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Duterte: 4 Cabinet posts open to Reds

Release of all political prisoners mulled

By Germelina Lazarte
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte offered to the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) the Cabinet posts of agrarian reform, labor, social welfare and environment and natural resources as he welcomed the planned return of its self-exiled leader, Jose Maria Sison.

"These are the only departments I can concede," Duterte said in his first formal news conference a week after his apparent landslide election win, if the communists decide to join his government.

He said he was giving the labor portfolio to the CPP because "they are the most vigilant group in the Philippines about labor."

"Yes, he is welcome," Duterte said of Sison's planned return to the Philippines. "I am happy with the statement that he is coming home. I would very much want to talk to him about resolving the insurgency problem."

Duterte, who called himself a "leftist" and was Sison's student

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COMING HOME Jose Maria Sison, founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is expected to return to the Philippines under a Duterte presidency after nearly 30 years in the Netherlands.

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at the Lyceum of the Philippines in the 1960s, said he was even willing to comply with the communists' demand to release their captured members.

"If I am satisfied we are dealing in good faith, I will consider releasing all political prisoners," he said.

Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, spokesperson for the Armed Forces of the Philippines, declined comment on Duterte's pronouncements about Sison, the CPP and ceasefire with its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA).

On the composition of the Cabinet, Padilla said any statement on the issue would be "highly speculative," adding that this was still subject to consultations.

Returning Sen. Panfilo Lacson acknowledged Duterte's prerogative to select his Cabinet. But he said Duterte's choices would need approval from the Commission on Appointments. "That is the essence of checks and balances in our system of government," he said in a text message.

'Historic milestone'

In an online interview with Sison from his base in the Dutch city of Utrecht, Duterte's Cabinet

statement was "a historic milestone in the effort to achieve a just and lasting peace."

He said the movement would help in selecting the best possible people for Duterte's official family.

Sison, 77, who fled to Europe soon after peace talks failed in 1987, wrote in a Facebook post last week he hoped to meet with Duterte before his inauguration on June 30.

"I do not begrudge the NPAs in looking for firearms," Duterte said.

"But when I reach my oath-taking... they must realize I am the government and I am the enemy but I offer my hand in peace and we can talk."

"If we begin the talks and I'm satisfied that we are dealing in good faith, I will call a truce and maybe consider releasing all political prisoners as part of confidence-building," he added.

There are at least 350 political detainees languishing in various jails in the country, facing charges involving regular crimes such as murder and illegal possession of firearms.

The insurgency is one of Asia's longest and has claimed an estimated 30,000 lives since the 1960s.

The NPA is believed to have fewer than 4,000 fighters, down from a peak of 26,000 in the 1980s, according to the military. However, it retains support among the poor in the countryside.

President Aquino revived peace talks with the communists soon after taking office in 2010 but shelved them in 2013, accusing the rebels of insincerity in efforts to achieve a political settlement.

The talks got bogged down after the communists demanded the release of scores of their jailed comrades, whom they described as "political prisoners," which the Aquino government rejected.

Agrarian reform

Former Akbayan Rep. Walden Bello said the CPP had the capacity to overcome the obstruction of landlords to the completion of the agrarian reform program.

"I think the CPP is very serious about agrarian reform. A new law will be needed owing to the lapsing of Carper (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms), and I hope Congress will not prove an obstacle here," Bello said in a text message.

Bello said the CPP would be

ideal in fighting illegal loggers and would take a big step forward to end contractualization of labor, the reluctance of big business to grant workers permanent employment.

He expected the CPP to improve the conditional cash transfer program from a mere dole to the creation of guaranteed employment for the poor.

"There will be resistance from management, foreign investors, and the landed class, but I hope the President will run interference, to use an American football term, to give his Cabinet members the space to institute the radical measures they will have to take. Overall, this is good news if the President-elect follows through with his plans and allows the Cabinet members to perform their tasks," Bello said.

But Ako Bicol Rep. Rodel Batocabe said the NPA should renounce violence and give up its arms. "It must be a condition sine qua non. Otherwise, such appointments will always be met with skepticism and distrust by our people." *With reports from Julie M. Aurelio, Christine O. Avendaño, Gil C. Cabacungan in Manila; Allan Nawal, Inquirer Mindanao; AFP and AP*

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On Jose Ma. Sison's return: "Yes, he is welcome. I am happy with the statement that he is coming home. I would very much want to talk to him about resolving the insurgency problem."

On the NPA: "I do not begrudge the NPA in looking for firearms. But when I reach my oath-taking... they must realize I am the government and I am the enemy but I offer my hand in peace and we can talk."

On hanging: "After the first hanging, there will be another ceremony for the second time until the head is completely severed from the body."

On the plan to sell the presidential yacht, BRP ng Pangulo: "When people are hungry and jobless... it would be an obscene thing to have the luxury vessel lying unused."

On policemen: "Those with cases, get out."

On taxi drivers who keep the change: "You should know that if you take the money of a person because you do not have change and you do not return it, that is estafa."

Reports from AFP, AP, Inquirer, Net



WAITING FOR RODY Former Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo (left) and losing senatorial candidate TG Guingona wait for their turn to talk to presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte at the Matina Enclaves in Davao City.

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Shoot-to-kill, hanging await criminals

*For two offenses,
double hanging*

By EDITH REGALADO

DAVAO CITY – Incoming president Rodrigo Duterte vowed yesterday to introduce execution by hanging as part of a ruthless law-and-order crackdown that would also include ordering government snipers to kill suspected criminals.

In back-to-back press conferences since his landslide victory in the May 9 elections, the tough-talking mayor of Davao City said security forces would be given "shoot-to-kill" orders and that citizens would learn to fear the law.

"Those who destroy the lives of our children will be destroyed," Duterte said in wide-ranging comments to journalists in Davao, as he outlined his war on crime once he is sworn into office on June 30. "Those who kill my country will be killed. Simple as that, no middle ground, no apologies, no excuses."

Duterte vowed to roll out Davao's law and order measures on a nationwide basis, including a 2 a.m. curfew on drinking in public places and a ban on children walking on the streets alone late at night.

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Smoking in restaurants and hotels will also be banned.

Duterte said a central part of his war on crime would be to bring back the death penalty, which was abolished in 2006 under former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Duterte said he would ask Congress to reintroduce capital punishment for a wide range of crimes, including drug trafficking, rape, murder, robbery and kidnap-for-ransom.

He said he preferred death by hanging to a firing squad because he did not want to waste bullets, and because he believed snapping the spine with a noose was more humane.

For people convicted of two major crimes, Duterte said he wanted them hanged twice.

"After you are hanged first, there will be another ceremony... until the head is completely severed from the body. I like that because I am mad," he said.

Shoot-to-kill

The centerpiece of Duterte's stunningly successful election campaign was a pledge to end crime within three to six months of being elected.

Duterte vowed during the campaign to kill tens of thousands of criminals, outraging his critics but hypnotizing millions of Filipinos fed up with rampant crime and graft.

He said on one occasion that 100,000 people would die, and so many bodies would be dumped in Manila Bay that the fish would grow fat from feeding on them.

In an initial press conference late Sunday, Duterte said his "shoot-to-kill" orders would be given for those involved in organized crime or those who resisted arrest.

"If you resist, show violent resistance, my order to police (will be) to shoot to kill. Shoot

to kill for organized crime," he said.

Duterte said the military as well as the police would be used in his war on crime.

"I need military officers who are sharp-shooters and snipers. It's true. If you fight, I will have a sniper shoot you," he said, referring to criminals.

But he asked the police to first clean their ranks, especially those suspected of being involved in the illegal drug trade.

He advised police officers, whether general or patrolmen, involved in the illegal drug trade and organized crime to quietly quit the service or be named publicly.

President Aquino warned repeatedly during the election campaign that Duterte was a dictator in the making and would bring terror to the nation.

Death squad fears

Duterte has been accused of running vigilante death squads during his more than two decades as mayor of Davao, a city of about two million people that he said he has turned into one of the nation's safest.

Rights groups say the squads - made up of police, hired assassins and ex-communist rebels - have killed more than 1,000 people.

They say children and petty criminals were among the victims.

Duterte boasted on one occasion during the campaign of being behind the squads, saying they killed 1,700 people. But other times he denied any involvement.

Amnesty International has frowned on Duterte's plan, but the mayor's ally Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption sees the restoration of the death penalty as a big help in deterring crime.

Up to Congress

Restoring capital punishment will be up to Congress, Malacañang said, noting it would give the incoming administration the chance to explain its policies.

"(Restoring) the death penalty requires amendment of the law. It is best discussed by the next Congress," Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said.

Coloma said it would be up to the incoming administration to decide how it could best pursue the mandate given by the people.

"We'd rather focus on transition than engage in further debates or arguments. The incoming administration deserves an opportunity to be heard and understood in terms of its policy and initiatives," he said.

Duterte, CHR showdown

Duterte will face a tough battle with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) over his proposal to reinstate the death penalty for heinous crimes.

"The CHR is prepared to explain its position to Congress why it is against the restoration of capital punishment," chairman Chito Gascon said, adding more states are abolishing it.

Duterte's transition team has reportedly started discussing the matter to ensure that it will not violate international human rights laws.

Gascon said the plan of the next administration would require congressional intervention as provided under the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

Death penalty by electric chair was re-imposed after former president Fidel Ramos signed Republic Act 7659 in 1993 due to rising crimes.

In 1996, Ramos signed RA 8177, designating lethal injection as the method for capital punishment.

Executions were carried out during the term of former president Joseph Estrada, although he issued a moratorium in 2000 in observance of the Jubilee Year.

Estrada's successor, Gloria Macapagal-Arrovo, signed RA 9346 prohibiting the imposition of the death penalty.

Opposition

Gascon said the global trend on death penalty is abolition and not reinstatement.

"It constitutes what is effectively cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment that is prohibited in the Bill of Rights and international law," he said.

"It is contrary to the rehabilitative purpose of criminal justice and does not fully consider the possibility of mistake as it cannot be undone." Gascon said capital punishment is not a crime deterrent and is often unfairly applied on the poor.

If restored, Gascon said the country would renege on its international commitment to abolish capital punishment.

The Philippines is a signatory to the second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which promotes the abolition of death penalty.

It also voted in favor of a UN resolution on the moratorium against capital punishment in 2014.

Meanwhile, Theodore Te, former lawyer of convicted rapist Leo Echegaray who was executed by lethal injection in 1999, has joined the growing opposition to Duterte's plan to restore the death penalty.

Te posted "Not In My Name" (NIMN) on his Facebook account yesterday to protest the reimposition of capital punishment.

The phrase has long been a slogan and battle cry of abolitionists. It refers to the practice of attributing state-sanctioned murder in the name of the people.

"NIMN is a cry of protest against capital punish-

ment, saying 'do not kill in my name,' Te said.

"It is crucial that we elect a Congress that is not composed of sheep, so they can say 'no' and not just 'baaa'," Te said.

Echegaray was the first convict to be executed by lethal injection after the death penalty was restored in 1993. He was convicted in 1994 for the rape of his 10-year-old stepdaughter.

Monitoring Duterte presidency

Earlier, Gascon said the CHR is not worried about a Duterte presidency even as they have been at odds with the incoming president over allegations of human rights violations during his time as Davao City mayor.

"We are a constitutional office and we are performing a duty that is mandated by the Constitution," he said.

Gascon expressed hope that Duterte, a lawyer by profession, would stand for human rights and no violation of such would happen during his presidency.

For his part, Sen. Vicente Sotto III said the plan to reimpose the death penalty by hanging would need a lot of study under the incoming 17th Congress.

Once restored, Sotto said the law would not be retroactive for convicted drug lords who were meted with the maximum penalty after Congress abolished the death penalty in June 2006.

"I suggest they study my proposed Senate Bill 3226. It has the same effect but less controversial," he said.

Sotto was referring to his draft bill which recommends the creation of a detention facility, preferably on Palawan island, mainly for hardened criminals and high-profile drug convicts.

By isolating convicted drug lords in a facility similar to the US Alcatraz, Sotto is optimistic this could stop the convicts

from conducting their drug activities.

Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV said he is open to Duterte's plan to reimpose death penalty. He said he would be supportive of the policies of the Duterte administration and can be cooperative and a fiscalizer, if necessary.

Trillanes, who exposed Duterte's alleged bank accounts and some of the family's properties, reminded the incoming president that the police should abide by the rules of engagement during operations.

He was referring to Duterte's plan to implement a shoot-to-kill order against those resisting arrest.

"Cops have to follow the rules of engagement. If it was just for self defense, the force should be commensurate just to disable the person," he said.

'No one should play God'

This was the reaction of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) to Duterte's plan to restore the death penalty by hanging for certain crimes.

"Only God has the power over life. God gives life and God takes life. No one should play God," Bataan Bishop Ruperto Santos of the CBCP-Episcopal Commission on Migrants and Itinerant People (ECMIP) said as he stressed the sacredness of life and urged the people to promote respect and protect life.

Santos said it is the prison that needs to be reformed and the justice system should be reviewed.

Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles said Duterte was true to himself but not to God. He said he would volunteer to be executed in the place of all those that the incoming government will hang.

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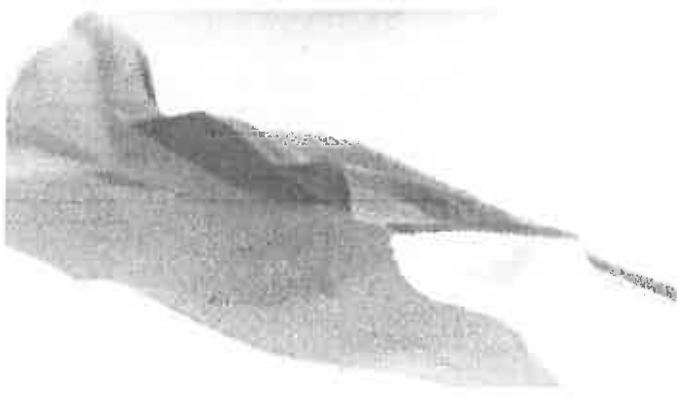
Sundalo nabaril ang sarili, patay

NORTH COTABATO – Bulagta ang 40-anyos na sundalo ng Phil. Army matapos nitong mabaril ang sarili sa kampo ng 7th Infantry Battalion ng Phil. Army sa Camp Bialong sa bayan ng Mlang, North Cotabato noong Sabado ng gabi. Aksidenteng nabaril ni S/Sgt. Cerverio Pagayon Palec ng Libungan, North Cotabato ang kanyang ulo habang pinag-lalaruan ang cal. 9mm pistol sa loob ng kanilang area kung saan siya naka-assign sa 7th Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army. Sa ulat na isinumite kay P/Supt. Joefty Todeño, hepe ng Mlang PNP, unang lumabas sa imbestigasyon ng PNP ay suicide pero ayon sa mga nakasaksi, napag-alamang accidental firing ang nangyari sa biktima. **Rhoderick Beñez**

<http://dwdd.com.ph/>

KALAYAAN 2016 II Army to display national flag in all military camps

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FORT BONIFACIO, Taguig City –

The Philippine Army directed its major units to display the national flag in all military camps, bases and offices, to include in major thoroughfares nationwide starting tomorrow, May 15 up to June 30, 2016.

The display of the national flag is part of the Army's support activity to the 118th Philippine Independence anniversary celebration on June 12.

A National Flag Day will also be celebrated on May 28 at Imus, Cavite as a take-off ceremony for this year's commemoration.

The theme of this year's commemoration of Independence Day is, "Kalayaan 2016: Pagkakaisa, Pag-aambagan, Pagsulong."

<http://www.inquirer.net/>

NPA owns up Negros ambush that killed 3 soldiers, hurt 2

By: Carla P. Gomez



New People's Army rebels. AFP FILE PHOTO

BACOLOD CITY, Negros Occidental — Communist rebels owned up the ambush in Toboso town in Negros Occidental that killed three soldiers and wounded two others on Saturday.

The Roselyn Pelle Command of the New People Army Northern Negros Guerilla Front on Monday claimed responsibility for the ambush of the soldiers belonging to the Alpha Company of the 62nd Infantry Battalion who were patrolling Sitio Carbon, Barangay San Isidro, Toboso.

Killed were Private First Class Teddie Alcallaga, PFC Reggie Taleon, and PFC Ramel Perasol. Wounded were Corporal Rosevil Villacampa and PFC Jethro Niervo.

Roselyn Pelle Command spokesperson Cecil Estrella said that aside from the death and injury of the Army soldiers, the NPA seized three M-16 assault rifles, two pouches and a lot of M-16 rifle ammunition. Estrella claimed that the ambush was in response to the request of residents to stop the alleged human rights abuses committed by the soldiers.

Estrella warned Army troops that those who committed human rights violations would be priority targets of the NPA.

Col. Francisco Delfin, 303rd Infantry Brigade commander accused the NPA of making false accusations to justify their murderous attacks on soldiers.

He said the police and Army were preparing charges against 15 rebels involved in the clash with the Army soldiers in Toboso. **SFM/rga**

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AUDIT REPORT

'DND misused disaster fund'

BY REINA TOLENTINO
REPORTER

STATE auditors revealed that the Department of National Defense (DND) used its Quick Response Fund (QRF) totaling P128.6 million as fund transfer for the repair and reconstruction of facilities which is not in accordance with the purposes of the fund.

In its 2015 audit report on the DND, the Commission on Audit (COA) pointed out that under the law, the purpose of the QRF is as a stand-by fund for immediate assistance to people in communities and areas hit by catastrophes and crises.

The DND had P572.9 million for disaster risk reduction and management services for 2015, broken

down into P352.5 million from the 2015 General Appropriations Act (GAA), and P220.4 million from continuing appropriation.

COA said that of this amount, 236 million was used during the year for the acquisition of goods and equipment (P88.97 million), repairs and construction (P12.03 million), and fund transfers to various Implementing Agencies or

IAs (P73.93 million).

State auditors said they noted several deficiencies in their review of DND's transactions, as well as overpricing and previous unliquidated fund transfers made to the AFP General Headquarters, Office of Civil Defense, and the Philippine Army.

The transfer of funds using the QRF was not in accordance with the intended purpose of QRF as authorized in DND's budget, COA said, because it defeats the purpose of the QRF as stand-by fund to ensure immediate action during calamities. It added that DND is not an implementing agency for rehabilitation and reconstruction projects but the DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways).

According to state auditors, DND transferred P73.9 million to

the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Finance Center during the year for the repair, maintenance and reconstruction of permanent structures of the Central Command (CENTCOM), construction of facilities of OCD Regional Office IX, the construction of OCD Regional Office II and equipment and the construction of OCD Regional Office II.

The above transfers, they said, "do not appear to be within the intended purpose of QRF as authorized in DND's budget."

COA also noted that other government agencies had facilities which were affected by disasters but could not have these repaired or reconstructed because they have no capital outlay in their budget.

Thus, for DND and its bureaus to take advantage of the

QRF lodged in their budget for their own facilities may not be proper, it added.

Lastly, COA said that the purpose of the fund transfer did not directly benefit the intended beneficiaries of the QRF -- people living in communities or areas hit by calamities, epidemics, crises, and catastrophes.

For its part, the DND commented that it "is implanting the provisions of the General Appropriations Act on the utilization of the QRF."

It said that the programs, activities, and projects under DND's QRF are geared towards ensuring that the situation and living conditions of calamity victims may be normalized as quickly as possible through the provision and construction of three-in-one facilities, organization, equipage and train-

ing of disaster responders, and construction/rehabilitation or repair of AFP camps and facilities destroyed by natural calamities.

The utilization of the QRF for prepositioning allowed the DND to continue using its QRF for the organization, training and equipage of AFP disaster units for most types of emergencies, the DND added.

"On transferring QRF funds to various implementing agencies notwithstanding that these agencies have previous unliquidated fund transfers, we need to urgently initiate the transfer of funds under extraordinary circumstances and strike a balance between policy and urgency of requirements to restore public service and provide support to damage facilities in disaster-affected areas," it said.

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Visaya eyed as next AFP chief

BY CATHERINE S. VALENTE
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PRESIDENT-ELECT Rodrigo Duterte is considering appointing Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya on head of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

In an interview in Davao City on Sunday night, Duterte called Visaya a "vibrant general."

Visaya is currently the chief of the Southern Luzon Command. He was a top contender for the top AFP post last year.

The AFP is currently led by Acting Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda.

Miranda and Visaya were classmates at the Philippine Military Academy.

Miranda has been acting AFP

chief since April 22, 2016 upon the retirement of former military chief Gen. Hernando Iriberti.

Duterte also said that for the next head of the Philippine National Police (PNP), he will choose from the three former Davao City police chiefs.

The candidates are Chief Superintendent Ronald dela Rosa, brigade commander of the Reactionary Standby Support Force who was relieved from his post after declaring his support for

Duterte on Facebook, Chief Supt. Ramon Apolinario, Mimaropa police officer-in-charge, and Sr Supt. Rene Aspera, chief of staff of the PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group.

Duterte said since the three were qualified, he told them to work it out among themselves.

"Wala akong masasabi sa tenure nila [I cannot say anything against their tenure here]," he said. "It was all good."

Incumbent PNP chief Ricardo Marquez is set to retire in August 2016.

Crush Abu Sayyaf

Visaya said Duterte wants the AFP to totally crush the terrorist Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and to actively join the government's anti-illegal drugs campaign.

Emerging from a meeting with the Davao City mayor and some retired military and police officials in Davao Sunday night, Visaya said Duterte told him what he wanted the AFP to do.

"Gusto nya na ano mawala yung Abu Sayyaf bago matapos yung term nya (He wants to eliminate the Abu Sayyaf before his term ends)," he said.

Visaya received numerous awards including the Cavalier Award for Army Operations, the most coveted award that a PMA alumnus can receive; Distinguished Service Star, 10 Bronze Cross Medals, two Gawad sa Kaunlaran, 45 Military Merit Medals and 13 Military Commendation Medals among others.

He also earned his Master's Degree in Project Management

at the Australia Defense Force Academy in Canberra, Australia in 2002 and attended the Executive Course at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2006.

Free reign

Meanwhile, incoming party-list representative Harry L. Roque urged leaders of the Liberal Party (LP) to give President Rodrigo Duterte free reign to organize Congress.

"The election results is a complete repudiation of the yellow forces. Speaker Belmonte should now allow Bebot Alvarez to assume speakership rather than be obstructed in this regard," Roque said.

"Belmonte and his yellow cohorts have had their time and their time is now up. He should allow

changes in Congress pursuant to the mandate given by the people to Duterte," he added.

Roque is the first nominee of the Kabayan party list.

Roque said Duterte's presumptive win is a clear indication that the Filipino people do not want more of the same.

"Our kababayans are tired of the yellow way of doing things. In order for true change to happen, the LP must give way," he said.

"If it is really the people's welfare they have in mind and not their party's, then the LP must allow to Duterte to organize Congress," he added.

Duterte's PDP-Laban earlier endorsed newly-elected Davao del Norte representative Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez as next House speaker

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3 contenders eyed for PNP chief

By EDITH REGALADO

DAVAO CITY - In the shortlist for the next national police chief, Chief Supt. Ronald dela Rosa agreed with incoming president Rodrigo Duterte that suppressing the proliferation of illegal drugs and crimes within three to six months is doable.

"It can be done," Dela Rosa told **The STAR**.

Dela Rosa, along with Chief Supt. Ramon Apolinario and Rene Espera of the PNP-Anti-Kidnapping Group, is among the officials being groomed to be the next Philippine National Police (PNP) chief when Duterte assumes office on June 30.

The three police officials served as chief of police of Davao City under Mayor

Duterte.

Dela Rosa pointed out that Duterte has yet to decide who among the three of them will replace PNP chief Director General Ricardo Marquez, who is expected to submit his courtesy resignation to the new president when President Aquino steps down from office.

"We have to wait for the mayor (Duterte) to announce who will be the next PNP chief," Dela Rosa added.

Dela Rosa is a member of the Philippine Military Academy's Class 1986, while Apolinario belongs to PMA Class 1985.

Duterte met the three police officials at Hotel Elena here Sunday night.

Dela Rosa was relieved as

brigade commander of the PNP Reactionary Standby Support Force (RSSF) two days before the May 9 polls for posting on his Facebook account that he will "crush" those who cheat and sow terror on election day.

Duterte said the appointment of the new PNP chief would be further discussed in the next days.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya, commander of the Southern Luzon Command, is expected to be appointed as the next chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Visaya also met with Duterte Sunday along with the three police generals.

Duterte said that he would work on strengthening the board of generals (BOG) of the AFP and the PNP so that promotions would be done based on merit and not through influence peddling.

Duterte assured the military that he would not tolerate the padrino system in the promotion of military officials and would just let the BOG screen the candidates for promotion.

"Do not look for me for promotions or assignments. There is the board of generals," Duterte said.

The BOG consists of the AFP chief of staff, the vice chief of staff, the deputy chief of staff and the heads of the Army, Air Force and Navy.

To fill vacated military posts, the BOG comes up with a shortlist of candidates and submits this to the defense sec-

retary, who will then transmit it to the president.

Duterte also warned AFP officials against using politicians to get promotions.

"Do not get endorsements from the senators, congressmen and others. I'll automatically reject your applications," he said.

Duterte promised to make sure that all government positions would go to "the best and the brightest applicants."

Chief Supt. Victor Deona, chief of the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), said Duterte's promise to address criminality and illegal drugs in the country within six months is feasible.

"We can do this if the whole PNP and the whole government help each other to address this," said Deona during a press conference at the CIDG regional office inside Camp General Simeon Ola in Legazpi City yesterday.

He said the people must also support law enforcers to address the problem.

Deona said Duterte cannot solve these problems by himself or by the PNP hierarchy alone.

Deona said that an effective campaign against illegal drugs should focus on supply reduction by law enforcement agencies, then enforce demand reduction through an effective information drive against the use of illegal drugs and drug rehabilitation by the health department. - **With Alexis Romero, Celso Amo**

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New PNP, AFP chiefs loom

PRESUMPTIVE President Rodrigo Duterte said late Sunday he plans to appoint as head of the military and the police two officials who are both products of the Philippine Military Academy.

"I'm considering General Visaya to be the chief of staff. He is a vibrant general," Duterte told reporters at 11 p.m. Sunday in Davao City.

He was referring to Southern Luzon Command Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya, a member of the PMA Class of 1983 and a native of Bacarra, Ilocos Norte.

Meanwhile, some reports say Duterte is likely to appoint Chief Supt. Ronald Dela Rosa, a member of the PMA Class of 1986, to replace Philippine National Police Chief Ricardo Marquez, a member of the PMA Class of 1982 who will reach mandatory retirement this August.

A source from Duterte's inner circle said Visaya and Dela Rosa will assume their new posts on June 30, when Duterte takes his oath of office.

"Yes, it's Chief Supt. Dela Rosa sa PNP and Lieutenant General Visaya para naman sa AFP," said the source who requested anonymity.

If Dela Rosa is appointed, it will be the first time in PNP history that a chief superintendent is elevated to director general, a four-star position in the military. He served as Davao City's police chief under Duterte.

Just recently, Marquez sacked Dela Rosa when he threatened in his Facebook account to bring to justice any cheaters in the May 9 elections, saying the PNP was "apolitical." Dela Rosa was then a brigade commander of a support unit based in Camp Crame in Quezon City for election duties. **Florante S. Solmerin**

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Duterte pokes at 'elitists,' offers CPP 4 Cabinet posts

Presumptive president Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte treaded on dangerous ground yesterday after he said he will offer four Cabinet posts to the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) if it decides to work with his government while calling a group of businessmen allied with President

Aquino a "bunch of elitist fools."

In his first press briefing after it became clear in the vote tally that his lead was insurmountable and that he will be the next president, Duterte said in Davao City he is giving the left wing armed rebel group, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of

Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Labor and Employment (DoLE), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

The presumptive president added he is offering the DoLE to the "most vigilant group in the Philippines."

"There are others but those are the only departments I can concede to them," Duterte said.

Duterte has also revealed some of his prospective Cabinet members who are his running mate Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano for the Department of Foreign

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Affairs (DFA) or Department of Justice, Perfecto Yasay as acting Foreign Affairs Secretary, Carlos Dominguez as Finance Secretary, Art Tugade as head of the Department of Transportation and Communications, Peter Laurel for the Department of Education, and Salvador Medialdea as Executive Secretary.

Other possible appointees mentioned by Duterte were a choice among Chief Superintendent Ronald Dela Rosa, Mimaropa police officer-in-charge Chief Superintendent Ramon Apolinario and Chief of staff of the PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group Senior Superintendent Rene Aspera for the post as PNP Chief.

The three PNP officials were all former Davao City Police Office (DCPO) heads. Dela Rosa was recently relieved as DCPO head and reassigned to Camp Crame after he expressed his support for Duterte in his social media page.

Other names mentioned by Duterte were Jesus Duran as government peace negotiator for the Muslim rebels and former Justice Secretary Behot Bello as peace process head for the CPP; and lawyer Salvador Panelo as presidential spokesman.

Duterte's spokesman Peter Lavina earlier said that the presumptive president will pattern his Cabinet after the lineup of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which is an ethnically diverse Cabinet with an equal number of men and women.

Duterte also pounced on the Makati Business Club (MBC) which earlier criticized his lack of economic vision during a speech he made before a forum the MBC and the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) calling the business group as composed of "*elitistang ulol*" (elitist fools).

"Ask my Cabinet about infrastructure and economics, not me," he said.

"Don't ask me about infrastructure, you ask Secretary Tugade and Dominguez," Duterte told the MBC.

Duterte said he wanted to remind the business group that he is a lawyer and is not inclined on business or economic data and has gained his degree from San Beda College of Law with a "satisfactory" grade.

"*Baka hindi alam ng mga ulol* (Maybe the fools didn't know)," he said.

"*Hanggang mga elitista na ito*

sumasabog, akala mo kung sino ang ulol (This bunch of elitists are too much, who do they think they are a bunch of fools)," he added.

DUCO to welcome Joma home

The leader of the communist insurgency will be welcomed to return home after nearly three decades in exile and participate in peace talks, Duterte added.

Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria "Joma" Sison wrote in a Facebook post last week he hoped to come home following the landslide May 9 election win of Duterte, with whom he has maintained ties while living in the Netherlands.

"I do not begrudge the NPAs (communist New People's Army) in looking for firearms. But when I reach my oath-taking... they must realize I am the government and I am the enemy but I offer my hand in peace and we can talk," he said.

Duterte previously said late Sunday that Sison's return to the Philippines would be important in helping to end the rebellion.

The insurgency was one of Asia's longest and has claimed an estimated 30,000 lives since the 1960s.

"Yes, he is welcome. I am happy with the statement that he is coming home. I would very much want to talk to him about resolving the insurgency problem," Duterte said.

Sison, now 71, fled to Europe soon after peace talks failed in 1987.

The communists armed wing, the NPA, is believed to have fewer than 4,000 soldiers, down from a peak of 26,000 in the 1980s, according to the military, however it retains support among the deeply poor in the rural Philippines.

Communists killed three soldiers last Saturday, according to the military, in the first outbreak of deadly violence between the two sides since Duterte's election win.

Duterte is due to be sworn into office on June 30.

Aquino revived peace talks soon after taking office in 2010 but shelved them in 2012, accusing the rebels of insincerity in efforts to achieve a political settlement.

The talks got bogged down after the communists demanded the release of scores of their jailed comrades whom they described as "political prisoners", which the Aquino government rejected.

Duterte, who was Sison's student, said he was even willing to comply with the communists' demand to release their captured members.

"If I am satisfied we are dealing in good faith, I will consider releasing

all political prisoners," he said.

Duterte, however, runs the risk of incurring the ire of the United States by his insistence on immediately declaring a ceasefire and initiating peace negotiations with the communist party wing National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDF) and his leadership will be tested if he pursues his vow to talk peace while surrounded by hawks and right-wing financial backers.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP-CC) said in an official statement released on Monday morning, May 16, that "with Duterte set to become president, for the first time, the Philippine client-state is to be headed by one who is not completely beholden to the US imperialists. Duterte has railed against the US and the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for whisking away its agent Michael Meiring who accidentally exploded the improvised bomb he was preparing inside a Davao hotel during the height of the 2002 US terror bombings in Mindanao. He has opposed the use of the Davao airport as a base for US drone operations and has spoken unfavorably of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA.) Duterte has slammed the current US and Australian ambassadors for political meddling after recently making comments about his tasteless rape joke."

Moneybags in Duterte camp—CPP

CPP-CC noted that while Duterte rode on the crest of popular disenchantment at the incompetent and non-performing administration of President Aquino, he continues to be beholden to the "political power brokers" and "moneybags" representing the very same ruling class that profited from the Aquino dispensation and is keen on recouping their investment on him.

"On the other hand, the rest of the political elite are largely pro-US and favor US dominance and military presence. The CIA and US military and its local agents continue to hold sway over most aspects of the ruling state, especially the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)," CPP-CC stressed.

Duterte has also surrounded himself with pro-US and pro-International Monetary Fund/World Bank (IMF/WB) officials, the party added, and Washington has even intensified its grip on Congress, the Supreme Court, economic policy and finance agencies, media and cultural organizations.

CPP-CC explained that the New

People's Army (NPA) will continue with its work since "there will be no honeymoon with the Duterte regime."

"While engaging the Duterte regime in peace negotiations and possible alliance in order to advance the national and democratic aspirations of the Filipino people, the revolutionary forces will continue to relentlessly advance the people's armed resistance and democratic mass struggles. While open to cooperation and alliance, they must relentlessly criticize and oppose any and all anti-people and pro-imperialist policy and measure," the party emphasized.

"While incoming President Duterte has displayed progressive aspects, the revolutionary forces are also aware that he is mainly a part of the ruling class political elite. For the past four decades, he has served the system as a bureaucrat and implemented its laws and policies. He has worked with foreign and local big capitalists, plantation owners and big landlords who expect returns under his regime. The masses of workers, peasants and farm workers in Davao City have long suffered from the oppressive and exploitative conditions in the big plantations and export-oriented contract-growing businesses," CPP-CC said.

Moreover, the party said Duterte has not deviated from the dominant neo-liberal economic thinking which has brought about great hardships to the Filipino people for more than three decades.

Nonetheless, CPP-CC stressed that the world has seen the rise anti-US leaders in countries dominated by the US as in the cases of Venezuela's Hugo Chavez (1999-2013) and Bolivia's Evo Morales (2006-present), who have stood to defend the right to self-determination of their respective countries.

"Their anti-imperialism allowed their government to free large amounts of resources such as land and oil from foreign control and accrue these to the people in the form of increasing state subsidies for education and public health. On the other hand, while clearly benefiting from their government's anti-imperialism and increasing resources for the delivery of social and economic services, the broad masses of workers and peasants continued to suffer from oppression and exploitation because foreign big capitalists and landlords remained dominant in other fields of the economy and state power," the party argued.

Gerry Baldo, AFP

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You can't just sell the yacht, Duterte told

By Julie M. Aurelio

PRESUMPTIVE President-elect Rodrigo Duterte's plan to sell the presidential yacht—the BRP Ang Pangulo—will have to follow the process for disposing of government and military assets.

The military said the plan to dispose of the historic yacht which is operated by the Philippine Navy would have to undergo evaluation.

Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said the issue had not been discussed at the military level.

"We have a procedure for disposing of military or government assets as prescribed by law. These regulations are in place to ensure that needed assets are not unnecessarily disposed of," Padilla said.

He said an evaluation committee would be created to determine if such a sale was necessary.

Proceeds for veterans

Duterte announced his intention to sell the presidential yacht and use the proceeds for war veterans, to improve hospital facilities and raise doctors' salaries so they wouldn't leave the country.

Padilla explained that the President, as Commander in Chief of the military, was afforded these privileges (use of different types of vehicles) so he could perform his functions better.

"When the President or Commander in Chief assumes office, it is believed he is among the busiest persons in our land. Hence, his time is very, very important," the AFP spokesperson said.

Another factor in dedicating vehicles to the President's sole use is the issue of his security and safety.

Padilla said the issue of selling the Ang Pangulo was still "speculative" since the incoming president could change his mind after

listening to advise from different quarters.

"The disposal of assets is a very defined procedure. This is in due regard of the value of the asset that is being utilized, and the amount of money that can be taken out of it for other purposes," he said.

He added that although certain assets served a purpose, they didn't fetch a high price due to depreciation.

Padilla noted that instead of selling such assets, these were sometimes still used because "it serves a bigger purpose in comparison to the depreciated value that it will sell for."

The BRP Ang Pangulo was acquired in 1959 by the Philippine government as part of war reparations from Japan. Its first CIC was President Carlos Garcia.

It weighs 2,200 tons and has a length of 77 meters, with 5,000-horsepower engines.

President Ferdinand Marcos and his family used the yacht to party with their high society friends, as shown in the video that went viral after the Marcoses were forced to flee the country in February 1986.

President Corazon Aquino tried to sell the yacht in 1986 for \$5.5 million to do away with a reminder of the past regime's lavishness and extravagance. But there were no takers.

President Joseph Estrada had it refurbished at the expense of his friends and used it for floating mahjong sessions with them and members of his family.

During President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's term, it caught fire while undergoing repairs. After a refurbishing, it was renamed the BRP Pag-asa.

The current President Aquino restored the name of the yacht; BRP Ang Pangulo.

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Navy's new warship docks in Manila

By JAIME LAUDE

Beaming with pride, Navy officers and men welcomed yesterday the docking of the biggest and brand new warship, the *BRP Tarlac*, at the Manila South Harbor's Pier 13.

Hundreds of Marines and Navy personnel as well as retired military men watched as the mammoth vessel, escorted by a tugboat, slowly made her way to her berthing place at around 4 p.m. yesterday.

"With much jubilation, excitement and pride, the Philippine Navy today shares with our

Filipino people a very important milestone not only for the Navy and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), but for the whole maritime nation," said Navy chief Vice Admiral Ceasar Taccad.

He said the Indonesian-made *BRP Tarlac* is the newest addition to the Navy's fleet and is the largest among its floating assets and the first Landing Dock Vessel in the fleet.

Named after the province of Tarlac, one of the eight provinces that raised arms against the Spaniards during the Philippine

Revolution in 1866, the warship is slated to serve as an effective conveyance for troop and cargo movement from one operational area to another.

The vessel, once commissioned, will be placed under the Navy's Sealift Amphibious Forces of the Philippine Fleet.

BRP Tarlac is one of two Landing Dock Vessels that the government has procured from Indonesian's shipbuilder PT Pal (Persero) through the AFP Modernization Trust Act Fund amounting to P3.8 billion.

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Maguindanao clashes kill 4

FOUR people have been killed in clashes between rival political clans in the province of Maguindanao, just days after a contentious election reinstated a local mayor, authorities said.

Fighting flared between the Sabal and Buisan clans in the strife-torn southern province over the vote on May 9, the same day as the synchronized national and

local elections, which saw Muntahir Sabal retain his post, beating a Buisan-backed opponent.

A member of the Buisan family was killed a day before the

polls, and subsequent violence on Friday and Saturday claimed three more lives.

About 15,000 people have fled the town of Talitay since Friday as fighters from both sides gathered in the area, local police chief Senior Ins. Freddie Solar said.

He said those fighting had ties to the country's two largest armed Muslim groups that once fought the government to set up a separate

Islamic state in the south of the largely-Christian Philippines.

"This is not an ordinary family feud because both sides have relatives and supporters from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)," he said.

Though both groups have signed truces with the government as part of a peace process, most of their followers have not disarmed.

The military has sent forces into the area since the clashes erupted, but soldiers are not engaging either of the armed groups to avoid breaking the ceasefire, said regional military spokeswoman Captain Jo-ann Patinglay.

The police chief said local religious leaders and MILF representatives were trying to negotiate a ceasefire to end the latest bout of violence, while chief MILF nego-

tiator Mohagher Iqbal denied his group was involved in the fighting.

The province of Maguindanao has long been the site of violent political conflict between powerful Muslim clans.

In 2009, the country's worst political massacre occurred in the province as followers of one such clan killed 58 people in an attempt to prevent an election challenge from a rival group. **AFP**

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Abus threaten to behead another Samal hostage

By JAIME LAUDE

Abu Sayyaf bandits have threatened to behead another foreigner they seized from a resort on Samal Island if their ransom demand is not met.

In a video released on social media showing Canadian Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, the bandits said they should receive P600 million at 3 p.m. on June 13.

Another hostage, Filipina Maritess Flor, was not shown in the video.

Canadian John Ridsdel, who was taken along with the three hostages, was beheaded on April 27 after the deadline set for the payment of a P300-million ransom lapsed.

Armed Forces of the Philippines chief Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said there is no letup in the operations to rescue the remaining kidnap victims.

"We have not stopped our operations. We will not cease until these bandits are held accountable for their actions," Padilla said.

Five other foreigners - four Malaysians and a Dutch birdwatcher - remain in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf.

Fourteen Indonesian fishermen were earlier released after reportedly paying ransom.

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Abu Sayyaf threatens to behead 2nd captive

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THE terror group Abu Sayyaf has threatened to behead another foreigner if the P600-million ransom for him is not delivered on June 13, its third deadline after it beheaded 68-year-old John Ridsdel, a Canadian citizen, on April 25.

The threat was contained in a new video posted on the internet, but the captors did not specify who among Robert Hall, a Canadian citizen, and Kiar-tan Sekkingstad, a Norwegian, would be beheaded.

The Abu Sayyaf is also holding Marites

Flor, Hall's girlfriend.

The terrorist group aired its new demand even as the Armed Forces said operations were still ongoing to rescue the hostages the Abu Sayyaf is holding.

"We have not stopped. We will not cease until these bandits and criminals are held accountable for their actions," military spokesman Restituto Padilla said.

Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said they were now verifying with the Department of Foreign Affairs the new video released by the Abu

Sayyaf Group.

"We are deferring to the DFA on this as this involves foreign nationals," Coloma said in a statement.

All the captives together with Ridsdel were abducted by the terrorists in August last year in a beach resort on Samal Island and took them to Sulu.

"I appeal to my government and the Philippine government, as I have appealed before, for help," Hall said in the video. **Florante S. Solmerin and Sandy Araneta, with PNA**

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Abu sets new deadline to kill captives

By Mario J. Mallari

The Abu Sayyaf has threatened to execute one of two foreign hostages on June 13 unless a ransom worth P600 million is paid.

A video released by the terrorist group — whose leaders have sworn allegiance to the Islamic State group — shows Canadian Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad

wearing orange shirts in a jungle setting, surrounded by hooded, armed men.

The men say their captors have threatened to kill at least one of them if no payment is received by June 13.

"I appeal to my government and the Philippine government, as I have appealed before, for help," said Hall.

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A third hostage is Filipino Marites Flor.

The three, along with another Canadian John Ridsdel, were snatched from the posh Oceanview Resort on Samal Island last September.

Ridsdel was beheaded by the Abu Sayyaf last April 25 after failing to pay P300-million ransom demand. His head was found in front of the Jolo municipal building the following day while his body was discovered days after in the jungles of Sulu.

Prior to Ridsdel's beheading, the Abu Sayyaf also released a video warning to harm the hostage if its P300-million demand is not met.

Text on the video captured by Site Intelligence Group stated "The Abu Sayyaf group is giving another ultimatum to the Canadian, Norwegian and Philippine governments, if our ransom demand worth 600 million pesos is not given, we will behead another foreign hostage on June 13 (Monday) at exactly 3 p.m."

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said efforts are now ongoing to validate the video but stressed such should not be dignified.

At a press briefing, AFP spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla Jr. said military operations are still continuing against the Abu Sayyaf terrorists both in Basilan and Sulu.

"We have not seen the video... we will validate," he added.

"Focused military operations are continuing against these criminals...we are still working to rescue all kidnap victims and pressure the kidnap for ransom groups to release them," he added.

Padilla stressed the military strictly subscribed to the government's no-ransom policy.

He said paying ransom only strengthens the terrorist groups.

The bandit group is also believed to be holding four Malaysians, a Dutch bird-watcher and four Filipinos, seized in separate raids.

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Ransom ultimatum set for hostages

COTABATO CITY: The local terror group Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) set an ultimatum for the heads of two remaining foreign hostages if the P600 million ransom is not given before June 13.

"The (ASG under Harakatul Islamiyah faction) is giving another ultimatum to the Canadian, Norwegian and Philippine governments," the group announced in its propaganda Telegram accounts.

The announcement included a video uploaded on YouTube, but was later removed after violating the website's terms of service.

The footage shown Canadian Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad dressed in orange prisoners' suits, and behind them were heavily armed masked men holding two black banners, including an IS flag, mimicking the IS (or ISIS) for the first time in ASG's propaganda.

Another Filipina hostage, Maritess Flor, was not shown in the recent video and her plight was still unknown.

Hall and Sekkingstad again pleaded for help, asking their respective governments and the Philippine to pay the large ransom money to the abductors for their release.

"I appeal to my government and the Philippine government, as I have appealed before, for help," Hall said.

The captors said one of the foreign hostages will be beheaded if demand is not delivered on or before June 13, 2016 at about 3 p.m.

"We want to let you know, the government of Canada and the Philippines, not to play games. We are determined to slaughter all the captives if you do not meet our demands," a poor Arabic speaking man said while reading scripts from his smartphone.

"We are not afraid of you, your soldiers, planes and tanks as we pledge our lives, death, wealth and our jihad to Allah. All of them are for Him," he said.

Last month, Canadian national John Ridsdel was beheaded after the demand was not met on the

extended deadline on April 25. The ultimatum was initially set on April 8. Ridsdel's head and body were separately found days later in Jolo, Sulu. The Canadian government has condemned the "cold-blooded" beheading of its citizen Ridsdel.

Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said relentless military operations are still ongoing to rescue the hostages of the terrorist Abu Sayyaf Group.

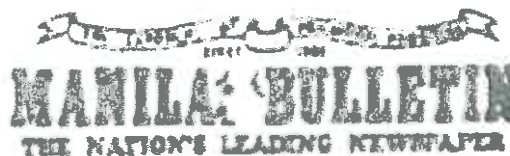
"All we can say is that the operations have been going, they have not stopped, they have not ceased, we are still working to rescue all kidnap victims and pressure the kidnap for ransom groups to release them," said Brig. Gen. Resituto Padilla Jr., AFP spokesman.

For the nth time, Padilla appealed to the public not to dignify the ASG videos that are coming out, as the AFP is doing everything to safely rescue the hostages.

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ASG sets 4-week deadline for ransom payment

Islamist extremists in the Philippines, who last month beheaded a Canadian man say they will kill another Western hostage if a multi-million dollar ransom is not paid within four weeks.

A video released by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)-whose leaders have sworn allegiance to the Islamic State group-shows Canadian Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad wearing orange shirts in a jungle setting, surrounded by hooded, armed men.

The men say their captors have threatened to kill at least one of them if no payment is received by June 13.

A caption on the video, carried by the terror monitoring SITE Intelligence Group, says Abu Sayyaf is demanding ₱600 million (\$12.8 million).

In April, the group killed Canadian John Ridsdel after a ransom deadline passed.

Ridsdel, Hall, Sekkingstad, and Hall's Filipina girlfriend were abducted in 2015 from a resort on Samal island, hundreds of kilometres (miles) from Abu Sayyaf's traditional strongholds.

The group has been blamed for the worst terror attacks in Philippine history.

Although its leaders have pledged fealty to the Islamic State group, analysts say they are more focused on lucrative kidnappings-for-ransom than on setting up a caliphate.

The group is believed to have just a few hundred militants but has withstood repeated US-backed military offensives, surviving by using the mountainous, jungle terrain of the southern islands to its advantage.

The Abu Sayyaf are also believed to be holding four Malaysians, a Dutch bird-watcher and four Filipinos, seized in separate raids. (AFP)

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Extremist with 3 aliases arrested

ZAMBOANGA CITY - Police and military authorities arrested Sunday an Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) member in this city, who is facing a string of criminal cases ranging from illegal detention to kidnapping.

Zamboanga City Police Office (ZCPO) spokesman Chief Insp. Helen Galvez identified the suspect as Regin Onsing Nazirin, who is also known under his aliases Sahirun Asdatul, Imam Aling and Abity Nawas.

Galvez said Nazirin was nabbed by elements of the police and military, who promptly responded to a tip from a local resident about the presence of the suspect at Baliwasan Seaside.

Nazirin is facing charges of kidnapping and illegal detention for at least seven warrants of arrest issued by Judge Leo Jay T Prinsipe of Regional Trial Court (RTC), Branch 1 in Isabela City, Basilan province, according to Galvez.

Nazirin was involved in the 2001 Tairan Golden Harvest kidnapping incident. He is now detained at ZCPO for documentation. (Nonoy E. Lacson)

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Joma calls Leni win over FM Jr. poetic justice

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—It was “poetic justice.”

That’s the assessment by Jose Maria Sison, exiled founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), of what he called the imminent win of Leni Robredo over Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in the vice presidential race.

“She (Robredo) stops on its track the long-term drive of the Marcos family to go back to Malacañang, criminally using money stolen from the Filipino people through a bloody fascist dictatorship,” Sison said in an online interview from Utrecht, The Netherlands, on Monday.

Robredo claimed victory on Sunday, noting that it had become mathematically impossible for Marcos to catch up with her.

Sison congratulated Robredo. He said she had done better in the elections than her running mate, Mar Roxas, due to her “militant” fight against Marcos.

“Roxas simply carried the stigma of President Aquino’s kiss of death, merely wishing to continue the discredited *daang matuwid* (straight path governance),” he said.

Last year, Sison advised Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, now the presumptive President-elect, against choosing Marcos as running mate.

Sison told Duterte that the only son of the deposed dictator might bring grave repercussions on his political plans.

“Bongbong is the worst kind. So anyone else is better,” said Sison, Duterte’s teacher at Lyceum in Manila.

Duterte eventually chose Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano as his running mate. Cayetano placed third.

The CPP founder spent nine years in detention, most of it in solitary confinement, during the martial law regime.

Sison, a former professor at the University of the Philippines, was released from military detention on March 6, 1986. He went to The Netherlands and since then lived there in exile.

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CPP leader welcome to fly home

COMMUNIST Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria Sison is welcome to fly home, said presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte also bared that he has offered four departments to members of the CPP.

These include the departments of agrarian re-

form, environment and natural resources, labor and employment, and social welfare and development.

"Ang ibibigay ko sa Communist Party of the Philippines, open yung DAR, DENR, Labor if they want kasi sabi nila pinaka oppress ng ano 'yan," Duterte said.

"They are the most vigi-

lant group in the Philippines about labor so they would get it. DSWD at madami pang iba but those are the only departments I can concede to them those four. Maganda na 'yan," he added.

Duterte also said that Sison's return to the Philippines would be vital in aiding end rebellion in the country.

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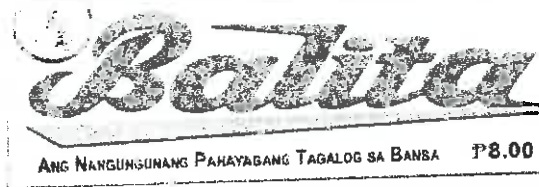
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Retirado sa PAF, natagpuang naaagnas

VICTORIA, Tarlac - Isang retiradong operadong Philippine Air Force (PAF), na sinasabing may prostate cancer, ang natagpuang patay at naaagnas na sa tinutuluyan niyang bahay sa Purok 6B, Barangay San Gavino, Victoria, Tarlac.

Ayon sa report ni P03 Francisco Gamis, Jr., ang bangkay ay kay Franklin Maniego, 67, ng nasabing lugar.

Mag-isang namumuhay, nakahubad at duguan ang naaagnas na katawan ni Maniego na pinaniniwalaang namatay dahil sa tinataglay na karamdaman.

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OUR NAVY'S LARGEST

The Philippine Navy's newest and largest floating asset, the BRP Tarlac, a strategic sealift vessel, docked at Manila South Harbor on Monday. It will join the Sealift Amphibious Force and carry out humanitarian and disaster search and rescue operations. It can transport 500 men, their vehicles and equipment, aside from its 121-man crew and was built in Indonesia. A second vessel also from Indonesia is expected in May next year.

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Home is the 'Tarlac'. The BRP Tarlac (LD-601), the country's largest naval vessel to date, is officially welcomed to the Philippine Navy fleet after it arrived from Indonesia on Sunday. The *Tarlac*, the first of its class in the country, is a command ship with sealift capabilities. **DANNY PATA**

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Peace talks must be welcomed

ON Monday, April 25, the New People's Army (NPA) released five Davao police officers, whom they called "prisoners of war," to Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte. The mayor got to talk with the commander of the NPA's Pulang Bagani Battalion which had turned over the police officers to him.

After Duterte's election as president last Monday, May 9, he was congratulated by Jose Ma. Sison, founding chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines, who is now living in exile in the Netherlands. Duterte, who was once a student of Sison, talked with the CCP leader via Skype on his laptop. Sison, in comments posted on Facebook, called for a resumption of peace talks, a ceasefire, and the release of political prisoners.

A Duterte spokesman said the new president was ready to release ailing and elderly rebels on humanitarian grounds, as well as those the CCP appoints as its peace negotiators after vetting by the military, the police, and government prosecutors.

The Communist insurgency in the Philippines is one of the oldest in the world. The NPA was founded by Bernabe Buscayno alias Commander Dante on March 29, 1969, as the armed wing of the CPP which had been organized a year earlier. The NPA was designated a terrorist organization by the United States State Department and the European Union Common Foreign and Security Policy.

In 2008, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed Amnesty Proclamation 1377 for members of the CPP, its armed wing the NPA, and their umbrella organization the National Democratic Front (NDF). Implementing rules and regulations were

drafted and the proclamation was sent to Congress for its concurrence. Agreement, however, was never reached in the peace talks and in 2010, the military arrested 43 people attending a community meeting in Morong, Rizal, 38 of whom were later released by President Aquino. In 2011, the NPA attacked three mining companies in Surigao del Norte, allegedly because of their refusal to pay "revolutionary taxes." In 2014, CCP Chairman Benito Tiamzon and his wife Wilma were arrested.

Last March 29 -- as on all previous anniversaries of the founding of the NPA -- the police and the military were on full alert status, as the NPA is known to stage attacks on isolated government outposts and on various installations in the countryside on its anniversary.

President-elect Duterte's long-standing contacts with Sison and other party leaders, as well as with the NPA men operating near Davao City, has led to expectations that the incoming administration may move to resume the negotiations that had broken down years ago. It has been reported that Sen. Antonio Trillanes, a Duterte critic, warned that some sectors in the military are against such moves, but Duterte's spokesman said this "remains to be seen."

Any effort to bring about peace and security in the country is to be welcomed, provided, of course, the basic national interests are upheld. The Aquino government moved last year to make peace with the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). The Duterte government may be expected to renew these efforts not only with the Moro groups but also with the NPA, the other major insurgency in the country today.

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Abus set June 13 deadline for hostages, insist on P600M ransom

By: Frances Mangosing

The Abu Sayyaf Group released a new video threatening to execute one of its foreign hostages if a ransom of P600 million pesos is not paid by June 13.

"I appeal to my government and the Philippine government, as I have appealed before, for help," said Canadian Robert Hall in the video posted in the SITE Intelligence Group on May 13.

READ: Abu Sayyaf holding Canadian, Norwegian sets new ransom deadline

An English text that came up with the video said that the hostage will be beheaded by 3 p.m. on June 13 if the ransom is not paid on the same day.

The video was released three weeks after Canadian John Ridsdel, who was abducted at the same time as Hall, was beheaded.

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Hall, Ridsdel and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, with Filipina Marites Flor, were abducted in 2015 on Samal Island, Davao del Norte.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines said that while they have yet to see the video, their operations have not stopped.

"We are still working to rescue all kidnap victims and pressure the kidnap-for-ransom groups to release them," said AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla.

He also maintained that the military is implementing a no-ransom policy.

"We encourage all those other parties who are negotiating to please desist from paying. We only strengthen these groups," he said. *RAM/rga*

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Abu Sayyaf Group threatens to behead another foreigner

By: Jaime Sinapit, InterAksyon.com
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MANILA – The Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) threatened on Monday, May 13, to behead another foreign captive if authorities should fail to deliver the P600 million ransom it has been asking for by June 13, its third deadline after they beheaded 68-year-old John Ridsdel, a Canadian citizen, on April 25.

Incidentally, it was just a day after presumptive-President Rodrigo Duterte met in Davao City with Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya, chief the Southern Luzon Command (SoCom), to offer him the top post of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

"He wants the Abu Sayyaf problem eliminated before the end of his term," Visaya said in a phone interview with InterAksyon.com on Monday.

In the meantime, it would be up to the Aquino administration to handle the problem – at least until June 30, when a new president would have to be sworn into office.

The ASG, considered by Canada and the United States as a terrorist group, kidnapped Ridsdel in August 2015 at a beach resort at the Garden City of Samal Island, along with fellow Canadian Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, and Ridsdel's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor.

The group didn't specify who of the two foreigners it would behead.

The threat was contained in a new video posted in the internet on May 13. It was discovered on Sunday, May 15, by the Site Intelligence Group.

In the video, Hall delivered a message: "I appeal to my government and the Philippine government, as I have appealed before, for help."

In Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, AFP spokesman, said intensified rescue operations were ongoing.

As to the new video, he said: "We have not received it and we have not seen it... But all we can say is that the operations have been going, they have not stopped, they have not ceased. We are still working to rescue all kidnap victims and pressure the kidnap-for-ransom groups to release them."

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Duterte's security team to come from Davao

From MindaNews

At least 70 police and military personnel from Davao City are being groomed to become the security escorts of presumptive president Rodrigo Duterte, city police office director Senior Supt. Vicente Danao said.

Speaking in Monday's Kapehan sa Dabaw, Danao said that Duterte himself wanted his security team to be composed of personnel from Davao City.

The same officers from the Davao Region are already coordinating with the current presidential security group for smooth transition and other trainings on VIP protection and SWAT skills.

The incoming presidency of Duterte is also going to bring about changes to the structure of the city police office.

Duterte himself will choose the incoming city police chief, and Danao's recommendations will also serve as input in coming up with the choice.

Senior Supt. Michael John Dubria, deputy for operations in PRO XI; Supt. Filmore Escobal, chief of intelligence in PRO XI; and Senior Supt. Dario Gunabe, director Davao Del sur provincial police office have been recommended by Danao.

Meanwhile, Duterte's spokesperson Peter Lavina dismissed criticisms that Duterte's list of officials is being monopolized by people from Davao.

Lavina said that they are continuing to receive applications and the six members of the transition team was only initial.

"We are listing more names to create subcommittees," he said, adding they are trying to be as transparent and as democratic and open as possible.

"The decision will be his (Duterte)," he said.

Applications, Lavina said, are being shortlisted and carefully evaluated.

In a press briefing at Matina Enclaves on Sunday, Duterte said he will not accept applications from people that are coursed through senators, mayors, congressmen and their recommendations.

"All applicants of government positions must agree that their names will be published in newspapers," he said. "Endorsements from anybody—especially politicians—will be automatically deleted. I'll do investigation if you're fit for the job."

Danao said that with Duterte's proposal to double the salary of law enforcers, police will not have any reason to slack off and pursue dubious acts.

"We should deliver services needed by community," he said, citing that this can start by "disciplining ourselves."

Davao City, where Duterte is currently the mayor, is on heightened alert to ensure the presumptive president's security.

The city has 1350 personnel and 98 of them are commissioned officers. The number means a police-people ratio of 1:1003.

Danao said the ideal ratio is one police officer per 500 people.

The city police office is in the process of recruiting new officers in time for the Duterte presidency.

Each personnel will be equipped with one short firearm and one radio.

Duterte said that three recommendations for Philippine National Police chief have already been made.

He said these are former city police chiefs who had worked closely with him and possess vision, integrity, ability and willingness to sacrifice. Seniority and loyalty also play a crucial role.

Duterte said Chief Supt. Ronald dela Rosa, Chief Supt. Rene Aspera and Chief Supt. Ramon Apolinario are on the list.

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Dela Rosa now serves as executive director of the PNP Human Resource and Doctrine Development. He was city police director from 2012-2014.

Aspera, currently with the Anti-Kidnapping Group of the PNP, was city police director from 2010-2012.

Apolinario, regional police director of Region IV-B, was city police director from 2008-2010.

"They have sterling performance. They're good, honest, not corrupt and follow orders," he said. "I'll leave the three of them to talk [about who gets the position]."

Duterte added he will no longer allow licensing of heavy firearms. Those who already have licenses are okay, he said.

He also vowed to bring back the death penalty. "I need it to combat and deter crime."

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Duterte says communist leader Joma Sison welcome home

Agence France-Presse



Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder Jose Maria Sison and Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.
FILE PHOTOS

DAVAO, Philippines — The leader of the Philippines' communist insurgency will be welcome to return home after nearly three decades in exile and participate in peace talks, president-elect Rodrigo Duterte has said.

Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria Sison wrote in a Facebook post last week he hoped to come home following the landslide May 9 election win of Duterte, with whom he has maintained ties while living in the Netherlands.

In his first press conference since it became clear he had won the election, Duterte said late Sunday that Sison's return to the Philippines would be important in helping to end the rebellion.

The insurgency was one of Asia's longest and has claimed an estimated 30,000 lives since the 1960s.

READ: Joma, Digong set meeting in Europe

"Yes, he is welcome. I am happy with the statement that he is coming home. I would very much want to talk to him about resolving the insurgency problem," Duterte told reporters in the southern city of Davao where he has ruled as mayor for most of the past two decades.

Duterte also said communist figures would be considered for cabinet posts.

Sison, now 77, fled to Europe soon after peace talks failed in 1987.

The communists armed wing, the New People's Army, is believed to have fewer than 4,000 soldiers, down from a peak of 26,000 in the 1980s, according to the military, however it retains support among the deeply poor in the rural Philippines.

READ: Duterte: I'm a socialist, not a communist; last card

Communists killed three soldiers in the central Philippines on Saturday, according to the military, in the first outbreak of deadly violence between the two sides since Duterte's election win.

Duterte is due to be sworn into office on June 30.

Incumbent President Benigno Aquino revived peace talks soon after taking office in 2010 but shelved them in 2013, accusing the rebels of insincerity in efforts to achieve a political settlement.

The talks got bogged down after the communists demanded the release of scores of their jailed comrades whom they described as "political prisoners," which the Aquino government rejected.

Duterte, who was Sison's student at a Manila university in the 1960s, said Sunday he was open to releasing communist prisoners.

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Karapatan seeks military pullout

By: Jigger J. Jerusalem

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The human rights group Karapatan has expressed hope that presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte would act on the issue of peace and address the displacement of thousands of peasants and indigenous people due to the ongoing conflict between government troops and communist rebels in Mindanao.

Karapatan challenged Duterte to establish lasting peace in Mindanao starting with the abolition of Oplan Bayanihan and similar counterinsurgency measures initiated by the national government. The solution to this problem that Duterte will inherit from the previous presidencies now rests in his hands, said Karapatan secretary general Cristina Palabay.

She said resolution of the decades-long conflict in Mindanao would depend on Duterte's sincerity in living up to his words, especially his promise to resume peace talks, Palabay said by phone over the weekend. She said Duterte could take the long road to genuine peace by addressing the roots of the conflict over the negotiating table.

The group said peasants and "lumad" had been calling for the immediate pullout of military troops from their communities where the presence of soldiers had resulted in 318 killings and the forcible evacuation of thousands during the Aquino administration.

Karapatan also urged Duterte to release 543 political prisoners jailed on supposed false criminal charges.

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Joma Sison pinasalamatan si Duterte, pero hindi interesado sa posisyon

By Bombo Jovino R. Galang Jr

Pinasalamatan Communist Party of the Philippines founder Joma Sison si presumptive president Rodrigo Duterte sa pag-alok niya ng government positions sa mga New People's Army (NPA).

Ayon kay Sison na isang magandang hakbang ang anunsyo ni Duterte para sila ay mapalapit sa gobyerno.

Nilinaw naman nito na hindi siya personal interesado sa anumang posisyon sa gobyerno at sa halip ay magrerekomenda na lamang ito.

Magugunitang inalok ni Davao city mayor at president elect Duterte ng cabinet positions sa DAR, DENR, DOLE at DSWD ang NPA. (Cnn)

DSWD, DAR, DOLE, DENR portfolio ibibigay ko sa NPA-NDF - Duterte

By Bombo news team

Ibinunyag ngayon ni President-elect Rodrigo Duterte na inaalok niya ang cabinet positions sa DAR DENR, DOLE, at DSWD sa New People's Army (NPA).

Ginawa ni Duterte ang pahayag sa press conference sa Davao City, kasabay nang kanyang pag-anunsiyo sa ilang cabinet members na magiging bahagi ng kanyang administrasyon.

Ayon sa incoming president, ang kondisyon niya sa grupo ng mga kumunista ay karapat dapat ang humawak sa posisyon lalo na ang educational attainment kung nanaisin nilang sumali sa pamahalaan.

Kaya naman ang mga nabanggit na departamento ang kanyang iniaalok sa Communist party ay dahil sa mapagbantay at masigasig sa nasabing aspeto ang naturang grupo.

"Those are the only departments that I can concede to them," ani Duterte.

Muling inulit ng mayor na nag-aalok din siya sa grupo ni Jose Maria Sison, founding chairman ng Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) na magkaroon nang usapang pangkapayaan at umanib sa gobyerno.

Si Joma Sison ay dating propesor ni Duterte.

Ayon sa alkalde, kung tutuusin ay wala namang nagaganap na giyera sa pagitan ng dalawang grupo.

Si Sison, na naging social science at English professor, ay itinatag ang CPP noong December 26, 1968.

Ang CPP ay ang political arm ng communist group sa Pilipinas habang ang New People's Army naman ang military wing.

Unang tinaya ng mga otoridad na ang NPA ay meron na lamang 4,000 na miyembro mula sa peak nito na umaabot sa 25,000 noong taong 1987.