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24-HOUR PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST

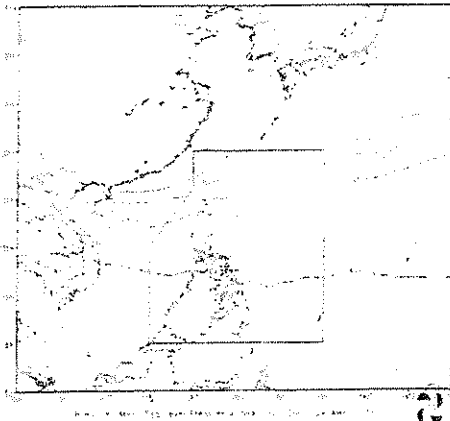
ISSUED AT: 5:00 PM 24 MARCH 2016

VALID BEGINNING: 5:00 PM TODAY UNTIL 5:00 PM TOMORROW

SYNOPSIS: NORTHEAST MONSOON AFFECTING EXTREME NORTHERN LUZON.

FORECAST: CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT RAINS WILL BE EXPERIENCED OVER THE ISLANDS OF BATANES, CALAYAN AND BABUYAN. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS WILL PREVAIL OVER METRO MANILA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

MODERATE TO STRONG WINDS BLOWING FROM THE NORTHEAST WILL PREVAIL OVER NORTHERN AND CENTRAL LUZON. THE COASTAL WATERS ALONG THESE AREAS WILL BE MODERATE TO ROUGH. ELSEWHERE, WINDS WILL BE LIGHT TO MODERATE COMING FROM THE EAST TO NORTHEAST WITH SLIGHT TO MODERATE SEAS.



PAGTAYA: MAULAP NA KALANGITAN NA MAY MAHIHINANG MGA PAG-ULAN ANG MARARANASAN SA MGA ISLA NG BATANES, CALAYAN AT BABUYAN. BAHAGYANG MAULAP HANGGANG SA MAULAP NA PAPAIRIN NA MAY PULU-PULONG MGA PAG-ULAN O PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG IIRAL SA METRO MANILA AT SA NALALABING BAHAGI NG BANSA.

KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA MALAKAS NA HANGIN MULA SA HILAGANG-SILANGAN ANG IIRAL SA HILAGA AT GITNANG LUZON. ANG MGA BAYBAYING DAGAT SA MGA LUGAR NA ITO AY MAGIGING KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA MAALON. SA IBANG DAKO, ANG HANGIN AY MAGIGING MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMAN MULA SA SILANGAN HANGGANG HILAGANG-SILANGAN NA MAY BANAYAD HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG PAG-ALON NG KARAGATAN.

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:

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE: 3:30 PM TODAY --- 35.4 °C		MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 5:00 AM TODAY --- 77 %	
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE: 5:30 AM TODAY --- 24.4 °C		MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 4:00 PM TODAY --- 43 %	
TIDAL PREDICTIONS ALONG MANILA BAY (Courtesy of NAMRIA)		OVER METRO MANILA:	
HIGH TIDE TODAY: 11:21 PM 0.71 METER	SUNRISE / SUNSET		MOONRISE / MOONSET AND ILLUMINATION
LOW TIDE TOMORROW: 5:18 AM 0.20 METER	SUNSET TODAY: 6:07 PM		MOONRISE TODAY: 6:48 PM
HIGH TIDE TOMORROW: 11:18 AM 0.65 METER	SUNRISE TOMORROW: 5:57 AM		MOONSET TOMORROW: 6:55 AM
	SUNSET TOMORROW: 6:07 PM		ILLUMINATION TODAY: 100 %

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

ISSUED AT: 5:00PM 24 MARCH 2016

VALID BEGINNING: 5:00 PM TODAY UNTIL 5:00 PM TOMORROW

CITIES	24-Hr Weather, Winds and Sea Condition Forecast from 5PM today until 5PM tomorrow		Extended Weather Outlook Duration: 5PM until 5PM of the following day			
	24 MAR	25 MAR	26 MAR	27 MAR	28 MAR	
Metro Manila	24°C 35°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Manila Bay Slight to Moderate	24°C 35°C	24°C 35°C	23°C 35°C	23°C 35°C	
Tuguegarao City	24°C 35°C Moderate to Strong Northeast	23°C 34°C	23°C 34°C	24°C 35°C	24°C 35°C	
Laog City	25°C 31°C Moderate to Strong Northeast Coastal Waters Moderate to Rough	24°C 31°C	24°C 32°C	23°C 32°C	23°C 32°C	
Baguio City	16°C 24°C Moderate Northeast	16°C 25°C	16°C 24°C	15°C 25°C	15°C 25°C	
SBMA (Olongapo) / Clark Zone (Angeles City)	24°C 33°C Moderate Northeast Subic Bay Moderate	24°C 33°C	24°C 34°C	25°C 35°C	25°C 35°C	
Tagaytay City	22°C 30°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast	21°C 31°C	21°C 32°C	22°C 31°C	22°C 32°C	
Lipa City	23°C 32°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast	23°C 33°C	23°C 33°C	24°C 33°C	24°C 34°C	
Legazpi City	25°C 32°C Moderate East Coastal Waters Moderate	25°C 32°C	25°C 32°C	26°C 33°C	25°C 33°C	
Puerto Princesa City	24°C 33°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Slight to Moderate	25°C 33°C	24°C 33°C	24°C 33°C	24°C 32°C	
Iloilo City / Bacolod City	26°C 33°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Slight to Moderate	26°C 34°C	25°C 34°C	25°C 35°C	25°C 34°C	
Metro Cebu	23°C 32°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Slight to Moderate	26°C 32°C	25°C 33°C	25°C 33°C	25°C 32°C	
Tacloban City	24°C 32°C Moderate East Coastal Waters Moderate	24°C 32°C	24°C 32°C	24°C 31°C	23°C 31°C	
Gagayan de Oro City	23°C 32°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Slight to Moderate	23°C 32°C	22°C 32°C	23°C 33°C	23°C 32°C	
Valencia City	21°C 33°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast	26°C 33°C	21°C 32°C	21°C 33°C	21°C 32°C	
Metro Davao	25°C 35°C Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Moderate	26°C 35°C	25°C 35°C	25°C 34°C	24°C 34°C	
Zamboanga City	23°C 33°C Light to Moderate East - Northeast Coastal Waters Slight to Moderate	23°C 34°C	24°C 35°C	24°C 34°C	24°C 34°C	

LEGEND:

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

END OF FORECAST

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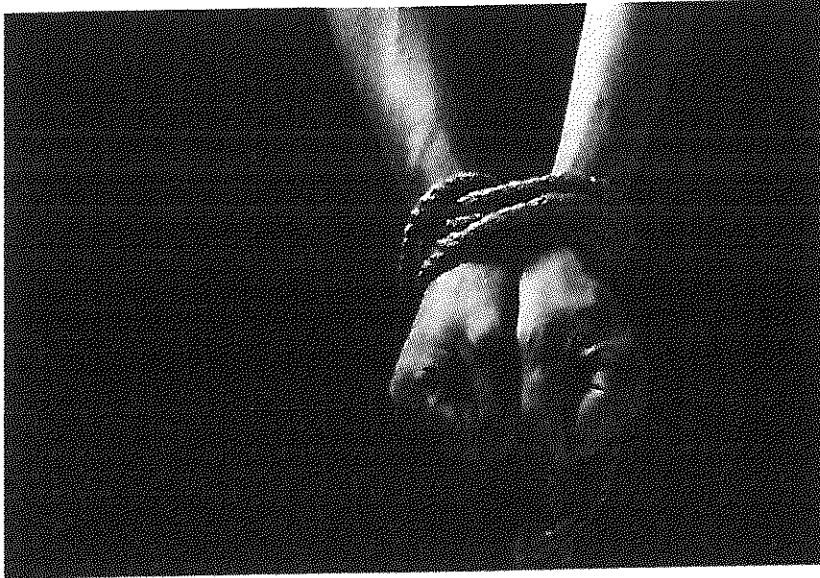
ONLINE NEWS

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Gunmen grab businessman, grandson in Zambo

By Roei Pareño (philstar.com) | Updated March 24, 2016 - 3:34pm



The suspects, equipped with high-powered firearms, seized the victims in the presence of terrified family members from their residence. Philstar.com/File photo

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines - Government security forces are in on hot pursuit of a suspected kidnap for ransom group that abducted a Filipino-Chinese businessman and his grandson in a town in Zamboanga del Sur on Wednesday night, officials said.

Police Chief Superintendent Miguel Antonio Jr., Western Mindanao police director, identified Antonio Tan, 70, and his grandson Ryan Nuñez Tan, 21, as the latest victims of abduction in the region.

Antonio said eight unidentified gunmen seized the two in the presence of terrified family members from their residence in Maruing village in Lapuyan town about 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday.

Maj. Felimon Tan Jr., spokesman of Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), said the suspects were all equipped with high-powered firearms.

The suspects quickly dragged the victims to the nearby shore and escaped towards the coastal town of Malangas.

Tan said soldiers from the Army's 53rd Infantry Battalion as well as police personnel are tracking the suspects and are working to rescue the victims.

The security officials said no group has claimed responsibility yet in the latest abduction in the region barely five months since gunmen also abducted Italian national Rolando del Torchio, a former priest.

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Torchio, 53, now a businessman, was abducted by 10 gunmen from inside his café in Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte.

There were reports of huge ransom demands in exchange for his release, but authorities declined to comment on the case citing concern for Torchio's safety.

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5 killed in MILF-Abu Sayyaf clash in Basilan

By [Roel Pareño](#) (philstar.com) | Updated March 24, 2016 - 1:50pm



The Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Abu Sayyaf group clashed in a remote village in Basilan province. [Philstar.com/File photo](#)

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines - Five people, including two civilians, were killed in a clash between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Abu Sayyaf group in a remote village in Basilan province on Wednesday, a security official said Thursday.

Maj. Felimon Tan Jr., spokesman of Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), said a group of MILF fighters led by Aslumin Masud initially encountered the Abu Sayyaf group led by Isnilon Hapilon in the village of Guinanta in Al-Barka town around 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

Tan said reports on the ground indicated three of Hapilon's followers were killed in the firefight, forcing the Abu Sayyaf to retreat.

The Abu Sayyaf group reportedly chanced upon two civilians and executed them while retreating from the clash.

The MILF pursued and encountered the same Abu Sayyaf group around 4 p.m. on the same day, triggering another firefight.

The MILF has signed a peace agreement with the government and has coordinated with security forces in operations against outlaw groups in the past.

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'Anak ng ASG leader, kabilang sa 3 bandidong napatay sa sagupaan vs MILF'

By Bombo Mars deSanPosted in [Latest News](#)Thursday, 24 March 2016 17:00

ZAMBOANGA CITY - Tatlong kasapi ng Abu Sayyaf group (ASG) ang napaulat na nasawi sa sagupaan kahapon sa pagitan ng grupo ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) sa Baranagy Guinanta, Albarka, Basilan.

Ayon kay Major Felimon Tan, tagapagsalita ng Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), kabilang sa tatlong napatay na bandido ay ang anak mismo ni ASG senior leader Isnilon Hapilon.

Ito aniya ay base sa nakuhang impormasyon ng kanilang intelligence unit mula sa lugar matapos ang engkuwentro kung saan kinilala ito na si Haipa Hapilon.

Habang ang dalawa pang napatay na miyembro ng ASG ay hindi pa napangalanan ng militar.

Nabatid na sumiklab ang bakbakan sa pagitan ng grupo ni Hapilon at ng hindi bababa sa 10 miyembro ng MILF na pinangungunahan naman ng isang Aslumin Masud.

Napag-alaman na una na ring nagkaroon ng iringan ang magkabilang panig dahil sa plano umanong pagtatayo ng kuta sa lugar ang grupo ng Hapilon na mariing kinontra ng mga residente at ng MILF kaya nagreresulta sa marahas na komprontasyon ng dalawang grupo.

Nakuha rin umano ng mga MILF fighter ang automatic rifle ng napatay na anak ng ASG senior leader.

Base sa record ng militar, si Hapilon ay itinuturing na ASG senior leader sa Basilan na may patong sa ulo na nagkakahalaga ng \$5 milyon na inilaan ng US government patay man o buhay dahil sa pagkakasangkot nito sa mga kriminalidad kagaya na lamang ng kidnapping at pambobomba.

Nakaalerto naman ang militar sa posibleng pagsiklab muli ng engkuwentro ng dalawang grupo.

Ayon sa militar, hindi sila makikialam sa away ng mga ito pero kinakailangan nilang gumawa ng aksyon kung dumating ang pagkakataon na madadamay na rin ang mga inosenteng sibilyan.

www.pna.gov.ph

2 NPA rebels killed in CamSur clash

LEGAZPI CITY, March 24 (PNA) -- Philippine Army troopers killed two unidentified New People's Army (NPA) members and recovered three firearms, 618 ammunition and 42 improvised explosive devices in an encounter at 5:55 a.m. Monday at Barangay San Rafael, Lupi, Camarines Sur, a belated report released Thursday said.

The report said members of the 92nd Division Reconnaissance Company of the 9th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army led by 2Lt. George A. Atolba engaged at least 30 NPA men in about 45-minute firefight.

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After the last burst of gunfire, government soldiers recovered two unidentified dead male persons and recovered, one M60 LMG rifle (SN 17459) with 347 ammunition; one M16 rifle TM: RP Elisco SN024123 with inserted magazine loaded with 42 live ammunition; one MK 9mm pistol Colt without SN with inserted magazine loaded with 16 ammunition; 213 live ammunition DOE CALIBWE 30; one solar panel, one converter, one 12-volt Motolite battery, one transistor radio, ten backpacks with personal belongings and anti-government documents.

Soldiers also recovered 20 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) placed in a small can, 19 IEDs placed inside a big can; three IEDs placed inside a big plastic pipe, six plastic pipes measuring about four inches long with blasting caps, and two molotov bombs with plastic containers.

All the recovered items are now under the custody of the Army while the two unidentified cadavers were brought to the Sta. Rita Funeral Parlor in Sipocot, Camarines Sur for autopsy.

Lt. Col. Arnel B. Bautista, commanding officer of the Army unit involved in the operation on Monday, said he believes the heightened armed activities of the NPA were related to the celebration of the 47th founding anniversary of the NPA on March 29.

Bautista said they are trying to analyze where the big number of about 30 NPA rebels came from and they suspected that they might have come from different provinces in Bicol.(PNA)
BNB/FGS/JH/CBD/PJN

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15 rebel returnees in Compostela Valley receive gov't assistance

NABUNTURAN, Compostela Valley, March 24 (PNA) -- Fifteen New People's Army (NPA) rebels who returned to the folds of the law have received cash and livelihood assistance from the national and provincial government of Compostela Valley.

This was bared by the provincial government on Wednesday following the presentation of the 15 rebel returnees by Colonel Macairog Alberto, commander of the 1001st Infantry Pag-asa Brigade of the Philippine Army (PA) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to Vice Governor Manuel E. Zamora.

Zamora, who represented Governor Arturo Uy during the Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP) at the Capitol building, gave each rebel returnee PHP5,000 as immediate cash assistance, food packs and other materials such as mosquito nets, blankets for their respective families. They were also given temporary shelter plus meals and other livelihood assistance in a "half way village" in Nabunturan.

Zamora urged the rebel returnees to completely abandon armed struggle and to become productive members of their respective communities and hoping that this will encourage others.

The rebel returnees will also undergo seminars and trainings as part of the evaluation of the Comval Support Units for their educational background such as agricultural production, electrical and other skills and technical education under the CLIP program of the government.

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The technical education will help the returnees become productive when they are reintegrated to their respective communities. (PNA)

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Palace creates nat'l task force for West PH Sea

RC Oniz ABS-CBN News

Posted at 10:24:16 on 44 AM

MANILA - Less than 100 days before President Benigno Aquino steps down from office, the Palace has ordered the creation of a national task force for the West Philippine Sea, which is the subject of an ongoing arbitration case between the country and China before an international arbitral tribunal.

Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa signed Tuesday Memorandum Circular 94, creating the National Task Force-West Philippine Sea.

The task force will be chaired by the National Security Adviser. The members include representatives from the Departments of Foreign Affairs, National Defense, Justice, Interior and Local Government, Environment and Natural Resources, Energy, Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Transportation and Communication and Finance, as well as the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the National Coast Watch System, Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police Maritime Group, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and such other government officials and private citizens as the chairperson may designate from time to time.

The NTF-WPS shall be composed of permanent representatives from each of the relevant agencies with the rank of undersecretary as regular members. The National Security Council shall provide administrative and technical support to the task force.

The NTF-WPS shall receive guidance from the President, through the Cabinet Cluster on Security, Justice and Peace. It shall be responsible in orchestrating and synchronizing the employment of the different national objectives in the West Philippine Sea and in submitting such reports and/or recommendations to the President through the Security Cluster.

The function of the inter-agency coordinating committee on the West Philippine Sea shall now be transferred to the task force.

The circular also ordered the creation of area-level and tactical-level task forces. The area-level task force shall orchestrate and synchronize the efforts of the different government agencies at the area level.

The area-level task force may create tactical-level task forces composed of units, assets, capabilities and elements of different agencies.

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As China flexes muscle, PNoy creates West PH Sea task force

ABS-CBN News

Posted at 03:15 (PAC) PM

MANILA - Less than 100 days before President Benigno Aquino III steps down from office, Malacañang ordered the creation of the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea as China continues to flex its naval might in the disputed sea.

Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa signed Memorandum Circular 94 on March 22, 2016, creating the NTF-WPS to be chaired by the National Security Adviser and composed of the departments of foreign affairs, national defense, justice, interior and local government, environment and natural resources, energy, agriculture, trade and industry, transportation and communication and finance as well as the National Economic and Development Authority, the National Coast Watch System, Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police - Maritime Group, the Philippine Coast Guard, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

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The ATF may create tactical level task forces composed of units, assets, capabilities and elements of different agencies.

China claims most of the South China Sea, through which more than \$5 trillion in global trade passes every year. Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines and Taiwan have rival claims.

The Philippines is waiting for the decision of a United Nations-backed arbitral tribunal which will decide whether China's claims to the vital sea lane has basis in international law.

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Self defense ang ginawa ng mga Pinoy fishermen vs Chinese Coast Guard - AFP

By Bombo Anne Soberano Posted in Latest News Thursday, 24 March 2016 12:27

Walang nakikitang masama ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) sa ginawa ng mga lokal na mangingisda ng batuhin ng mga ito ang nagpapatrulyang barko ng Chinese Coast Guard sa may bahagi ng West Philippine Sea (WPS).

Ayon kay AFP spokesperson BGen. Restituto Padilla na batay sa kanilang pagkaka-alam hindi molotov bomb ang ibinato ng mga mangingisda sa mga Chinese kungdi mga bato.

Sinabi ni Padilla na ginawa lamang ng mga mangingisda ang tama dahil kanila lamang pinoprotektahan ang kanilang mga sarili dahil kanila itong mga karapatan.

"Ito po ay self defense mechanism na ginawa ng ating mangingisda, ang alam ko po, ang napulot po namin dito ay binato ng bato, hindi po molotov, so kung anuman po ang nahawakan nila karapatan po nilang depensahan ang sarili nila, at dun po niyo nakikita yung pagiging courageous at dauntless ng ating mangingisda," pahayag ni Padilla.

Ayon sa heneral, saludo sila sa ipinakitang katapangan ng mga Pilipinong mangingisda.

Dahil dito nanawagan ang militar sa pamahalaan na madagdagan pa ang kanilang mga kagamitan ng sa gayon kanilang magampanan ang kanilang tungkulin.

"Sana mabigyan po kami ng karagdagang kagamitan para magawa namin ang aming dapat na gampanang tungkulin para sa mga kababayan nating mangingisda, lalo na po sa mga lugar na to, kasi tulad po ng sabi ko, traditional fishing grounds po natin ito, atin po ito, at dapat walang sinuman na magbabanta sa kanila, maaring makapagpigil sa kanilang pangangisda," wika ni Padilla.