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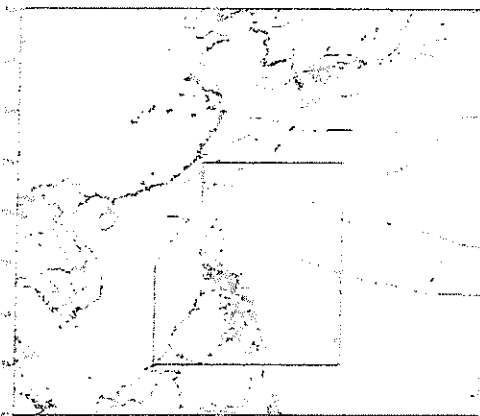
## 24-HOUR PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST

ISSUED AT: 5:00 PM 18 MAY 2016

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

**SYNOPSIS: INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ) AFFECTING SOUTHERN MINDANAO.**

**FORECAST:** CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE EXPERIENCED OVER THE REGIONS OF SOCCSKSARGEN, CARAGA AND DAVAO. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS MOSTLY IN THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING WILL PREVAIL OVER METRO MANILA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.



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

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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:

<b>MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b> 1:00 PM TODAY — 34.0°C		<b>MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b> 6:00 AM TODAY — 85%	
<b>MINIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b> 6:00 AM TODAY — 26.8°C		<b>MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b> 1:00 PM TODAY — 53%	
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**24-Hour Weather Forecast and Extended Weather Outlook for Selected Cities:**

ISSUED AT: 5:00 PM 18 MAY 2016

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

CITIES	24-Hr Weather, Winds and Sea Condition Forecast <i>from 5PM today until 5PM tomorrow</i>		Extended Weather Outlook <i>Duration: 5PM until 5PM of the following day</i>				
	18 MAY	19 MAY	20 MAY	21 MAY	22 MAY		
Metro Manila	26°C 35°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast Manila Bay: Slight to Moderate	26°C 35°C	26°C 34°C	25°C 34°C	25°C 34°C		
Tuguegarao City	25°C 37°C Moderate Southeast	25°C 37°C	25°C 37°C	24°C 36°C	24°C 36°C		
Laoag City	26°C 33°C Moderate East - Southeast Coastal Waters: Moderate	26°C 33°C	26°C 34°C	25°C 33°C	25°C 32°C		
Baguio City	17°C 23°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast	17°C 23°C	17°C 24°C	16°C 23°C	16°C 22°C		
SBMA (Orionapo) / Clark Zone (Angeles City)	27°C 34°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast Subic Bay: Slight to Moderate	26°C 34°C	25°C 34°C	26°C 33°C	26°C 33°C		
Tagaytay City	22°C 31°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast	22°C 31°C	22°C 32°C	21°C 31°C	21°C 30°C		
Lipa City	25°C 35°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast	25°C 35°C	24°C 34°C	24°C 34°C	24°C 34°C		
Legazpi City	27°C 32°C Moderate East - Southeast Coastal Waters: Moderate	27°C 33°C	27°C 33°C	26°C 33°C	26°C 32°C		
Puerto Princesa City	27°C 32°C Light to Moderate East - Southeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	27°C 33°C	26°C 34°C	27°C 33°C	26°C 32°C		
Iloilo City / Bacolod City	26°C 34°C Light to Moderate East Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	26°C 34°C	26°C 34°C	26°C 33°C	26°C 32°C		
Metro Cebu	26°C 32°C Light to Moderate East Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	27°C 32°C	26°C 33°C	26°C 33°C	26°C 32°C		
Tacloban City	27°C 31°C Moderate East Coastal Waters: Moderate	27°C 31°C	26°C 32°C	26°C 32°C	26°C 32°C		
Cagayan de Oro City	25°C 32°C Light to Moderate East Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	25°C 32°C	25°C 31°C	25°C 31°C	25°C 31°C		
Valencia City	21°C 31°C Light to Moderate East	21°C 31°C	21°C 30°C	21°C 29°C	21°C 29°C		
Metro Davao	26°C 34°C Moderate East Coastal Waters: Moderate	25°C 33°C	25°C 32°C	25°C 32°C	25°C 32°C		
Zamboanga City	26°C 32°C Light to Moderate East Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	24°C 32°C	24°C 31°C	24°C 30°C	25°C 32°C		

**LEGEND:**

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

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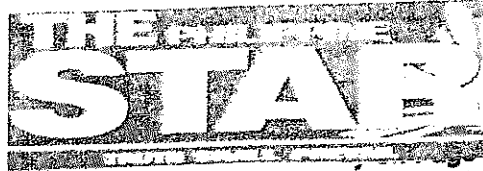
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## Davao's 'The Rock' is next PNP chief

By CECILLE SUERTE FELIPE

"Not only will we crush you, we will bury you."

The warning to thugs is not from Rodrigo Duterte, but from his handpicked top cop, Chief Superintendent Ronald dela Rosa, a.k.a. "The Rock" or "Vin Diesel" of Davao City.



Dela Rosa

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## Davao's From Page 1

The next chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) served as Davao City police chief from Jan. 30, 2012 to Oct. 18, 2013 under Mayor Duterte, who will be sworn in as the nation's 16th president at noon of June 30.

To criminals, Dela Rosa said yesterday, "*Hindi lang* (Not only will we crush, we will bury you. We will bury, *ililibing ko kayo* (I will bury you all)."

Dela Rosa has been credited with reducing by almost 60 percent the circulation of illegal drugs in Davao City.

Duterte reportedly picked Dela Rosa, currently the executive officer of the PNP Directorate for Human Resource and Doctrine Development, over Chief Supt. Ramon Apolinario, officer-in-charge of the Mimaropa region, and Senior Supt. Rene Aspera, chief of staff of the PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group.

"The marching order to me is forward, march against illegal drugs. It means no turning back," Dela Rosa told reporters yesterday at the PNP

headquarters at Camp Crame in Quezon City.

Dela Rosa also warned policemen extending protection to illegal drug operations.

The incoming top cop is popularly known as "Bato" not only due to his muscular physique but because he grew up in Barangay Bato in Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur.

Dela Rosa has become a celebrity of sorts in Davao, thanks to his many accomplishments.

Dabawenyos call him "The Rock" or sometimes "Vin Diesel."

### Issue on seniority

The appointment as PNP chief of Dela Rosa, a member of Philippine Military Academy Class 1986, would bypass his senior officers belonging to PMA Class '83, '84 and '85. The incumbent PNP chief Director General Ricardo Marquez was a graduate of PMA Class '82.

Dela Rosa said he hoped the senior officers in the PNP would still respect and follow his orders.

He could not say whether he will

take over the PNP on June 30, the same time Duterte assumes office, though Marquez will retire on Aug. 18, upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 56.

Dela Rosa is expected to bypass two deputy director generals or three-star rank, 19 directors (two-star) and 105 chief superintendents (one-star).

He joked that he could not prepare yet as the next PNP chief since his cell phone kept on ringing.

"To members of the PNP, I will be your father. I hope I won't fail you," he added.

Dela Rosa has a doctoral degree in Development Administration from the University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City.

He also passed the Officers Senior Executive Course (OSEC) and Career Service Executive Eligibility (CSEE).

Dela Rosa was relieved as brigade commander of the PNP Reactionary Standby Support Force (RSSF) after he posted on his Facebook account photographs and comments seen to be in favor of a presidential candidate. But PNP chief Marquez said





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## Top Reds' wives also longing for home

LUCENA CITY—For the wives of top leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), the biggest plus in a Duterte presidency—and its promise of peace talks with the CPP—is the prospect of coming home after 30 years of exile in The Netherlands.

"I miss most our relatives and friends, the food and the sights and sounds of places we were familiar with," Juliet de Lima-Sison told the INQUIRER in an online interview on Wednesday.

Juliet Sison and her husband, CPP founder Jose Maria Sison, went into exile after the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution that ousted strongman President Ferdinand Marcos and settled in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Consuelo "Coni" Ledesma, wife of National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) peace panel chair Luis Jalandoni, was as elated and said she

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hoped she would be coming home for good this time.

"The Philippines is home, and even if we're able to return more often now than before, every time we return, I still experience the joy and happiness of returning," Ledesma said in a separate online interview.

Presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said he would allow Sison, his former college

professor, and other exiled communist leaders to return to the country for the resumption of peace talks.

Juliet Sison, who chairs the NDFP Reciprocal Working Committee on Social and Economic Reforms, promised that the NDFP panel would work hard with representatives of the Duterte administration in forging a peace agreement.

"It appears that [Duterte] has the political will and should be

encouraged to take initiatives in advancing the peace negotiations," she said.

She added that her husband, the chief political consultant of the NDFP, was also looking forward to the prospect of coming home and "meeting with representatives of [Duterte] and to ... drafting papers in connection with the peace negotiations."

In an earlier interview, Jose Maria Sison said he and Duterte were planning to meet some-

where in Europe before the latter assumes office on June 30.

Coni Ledesma said that already, her husband was updating himself on news about the Philippines through the Internet.

"We sleep late to get the morning news from the Philippines. And once in a while, a telephone call in the middle of the night means an interview from a Philippine radio station," she said. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*



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# Talks between Duterte, communists underway

By John Paolo Bencito, Maricel V. Cruz,  
and Florante S. Solmerin

*DAVAO CITY—Talks are already underway between the Communist Party of the Philippines and the camp of President-in-waiting Rodrigo Duterte, the chief negotiator of the National Democratic Front, Fidel Agcaoili, said Wednesday.*

The NDF also confirmed that Duterte has promised a general amnesty for all political prisoners.

"There were already talks with Mayor Duterte early Tuesday morning. We discussed how the peace process would move between the NDF and [the government]," Agcaoili said in a TV interview on CNN Philippines.

Duterte also bared plans to meet exiled CPP founder, Jose Ma. Sison, Agcaoili said.

On Tuesday morning, the NDF negotiator handed Duterte a bag full of books from Sison, who is in exile in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Sison told *The Standard* in an interview Tuesday that he would offer an immediate and mutual ceasefire with the incoming administration as the leftists prepare to nominate members to join Duterte's new Cabinet.

Agcaoili stressed the need for formal talks about procedures for the peace process.

"There should be extensive discussions on mutual ceasefire and agreements on social, economic and political reforms," Agcaoili said.

In another television interview on Wednesday night, Duterte said his decision for progressives to join the ranks of his government would ensure an improvement of ties with the communists.

"Remember that I was elected as president on a basis of [what] I said, I will try to improve things in this country and make it comfortable for everybody," Duterte told GMA News.

On Monday, Duterte offered four Cabinet positions to the CPP, namely the departments of Agrar-

ian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Labor and Employment, and Social Welfare and Development.

Asked about the seriousness of his pronouncement, Duterte said that he just wants an end to the ideological war that killed thousands.

"Why? The military faction is there, there are rightists in the government, the elite that controls the economy. Do you want to fight forever? Do you want to elect government after government, 20 governments in a row [and] you want to fight to death? Is that what you want," Duterte said.

He also reiterated his campaign promise to talk to rebel groups—the New People's Army, the Moro National Liberation Front, and Moro Islamic Liberation Front—during his term.

"The communist rebels are not criminals. They fight for ideology. The fight is intellectual. So that life will change, they need a new setup for a new order," Duterte's spokesman, Salvador Panelo, said in Filipino.

He added that he believed the military and police would be loyal to their commander-in-chief, despite their reservations over the involvement of communists.

"They trust Mayor Duterte. They believe in him.... They will follow the commander-in-chief," he added.

NDF chairman Luis Jalandoni said Duterte plans to grant an amnesty to all political prisoners in a bid to end a four-decade communist insurgency.

"We are pleased that Duterte said there would be a general am-

nesty once he becomes president," Jalandoni told radio dzMM in Filipino.

Jalandoni said there are currently 543 political prisoners, 88 of whom are sick and elderly. Out of the total, 18 are also NDF peace consultants while three were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The NDF chairman said peace negotiations with the Duterte administration would succeed because of his openness to work things out with the CPP.

"In our view, that's a big factor so that we can obtain peace and national unity," he said.

Peace talks between the Aquino administration and the CPP-NDF collapsed in February 2011, after the communists insisted on the release of its consultants as a prerequisite for talks.

But Agcaoili said their side demanded nothing, while Aquino said they had to lay down their arms.

Outgoing House deputy minority leader and 1-BAP party-list Rep. Silvestre Bello III on Wednesday said he has accepted the offer by Duterte to serve as peace negotiator with the communists.

Bello said Sison's offer of an immediate and mutual ceasefire was a positive development.

"This could pave the way for the resumption of the formal peace negotiations," Bello, former justice secretary, said in a text message to **The Standard**.

At the same time, Bello said Duterte's offer to give the communists four key Cabinet posts was a "gesture of building bridges."

Bello had led peace talks with the communists in 2004, but those bogged down after the US included Sison and the CPP-NPA on its terrorist list.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Carlos Zarate, a member of the leftist Makabayan bloc, echoed Bello's optimism about the peace talks.

Zarate said the Makabayan bloc in the House will fully support Duterte.

Southern Luzon Command chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya said

the Armed Forces of the Philippines can easily adjust to the security plan that Duterte wants to pursue to unify the country and bring about genuine peace and security.

"We in the military can always adapt to any kind of situation, from war to peace and development. Who would not want this insurgency to end? If peace is attainable without killing each other, then let's join hands to take that path," Visaya said.

Duterte is expected to name Visaya as his first military chief after he called him a "vibrant general."

Visaya is a member of the Philippine Military Academy "Matikas" Class 1983.

Asked if the AFP's anti-insurgency program Internal Peace and Security Plan or IPSP Bayanihan is history in view of Duterte's overall peace plan to enjoin the communists led by Jose Maria Sison in his government, Visaya said this would be determined by the outcome of the peace talks.

"The president-elect knows very well what he is doing. We've a chain of command of which he is the commander-in-chief of the AFP," Visaya said.

"We always want to attain peace as fast as we can because it has been 47 long, long years. The rebellion caused by the communist rebels had very damaging effects on our economy. Again, we've to stop killing each other, let's unite because we've a bigger challenge that our sovereign nation is facing... We've to hasten efforts to modernize our AFP," Visaya added.

In a statement released Wednesday, Karapatan secretary-general Cristina Palabay welcomed Duterte's plan to release all political prisoners through a general amnesty.

"This will partly give justice to the political prisoners, whose rights were violated," she said.

She said that at present there are 543 documented political prisoners languishing in different government jails across the country. **With Sandy Araneta and Macon Ramos-Araneta**

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## AFP chief-in-waiting dismisses Karapatan raps

BY VICTOR REYES

THE chief of the military's Southern Luzon Command (Solcom) yesterday said the leftist human rights group Karapatan is blocking his possible appointment as AFP chief because he is effective in the campaign against the communist New People's Army.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya said he is not surprised by the latest

effort of Karapatan which is asking incoming President Rodrigo Duterte to reconsider his decision to name him AFP chief.

Visaya said the group accuses him of human rights violations every time he gets a promotion in rank or position.

Last Tuesday, Karapatan said Visaya was involved in the 2004 Hacienda Luisita massacre,

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wherein seven were killed during the dispersal of protesting farm workers.

Visaya, who was then a battalion commander, said his unit merely provided area security and was not involved in the dispersal operation which he said was implemented by civil disturbance management teams.

"We were not trained for crowd dispersal management. Infantry units cannot be used for dispersal... My troops were on area security, meaning away from the rallyists," he said.

Visaya said he was never investigated or charged for any crime in connection with the incident.

"They (Karapatan) are always implicating me in the (incident)... I was never summoned for investigation. I didn't submit a counter-affidavit because there was no charge against me," he said.

He said Karapatan also criticized his appointment as commander of the 901st Brigade based in Albay, commander 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro City, and Solcom based in Lucena City.

Asked why Karapatan is maligning him, Visaya said: "I came out with a concept wherein it will be easy for the infantry units to go after the armed group (NPA). They (communists) could not counter that." He did elaborate on the operational concept he devised.

"I used that concept when I was in Tarlac and Pampanga (as a battalion commander) and it's really effective. I employ it wherever I am assigned. Modesty aside, the areas where I've been assigned turns better (security wise)," he said.

Recalling his stint as 4th ID commander, Visaya said: "I was able to constrict them (NPA) when I was in the 4th ID area... We had a lot of encoun-

ters with them so they were decimated significantly... They don't know how to counter my operational concept."

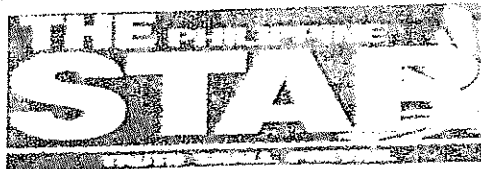
Visaya said he is confident Duterte would not listen to Karapatan. "I believe president-elect Duterte knows this... What they (Karapatan) are saying are all fabricated accusations," he said.

Visaya challenged Karapatan to substantiate its allegations and charge him in court.

On the resumption of the peace process with the communists during the Duterte administration, Visaya said: "We always want to attain peace as fast as we can. It (insurgency) affects the economy. We have no problem with that. If there are persons who want peace, it will be the soldiers."

"When it comes to peace operations and war fighting, we are all trained for that. Whatever is the situation, we can always adapt," he added.

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## 7 soldiers hurt in grenade attack

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Seven Scout Rangers were injured in a grenade attack in Jolo, Sulu yesterday.

Sgt. Zandro Sambrano, SSgt. Ferdinand Bisnar and Cpls. Juanito Taguiam Jr., Arth Manatad, Arnel Pascual, Louis Limmayog and Calpasi Olli were brought to a hospital at Camp Teodulfo Bautista.

Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, said the victims were in a military truck when unidentified men lobbed an MK2 grenade along Marina street in Barangay Walled City at around 5:20 a.m.

"They said their truck hit a hard object and seconds later the explosion occurred," Tan said.

Probers said the Abu Sayyaf could be behind the attack.

– Roel Pareño

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**MANILA BULLETIN**  
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

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# Ilocos polls generally peaceful; C. Luzon peacekeepers cited

By **FREDDIE G. LAZARO**  
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LAOAG CITY, Ilocos Norte — Ilocos region police director Chief Superintendent Ericson T. Velasquez yesterday said that the conduct of the recent elections in the region was generally peaceful, considering that no election-related violent incident occurred before, during and after the electoral exercise.

He said the success is a product of the commitment of all government agencies and stakeholders to have orderly and peaceful elections.

He also stressed that the peaceful conduct of election was attributed to the series of contingency planning of all members of the Regional Joint Security Control Center (RJSCC), proper deployment of police personnel to the polling centers and quick reaction teams (QRT), intensified conduct of focused police operations and designation of teams to oversee and supervise the implementation of security plan in all political districts of the four provinces in the region.

"With these laudable accomplishments, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all PNP personnel who were deployed in polling centers. Appropriate awards and commendations shall be given to those who deserve it," he added.

Police personnel were deployed to their designated duty of assignments since May 2, 2016 and never abandoned their posts until the retrieval of the vote counting machines and other election paraphernalia in their respective area of responsibility.

The Commission on Elections - Central Luzon also lauded the men and women of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for their key role in maintaining safe, peaceful; and orderly elections in the region.

Atty. Emmanuel Ignacio, Comelec Assistant Regional Election Director, led the awarding of medals to the men and women of Police Regional Office 3 (PRO) under the leadership of Chief Supt. Rudy G. Lacadin, which coincided with the traditional Monday flag raising ceremony at the PRO3 Parade Ground, here.

Lacadin, assisted by Maj. Gen. Angelito De Leon, Brigade Commander of 7th Infantry Division (ID) of the Philippine Army, also awarded commendation plaques to the members of the Regional Joint Security Coordinating Center (RJSCC).

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## New ComVal governor offers to help Duterte's peace team

By ALEXANDER D. LOPEZ

DAVAO CITY - The newly-elected governor of Compostela Valley province on Tuesday offered incoming president Rodrigo Duterte his help in his administration's "quest to win peace and development in the country through the resumption of talks with the National Democratic Front (NDF) of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"I am willing to join and help President Duterte in the peace talks with the NDF. I can be of help," said recently-proclaimed Compostela Valley Governor

Jayvee Tyron Uy in an interview on Tuesday.

Uy welcomed Duterte's gesture of openness towards the communist movement, emphasizing that it could signal the "coming of change in the country."

Compostela Valley is considered by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) as among the strongholds of the communists New People's Army (NPA) in Mindanao.

The incoming governor pointed out that the sacrifices of the local government units (LGUs) in Compostela Valley and their constituents, and the

displacement of residents from their communities due to armed confrontations should end.

Before becoming governor, Uy served for three consecutive terms as Board Member in the province.

"They (NPAs) are also citizens of this country. They are Filipinos. There is no more reason the fighting will continue. Let the talks be opened again. I am willing to help," he emphasized.

He said he was also hopeful that the incoming Duterte administration will bring change in the government especially in the fight against drugs, crime

and corruption.

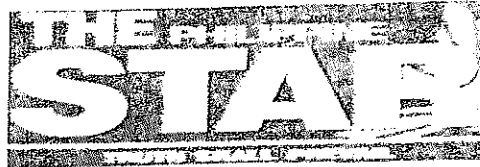
"We also expect more disciplined law enforcers and vigilant barangay officials when Duterte assumes office in Malacañang," he added.

Uy added that he was also looking forward for a change in the system of government to federalism to further strengthen the revenue generation efforts of LGUs in the country.

"Federalism will bring about real devolution in government, the genuine decentralization of the powers of government agencies down to the LGUs to effect change," he pointed out.



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# Reds ready to talk peace

By ALEXIS ROMERO

DAVAO CITY — A representative of the communist-led National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) met with incoming president Rodrigo Duterte last Tuesday and both sides agreed to resume peace talks.

Duterte's spokesman Salvador Panelo confirmed that Fidel Agcaoili, chief negotiator of the NDFP, met Duterte last Monday at the Matina Enclaves.

"The talks have started. They already had a courtesy call led by Fidel Agcaoili. Both sides promised to resume talks," Panelo told reporters yesterday.

Agcaoili confirmed his meeting with Duterte in an interview with *CNN Philippines*. He said the meeting was supposed to be held at 6 p.m. last Monday but pushed through at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Agcaoili said the resumption of peace talks was tackled during the meeting.

"President Duterte issued statements like the resumption of peace talks, the release of political prisoners and his meeting with (Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Ma. Sison)," Agcaoili said.

"It seems that president Duterte does

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not have any problem with the release of political prisoners, a majority of whom were detained under (President) Aquino," he added.

Talks between the government and the NDFP were stalled after the two parties failed to reach a deal on jailed rebel leaders.

President Aquino ended talks with the communists in 2013 over the rebels' demand for the unconditional release of their detained comrades that his government was unwilling to grant.

The NDFP had demanded the release of rebels charged with criminal offenses, saying they are working as peace consultants and should therefore be immune from arrest.

The NDFP insisted that the releasing of peace consultants is consistent with the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) signed by peace negotiators in 1995.

Government negotiators, however, refused to yield, say-

ing there is no way to validate the identities of the rebels, especially those using aliases.

Earlier, Sison, who has been in self-exile in the Netherlands since 1987, said the prospect for peace talks with the government "seems to be bright" under the Duterte administration.

He also said he is ready to end his decades-long exile if Duterte, his former student, visits him.

On Monday, Duterte said he is ready to give at least four Cabinet posts to the CPP, namely the labor, agrarian reform, environment and social welfare departments.

Panelo said the appointees for the four agencies would not necessarily be CPP members.

"Anybody who shares the ideas of the left is welcome," he said.

Panelo, however, stressed that Duterte is against violent means of pursuing progressive ideals.

He believes the military would not react negatively to

Duterte's decision to appoint communists in government.

"They trust Mayor Duterte. They believe in him. In fact, he has received the trust of both the PNP (Philippine National Police) and the military. They will follow the commander-in-chief," Panelo said.

Panelo also welcomed reports that Duterte is planning to grant a general amnesty to communist rebels.

"The communist rebels are not criminals. They fight for ideologies. The struggle is now an intellectual one. We have to give them a chance to start new lives. They need a new setup for a new order," he said.

Luis Jalandoni, the communist rebels' exiled chief peace negotiator, told radio *dzMM* that the rebels waging one of Asia's longest running insurgencies welcomed the incoming administration's peace overtures.

"We applaud the plans and programs announced by president-elect Duterte. We believe these would be key factors to achieving peace," said Jalandoni.

Netherlands-based Jalandoni said the rebels were expected to shortly exchange delegation visits with the Duterte camp "as part of the process for preparing the resumption of peace talks" as well as to iron out terms of cooperation.

Duterte welcomed plans by CPP founder Sison to end nearly 30 years of exile to take part in the peace talks.

He said the return of Sison, his former political science professor at the Lyceum of the Philippines University would be important in helping to end the rebellion, which has claimed an estimated 30,000 lives since the 1960s.

Both Jalandoni and Sison said no guerrillas would actually serve in Duterte's Cabinet prior to reaching a political settlement, when the insurgents hoped to lay down arms and join a coalition government.

"We have relayed to president-elect Duterte that (guerrilla) personnel themselves would not be taking up government posts, but we will recommend a list of qualified, competent and dedicated per-

sons that could fill the posts," Jalandoni said.

He said this would include nominees to the labor, social welfare, environment and agrarian reform portfolios that were offered to them by Duterte, who takes office on June 30.

Jalandoni also told *dzMM* the rebels would consider a ceasefire and would ask the Duterte government to release 543 political prisoners.

In a statement, the party said it looks forward to "forging an alliance for national unity, peace and development with the Duterte government based on clearly stipulated principles and policies of national sovereignty and social justice."

"We view the offer of key Cabinet positions made by presumptive president Duterte as an acknowledgment of the strength and political standing of the CPP and revolutionary forces, its effective representation of the interests of workers, peasants, minorities and the broad masses as well as its work in protecting the environment,"

the CPP said.

The CPP said that a labor secretary can only effectively serve the interests of the labor sector when there are laws prohibiting contractualization, promoting unions, establishing a national wage system and substantially raising wages to decent levels.

An agrarian reform secretary "will only be able to serve the interests of the peasant masses when there is a genuine land reform program that upholds the social justice tenet of free distribution of land to the tillers and which prohibits landlords, plantations and contract-growers from grabbing and monopolizing lands."

"An alliance or coalition between the Duterte regime and the CPP and revolutionary forces can be realized on the basis of such principles as national sovereignty and social justice, which are questions at the core of the current armed conflict," the CPP explained. — With Jaime Laude, Christina Mendez, Artemio Dumlaog, AFP, AP

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## Defense chief seeks meeting with Duterte

By Florante S. Solmerin

DEFENSE Secretary Voltaire Gazmin is among incumbent government officials who have lined up to seek a meeting with President-elect Rodrigo Duterte.

The meeting will take place at Duterte's hometown, according to sources.

"Definitely, the meeting would be at his [Duterte] office where the President-elect has been receiving well-wishers and doing press conferences," a source at the Duterte camp said.

Gazmin, who has full six years as Secretary of National Defense under the Aquino administration, is facing a plunder case filed by a whistleblower before the Office of the Ombudsman for his alleged role together with several military officials in the alleged rigging of the P1.2-billion helicopter deal with a United States-based company.

Gazmin, a former Army chief and chief security aide of President Benigno Aquino III's mother, has been accused of meddling in the affairs of the Board of Generals, which disgruntled officers refer to as the "Board of Gazmin."

Gazmin has repeatedly denied meddling in the BOG affairs.

Earlier, Duterte, after announcing that he was considering Southern Luzon Command chief Lieutenant General Ricardo Visaya as his Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, issued his first would-be guidance to the military.

"I have ordered to reactivate the Board of Generals," Duterte said during his first press conference.

Duterte also warned government officials including the military and police not to ask favor from him or seek recommendation from senators, congressmen, governors, among others, just to get promoted.

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## Marines to be sent to Tawi-Tawi

ZAMBOANGA CITY – A Marine battalion will be deployed to secure Tawi-Tawi's coastal areas amid recent kidnappings by Abu Sayyaf gunmen.

Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, said the Marine Battalion Landing Team 9 was pulled out from this city to reinforce the troops in Tawi-Tawi.

Tan said the deployment of additional troops was agreed upon during a tripartite meeting of the Philippines, Malay-

sia and Indonesia on May 5.

Abu Sayyaf bandits kidnapped four Indonesian fishermen near the border of Malaysia in Tawi-Tawi and four Malaysian fishermen near Sabah's Ligitan Island last month.

Ten crewmembers of an Indonesian tugboat were seized off East Kalimantan, Indonesia on March 26.

Except for the four Malaysians, the kidnap victims have been released reportedly after the payment of ransom.

– Roel Pareño

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## Royal Australian Navy frigate in Manila for five-day goodwill visit

By Mario J. Mallari

A frigate of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) arrived in Manila last Monday for a five-day goodwill visit, further strengthening the defense cooperation between the Philippine and Australian militaries.

Capt. Lued Lincuna, public affairs director of the Philippine Navy, said Her Majesty's Australian Ship (HMAS) Anzac (FFH150) of the RAN berthed at around 9 a.m. at Pier 15 in South Harbor and will stay until Saturday.

According to Lincuna, FFH150, an Anzac-class helicopter-frigate and the first of its class to be commissioned for the RAN, is skippered by Commander Belinda Wood.

Philippine Navy officials, led by Commander Gary Batacan, rendered a customary welcome ceremony for the Australian frigate followed by a port briefing.

"This goodwill visit involves a series of confidence building engagements between PN and RAN personnel," Lincuna said.

"The engagement between the Philippine and Australian navies will cap off with a send-off ceremony and a customary Passing Exercise between HMAS Anzac and Barko ng Republika ng Pilipinas Rizal (PS74) at the vicinity of Corregidor Island," he added.

Lincuna said the visit was a manifestation of deepening relations between the two navies.

The country has an existing defense agreement with Australia through the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement.

Through this agreement, Australia has turned over assets to the Philippine military, including a ship and riverine patrol craft. Australia is also regularly participating in the military exercise Balikatan.

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## Postscript

By FEDERICO D. PASCUAL Jr.

### Can Du30 refocus US-China rivalry?

THE RISE on June 30 of a new Philippine president may just provide the superpowers United States and China an opportunity - or an excuse - for easing their stiffening stance on territorial and security issues in the South China Sea.

As incoming president without prior commitments, Davao City Mayor Rody Duterte need not continue the Aquino administration's adhering to the White House game plan associated with the US pivot to the Asia-Pacific hemisphere.



Duterte could soon find himself in the unlikely role of a moderating influence in the high-stakes power poker where Washington and Beijing play with the fate of Asia, home of some 60 percent (4.4 billion) of the world's population.

How will the mayor of Davao City (pop 1.7 million) perform as president of a small country of 102 million navigating the narrow space between the contending superpowers?

Duterte, who is not that steeped yet in diplomacy, will find it useful to refrain from joking or making indelicate off-the-cuff remarks until he has been fully briefed on the subject and its ramifications.

His disclosing his intention to ask US Ambassador Philip Goldberg "Are you with us?" when the envoy comes calling at his Davao retreat, or later in Malacañang, may sound grating to the ears of diplomats. (But that could be just a calculated feint of the brash mayor.)

That "somos o no somos?" line must be read in the context of the call on Duterte last Tuesday of China Ambassador Zhao Jianhua, who said: "China and Philippines are good neighbors, partners and relatives, and the Chinese side is looking forward to working with the Philippine side."

He added that Beijing and Manila should work closely in "resolving differences, deepening traditional friendship and promoting mutually beneficial cooperation." We like to think that those words are a preview of wider two-way avenues opening up.

#### • Time to focus on trade, investments

DUTERTE should strive to shift emphasis in dialogue with Washington and Beijing from security issues to upgraded trade and investments. He can also follow up with China his ideas about railroad lines in Luzon and Mindanao as well as joint mineral exploration.

Instead of a resort to, or a threat of, gunboat diplomacy, the two powers should welcome a change of focus, occasioned by a Duterte. There is need to cool down the tenor of the backyard quarrel of neighbors.

Talking of neighbors, it is noteworthy that China and the Philippines have been neighbors since the earth came to be, with the US entering the Pacific neighborhood only much later. That says a lot about Philippine-Chinese relations.

In 2015, while China-Asia trade fell 7.8 percent and China-ASEAN trade by 1.7 percent, the Philippines was one of only four ASEAN members that retained a positive trade growth with the neighbor. China was the Philippines' No. 2 trading partner, No. 1 import source, and No. 3 export market in 2015.

Stimulating trade and investment - also encouraging enhanced people-to-people contact - may help create a climate favorable to finding a resolution of the conflict over Panatag (Scarborough) shoal which the Aquino administration "lost" to China by default in 2012.

(Watch what Duterte might do after he gets a full report on the Panatag debacle made unmanageable by the meddling of amateur diplomats and clueless people in the Palace.)

Without saying that other disputed areas are less important, Duterte should make top priority of Panatag, a traditional Filipino fishing ground just 120 nautical miles off the Zambales coast, well within the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone. It is comparatively easier to recover.

In the give and take of amicable direct talks, Duterte may yet regain Panatag and proceed to discuss other problems without any hint of possible military action under the 1951 Phl-US Mutual Defense Pact.

We know it is really not as simple as that, especially with sovereignty issues and national pride (loss of face to Asians) intruding. We are just raising the possibility that with a new man in Malacañang, new approaches can be explored.

This also does not mean putting on hold the upgrading of defense capability of the armed forces. This area has received a big boost during the term of President Noynoy Aquino with the realization in Washington of the need to equip properly a military ally.

• Follow US advice of multilateral talks?

DUTERTE must face the reality that the 10-member Association Southeast Asian Nations is no longer, or is not yet, an alliance wholly under the spell of Washington. Some members from the Indochinese peninsula make no bones about being in the shadow of Beijing.

Outgoing President Aquino has followed White House advice for the Philippines not to embark on direct talks, but to use the multilateral front of ASEAN, in negotiating territorial disputes with China.

But Duterte once mentioned his being open to direct negotiations with Beijing on a number of bilateral questions. He should keep that option open despite expected US pressure against it.

We see the possibility that a simple-living but thoughtful man from Mindanao may yet provide the opportunity, or call it an excuse, for both China and the US shuffling backwards or sideways to avoid a military confrontation that neither of them wants.

Playing a third-party role in this endeavor would require consummate skills for the new Philippine leader. With his heart beating for his people, we think however, his pragmatic mind would follow and show him the way.

The optimism we try to exude here is based on the assumption that despite their occasional warlike noise, neither the US nor China wants to go to war over waters even if made strategic by their location, the vast mineral resources underneath, and the estimated two-thirds of the world trade passing over them.

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## SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT

# Beyond proficiency



By DR. JESUS P. ESTANISLAO

**T**HE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) had already attained "proficiency status" under the Performance Governance System (PGS) pathway, taking into account essential governance elements and mechanisms it had already installed. Moreover, in view of the audited results from its pursuit of one of its breakthrough goals - concerning the significant increase in the capability of its designated NRUs for humanitarian assistance and disaster response - it has been recognized as an "Island of Good Governance."

What next? The fact is that no one in the AFP thinks it can now sit back and rest on its governance laurels. Everyone in the AFP is convinced that there is still a lot of work to do. Governance, after all, is not about reaping laurels of recognition; it is essentially strengthening and significantly improving the capability of the organization to execute strategy and to deliver ever-higher levels of substantive performance.

In this regard, the AFP still has a long way to travel. First and foremost, it must institutionalize its governance practices and deepen the actual buy-in of every unit and every individual in the AFP relative to the AFP TR, which would need to be "refreshed" every now and then, as circumstances demand.

Furthermore, there are the two other major breakthrough goals as-

sociated with its reaching its first base camp at the end of 2016: the first, concerning the shift from purely internal security operations, and increasingly towards having enhanced capability for territorial defense; and the second, concerning its enhanced capacity to win and secure the peace in all areas of the archipelago, following the tenets of the IPSP: Bayanihan.

The first, with respect to territorial defense, has shot up in the national priority scale. A new national security strategy will need to be formulated and formally adopted by the highest levels of the Philippine government; and within such a strategy, a national defense strategy would need to be crafted in order to provide clear guidelines for the AFP modernization program. Given the reduced circumstances into which the AFP had been made to fall over many years, its modernization is a "no brainer": it is so obvious and so essential. Almost any modern equipment would fit into the very wide spectrum of AFP needs. But very soon, our national policy establishment and our AFP will have to be very clear about the type of capability we all wish our AFP to have, for it to be "credible" and "sufficiently strong" to provide the territorial defense that we may need, given the ever-changing external circumstances.

It is clear that the type of AFP with modernized equipment we should be building can not be left only for the AFP to determine. This is an issue of the highest national importance. In

whatever manner this issue is going to be addressed, however, the AFP can play a significant role in formulating and executing our strategy for territorial defense taking into account our resources, our network of alliances, and our maritime geography. This is where AFP strategic thinking - honed by the AFP experience of undertaking a governance and transformation program - can be put to great use.

Even as our posture and capability for territorial defense are being determined, the AFP - precisely because of its governance experience - cannot allow itself to be fixated only on the defense and equipment systems associated with its modernization. In fact, AFP modernization will have to move forward in a comprehensive and balanced manner, such as that put forward by the balanced scorecard-PGS framework, with which the AFP already has notable experience.

This brings up the "learning and growth" of each of our AFP officers and AFP-associated personnel. Their professional training will have to be top-of-the-class; it should be second to none. But this will have to be buttressed and reinforced by the proper balance they can strike between their professional engagement as soldiers and the other aspects of life. For instance, the work-life balance that is now being promoted in several AFP units may well be adapted and spread to all AFP units, involving practically and operationally all AFP personnel.

One critical ingredient in such a

work-life balance is the manner in which the AFP core values of "honor, service, and patriotism" are brought down into all facets and phases of life and work of all AFP personnel. All three core values have their final mooring on proper ethical standards and actual practices. In this regard, the work of the AFP Office of Ethical Standards and Public Accountability needs to be brought to the fore and should serve as foundation for an AFP-wide governance culture program, which needs to be pursued on a sustained and professional manner, affecting individual behavior as well as family and social life, and with due stress on social as well as civic respon-

sibility. An AFP with a strong moral fiber (and with a geographically shaped capability for territorial defense) can become much stronger than any other armed forces in the world!

In fact, the AFP has taken some very important steps towards strengthening the moral fiber of all AFP personnel. Personal scorecards are already mandated in several AFP units. But more than the form of these scorecards, it is the real substance that is evidenced in the life and work of all officers and other personnel of the AFP that can make a significant difference in delivering the breakthrough result of a modernized AFP, fully capable for territorial defense.

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# Editorial

## Rapprochement with our Reds

**W**E think it is a positive thing that President-elect Rody Duterte is talking peace with Jose Maria Sison and his comrades.

It is high time for non-Leftist Filipinos to be at peace with the Leftists. It is often forgotten that people of the Left were the first to make the effort. Satur Ocampo, the late Tony Zumel, to name only two, are shining examples of top people of the real Left who took steps to bring about rapprochement.

President-elect Rody's announced intention to issue a general amnesty order to the people of the Left is a bold step that should be welcomed. Of course, we know that the more far-right-thinking Filipinos, including members of our armed forces and the police, are made unhappy by this news. We hope they do not do anything to undermine this peace initiative of the President-elect.

Some of these far-right men in uniform commit heinous crimes and abuses against ordinary citizens they label as New People's Army soldiers or assets.

We give space today to a call worth paying attention to by the Left-leaning UMA Pilipinas (*Unyon ng mga Manggagawa sa Agrikultura*). The statement below was distributed to media yesterday.

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### Luisita massacre Gen. Visaya deserves to be in jail with Aquino—agriworkers

Agricultural workers under the national federation *Unyon ng mga Manggagawa sa Agrikultura* (UMA) added their voices to human rights defenders urging President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to drop Gen. Ricardo Visaya from the shortlist as new chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

"Visaya deserves to be in jail with Aquino," said UMA Secretary General Danilo "Ka Daning" Ramos. Visaya was ground commander of the 69th Infantry Battalion involved in Hacienda Luisita massacre of Nov. 16, 2004.

At least seven farmworkers were killed and hundreds more were injured in the violent dispersal of striking farmworkers, widely believed to be ordered by President Benigno Aquino III and his family. Aquino was then a congressman of Tarlac and the active administrator of the controversial sugar estate.

Gen. Visaya is also notorious as the "right-hand man" and "protégé" of Ret. Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan's in his reign of terror in Central Luzon that claimed the lives of seven more supporters of Luisita farmers, including Tarlac City Councilor Abel Ladera, Fr. William Tadena and Bishop Alberto Ramento, of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente. Visaya is also implicated in the Lumad killings and harassment of agricultural workers and unionists in Mindanao.

After Luisita, Visaya's infamous army unit was also involved in the massacre of Lumads in Paquibato, Davao City, in June last year. Visaya also headed the 27th IBPA in Polomolok, South Cotabato, which perpetrated harassment against farmworkers of Dole Phils. during a union election in 2011, targeting leaders of the incumbent union affiliated with the *Kilusang Mayo Uno*.

The 2005 Ombudsman case filed by 52 survivors against perpetrators of the Hacienda Luisita massacre was "killed" twice during the BS Aquino administration. Immediately after BS Aquino held power in 2010, charges were dropped against police and military personnel including Visaya and retired Gen. Gregorio Catapang, whom Aquino later appointed as AFP Chief.

Ten years after the massacre, in 2014, survivors moved to reopen the case, but this was also immediately junked by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Luisita farmers also seek justice for recent rights violations perpetrated by the BS Aquino regime such as bulldozing of crops, burning of huts, physical assault and illegal arrests. Hundreds of complaints filed by farmers in 2014 are yet to be acted upon by the Department of Justice.

"Visaya and his men are murderers who prey on the poorest of the poor to favor the landed elite and the oligarchs. The people are truly counting on Mayor Duterte to make good on his promise to dispense justice and curb crime. As the incoming Commander-in-Chief, Duterte must not allow notorious criminals like Visaya to be at the helm of the country's armed forces," said Ramos.

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## GIVE DIGONG A CHANCE

HINDI pa nga nakauupo bilang Pangulo si Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, kaliwa't kanang puna na ang inaabot nito dahil daw sa kanyang mga napiling magiging mga miyembro ng kanyang gabinete.

Nagngangawa ang ilang netizen sa pagtatalaga ni Mayor Rody kay Cong. Mark Villar, na anak nina Sen. Manny at Cynthia Villar, bilang Public Works secretary.

Ayon sa mga social media user, hindi civil engineer at walang experience sa paggawa ng mga imprastraktura ang batang Villar. Sagot naman ni Duterte, "ang posisyon na secretary ay manager at hindi trabahador o laborer."

Aniya, si Villar ay nagtapos sa ibang bansa sa isang prem-yadong unibersidad at natitiyak niya na magagamit niya rito ang

kanyang napag-aralan doon.

Sa hiling naman ng mga opis-yal ng National Press Club (NPC) na huwag kunin si Atty. Salvador Panelo bilang tagapagsalita ng Pangulo, dahil naging abogado at tagapagtanggol ng mga Ampatuan sa Maguindanao massacre case, tugon ni Digong, "Ang pagiging abogado ni Panelo sa Ampatuan ay trabaholang. Kailangan niya ring pakainin ang kanyang pamilya sa pamamagitan ng kanyang propesyon."

Umalma rin ang mga militante sa pagkakatalaga kay Brig. Gen. Ricardo Visaya ni Mayor Rody bilang susunod na hepe ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Ayon sa mga makakaliwang grupo, nasangkot ang heneral sa Hacienda Luisita massacre ilang taon na ang nakararaan, at bata ito ng nakakulong na ngayon na si Gen. Jovito Palparan.

Paliwanag ni incoming Presi-

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dent Duterte, si Visaya ay may mga boss o commanding officer na kalalang sundin niya ang mga utos noon. Naniniwala si Digong na hindi si Visaya ang nag-utos na paulanan ng bala ang mga magsasaka ng Hacienda.

Dagdag pa ni Duterte, "Dapat bang isisi kay Gen. Visaya ang kasalanan ni Palparan?"

Sa eksklusibong panayam ng TV5 kahapon kay Duterte, ipinaliwanag nito kung bakit napili niya ang mga taong nabanggit niya na kasama sa kanyang gabinete, "Kailangan ng Pangulo na mapagkakaliwalaan niya ang mga tao niya."

Pero kasabay nito, babala ni Digong, kahit na mga kaklase o kaibigan niya ang ilan sa magiging miyembro ng gabinete niya, ay hindi

siya magdadalawang isip na sibakin ang mga ito "if they will not perform or they can not deliver what is expected of them."

Nakiusap din si Mayor Rody na bigyan naman siya ng pagkakataon ng mga humalal sa kanya na makapagtrabaho muna bago batikusin o punahin ang kanyang mga unang hakbang tulad ng pagpili niya ng kanyang mga cabinet member.

Kung sabagay, nakapagti-is nga tayo ng anim na taon kay PNoy, bakit naman hindi natin bigyan ng konting panahon si Rody na ipakita ang kanyang mga ipinangako sa sambayanan.

Lets give Duterte a chance... fair is fair!!!

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### 7 troopers hurt in Sulu grenade attack

MANILA, May 18 (PNA) -- Seven troopers from the 10th Scout Ranger Company were wounded in a grenade attack in Jolo, Sulu early Wednesday morning.

The incident took place 5:21 a.m. at Barangay Walled City in the above-mentioned town.

Major Filemon Tan, Western Mindanao Command spokesperson, said the victims were conducting a logistic run when a still unidentified suspect hurled a fragmentation grenade at the soldiers, wounding seven of the latter.

Logistics run means the soldiers went to the town proper either for marketing or to get supplies.

Tan did not release the names of the wounded soldiers except in saying they belong to the 10th Scout Ranger Company of the Army's 4th Scout Ranger Battalion based in Bud Datu, Tagbak, Indanan.

"They (the soldiers) opted not to open fire as civilians might be hit," he said citing there were many people vicinity of the incident.

He said there is a big possibility that the Abu Sayyaf brigands were behind the grenade attack. (PNA) BNB/PFN/TPGJR

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### AFP handa sa anumang polisiyang ilalatag ng Duterte admin re: West Phi Sea issue

By Bombo Analy SoberanoPosted in Latest NewsWednesday, 18 May 2016 04:15

Tiniyak ng pamunuan ng sandatahang lakas ng Pilipinas na patuloy nilang tutuparin ang kanilang mandato anuman ang mga ipatupad na programa ng incoming Duterte administration.

Ito ang inihayag ni AFP spokesperson B/Gen. Restituto Padilla.

Ito ay sa harap ng naging pahayag ni incoming President Rodrigo Duterte na maaaring magpatupad ng bagong polisiya ang kanyang administrasyon sa isyu ng pinag aagawang teritoryo sa West Philippine Sea.

Ayon kay Padilla may foreign policy sa usapin ng West Philippine Sea (WPS) kaya hindi sila maaaring basta magbigay ng pahayag ukol dito.

Binigyang diin pa ni Padilla na sa oras na manumpa na sa pwesto ang susunod na administrasyon ay kaakibat nito ang pangangako na ipagtatanggo! ang saligang batas sa lahat ng panahon at sa anumang paraan.

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## **AFP beefs up security in Tawi-Tawi**

ZAMBOANGA CITY, May 18 (PNA) -- The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is redeploying a battalion of marine troops to beef up the coastal security in the province of Tawi-Tawi.

Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) spokesman, on Wednesday said the Marine Battalion Landing Team-9 (MBLT-9) will be pulled out from this city and will be deployed in Tawi-Tawi.

Tan said the MBLT-9 troops will depart this city following the send-off ceremony on Thursday (May 19) to be held at the headquarters of the Naval Forces Western Mindanao (Navforwem) in this city.

Tan stressed the deployment of the MBLT-9 troops to Tawi-Tawi is just a preemptive move of Westmincom citing there is no security threat in that province.

"Okay naman sa Tawi-Tawi kaya lang preemptive yong ginagawa natin. Bago may mangyari, dapat may puwersa na doon," he added.

He said the deployment of the MBLT-9 to Tawi-Tawi is in accordance to the military doctrine that the marines should be based in islands or near the shorelines.

He said the Army's 21st Infantry Battalion (IB) will replace the MBLT-9 in this city.

The AFP has deployed marine troops to help improve the peace and order situation in this city since the infamous 21-day siege in September 2013.

The first to be deployed here was the MBLT-1, which was later replaced by the MBLT-9.

Tan said the 21st IB troops will be deployed in all the areas that will be vacated by the MBLT-9 troops.  
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## **PAF acquiring PHP16.8-M worth of S-76 helicopter parts**

MANILA, May 18 (PNA) --- The Philippine Air Force (PAF) is looking for bidders capable of supplying spare parts needed for the repair and maintenance of one of its Sikorsky S-76 medium utility helicopters. Budget for this project is placed at PHP16,879,059.80. Pre-bid conference is on Friday, 9:00 a.m. at the PAF Procurement Center Conference Room, Villamor Air Base, Pasay City.

Opening of bids is on June 2, 9:00 a.m. at the same venue.

The S-76 features twin turbo-shaft engines, four-bladed main and tail rotors and retractable landing gear.

The PAF is known to operate between three to six S-76 in its inventory. (PNA) BNB/PFN/Tiffani Nepomuceno (OJT)



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## **PN to acquire 600 rounds of 155mm HE**

MANILA, May 18 (PNA) -- The Philippine Navy (PN) is allocating the sum of PHP39 million for the acquisition of 600 rounds of high-explosive 155mm munition.

The munition is for the use of the Philippine Marine Corps, a specialized force, under the operational control and supervision of the PN.

Both the PMC and Philippine Army are in the process of acquiring 12 units of 155mm towed howitzers.

Winning bidders are required to deliver the items within 240 calendar days.

Pre-bid conference is scheduled on May 25, 1:00 p.m. at the PN Hall of Justice, NJAG, Naval Station Jose Francisco, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. (PNA)

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