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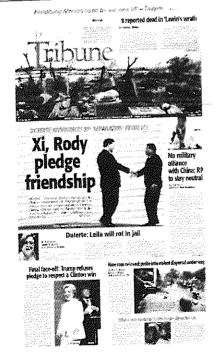
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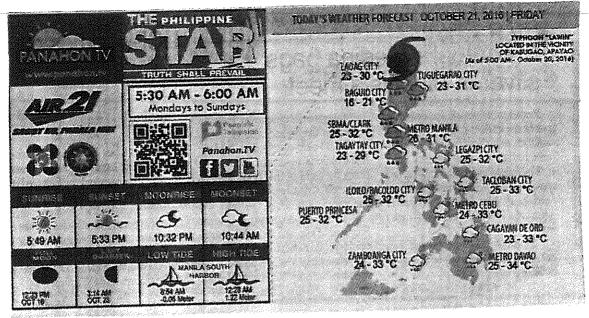
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## Rody: Separation from US, triumvirate with China, Russia

### By ALEXIS ROMERO

BEIJING-President Duterte announced yesterday that he is cutting military and economic ties with the United States and is veering towards China, in a dramatic foreign policy shift that his officials said would open more opportunities for the Philippines.

Inva 40-minute speech peppered with expletives, Duterte said the US has been arrogant and has been imposing its policies on other countries, including the Philippines, its traditional partner and ally,

"In this venue, I announce my separation from the United States both in the military ... not social, but economics also," Duterte said, drawing a standing ovation from businessmen during the Philippines-China Trade and Investment Forum. "Thave separated from them so I will be dependent on you for a long time, but don't worry, we will also help."

At a gathering of the Filipino community last Wednesday, he had the same message to the US: "It's about time to say: goodbye my friend. Your stay in my country was for your own benefit."

Yesterday he said the US had "lost" and he had realigned the Philippines with China and Russia in a "triumvirate. against the world."

Duterte said he had agreed to resolve a maritime dispute with China through talks.

He also bared plans to visit Russia and talk with President Vladimir Putin about strengthening ties.

Reacting to the statements, a US official said the Philippine government has made no formal request to modify its cooperation with Washington

The official, who asked to remain unnamed, told AFF "we still have not received any requests through official channels to alter our assistance to or cooperation with the Philippines.

In his remarks before Filipino

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US has taken the Philippines tor and the biggest source of for granted and has interfered remittances. in its affairs.

Duterte also complained about the supposed refusal of the US to sell missiles for the Philippines' lead-in fighter. trainer jets.

He also belittled the contribution of the US to the Philippines' educational system, which gave the country an edge in English proficiency

"Do not tell us that you have provided us with education. We would have survived if there was no education in my country at that time. We would have invited one better than what they have given us," he said.

Duterte's economic managers said his new policy would open the Philippines to trade and investment opportunities in the region.

The tough-talking president accused the US of insulting him after American officials raised concerns over reports of rising extrajudicial killings of drug suspects in the Philippines

Early this month, Duterte said he would no longer allow the military to conduct joint military drills with American troops, activities that are part of a decades-old defense treaty between the two countries.

He clarified though that he is not severing ties with the US but is merely implementing an independent foreign policy.

John Forbes of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines said the US is the country's top investor, employing 1.2 million in the BPO industry alone. He added the US is also the country's

expatriates, Duterte said the top investor in semiconduc-

Data posted on the US State Department website showed \$143 million in US assistance in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yolanda in 2013

#### 'Brothers'

At Beijing's Great Hall of the People, Xi told Duterte he hoped the latter's "mile-stone" visit could help "fully improve" ties, which have suffered from the dispute over territories in the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea.

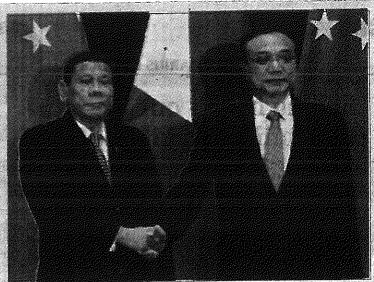
Xi told Duterte China and the Philippines were brothers and that the two sides could "appropriately handle disputes," although Xi did not specifically mention the South China Sea row in comments in front of reporters.

"I hope we can follow the wishes of the people and use this visit as an opportunity to push China-Philippines relations back on a friendly footing and fully improve things," he said.

Following their meeting, during which Duterte said relations with China had entered. a new "springtime," Chinese vice foreign minister Liu Zhenmin said the South China Sea issue was not the sum total of relations.

"The two sides agreed that they will do what they agreed five years ago, that is to pursue bilateral dialogue and consultation in seeking a proper settlement of the South China Sea issue," Liu said.

China claims most of the energy-rich South China Sea and the West Philippine Sea through which about \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes every year.



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang welcomes President Duterte at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

Neighbors Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also have claims.

In 2012, China seized Scarborough Shoal - claimed by Beijing as Huangyan island and by Manila as Panatag and denied Filipino fishermen access to its rich fishing

Liu said the issue was not mentioned and did not answer a question about whether Philippine fishermen would be allowed to fish there.

The Chinese official did say both countries agreed on coast guard and fisheries cooperation. He did not give details.

#### \$9 B in Ioans committed

China has pulled out all the stops to welcome Duterte, including a marching band complete with baton-twirling band master at his official welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People, which most leaders do not get.

Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said \$13.5 billion in deals would be signed.

Xi also committed over \$9 billion in concessionary or soft loans to support Philippine development projects, including drug rehabilitation programs, as part of mutual efforts to enhance bilateral ties

Of that amount, \$3 billion will come in the form of credit from private banks.

A total of \$15 million will be earmarked for drug rehabilitation programs

Beijing has welcomed the Philippines' efforts to embrace China, even as Duterte has vowed not to surrender any sovereignty to Beijing, which views the ruling of The Haguebased Permanent Court of Arbitration in favor of Manila as null and void.

Duterte on Wednesday said the arbitration case would "take the back seat" during talks, and that he would wait for the Chinese to bring up the dispute rather than doing so himself.

Duterte's congenial tone in Beijing is in contrast to the language he has used with

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## PH bags \$13.5B in deals from China

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By Daxim L. Lucas and Doris Dumlao-Abadilla @InquirerBiz

BELING—For agreeing to return to the negotiating table to settle a dispute in the South China Sea, the Philippines is getting \$9 billion in soft loans from China, part of \$13.5 billion in deals signed during President Duterte's visit to Beijing this week.

Encouraged by the apparent success of his trip, Mr. Duterte announced his "separation" from the United States on Thursday, declaring it had "lost" and he had realigned with China.

Addressing a group of Chinese and Filipino businessmen after his talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Mr. Duterte said relations with the United States had reached "checkmate."

"America has lost now," Mr. Duterte said.

"I've realigned myself in your ideological flow and maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to (President Vladimir) Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world—China, Philippines and Russia. It's the only way," he said.

"With that, in this venue, your honors, I announce my separation from the United States, both in military ... not in social ... both in military [and] economics," he said to ap-

"I have separated from them. So I will be dependent on you for all time. But do not worry. We will also help as you help us."

#### He means it

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana declined to comment, but National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. told reporters Mr. Duterte meant what he said.

Manila and Washington are bound by the PH-US Mutual Defense Treaty in force since 1951.

Mr. Duterte cannot scrap the treaty on his own. Abrogation of the treaty requires action by the Senate.

Xi and Mr. Duterte oversaw the signing of 13 agreements and memorandums of understanding after their talks at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Thursday.

The agreements included the establishment of so-called Joint Coastal Guard Committee on Maritime Cooperation as a prelude to cooperation in the heavily disputed South China

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"In this visit, bilateral relations have fully recovered and the two countries will return to the track of dialogue and consultation to address maritime issues," Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin told reporters after the signing of the agreements.

Liu said China welcomed the Philippines' participation in its so-called Maritime Silk Road and committed to take an active part in the development of infrastructure, agriculture and finance in the Philippines.

He said Xi agreed to lift travel advisories issued a few years ago to Chinese citizens traveling to the Philippines.

"This lift will encourage more Chinese citizens planning to visit the Philippines," Liu said

#### \$9B in soft loans

The Inquirer learned that during the talks, Xi committed \$6 billion in soft loans to the Philippines from the Chinese government, while another \$3 billion in credit facilities would be made available by private Chinese banks.

Xi also committed 100 million yuan or about \$15 million, for building rehabilitation centers to aid Mr. Duterte's brutal war on drugs. Finance Secretary Carlos. Domingueze and Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar confirmed this information.

Other deals signed were the Agricultural Cooperation Action Plan 2017-2019; cooperation on animal and plant inspection and quarantine; conduct of feasibility studies for major projects, and production capacity and investment cooperation.

The two governments also agreed on economic and technological cooperation; strengthen trade, investment and economic cooperation; draft an economic cooperation and development plans, and implement a tourism plan for 2017-2022.

They also agreed to cooperate on transportation and infrastructure development and to financing cooperation between the Export-Import Bank of China and the Philippines' Department of Finance.

#### Credit line

The two governments also agreed to share information and to cooperation between the Narcotics Control Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security of China

and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, another boost for Mr. Duterte's war on drugs.

Bank of China will open on Friday a \$3-billion credit facility for Philippine industries and infrastructure; in a deal to be signed at the close of Mr. Duterte's visit.

Businessmen from the Philippine companies described the deal as "nonbinding."

"They want to give us a credit line for any use we may have for it," one company official said "It will most likely be [loaned out] at market rates," he said.

Eight Philippine conglomerates and corporations will enter into an agreement with Bank of China for the credit facility

They are JG Summit Holdings. Filinvest Development Corp., Metro Pacific Investment Corp., SM Investments Corp., International Container Services Inc., Ayala Corp., Pan Pacific Renewable Power Philippines Corp. and Udenna Corp.

The credit deal will be signed at Bank of China headquarters in Beijing.

After overseeing the signing, Mr. Duterte will fly back to Davao City. He is expected to arrive there at 10:45 p.m.

Liu said that after the talks between Xi and Mr. Duterte, China resumed giving permits to 27 Philippine companies exporting fruits, including mangoes, to the mainland.

China, he said, also vowed to support the Philippines in its responsibilities as chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for 2017.

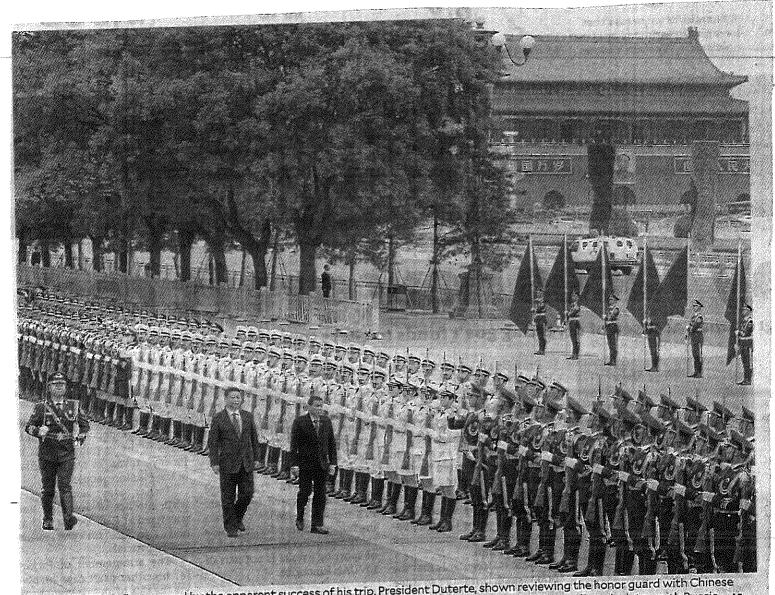
Liu said the talks did not touch on Filipino fishermen's return to Scarborough Shoal, or Panatag Shoal, which China seized from the Philippines in 2012.

"But they did talk about cooperation in fishery. They agreed that the two countries will strengthen fishery cooperation in the South China Sea and also cooperation in terms of fishery products [and] industries," he said.—WITH A REPORT FROM REUTERS INQ



Xi: Duterte pledge friendship

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REALIGNMENT Encouraged by the apparent success of his trip, President Duterte, shown reviewing the honor guard with Chinese President XI Jinping, announced his "separation" from the United States and realignment with China and, maybe later, with Russia. —AP

### FIRST STAR | BGen Felimon T Santos Jr

Alvin Santiago de Colores

FORT ANDRES BONIFACIO, Taguig City (DWDD) – Army Chief Lt Gen Eduardo M Año congratulates Brig Gen Felimon T Santos Jr as he dons the first star to him, being assisted by Mrs Margie Fe G Santos, during the flag raising ceremony held at Headquarters Philippine Army. Fort Andres Bonifacio, October 17.

Brig General Santos, a member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 1986 is known for his distinguished record as a military officer having engaged in the fields of intelligence, finance and logistics and in civil-military operations.

The newly promoted general is presently the Assistant Division Commander (ADC) of 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, based in Camp Siongco, Awang Dos in Cotabato. **PA / MCAG** 

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## READY | 5ID Strengthens Relief Operations for Typhoon Victims in Region

Alvin Santiago

Star Troopers stock piling relief goods from ABS-CBN Sagip Kapamilya for Typhoons Karen and Lawin DRRM operations.

Camp Melchor F Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela (DWDD) – The 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (5<sup>th</sup>ID) fortified its efforts to assist in disaster relief operations as it opened its doors to ABS-CBN Sagip Kapamilya to ensure the distribution of relief goods to victims of Typhoon Karen and the incoming Typhoon Lawin.

Brig. Gen. Paul T Atal, D.P.A. AFP, Commander, 5ID immediately advised the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Civil Military Operation, G7, to provide storage for 250 sacks of food packs from ABS-CBN to be prepositioned at the 5<sup>th</sup>ID Headquarters, Camp Melchor F Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela on October 18, 2016.

The storage of the food packs in the headquarters is part of the 5th ID's efforts to ensure that relief goods are ready for distribution as typhoon victims would need them. This as Northern Luzon was recently bashed by Typhoon Karen, causing damages to crops and infrastructures.



Star Troopers unload relief goods from ABS-CBN Sagip Kapamilya for Typhoon Karen and Lawin DRRM operations.

The relief goods are also part of the preparation for the incoming Typhoon Lawin, a possible super typhoon which was reported to hit Cagayan province on Thursday according to PAGASA. The purpose of prepositioning the goods at 5<sup>th</sup>ID is to support the government's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) efforts in Region 2.



Lt. Col. Edmund D Tubiera, INF (GSC) PA, receives the Sagip Kapamilya sacks of food packs from Mr Jet Bautista of ABS-CBN for storage at the 5ID Headquarters. Camp Melchor F Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela.

The relief goods will be under the safekeeping of G7, 5<sup>th</sup>ID and will be utilized jointly by the Philippines Army's 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and ABS-CBN to augment government resources in times of calamity, particularly for the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) operations for Typhoons Karen and Lawin.

Atal ensured ABS-CBN that the items are secured and will be guarded for the benefit of the people. He added that the Star Troopers are ready anytime to help them in distributing the relief goods for the intended recipients. **5DPAO / MCAG** 

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## ry to Abus: Surrender nd live

#### By Cynthia D. Balana @cynchdbINQ

The military called on the Abu Sayyaf on Thursday to surrender or perish in a massive operation aimed at crushing the terror group and rescuing several hostages in the jungles of Sulu province.

Joint Task Force Sulu (JTFS) told members of the BaSulTa Sub-Regional Human Rights Commission (RHRC) and the International Monitoring Team (IMT) that the plan was to force the Abu Sayyaf to disband or face a massive assault involving over 9,000 soldiers.

The RHRC and IMT visited the task force's headquarters at Camp Bautista this week.

Successive clashes in Sulu recently resulted in the death of many Abu Sayyaf members, including the notorious Muktadil brothers, and the arrest of group leader Pauji Asgari in the town of Talipao early this week

#### Humane treatment

"The humane treatment of our soldiers of the arrested Abu Sayyaf members is proof of the commitment of our troops to respect human rights and protect the lives of others. even of criminals," JTFS commander Brig, Gen. Arnel dela Vega said.

He called on the Abu Sayyaf gunmen to "surrender and stop these kidnappings and all un-Islamic activities so they may live,

atone for their crimes and be with their families."

"We are all losers in this war, especially the victims and the people of Sulu. Our soldiers die, many more on the Abu side are killed and those who suffer most are the victims and innocent people being displaced due to the atrocities of the group, Dela Vega said.

#### Casualties

A total of 36 Abu Sayyaf members have been killed while scores have been wounded since operations began in July.

On the AFP side, 15 soldiers have been killed in action while 28 were wounded. 🐰

The assaults also led to the rescue of 16 hostages, although

in the jungles of Jolo

Recently, 21 terrorists from Basilan province surrendered after military chief of staff Gen. Ricardo Visaya called on the Abu Sayyaf to lay down new leaf.

#### Acting on a tip

The JTFS said Asgari was arrested this week by troops acting on a tip from local residents.

Recovered from him were an M16 assault rifle, ammunition, a combat pack, motorcycle and Marine battle dress

It said Asgari gave up peacefully and his mother showed up

12 remain in Abu Sayyaf custody at the camp to ensure he was not harmed while in detention.

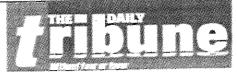
"It's good he did not resist. He and his mother are now glad he is alive. We don't want anyone being killed but if he tried to shoot at us, we would have no their arms and turn over a choice but to shoot back," the HTFS said, quoting one of the soldiers.

The JTFS said it assured the rights monitors that soldiers were complying with human rights, international humanitarian law and the rule of law.

It said there were reports indicating that many Abu Sayyaf members wanted to surrender but they were told by their commanders that government troops would hurt them. INQ

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## No military alliance with China; RP to stay neutral

By Ted Tuvera and Joyce Ann Rocamora

President Duterte yesterday announced to Filipino reporters in China that the Philippines will not enter into military alliances with China or any other country but will instead maintain the Philippines' traditional Mutual Defense Pact with the United States.

He made it clear that he will honor treaties and agreements

At a press briefing with Filipino reporters in Beijing, the Commander in Chief said that he prefers the Philippines to be neutral as he is wary of the brewing cold war between economic powers such as China, Russia and the US

"There will be no military alliances entered into There will be no military alliances broken. What I am just saying is that we are not interested in adding fuel to what is already a volatile world," Duterte said.

"I have repeatedly said, anybody who wants to think about or talk about Third World war and even a conflict on a regional level, low intensity thing, it would not promote anything. And if you talk about

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America, Russia, *uscàvus* Chīnā, Great. Brītain, France, Iran, Pakistan, India, there is a conflict going on, it's getting hot," he expounded.

Contrary to his previous pronouncements in exclusive interviews with the Chinese media prior to his four-day state visit in Beijing saying that he will go into joint military exercises with China, Duterte said that he will not allow such war games anymore.

"When I said that there is no such thing as allowing the missiles there or missiles here, I would not allow it... and if you think that if those nuclear bombs will explode at the same time, then we might not be able to board our last men out of China because it will just simply end the world," he said.

"So what's the point of talking about (this issue)? Why should I borrow missiles or ask for nuclear bombs? For what? They are just crazy people who would want to pull a stack on a matter of national pride," Duterte added.

The President also denied a report that came out as in a major broadsheet banner story that he has plans to enter into a joint exploration for oil and gas in the South China Sea (West Philippine Sea).

"No. I do not think that would be right. This has to be with the consent of Congress and everybody, every Filipino involved in town;" Duterte-explained.

"So at this time, I am not empowered to do that I cannot give something and I cannot also add what has not been given me," he added.

A week back, in an interview with China's state-run Chinese Cable Televsion Network (CCTV), Duterte said that he wants to end the Philippines' traditional war games with the US saying that all of them are onerous favoring only the visiting forces.

The President reiterated he is not actually breaking ties with Washington but is merely opening the Philippines' portals to other foreign partnerships.

"The basic question of the Filipinos-Iknowwhat's in their mind why is Duterte breaking away from the United States? No. I am not breaking away. I just want to be friendly with anybody." he said.

US defense chief stresses important of naxy presence in SCS.

Enited States Department of Defense Secretary Ashton Carter in a signed article has stressed the importance of their transpacific rebalance strategy in the contested region of South China Sea as the Philippine President and China's head of state embark on renewing ties amid existing dispute in the strategic water way

Known to all, the government has been exerting gradual amount of effort to soften up with China after years

of low-point relationship due to some maritime dispute.

But at the same time the President has also been conspicuously throwing verbal assaults against our longstanding ally, the ES.

According to Defense Secretary Carter, considering the battles it fought alongside with the Asian countries, "it is hard not to appreciate the essential role that the US military has long played in the Asia-Pacific.

"The thousands upon thousands of sailors and marines aboard the USS John C. Stennis, the USS Blue Ridge, the USS Lassen, and other ships have sailed millions of miles, made countless port calls, and helped secure the world's sea lanes, including in the South China Sea," he said in his article.

During the first 100 days of President Duterte, several standing agreements between the two nations have been eyed for review such as the consideration on Balikatan exercises and the halting of joint patrols with US in South China Sea officially sent for notification.

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... In his piece, Carter reiterated that American personnel have assisted the Philippines with training for decades, includingholding increasingly complex exercises for over more than 30 years.

Every soldier, sailor, airman, and marine has helped defend important principles-such as the peaceful resolution of disputes, the right of countries to make their own security and economic choices free from coercion, and the freedom of overflight and navigation guaranteed by international law," he said

As a region that is starting to bud as the world's economic, political, and military center of gravity, Carter said preserving security in the area is a priority for them.

"Preserving security amid all this change is a priority for the United States and many other nations, since these dynamics are producing opportunities not only for greater growth and progress but also for greater competition and confrontation.".

In response to his essay China's paper *Global Times* and its Foreign Ministry said: "China has no intention to drive the US out of Asia. In many cases, it doesn't reject the US' willingness to be a global leader But we hope it knows that its strength is limited, as well as its understanding of the world," Global Times said.

In a press briefing, Foreign Ministry's Spokeswoman Hua Chunying expressed that handling of a state's sovereignty, security and development interests boils down to one thing: it must be managed by its own people.

"Peace, stability and prosperity of a region should be jointly maintained by regional countries through negotiation and cooperation, not by the so-called "intervention" of one or a few countries," she added.

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## 2 Abu Sayyaf bandits arrested in Basilan, Sulu

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD and NONOY E. LACSON

member of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) with a P600,000 bounty on his head and is linked to the Kidapawan City bombing in 2006 was arrested by the police and military in Basilan on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, another ASG bandit was apprehended by Philippine Army troops during combat operations in Talipao, Sulu.

#### Basilan bust

A report from the Public Information Office of the Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) identified the arrested ASG member in Basilan as Ibrahim Akbar alias "Ustadz Atti Lintongan." "Ustadz Atti" or "Ustadz Namir."

The CIDG said Akbar's arrest was made possible via a Warrant of Arrest (WOA) issued by a local court against him for multiple murder and multiple frustrated murder.

The CIDG said operatives from the 9RCIDG, Philippine Army, PNP Special Action Force, and Maluso Municipal Police Station arrested Akbar during a manhunt operation in Brgy. Townsite, Maluso, Basilan Province, at 1:40 a.m. Wednesday.

Police Senior Supt. Anthony Aberin, the Regional Chief of the 9RCIDG, said in his report to Police Chief Supt. Eliseo T Rasco, the officer-in-charge of CIDG, that Akbar, was involved in the 2006 bombing incident in Kidapawan.

Aberin added that said ASG member was also involved in the abduction of Claretian Father Bernardo Blanco in 1993.

#### Sulu arrest

Brig. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of JTF Sulu identified the arrested ASG member arrested in Sulu as Pauji Asgari.

Recovered from Asgari were an M16 assault rifle, ammunition, electric cords, combat pack, mobile phone, hammock, motorcycle and Marine Battle Dress Attire (BDA), dela Vega said.

He said troops from the 41st Infantry Battalion pursuing a group of armed men apprehended Asgari

The apprehension was a result of information coming from local residents about the presence of a group of armed men in the area.

The armed men are believed to be a splinter group of the ASG who are trying to evade government troops when spotted by local residents.

Dela Vega said the success of the apprehension is due to the cooperation of local residents.

"We expect more ASG to be arrested and more hostages to be rescued with the cooperation of local residents of Sulu. We have seen this in the rescue of Martina Yee, the neutralization of the notorious Muktadil brothers and the recent successful encounters of our troops against the ASG." dela Vega further said.

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#### **ASG terrorist captured in Basilan**

An Abu Sayyaf terrorist, who carries P600,000 reward, was captured by joint police and military operatives in Basilan province on Wednesday, police is said yesterday. Nabbed was Ibrahim Akbar, who uses the aliases Ustadz Atti Lintongan, Ustadz Atti and Ustadz Namir, who is wanted for multiple murder and multiple frustrated murder charges. Akbar was arrested during an operation of launched at around 1:40 a.m. Wednesday by combined elements of the Regional Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-9, Philippine Army, Special Actions Force and Matuso Municipal Police Station. The suspect, who carries P600,000 bounty was collared in Barangay Townsite; Maluso. Senior Supt. Anthony Aberin said that Akbar is an active member of the Abu Sayyaf Group and was involved in the 2006 bombing incident in Kidapawan. Aberin added that said ASG membero was also involved in the abduction of Father Blanco in 1993 and fire fight against a the AFP troops in 1982 in Maluso. Basilan province.

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## ACROSS THE COUNTRY

### Abu tagged in Spanish priest's kidnap nabbed

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Joint security forces arrested on Wednesday a suspected Abu Sayyaf member tagged in the kidnapping of a Spanish priest.

Ibrahim Akbar, with aliases of Ustadz Atti Lintogan, Ustadz Atti and Ustadz Namir, was collared in Maluso, Basilan.

Akbar's arrest was based on a warrant for multiple murder and frustrafed murder issued by a local court.

The Basilan police said Akbar was tagged in the kidnapping of Fr. Bernardo Blanco in 2003 and the bombing in Kidapawan City in 2006.

Akbar, who has a P600,000 bounty on his head, was also reportedly involved in an encounter with government troops in Basilan in 1982.

— Roel Pareño

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### **US Air Contingent kinumpleto ang Lapu-Lapu mission**

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Sa nakalipas na mga ang 36th Contingency Re- ni Pangulong Rodrigo

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OLD WARRIORS — Veterans of World War II attend the 72nd anniversary of the Leyte Gulf landings at the MacArthur Shrine in Palo on Thursday. (Nestor L. Abrematea)

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Abu Sayyaf member with P600,000 bounty nabbed in Basilan From GMA News (Oct 20): Abu Sayyaf member with P600,000 bounty nabbed in Basilan

An Abu Sayyaf member with a P600,000 bounty on his head was arrested Wednesday by government security forces in a manhunt operation in Maluso, Basilan.

A news release from the police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group on Thursday said Ibrahim Akbar, also known as Ustadz Atti Lintogan, Ustadz Atti, or Ustadz Namir,was arrested by virtue of an arrest warrant.

Akbar is facing charges of multiple murder with multiple frustrated murder.

CIDG Region 9 chief Senior Superintendent Anthony Aberin said Akbar was involved in a bombing attack in Kidapawan City in 2006, and the abduction of Spanish priest Bernardo Blanco in 1993. He was also allegedly involved in a firefight against military troops in 1982 in Basilan.

Elements of the Philippine Army, Philippine National Police Special Action Force, and Maluso Municipal Police joined the CIDG in the manhunt operation.

The Abu Sayyaf is a loosely organized band of Islamic fundamentalists operating in Basilan and Sulu and is known to conduct bombing and kidnapping activities.

Meanwhile, the CIDG served four search warrants against against two members of a criminal group on Thursday morning in Maghayag, Zamboanga Del Sur.

Authorities identified the suspects as Julie Monsanto Lato and Rodrigo Monsanto Lato Jr., both alleged members of the Lato Gun-for-Hire Group.

The suspects will face charges in violation the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act and Illegal Possession of Explosives for possessing a hand grenade, shotgun, one caliber .45 pistol, magazines, and assorted ammunition.

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## US army official reaffirms ties with PHL in Leyte Gulf Landing celebration

From the Philippine News Agency (Oct 20): US army official reaffirms ties with PHL in Leyte Gulf Landing celebration

An army official who represented the United States in the 72nd Leyte Gulf Landing celebration said Thursday he is confident that strong ties with the Philippines will be sustained as his country never "wavered" in its commitment to Filipinos since World War II.

Col. Kevin Wolfla, US Army attaché of the US embassy in Manila, said the two countries will stand "shoulder to shoulder to face the future".

"Our relationship with the Philippines is broad and our alliance is one of our most enduring and important relationship in the Asia-Pacific region. It is a cornerstone of stability for over 70 years," Wolfla said in his speech during the event in this town celebrating the end of Japanese invasion on Oct. 20, 1944.

Despite President Rodrigo Duterte's "time to say goodbye" remarks to the US in his state visit to China, Wolfla said he is "proud and humbled to represent the US commemorating shared sacrifices during World War II".

"I am reminded that today gives us the chance to renew and strengthen the bond that tied us together as partners who know the joy of freedom and are willing to serve together to guarantee that freedom and prosperity for ourselves and for future generations," the US army official said.

In an interview after the commemorative program, the US official declined to comment on the President's pronouncement, but assured that the Philippines will remain his country's ally.

Earlier, President Duterte suspended the joint US-Philippine patrols in the South China Sea, and has threatened an end to joint military exercises.

"To this day, we still have commitment to our friends in the Philippines. It is built on shared sacrifices for democracy and human rights and strong people to people and societal ties," Wolfla added.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Domínico Petilla, who repeatedly thanked the US for its role in the Philippines' liberation and massive assistance of the US government after super typhoon Yolanda, declined to comment on the President's statement against the Western country.

"I think the President is just expanding options on trade... He is entitled to his opinion and we have to respect that, being in a democratic country," Petilla said.

The governor's mother, Palo town Mayor Remedios Petilla assured that US officials will always be invited in future Leyte Gulf Landing celebrations.

"The President just ended the military exercises, but Americans will continue to be here," she added.

Officials and embassy officials from Allied Forces gathered for the 72nd Leyte Gulf Landing at the Macarthur Landing Memorial National Park.

On Oct. 20, 1944, Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur, at the head of the largest US fleet of transport and warships, and accompanied by then Commonwealth president Sergio Osmeña and Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, landed at Red Beach of this town to reclaim the Philippines from the Japanese.

History tells that the largest naval battle in the Pacific and the second battle of the Philippine Sea against Japanese invaders was fought and won in Leyte.

The battle was a great victory; it effectively destroyed the Japanese fleet and opened the way for the recovery of all the islands. Luzon was invaded in January 1945 and Manila was taken in February.

On July 5. 1945, MacArthur announced, "All the Philippines are now liberated." The Japanese had suffered more than 425,000 dead during the battle.

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PAF's attack squadron to relocate in Cagayan De Oro City

From the Philippine News Agency (Oct 20): PAF's attack squadron to relocate in Cagayan De Oro City

Preparations are underway for the relocation of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) attack squadron to the Lumbia Airport here, an official said Thursday.

Vice Mayor Rainier Joaquin Uy said the PAF top brass paid a call at the City Hall here to inform the city government of the PAF's ongoing "site and development" at the Lumbia Airport here.

He said the PAF 15th Strike Wing, currently based at Sangley Point in Cavite, with a complement of about 1,100 personnel, would be relocated to Cagayan De Oro City after the site development of Lumbia is over.

According to Uy, the Department of National Defense (DND) has allocated a PHP 987, 768, 845.44 million for the "Phase 1 – Site Development and Construction of Billeting Facilities for the relocation of the 15th Strike Wing."

Uy did not disclose the scheduled completion of the site development and the construction of the billeting facilities for the PAF personnel.

The 15th Strike Wing, the PAF's primary attack squadron, has a newly acquired AW-109 attack helicopter gunship, OV 10 attack planes, MG -520 attack helicopter gunship, and SF-260 ground attack aircraft.

Uy said the relocation of the PAF strike squadron in the Lumbia Airport along with over 1.000 personnel would perk economic activity in the area.

The Lumbia Airport once served as the commercial airport of Cagayan De Oro City, which was closed following the operation of the Laguindingan Airport in Misamis Oriental.

The 500-hectare airport was not utilized as the headquarters of the PAF's Tactical Operation Group (TOG) in Northern Mindanao.

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## INFORMATION DRIVE | SOLCOM AFP; Gender and Development Breast Cancer Awareness

Alvin Santiago

CAMP GUILLERMO NAKAR, Lucena City (DWDD) – The Southern Luzon Command Gender and Development program in line with the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, through Camp Nakar Station Hospital conducted information drive on Breast Cancer Awareness to the organic personnel, civilian employee. dependents and women's from Quezon Provincial Police Office held at Solcom Officers Club House on October 19, 2016.

The objective of this seminar is to raise the participant's awareness of prevention, early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Dra. Jasmin Andaman Garcia a resource speaker from St Anne General Hospital said breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, based on their study data shows that 1 out of 8 women are diagnosed to have breast cancer and one third of the women's total population died on breast cancer.

The first degree of the family having or died in a breast cancer has 90% percent possibility or chance of having one. The breast cancer normally happens to an aging woman, when it tends to diminish in size as the glandular tissue atrophies is replaced by fats. So the breast often gets flabby and hangs lower on the chest when women breast have loses its firmness and fullness. It is very important for a woman to know what kind of changes is normal so she can detect an abnormal change early on.

According to the research the chances to lower the risk of breast cancer is to limit alcohol intake. do not smoke, regular exercise, breast feed and avoid exposure to a radiation environment.

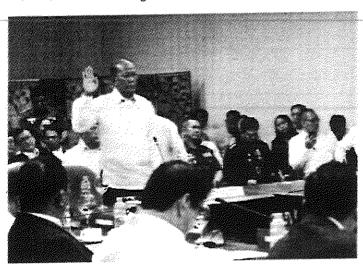
Joselito P Lonzame Commanding Officer, Camp Nakar Station Hospital says; if you have observed abnormalities of your breast consult a doctor to prevent and avoid Breast Cancer case.

Lieutenant General Ferdinand F Quidilla Commander, Southern Luzon Command said, let us improved the health care services and initiatives to our personnel as we continue to perform our duty of protecting the Filipino people. PAO SOLCOM / MCAG

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MANILA (DWDD) – Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana speaks before members of the bicameral Commission on Appointments (CA) who confirmed his ad interim appointment as Secretary of National Defense on October 19, 2016 at the Senate of the Philippines.



Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana takes his oath before members of the bicameral Commission on Appointments (CA) who confirmed his ad interim appointment as Secretary of National Defense on October 19, 2016 at the Senate of the Philippines. PAS DND / MCAG

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