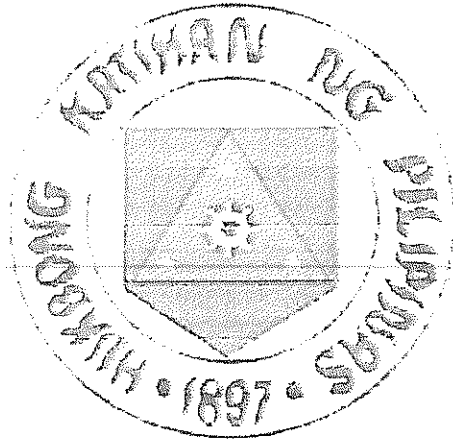


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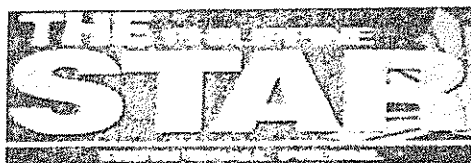
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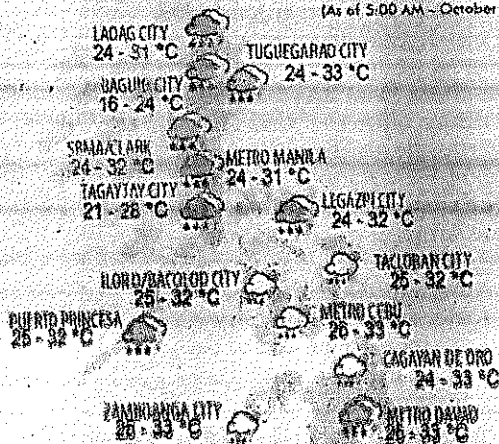
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Last (?) of war games kicks off

By Allan Macatuno
@amacatunoINQ

SAN ANTONIO, ZAMBALES—Carrying assault rifles and maneuvering amphibious vessels, Filipino and American marines on Friday scrambled up a sloping coastline to “defend a territory” and “beat off” their enemies.

As soon as the allied troops in full battle gear reached the shore, they disembarked from the amphibious ships and fired mortar rounds towards enemy positions.

That was how the troops carried out a mock assault as part of the Philippines Amphibious Landing Exercise (Phiblex 33) inside the Naval Education and Training Command here.

President Duterte has said the bilateral military exercises could be the last for the two countries. The war games that started this week were held on a beach fronting the disputed West Philippine Sea.

China seized Panatag, internationally known as Scarborough Shoal in the West Philip-

pine Sea, in 2012 after a two-month standoff with the Philippine Navy. It has since barred Filipino fishermen from getting near the rocky shoal, located 230 kilometers off the coast of this province.

On July 12, the Philippines won its law of the sea protest against China in the United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. But China has refused to honor the decision.

A US military official said bilateral military drills with Filipino troops allow for “a unique opportunity and chance to work together” and improve their military capability in addressing territorial or security threats.

Great relationship

“If it is the last [exercise], so be it. I have nothing to do with that. We’re going to continue to work together. We’ve got a great relationship,” said Maj. Roger Hollenbeck, US military spokesperson for the joint drills.

“These marines on both sides love working together.

The Philippines is a magnificent place to train and visit,” he said. Capt. Ryan Lacuesta, director of the Philippine Marine Corps public affairs office, declined to comment on the issue. But he said these drills helped Filipino

marines improve their capabilities and interoperability.

“[The military exercises] give us the opportunity to increase our capacity ranging from command and control [to] mobility, maneuver, logistics

and disaster response operations,” Lacuesta said.

“Doing this jointly, we’ll be able to respond to any scenario in the future,” he added. During the first round of the war games, the Okinawa-based 3rd

Marine Expeditionary Brigade and its Filipino counterparts engaged in small arms and artillery live-fire.

The US troops also displayed their military hardware by bringing the US landing dock "USS Germantown" that carried 13 amphibious assault vehicles.

"Exchanging expertise and cultivating our long-standing security alliance provide a cornerstone for security and stability in the region," Brig. Gen. John Jansen, commanding general of the expeditionary brigade, said in a statement.

About 1,400 US service members and 500 Filipino marines are participating in Philibex 33 that formally started on Oct. 4 and would end on Oct. 12.

Another round of military drills is scheduled on Oct. 10 in Tarlac province.

The US Embassy in Manila said the humanitarian and civic assistance portion of the exercise, beginning in September and concluding on Oct. 12, includes engineering projects to improve local infrastructure and health services. INQ

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Duterte opens text hotline vs corruption

By EDITH REGALADO
and CHRISTINA MENDEZ

DAVAO CITY – To get rid of corruption in government, President Duterte will open an anti-corruption text hotline and the complaints will be aired every morning over government-run PTV 4.

"I am opening a new daily program over PTV 4 that will be aired every morning and it will do nothing but run the complaints texted to the hotline that will be sent directly to Malacañang," the President said during the National Banana Congress held at the SMX Convention Center at the SM Lanang Premiere here on Friday afternoon.

"Just let me know if there is corruption in a city hall, in the (application of) business permit... During my time (as mayor of Davao City), these are processed in three days."

Duterte said he needs the help of every Filipino in the fight against corruption.

"I am pleading to the people. I promised you no corruption. But if I do not get your help, if you surrender, then there is nothing I can do. All you have to do is text what office, whether local or national, who is the official causing the delay, and I will call him or her

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to go to Malacañang for them to explain why," he said.

"If you do not help me, I cannot erase corruption. I cannot just go to any office and start asking anybody... You have to tell me.

"If you do not help me ferret out the bad guys, don't complain," he added.

The President also warned pranksters, saying they would be dealt with accordingly.

"I don't like anybody fooling me. I don't like you to fool me because I used to fool around," he said in jest, recalling how his mother used to punish him by having him kneel on munggo seeds as he faced the altar.

Duterte said that all he wants is to have a good name.

"There is no issue against me with regard to graft and corruption. Women, yes, but money, no," he said.

He asked where he would bring the money when he does not have anything to spend it on. He noted that he could not even get out of Malacañang or go anywhere without the President Security Group following him.

Duterte remains baffled why corruption is prevalent in government transactions despite his stern warning to government officials and employees that they will face his wrath if they will not stop

their wrongdoings.

"I cannot understand really and so I'd like to know where the corruption is still prevalent," he said.

He lamented anew that the country would not progress if corruption and criminality are not properly addressed.

"What could bring us down is really corruption and criminality," he said.

The President announced his anti-war against drugs, which was marked by alleged summary killings and human rights abuses.

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'Give us little of respect'

Duterte tells US not to treat PH like doormat;
we should stick to US – Enrile

By ELENA L. ABEN
and MARIO B. CASAYURAN

President Duterte has called on the United States to accord the Philippines a "little of respect."

"For as long as I am there, do not treat us like a doormat because you'll be sorry for it. I will not stick with you. I can always go to China, invite them. I have met (Russian Prime Minister Dmitry) ►15

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because I have read it. The war games are not there in flat word which says that you can have it. This year would be the last, this year would be the last," he stressed.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan, a former Army colonel and a close associate of Enrile in the successful push to oust then President Marcos from power in 1986, also recalled that the US had doled out billions of dollars to countries that hid then terrorist Osama bin Laden.

But he rued that the US only gave the Philippines \$50 million in military aid at that time. Retired military officers also noted that the old US vessels donated to the Philippines were stripped of important equipment.

Asked whether President Duterte knows this unequal treatment by the US on the Philippines, Honasan replied: "Could be, could be."

The downside

Enrile said that "China can be our friend but they have their own strategic interest (as) they need the West Philippine Sea (WPS) where both the Philippines and China are at loggerheads on their divergent territorial claims. The United Nations-backed arbitral tribunal has already ruled in favor of the Philippines.

With a population of 1.3 billion and its only energy producing area is Manchuria, China needs the South China Sea contested by the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries, he said.

Enrile said the WPS has 132 billion barrels of proven crude reserve and 900 trillion cubic feet of natural gas of proven reserve.

Asked whether China is the future and the US the past, Enrile said China "is going to be the past and America is the future."

Where US stands

"America is self-sufficient. It has that body of land and water and ice from Argentina to the Arctic Sea. Self-sufficient, they do not need the world. They are self-contained. They are the most gifted in this planet. They have plenty of waterways, plenty of arable

lands, plenty of agricultural products to feed them, enough population and self-sufficient on energy. There is no country in this planet that can invade them. They can invade any part of the planet. What do we have?" he asked.

China, on the other hand, has a problem, and internally China is not what one perceives it to be, Enrile said.

"China is not a very unified country and the system of integration is military. China's problem is the instability of its financial condition, its aging population due to its one-child policy. China depends on America... it was America that gave them their present economic well-being and it is China that is guarding their foreign trade because they do not have enough Navy. If China disengages from the world, there is a possibility that they will become isolationist again," he added.

"In case of trouble, the weakness of China if somebody put battleships in the Persian Gulf to interdict the flow of oil, China will suffer because 80 percent of their energy comes from that part of the world," he explained.

The military capability of Russia to help, on the other hand, is affected by its being surrounded by water "that will impair its capability to help any country."

Vladivostok, Russia's eastern warm water port, is considered "too distant" from Moscow as a train ride from Vladivostok to Moscow takes 10 days. It is located at China's northeastern quadrant.

"We have to understand that Russia is no longer a Soviet Union, geographically, demographically, and economically," he said.

On seeking friends other than the US, President Duterte should bear in mind that "each of these people has its own obligation. Their latent undisclosed interest must be studied before you try to embrace them and become your friends so that you will not regret in the end."

Enrile warned that "once you play the game of nations, once you are locked in, you cannot disengage just like that without any repercussions."

Medvedev during the (ASEAN) Summit," he said.

The US should "try to give us a little of respect" rather than a reprimand," Duterte said.

"You want to oust me? You want to use the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)? Go ahead!" President Duterte dared the United States last Friday, saying: "What happens to me is really part of my destiny. If I am ousted, then that is part of my presidency."

The Chief Executive, who marked his 100th day in office Friday, made the statement during the Banana Congress 2016 in SMX Convention Center in Davao City.

In his speech, Duterte launched fresh tirades against the US for criticizing his bloody crackdown on illegal drugs instead of helping the government deal with the problem.

He also again mentioned his intention of turning his back on the US in favor of partnership with China and Russia if the country's long-time ally would continue to treat the Philippines like doormat.

But former Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, 92, the Defense minister of the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos, suggested that President Duterte should stick with the United States, its long-time ally, and stop warming up to China and Russia. "China is going to be the past and America is the future."

Enrile comments come in the face of President Duterte's foreign policy shift as well as the Philippines' failure to convince China to respect a United Nations arbitration court decision siding with the Philippines and rejecting the historical basis of China's claim over contested areas in the West Philippine Sea.

He said the Philippines has military agreements with the US. These are the 61-year-old RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT), RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement, and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA).

On Duterte's statement that he has crossed the Rubicon, Enrile said whether passing that line will turn out to be beneficial to the country or a source of danger is addressed to the leader.

"All I can say is that when you innovate and he (Duterte) is innovating, you have to be very, very cautious. It can bring glory or destruction. Whether his innovation will be for the benefit of the country or for its degradation, only the future can tell. Many times in the past, people embrace the bear or the dragon. They could either be eaten by the bear or burned by the dragon. We have to be careful," he added.

The bear represents Russia while the dragon refers to China. The eagle represents the US. All three are military giants.

PH suffering

As Duterte tries to distance himself from the US, he pointed out how the Philippines suffered during World War II because of the Americans.

"We sacrificed for you. You stayed here. You are still doing business here. Nilunokkonalangyan. We suffered during the last Second World War because you were here," he said.

"Had you not been here, we would not have experienced so much destruction in the country. The Battle of Manila - 200,000 Filipinos died because you were here," the President added.

"So these are the things ... do not forget, do not say it was 45 years ago, 60 years ago. In the relation between race and tribes, the past is as valid as the present. Assess yourselves because if you don't, you will lose the Philippines," he said.

Duterte likewise reiterated that the ongoing Amphibious Landing Exercise (Phiblex) would be the last war games between Philippines and US forces.

"The wargames are not a part of EDCA (Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement), mind you. If you don't look at it again, ask your lawyers

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Abus tagged in Sipadan kidnapping captured

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Two Abu Sayyaf bandits, one of them tagged in the kidnapping of 19 foreigners and two Filipinos from a resort in Sipadan, Malaysia in 2000, were arrested on Friday night.

Abdul-latip Talanghati, with aliases of Latip Sihata and Tatang, 64, and Albasrie Talanghati, alias Tagalog and Abu Tarik, yielded explosives and bomb materials, said Chief Superintendent Billy Beltran, Zamboanga peninsula police director.

Beltran said the suspects were collared at a safehouse near the Land Transportation Office in Barangay Sta. Barbara at around 9:30 p.m.

He said a reward of P5.3 million was offered for Abdul-latip's arrest.

The arrest came less than a week after three Abu Sayyaf bandits who planned to disrupt the celebration of the Feast of Pilar and kidnap a businessman in this city were nabbed.

Col. Juvymax Uy, commander of Joint Task Force Zamboanga, said they received text messages regarding the supposed attacks.

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2 ASG bombers nabbed in Zamboanga

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Police arrested two Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) militants in a raid on a village in Zamboanga City on Friday aborting an alleged bomb plot by the group.

The militants – Abdul-Latip Talanghati, 64, alias “Latip Sihata” and Albashrie Talanghati alias ‘Abu Tarik’ – are natives of Luuk town, an Abu Sayyaf stronghold in Sulu.

Seized from the duo were one pound of TNT, detonating cord and time fuse.

Supt. Rogelio Alabata, police regional spokesman, said the arrest on Friday was part of the intensified anti-terror operations following intelligence reports that the Abu Sayyaf was plotting to bomb civilian targets in Zamboanga.

He said Abdulatip was also

tagged as among those involved in the kidnapping of 21 European holidaymakers in a cross-border raid in Sabah, Malaysia in 2000.

Abdulatip has a P5.3-million bounty for his arrest.

Chief Supt. Billy Beltran, regional police chief, commended the policemen for the arrest of the militants that aborted possible bombing or any terror act. He also urged the public to continue supporting the police force by providing information on suspicion persons or unattended baggage in public places.

Recently, three suspected Abu Sayyaf bombers – Jabar Ignohassimand Asde dela Cruz, both of Jolo town and Abdula Yusof of Talipao town were arrested by the police.

Seized from the them three

hand grenades, a caliber .45 pistol and four magazines loaded with bullets; and three rolls of time fuse, two blasting caps and at least a dozen cell phone batteries and two motorcycle.

Police said the suspects were believed to be followers of Abu Sayyaf sub-leader Alhabsy Misaya, whose group was tagged as behind the spate of terrorism in Sulu and ransom kidnappings in Sabah.

The arrest of the trio coincided with celebration of the month-long Hermosa Festival in the city. Mayor Beng Climaco has appealed to all hotel owners here to ensure an efficient and effective profiling of guests to help authorities in its anti-crime and anti-terrorism efforts.

Climaco said the profiling of hotel guests should be done all year round. Two pension houses were previously bombed in Zamboanga City.

In October 2011, at least 11 people were killed in a bomb explosion that ripped through a room inside the Red Palm Pension House and at a cockfighting arena during the Hermosa Festival.

The following month, a powerful explosion also destroyed the second floor of the two-storey Atilano Pension House that killed three and wounded more than two dozens people. Police said they traced evidence of TNT from one of the rooms of the pension house, but no group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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Soldiers donate blood in Maguindanao

From the Philippine Star (Oct 7):



Major Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. of the Army's 6th Infantry Division was the first to donate blood during their blood-letting activity in Camp Siongco last Thursday. [Philstar.com/John Unson](http://Philstar.com/JohnUnson)

Many of them were wounded painfully in action but Thursday's bloody ordeal was different, something they are ready to do again so that lives on the line and in pain with their plasma they can help regain.

Close to 200 members of the Army's 6th Infantry Division (ID), led by Major Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., donated blood during a bloodletting activity at their hospital in Camp Siongco in Datu Odin town on Thursday as a kickoff event for the week-long commemoration of 6th ID's founding anniversary this month.

Galvez and his deputy, Brig. Gen. Felimon Santos, were the first to submit for plasma extraction by experts, in the presence of their subordinates, among them enlisted soldiers, who saw action in many engagements with enemy forces in central Mindanao in years past.

Galvez said the activity was just one of the humanitarian projects they have lined up for the next six months, diplomatic maneuvers meant to sustain the fragile peace now spreading around the 6th ID's area of responsibility (AOR).

The AOR of 6th ID covers the cities of Cotabato and Tacurong, and the provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and several towns in Lanao del Sur.

Some of the soldiers who donated blood on Thursday are Muslims, who are actively involved in current peace-building projects of 6th ID in Maguindanao, a known bastion of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Galvez said they are also keen on embarking diplomatic engagements with local MILF commanders to complement the cordiality of Malacañang's peace overture with the group.

There has not been a single Army-MILF encounter in the provinces under 6th ID since late 2010, a feat peace advocacy groups attribute to the religious compliance by both sides with the interim ceasefire accord crafted in July 1997 by government and rebel negotiators.

Galvez had served as chairman of the government's Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities, which deals with a counterpart panel in the MILF, prior to his assumption last September 12 as commander of 6th ID.

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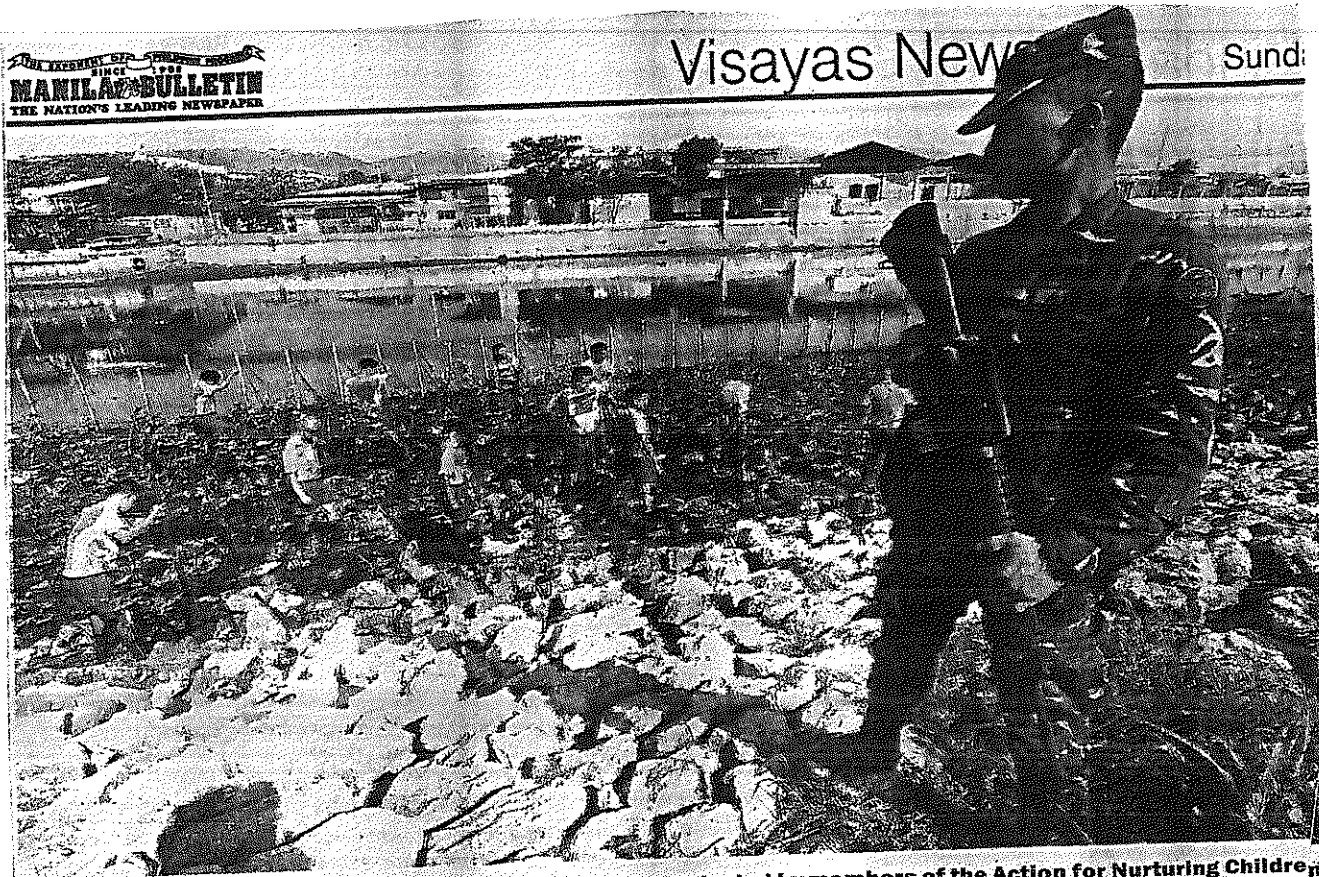
Filipino and American troops in amphibious landing exercise in San Antonio, Zambales.

— NIÑO JESUS ORBETA

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COASTAL FOREST – Thousands of mangrove seedlings were planted by members of the Action for Nurturing Children and Environment, assisted by men of the 7th Forward, Service Support, Army Support Command along the coast in Barangay Mambaling, Cebu City. The aim is to rebuild nursery areas for fish, maintain water quality and clarity, filter pollutants and trap sediments from land-based sources. (Juan Carlo de Vela)

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CLOSE WATCH – Troopers from the Philippine Army's 37th Infantry Battalion troopers inspect vehicles leaving and entering Cotabato City in a bid to maintain peace and order in the area. (Keith Bacongco)

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**'JOHN' AND
'JUAN' – A
Philippine Marine
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might be the
last war games
between the
Philippines
and the United
States based
on President
Duterte's recent
pronouncements.
(Jansen Romero)**



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No lifting yet of state of emergency

President Duterte has no plans to lift the state of emergency due to violent lawlessness prompted by the bombing at a night market in Davao City last Sept. 2, Malacañang said yesterday.

"As of now, there is no official word," said presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella when asked if the arrest of three suspects in the bombing would make Duterte lift the proclamation.

The defense department on Friday presented before the media three suspects in the Sept. 2 bombing, declaring the case closed.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the suspects are

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members of the Maute group, a small and relatively new militant group based in Lanao del Sur that wants to align itself with the Islamic State (IS).

One of the suspects planted the bomb near a busy night market while another called the cellular phone attached to the explosive device to trigger the explosion.

The third one documented the incident on his cellular phone, shouting "Allahu akbar" before the blast that killed 15 people and wounded 69 others.

Malacañang then issued Proclamation 55, which declared the state of national emergency on the account of lawless violence in Mindanao.

Duterte signed the proclamation order before he attended the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Laos last month.

Duterte directed the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police to undertake measures to suppress all forms of lawless violence in Mindanao, and to prevent it from spreading across the Philippines.

The proclamation shall remain in effect until lifted or withdrawn by the President, the proclamation read.

The declaration cited that there has been a spate of violence and lawless acts across Mindanao including kidnappings, hostage-takings and murder of civilians, bombing of power transmission facilities and attacks on military outposts.

Suspects to file counter-affidavits

The suspected bombers would submit on Wednesday their counter-affidavit on the illegal possession of firearms and explosives case filed against them before the Department of Justice.

The suspects will continue to be detained at the Philippine Army headquarters in Taguig City, said Public Attorney's Office lawyer Mario Dionisio Jr., one of three counsels representing alleged bombers TJ Tagadaya Macalabang, Wendel Apostol Facturan and Musali Mustapha.

The criminal case filed against the suspects would be subjected to a regular preliminary investigation.

'No to terrorism'

In Davao City, presidential daughter and Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio yesterday said people should not give in to terrorism.

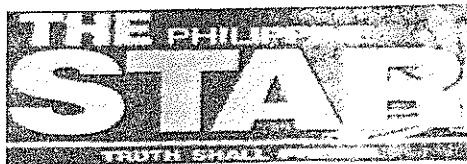
"The arrest of the suspected perpetrators of the bombing in Davao City is a welcome development," the mayor said.

Duterte-Carpio said the development is commendable as authorities vowed to expeditiously give justice to the victims of the blast.

"It is, however, important for us to remember that the arrest must ultimately lead us to the dismantling of terror groups in our midst or result in the failure of more senseless acts of violence and extremism," she said.

"We also need to remember that this does not end our desire to give justice to the victims and those whose lives were forever changed by that horrendous act of terrorism," she added. – Christina Mendez, Evelyn Macairan, Edith Regalado

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US military pulls out equipment in Zambo

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – US military units deployed here have begun pulling out some of their equipment, including transport vehicles.

The aviation security police confirmed the arrival of the US C-17 transport plane at the Zamboanga International Airport on Tuesday that picked up some service vehicles and equipment of the American troops.

Police Aviation Security Group chief Senior Insp. Roderick Salem

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said American security personnel have been securing the cargoes and service vehicles near the control tower and loaded it on the C-17 Globe Master which immediately flew out.

Salem said the US military coordinated the arrival of the transport plane with the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP). However, it did not specify the schedule for security reasons.

Officials from the military's Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) declined to comment on the reported pull-out of the equipment. The US embassy in Manila also did not issue a statement.

The US military under the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P) ended its mission last February 2015 and pulled out its troops who were deployed on rotation basis for 13 years, providing technical assistance and training to their Filipino counterparts.

However, the US military retained some of its personnel on liaison basis while leaving some service and equipment.

Earlier this month, President Duterte said he wants US military forces out of Mindanao and blamed America for inflaming local Muslim insurgencies in the region.

Duterte also said he would not allow government forces to conduct joint patrols of disputed waters near the South China Sea with foreign powers, apparently scrapping a deal reached with the US military earlier this year.

Diplomatic style

Duterte has had an uneasy relationship with the United

States since he won the presidential election in May. He said he is charting a foreign policy not dependent on the US, and has taken steps to revive ties with China, which had been strained over longstanding territorial conflicts in the South China Sea.

Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez expressed support for Duterte's independent foreign policy stance.

He said previous administrations had adhered to the policies of western countries, particularly the US and members of the European Union.

"And now for the first time, we are seeing that the President is pursuing our national interest. Maybe we are not just getting used to it," Alvarez said.

He added the conduct of foreign policy is the prerogative of the President "and so the particular style of diplomacy of President Duterte should be respected."

"Diplomacy is a matter of style of the leader. So the administration should follow his style of diplomacy," he said.

Alvarez pointed out that countries that want to withhold or impose conditions on their aid to the Philippines as an offshoot of Duterte's rhetoric and the administration's bloody anti-drug campaign could do so.

He said it's time "we assert our country's sovereignty and avoid over-reliance on foreign aid."

Alvarez expressed confidence that the government could still provide the necessary services to the people and pursue its development programs even with little or no foreign assistance.

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No amnesty, no ceasefire – Joma

By **ROCKY NAZARENO**

OSLO, Norway – Peace negotiations between the government of the Philippines (GPH) and National Democratic Front (NDF) encountered rough waters Friday, as both parties tried to vigorously advance their conflicting stands on the release of political prisoners, a permanent general ceasefire, and the adoption of social and economic reforms.

“No amnesty (for the political prisoners), no ceasefire,” declared ► **19**

NDF Senior Political Adviser Jose Maria Sison as he insisted on a more firm commitment from the government that the more than 400 detainees will be released with the grant of amnesty.

Sison's remarks came after the NDF was not satisfied with the status report given by the GPH on the amnesty proclamation and releases of the political prisoners.

Newly installed NDF Peace Panel

Chairman Fidel Agcaoili also reminded the GPH panel that in his May 16, 2016 meeting with then Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, the soon-to-be president had stated that "granting amnesty would be the most effective method in releasing (detained NDF consultants), the sick, elderly, women, and long-term detainees for humanitarian reasons, and all the political prisoners."

"I am mentioning this in order to clarify that the proffered amnesty proclamation pertains to the political prisoners, and not to a general amnesty that is mutually extended to the forces of both parties in the final settlement of an armed conflict," said Agcaoili, who took over from 81-year-old Luis Jalandoni, whose retirement was announced before this second round of talks started Thursday.

Sison pointed out that they "were not asking more than what they heard."

The founding chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) also underscored that the release of the political prisoners was "a significant concession" for the NDF to agree to a ceasefire.

"Kaliwaan. This should be give and take," Sison maintained.

Otherwise, he proposed that while the two camps continue to talk peace, "we can go on with the fighting."

GPH Peace Panel Chairman Silvestre Bello III said the government position was to schedule all the releases after the peace deal with the NDF is signed.

"We all want these prisoners released. They have to trust us on that," said Bello.

The talks also hit a snag late Friday when Julie de Lima, chairperson of the NDF's Reciprocal Working Committee on Social and Economic Reforms (RCW-SER), said that talks at her committee level could "face delay due to differences on outline."

"For the NDF, the outline should be based on addressing the roots of the armed conflict, while the GRP wants an outcome-based outline," said De Lima, who is also Sison's spouse.

She said the NDF side has already given to its GPH counterpart a "comprehensive draft that includes agrarian reform, national industrialization, environmental protection, rights of the working people, foreign economic and trade relations, and monetary and fiscal policies."

But De Lima said the GPH "requested for a postponement of discussions for them to elaborate on their nine-point outcomes-based proposal."

The GPH side swiftly moved in to remedy the impasse, with Peace Panel member Hernani Braganza saying that his committee has worked overtime Friday to elaborate on the nine-point outline that was given to the NDF.

"We want the outcomes spelled out in CASER (Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms) because we do not want to limit the discussions only on the root causes of poverty. We also want exhaustive discussions on how we, the GRP, and the NDF, can agree on a shared view of the future for the Philippines," Braganza said.

As such, he said the GRP remains committed to signing the CASER within the first year of President Duterte's term.

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Lorenzana: New arms sources not that simple

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines may face operability issues if it pursues President Rodrigo Duterte's plan to procure arms from Russia and China instead of the United States, according to Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana.

"I think it will be a problem, if we decide to procure military equipment from Russia or China," Lorenzana said.

"If just firearms, it's easy to operate. But if sophisticated equipment, there we will have a problem because sometimes the technology [is] not the same. But we will find out if our end users can use it here," he said, explaining

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that the US equipment currently operated by the Philippines may not be compatible with different foreign technology.

"The end user on the ground, the cutting edge of the military...

should decide what would be bought," Lorenzana added.

For one, the ammunition that China and Russia can provide are not compatible with the firearms of the AFP, he said.

Lorenzana said he has been instructed by Duterte to see "what's best" in terms of buying arms from China and Russia.

"The President is also [keen] on getting some equipment from China and/or Russia. He gave me instructions to visit these countries in the near future to check out what they are offering to us," he said.

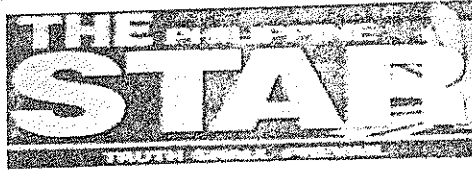
Despite interoperability issues with China and Russia, the defense chief said that the country can also

buy missiles from other countries like Germany, Israel, South Korea and France.

"Many ambassadors have come to me offering a lot of equipment. I see this as a healthy development with our relationship with other countries. They are offering to sell to us," Lorenzana added.

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No achievement seen in Rody's first 100 days – Trillanes

By MARVIN SY

Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, a staunch critic of President Duterte, claimed that his administration has failed on all fronts of governance in its first 100 days.

Trillanes told radio station *dutZ* that he does not see anything that could be considered as an achievement by the current administration.

On the economic front, Trillanes said that investors have started to get out of the country, companies have shut down, people are selling Phil-

ippine stocks and the peso is weakening.

Trillanes said that a significant part of the jitters is due to the negative statements being made by the President regarding the United States.

He said the administration also failed miserably in its efforts to go after corruption when it paved the way for the release of former president and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who, according to the senator, is the

symbol of corruption.

When it comes to peace and order, Trillanes said that the administration has just maintained the status quo at best.

However, he said that this could potentially go downhill with the way the government is dealing with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) in the ongoing peace negotiations.

Trillanes pointed out that the New People's Army, the armed wing of the CPP, was already considered a spent

force before the Duterte administration took over.

But now that some of the CPP's key figures have been given key positions in government, he said that the NPA could benefit from a newfound source of funds.

The traffic situation in Metro Manila and other major urban areas such as Cebu has remained unresolved and has even worsened under the current administration.

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appears that the President and his men are just good at making promises that they could not fulfill.

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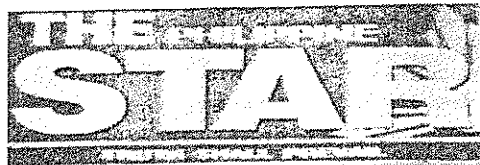
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Militants hail Duterte's peace, social justice programs

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – Unlike his predecessors, President Duterte amassed praises yesterday from militant groups on his first 100 days in office.

In Cagayan de Oro, thousands of farmers and tribal people held a march-rally yesterday, not to lambast the administration, but to express support for the President, particularly on his "peace initiatives, national sovereignty and social justice programs."

The Northern Mindanao chapter of militant group Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and indigenous group Kalumbay spearheaded the Cagayan de Oro mass action.

In Manila, about as many rallyists thronged to the US embassy also yesterday to laud the Duterte government's "pro-people" programs in its first 100 days and at the same time call for American forces' complete pullout from the Philippines.

At the same time, migrant group Migrante International gave Duterte a satisfactory grade of 84 percent for his "notable achievements on national and people's issues."

It was the highest score the group has ever given to a president in the first 100 days in office, said Migrante acting secretary general Mic Catuira.

Leaders of the march-rally in Mindanao cited Duterte's assertion of national sovereignty, independent foreign

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policy countering American intervention and the renewed peace talks with left-leaning National Democratic Front of the Philippines as the President's top achievements so far.

They also lauded the appointments of their progressive allies to Cabinet posts, such as in the Departments of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Labor and Agrarian Reform, National Anti-Poverty Commission and the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor.

The militant groups also welcomed the distribution of 358 hectares of land at Hacienda Luisita and a nationwide freeze in land conversion as ordered by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Commis-

sion, as well as the suspension of companies engaged in destructive mining operations.

They also praised DSWD's memorandum circular that upheld the Supreme Court's ruling against pork barrel funds for congressmen, giving DSWD the final say in determining the kind of assistance to be given to requests endorsed by lawmakers.

The south-based militant groups added they would join in the celebration of National Peasants Month and the send-off of 300 tribal and Moro leaders from Northern Mindanao, who will embark on a one-month trek to Malacañang in Manila to call attention to their plight as "marginalized

and oppressed" sectors.

Dubbing the trek as "Lakbayan ng Pambansang Minorya para sa Sariling Pagpapasya at Makatarungang Kapayapaan," they said the trekkers would travel to Manila from Oct. 13 to 28.

Kalumbay regional chairman Datu Jomorito Goaynon called on the Duterte government to "put an end to the militarization and plunder of (their) lands and territories."

In a statement, Goaynon expressed support for the government's "positive actions" toward upholding the rights of national minorities, calling for the ouster of US troops and installations in the country and the pursuit of talks with the NDF and the Moro revolutionary groups.

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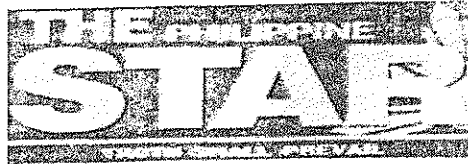
In Manila, leftist groups Bayan and Kilusang Mayo Uno also called for US forces' pullout from the Philippines in a rally in front of the US embassy.

Carrying placards that said "US troops out now!" and "Fight for national sovereignty," the demonstrators were mostly farmers and contractual workers.

In a statement, KMU called on President Duterte to issue an executive order to terminate the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), which "has allowed the US to reoccupy the Philippines by increasing troop development and establishment of their permanent bases in the country."

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Disagreements on social, economic reforms delay gov't-NDF talks

By DING CERVANTES

CLARK FREEPORT, Pampanga—Discussions on social and economic reforms during the peace talks between the Philippine government and communist rebels was delayed Friday after their respective reciprocal working committees differed on the

agreement outline.

"While both parties agreed to adopt the preamble and declaration of principles of the NDFP draft, the government peace panel wants the 'bases, scope and applicability' to be deferred until they have exchanged a

more detailed outline," said Julie de Lima, chair of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP)'s reciprocal working committee on social and economic reforms.

"The government peace

panel requested to postpone discussions on the CASER (Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms) for them to elaborate on their nine-point outcome-based proposal," De Lima said.

For the NDFP, De Lima

said the outline should be based on "addressing the root of the armed conflict while the government panel wants an outcome-based outline."

"We have exchanged with the government peace panel an outline of a comprehensive

draft on social and economic reforms that includes agrarian reform, national industrialization, environmental protection, rights of the working people, foreign economic and trade relations, and monetary and fiscal policies," she said.

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"We also welcome the government's acceptance of the NDFP draft as the working draft of the discussions on social and economic reforms."

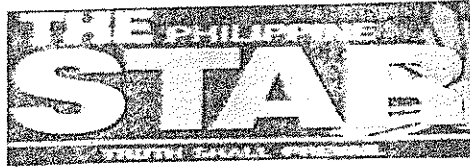
The NDFP refused to include in the outline nine major outcomes that the government panel wanted spelled out in the CASER.

These outcomes are poverty eradication, environment and climate justice, globally competitive economy, adequate and quality social services, reduced inequalities,

peaceful rural communities, food security, living incomes, and gender equality and representation.

"We want the outcomes spelled out in CASER because we do not want to limit the discussions only on the root causes of poverty. — With Edith Regalado, Jose Rodel Clapano

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Rody set to commission PCG's first multi-role response vessel

President Duterte is set to commission the newly built 44-meter vessel *MRRV Tubbataha* of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Wednesday.

PCG spokesman Commander Armand Balilo yesterday said Coast Guard commandant Rear Admiral William Melad is still deciding on where to send the multi-role

response vessel, either to the West Philippine Sea or to Sulu.

The PCG has renewed its patrol at the West Philippine Sea, which is also being claimed by China.

Chinese coast guard ships have long been patrolling the West Philippine Sea and have prevented Filipino fishermen from operating in the area,

adding to tensions between the two countries.

Additional maritime patrol is needed in Sulu as a preventive effort against kidnapping, smuggling and other illegal activities.

Balilo said that it is part of maritime tradition for the President to commission a

By EVELYN MACAIRAN

new ship because it is a vessel of service.

He explained that just like the appointed Coast Guard officials who are commissioned by the President, this is the same case with the ship. "The ship is also like a soldier that is being sent out to fight, to serve the country," he explained.

The Philippine Navy also practices this maritime tradition.

Balilo admitted that there are instances when the chief executive had not been available to commission a new Coast Guard ship, so the task is delegated to the secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

The *Tubbataha* is the first of the 10 Parola Class ships of the PCG that would be arriving in the country until 2018 from Japan.

The second patrol ship would be the *MRRV Malabrigo* that was named after a lighthouse in Lobo, Batangas. The vessel is expected to arrive in December.

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A sense of Wanda: From UP to NPA

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When everyone was asleep, Wendell walked to the waterfall. He laid down his weapon, shed his clothes and took a dip in the rock pool.

He would later tell a friend a secret—that he would sometimes swim naked at night, float on his back and stare at the dark sky, “mesmerized by the light of the moon.”

Could he have imagined, while he was still living in Manila as a university graduate, that he would end up living deep in the rainforests of southern Mindanao? Living—and dying? On July 23, he died in a firefight with the military; he was 30.

Communing with nature was only one part of Wendell Gumban's life in the countryside. Most of his time was spent hiking to far-flung barrios to teach the *lumad*, the indigenous people of Mindanao, how to plant rice and vegetables, how to read and write.

The middle child of a middle-class couple, the University of the Philippines (UP) graduate and Philippine Collegian managing editor was invariably described by friends and acquaintances as intelligent, hardworking and brilliant.

To his parents, he was Weng, simple and “kind but (inconceivably) brave.”

To his friends, he was Wanda or Shala, the student leader who defied stereotypes.

To the *lumad*, he was Ka Waquin, who left the comforts of the city to live with them. Bespectacled, lanky and fair-skinned, he was not your typical *tibak* (activist).

He was Weng, Wanda, Waquin. UP graduate. Gay. New People's Army (NPA) rebel.

Return to Mindanao

It was 2010. He had just graduated from UP with a tourism degree and companies were calling to recruit him. But returning from a monthlong volunteer project with foreign observers in southern Mindanao, Wendell told his parents, Nestor and Edna, that he wanted to return to the region. This time as a Red fighter.

“*Mamundok na siya talaga* (He was going underground),” Nestor said. Wendell's parents understood what he fought for as a student and an activist, but they did not expect him to join the NPA.

In the mountains of southern Mindanao, Wendell would be reunited with Ka Ben, an old acquaintance from Manila.

Ka Ben posted a letter on the website Pinoy Weekly recalling his time with Wendell. He experienced “extreme culture shock” when he moved to Mindanao, Ka Ben said. He found himself in an encampment literally sunk in mud, with comrades

who had difficulty communicating with him. It was Wendell, who by then had taken the name Ka Waquin, who helped him adjust.

'Waquin'

One time, Ka Ben asked him about the name "Waquin." Wendell replied: "Oh, it means 'Wak-Wak Queen!'"

"Wendell the Wak-Wak Queen of Mt. Diwata!" Ka Ben wrote.

Even in the mountains, Wendell did not lose his love for gowns and flowers. Once he was assigned to organize a wedding for a rebel couple.

"This was a task that he relished and took very seriously. He made beautiful bouquets of flowers found in the forest, and decorated the whole camp," Ka Ben said.

The camp was surprised, however, when he wore a sarong as a mini-skirt one day.

"We did not want to stop him from expressing himself. But most of us were relieved that the mini-skirt was worn for just that one day, and replaced with the more conventional hiking shorts and *botas* (boots) the next. Anyone who had seen his chicken legs will understand why," Ka Ben wrote.

It was to Ka Ben that Wendell shared his secret skinny-dipping experience at the waterfall.

Guerilla Front 25, where they belonged, was in the

mountainous boundary of Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley.

"Visually, it was beautiful," Ka Ben said. "We would march through small villages and venture up impossibly high mountains, with waterfalls and the sounds of the forest all around us. It was physically challenging, but good for the soul."

He said Wendell took his role as an educator seriously, especially after realizing that the lumad were used to having the NPA around.

This was the opposite of people in the cities, Ka Ben said, who find the revolution "very abstract."

And while they were happy that the lumad considered them part of their daily lives, the lumad did not care about the NPA's goal of overthrowing "a very distant reactionary state."

"Waquin saw the importance of his task as an educator in raising their consciousness on the long-term gains of the revolution and not to be content with just the here and now," Ka Ben said.

From time to time, Wendell would message his parents and assure them that he was safe. For their part, they would try to convince him to return to Manila and work for cause-oriented groups instead.

In 2013, the couple finally decided to visit him; it was their chance to see how his life was in the mountains, to check if he



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Ka Ben

Wendell's comrade

was well. Their youngest had only one request: Bring her *kuya* (elder brother) home.

The experience was an eye-opener for Nestor and Edna.

Political instructor

The lumad community they went to was truly remote. From the highway, they rode a motorcycle for almost four hours and had to hike uphill for another two.

In that village, the NPA served as the community's school and court.

"That's where we saw the people's love for Wendell. He was well-loved and respected by the farmers, lumad and his comrades," Nestor said.

The rebels would wake up at 4 a.m. and would hold meetings three times a day. Wendell, who by then had already been promoted to political instructor, would usually conduct training sessions.

They had trainings on organic farming; they also went on medical missions.

The couple said they were surprised to see the NPA providing circumcision, reflexology and acupuncture services.

Organic farming

Edna said organic farming was especially valuable to the lumad whose traditional source of income was abaca.

"*Hindi sila marunong mag-tanim. So gutom sila lagi* (They do not know how to plant. So they're always hungry)," she said, adding that many were also illiterate and would be duped by companies into selling their land for just a few sacks of rice.

Wendell studied the language of the lumad so he could teach them how to read and count.

Edna said Wendell's NPA unit was also able to set up a rice mill in one of the villages.

When there was a land dispute, the NPA court would settle it. This was a faster option for the residents who had difficulty going to the town proper and knew how slow the judicial system was, Nestor said.

Still, after seeing how difficult life was in the mountains,

they asked him to return to Manila.

"*Wala silang suweldo doon sa bundok. Alam mo naman ang pagkain doon, morning, noon, evening gulay doon* (They didn't have any salary and their food were vegetables morning, noon and evening)," Nestor said. In the five days he and Edna stayed there, they were able to eat fish only once—and that was because somebody bought it at the market.

There were no toilets in the village, and the source of water was a spring, which was far from their camp.

But Wendell refused to leave. "*Daddy, marami pa akong gagawin dito* (I still have a lot to do here)," Nestor recalls his son telling him.

On July 23, Wendell's unit figured in an encounter with the military, forcing them to retreat. He was shot once in the body, but not before another comrade shielded him from the volley of gunfire coming from government troops.

Ka Glen, the lumad fighter who attempted to save him, died from multiple gunshot wounds.

An NPA commander later told Edna that they wanted to carry Wendell with them but he had insisted that they leave him behind because he was already fatally injured.

Edna said they knew something was wrong when an old colleague of Wendell's asked to meet with them on July 27, her birthday. They met in a restaurant and were given the runaround for 30 minutes before finally learning of his death.

At that time, no one knew what had exactly happened.

Wendell's parents arrived in Davao to discover that farmers were guarding their son's remains in the morgue after the military refused to cooperate.

Edna said the autopsy revealed that the bullet that hit Wendell failed to exit, breaking his ribs and injuring his lungs in the process.

Despite accepting his son's decision and understanding what had happened, Nestor said he could not help but cry. "I still cry—five or six times each day," he told the Inquirer, a week after Wendell's death.

"If you ask me how he died, I will tell you how he lived," the father said of his son. IN

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OSLO PEACE TALKS: NDF wants release of 409 political prisoners; govt seeks lasting ceasefire

From the Manila Bulletin (Oct 8): OSLO PEACE TALKS: NDF wants release of 409 political prisoners; govt seeks lasting ceasefire

OSLO, Norway – Lines were drawn right at the start of the second round of the peace negotiations between the National Democratic Front (NDF) and the Philippine Government (GRP) Thursday night, with the communist group asking for the immediate release of 409 political prisoners and the latter seeking a joint and lasting ceasefire agreement.



(Manila Bulletin file photo by Rocky Nazareno)

"My opening statement focuses on the issue of the release of all political prisoners," said newly installed NDF peace panel chairman Fidel Agcaoili.

Agcaoili replaced former chairman Luis Jalandoni who, at 81, sought to retire from the talks. Jalandoni averred that President Duterte had, on May 16, offered to him the release of all political prisoners through amnesty.

As a consequence, Agcaoili underscored that "granting amnesty" would be the most effective method of release, but only to the "sick, elderly, women, and long-term detainees for humanitarian reasons."

He also said the amnesty declaration the NDF was asking for did not pertain to a general assembly extended to the New People's Army (NPA).

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Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza said that the government, for its part, wanted to a general and more permanent ceasefire to be agreed upon in the talks.

"This can only be done if we are able to agree on the more substantive issues of social and economic reforms. These are the more contentious issues and we expect humps and bumps during the negotiations," Dureza said.

As it is, the GRP and NDF have declared unilateral ceasefires in August, or at the start of the resumption of these talks. Since then, both sides noted that there have been no substantial violations of the truce.

"The significant impact of the indefinite ceasefire declared by the parties cannot be overemphasized, including the confidence of our peace constituency on the peace process. We note that the ceasefire is holding until this day, with no major violations reported by either party. This is an unparalleled achievement of the table, which should inspire us to advance the negotiations," said GRP peace panel chairman Silvestre Bello III.

He also assured the NDF that a draft amnesty proclamation for the 400 political prisoners was already ready, and that it was only a matter of endorsing this to President Duterte.

According to a source, there were some tense moments at the start of the second round of talks which were held closed doors after the ceremonial opening, with the NDF insisting on the amnesty for the political detainees, and the GRP firm on forging a bilateral ceasefire.

"Somehow, there was a conflict because it became a matter of quid pro quo. And yet, not one would budge. The NDF wanted their people freed before any ceasefire agreement could be reached, but the government said that any amnesty could only be issued after the signing of a peace agreement," the source added.

But heading into the close of that first session of talks, the source said "things were ironed out and both sides agreed to temper their demands from each other.

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Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday, October 7, dared the United States' CIA spy agency to try and oust him, as he branded Western critics of his deadly crime war "animals" and vowed many more killings.

In two fiery speeches to mark his 100 days in office, Duterte repeatedly raised the prospect of local or foreign opponents seeking to remove him from power in an effort to stop the violence.

But he insisted he would not be intimidated and that his campaign against drugs, in which an average of more than 33 people a day are being killed, would not end.

"You want to oust me? You want to use the CIA? Go ahead," Duterte said in a speech in his southern home town of Davao city, referring to the Central Intelligence Agency, while railing against US President Barack Obama and other critics.

Last month Duterte accused the CIA of plotting to kill him, but gave no specifics.

Also on Friday he referred to a local newspaper columnist who warned a "People Power" movement could form to try and topple Duterte, using the term coined for the revolution that overthrew dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986.

"Be my guest. I don't give a shit," he said.

"I'll be ousted? Fine. (If so) it's part of my destiny. Destiny carries so many things. If I die, that's part of my destiny. Presidents get assassinated."

Duterte was elected in a landslide this year mainly on a pledge to eradicate illegal drugs in society by killing tens of thousands of people.

Since taking office on June 30, police have killed 1,523 people and 1,838 others have died in unexplained circumstances, according to official figures.

A poll released this week showed Filipinos overwhelmingly approved of Duterte's first 100 days as president.

But rights groups have warned extrajudicial killings are out of control, with shadowy assassins murdering drug addicts, traffickers, petty criminals and opponents of powerful figures.

Duterte insists police are only killing in self-defense and the unexplained deaths are mainly due to drug gangs suddenly fighting each other.

Duterte fuelled international concerns last week when he said he was "happy to slaughter" 3 million drug addicts, as he likened his campaign to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's efforts to exterminate Jews.

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He later apologized for the Hitler reference, but said he was "emphatic" about wanting to kill millions of addicts.

On Friday, Duterte again promised there would be no let-up.

"The drug campaign will not end. It will result in so many deaths and I do not apologize for it," he said in Davao.

In a barrage of separate tirades against his Western critics, Duterte told them not to think they were smarter than him and he would be prepared with many counter questions if they interrogated him.

"If they are unable to answer, son of a whore, go home, you animal. I will kick you now. Do not piss me off. It cannot be that they are brighter than me, believe me," he said.

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