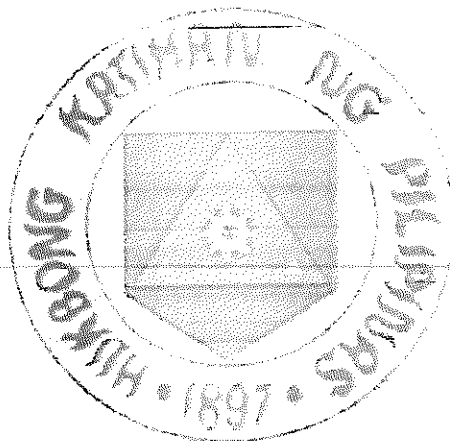


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(As of 5:00 AM - October 9, 2016)

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BAGUIO CITY	16 - 23 °C
SBMA/CLARK	24 - 31 °C
METRO MANILA	24 - 33 °C
TAGAYTAY CITY	21 - 30 °C
LEGAZPI CITY	25 - 33 °C
ILOILO/BACOLOD CITY	25 - 33 °C
TACLOBAN CITY	26 - 33 °C
METRO CEBU	25 - 33 °C
CAGAYAN DE ORO	24 - 33 °C
ZAMBOANGA CITY	24 - 33 °C
METRO DAVAO	25 - 33 °C
PUERTO PRINCESA	26 - 32 °C

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MOONRISE	MOONSET
1:00 PM	11:55 PM
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LOW TIDE	HIGH TIDE
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LADAG	25 - 32 °C	24 - 32 °C	PUERTO PRINCESA	25 - 33 °C	25 - 33 °C
BAGUIO	16 - 24 °C	17 - 25 °C	ILOILO/BACOLOD	26 - 34 °C	25 - 34 °C
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# PH TO ATTRACT CHINESE MONEY

**With strong economic growth, more foreign exchange reserves than foreign debt, strong banks and a young, well-educated population, the Philippines is in a "golden moment" for luring foreign direct investment**

On the sidelines of the annual World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez said that encouraging Chinese investments into the Philippines was a top priority of President Duterte's visit to Beijing on Oct. 19-21.

Up for discussion in the President's visit to China is the potential Chinese investment in a new railway linking Manila with southern Luzon, power

grids and other projects.

These investments could come through Beijing's new multilateral development lender, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), but the Philippine Congress has to ratify membership in AIIB.

Mr. Duterte would discuss "areas of mutual interest" with Chinese leaders without making them "lose face" over an international tribunal ruling against China's claims in the South China Sea.

With its strong economic fundamentals, the country could get over "bumps in the road" arising from Mr. Duterte's tirades against the United States, and the war on drug cartels that has claimed at least 3,800 lives, and has raised concerns from the Washington, United Nations and European Union.

Dominguez said the US-Philippine relationship remained "rock solid" due to longstanding family and business links.

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**FROM A1** WASHINGTON— President Duterte will seek billions of dollars in infrastructure investments from China in the coming months as Manila seeks to alter its relationship with Beijing, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez said on Saturday.

Dominguez dismissed concerns over the Philippine investment climate raised by Mr. Duterte's blunt anti-US statements and a war on illegal drugs that has left thousands of suspected addicts dead.

He described Mr. Duterte's recent comments telling US President Barack Obama to "go to hell," as a "bump in the road" in a century-long relationship with the United States that maintains deep business and family ties.

#### 'Golden moment'

"There are headlines and there are fundamentals. The fundamentals of the Philippines are rock solid," Dominguez said in an interview with Reuters on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank meetings here.

With strong economic growth estimated by the IMF at 6.4 percent in 2016 and 6.7 percent in 2017, more foreign exchange reserves than foreign debt, strong banks and a young, relatively well-educated population, the finance secretary said the Philippines was in a "golden moment" for attracting foreign direct investment.

But Standard and Poor's (S&P) said last month that the Philippines was unlikely to get a rating upgrade in the next two years because of Mr. Duterte's unpredictability and uncertainty over his domestic and foreign policies.

#### Reducing poverty

Dominguez earlier said that the Duterte administration was more concerned with reducing the country's poverty incidence than getting a rating upgrade.

The administration seeks to reduce poverty incidence to 17 percent by 2022 from the current 26 percent.

Mr. Duterte's crackdown on illegal drugs, core to a colorful election campaign likened to that of US presidential candidate Donald Trump, has claimed more than 3,800 lives since his June 30 inauguration.

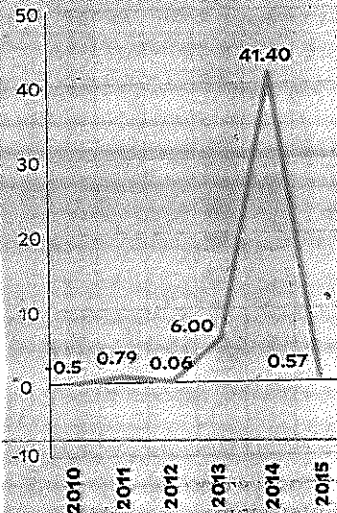
The high death toll and mysterious circumstances of many killings have alarmed



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**Carlos Dominguez**  
Finance secretary

#### NET FDI FROM CHINA (IN MILLION US\$)



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rights groups, the United States, United Nations and European Union.

"We believe this could undermine respect for the rule of law and human rights, through the direct challenges it presents to the legitimacy of the judiciary, media and other democratic institutions," S&P said.

On Tuesday, Mr. Duterte said Obama could "go to hell" over refused arms sales and said that one day he would "break up with America" and align the Philippines more closely with China and Russia instead.

Dominguez said the US-

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Philippine relationship remained "rock solid" due to longstanding family and business links.

"Now and then you have a spat with your partner, your friend, your wife. I think we will overcome those," Dominguez said. "It's a temporary thing, I think it's time to press the reset button here."

#### **China visit**

When Mr. Duterte visits Beijing for the first time on Oct. 19-21, he will discuss the potential for Chinese investment in a new railway linking Manila with southern Luzon, power grids and other projects.

Dominguez said these projects would cost tens of billions of dollars.

The overtures will follow July's ruling by an international tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, against most of China's claims to South China Sea reefs and islets that are also claimed by the Philippines.

"We are going to discuss with them areas of mutual interest, but probably not enflame or not make them lose face over the arbitral decision," Dominguez said.

"They are still our neighbors and we still want to have good relations with them," he added.

Dominguez said that one avenue for Chinese investments could come through Beijing's new multilateral development lender, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), adding that he hoped that the Philippine Congress would ratify the country's AIIB membership in coming weeks.

#### **Looking for best deal**

With the Philippine share of infrastructure spending to gross domestic product expected to rise to over 7 percent in the coming years from 5.4 percent planned for next year, Dominguez said he would be "looking for the best deal."

"Our plan is to split the borrowings 80 to 20 percent in favor of the domestic market," he said.

Dominguez said he expected some capital outflows from the Philippines when the Federal Reserve resumed interest rate increases, which many believe is likely to begin in December.

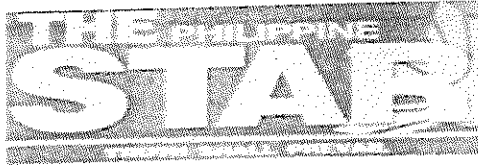
He said the country's financial system was well-prepared for the Fed's move, with strong, well-capitalized banks and a lot of liquidity in its markets and government coffers.

—REUTERS

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# 30 show biz celebs monitored for drugs

By CECILLE SUERTE FELIPE  
and NON ALQUITRAN

**At least 30 entertainment celebrities believed hooked on illegal drugs are being monitored by the Philippine National Police (PNP), it was learned yesterday.**

A new list of celebrities allegedly into drugs came from radio discjockey Karen Bordador, who was arrested recently along with her boyfriend at a condominium unit in Pasig City for possession of party drugs, according to Chief Superintendent Oscar Albayalde, director of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO).

Actor Mark Anthony Fernandez, who was arrested in Pampanga last week with a kilo of marijuana, was in an old list, Albayalde said.

"We have an old and a new list, which we are now subjecting to a validation process (through) our intelligence units," Albayalde said in an interview.

He said Senior Superintendent Eleazar Matta, NCRPO intelligence chief, would spearhead a workshop among intelligence officers of his five police districts and 38 police stations this week to evaluate and validate their lists of celebrities allegedly into drugs.

This developed as Philippine National Police chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa disclosed that the PNP lacked funds for the government's intensified campaign against illegal drugs.

"What we lack in funds, we compensate with this," said Dela Rosa, lightly pounding his chest to symbolize the PNP's "heart" for the campaign, during an interview with CNN Philippines on Saturday.

Dela Rosa said the PNP had not yet received additional funds for their war on drugs from the budget department, but the police still launched

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Oplan Double Barrel and Oplan Tokhang since July 1

Double barrel targets high value and street-level drug personalities while Tokhang involves police knocking on the doors of alleged drug addicts or dealers to warn them of consequences if they do not reform.

The NCRPO also disclosed yesterday that on Negros Island Region, 34 barangay officials were under surveillance by authorities for alleged links to the drug trade.

The PNP National Operation Center (NOC) reported that police units nationwide had conducted 28,510 anti-drug operations from July 1 to Oct. 7, which resulted in the death of 1,523 drug personalities who allegedly put up a fight during the raid.

Dela Rosa said the police arrested 26,861 drug pushers and users during the same period.

The PNP also said police operatives in 18 police regions

visited 1.7 million households under Tokhang with 736,247 pushers and users who voluntarily surrendered.

Dela Rosa, however, said 13 policemen were killed and 40 were wounded during those operations.

Dela Rosa said the PNP could have achieved more against illegal drugs if given additional budget to finance the police operations.

But he said the PNP was quite used to operating on a meager budget. "We still need money but you can overcome that challenge. An inter-agency drug council is said to be being crafted... a P1-billion budget is part of it," Dela Rosa said.

In the 118.5-billion proposed budget of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for 2017, the PNP proposed P90 billion for its major final output (MFO) or the crime prevention and suppression services.

### New list

Albayalde gave assurance there would be no sacred cows in the anti-drug campaign as he appealed to the management of TV networks to help in curbing the drug problem by initiating random drug tests among celebrities.

Albayalde said the NCRPO was also coming up with a list of fresh targets to neutralize as part of the continuing campaign against illegal drugs.

For his part, Negros Island Region Liga ng mga Barangay president Noli Villarosa revealed that five barangay captains and 21 councilors in Bacolod City were being monitored for suspicion of being drug users, peddlers or drug protectors.

Villarosa said he has submitted the list of barangay officials with alleged links to drugs to the PNP and DILG for validation.

A police commissioned officer actively involved in the anti-drug campaign of the Negros Occidental Police Provincial Office but who refused to be identified, said

seven barangay captains and a councilor in Negros Occidental were also being investigated for their alleged links to the drug trade.

Federico Gayagas Jr., barangay chairman of Bacong Montilla in Bago City, facing two counts of illegal possession of firearms charges, was also confirmed earlier by Senior Superintendent William Señoron, provincial police director of Negros Occidental, to be included in the drug watch list of the Bago City Police.

Gayagas debunked police allegations that he was into illegal drugs, claiming he was an asset of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Of the 1,219 barangays in Negros, 1,117 have been classified by the police as affected by the drug menace, equivalent to 91.63 percent, records of the Police Regional Office 18 showed.

Villarosa said barangay officials who tested positive for use of drugs would face dismissal from office.

Negros Occidental Liga ng mga Barangay president

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Annabelle Bermudo said the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils were being required to submit a list of drug pushers and users in their areas to the police for validation.

Julius Navales, PDEA regional director, admitted that some of the drug groups operating in Negros Occidental, listed in a white paper, also appeared in their target list with some of their leaders already arrested, or had surrendered either to the PDEA or the PNP.

The white paper contained the names of policemen and government officials in Negros Occidental accused of involvement in the illegal drug trade.

Navales said they were joining the PNP in validating the allegations against those listed in the white paper, and those being circulated in social media.

"We should be very careful in validating those things," Navales said, as he also expressed belief that the "white paper" could be part of a demolition job against some politicians.

### Shut up

Presidential Communications Office Secretary Martin Andanar has urged critics of the administration's drug war to shut their mouths if they could not help in the efforts to weed out illegal drugs in the country.

"Instead of criticizing us unfairly... why not help us, solve our problems," Andanar said over *dwFM*.

When Duterte criticized both his local and foreign critics, Andanar said the Chief Executive was merely telling the world that the country has its own reform policy and problems.

He pointed to the "excellent" rating Duterte received in the latest Social Weather Stations survey on the government's drug war.

"If other nations have problems, we do not interfere. If you cannot say good things, then don't speak. If you cannot help, remain silent. The message of the President is that simple," Andanar said.

– With Gilbert Bayoran,  
Giovanni Nilles

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## 'Jihad a hot topic in Davao bomb suspect's shop'

By JOHN UNSON

COTABATO CITY – Neighbors and customers of the principal suspect in the deadly bombing in Davao City last month had detected his shady personality early on.

Customers of TJ Tagadaya Macabalang, who owns a local computer-generated graphics design shop, were wondering why his store was frequented by bearded men "who spoke much about jihad."

Macabalang's neighbors said his relatives had repeatedly reprimanded him over his alleged links with jihadist groups prior to the Davao bombing last Sept. 2, which killed 15 people and wounded 69 others.

The relatives, suspicious that their kin was into something "mysterious," confronted him for entertaining calls from people who were apparently foreigners because they could not speak the vernacular.

Macabalang and his shop assistant, Wendell Facturan, were arrested here by intelligence operatives on Oct. 6.

A third suspect, Musali Mustapha, was arrested earlier in another place.

Macabalang, who also buys and sells used motorcycles, and Facturan, a mechanic, agreed to meet the agents disguised as buyers near a bank downtown, where they were eventually arrested in an entrapment local radio stations first reported as a possible kidnapping.

"We knew they were not kidnapped as insinuated by some broadcasters who reported the incident as a simple police story," a neighbor of Macabalang told **The STAR** over the weekend.

Meanwhile, clients of Macabalang in his Stickerwekrz Printshoppe sensed something suspicious in the businessman.

"We started to have doubts on his persona, particularly on his religious activities, when we learned he was frequented by bearded men from the provinces of Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat and Lanao del Sur," a former customer said.

The source, who asked to be identified

only as Kim, said he and his colleagues in a motorcycle club stopped patronizing Macabalang's decorative sticker business when they noticed he was always visited by men who talked jihad and the concept of a pure Islamic state.

### Explosives found

Operatives of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) found improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and firearms in the house of Macabalang a day after he was reportedly "kidnapped" by unidentified men.

The IEDs are now with the regional office of the CIDG in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

The suspect's father, Teng, an ethnic Maguindanaon, who was inside Macabalang's house when the agents arrived to conduct the search, is now detained at the CIDG-ARMM's facility.

Teng told reporters that he had heard about his son's alleged link with religious extremists in the Middle East.

### Cooperative in probe

Army chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday said one of the arrested bombers has been cooperating with the investigation.

Año said the main motive of the blast was to divert the offensive of the military against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan.

He added that the bomber, whom he refused to name, revealed that the Maute brothers ordered the attack on the night market. The planning was done within two weeks in Cotabato.

"It is the Maute group, they are the ones who have the expertise because of the training conducted by former JI (Jemaah Islamiyah) members like Marwan, Omar Patek and Dulmatin," he said.

– With Cecille Suerte Felipe

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## Arrest of Davao bombers foiled plot for a 2nd attack

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

The chief of the Philippine Army (PA) said yesterday that members of the Maute Group planned to conduct another bombing in Mindanao 40 days after the bombing incident in Davao City which left 15 people dead.

The terrorist bombing at the Roxas Night Market last September 2, also left 70 others wounded.

Lt. Gen. Eduardo Año said that based on information they received, the Maute Group was planning to

conduct another bombing in other cities in Mindanao but this was foiled by the arrest of the three main suspects in the Davao City blast.

The three Maute Group members earlier arrested in a military and police checkpoint in Cotabato City were TJ Tagadaya Macabalang, the man who allegedly detonated the bomb; Wendel Apostol Facturan, the alleged bomb courier; and Musali Mustapha, the one who took the video of the bombing to document it.

"Actually may plano sana sila

(Maute Group) na mag conduct pa ng bombing after 40 days ng bombing sa Davao City. After 40 days magconduct sila ng another bombing pero na-disrupt na sila kasi sila (suspects) ang gagamitin," Año said during an interview.

"Ang target nila mga cities sa Mindanao. Pero malabo na iyun kasi iyung gumawa eh nahuli na," he added.

Año, however, did not give any specific detail on which city was the target.

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### Hunt for 10 others on

He said efforts are ongoing to arrest 10 other suspects who reportedly took part in the bomb blast.

"Yung other members nila on the run. Once na lumabas na 'yung warrant na ito we will get all of them," Año assured. "Oo, identified na namin ang mga iyan. Kilala na namin mga iyun," he added.

Año said that based on their assess-

ment, the Maute Group has 100 members in its fold. Members, he said, even included teenagers who need work.

Año said to prevent children from Central Mindanao being recruited by the group, interventions has to be done. "Meron din tayong interventions na gagawin dun. Iyung participation ng local government, line agencies para ma-educate ang mga bata at mga causes magamot natin," Año said.





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## 3 terror groups form Islamic State force in Mindanao – Año

By Mario J. Mallari

Three terrorist groups in southern Philippines have formed Dailat Islamiyah Waylatol Masri (DIWM) as an umbrella organization to gain

official recognition from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS or IS).

DIWM is composed of Isnilon Hapilon's Abu Sayyaf band, the Maute group that carried out the Sept. 2 bombing in Davao City which killed

15 persons and wounded about 70 others, and the Ansar Kalifa of the Philippines (AKP).

Army chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Año noted the established links between Hapilon, Mohammad Jaafar Maguid,

alias commander Tokboy, of AKP and Omar and Abdullah Maute, leaders of the Maute terror group.

Año said the Maute brothers have links with Hapilon and Maguid.

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## 3 terror groups form Islamic State force in Mindanao – Año

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As trainees of Jemaah Islamiyah militants like Marwan and Dulmatin in bomb-making, the Maute group has the expertise to conduct bombings like the Davao City blast.

Año noted that during debriefing of the three arrested members of the Maute group, who were tagged in the bombing at a night market in Davao City, it was established that the attack was launched to ease military pressure against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan.

Arrested were TJ Macabalang, Wendel Facturan and Mausali Mustapha – all members of the Maute group.

"It was said during the briefing (that the Davao bombing was meant) to ease the pressure and divert attention, divert the operation being conducted in Sulu and Basilan," said Año.

He added the terrorist groups formed the DIWM to get recognition

from ISIS.

"One requirement to be recognized by ISIS is that there should only be one group in the entire daesh province... you cannot have the Abu Sayyaf, then Maute group and Tokboy... there should only be one, that's what they call DIWM," said Año.

The Army chief said Hapilon is acknowledged as the de facto leader when it comes to terrorism and bombings.

Hapilon is based in Basilan. There were previous reports stating that Hapilon has been recognized by ISIS as the emir or leader of its province in Southeast Asia.

But Año said the Sulu-based Abu Sayyaf band of Radullan Sahiron is not under DIWM.

Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has earlier said the ISIS has already established a presence in several countries across the region, including the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, and

authorities worry both about domestic attacks and nationals traveling to join the jihadists in Iraq and Syria.

The ISIS has earlier released a video showing several "battalions" of the Abu Sayyaf Group pledging allegiance to the jihadist group. This includes the Abu Dujana Battalion, Abu Khubaib Battalion, Jundallah Battalion and the Abu Saif Battalion. These battalions joined others from ASG, including Jund al Tawhid, Ansar al Sharia and Marakah al Ansar in pledging bayat to the Islamic State.

In early August, President Rodrigo Duterte told troops during a speech at an army base that it was crucial to destroy Abu Sayyaf to prevent the Philippines becoming "contaminated" by Islamic State.

He noted that the ISIS posed a "looming problem" to the country's security, and revealed that foreigners had been caught on the southern island of Mindanao trying to recruit local people to Islamic State's cause.



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## Army chief downplays US pullout in Zambo

BY VICTOR REYES

ARMY chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday sought to downplay the possible departure of US forces from Mindanao where the Americans have been training and providing intelligence assistance to Filipino troops involved in the fight against terrorist groups.

Año made the remarks amid reports that a US C-17 transport plane had landed in Zamboanga City, supposedly to begin picking up equipment of US forces.

Año and AFP Western Mindanao Command spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan could not immediately confirm the

pullout of the US equipment.

Tan said reports about the arrival of the US aircraft only came from media. "I have not seen it. There is no report given to us about any movement," he said.

Last month, President Duterte said he wants US forces to pull out of Mindanao so they won't be kidnapped or killed by the Abu Sayyaf, which is feared for its kidnapping, beheading and bombing activities.

The US military has about 107 personnel in Mindanao, all based in Zamboanga City, particularly at the headquarters of the Wesmincom which is supervising all military operations in

the Zamboanga Peninsula and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The Americans began their counter-terrorism initiative in Mindanao in 2002 and their strength reached a peak of around 1,300 personnel. They even deployed forces in Sulu and Basilan, assisting Filipino troops in going after Abu Sayyaf members.

In the event the Americans indeed leave, Año said this won't have any effect on the military's counter-terrorism efforts. Army soldiers are in the forefront in the fight against terrorist el-

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ements, including the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan.

Año, however, acknowledged the US military's assistance in pursuing terrorist groups, saying: "Of course, they've helped us especially on information sharing, technical support but our AFP and PNP are fully capable (of handling the counter-terrorism efforts).

"It (US pullout) won't have any effect on our counter-terrorism effort because our organization is already set. We have an anti-terrorism council, we have an anti-terrorism units," he said.

Año added that the Americans are not providing assistance in the fight against the Maute Group, one of the terrorist groups in Mindanao that has pledged allegiance to the

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

"In our last operation against the Maute, they (Americans) didn't have any contribution or participation. So there is no such thing that our counter-terrorism efforts will be affected," said Año.

The last major military operation against the Maute Group was launched by the Army's 103rd Brigade in May in Butig town in Lanao del Sur. Military officials claimed that at least 54 members of the group died in the operation.

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# Army chief: No notice on US forces' pullout yet

By Mario J. Mallari

The sudden influx of US military cargo planes in Zamboanga City after President Duterte made statements about the need for American forces to leave Mindanao to



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help the government's peace efforts is not being considered as part of a pullout at the moment, an Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) official said.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana also said recently that the government is scrapping joint patrols with foreign navies in the South China Sea, referring to the joint missions with the US naval force.

Philippine Army (PA) head Lt. Gen.

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## Army chief: No notice on US forces' pullout yet

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Eduardo Año said that the US government has yet to give notice that it is pulling out its 107 personnel in Zamboanga City.

He made this statement in wake of reports that a US C-17 transport aircraft has landed in the Zamboanga City airport to pick up equipment of American troops currently deployed in the locality.

"The US government is still to give a notice regarding a pull-out, so they are still there," Año added in Filipino.

When asked if whether a US pullout would have any bearing on Philippine counter-terror efforts, the PA commander said operations against terror groups in Mindanao will continue as forces have been setup for the neutralization of these lawless groups.

Duterte earlier said US troops in Mindanao should leave as they could be kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) terrorists.

These American personnel are providing intelligence, technical and training to Filipino counter-terrorist forces.

American presence in the area started in 2003 with the creation of Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines which was tasked to provide anti-terror training to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Currently, US military personnel in Mindanao only numbers 107 with all of them concentrated at Western Mindanao Command headquarters at Camp Don Basilio Navarro, Calarian, Zamboanga City.

### **Reds want military deals scrapped next**

After the scrapping of joint sea patrols along the West Philippine Sea, the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) now wants Duterte to officially rescind all military agreements with the

The CPP yesterday welcomed Lorenzana's announcement that the US has already been informed of Duterte's decision not to allow joint sea patrols by Filipino and American troops in the West Philippine Sea or South China Sea.

"The CPP welcomes Defense Secretary Lorenzana's announcement that the Duterte government has already formally informed the US government and military about ending joint sea patrols and joint military exercises," the CPP said in a statement.

"With the Filipino people, the GRP president can walk further along the path of national independence. The CPP calls on GRP President Duterte to rescind the EDCA and order all military bases and facilities inside AFP camps to be shuttered. He must further rescind the Visiting Forces Agreement and the Mutual Defense Treaty," it added.

The MDT signed by the Philippine and US governments in 1951, covers all military exercises between Filipino and American troops.

Lorenzana announced Friday that the Philippines had officially informed the United States it had suspended South China Sea patrols with its longtime ally, following orders from President Rodrigo Duterte.

"They have been suspended for the time being. They (Washington) know it already," Lorenzana said.

Lorenzana said that he had relayed the decision to the commander of the US Pacific Command when he was in Hawaii at the start of this month.

On the scrapping of all upcoming joint exercises with the US, Lorenzana indicated he was still not 100 percent sure of Duterte's final plans.

"They will not be conducted anymore until we clarify if he (Duterte) means what he says," Lorenzana said.

patrols under the previous Philippine government, which had sought to attract a greater US military presence in the region to counter Chinese efforts to take control of the South China Sea.

China claims nearly all of the sea, even waters close to the Philippines and other Southeast Asian nations, and has in recent years built artificial islands in the disputed areas capable of hosting military bases.

### **Anti-drugs becomes anti-insurgency ops**

The armed wing of the communist party, the New People's Army (NPA), meanwhile, accuses the AFP of using the Duterte administration's all-out war against illegal drugs in pursuing anti-NPA operations in various parts of the country.

NPA spokesman Jorge Madlos, alias Ka Oris, said that while the ceasefire between the revolutionary forces and the military is holding, the AFP has not observe President Duterte's advice for the troops to be friendly with the communists.

"The people lament the fact that the AFP has yet to observe the advise of GRP President Duterte to be friendly with the NPA and their revolutionary government," Madlos said.

"Contrary to such an advise, the AFP continues to conduct hostile operations against the NPA and against the people. Even the drug campaign is being used by the AFP to conduct anti-NPA operations," he lamented.

According to Madlos, the military continued to conduct Operation Bayanihan counter-insurgency intelligence, psychological war and combat operations in the guerrilla zones of the NPA from North Luzon to Southern Mindanao.

He said there were even reports stating that the military is telling civilians that the ceasefire is no longer in effect to justify their

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## Military brass mum on US pullout from Zamboanga

**ZAMBOANGA CITY:** Philippine military officials were silent over reports that a small group of US troops deployed to Zamboanga City have started packing up after President Rodrigo Duterte canceled a joint patrol in the South China Sea and scrapped future war games between the two countries.

American soldiers are still maintaining a camp inside the Western Mindanao Command, which was previously used as headquarters of the defunct Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga City, Basilan and Sulu.

Basilan and Sulu are part of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The US military previously maintained a fleet of P3 Orion surveillance aircraft in Mactan Air Base in Cebu province in central Philippines and smaller unmanned aerial vehicles or drones in Zamboanga.

The aircraft are used in operations against the Abu Sayyaf Group in Basilan and Sulu, and probably Indonesia and Malaysia to monitor activities of jihadist groups there allied with terrorist groups

in the Philippines.

Security has always been tight in American military camps in Zamboanga, Basilan and Sulu and even Filipino generals cannot go inside these installations without prior clearance with the US Embassy in Manila.

Even local journalists were not spared by some arrogant US troops who harassed news photographers and television crew and had threatened to smash their equipment if they take pictures of American soldiers deployed in public places in Zamboanga, Basilan and Sulu.

A US C-17 Globemaster cargo plane was reported to have landed at the local airport where American troops loaded their equipment.

The Pentagon deployed hundreds of US troops in southern Philippines beginning 2001 and had joined Filipino soldiers in rescuing kidnapped American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham from the Abu Sayyaf.

Martin was killed during rescue operations in Zamboanga del Norte province while his wife was shot and wounded in the leg.

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## ***Pull out ng US troops sa Zambo sinimulan***

Matapos na ihayag ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na pinakahuli na ngayong taon ang military exercises sa pagitan ng tropa ng Pilipinas at Estados Unidos, inumpisahan na umanong mag-pull out ng mga kagamitan ang mga sundalong Amerikano na naka-deploy sa Zamboanga City.

Base sa ulat ng PNP Aviation Security Group sa Zamboanga, isang US C-17 cargo plane ang dumating sa Zamboanga International Airport na hahakot sa ilang service vehicle at mga equipment ng mga tropa ng Amerika na nakatalaga sa nasabing lalawigan.

Ang pagdating ng naturang transport plane ay kinumpirma ng PNP-Avsegroun matapos na

makipag-ugnayan ang US military sa Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

Ang unti-unting pag-alis ng mga sundalong Amerikano sa Mindanao ay kasunod sa pahayag ni Duterte na lumayas na ang mga US troops sa Mindanao dahil hindi ligtas sa mga pagdukot ng mga teroristang Abu Sayyaf. Sinundan pa ng Pangulo ang pahayag na nais na niyang kumawala sa US at makikipag-alyansa ang Pilipinas sa China at Russia.

Sunud-sunod rin ang ginawang pagbanat ng Pangulo kay US President Barack Obama, United Nations at European Union dahil sa aniya'y pakikialam nila sa internal affairs ng Pilipinas pagdating sa gilyera laban sa droga na

nagbunsod ng maraming napapatay na mga drug suspects.

Inamin ng Pangulo na ayaw niya sa Amerika at mas isusulong nito ang trade alliance sa pagitan ng Pilipinas at China at Russia.

Nagsimula ang presensya ng Amerikano sa lugar noong 2003 sa pagbuo ng Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines na ang layunin ay maglaan ng anti-terror training sa Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Sa kasalukuyan, nasa 107 ang US military personnel sa Mindanao na ang lahat ay nakatuon sa Western Mindanao Command headquarters sa Camp Don Basilio Navarro, Cagayan, Zamboanga City. (Ellen Fernando/Ricky Tulipat)



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# Duterte eyes land as concession to rebels

By GENALYN D. KABILING

President Duterte is willing to grant "concessions," including awarding of public lands, to communist rebels and Muslim insurgents as part of the peace negotiations with the government.

The President recognized that the rebels would not simply lay down their guns without getting any resources and

funds to start over.

"We can only talk and if you are able to convince the communists, they would require a huge amount, resources. They will not go into a surrendering mode by just simply dropping the guns. They would ask for concessions," the President said during an agri-business forum in Davao City last Friday.

"Concessions would be land, which

is very good. I agree with them. I can open up the whole, the entire Republic of the Philippines, all public lands ibigay ko, tutal hindi naman nagagamit, especially for food," he said.

Duterte said he would also be "happy" not only giving such land but also funds amounting to "another billions of pesos" to the rebels talking peace with the government.

In the government's peace process with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the President said he would allow the return of the territory they owned for centuries in Mindanao.

"Ang MN, MI, they would relish a return of a fraction of what they own," the President said. ► 14

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Duterte however admitted there would be a “huge expenditure” to develop the Muslim territory since “they have lost that initiative for all of these years. they’ve been fighting for their land.”

In an unprecedented move, the government has declared a ceasefire with the communist rebels, released several political prisoners, and taped some left-leaning activists to the Cabinet. These measures aimed to show the government’s sincerity in resuming the peace talks with the local communist group in Oslo, Norway.

“Right at the start of my administration, we also started the talks, and I’m very happy. Now we are freed of the countryside vis-a-vis itong Communist Party of the Philippines, NDF (National Democratic Front), NPA (New People’s Army),” Duterte said.

Meantime, the President said he would hold a meeting with MNLF founding chairman, Nur Misuari, this week on efforts to advance the peace process in Mindanao.

“Misuari is getting out of Jolo next (this) week, and we’ll begin the talks,” he said.

Earlier, Misuari has been assured by Duterte that he could come out of hiding without the fear of getting arrested. Law enforcers have been ordered not to enforce the arrest warrant against Misuari, who has long been wanted for

the deadly Zamboanga siege in 2013.

“That’s my order to the police and the military. Why? I am not a war-type president. My job is to seek peace for my land. So you have to talk to everybody,” he said.

The President also reiterated the need to address the armed conflicts in Mindanao stemming from the historical injustices committed by American and Spanish colonizers against the Moro people.

“Iyong Islam naman was already thriving here in Mindanao. As a matter of fact, Islam was 100 percent dito sa Mindanao because Mindanao was really part — you go to the archives of Malaysia and itong sa Indonesia, there’s a part there about the Philippines and how the missionaries came here,” he said.

Duterte said he leaves it to leaders of different MNLF factions — Misuari, Muslimin Sema, and Abul Khayr Alonto, who is chair of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) — on how to “fix internal dynamics” but he said the three of them are willing to talk again.

Duterte said the MILF leadership is also willing to talk with his government after the botched approval of the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law or BBL. (With a report from Antonio L. Colina IV)

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## ‘NDF demand to release political prisoners up to Rody’

DAVAO CITY – President Duterte has the final say on whether government would agree to the demand of the communists to release all political prisoners as part of confidence-building measures in the ongoing peace negotiations in Oslo, Norway.

Government panel member Angela Librado-Trinidad said they have submitted a draft amnesty proclamation to the Office of the President a week before leaving for the second round of peace talks.

Trinidad said the matter is consistent with the panel’s commitment to immediately recommend to the President a draft amnesty proclamation covering personalities listed by the National Democratic Front (NDF).

“We have in our possession a stamped receipt of our endorsement letter together with the draft proclamation. It was received by the Office of the Executive Secretary,” Librado said.

Covered by the draft proclamation are 434 detained leaders and alleged members of the NDF, the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and New People’s Army (NPA).

The NDF is representing the CPP-NPA in the peace talks with the Philippine government in Norway.

The NDF earlier included in the list 81 detained rebels to be released on humanitarian grounds.

The draft proclamation will also include NDF consultants already released on bail and now participating in the peace negotiations.

NDF chief negotiator Fidel Agcaoili stressed the release of political prisoners is a matter of justice – an important issue in the ongoing talks.

“The NDFP stands firm in calling for the release through amnesty of the 432 political prisoners not only as a matter of justice but also in basic compliance with the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law,” Agcaoili said.

“Their release will undoubtedly serve as an incentive in accelerating the peace negotiations and in forging a more stable ceasefire agreement. I hope we can resolve these crucial issues so that we can move forward,” he stressed.

During the opening session of the second round of talks in Oslo, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza said they understand the concerns raised by the NDF panel over the continued detention of their members.

Dureza, however, explained the amnesty has to go through the process, which includes review of the draft proclamation and concurrence of Congress after the President signs the proclamation.

Government panel chief negotiator Silvestre Bello III said the release of detained

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By EDITH REGALADO

rebels would just be a matter of time.

"I see no reason why we cannot do it the way we are accelerating the peace process," he added.

The draft proclamation under review covers only the updated list of detained rebels submitted on Sept. 15 by Agcaoili.

The NDF said the peace negotiations in Oslo were an "initial success" even as it criticized government panel member Hernani Braganza for making a "foul and erroneous" report.

Alan Jazmines, vice chairman of the NDF's Reciprocal Working Committee on Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms (RWC-CASER) faulted Braganza for saying the NDF had "refused to include" nine major points or "outcomes" up for agreement in the peace talks. Jazmines said Braganza had stated the other day that the talks hit a snag because of the issues.

NDF RWC-CASER chair Julie de Lima said, however, that nine items were mere enumerations actually lifted from the NDF's lengthy draft proposals

amid the government's alleged lack of elaborations "to explain the content and expectations of those nine outcomes."

"After a couple more of editing sessions, the two negotiating panels on CASER agreed to a final outline on a comprehensive CASER proposal," Jazmines said.

### **Still in combat mode**

In a related development, a spokesman for the NPA claimed the military is still in combat mode despite the prevailing ceasefire between the government and the communist rebels.

NPA spokesman Jorge Madlos admitted, however, that the ceasefire has been holding.

"All NPA units have strictly abided by the ceasefire declaration. Aside from maintaining defensive posture, NPA units are conducting counter-maneuvers to avoid armed skirmishes with the AFP," Madlos said, referring to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Not a few NPA units are having difficulty holding back offensives amid threats from the AFP in its counter-insurgency intelligence operations, Madlos said.

From North Luzon to Southern Mindanao, Madlos claimed, there were reports that military units are telling civilians that the ceasefire is no longer in effect to justify their operations and presence in their communities.

The NPA's Agustin Begnalen Command based in Abra said the Army's 24th Infantry Battalion have been telling civilians in Sallapadan town that the ceasefire has ended.

Madlos said the AFP has yet to observe the advice of President Duterte to be friendly with the NPA.

However, Madlos claimed the AFP continues to conduct hostile operations against the NPA, "even the drug campaign is being used by the AFP to conduct anti-NPA operations."

Madlos is calling on the President "to tame" the AFP to end all counter-insurgency operations in the rural areas. – With Ding Cervantes, Artemio Dumlao, Jose Rodel Clavano

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## **MNLF hits ombudsman's revival of Nur graft case**

**By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA**

The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) has scored the Office of the Ombudsman for reviving a 15-year-old graft complaint against its founding chairman Nur Misuari.

The MNLF, in its website, said the case against Misuari has been dismissed by former ombudsman Aniano Desierto.

The MNLF claimed the revival of the case came after President Duterte announced that he would issue safe conduct pass to Misuari for the resumption of stalled peace talks with the rebel group.

The MNLF hinted that the legal move of the Ombudsman could be part of an alleged plot to sabotage the peace effort of Duterte to end the secessionist rebellion in Mindanao.

The MNLF alleged the filing of graft case also happened after Misuari responded to the call of Duterte to assist in the release of foreign hostages held by the Abu Sayyaf.

The group said it was part of the destabilization campaign by the Liberal Party of former president Benigno Aquino III and defeated presidential candidate Manuel Roxas II that they said had "anti-poor and anti-Muslim attitude."

Aside from the filing of graft case, the MNLF said there was a disinformation effort from some "unseen" groups that opposed Misuari's proposal to include the Abu Sayyaf in the peace talks with the government.



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## ‘Phl may terminate int’l agreements if...’

By PIA LEE-BRAGO

The Philippines is ready to terminate international agreements when the national interest is no longer served and will reject aid or opportunities provided under a “carrot and stick” policy, Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. said.

Yasay made the statement over the weekend after the Philippines had officially informed the United States that it would no longer participate in joint patrols in the South China Sea.

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following orders from President Duterte.

Duterte has said he wanted US military forces out of Mindanao, blaming the Americans for inflaming local Muslim insurgencies in the region.

He has threatened to scrap the 2014 agreement granting American troops increased access to Philippine bases.

While the Philippines will respect and keep its mutual defense treaty with the US, Yasay said this should not cause the country to be dependent on Washington.

“Even as we will respect and keep our mutual defense treaty with the US as our safeguard against any risk or menace from external aggression that undermine our territorial integrity, sovereignty rights

and maritime entitlements under international law, this important alliance cannot be carried out to perpetuate our dependency thereby making us vulnerable to subservience,” Yasay said in a statement on Saturday.

“We will also not hesitate to terminate our international agreements, when the national interest will no longer be served,” he declared.

Yasay added that military alliances with other nations should enable the Philippines to be self-reliant in adequately dealing with the internal and external threats to its security.

Despite Duterte’s declaration that he would seek a review of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) with the US, Yasay said on Monday there is no need to do so.

Yasay noted the Supreme

Court had upheld the legality of EDCA, which grants American troops access to Philippine military bases.

Last week, Duterte also dared the US and the European Union to pull out their assistance to the Philippines, saying the country can survive without their help.

Duterte said the Philippines would not sacrifice dignity as a nation for aid from other countries who do not understand the seriousness of the drug problem.

“We will never allow any bullying to make us submit to the interest of any other nation. Henceforth, we will reject any aid, assistance or opportunities for joint cooperation from anyone under onerous conditions or offered pursuant to a ‘carrot and stick’ policy,” Yasay said.

Yasay explained that in building on the economic pillar of the

country’s foreign relations, “we must recognize that all nations – whether weak or strong, small or big – will be interdependent with each other.”

The distribution of capital and resources, products and markets around the globe will always have a compelling effect upon such interdependence, Yasay said.

This is how every country will make their economy dynamic, robust and sustainable for the welfare of its people, he said.

“Our relationships toward this convergence of interests must be balanced and fair to be mutually beneficial to all concerned,” Yasay said.

Yasay pointed out the overriding consideration of the Duterte administration’s foreign policy shift is to protect and promote the national interest by promoting friendship

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with all nations

Duterte has had an uneasy relationship with the United States since he won a presidential election in May. He says 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.

Yasay on Thursday said the US has "failed" the Philippines, prompting the President to break the country's "shackling dependency" on its former colonizer and liberate Filipinos from submission to American demands and interests.

"Breaking away from the shackling dependency of the Philippines to effectively address both internal and external security threats has become imperative in putting an end to our nation's subservience

to United States' interests," Yasay said.

He said the "carrot and stick" policy of the US towards the Philippines has been effectively used through the years since the country's independence to force Filipinos into submission to American demands and interests.

"This is what PRRD (Duterte) is now trying to liberate us from," he said.

This has also compelled Duterte to realign Philippine foreign policy towards an independent track in pursuing the overriding national interest and in upholding and protecting sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Duterte's urgent message in realigning independent foreign policy brings to bear the state of Philippine relations with the US and traditional partners, Yasay said.

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# Amid Duterte riff, PAF gets C-130 cargo plane from US

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The Philippine Air Force's fifth C-130 cargo aircraft, acquired through the United States' Excess Defense Articles (EDA) program, arrived in Mactan, Cebu, yesterday.

The aircraft arrived in the middle of President Duterte's harangue against the United States for past slights and his avowed move to position the Philippines closer to China and Russia, historical foes of the US.

PAF spokesperson Col. Antonio Francisco said the Lockheed C-130 Hercules cargo plane flown by Maj. Marjorie Mukay, the pilot in command, landed at Benito Ebuen Airbase in Mactan.

"Major Mukay is the first female pilot to be certified as a pilot in command of a C-130 aircraft," Francisco told reporters.

The C-130 left Davis-Monthan Air Base in Tucson, Arizona, on Oct. 6.

The other crew members were Lt. Col. Joey Inacay, mission commander, Lt. Col. Jason

Rom Lacida, aircraft commander, and pilots Maj. Anthony Amora, Maj. Meritto Jay Quijano and Maj. Ronek Salas.

The newest C-130 and another one that arrived in April—valued at around \$61 million—were originally configured as airborne tankers, according to the Air Force official.

The PAF's air assets for logistics and lift missions are now composed of the five C-130s, as well as three Airbus Military C-295 medium aircraft and three Fokker F-27 transports.

The US defense department's Defense Security Cooperation Agency is responsible for administering the EDA program.

Under authorities established in the US Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, defense articles declared as excess by the US military departments may be offered to foreign governments or international organizations in support of US national security and foreign policy objectives as well as in the armed forces modernization efforts of US allies. INQ

### C-130 CARGO PLANE

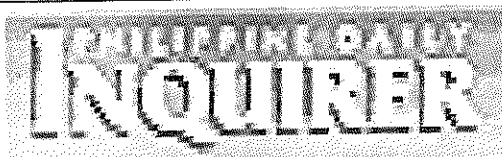


The C-130 can accommodate 92 combat troops or 64 fully equipped paratroops on side-facing seats.

- Wing Span: 132 feet, 7 inches
- Height: 38 feet, 5 inches
- Length: 97 feet, 9 inches
- Horizontal Stabilizer: 52 feet, 8 inches

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## No way, Uncle Sam

**H**istory is replete with stories of how men of courage and faith chose to endure deprivation and suffering, sometimes even death, in defense of their principles and personal beliefs.

When Burmese (Myanmar) leader Aung San Suu Kyi was being held in detention by the military junta that ruled her country, she learned that her husband Michael Aris, who was in the United Kingdom, was sick with terminal cancer. They had fallen in love while she was studying at Oxford University in London, and she accepted his marriage proposal on the condition that "should my people need me, you will help me do my duty by them."

The military regime refused to grant Michael and their two sons visas so that Suu Kyi could be with her dying husband. She could leave the country, but she would not be allowed to return. Her decision was to

stay and carry on the fight for freedom. Both Suu Kyi and Michael kept the promise they made when they were married. She would continue to serve her people and he would help her. Michael died in 1999. Suu Kyi, under detention, went into mourning alone.

In October 1967, Lieutenant Commander John McCain (now a US senator) was flying a Navy A-4E Skyhawk over Hanoi when his plane was hit by surface-to-air missiles. Knocked out on ejection, he recovered consciousness as he hit a lake in the center of the city. When the Vietnamese realized they had a prized captive—McCain was the son of the commander in chief of US forces in the Pacific—he was offered early release mainly as a propaganda move. The US Code of Conduct for its soldiers provided that releases prior to the end of hostilities be in the order of capture, that is, first in, first out. There were more than 300 Americans in captivity since 1964.

McCain refused the offer, realizing that accepting it was not only unpatriotic and a violation of the Code of Conduct but also harmful to the morale of "less-connected" POWs and embarrassing to his father. For his refusal, he was tortured and badly

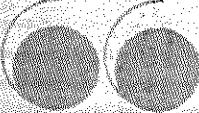


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## FOR GEN. ARTEMIO RICARTE, THE MAN WHO REFUSED TO KOWTOW TO UNCLE SAM, THE VERDICT IS ALREADY IN

beaten by his guards and when the beating was over "he lay on the floor, bloody, arms and legs throbbing, ribs cracked, and several teeth broken off at the gumline."

Next week the nation—well, maybe not the entire nation but, at least, the Philippine Army—marks the sesquicentennial (150 years) birth anniversary of one of our greatest patriots—Gen. Artemio Ricarte.

By virtue of his being elected captain general of the Filipino Army at the Tejeros Convention in March 1897, Ricarte is considered as the "Father of the Philippine Army." He served as its com-

manding general from March 22, 1897 to Jan. 22, 1899. Since the Filipino Army is considered the forerunner of what is now the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Ricarte is also recognized as the first AFP chief of staff. (Incidentally, let me mention that his 2-year term as army chief was longer than that of most AFP chiefs of staff in the last few decades.) Although lacking presence or charisma, he had the reputation as a vicious and deadly fighter, hence his nom de guerre "Vibora" (viper).

While some Filipinos belonging to the affluent and educated classes readily collaborated with the American authorities who had just replaced the Spanish colonial regime, there were also a good number who vowed to continue the struggle for independence, refusing to surrender to the new colonizers. One of them was Gen. Artemio Ricarte.

Born of poor parents in Batac, Ilocos Norte, on Oct. 20, 1866, Ricarte was preparing for a teaching career when he joined the Katipunan in the struggle for independence and got involved in several skirmishes with Spanish forces during the revolution. With the arrival of the Americans, he was suspicious of their intentions and warned Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo that they were even more dangerous than the Spaniards.

During an attempt to enter Manila, he was captured, together with Apolinario Mabini and other revolutionaries, by US forces and deported to Guam in January 1901. With the capture of General Aguinaldo and the fall of his government, Filipino prisoners and exiles who took an oath of allegiance to the United States were released and sent home. Ricarte and Mabini rejected the offer.

In 1903, the two were shipped back to Manila. Mabini, a very sick man, decided to take the oath of allegiance in order that "I may see our homeland before I die." Ricarte refused and was transferred to another ship bound for Hong Kong.

While in Hong Kong, he continued his activities in support of an independent republic. A few months later, he returned to the country as a stowaway on a British freighter. He immediately contacted his friends and supporters, urging them to rise up against the United States. He was captured by US troops the following year and sentenced to six years in prison for rebellion. While in detention he was visited by a number of American officials urging him to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. Ricarte repeatedly refused their offers.

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After completing his 6-year prison term, he was again made to sign an oath of allegiance to the government. Ricarte refused and was deported to Hong Kong. From Hong Kong he moved to Yokohama, Japan, where he remained for almost 30 years, until the beginning of World War II. The Japanese flew him back to the country and he remained here for the rest of the war. Ricarte joined the Japanese forces led by General Yamashita in their retreat to the north. At age 78, Ricarte died in Ifugao province in July 1945.

Some people consider Ricarte a traitor for collaborating with the Japanese. We had people who collaborated with the Spaniards and the Americans while the fight for independence was still going on, and they are referred to as *ilustrados*.

For Gen. Artemio Ricarte, the man who refused to kowtow to Uncle Sam, the verdict is already in:

- Ricarte's remains are buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.
- His home in Batac City is now a historical shrine—the Ricarte National Shrine.
- Although not too many people in the AFP are aware of this, the Western Command headquarters of the AFP in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, is named Camp Artemio Ricarte in honor of its founding father.

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