months of political uncertainty.

The euro slid 2.0 percent against the US dollar. World stocks saw more than \$2 trillion wiped off their value. European stocks ended down 7.0 percent, the biggest one-day fall since 2008.

US stocks fell suffered the largest sell-off in 10 months sharply, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 3.4 percent.

Investors put their cash in the safety of gold, which clocked up its biggest daily gain since the global financial crisis of 2008, ending Friday up 5.0 percent at \$1,315 an ounce.

Ratings agency Moody's said Britain was at risk of a credit downgrade, assigning a negative outlook to its "Aa1" rating for British government debt.

"During the several years in which the UK will have to renegotiate its trade relations with the EU, Moody's expects heightened uncertainty. di-

minished confidence and lower spending and investment to result in weaker growth," the agency said.

Quitting the world's biggest trading bloc could cost Britain access to the trade barrier-free single market and means it must seek new trade accords with countries around the world.

A poll of economists by Reuters predicted Britain was likelier than not to fall into recession within a year.

The European Union arose out of the ashes of two world wars to unite a continent and now faces the challenge of maintaining economic and political unity without Britain, which has the European Union's biggest financial center, a UN Security Council veto, a powerful army and nuclear weapons.

Germany's Merkel called the "Brexit" vote a watershed for European unification. The result emboldened eurosceptics in other EU member states, with French National Front leader Marine Le Pen and Dutch far-right leader Geert Wilders demanding their countries also hold referendums.

Le Pen changed her Twitter profile picture to a Union Jack and declared "Victory for freedom!"

The British vote will trigger at least two years of divorce proceedings with the European Union, the first exit by any member state.

## 'Birth of new Britain'

There was euphoria among Britain's eurosceptic newspapers.

"Birth of a new Britain," the Daily Telegraph said, while the Daily Star tabloid borrowed from Donald Trump's campaigning message with its headline "Now Let's Make Britain Great Again."

The Daily Mail hailed it as a victory by "the quiet people of Britain" over an arrogant, out-of-touch political establishment and a contemptuous Brussels.

Those that backed staying the bloc were more circumspect. "Brexit earthquake," the Times said.

Britain has always been ambivalent about its relations with the rest of post-war Europe.

A firm supporter of free trade, tearing down internal economic barriers and expanding the European Union to take in ex-communist eastern states, the UK opted out of joining the euro single currency and the Schengen border-free zone.

Cameron's ruling Conservatives in particular have harbored a vocal anti-EU wing for many years, and it was partly to silence such figures that he promised the referendum in 2013.

His party is now left with deep divisions after an often bitter and personal campaign with rows over immigration that critics said at times unleashed overt racism, while there are angry re-creminations among lawmakers in the opposition Labor Party about the role of its leftist leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Corbyn, accused by party critics of campaigning tepidly for its "Remain" stance, makes a speech on Saturday that will be closely watched by critical colleagues, two of whom issued a no-confidence motion to topple him on Friday.

The campaign revealed deep splits in British society, with the pro-Brexit side drawing support from voters who felt left behind by globalization and blamed EU immigration for low wages.

Older voters backed Brexit but the young and well educated mainly wanted to stay in the European Union. London and Scotland supported the European Union, but swaths of England that have not shared in the capital's prosperity voted to leave.

Left unclear is the relationship Britain can negotiate with the European Union with officials warning UK-based banks and financial firms could lose automatic access to sell services in Europe.

Huge questions also face the large numbers of British expatriates who live and work freely elsewhere in the European Union as well the fate of EU citizens who live and work in Britain. **Reuters**



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# Indonesia bans ships from sailing to Phl

**JAKARTA** – Jakarta banned Friday any Indonesian-flagged vessel from sailing to the Philippines, the transport ministry said after yet another violent kidnapping in the strife-torn waters between the two nations.

The ruling was issued after the government confirmed seven Indonesian sailors were kidnapped at gunpoint last week, and were being held hostage by an unknown group.

It's the third time this year Indonesian sailors have been kidnapped in the Sulu Sea, a vital waterway that's seen a spike in seaborne crime like armed robberies and kidnappings.

In response to the latest incident, the transport ministry issued a notice informing all harbor masters they were "strictly prohibited from issuing permits to all Indonesian-flagged vessels bound for the Philippines, without exception."

"This hijacking issue is a serious matter and cannot be tolerated anymore," the ministry's

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water transport director general A. Tonny Budiono said in a statement.

To prevent any commercial vessels from breaching the ban, Indonesia will also ramp up marine patrols in its waters bordering the southern Philippines, Budiono added.

It's not yet clear how significantly trade will be affected by the ban, but it could severely disrupt the flow of goods from Southeast Asia's largest economy - including natural resources like coal - to the Philippines.

The Sulu and Celebes seas form a key waterway between Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, and are used for the passage of 55 million metric tons of goods and over 18 million people per year.

Last month, the three countries agreed to launch a coordinated patrol of the waters after the recent surge of

kidnappings.

The Indonesian sailors abducted this week were towing a coal barge through the Sulu Sea when their tugboat was attacked by gunmen.

"The government will do everything possible to free these hostages," foreign minister Retno Marsudi said.

Sulu, a southern archipelago, is a known hideout

of Abu Sayyaf militants who have earned millions of dollars from kidnappings in recent years.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry said he could not confirm whether a ransom demand had been made, or if Abu Sayyaf was responsible for the abductions.

Philippine security officials said they are verifying

the reports that gunmen identified with the Abu Sayyaf was behind the kidnapping of the Indonesian sailors.

Earlier this year the group kidnapped 14 Indonesian sailors, holding them in their stronghold in Jolo island in southern Philippines. They were later freed but there was no information on whether a ransom was paid. - AFP

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## Fake army colonel nabbed

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## Fake PA, PNP officers in bogus loan scheme caught

By **ALFRED DALIZON**

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chief, Senior Superintendent Ronald O. Lee.

According to Lee, they launched the entrapment operation following a complaint from a retired soldier whose name was used by the two to avail of a loan from the Kooperatibe ng mga Pulis at Sundalo, a lending company holding office along 2nd Avenue, Bgy. Murphy in Cubao near the PNP national headquarters in Camp Crame.

Lee said the retired Armed Forces serviceman sought their assistance in arresting the two after he discovered that his name was used by the duo to have a loan at the QC cooperative for soldiers and policemen.

Although they were unarmed, the two were found in possession of fake documents including PNP and AFP identification cards and an ultra-violet powder duster check in the amount of P798,000 when arrested by a team of CIDG-NCR operatives led by Senior Police Officer 3 Gaudencio Catapang last Wednesday.

Del Rosario, who was

found in possession of a PNP identification card bearing the name of Police Inspector Roy C. del Rosario and the PNP Badge 0-14777 claimed to be a dismissed Police Officer 2 during initial questioning, said CIDG-NCR deputy chief, Supt. Arnold Thomas Ibay.

The official said that during investigation, they found out that the two's modus operandi is to use their glib-tongues to entice would-be loan applicants to avail of their services for the release of their loan without too much delay.

Ibay said that once the retired soldier or policeman gives his official background to the suspects, the two will disappear. Unknown to the victims, the two will use their targets' identities to file a loan.

"They will attach their photos on the victim's loan application paper and present Recto-forged IDs and other government papers to the company," the official said.

Lee said that Arciaga is known to the company since he has referred several clients in the past. The suspects were said to have

gypped the lending company of some P7 million before going into hiding.

However, last Monday, Arciaga again made contact with the company and referred Mendoza whom he identified as a retiree from Licao-Licao, San Isidro, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan.

Unknown to the suspects, the company employees have unmasked their identities and sought the help of the CIDG-NCR in arresting them after telling the suspects to first submit all the requirements for evaluation of their loan.

A background check showed that the suspects used the name of a genuine retired Army officer named 2Lt. Flavio M. Mendoza to make the loan. However, the picture of Gamboa was attached to the loan application of 2Lt. Mendoza.

Lee said that the lending company pretended to approve the application and told the suspects they will release the approved check at the UCPB Lagro Branch. When the suspects showed up in the area and claimed the check from a company representative, they were placed under arrest by CIDG-NCR officers posted in the area.

Some companions of the two suspects are still being hunted as of press time.

"We're calling on past victims of the two to show up in our Camp Crame office and file additional charges against the suspects," the official said.

Lee said that the two will be facing charges for syndicated estafa thru falsification of public documents, usurpation of authority and concealing true name. Both are being held at the CIDG-NCR detention facility.

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## Displaced *lumads* return home

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – Around 200 *lumads* displaced in recent encounters between the military and New People's Army (NPA) rebels started returning to their homes on Friday.

Misamis Oriental Gov. Yevgeny Emano said the provincial government provided transportation for the evacu-

ees' return to the mountain village of Banglaw in Lagonlong, Misamis Oriental.

Capt. Patrick Martinez, spokesman for the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said government troops left the village after a weeklong operation against NPA guerrillas.

Martinez gave assurance

that the military would camp out at least one kilometer away from *lumad* villages during its offensive.

The *lumads*, who left their homes on Thursday last week, took temporary shelter at the provincial capitol grounds in this city.

Last year, *lumads* who

camped out on the provincial capitol grounds demanded the pullout of the soldiers from their villages.

A spokesperson for the tribal group, Nenita Hilogon, said the presence of soldiers near their villages puts them at risk of being caught in crossfires.

– Gerry Lee Gorit

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## 7-yr-old girl slain in rebel attack

BUTUAN CITY – A seven-year-old girl, who was in deep slumber in her room, was killed by a stray bullet when an undetermined number of communist rebels reportedly attacked Barangay Payapag, Bacuag town in Surigao del Norte Thursday night, according to an information officer of the Fourth Civil Military Operations (4th CMOB) based in the province.

First Lt. Karl Jan S. Devaras, Public Information Office head of the 4th CMOB, said Cristel Mae Aguilar was sleeping in their house when she was hit by a bullet coming from the raiders of Barangay Payapag.

He said the Peace and Development Team (PDT) of the 30th Infantry (Python) Battalion (30th IB), which happened to be in the area, was able to immediately respond

and defend Barangay Payapag.

The soldiers' resistance resulted in the immediate retreat of the attackers towards a nearby mountainous area.

"Immediately after the bandit group withdrew, the PDT of 30th IB searched and secured the community, and discovered several empty cartridge shells of AK-47 and M16 A1 assault rifles from the bandit group's position," Devaras said.

He said the responding PDT team found Aguilar's parents crying for help, and the soldiers immediately brought the girl to the nearest hospital to no avail.

Combat maneuvering troops of the 30th IB are still conducting pursuit operations against the attackers, Devaras said. (Mike U. Crismundo)



## Army's 901st IB to sustain operations vs. NPA rebels

From the Philippine News Agency (Jun 25): Army's 901st IB to sustain operations vs. NPA rebels

The Philippine Army's 901st Infantry Brigade based at Barangay Villahermosa in Daraga, Albay said it will sustain its combat operations against the New People's Army (NPA) in its area of responsibility after incoming Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya ordered Bicol-based troops not to relax or lower their guard but to sustain their anti-insurgency activities.

The order came on the heels of NPA ambushes against the Philippine National Police (PNP) that left one cop killed and two wounded, including a student in Masbate, on June 5 while two cops were killed and another civilian was wounded in an ambush in Bulan, Sorsogon on June 3.

"There are groups in the New People's Army which do not follow order from their higher-ups despite an agreed ceasefire," Brig. Gen. Claudio L. Yucot, 901st IB commander, said during a press conference at the Air Force's Tactical Operations Group 5, Friday morning.

"I came to know this hard lesson for the last 30 years fighting communist rebels," he said, adding that there are NPA units which are engaged in banditry.

The brigade's operational control is in Albay, Catanduanes and Camarines Sur's third, fourth and fifth districts – including the towns of Castilla, Pilar, Donsol in Sorsogon province.

"Yes we are always ready while the peace talk is being worked out," Yucot said.

He said it is a welcome development that the government is entering another peace talk with the Communist Party of the Philippines, the National Democratic Front and the New People's Army in the country.

"But this does not mean that we will put our guards down because there are rogue elements in the NPA who will take advantage of the situation to make a fast run against us," the Army official said.

Based on military intelligence, Yucot said, there are less than 30 NPA regulars operating in his command's area of operation.

"I want them (the rebels) to avail of the comprehensive local integration program. It's sad to think Filipinos are fighting and killing each other because a group wants to impose a bankrupt communist ideology," he said.

Yucot added that this program will give a new chance for their families to live a peaceful and normal life.

Although there is no formal order yet for a ceasefire, they might take advantage to attack far-flung and weak areas, he said.

"Once the order is given to start the peace talks with the accompanying cessation of hostilities, we will follow the order. Whatever order is given to us by our new AFP Chief of Staff we will follow it to the letter," the Army official said.

Yucot added that there is no problem with the incoming AFP Chief of Staff because he is a very competent commander and a very good leader.

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Visaya flew to Camp Elias Angeles, the headquarters of the 9th Infantry Division in Barangay Tinangis, Pili, Camarines Sur on June 20 to bid farewell and personally thank the officers, men and women of the Army's best infantry division.

He was received by 9th Infantry Division Commander Major Gen. Ferdinand F. Quidilla with the rest of the Team 9ID.

There was a command conference on the current status of division's internal security operations which was attended by field commanders.

It was followed by a talk from Visaya to impart some guidance of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte.

He said his job as Southern Luzon commander was made easier because of "your cooperation and support."

Visaya will assume the post as AFP Chief of Staff on July 1.

<http://www.pna.gov.ph/index.php?idn=2&sid=&nid=2&rid=898618>

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## **FAREWELL| Army honors five retiring generals**

**FORT BONIFACIO, Taguig City** – The Philippine Army honors five senior officers who will compulsorily retire from the military service this July in a traditional testimonial review held at the ROTC Hunters Guerilla/Parade Ground, on Jun. 24.

Brigadier Generals Apolinario Y. Aloba, Commander of the Joint Task Force National Capital Region (JTF NCR); Joel D. Celino, the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, OJ1; Librado B. Moog, Chief, Armed Forces of the Philippines Pension and Gratuity Management Center (AFPPGMC); Marcial O. Constante Jr., the AFP Provost Marshall General; and Frederick Evans L. Ramos, Chief, Office of the Legislative Affairs (OLA), AFP will all retire from the service upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 56 in July.

Army Chief, Lt. Gen. Eduardo M. Año, together with his staff, other HPA-based officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees, attended the said event to pay respect for the retirees' faithful and honorable services to the nation.

Aloba, a member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class 1982 rendered 38 years and 2 months in the military service. Prior to his current designation, he was the Chief of Staff of the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (1ID) and later became the Commander of 101<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1ID in Mindanao. As the JTF NCR Commander, he took charge the security aspect and orchestrated all security operations during the visit of Pope Francis in the Philippines and the recent national elections.

Celino and Moog are both members of the PMA Class 1983. They both rendered 37 years and 2 months in the military service.

Celino spent almost of his military career in the Army's Special Operations Command (SOCOM), particularly in the Special Forces Regiment. He also became head of the Military History Center, AFP Command and General Staff College.

Moog, on the other hand, spent almost of his career in the intelligence service. He held various positions in the Intelligence Service, AFP. He also became Chief of Staff of the Army's 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division before he was designated as Chief, AFPPGMC.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gens. Constante and Ramos are both members of the PMA Class 1984. They both rendered more than 36 years in the military service.

As the AFP Provost Marshall General, Constante facilitated the resolution of 395 cases including violations of anti-violence against women and children; abuse of authority; serious physical injuries; and violations of different articles of wars for grave misconduct in relation to attempted murder.

Ramos, on the other hand, is a recipient of foreign military awards, one of which is the Malaysian Military Valor Award. The award was given to him by the King of Malaysia for his outstanding efforts in preventing a major conflict between the Philippines and Malaysia after the invasion of Lahad Datu in Sabah by the Kiram Forces of Sulu. He also ensured the safety of the Filipino people affected by the said violent acts in Eastern Malaysian region of Sabah and Sarawak.

As Chief OLA, Ramos diligently coordinated and supervised the AFP's legislative agenda in both the Congress and the Senate. He was facilitated the successful passing of the Joint Resolution Nr 5, regarding the increase of subsistence allowance for the uniformed personnel. Significantly, Ramos also ensured the confirmation of at least 231 Army Senior Officers by the Commission on Appointments. The retirees expressed their gratitude to the Philippine Army for the honors bestowed upon them.

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In their speeches, they said that they are happy to be spending more time with their families after their retirement.

*"Pinahiram lang ako ng nanay ko sa Philippine Army for 36 years. Ngayon babalik na ako sa kanya,"* said Brig. Gen. Constante, while rendering his last salute to the Army troopers who attended the event.

*"I am looking forward to waking up late, no more stressful days and fatigue, and to be with my family seven days a week,"* said Brig. Gen. Aloba.

They also shared anecdotes about their cadet lives in PMA, and how they were honed to be good soldiers; reminisced their years in the field as young lieutenants; and looked back on their colorful military careers.

"During my cadet life, I was molded to become loyal to my family and to our countrymen," said Brig. Gen. Constante. "I also learned the importance of discipline in the military service".

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Año bid adieu to the retirees who have made their own mark in their respective tour of duties.

"It is, indeed, an honor to acknowledge the service of soldiers who have fought a good fight, whose legacy of service to the nation inspires us to strive, for the same brand of excellence in our respective duties and responsibilities," said Año.

The Army commander also encouraged the men and women in uniform to continue to contribute in the transformation initiatives of the Army just as the honorees are.

"You are the major contributors to our goals and mission of realizing a long-lasting peace and in eliminating insurgency," Año added.

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# Grateful military to bid simple goodbye to P-Noy

By Jaymee T. Gamil  
and Tina Santos

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines said Saturday it would hold a simple sendoff for its outgoing Commander in Chief, under whose leadership it had received the biggest boost in its capabilities.

AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said the military will hold a testimonial parade and review in honor of President Aquino on the afternoon of June 27 to be attended by the top brass and other dignitaries at Camp Aguinaldo.

"However, in contrast to previous parades, there will be no Air Force fly-by during this testimonial for the Commander in Chief," Padilla said in a statement.

"The toned down ceremonies are in keeping with the desire of the outgoing Commander in

Chief to keep the ceremonies as simple as possible without sacrificing the necessary military protocols, customs and traditions entailed by the activity," he said.

### 'Best admin so far'

The ceremony will serve as an "expression of gratitude" for Mr. Aquino, Padilla said.

"The AFP capability build-up under the outgoing administration has been the best so far for the AFP and greatly exceeds the support provided by the last three administrations combined," he added.

President Aquino, at the Philippine Navy's 118th anniversary in June, noted that his administration had released a total of P60.14 billion for the military modernization in the past six years, topping that spent by the past three administrations.

During that event, Aquino oversaw the commissioning of the BRP Tarlac, the Navy's first sealift vessel and the first of two brand-new amphibious landing dock vessels bought for P1.9 billion each.

They joined two Hamilton-class Navy cutters acquired from the United States that now patrol our territorial waters.

### New rifles for Army

Three months earlier, Army officials cited the 56,840 new assault rifles they had received to replace "Vietnam war-era" weapons.

The Air Force received new air assets, procured by the government for a total of P27 billion since 2013, including the first two of 12 fighter jets—the first in 10 years since the retirement of the last of such aircraft in 2005.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, meanwhile, praised Mr. Aquino for his accomplishments, but noted that "there is no perfect government" around the world.

"All administrations may have strived and worked hard but all administrations as well

left things that still need to be addressed," Tagle said in a post in the official Church news service CBCPNews. "That's life."

### Tagle's birthday guest

Aquino, who once locked horns with the Church over the reproductive health law, was

among the guests at Tagle's 59th birthday celebration on Tuesday.

Tagle said he hoped the next administration would "also strive" to address the country's ills, even as President-elect Rodrigo Duterte had earlier blasted Church leaders as hypocrites.

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## AFP rendering final tribute to Noy tomorrow

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is tendering full military honors to President Aquino tomorrow in gratitude for his full support to the military upgrade and modernization program.

AFP spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said the testimonial parade for Aquino will be without the traditional fly-by by air assets.

"The AFP as a whole will render its final tribute to the outgoing President and commander-in-chief this Monday afternoon," Padilla said.

Padilla said tomorrow's military salute to the outgoing commander-in-chief has been toned down as requested by President Aquino himself.

Padilla said military ceremonies will be in keeping

with the desire of the outgoing commander-in-chief but without sacrificing the necessary military protocols, customs and tradition.

He added the AFP top brass as well as those who served under his administration are expected to attend. Other government dignitaries have also been invited to the event.

By JAIME LAUDE

"The ceremonies will be the final military parade to honor and pay tribute to the commander-in-chief and is the AFP's expression of gratitude for the leadership provided by the President to the military institution," Padilla said.

Citing military records, Padilla said the AFP capability upgrade and modernization

program under the Aquino administration has been the best so far, greatly exceeding the support of the last three administrations combined.

President-elect Rodrigo Duterte had criticized the purchase of 12 FA-50 fighter jets, saying it was just a waste of money as the air assets are only being used for ceremonies.

Duterte said the jets – the biggest items in the military's modernization shopping list – cannot

be used to fight insurgency.

He added the two FA-50s that were delivered to the Air Force are not enough to challenge China.

"What the president-elect had said on the FA-50s and the Air Force having it simply for ceremonial flights is a big insult to our Filipino fighter pilots who daily are risking their lives in defending the country's maritime and territorial integrity," one security analyst said.



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## Spartan AFP sendoff for PNoy

By ELENA L. ABEN

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will render its final tribute to President Aquino three days before the outgoing Commander-in-Chief leaves Malacañang.

Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, AFP spokesperson, said the testimonial, which will take place 3 p.m. tomorrow, June 27 at Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, will be 'toned down' upon the request

of Aquino.

"In contrast to previous parades, there will be no air force fly-by during this testimonial for the CinC this Monday," Padilla bared.

"The toned down ceremonies are in keeping with the desire of the outgoing CinC to keep the ceremonies as simple as possible without sacrificing the necessary military protocols, customs and tradition entailed during the activity," he said.

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# NOLCOM creates task force for West PH Sea

By **FRANCO G. REGALA**

**C**AMP AQUINO, Tarlac City — The military's Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM), in partnership with other government agencies, created last Friday the Area Task Force-North (ATF-North) to aid in the protection of the West Philippine Sea.

Lieutenant General Romeo Tanalgo, NOLCOM commander, said the ATF-North will have the job of collaborating all efforts on matters pertaining to the West Philippine Sea issues.

"ATF-North is primarily the regional counterpart of the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea that focuses on three primary maritime concerns within our Area of Responsibility namely Bajo de Masinloc, Batanes, and Benham Rise," said Tanalgo.

Its members include the offices of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, and Central Luzon.

The NICA shall be the lead convenor on maritime domain awareness and intelligence; the PIA on awareness and advocacy; the DFA on diplomatic and legal; and the NEDA on socio-economic issues.

The ATF-North will also involve offices of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department

of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Justice (DOJ), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR),

and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

"The cooperation of various agencies and sectors will greatly influence the success of the AFP in securing our maritime sovereignty and protecting the wellbeing of the

Filipino people and our national interest," Tanalgo said.

He added: "Rest assured that we will always observe the diplomatic approach in accordance with our policy that is aligned with the International Rule of Law."

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## AFP still can't confirm ASG kidnapping of 7 Indonesians – Palace

By **MADEL SABATER-NAMIT**

Malacañang said yesterday that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) has no solid confirmation yet on the alleged

kidnapping of Indonesian seamen by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma, Jr. said that based on the information from AFP Spokesman Restituto Padilla, the AFP has "no direct and solid confirmation of the report."

"What we have are reports from Indonesia and an advisory from their military command," he said.

"The AFP Western Mindanao Command (Wesmincom) and the Philippine Navy are still trying their best to confirm and validate this report," Coloma said.

Reports revealed that seven Indonesian seafarers were abducted by the ASG after the terrorist group released Filipina Marites Flor last Friday.

It will be recalled that the ASG also kidnapped 10 Indonesian sailors last March 26. This is aside from the four Malaysians kidnapped earlier by the ASG. The Indonesians were released in May while the Malaysians were released earlier this month.

Following the release of Marites Flor last Friday, Malacañang said that law enforcement agencies will continue ongoing operations "to bring about the safe return of all remaining hostages."

Last June 13, the ASG beheaded Canadian Robert Hall after his family and the Canadian government failed to give in to the demands of the ASG for ransom money.

Another Canadian, John Ridsdel, was beheaded by the ASG last April 25, after the Canadian government and his family also did not come up with the ransom.

The ASG was asking for P300 million each to free the Canadians as well as Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad. The Norwegian hostage is still with the ASG.

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## ***Matapos palayain ang bihag na Pinay*** **Norwegian hostage inaasahang palalayain din**

Nananalig ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) na ligtas na lalaya ang bihag na Norwegian na hawak pa rin ng mga bandidong Abu Sayyaf sa lalawigan ng Sulu.

Ito'y matapos na pakawalan na nitong Martes ng madaling araw ng mga bandidong kidnappers ang Pinay hostage na si Maritess Flor.

Gayundin, bunga ng pahayag ni incoming President Rodrigo "Duterte" Duterte kaugnay ng inaasahang paglaya nang ligtas ni Kjaran Sekkingstad kung saan ay pinasalamatan na ito ng Norwegian government.

Si Flor ay pinalaya ng mga kidnaper dakong

### **Ni JOY CANTOS**

alas- 4:30 ng madaling araw sa harapan ng tahanan ni Gov. Abdusakur "Toto" Tan sa Brgy. Asaturias, Jolo, Sulu.

Sinabi ni AFP Spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla na patuloy ang pagsusumikap ng military troops upang ligtas na mabawi ang Norwegian hostage na si Sekkingstad, ang nalalabing hostage na kasama ni Flor na dinukot.

"The safe release of other captives remains a vital objective of continuing military and law enforcement operations against the ASG", ani Padilla.

Magugunita na ang dalawa pang kasamang bihag nina Flor kabilang ang kaniyang boyfriend na si Canadian Robert Hall at kasamahan nitong si John Ridsdel ay pinugutan ng ulo ng mga bandidong Abu Sayyaf Group.

Ang Canadian na si Ridsdel ay unang pinugutan ng ulo noong Abril 25 matapos mabigong magbayad ng P300M ransom habang si Hall ay nito namang Hunyo 13 na nabigo namang magbayad ng P600M.

Sa pahayag naman ng iba pang mga opisyal sinabi ng mga ito na ipagdasal ang kaligtasan ng mga hostages.

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## Norway envoy grateful for help to Abu captive

THE Norwegian ambassador to the Philippines thanked incoming President Rodrigo Duterte for negotiating the release of the Norwegian kidnap victim of the Abu Sayyaf.

"We are very thankful for what you are doing," Erik Forner, Norwegian Ambassador, told Duterte.

Duterte and Forner met at the Presidential Guest House at the Malacañang of the South hours after Filipina abduction victim Marites Flor was released by the Abu Sayyaf.

"He really needs help. I am so sorry Kjartan is not here," Flor told the Norwegian ambassador during their meeting.

But Duterte said they were able to negotiate the release of Sekkingstad.

"We were able to negotiate but apparently 'yung kinidnap na Norwegian hindi pa raw naka-cross because of the rough seas, I was told (the kidnapped Norwegian hasn't yet crossed the sea because of the rough seas, I was told). I don't know if it is true. Hopefully, maawa ang Allah (Allah will have mercy), he will be re-

leased in a short time," he said.

Duterte said the series of kidnappings by the Abu Sayyaf Group has tarnished the image of the Philippines and this must stop.

He said there would be "a day of reckoning" for the bandit group, saying he would confront them soon.

Apart from the Norwegian envoy, French Ambassador to the Philippines Thierry Mathou called on Duterte at the Malacañang of the South in Panacan depot in Davao City.

Duterte also met with Henry Howard and members of the United States-Philippines Society and Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Cuisia and businessmen Washington Sycip.

Leaders of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. also made their courtesy call on Duterte, who later flew to Cebu City yesterday afternoon to attend a victory party and a wedding ceremony there.

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## Hostage's plea: Help get me out

By EDITH REGALADO

DAVAO CITY – Help get me out.

That was what Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad asked his fellow captive Marites Flor to do should she be freed ahead of him by their Abu Sayyaf captors.

"Please do your best to help get me out," Flor conveyed Sekkingstad's message to president-elect Rodrigo Duterte during the command turnover ceremonies of the Davao City Police on Friday.

Flor said Sekkingstad wanted the best people in the government to secure his release.

Duterte announced that he had secured the release of Flor from the Abu Sayyaf and efforts are underway to free Sekkingstad.

Incoming presidential peace adviser Jesus Dureza said Flor had a meeting with Norwegian Ambassador Erik Forner during the ceremony.

Flor was quoted to have told Forner that she felt sorry that Sekkingstad is still held captive.

"I'm so sorry because

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Kjartan is not here," Flor told Forner.

Forner, in turn, told Flor: "But you should be happy now."

Flor and Sekkingstad were among four people abducted nine months ago by the Abu Sayyaf from a Samal island resort.

Flor's partner, Canadian Robert Hall, was beheaded after a ransom deadline lapsed last week and follow-

ing a similar killing of fellow Canadian John Ridsdel in April.

Canadian Ambassador Neil Reeder said he wanted to pay a visit to Duterte to discuss trade and economic issues.

Reeder said he also wanted to discuss with the incoming president the beheadings of Hall and Ridsdel.

However, Duterte flew to Cebu City yesterday to attend

the thanksgiving party tendered by his supporters.

Reeder is among the diplomatic corps that will attend the inauguration of Duterte on June 30.

On the other hand, the police Anti-Kidnapping Group (AKG) is hoping to conduct a debriefing on Marites Flor after she was freed by the Abu Sayyaf after nine months of captivity.

AKG chief Senior Supt. Roberto Fajardo said their unit is now coordinating with Dureza and the Davao City Police to

schedule the debriefing with Flor.

The Abu Sayyaf turned over Flor through an emissary and brought her to the house of Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan II before she was turned over to the military's Joint Task Force Sulu.

At the task force headquarters, Flor narrated her ordeal in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf and how they maltreated her and the other hostages during their nine months in captivity.

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# Indonesians' Abu captors identified

BY ANTHONY VARGAS  
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**T**HE seven Indonesians seized by armed men last week are in the hands of a notorious Abu Sayyaf leader who was also behind the abduction of several Malaysian and Indonesian sailors in the past, a police intelligence report showed.

The intelligence report, seen by *The Manila Times*, showed that the Indonesian sailors are being held by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) under sub-leader Majal Adja alias "Apo Mike" who is based in Sulu province. The report said Apo Mike and his group are "highly mobile" because they are being pursued by government troops.

The victims, crew of tugboat Charles 00, were abducted on June 22 off Sulu while en route to Indonesia. A group of armed men boarded the tugboat at 11 a.m. as it neared the Indonesian border.

The armed men forcibly took seven of the 13 crew members and then sped off toward Tawi-Tawi.

The police report identified some of the kidnappers as the Muktadil brothers namely Nickson, Brown and Badung Muktadil and a certain Dadis. The others have yet to be identified.

Shortly after the abduction, the boat captain called his wife and told her that they have been kidnapped. The rebels demanded a ransom of 20 million Ringit.

The intelligence report said the kidnappers and the victims arrived on board two boats at Barangay Lagasan in Parang town in Sulu province at dawn on Thursday.

The Indonesians were then forced to board a red triple-engine "Junkong" type vessel. Since then, the Abu Sayyaf rebels and their captors have been on the run as

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the military intensified its operations against the bandit group.

The group of Apo Mike was also behind the abduction of four Malaysian sailors in April.

The victims—brothers Wong Teck Kang, 31, and Wong Teck Chii, 29, their cousin, Johnny Lau Jung Hien, 21, and Wong Hung Sing, 34 – were released on June 7 in Patikul, Sulu.

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the families and friends of the victims raised P130 million (RM12 million) for the release of the captives. However, reports said the Abu Sayyaf only received P100 million, fueling suspicion that the rest of the money may have been shared by local officials who are in cahoots with the bandits.

### No confirmation

Malacañang on Saturday how-

ever said the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have yet to come out with specific information on the abduction of the Indonesian sailors.

Citing information from the military, Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said government forces are verifying the reported abduction.

"As of late yesterday, we still have no direct and solid confirmation of the report. What we have are reports from Indonesia and an advisory from their military command," Coloma said, quoting military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla.

"The AFP Western Mindanao Command and Philippine Navy are still trying their best to confirm and validate this report," he added.

His statement came after the Indonesian government confirmed that seven Indonesian

sailors were kidnapped at gunpoint earlier this week, and that they were being held hostage by an unknown group.

On Friday, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said that the abducted sailors were towing a coal barge through the Sulu Sea when their tugboat was attacked by gunmen.

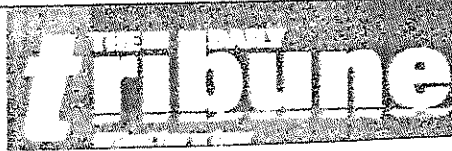
"The government will do everything possible to free these hostages," Marsudi told reporters.

It's the third time this year that Indonesian sailors have been abducted in the Sulu sea, a vital waterway that's seen a spike in seaborne crime like armed robberies and kidnappings.

Last month, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia agreed to launch a coordinated sea patrols to stem the surge of kidnappings.

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PROVINCE NAMED, HAPILON APPOINTED EMIR

# IS bares RP pivot

By Ted Tuvera

The jihadist Islamic State (IS) had advised its followers to troop to the Philippines as a stage of terror operations in Southeast Asia as it created a "province" in Mindanao with Abu Sayyaf Group leader Isnilon Hapilon as emir of the "Islamic State in the Philippines."

According to the US-based Long War Journal of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies which was an offshoot of the 911 terror attacks in 2001, the IS has officially created a province in the Philippines "after months of buildup which included pledges of loyalty from various local groups."

A newly released video from the region, which was produced in the same style as all other Islamic State provinces, offered confirmation of the new province, it added.

The video begins by showing several "battalions" of the ASG pledging allegiance to the Islamic State.

The supposed battalions included the Abu Dujana Battalion, Abu Khubaib Battalion, Jundallah Battalion, and the Abu Sadr Battalion.

"These battalions joined others from ASG, including Jund al Tawhid, Ansar al Sharia, and Marakah al Ansar in pledging bayah to the Islamic State. Additionally, some of ASG's leader, including overall leader Hapilon, have pledged to the jihadist group," according to the paper.

The video also issued a warning to President-elect Rodrigo Duterte of their potential activities as they have urged their followers to target the Philippines.

The 20-minute video showed a Pilipino-speaking member of IS

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mentioning Duterte saying that IS followers shouldn't be cowed by his tactics.

"Take care and be strong, do not be swayed by the deceptive tactics of the newly-elected [President Rodrigo] Duterte. May he be cursed by Allah," one of the terrorists said in Filipino.

In the same video which was, according to reports, shot in Syria, Mohd Rafi Udin, a Malaysian IS leader, told their followers and potential recruits to go to the Philippines instead of going to their main jihad front Syria.

"If you cannot go to (Syria), join up and go to the Philippines," Udin said.

Udin also urged Muslims to unite under the leadership of Hapilon who is also named Abu Abdullah who pledged allegiance to Islamic State in January.

Hapilon is on the FBI's most wanted list for his role in the kidnapping of 17 Filipinos and three Americans in 2001 and carries a bounty of \$5 million.

Last Friday, Duterte in a meeting with Marites Flor, a Filipina held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) terrorists but released early last Friday, said that a day of reckoning is coming under his administration for the ASG as he will order the launch of military offensives.

"To my Moro brethren I do not want to fight with anybody, but there will be a time that I have to go after Abu Sayyaf," Duterte said.

"Kidnapping must stop. It has given us a bad image," he emphasized.

State security forces, in previous reports, consistently dismiss such threats as mere propaganda from the Islamic radicals.

Hapilon was declared by the IS as the leader of all of its forces in the Philippines.

"In an April issue of the Islamic State's weekly newsletter Al Naba, the jihadist group said that Hapilon had been appointed as emir. In a portion of the video featuring a Filipino fighter in Raqqa, Syria, he confirms the Al Naba report," the US paper said.

Hapilon is the senior most figure to have joined the IS. The video also confirms that a formal leadership structure for the Islamic State has indeed been put into place, exemplifying its expansion in

the country. "This was also seen earlier this month in an infographic released by the 'Amaq News Agency, one of the jihadist group's news outlets. The infographic included several important facts from the Islamic State in the Philippines, including the number of groups that have pledged allegiance and where they operate," long War Journal said.

"While the infographic contains numbers from April 2015, it also notes the first official announcement of Filipino jihadist groups pledging allegiance to the Islamic State occurred in January 2016. Videos and reports of groups pledging bayah have emerged since 2014, shortly after Abu Bakr al Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State, claimed the creation of a caliphate," it added.

The video in January, however, was the first time the Islamic State publicly accepted these pledges. A month later, the Islamic State's Furat media outlet released another video showing more groups pledging allegiance.

## **IS groups include BIFF**

These groups include the ASG battalions, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)-breakaway group Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), Ansar Khilafah in the Philippines, the Islamic State in Lanao, Jamaat al Tawhid wal Jihad (a group formerly loyal to al Qaeda), and parts of the MILF itself.

"Their claimed areas of operation largely correspond with the reported areas of the aforementioned groups. This includes the southern areas of Basilan, South Cotabato, Sulu, Sarangani, Lanao del Sur, and the northern province of Isabela," according to the report.

The report said several of these groups, including Ansar Khilafah, the Islamic State in Lanao, and the Jamaat al Tawhid wal Jihad (JITJ) have publicized training camps in the region.

"Ansar Khilafah was the first to do so last December, while the latter two groups did so last month and in March, respectively. A video from JITJ's training camp, the 'Osama bin Laden training camp,' also publicized its loyalty to Abu Bakr al Baghdadi," it added.

In addition to the pledges to the Islamic State in the months building up to yesterday's video, the Islamic State has claimed several attacks

in the Philippines in recent months, it said.

It added that one of these attacks was featured in the video, which showed IS fighters engaging in a firefight with Filipino security forces.

"Several vehicles and weapons are shown to have been captured by the jihadists. Additionally, the video pays tribute to several fighters who have been killed in clashes with the Filipino military. This includes Abu Khattab, a Moroccan bomb expert within ASG, who was killed in April," it added.

While the video was made to announce a Philippines province, a good portion of the video was filmed in Syria.

Indonesian, Malaysian, and Filipino fighters in Syria's Raqqa province are shown discussing these pledges and encouraging others to follow suit in Southeast Asia. "The three are later shown simultaneously beheading three Assad regime soldiers somewhere in Raqqa," the report said.

The Islamic State has also inroads in the wider Southeast Asia region, an area that has historically featured al Qaeda activity.

"Jemaah Islamiyyah (JI), al Qaeda's historical branch in Southeast Asia, has also suffered defections to the Islamic State. Shortly after Baghdadi's announcement of the caliphate in 2014, Abu Bakar Bashir, the spiritual leader and co-founder of JI as well as the emir of its offshoot Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid, pledged allegiance to Baghdadi," it added.

"However, Bashir's two sons and several other leaders left and formed their own group, Jemaah Ansharusy Syariah. According to the Jakarta Post, more than 50 percent of Bashir's followers abandoned him and joined Jemaah Ansharusy Syariah. It is directly part of al Qaeda's global network now, according to its leader," the report said. (See LWJ report, Islamic State launches suicide assault in Indonesia's capital.)

Yet another group in region, Mujahideen Indonesia Timor (MIT), is also loyal to the Islamic State. Abu Warda Santoso, the MIT leader, swore allegiance to the Islamic State in 2014, it said.

It added his group was previously listed by the US as a terrorist group last year. Last month, the US Department of State added Santoso to its list of global terrorists, it added.

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## Wala pa ring tigil ang Abu Sayyaf

PITONG Indonesian sailors ang nabihag muli ng mga armadong kalalakihan sa Sulu Sea. Hindi pa kumpirmado, pero ang hinala ay mga Abu Sayyaf na naman ang nasa likod nitong pangatlong pagtangay sa mga mandaragat. Naiintindihan ko ang galit ng gobyerno ng Indonesia, lalo na't katatapos lang ng kasunduan ng Malaysia, Indonesia at Pilipinas na magtulungan para bantayan ang nasabing karagatan mula sa mga kriminal.

Pinakawalan na ng Abu Sayyaf si Marites Flor, ang babaing kasama nina John Ridsdell at Robert Hall, ang Canadians na pinugutan na ng ulo ng mga kriminal. Ha-

wak pa nila ang Norwegian na si Kjaran Sekkingstad. Ginagawan na ng paraan para mapalaya na rin siya. Pero kapalit naman ang pitong Indonesian. Siguro naman hindi bibigyan ng amnestiya ang grupong ito, dahil sa dami ng kanilang ginawang krimen sa bansa. Ang dapat ay durugin na nang husto, dahil walang balak tumigil sa paggawa ng krimen.

Mas maanghang na nga ang mga pahayag ng Indonesia hinggil sa mga aktibidad ng Abu Sayyaf sa dagat. Ipinatigil na nga muna ang pagdala ng karbon sa Pilipinas hanggang makapagbigay ng garantiya ang gobyerno sa kaligtasan ng mga barko at tauhan na nagdadala ng karbon. Ang Indonesia ang nagsu-suplay ng halos nobenta porsyento ng karbon sa Mindanao. Kaya kung titigil ito, asahan na apektado ang buong rehiyon, partikular sa sektor ng enerhiya. Sapat na dahilan na ito para durugin na ang Abu Sayyaf.

May litrato si Indonesian President Joko Widodo, na nakasakay sa isang barkong pandigma nila na nagtungo sa Natuna Islands. Ang Natuna Islands ay inaangkin rin ng China, kaya ang pagtungo ni Widodo sa isla sakay

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ang barkong pandigma ay tila mensahe sa China na handa silang ipagtanggol ang kanilang inaangking teritoryo. Makikita mo na moderno ang barko base sa mga sandatang nakita sa litrato. Dapat siguro ang barkong ito ang mag-patrol sa Sulu Sea, para bantayan ang karagatan mula sa mga kriminal na Abu Sayyaf. Kung bibigyan ng pahintulot ng bansa ang nasabing barko, baka tumigil na ang pananalakay ng Abu Sayyaf sa mga mandaragat. Baka malayo pa lang ay makita na sila at pasabugin na ang kanilang bangka.

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## METROBANK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TOPS 2016 WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) for 2016, especially to my friend Lieutenant Colonel Eligien F. Villafior, currently chief of staff of the Special Forces Regiment of the Philippine Army at Fort Magsaysay, Palayan City.

The winners were announced on Monday, June 20, at the AFP Commissioned Officers' Club in Camp Aguinaldo by the Metrobank Foundation and Rotary Club Makati during a press conference attended by members of the AFP led by Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Glorioso Miranda and other guests.

The rest of the winners from the Philippine Army are TSgt. Danilo S. Ramos and TSgt. Bernardo L. Tacbas. The awardees from the Philippine Navy are Lt. Col. Wilfredo B. Manalang, Jr. (PN/M), SSgt. Albert D. Eleazar (PN/M), and Intelligence Specialist Chief Fernando J. Parcon (PN). From the Philippine Air Force, the awardees are Lt. Col. Oliver A. Banania, MSgt. Abel L. Idusma, and TSgt. Andersen D. Aveliana. Colonel Jocelyn P. Turia is the awardee from the Technical Administrative Services.

Mr. Aniceto M. Sobrepena, president of Metrobank Foundation, said the search for TOPS endeavors to promote a positive image of the AFP.

"We do this by involving civilians in the judging phases of the search in the hope that their perception of the military will be changed from not so favorable to something very positive," Sobrepena said in his speech during



the presentation of the winners to the press.

I have personally witnessed Lt. Col. Villafior's dedication to his work. I was with him many times in civil-military operations, such as the first Children of War Festival in Lantian City, Basilan, the inauguration of an MNLF camp-turned-school which his unit in Basilan—the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Battalion—helped build, a mass wedding of Special Forces and CAF-GU members, and several medical and dental missions in some island municipalities in Basilan.

Aside from his significant accomplishment when he successfully negotiated for the release of civilians abducted by Syrian rebels in the Golan Heights, Lt. Col. Villafior's battalion has also led in the retaking and recovery of Abu Sayyaf Group encampments and firearms. He also conceptualized the Brigada Masjid project which aimed to bridge religious divides by involving Christians in the month-long celebration of Ramadan who helped clean Muslim mosques or houses of worship.

Once again, congratulations, Lt. Col. Villafior! Thank you for your invaluable service to the nation. You so deserve this award.

## ONLINE NEWS

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# Indonesia bans ships from Philippines after latest kidnapping

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The online news portal of TV5

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Jakarta banned Friday any Indonesian-flagged vessels from sailing to the Philippines, the transport ministry said, after yet another violent kidnapping in the strife-torn waters between the two nations.

The ruling was issued after the government confirmed seven Indonesian sailors were kidnapped at gunpoint earlier this week, and were being held hostage by an unknown group.

It's the third time this year Indonesian sailors have been abducted in the Sulu Sea, a vital waterway that's seen a spike in seaborne crime like armed robberies and kidnappings.

In response to the latest incident, the transport ministry issued a notice informing all harbour masters they were "strictly prohibited from issuing permits to all Indonesian-flagged vessels bound for the Philippines, without exception."

"This hijacking issue is a serious matter and cannot be tolerated anymore," the ministry's water transport director general A. Tonny Budiono said in a statement.

To prevent any commercial vessels from breaching the ban, Indonesia will also ramp up marine patrols in its waters bordering the southern Philippines, Budiono added.

It's not yet clear how significantly trade will be affected by the ban, but it could severely disrupt the flow of goods from Southeast Asia's largest economy — including natural resources like coal — to the Philippines.

The Sulu and Celebes seas form a key waterway between Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, and are used for the passage of 55 million metric tons of goods and over 18 million people per year.

Last month, the three countries agreed to launch a coordinated patrol of the waters after the recent surge of kidnappings.

The Indonesian sailors abducted this week were towing a coal barge through the Sulu sea when their tugboat was attacked by gunmen.

"The government will do everything possible to free these hostages," foreign minister Retno Marsudi told reporters.

Sulu is a known hideout of Abu Sayyaf Islamic militants who have earned millions of dollars from kidnappings in recent years.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry said he could not confirm whether a ransom demand had been made, or if Abu Sayyaf was responsible for the abductions.

Earlier this year the group kidnapped 14 Indonesian sailors. They were later freed but there was no information on whether a ransom was paid.



## **Soldier who killed cop charged for illegal gun**

From the Mindanao Times (Jun 25): Soldier who killed cop charged for illegal gun

POLICE yesterday filed illegal possession of firearm against an army corporal who allegedly gunned down a police officer in a road rage Wednesday afternoon in Tagum City, Davao del Norte.

But investigators are still solidifying its case against Cpl. Alonto Malawani for the death of PO3 Sisneros Dano as they are still determining either to file a murder case or a lighter homicide case.

C/Insp. Anjaneatte Tirador, spokesperson of Tagum City Police Office, said they immediately forwarded to the prosecution office the case for violation of RA 10591 (Illegal possession of Firearms) against Malawani as the suspect could not present proper documents for the .45 caliber pistol.

"Based on the investigation, his firearm lacks documents," Tirador said in an interview.

Malawani, 47, a soldier assigned to the 534th Engineering Battalion operating in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, allegedly gunned down Dano, 37, a policeman assigned at New Corella Municipal Police Station in Davao del Norte, at the public market of Barangay Magugpo West in Tagum at 4:57 p.m. on Wednesday.

According to the report, both were on board their respective motorcycles when they almost bumped into each other. That resulted to a heated argument that led to the shoot-out.

"They could not hold back and they pulled their guns," Tirador said.

According to the witnesses, Dano chased Malawani after they both disembarked from their motorcycle. A gun fight erupted.

In the CCTV video clip, Dano was seen running away from Malawani who fired his gun and made sure to finish the fallen police officer.

Malawani is still being confined at Davao Regional hospital in Tagum City to undergo an operation.

Dano, a resident of Villa Magsanoc Subdivision in Tagum, now lies in a funeral parlor.

In an earlier interview, Capt. Rhyann Batchar, spokesperson of 10th Infantry Division, said they will wait for the results of the police investigation.

Batchar said the incident will not affect the good relationship between the army and the police.

<http://mindanaotimes.net/soldier-who-killed-cop-charged-for-illegal-gun/>

## **Senior defense leaders to provide Lorenzana with formal transition briefing**

From the Philippine News Agency (Jun 25): Senior defense leaders to provide Lorenzana with formal transition briefing

Senior defense leaders are scheduled to provide a formal transition briefing to incoming Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin Lorenzana who will formally assume office on July 1.

Dr. Peter Paul Galvez, DND spokesperson, said Lorenzana will be briefed on the Defense System of Management, the ongoing AFP Modernization Program, the International Defense and Security Engagement Program, and the Philippine Defense Transformation Roadmap, among others.

The discourse will also include the Department's financial and human resources management.

This is part of the preparations being undertaken by Lorenzana to ensure a smooth transition as outgoing DND Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin ends his term on June 30.

Gazmin and Lorenzana are actively participating in the transition activities of the DND.

In fact, both were present in the recently conducted Trilateral Meeting of Defense Ministers with Indonesia and Malaysia, where the leaders discussed important security issues in the region.

Lorenzana will assume his post as the 36th Secretary of National Defense after serving as Special Presidential Representative and Head of the Office of Veteran Affairs at the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC, USA from 2004-2009 and 2010 up to present.

He is responsible for developing and implementing the Philippine lobby effort to secure veterans benefits for Filipino soldiers who served under the US Army during World War II, which includes the grant of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation (FVEC) and the equipment grant to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

Prior to his post as OVA Head, Lorenzana served as the Defense Attaché in Washington from 2002-2004, during which he helped craft the Terms of Reference for the Balikatan Exercise in Basilan between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the US Pacific Command.

As a career soldier, Lorenzana headed the Special Operations Command of the Philippine Army from 2001-2003 after serving as the Commanding General of the Philippine Army Light Armor Brigade and concurrent Ground Commander of the Task Force Libra in 2001.

His military career included a posting at the Presidential Security Group and as Deputy Presidential Assistant for Military Affairs.

Lorenzana also held a number of command and staff positions at the Headquarters of the Philippine Army and later, of the AFP, following his assignments at the Southern Command and the Visayas

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Command. He also served as instructor of ranger tactics at the Scout Ranger School and infantry tactics at the Philippine Army Training Command.

A graduate of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1973, Lorenzana's highly-decorated military career involved leading anti-terrorist operations and trainings, securing the Malacañang Palace from coup attempts, commanding campaigns against insurgents, and capturing notorious kidnap-for-ransom group leaders.

Lorenzana earned his post-graduate degree of Master of Business Administration, major in Operations Research, from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business.

He also finished a number of courses and trainings both here and abroad, including strategic studies at the Australia University in Canberra, a seminar for Senior International Leaders at Harvard University, and crisis management at the US Department of State.

Lorenzana was born on Oct. 28, 1948 and hails from Midsayap, Cotabato. He is married and has four children.

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