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BY YEN MA-ARIENTA

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## Pentagon: US-PH alliance 'ironclad'

SAN DIEGO, United States: US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, on Thursday (10 days in Manila) said Washington's alliance with the Philippines is "ironclad," even though President Duterte has vowed to end joint military exercises to appease China.



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### 24- HOUR PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST

**ISSUED AT: 5:00 PM 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

**SYNOPSIS: SOUTHWEST MONSOON AFFECTING THE WESTERN SECTION OF LUZON. MEANWHILE AT 4:00 PM TODAY, THE LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA) WAS ESTIMATED BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA AT 175 KM EAST NORTHEAST OF CASIGURAN, ILOCOS NOROCCIDENTAL (16.7°N, 123.7°E).**

**TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE:**

**TROPICAL STORM (CHABA)**

**LOCATION: AT 4 PM, 1,440 KM EAST OF BICOL REGION (13.9°N, 137.6°E) (OUTSIDE PAR)**

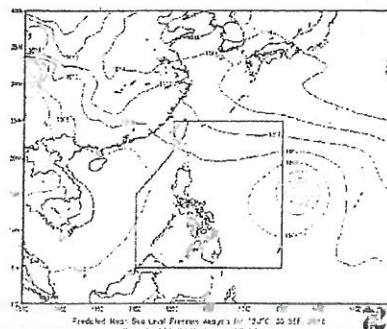
**MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS: 85 KPH**

**INSTANTANEOUS WINDS: 105 KPH**

**MOVEMENT: WEST AT 20 KPH**

**FORECAST: CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE EXPERIENCED OVER THE REGIONS OF ILOCOS AND CAGAYAN VALLEY AND THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBALES, BATAAN, ABRA AND APAYAO. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS WILL PREVAIL OVER METRO MANILA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.**

MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY STRONG WINDS COMING FROM THE SOUTHWEST WILL PREVAIL OVER THE WESTERN SECTION OF SOUTHERN LUZON AND ITS COASTAL WATERS. WINDS WILL BE MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. LIGHT TO MODERATE WINDS BLOWING FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO SOUTH WILL PREVAIL OVER THE REST OF LUZON AND COMING FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO WEST OVER VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WITH SLIGHT TO MODERATE SEAS.



**PAGTAGAYA: MAULAP NA KALANGITAN NA MAY MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG MGA PAG-ULAN AT PULU-PULONG PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOLOG ANG MARARANASAN SA MGA REHIYON NG ILOCOS AT CAGAYAN VALLEY AT SA MGA LALAWIGAN NG ZAMBALES, BATAAN, ABRA AT APAYAO. BAHAGYANG MAULAP HANGGANG SA MAULAP NA PAPAWIRIN NA MAY PULU-PULONG MGA PAG-ULAN O PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOLOG ANG MARARANASAL SA KAMAYNILAAN AT SA NATITIRANG BAHAGI NG BANSA.**

**KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA KUNG MINSAN AY MALAKAS NA HANGIN MULA SA TIMOG-KANLURAN ANG IIRAL SA KANLURANG BAHAGI NG LUZON AT ANG MGA BAYBAYING DAGAT NITO AY MAGIGING KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA KUNG MINSAN AY MAALON. MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG HANGIN MULA SA TIMOG-KANLURAN HANGGANG SA TIMOG ANG IIRAL SA NATITIRANG BAHAGI NG LUZON AT MULA NAMAN SA TIMOG-KANLURAN HANGGANG SA KANLURAN SA KABISAYAAN AT MINDANAO NA MAY BANAYAD HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG PAG-ALON NG KARAGATAN.**

**EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY FOR THE 24-HR PERIOD ENDING AT 4:00 PM TODAY AND RECORDED AT PAGASA WEATHER STATION, SCIENCE GARDEN, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY:**

<b>MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b> 11:00 AM TODAY ..... 29.6 °C	<b>MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b> 5:00 AM TODAY ..... 91 %	
<b>MINIMUM TEMPERATURE:</b> 6:00 AM TODAY ..... 24.9 °C	<b>MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY:</b> 11:00 AM TODAY ..... 70 %	
<b>TIDAL PREDICTION ALONG MANILA BAY</b> (COURTESY OF NAMRIA)	<b>ASTRONOMICAL INFORMATION</b> OVER METRO MANILA	
<b>HIGH TIDE TODAY:</b> 10:23 ..... 0.65 METER	<b>SUNSET/ SUNRISE</b>	<b>MOONRISE/ MOONSET</b> & ILLUMINATION
<b>LOW TIDE TOMORROW:</b> 3:42 ..... 0.30 METER	<b>SUNSET TODAY:</b> 5:46 PM	<b>MOONSET TODAY:</b> 5:24 PM
<b>HIGH TIDE TOMORROW:</b> 10:23 ..... 0.89 METER	<b>SUNRISE TOMORROW:</b> 5:46 AM	<b>MOONRISE TOMORROW:</b> 5:46 AM
<b>LOW TIDE TOMORROW:</b> 4:45 PM ..... 0.27 METER	<b>SUNSET TOMORROW:</b> 5:45 PM	<b>ILLUMINATION TOMORROW:</b> 0%

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













































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


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CITIES	24-Hr Weather, Winds and Sea Condition Forecast from 5 PM today until 5 PM tomorrow		Extended Weather Outlook Duration: 5 PM until 5 PM of the following day			
	30 OCT		01 OCT	02 OCT	03 OCT	04 OCT
Metro Manila	 24 °C 30 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest Manila Bay: Slight to Moderate	 24 °C 31 °C	 24 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 31 °C
Tuguegarao City	 24 °C 32 °C	Moderate: Southwest to South	 24 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 33 °C	 24 °C 33 °C	 25 °C 33 °C
Laoag City	 24 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest to South Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 31 °C	 24 °C 30 °C
Baguio City	 15 °C 22 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest to South	 15 °C 23 °C	 16 °C 23 °C	 16 °C 23 °C	 16 °C 23 °C
SBMA (Olongapo) / Clark Zone (Angeles City)	 24 °C 27 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest Subic Bay: Slight to Moderate	 24 °C 29 °C	 25 °C 30 °C	 25 °C 30 °C	 25 °C 30 °C
Tagaytay City	 22 °C 27 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest	 22 °C 28 °C	 22 °C 28 °C	 22 °C 27 °C	 23 °C 27 °C
Lipa City	 25 °C 30 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest	 25 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 30 °C	 24 °C 30 °C
Legazpi City	 25 °C 30 °C	Moderate: Southwest Coastal Waters: Moderate	 25 °C 31 °C	 25 °C 31 °C	 24 °C 30 °C	 25 °C 30 °C
Puerto Princesa City	 25 °C 32 °C	Moderate to Strong: Southwest Coastal Waters: Moderate to Rough	 25 °C 33 °C	 26 °C 33 °C	 26 °C 33 °C	 26 °C 32 °C
Iloilo City / Bacolod City	 25 °C 31 °C	Moderate: Southwest Coastal Waters: Moderate	 25 °C 32 °C	 26 °C 32 °C	 26 °C 31 °C	 25 °C 30 °C
Metro Cebu	 24 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest to West Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25 °C 33 °C	 26 °C 33 °C	 25 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 32 °C
Tacloban City	 25 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: West Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 30 °C	 24 °C 30 °C	 24 °C 30 °C
Cagayan de Oro City	 25 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest to West Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 24 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 33 °C	 24 °C 33 °C	 24 °C 32 °C
Valencia City	 19 °C 30 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest to West	 19 °C 31 °C	 19 °C 30 °C	 19 °C 30 °C	 19 °C 29 °C
Metro Davao	 26 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: West Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 25 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 32 °C	 25 °C 31 °C	 25 °C 32 °C
Zamboanga City	 23 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Southwest Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	 23 °C 31 °C	 23 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 32 °C	 24 °C 31 °C

**LEGEND:**

	Clear Skies		Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshower and/ or Thunderstorms		Occasional Rains		Rains with Gusty Winds
	Partly Cloudy Skies		Cloudy Skies with Rainshower and/ or Thunderstorms		Monsoon Rains / Rains		Stormy
	Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshower		Light Rains				

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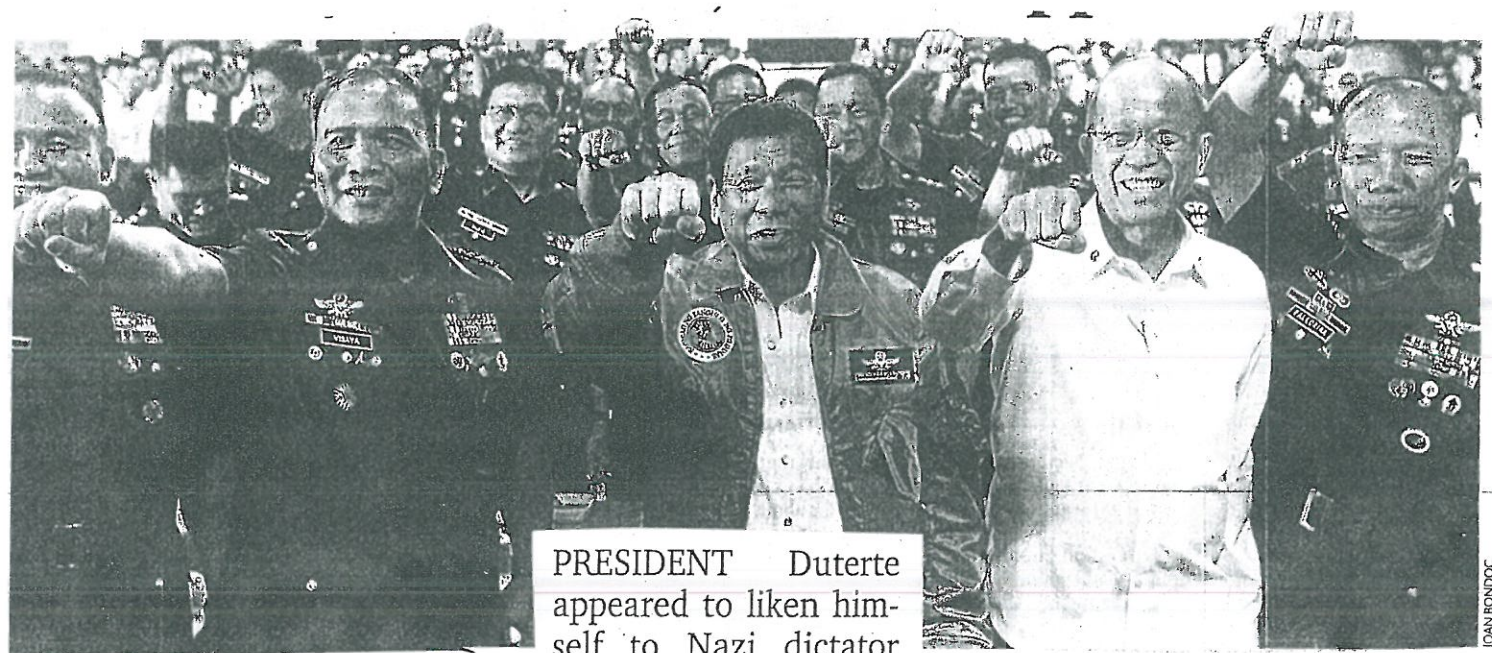
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# Heil Digong?

**'If Germany had Hitler, the Philippines would have...'**



**PRESIDENT** Duterte appeared to liken himself to Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler yesterday and said he would “be happy” to exterminate 3 million drug users and peddlers in the Philippines.

Noting that Hitler had murdered millions of Jews, Mr. Duterte said he was also willing to kill the 3 million drug addicts in the Philippines if it were the only way to solve the country’s drug problem.

“There are 3 million drug addicts (in the Philippines). I’d be happy to slaughter them,” he said.

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# Duterte likens himself to Hitler

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If Germany had Hitler, the Philippines would have...," he said, pausing and pointing to himself.

You know my victims. I would like (them) to be all criminals to finish the problem of my country and save the next generation from perdition," he said.

See video of the President's speech at <http://inq.news/Du30VietnamArrival>

## Shock and anger

His comments triggered shock and anger among Jewish groups in the United States, which will add to pressure on the US government to take a tougher line with the Philippine leader.

Mr. Duterte recently insulted US President Barack Obama and in a series of remarks he has undermined the previously close relationship between the Philippines and the United States.

Mr. Duterte made the comments in a speech on his arrival in Davao City after a visit to Vietnam, telling reporters that he was under threat of being brought before an international court for genocide because of the killings of thousands of drug suspects in his martial law war on drugs and that he had been portrayed to be a cousin of Hitler by critics even if nothing had been proven against him. Mr. Duterte was voted to power in the May presidential election on the back of a promise to end drugs and crime. He promised to kill tens of thousands of criminals and dump their bodies in Manila Bay, where fish would grow fat from feeding on them. The former mayor of Davao City took office on June 30 and more than 3,000 people have been killed since then, mostly alleged drug users and dealers, in police operations and in vigilante killings.

## Jewish groups protest

Mr. Duterte's comments were quickly condemned by Jewish groups. Rabbi Abraham Cooper, head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Digital Terrorism

## Ateneo-La Salle game: Fans told to wear black

By Bong Lozada  
*Inquirer.net*

ATENELO de Manila University yesterday invited its supporters to wear any black clothing or accessory to its match against De La Salle University in the UAAP Season 79 men's basketball tournament at Mall of Asia Arena tomorrow.

A memo from Ateneo president Jose Ramon T. Villarín said supporters were invited to wear black to "express our solidarity with victims of human rights violations and all others struggling to uphold human rights in the country."

Villarín said both the Ateneo and the La Salle communities had expressed opposition to the burial of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos at Libingan ng mga Bayani and "the growing number of extrajudicial killings/summary executions in the country."

More than 3,000 people have been killed by police and suspected vigilantes since President Duterte launched a brutal war on illegal drugs upon taking office on June 30.

A similar memo is reportedly making the rounds in the La Salle community.

and Hate project, called them "outrageous."

"(Mr.) Duterte owes the victims (of the Holocaust) an apology for his disgusting rhetoric," Cooper said.

The Anti-Defamation League, an international Jewish group based in the United States, said Mr. Duterte's comments were "shocking for their tone-deafness."

"The comparison of drug users and dealers to Holocaust victims is inappropriate and deeply offensive," said Todd Gutnick, the group's director of communications. "It is baffling why any leader would want to model himself after such a monster."

There were no comments from the embassies of Israel and the United States in Manila yesterday.

Assistant Secretary Charles Jose, spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs, said there were no statements from other foreign missions in Manila.

British Ambassador to the Philippines Asif Ahmad preferred not to comment, saying in a text message: "There is no dignified way to

respond to any positive references to Hitler."

Philippine lawmakers condemned Mr. Duterte's remarks.

Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat said Mr. Duterte may have opened himself to prosecution in international courts by saying he would like to slaughter 3 million Filipinos.

"Is he implying that it's open season now for all addicts, no more rehab, just kill them systematically like what the Nazis did with the Jews?" Baguilat said.

"Mr. President, comparing yourself with Hitler is troubling, to say the least. You are talking about committing genocide," said Kabataan Rep. Sarah Elago.

"Threatening to massacre 3 million Filipinos—all of whom the President claims to be drug criminals—is a serious matter," she said.

Etta Rosales, former chair of the Commission on Human Rights, chided Mr. Duterte for his comments.

"I'm not certain if Mr. Duterte was joking, as he is fond to explain when he gets caught



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with controversial statements that go against national policy. But even if he was just joking, comparing himself to Adolf Hitler—a global criminal of the Second World War condemned by civilization for the crimes against humanity he had committed when he slaughtered 6 million Jews in Europe—is nothing to kid about even in banter among friends,” Rosales said.

“Mr. Duterte is treading dangerous ground. He expects us all to accept the possibility that a President can commit crimes against humanity akin to genocide by slaughtering 3 million poor users and pushers of drugs because, as far as Mr. Duterte sees them, they are derelicts of society, the scum of the earth which are better eradicated in order to redeem ‘his’ country from them,” she said.

Noting that the Rome Statute, to which the Philippines is a party, defines the slaughter of millions as a crime against humanity, Rosales suggested that the slaughter of thousands of suspected drug users and pushers in the Philippines “deserves the scrutiny and investigation of the International Criminal Court if the Philippines refuses to take over jurisdiction.”

“The ICC can have jurisdiction over this heinous crime, too, and, as a member of the United Nations, we are bound to comply,” she said.

### **Ex-President’s warning**

Two days before the May 9 elections, outgoing President Benigno Aquino III had warned that Mr. Duterte’s rising popularity was akin to that of Hitler in the 1920s and 1930s.

“I hope we learn the lessons of history,” Aquino said in widely reported remarks. “We should remember how Hitler came to power.”

Mr. Duterte has been scathing about international criticism of his war on drugs and has insulted the United Nations and the European Union, as well as Obama, at various times in recent weeks. *Reports from Reuters and AFP; DJ Yap, Jeannette I. Andrade and Jaymee T. Gamil in Manila; Alan Nawa, Inquirer Mindanao*

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# Rody: You can oust me if I abuse power

By EDITH REGALADO

**DAVAO CITY** – President Duterte last night challenged his critics to oust him from office for abuse of power. "If I abuse, then you can oust me," Duterte said as he parried anew criticisms on his campaign against illegal drugs.

"If I get assassinated or get ousted, it's my destiny," the President told the gathering of policewomen at the summit on women and community police service held here at the Apo-View Hotel.

Or if he commits suicide, Duterte joked. "I might be the first president to commit suicide."

More than 3,000 people have died in his unprecedented crackdown on illegal drugs, drawing widespread international condemnation over an apparent wave of extrajudicial killings.

Critics are alarmed at the sheer number whose deaths have been attributed

to vigilantes, with Duterte's apparent support or tacit consent.

Duterte said he has no intention of clinging to power, saying once again he is willing to risk his life, his honor and the presidency for love of country.

Besides, Duterte said he is not after the power that many people think is enshrined in Malacañang.

"Malacañang Palace is all glamor. I am not after it," he said.

In the same gathering, Duterte bared another narco-list but only mentioned Judge Hector Salise, who was recently

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abushed. Duterte said Salise was to fixing or bungling of ug cases. Salise is still recuperating from bullet wounds his head and shoulder. Duterte also exhorted the police and military to talk among themselves if the country is in a better or worse situation since he became president.

Having served for 14 years as prosecutor and another 23 years as mayor of Davao City, Duterte said he is the most experienced in dealing with police.

"The Philippines is very lucky that I won because it's only me who can handle the police," Duterte said.

"How many presidents have come and go and this legal drugs problem in our country persisted," he said.

Duterte used the occasion to lecture the policewomen the difference between an arrest with warrant and warrantless arrest.

He said he used to lecture the local police academy in Davao City right after

he passed the Bar in 1972.

"But all I ask of you is just do your job and rest assured I will be there for you," Duterte said.

He added that he would make sure that by early next year, the policemen and military personnel would receive double their existing salaries.

In the same occasion, Duterte raffled off three Glock 30 pistols for the policewomen and announced the grant of P2,000 per diem for each of them for attending the summit.

### Popular

Duterte admitted being brash and brutally frank, which is the reason many people want to take "selfies" with him.

"Because I am the only one who can do the bull-s\*\*tting to anyone, including the big bullies like the United States," Duterte told the crowd upon his arrival from Vietnam.

He criticized the "hypocrisy" of the US and the European Union in accusing him of human rights abuses in his

anti-drug campaign.

Duterte said he doesn't care what people think of his mouth and what he says as long as he knows that he is doing his best to serve the country and the people.

And in all his visits to the different military camps and police headquarters all over the country, Duterte said he always allows requests of the soldiers and policemen for a group picture and, at times, selfies with him, with everyone doing his trademark closed fist salute.

Even dignitaries and diplomatic visitors in Malacanang almost always ask him for selfies.

Duterte, however, warned civil servants against corruption.

"You had your fill, *tama na* (enough)," he said as he reminded his new appointees not to follow the crooked practices of the past.

Duterte said he has heard of billionaires wanting to invest in the country but are wary of the corrupt practices of some government officials.

"I'm warning those in the government, I promised the people (a clean government.)

*Wag nyo akong hiyain* (Don't put me to shame). Do not commit the mistake or I will read your name in public and I will ask you to resign," Duterte said.

He asked state workers not contented with their salaries to resign and look for higher paying jobs instead of resorting to "milking the government."

In his fight against corruption, Duterte said he has already lost two personal friends whose requests for favors he had turned down.

"I don't give a d\*\*n. If I lost a friend, fine, this (country) is not my property, this is not my hacienda," the President stressed.

Duterte did not name the two but hinted their request had something to do with rice importation.

The President lamented anew what he noted were lapses by the media in reporting his extemporaneous speeches. He cited as example his reported cussing at US President Obama that was misreported by the international media.

Duterte also rued the media for misquoting him that he wanted the US out of the

Philippines when he specifically said he wanted the Americans out of Mindanao,

lest they be exposed to kidnapping by the Abu Sayyaf.

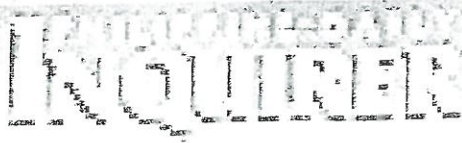
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## Wounded soldiers get medals

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines yesterday awarded medals to five soldiers wounded in recent encounters against the bandit Abu Sayyaf Group.

During simple rites at Camp Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu, Wounded Personnel Medals were pinned on recuperating soldiers 2Lt. Joelimar Sulit, Sgt. Mario de Guzman Jr., Sgt. Berhamin Jumdana, Pfc. Deborah Paraçuelles and Pvt. Michael Andre Atega.

Brig. Gen. Arnel de la Vega, commander of AFP-Joint Task Force Sulu, pinned the medals on the wounded soldiers.

"This is one way of recognizing the bravery and services of our troops in protecting the people of Sulu," De la Vega was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the AFP. *Jerome Aning*



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## Soldiers hurt in clash with Abus get medals

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Five soldiers who were wounded in recent encounters with Abu Sayyaf bandits received medals yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of Joint Task Force Sulu, pinned the medals on 2nd Lt. Joelimar Sulit, TSgt. Mario de Guzman Jr., Sgt. Berhamin Jumdana, Pfc. Deborah Paracuelles and Pvt. Michael Andre Atega.

The soldiers remain confined at the Camp Bautista Station Hospital.

Dela Vega said five Abu Sayyaf bandits, including brothers Nixon and Brown Muktadil, were killed while four others were wounded in the military operations in Sulu last week.

He said the bandits were behind recent kidnappings of crewmembers of Indonesian and Malaysian vessels.

Dela Vega said operations to rescue the remaining captives of the Abu Sayyaf are ongoing.

– Roel Pareño, Cecille Suerte Felipe



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# AFP awards medals to 5 wounded soldiers

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on Friday honored five soldiers who were wounded in a series of encounters with the terrorist Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG). Brig. Gen. Arnel de la Vega, commander of the AFP Joint Task Force Sulu, personally pinned the Wounded Personnel Medal to Lt. Joelimar Sulit, Technical Sgt. Mario de Guzman Jr., Sgt. Berhamin Jumdana, Pfc. Deborah

Paracuelles and Pvt. Michael Andre Atega during a simple ceremony at Camp Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu, on Friday.

"This is one way of recognizing the bravery and services of our troops in protecting the people of Sulu," he said.

Meanwhile, government troops continue to scour suspected ASG lairs in Sulu to rescue hostages held by the bandit group.

Thirteen hostages—six Indonesians, six Filipinos and a Norwegian—have been rescued or released since the government launched all-out offensives against the jihadists on orders of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Five jihadists, including the notorious Muktadil brothers, were killed in the latest operations this week in different parts of Sulu.

Also, several bandits, who the

military claimed were also engaged in the illegal drug trade, have been arrested by the joint elements of the AFP and Philippine National Police in Zamboanga and Metro Manila.

According to the military, the extremist group is in cahoots with drug lords and is responsible for proliferation of illegal drugs in the provinces of Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi in southern Mindanao.

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## 5 soldiers wounded in fighting ASG get medals

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) awarded medals to five soldiers wounded during the firefight with Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in a simple ceremony at Camp Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu, yesterday morning.

Awarded with the Wounded Personnel Medal were 2Lt. Joelimar Sulit, T/Sgt. Mario de Guzman Jr., Sgt. Berhamin Jumdana, Pfc. Deborah Paracuelles and Pvt. Michael Andre Atega.

Brig. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of JTF Sulu, personally pinned the medals on the wounded troopers who are recuperating at the Station Hospital.

"This is one way of recognizing the bravery and services of our troops in protecting the people of Sulu," Dela Vega said.

Soldiers continue to scour suspected ASG lairs in Sulu to rescue the remaining kidnap victims. Thirteen hostages -- six Indonesians, six Filipinos and a Norwegian -- have been rescued or released since President Duterte assumed office and ordered an intensified military operations to destroy the ASG and rescue the remaining victims.

Five ASG bandits, including the notorious Muktadil brothers, were killed in the latest operations this week.

Several ASG bandits involved in illegal drugs trade were also arrested in Zamboanga City and in Metro Manila by combined AFP and PNP forces.

The former hostages revealed that ASG members were usually high on illegal drugs.

Reports from line units said drug money is being used by ASG to finance its daily operations in conducting criminal acts, terrorism and anti-Islamic activities.

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## Gov't, Reds to finalize ceasefire

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.  
*Inquirer Visayas*

ILOILO CITY—The government and communist rebels plan to finalize a bilateral ceasefire agreement in the next round of peace negotiations in Oslo, Norway, next week.

Ma. Concepcion Araneta-Bocala, a consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and member of the Joint Monitoring Committee, said the bilateral ceasefire was one of the key issues to be tackled in next week's peace talks.

She said a bilateral ceasefire would bound both parties to mutually agreed parameters and ensure that any violation would be acted upon.

The NDFP declared a unilateral and indefinite ceasefire on Aug. 27, at the conclusion of the

formal opening of the resumption of the peace negotiations also held in Oslo.

President Duterte also ordered an indefinite ceasefire on Aug. 21.

But Bocala said they had received reports from units of the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, that government troops were still conducting combat operations in certain areas including in Mindanao and Southern Luzon.

"NPA units have been conducting evasive maneuvers to avoid armed clashes based on reports we have received," Bocala told the INQUIRER at the sidelines of a forum on the peace negotiations here.

She said the bilateral ceasefire would provide clear parameters on the implementation of

the ceasefire, including the pullout of government troops in rebel-held areas.

The NDFP will also push for the scrapping of Oplan Bayanihan, the government's counterinsurgency program.

Reciprocal working committees (RWC) on social and economic reforms (SER) will also meet in Oslo next week to discuss drafts of both parties.

Bocala said land reform and national industrialization would be the key issues in talks on social and economic reforms.

"These are the heart and soul of the peace negotiations which will largely determine the plight of the talks," she said.

The NDFP remains optimistic that agreements on land reform and industrialization will be finalized.



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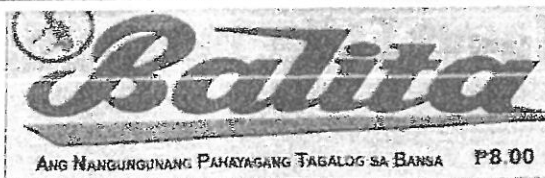
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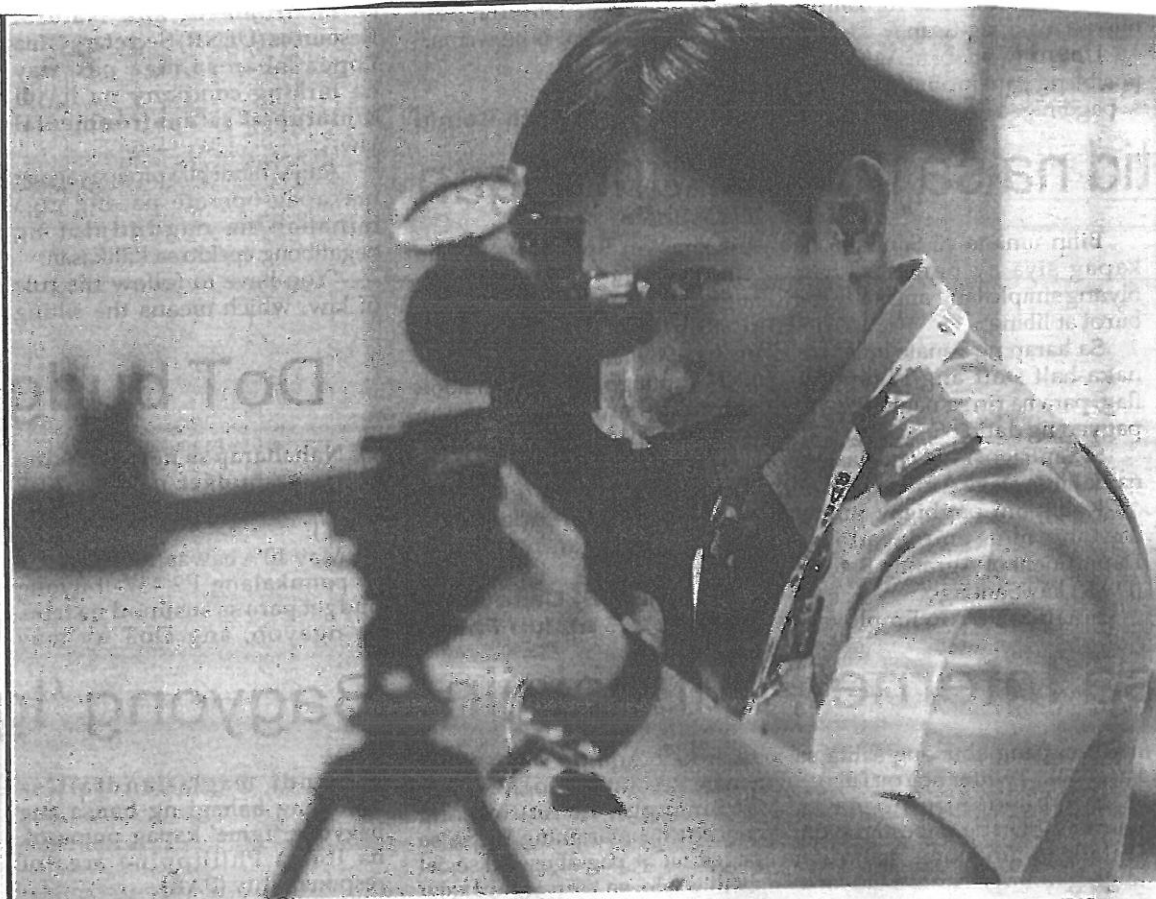
An Army officer examines one of the displays at the 2016 Asian Defence, Security and Crisis Management (Adas) Conference, which ended on Friday at World Trade Center in Pasay City.

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**BINUSISI** ni Philippine Army Captain Melchor Durante ang nakatampok na JMK-Bora12 Sniper Rifle na gawa sa Turkey, sa Asian Defence, Security and Crisis Management (ADAS) 2016 sa World Trade Center, Pasay City, kung saan naka-display ang mga armas ng US, Korea, at Israel.

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# Pentagon: US-PH ties ironclad

SAN DIEGO, California—US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter on Thursday said America's alliance with the Philippines remained "ironclad" even though the Asian ally's leader had vowed to end joint military exercises.

The Pentagon chief's remarks came as he headed for a security summit in Hawaii, where concerns about President Duterte, China's continued military expansion in the South China Sea, and the return of Islamic State (IS) group jihadists to the region were high on the agenda.

"As it has been for decades, our alliance with the Philippines is ironclad," Carter said, addressing troops aboard the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier, docked in San Diego, California.

Mr. Duterte on Wednesday said he would soon end joint military exercises with the United States, a symbolic blow to a military alliance dating back

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**LAST WAR GAMES** Filipino and US soldiers take part in joint maneuvers in April. President Duterte says US-Philippine marine landing drills in October will be the last during his term.

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# Pentagon insists US-PH military alliance is ironclad

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more than 60 years.

"I will serve notice to you now, that this will be the last military exercise, jointly Philippines-US, the last one," Duterte told several hundred Vietnam-based Filipinos during a rambling address in Hanoi as he started a trip to Vietnam.

## Definitely the last

On Thursday, Cabinet officials scrambled to explain Mr. Duterte's shock remarks, with Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay and National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon both saying the President was referring to next month's marine landing drills between US and Philippine forces.

But Mr. Duterte, upon arrival in his hometown Davao City from Hanoi early on Friday, told reporters that the Philippine-US Amphibious Landing Exercises (Phiblex), scheduled for Oct. 4 to 12 in the Philippines, would definitely be the last war games with the United States during his six-year term.

Mr. Duterte said that while asking for joint maneuvers with Philippine forces, the United States was never keen on improving the capability of Filipino soldiers to respond to threats.

He said he was aware that the jet fighters the Philippines had recently bought were made in South Korea, but he claimed these were built using US technology and could not have been sold to the Philip-

pines without blessing from the United States.

"It's outsourcing," he said.

"We have planes, but they won't sell (missiles) to us. What's the use? So I said two or three is enough ... just for ceremonial (purposes)," he said.

"It's all soiled clothing," he added, describing the things the Philippines gets from security cooperation with the United States.

Mr. Duterte also lashed out at two US senators—Benjamin Cardin of Maryland and

Patrick Leahy of Vermont—for criticizing his brutal approach to solving the Philippines' drug problem.

"Stop being hypocrites. Do not pretend to be the moral conscience of the world. Do not be the policemen because you do not have the eligibility to do that in my country," he said.

He said the United States and its allies, including Britain, also violated human rights in other countries, such as Iraq, which they invaded "on the flimsy excuse that there was a weapon of mass destruction there."

As for the European Union, Mr. Duterte said it allowed migrants fleeing the Middle East to rot at sea in the middle of winter.

"They're only good at criticizing," he said, adding that his critics were "pea-brained."

## Philosophical

Mr. Duterte's ending war games with the United States could further dampen relations with Manila's longtime ally after the firebrand leader, who has also called for US special operations forces in the coun-

try's south to leave, branded US President Barack Obama a "son of a bitch" and extended overtures to China and Russia.

But senior defense officials later appeared philosophical about Mr. Duterte's outbursts.

The US-Philippine alliance has "had its ups and downs and survived," one official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the matter. "It's going to continue to survive based on what we think are strong US-Philippine common security interests."

As for the military exercises,



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**JOINT MANEUVERS** The United States says it has not received a notice from the Philippines terminating war games between US and Filipino troops.

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“we can be flexible about when and if they happen again,” the official added.

### South China Sea

Carter is set to meet his Philippine counterpart, Delfin Lorenzana, in Hawaii on Friday, where the Pentagon chief is hosting an “informal” meeting for defense ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Previous summits have tended to focus on China and its growing reach across the South China Sea.

Beijing has in recent years rapidly expanded its physical presence in the strategically vital waterway, turning small maritime features, islets and reefs into much larger islands capable of holding military facilities.

Carter stressed, as he has repeatedly, that the US military will ignore Beijing’s contentious South China Sea claims, and keep operating in waters and airspace surrounding the artificial islands.

“We hope that China chooses to join the rest of the region in strengthening and upholding the shared principles that have helped so many nations around the region, including China, to rise and prosper,” he said.

An international court in July ruled against China’s sweeping South China Sea claims, prompting a furious reaction from Beijing, which promptly vowed to ignore the decision.

*Reports from AFP and Allan Nawal, Inquirer Mindanao*

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## Retired general appeals decision

By **CZARINA NICOLE O. ONG**

A motion for reconsideration was filed recently by a retired general convicted in July of malversation through falsification of public documents for the purchase of a parcel of land in 1996.

The Sandiganbayan Second Division sentenced retired General Jose S. Ramiscal Jr, president of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS), to a minimum of 14 years, 10 months, and 21 days to a maximum of 20 years imprisonment fined him ₱250,318,200, which is the overpriced amount of the transaction.

On August 3, Ramiscal filed a motion for reconsideration and requested a new trial.

In his motion, Ramiscal's lawyers from Salonga Hernandez Mendoza Law Offices requested that the retired general be given a new trial and that the decision rendered last July 19, 2016, "set aside for failure to prove guilt...by weakness of the prosecution evidence."

The Sandiganbayan had convicted Ramiscal of falsifying and falsely representing in a deed of sale signed by Elizabeth Chua Liang and Jesus Garcia for the acquisition of four parcels of land located in Barangay Makiling, Calamba, Laguna for ₱341,343,000 on August 26, 1996.

The prosecution said that the deed of sale for the four parcels of land only amounted to ₱91,024,800.

In his defense, Ramiscal said that the notarized Bilateral deed of Sale for the amount of ₱341,343,000 was falsified since his signature had been forged.

The lawyers of Ramiscal want to present a handwriting examination conducted by the Philippine National Police (PNP) Crime Laboratory in 2007 which showed that the deed of sale for ₱91,014,800 with Ramiscal's signature was a forgery.

Ramiscal sought the help of PNP chief Director General Ronald M. dela Rosa to obtain the handwriting result, and his request was approved.

Rohermia Jamsani Rodriguez, acting director of the Prosecution Bureau II, opposed Ramiscal's motion.

Rodriguez said the deed of sale amounting to ₱91,024,800 was "genuine" since "it is the same contract which was registered with the Registry of Deeds" and "was also the same contract which was used to transfer the title from Concord to AFP - RSBS."

Ramiscal was convicted together with Chief of Legal Department Julian Alzaga and Chief of Documentation Department Atty. Manuel Satuito as well as private individuals Liang and Garcia.



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## BASKETBALL

# UNTV Cup: AFP, PNP triumph

Games on Oct. 9  
(Pasig City Sports Center)  
2 p.m. – AFP vs BFP  
3:30 p.m. – Senate vs Malacañang  
5 p.m. – HOR vs BOC

Defending champion Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) bested their respective rivals to keep their share of early Group A lead in the 5th UNTV Cup held over the weekend at the Pasig City Sports Center.

With former Letran star Boyet

Bautista leading the way, the AFP Cavaliers outlasted the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Black Wolves, 90-80, for their second straight in the tournament organized by UNTV president and CEO Daniel Razon.

Also delivering significant numbers for the Cavaliers in the tournament offering P4 million to the champion were Jeffrey Quiambao and former PBL star Eugene Tan, who contributed 15 and seven points, respectively.

The PNP Responders, on the other

hand, got 28 points from Ollan Omiping and 21 from ABL veteran Harold Sta. Cruz to eke out an 82-75 win over the National Housing Authority Builders.

In the lone Group B match, former champion Judiciary bounced back from a stinging 75-67 defeat to newcomer Bureau of Customs with an 84-68 drubbing of Department of Justice.

Chester Tolomia, another veteran of the now defunct PBL, scattered 23 points while Don Camaso and Warren Ybanez added 19 and 15 points, respectively.

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## *UNTV: AFP repulses PNP*

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## Ramon Ang supports Digong

SO WHAT if convicted drug lord Tony Co was killed and four others—including Jaybee Sebastian, Sen. Leila de Lima's erstwhile fair-haired boy—were wounded in a riot at New Bilibid Prison?

Who cares whether those lowlifes disappear from the face of the earth or get maimed fighting one another?

So what if the government was behind the deadly prison riot?

Aren't we happy the Duterte administration, unlike the previous ones, is doing something to uproot the evil caused by narcotics in our society?

The illicit drug trade flourished in the administrations of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and B. S. Aquino.

The drug problem has taken root in our country and the situation is desperate.

A desperate situation calls for a desperate solution.

If you realize the enormity of the drug problem like President Digong does, you will sympathize with him and cheer him on.

During a meeting with him in the early hours of Sept. 24 (doesn't the guy ever sleep?), the President told this columnist the drug problem was nearing irreversible situation and that he had to take drastic measures to stem the tide.

"Every sector of society is tainted with drugs," the President said.

more airports, sea ports and railways, and acquiring trains

Ang said Petron, the leading fuel company, will be expanded; petrochemical and power plants and cement factories will be built by the business conglomerate SMC.

If the President solves the problems of drug, criminality and corruption, he will become the best president the Philippines has ever had, Ang said.

Coming from a business genius, Ang's words about Duterte will surely resonate with other business giants.

### ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

Politicians, judges, prosecutors, policemen, show biz personalities, the rich and middle class, the poor are either using drugs or protecting drug peddlers, according to Mano Digong.

He said he would not stop until the drug problem is licked.

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President Digong has found an avid supporter in one of the country's business titans, Ramon S. Ang.

Ang, president and CEO of San Miguel Corp. (SMC), says the giant conglomerate is investing heavily in manufacturing and infrastructure because the country will boom under the Duterte administration.

"Mark my word: This country will fly. This country will be a better place for our children and grandchildren because the drug problem will be eliminated under Duterte," Ang said.

Because of the expected economic surge, SMC is building



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President Digong's plan to revive the Philippine Constabulary (PC) brings back good memories to millions of Filipinos, especially the senior citizens or those approaching their senior years.

The PC, a military organization with police powers, was one of the major services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The Army, Navy and Air Force were its brother organizations.

The PC was the forerunner of the Philippine National Police.

Because of its military character, the PC was much more disciplined and respected than the PNP, which is a civilian organization.

The civilian character of the PNP has made its members ill-disciplined and lazy.

If a PNP member commits a wrongdoing, punishment is long in coming as he is protected by Civil Service rules; most of the time he is not punished at all.

On the other hand, a PC soldier who abused a civilian was immediately placed in a stockade while he underwent trial.

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The PC, which had a long and colorful history, was founded during the American regime as an insular police.

Its early officers graduated from the Philippine Constabulary Academy, which preceded the Philippine Military Academy.

The PC was abolished during the Cory administration and replaced by the PNP because the new dispensation at the time launched a personal vendetta against the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

It was as if by abolishing the PC, President Cory was taking vengeance on Marcos.

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# HL Coast Guard directed to assist military, police in suppressing all forms of lawless violence

from the Philippine News Agency (Sep 30):

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea has issued a memorandum order directing the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to assist the military and police in maintaining peace and order during the state of national emergency on account of lawless violence in Mindanao.

Medialdea signed Memorandum Order No. 4 expanding the application of the previous memorandum (No. 3) promulgated pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 55 that put the country under "state of lawlessness" following the Davao City bombing that killed 15 people and wounded more than 60 others last September 2.

Under the memorandum issued on Sept. 26, the PCG shall assist the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police by deploying additional units and personnel to increase visibility and security in all ports, harbors and major coastal areas.

The PCG has been tasked to intensify its activities related to the enforcement and maintenance of maritime safety and security to suppress lawless violence at sea.

According to the directive, Coast Guard personnel shall inspect, conduct surveillance, control traffic and marshal all merchant ships, passenger vessels, watercraft and water conveyances to ensure compliance with safety standards, rules and regulations and to prevent any offense within the country's maritime jurisdiction.

For the agency attached to the Department of Transportation, the PCG shall also strictly enforce maritime security communications protocol to enhance detection of any threat to maritime safety and security.

The Department of Justice shall closely coordinate with the PCG and other law enforcement agencies for the prompt investigation and prosecution of all individuals or groups apprehended for committing, or conspiring to commit, acts of lawless violence," the memorandum reads.

Government agencies and local government units have been directed to assist the PCG to ensure the effective implementation of its duties.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed Proclamation No. 55 on Sept. 4 declaring a state of national emergency on account of lawless violence in Mindanao.

<http://www.pna.gov.ph>