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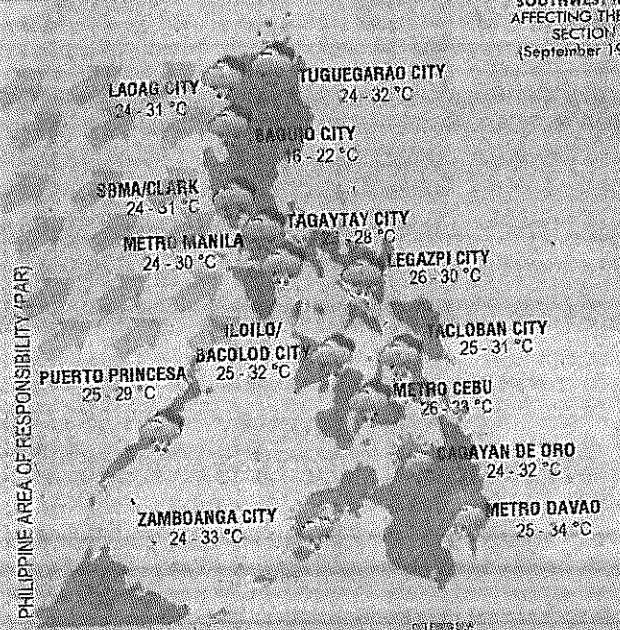


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










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Palace on Rody ouster plotters: We're watching you

By ALEXIS ROMERO

While they may be miles away, they are neither nameless nor faceless and thus may be held accountable under the law, presidential communications secretary Martin Andanar said yesterday of the Filipino-Americans reportedly plotting to oust President Duterte.

Andanar said the administration has identified the people behind the plot to have the President removed from office by next year.

"We are aware of this and we have names, I've received names, but I'm not going to mention them because you know, I was also a journalist and we might be charged with libel," Andanar told a press briefing yesterday.

"We have names. We know who they are. We are studying it. The warning is – just be careful in what you plan because it's against

the law," he added.

Andanar declined to provide any clue about the identities of people involved in the alleged conspiracy to overthrow Duterte, but he stressed that "credible sources" provided the relevant information.

"We are looking into it very seriously," Andanar said.

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"It should be serious for the entire nation, for the 91 percent of the Filipinos who trust the President. Remember that the President was also elected with over 16 million votes," the Palace official said. Andanar

said he is optimistic that any attempt to oust Duterte would never succeed.

"We have to confirm, we have to vet, but whatever they're planning, just think twice because it is not lawful

when you bring down a government. And rest assured that we will protect our President," he said.

Last Monday, Andanar claimed that some Filipino-Americans were working to have Duterte removed from office by January 2017. He cited information relayed by a fellow Cabinet member who allegedly had received reports about the ouster plot in New York.

Duterte has drawn flak from local and international

human rights groups for the spate of drug-related killings in the country. About 3,000 suspected drug offenders have been killed since the president assumed office on June 30.

The United States, the European Union and the United Nations have expressed concern over the killings and called on the Philippine leader to uphold human rights.

The President was unfazed by the criticisms, saying his bloody war on illegal drugs

would continue until the last drug pusher is arrested or killed.

In his speeches, Duterte has said he is putting at stake his life, honor and his presidency in his vigorous campaign against illegal drugs. He said he does not mind losing even the presidency, as failure to curb the drug problem would compromise the future of the next generation.

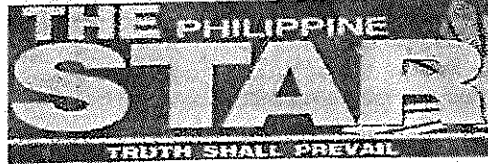
Duterte has also alleged that "yellows" are out to discredit him so he would be removed

from office. The President was referring to the supporters of former president Benigno Aquino III, who backed the failed presidential bid of his rival Manuel Roxas II.

Duterte claimed the trades against his anti-drug war were part of the effort to impeach him.

Aquino's allies at the Liberal Party have denied plotting an impeachment case against Duterte, saying such move is unlikely to gain the support of the public.

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Uzi needed to take me down – Leila

By PAOLO ROMERO

Sen. Leila De Lima yesterday described President Duterte as being “drunk with power,” serving as trigger for the rising incidents of drug-related extrajudicial killings that lead the country to a state of lawlessness.

In a privilege speech delivered a day after she was ousted as chair of the Senate justice committee, an emotional De Lima lamented what she called unending and unwarranted attacks against her only because she was getting closer to finding out the truth behind the extrajudicial killings.

“It would take more than a committee chairmanship, a House inquiry intended to

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pillory and crucify me, an ethics committee complaint based on hearsay, a baseless election protest, every day tirades from the secretary of justice and the solicitor general, and vicious personal attacks from the President, to take me down,” De Lima said. “I guess it would take two magazines of an Uzi machine pistol to take me down.”

De Lima was alluding to a testimony of self-confessed hitman Edgar Matobato before her committee last week that sometime in 1993, Duterte emptied two magazines of his Uzi submachine gun into an agent of the National Bureau of Investigation.

She said Duterte has the dictatorial tendencies of Fortuna, the Roman goddess of fortune, who is the “executioner” of those drunk with power.

“Look behind you, and don’t forget that you are just a human being – not God, human. You’re just human,” De Lima said, citing a story of a Roman general being warned by a slave of being drunk with power.

She said Duterte and his allies like Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano and what she called “paid trolls” have made their critics and human rights advocates as targets of “a new McCarthyism of our time.”

“If you’re not pro-Duterte, you’re a drug lord coddler, you are a pusher, you are an addict,” De Lima said. “This is the new communist bogey in our time: the addict. If you do not worship Lord Duterte, you are an addict because only addicts don’t worship Lord Duterte.”

She reminded her colleagues that as the nation observes the 44th anniversary

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of the declaration of martial law, "all power, no matter how seemingly absolute, is fleeting."

"That is the curse of those who hold power... What is permanent is truth and justice," the senator said.

She said Duterte declared a state of national emergency, which implied the administration was incapable of enforcing order and had to resort to using extra-ordinary powers as commander-in-chief to maintain public safety.

"So are we in a State of Safety, as claimed by Sen. Cayetano? Or are we in a State of Lawlessness, as declared by the President? Safe lawlessness, or lawless safety? We call that an 'oxymoron,' with emphasis on moron," De Lima said.

She chided Cayetano for making comparisons between the peace and order situations in the Philippines and Singapore.

"If Singapore is as peaceful as the Philippines now, did it mean that 30 people need to die every day there to be safe?" she asked, adding summarily executing suspected drug pushers as a means to achieve peace and order will only lead to the "peace of the dead."

Then she hastened to add: "We're slowly going there (peace of the dead), because the administration is slowly filling our cemeteries, literally exterminating criminals."

She reiterated that it was Duterte — not her — who is giving a bad image to the country, adding he was complicating matters by his bad language against world leaders, like Pope Francis, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and US President Barack Obama.

She said the world leaders were merely expressing their concern over the increasing number of killings in the administration's campaign

against drugs.

"The President has already proven that he is more than capable of single-handedly giving a bad image of this country to the whole world in the short span of three months in office," she said.

"He does not need any help from anybody on that aspect, least of all from me," she said. "I'm not the one killing our countrymen so that they can be reported in the international media."

'Fight isn't over'

Session was suspended after De Lima delivered her speech, as the senators, including her allies, did not ask her a question.

De Lima said she will continue her crusade for human rights, even as she thanked former presidents Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Benigno Aquino III for appointing her as head of the Commission on Human Rights and justice secretary during their respective terms.

"Many friends and colleagues have told me, if only I did not call out the President on the murderous consequences of his war on drugs, and decided to be as meek as a sheep, I would not be in this trouble," she recounted. "As the Bible says, what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose his soul? I choose to keep my soul."

De Lima also defended the credibility of Matobato, whose testimony, she said, was corroborated by other witnesses.

Meanwhile, De Lima found an ally in international rights advocates, who yesterday urged senators opposed to the Duterte government's "trampling of human rights" to seek the lady senator's immediate reinstatement as chair of the Senate committee on justice and human rights.
— With Rhodina Villanueva, Jess Diaz

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5 NPAs surrender in Surigao del Sur

BUTUAN CITY (PNA) – The Philippine Army's Fourth Infantry (Diamond) Division commanding general MGen Benjamin R. Madrigal Jr. accepted on Monday afternoon the surrender of five members of the CPP-NPA-NDF operating in the province of Surigao del Sur.

The five surrenderers, reportedly from the various units of the CPP-NPA-NDF such as the Sentro de Gravidad (SDG) of the Kilusang Rebulusyonaryong Komite of Lianga, Surigao del Sur and the Militia Ng Bayan (MB), were identified only through their alias as "Ka Fred," "Dodoy," "Jan," "Jun," and "Rico."

The five yielded to the Army's 75th Infantry Battalion under the 402nd Brigade operating in the area, bringing with them six M16 Armalite rifles, several rounds of M16 ammunitions and M16 magazines.

They were accompanied by 402nd Brigade Commander Col. Isidro Purisima during their presentation to Madrigal at the 401st Brigade Camp, based in New Leyte, Awa, Prosperidad in Agusan del Sur.

The five said during the post presentation media interview that

they decided to return to the folds of the law as they had gone weary of the uncertainty of their situation in the hinterlands and wanted to live normal lives with their families and loved ones.

One of them admitted that he was among those which provided security to a rebel group which burned a van, that was loaded with banana and bound for Davao City, in the province a few months ago.

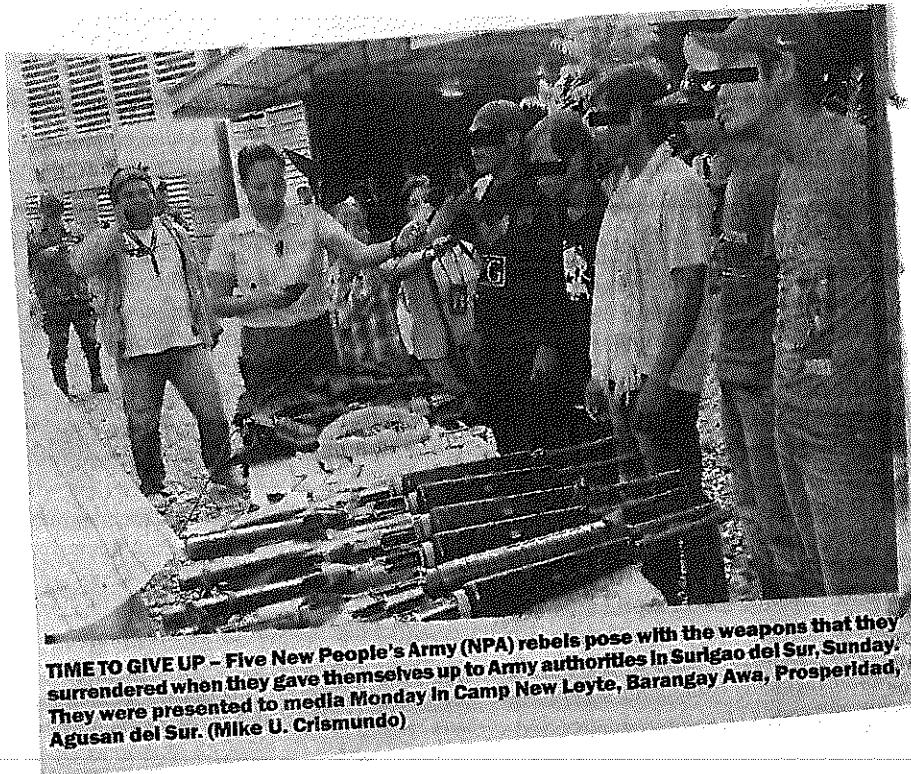
Purisima also said the surrender was the result of government's community organizing peace and developments (COPD) efforts where the former rebels realized that the government has prepared programs and livelihood projects for people like them to go back to the society's mainstream and to live normal lives.

He added that some rebels have even gone home because of the unilateral ceasefires declared the government and the communist group.

Madrigal said that those who surrendered will receive initial assistance of P15,000 through the Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP). They will also receive P50,000.00 as livelihood assistance.

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TIME TO GIVE UP – Five New People's Army (NPA) rebels pose with the weapons that they surrendered when they gave themselves up to Army authorities in Surigao del Sur, Sunday. They were presented to media Monday in Camp New Leyte, Barangay Awa, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur. (Mike U. Crismundo)

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ARMY SOLDIERS FOIL MAGUINDANAO IED BOMBING

COTABATO CITY: Philippine Army soldiers from the 6th Infantry Division (6th ID) in Maguindanao foiled an attempt to explode an improvised explosive device (IED) by lawless elements that could inflict serious injuries or death. Colonel Cirilito Sobejana, brigade commander of the 601st Infantry Brigade, said three powerful IEDs were left outside the Army's 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade detachment in Barangay Meta, Datu Unsay in Maguindanao. Witnesses said two men riding a motorcycle left the package and hurriedly left. The Army's bomb experts from the Explosives Ordnance Division safely deactivated the IED.

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Army, Moro leaders set talks

COTABATO CITY: The commanding general of the Army's 6th Infantry Division (6th ID) in Central Mindanao will meet anytime this week with senior Moro commanders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in what could be a first in the history of the southern Mindanao peace process.

Major Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., the new 6th ID commanding general, said coordination is being initiated in accordance with communication protocols agreed on by the government and the MILF.

The backchannel initiative is known to Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza, the joint government-MILF ceasefire committee and the Malaysian-led International Monitoring Team.

For security reasons, however, Galvez declined to disclose the venue of the meeting being coordinated with Al-Mansur Gambat, chief of the MILF's Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces.

"Efforts are now underway for the meeting to happen," he said.

Galvez, while then a colonel, served as chairman of the government's Coordinating Committee on the July 1997 Agreement on General Cessation of Hostilities, which deals with a counterpart in the MILF.

He hinted that the meeting is part of 6th ID's confidence-building measures meant to sustain the "fragile but sustainable peace" now in once hostile areas in Central Mindanao.

Sources from the 6th ID said possible topics in the meeting include the

MILF commanders' support to the anti-narcotics campaign of President Rodrigo Duterte.

The 6th ID covers Maguindanao and parts of Lanao del Sur, both component areas of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and the adjoining provinces of North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat under Administrative Region 12.

These four provinces are bastions of the MILF with about 40 government-recognized camps, now dubbed as "peace zones," where Malacañang foreign benefactors and the office of ARMM Gov. Mujiv Hataman are implementing socio-economic and infrastructure projects to address poverty and underdevelopment in the local communities.

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Drug rehab center going up in Army camp

BY VICTOR REYES

A FILIPINO firm has begun the construction of a drug rehabilitation center at Fort Magsaysay, the Philippine Army reported yesterday.

Army spokesman Col. Benjamin Hao said the facility is being built on a 10-hectare area, which he said is a small part of the camp which is home to the Army's 7th Infantry Division and Special Operations Command. The camp sits on 45,837 hectares of land.

Hao said workers from the San Jose Builders of Quezon City began the constructions on August 28.

Hao said the construction is being supervised by the Department of Health. He said the

Army's only role is only is the segregation of the property and area security.

"Definitely, the military is not the financier. There is a financier but we are not aware who the financier is. The Department of Health is in charge here. We just provided the area and we are securing the area," said Hao.

On talks that the Chinese government is assisting in the construction, Hao said: "We are not aware of the budget for this project because it's (handled by) an inter-agency led by the DOH."

Hao disclosed the AFP is planning to organize an additional military police unit to secure the facility when drug dependents are already in the area.

"This is in support of the instruction of our commander-in-

chief for us to support his anti-drugs campaign. This is part of the Philippine Army's support to the campaign of the President," he said.

Hao said the Army has also committed two other Army camps where drug rehabilitation centers can also put up. They are Camp Tecson - home to the Army's First Scout Ranger Regiment in San Miguel in Bulacan, and Camp Peralta, home to the 3rd Infantry Division in Jamindan, Capiz.

The Police Professionals for Righteousness and Integrity Movement Inc. (PRIMO) a group of active and retired police personnel, aired its support the anti-drugs campaign of PNP chief Ronald dela Rosa. It was founded in 1997.

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Duterte wants return of PNP to Constabulary

DAVAO CITY – President Duterte wants to revive the Philippine Constabulary (PC) and make the Philippine National Police (PNP) part of it to boost the fight against criminality and the drug menace.

The President cited the enormous task of law enforcers amid the threat of terrorism besetting

the country and the rest of the world.

The PC, the first of the four service commands of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, was merged with the Integrated National Police during the Marcos regime. The PC-INP became the PNP on Jan. 29, 1991.

The constabulary was tasked

to preserve peace and order and arrest law violators. It had inspectional supervision over municipal and city level police forces, fire departments and jail services.

The PC also assisted civil government and semi-government agencies in their missions.

– Edith Regalado

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Bihag ng Abu Sayyaf, 16 pa

Tiniyak kahapon ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) na maayos ang lagay ng karamihan sa mga natitirang bihag ng Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), batay sa natanggap nilang intelligence reports.

Ayon kay Philippine Air Force (PAF) Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, tagapagsalita ng AFP, hawak pa rin ng bandidong grupo ang 16 na bihag – 12 ang dayuhan at apat ang Pilipino.

Sinabi pa ni Padilla na batay sa impormasyong tinanggap mula sa mga military commander sa Sulu, nagwatak-watak sa maliit na grupo ang Abu Sayyaf, na nasa 200-300 ang miyembro, upang mas madali ang pagtakas mula sa matinding opensiba ng militar.

Aniya, pinaghiwa-hiwalay din ang mga bihag para mas mabilis ang pagkilos ng mga bandido laban sa mga tumutugis na sundalo.

"We believe that most of these hostages are still in good condition and that's what we are aiming to accomplish, to rescue them or recover them safely," sabi ni Padilla.

"The hostages are held by different leaders in their desire to stay alive, to survive as a result of the intense military operations," dagdag pa niya.

Muli namang iginiti ng militar na ang pinaigting na opensiba ng militar laban sa ASG ang dahilan sa pagpapalaya ng huli sa pitong bihag nito sa nakalipas na mga araw.

Biyernes ng gabi nang palayain ng Abu Sayyaf ang Norwegian na si Kjartan Sekkingstad, na sinundan ng pagpapalaya sa tatlong mangingsdang Indonesian na sina Lorens Korten, Teodurus Kofung, at Emmanuel nitong Sabado.

Linggo ng gabi naman nang palayain ng ASG ang dalawang Pinoy na sina Daniela Taruc at Levi Gonzales, gayundin ang isa pang Indonesian na si Hernan Bin Manggak.

NEGOSYANTE DINUKOT

Samantala, kinumpirma din kahapon ng pulisya na isang 60-anyos na babaeng negosyante ang dinukot sa Sirawai, Zamboanga Del Norte, nitong

Lunes ng hapon.

Batay sa ulat ng Zamboanga Del Norte Police Provincial Office, dakong 3:00 ng hapon nang dukutin si Martina Yee ng anim na armadong lalaki mula sa kanyang grocery store.

Ayon sa pulisya, isinakay sa speedboat ang biktima patingo sa bayan ng Sibuco sa Zamboanga City.

Sa pahayag ng Western Mindanao Command ng AFP, wala pang grupo na umaako sa pagdukot kay Yee bagama't kinumpirma ng militar na kumukilos na ito upang ligtas na mabawi ang negosyante sa mga suspek.

**Francis Wakefield
at Fer Tab**

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We need US for South China Sea – Duterte

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

President Duterte has apparently mellowed even further on his sentiments about the United States, reiterating yesterday he did not seek the pullout of American forces as the Philippines would need its ally in defending the country from intrusions in the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea.

"I said there will be some time in the future that I will ask the US special forces to get out, almost 117 of them, better that you get out so that I can talk peace... and so I can show that you are not there," he said in a speech before the 10th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army in Mawab, Compostela Valley.

"I never said get out of the Philippines. For after all, we

need them in (South) China Sea," Duterte added.

Under Duterte's administration, the Philippines has been trying to establish better relations with China despite the Permanent Court of Arbitration's recent ruling that Beijing's claims over the whole of the South China Sea through the nine-dash line did not have any legal basis.

On Sept. 12 in Malacañang, Duterte said he wanted the US soldiers to get out of Mindanao because they might be kidnapped. This was after he repeated his story on the Bud Dajo massacre to point out the Americans' lack of moral ascendancy to talk about human rights.

After a few days, Duterte clarified in Bulacan he wanted

American troops to leave Mindanao so that the government would have "space" to hold peace talks with Moro rebels.

Duterte said he was "not against the Americans" but Moro rebels were thinking they were "maneuvering" the talks.

"That's why I said (leave) Mindanao. I never said, 'Go out,'" Duterte said.

Not ready for war

According to Duterte, the Philippines does not have enough equipment to fight a war with China.

"We do not have armaments. But we are also not ready to go to war with China. As far as I am concerned, I am against it. Because it will

just be a massacre," he said.

Duterte lamented that while the Armed Forces of the Philippines acquired fighter planes during the past administration, these planes did not have enough firepower such as missiles.

"The problem is they do not want to give us missiles. We got it from Korea, correct, but they won't sell to us without the consent of America," the President said.

"Our planes are for display, it had no missiles so we cannot use it. I really do not know what's wrong with these Americans, on how they look at us... they look down upon us," he added.

Yesterday, Duterte explained he had to bring up

the Bud Dajo issue in various fora, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Vientiane, Laos early this month, to provide context on the history of Moro battles in Mindanao.

The Bud Dajo battle was described as a counter-insurgency action fought by the US Army against the Moros in the early 1900s during the Moro rebellion.

Duterte's tirades against the US and its president Barack Obama prompted the American leader to cancel a scheduled bilateral meeting between them in Laos.

Duterte said the US should not be lecturing him on human rights vis-a-vis his relentless drive against illegal drugs because it had not done

reparations for the Bud Dajo massacre.

Duterte also stated a number of times that the Philippines was no longer a colony of the US.

The President added the Philippines would chart an independent foreign policy during his six-year term.

Aside from the US, the United Nations and the European Parliament have also raised concerns over extrajudicial killings happening in the course of the drug war.

But the administration maintains the President and the government did not have anything to do with the killings and do not condone them, noting that the incidents of summary execution were already under investigation.

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Digong changes tune: We need US after all

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE PHILIPPINES needs the United States as a counter balance in the South China Sea, where it remains locked in a territorial dispute with China, President Duterte said yesterday.

Mr. Duterte made the statement in the course of explaining his earlier remark that he might later ask US Special Forces to leave Mindanao to pave the way for talks with Muslim rebels, who have historical grievances from abuses suffered at the hands of the Americans.

"I never said get out of the Philippines, for after all, we need them there in the China Sea. We don't have armaments," President Duterte said.

He added that the Philippines was not ready to go to war with China, and he would not want it, because it would be a "massacre."

The Permanent Court of Arbitration, acting on the Philippines' complaint, earlier invalidated Beijing's claim to almost the whole of the South China Sea. China has refused to recognize the ruling.

The President is seeking bilateral talks with China over the issue, and has said that he would insist that discussions

between the two countries be based on the decision.

Mr. Duterte however insisted that the Americans continue to look down on the Philippines.

"I really do not know what's wrong with these Americans. They look at us as if we're lowly," he said.

He repeated his earlier lament over the FA-50 jets the country had acquired, which he said did not have missiles.

He said the Philippines had bought these from South Korea, but these were made with US technology. The Philippines could not have acquired the jets without US consent, he said.

Mr. Duterte had earlier angrily hit back at the United States for raising the human rights situation in the country amid a spate of killings of drug suspects. He had said the country was no longer Washington's "vassal state," even as he insisted later that the country would not cut bilateral ties with its allies.

Meanwhile, Mr. Duterte also said the Philippines was receiving offers for antiterrorism equipment from China and Israel.

But the country would have to be careful to source intelligence equipment from trusted sources.

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Phl eyes arms surveillance equipment from Israel

In a bid to improve the country's fight against terrorism, President Duterte is eyeing one or two countries – including Israel – for the procurement of intelligence equipment and arms for the military.

Duterte also urged members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines yesterday to improve their skills in fighting urban terrorism as soldiers would now no longer just focus on insurgency.

He said the government

would be striking defense deals with allied countries.

"You should get it as fast as Israel can produce it, I'm buying. So how many are you? Almost...130,000-plus...I will buy," Duterte said during a

visit to the Philippine Army's 10th Infantry Division at Camp Manuel Yan in Mawab, Compostela Valley.

Duterte noted that many countries sourced their intelligence equipment from China,

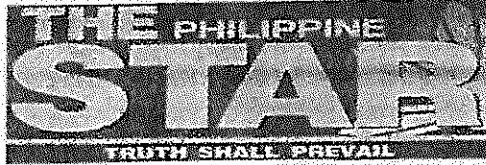
India and Israel but the Philippines should ensure the quality of the equipment and that states or governments that supplied them would not take advantage and eavesdrop on local affairs.

"We are mandated by law to

preserve our territory and protect the citizens, that is our sworn duty. And the people pay us, so we must be conscious of that. So we really need to exert efforts to the (maximum)," he said. – Christina Mendez, Edith Regalado

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Tanker rams Navy ship

ZAMBOANGA CITY – A Liberian-registered tanker collided with the Philippine Navy's *BRP Tarlac* on Monday night.

Maj. Filemon Tan Jr, spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, said *MT Tosca*, with 21 Filipino crewmembers, was on its way to Bintulo, Malaysia when the accident occurred.

Rear Admiral Jorge Amba, commander of Naval Forces Western Mindanao, said no one was hurt among the crewmembers of the Navy ship that sustained minor damage.

Lt. Junior Grade Jimmy Berbo said *MT Tosca* was prevented from sailing to Malaysia pending an investigation.

– Roel Pareño, Cecille Suerte Felipe

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Gotcha

By **JARIUS BONDOC**



Charter requires patrolling of EEZ

Australia is perplexed. Philippine President Duterte has said he would not be joining US patrols through contested areas of the South China Sea. Yet it was his country that initiated the push back on China's power in the region. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop seeks clarification. The Australian press reports:

"Duterte, who has called for US troop removal from Mindanao and buying Russian and Chinese weapons, said he did not want his country involved in US freedom of navigation patrols in the South China Sea.

"In July the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled that China's claim of historic right within the areas falling within the 'nine-dash line' had no legal basis.

"Australia has endured the wrath of Beijing for calling for it to abide by the Hague ruling and supporting the Philippines' right to take the case to arbitration in the first place."

Bishop said Duterte should be asked why he does not want to enforce the

sovereignty? And now the Philippines withdraws from those contested areas the arbitration has found were within its EEZ."

The STAR reported last week:

"President Duterte said Tuesday he won't allow government forces to conduct joint patrols of disputed waters near the South China Sea with foreign powers, apparently scrapping a deal his predecessor reached with the US military earlier this year.

"The remarks were the latest from a Philippine president who has had an uneasy relationship with the US but also has tried to mend relations with China strained over South China Sea disputes.

Duterte plans to protect only territorial seas. Justice Carpio says the President is duty-bound to include the EEZ.

ruling although his country brought the case to the court

"The question should be directed to the Philippines as to what they are doing to reinforce the arbitration findings," Bishop told reporters. "Aren't you surprised that the Philippines is now not going to traverse the territory that the arbitration has just found is in its EEZ [exclusive economic zone]? And that the arbitration found that China was in breach of the Philippines' "

"Duterte said he wanted only Philippine territorial waters, up to 12 nautical miles offshore, to be patrolled by Filipino forces, but not other offshore areas that are contested. He added he opposes Filipino forces accompanying foreign powers like the US and China in joint patrols which could entangle the Philippines in hostilities.

"We do not go into a patrol or join

any other army from now on because I do not want trouble,' Duterte said. 'I do not want to ride gung-ho style there with China or with America. I just want to patrol our territorial waters.'

"Like other security pronouncements, Duterte did not provide details, but his rejection of joint patrols apparently goes against such an arrangement announced in April by the US and Philippine defense chiefs.

"While visiting Manila, US Defense Secretary Ash Carter disclosed for the first time in a news conference with then-Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin that US ships had carried out sea patrols with the Philippines in the South China Sea, a somewhat rare move.

"Carter insisted the US did not intend to be provocative and was 'trying to tamp down tensions here.' But Gazmin said he expected that US forces, 'with their presence here, will deter uncalled-for actions by the Chinese.'"

Supreme Court Senior Justice Anto-

nio Carpio comments:

"1. The Constitution mandates the State to protect the nation's EEZ.

"2. The Constitution defines the national territory to include the nation's EEZ.

"3. The Constitution tasks the Armed Forces to protect the national territory, which includes the nation's EEZ.

"4. The President is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

"5. The President has taken an oath to preserve and defend the Constitution.

"6. Thus, the President has the constitutional duty to protect the nation's EEZ.

"7. The Philippine EEZ in the West Philippine Sea is no longer disputed since an UNCLOS Tribunal had already ruled with finality that China's nine-dashed lines have no legal basis, and China has no overlapping EEZ with the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea. China is merely a squatter in the West Philippine Sea, with no legal right to remain there. To say that the Philippine EEZ in the West Philippine Sea is still disputed is to effectively overturn the ruling of the UNCLOS Tribunal. By remaining in our EEZ, China is committing a hostile act against the Philippines. By patrolling its own EEZ, as affirmed by an UNCLOS Tribunal, the Philippines cannot be considered committing any hostile act against China or any other country.

"8. The only way to protect the Philippine EEZ from foreign poachers is to send patrols to the EEZ. Otherwise, foreign fishing vessels will poach billions of pesos in fish from our EEZ. Under

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UNCLOS, the Philippines has the exclusive right to all the fish within its EEZ.

"9. The Malampaya gas field, which supplies 40 percent of the energy requirement of Luzon, is located 43 nautical miles

from Palawan, beyond our 12-nautical mile territorial sea but within our EEZ. We must secure Malampaya, and the only way to do that is to patrol the EEZ area around Malampaya.

"10. In sum, the Constitution mandates and national interest dictates that the Philippines, on its own, patrol its EEZ."

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Sayyaf, kung hindi susuko, operasyon ng mga sundalo hindi dapat ihinto!

MATAPOS pakawalan ng Abu Sayyaf si Kjaran Sekkingstad, ang Norwegian na bihag ng mga kriminal na Abu Sayyaf nang higit isang taon, pinalaya na rin ang tatlong Indonesians, pati na rin ang dalawang Pilipino na dinukot noong Agosto.

May lumalabas na balita na tumulong si Nur Misuari ng MNLF para mapalaya ang Norwegian.

Ayon kay DND Sec. Delfin Lorenzana, hinihiling ni Nur Misuari na bawasan ang mga operasyon ng militar laban sa Abu Sayyaf, habang may nagaganap na mga negosasyon para sa mga natitirang bihag.

May labindalawang bihag pa ang Abu Sayyaf. Patuloy naman ang mga operasyon laban sa mga kriminal.

Sa totoo lang, hindi dapat tumigil kahit na may napakawalan ng ilan. Hindi puwedeng kalimutan na lang ang lahat ng krimen na ginawa ng Abu Sayyaf.

Grupong kriminal na ang turing sa Abu Sayyaf at hindi mga rebelde kaya dapat silang dumaan sa hustisya.

At kung totoo ang may perang ibinayad na pantubos kay Sekkingstad o para na rin sa ibang pinalayang mga bihag, gagamitin lang ulit ito ng Abu Sayyaf para lumakas ang kani-ang kakayahang magpatuloy sa mga kriminal na aktibidad.

Kaya hindi dapat nabibigyan ng pagkakataong makapagpahinga, 'ika nga' Tandaan na mga sundalo ng bansa ang kalaban nila ngayon.

Ang perang natanggap ay magagamit na pambili ng mga armas at bala. Mga sundalo ng bansa ang nalalagay sa peligro.

Kung hindi rin lang sila susuko, patuloy ang operasyon.

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SUSTAINED OPERATIONS | AFP Pursuit to Continue, ASG has Splintered into Smaller Groups

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CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – The Armed Forces of the Philippines is continuously conducting pursuit operations against the bandit group Abu Sayyaf despite the release of six (6) hostages last week.

In an interview by DWDD with Major Felimon Tan Jr., Public Affairs Officer, AFP Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), the ASG has since splintered into small groups to avoid detection of troops conducting focused operations.

The ASG has recently released Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad; Indonesian sailors: Lorence Koten, Teo Doros Kofong, and Emmanuel Arakian; and telecom sub-contractors Levy Gonzales and Daniela Taruc.

Although, there was an issue of ransom paid for the release of Kjartan Sekkingstad, Major Tan clarified that the AFP has no hand in the issue and has maintained that they are strict in implementing the "No Ransom Policy."



He added that the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), under chairman Nur Misuari, has indicated their support for the government campaign, as evidenced by their assistance in the recent release, and has vowed to cooperate in the ensuing operations by keeping away to avoid misencounters. Although, they are still awaiting the decision of the national government on the request of Misuari for the suspension of military operations against the ASG, while he is still negotiating for the release of the remaining hostages.

Major Tan said that based on reports from the field, the remaining 16 hostages (12 foreigners and four Filipinos) are in good health and they are optimistic that they will all be rescued soon. **AES / MCAG**

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WMC now tracking abductors of 60-year-old businesswoman in Zamboanga Del Norte

MANILA, Sept. 20 (PNA) -- Western Mindanao Command (WMC) units are now tracking down the suspects behind the abduction of a 60-year-old Filipino-Chinese businesswoman in Sirawai, Zamboanga Del Norte Monday afternoon.

The incident took place 3:00 p.m., according to WMC spokesperson Major Filemon Tan.

He identified the victim as Martina "Tinang" Yee.

Tan said the businesswoman was forcibly by the suspects while inside her grocery store in Poblacion, Sirawai.

The victim was dragged towards the shoreline and was forced to board a double-engine pumpboat en route to Zamboanga City.

Joint elements of the military and police conducted hot pursuit operations to rescue the victim.

Air and naval assets were also tasked to establish security points along the shoreline of Sirawai and Sibuco, Zamboanga Del Norte. (PNA)

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Serye ng paglaya ng kidnap victims sa ASG resulta ng intense military ops - AFP

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ZAMBOANGA CITY - Pinaninindigan ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) sa Western Mindanao na ang magkakasunod na pagpapalaya ng mga kidnapper sa kanilang bihag sa Sulu ay resulta pa rin ng kanilang intense military operations sa mga bulubunduking bahagi ng Sulu.

Inihayag ni Lt/Gen. Mayoralgo Dela Cruz, commander ng Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), napi-pressure umano ang grupo ng teroristang Abu Sayyaf sa nagpapatuloy na operasyon ng militar kaya tuluyan na rin nilang pinapalaya ang kanilang nga bihag.

Makalipas ang halos isang taon ay nakalaya na rin ang isang natitirang hostage ng Samal Island kidnapping ang Norwegian national na si Kjartan Sekkingstad.

Sunod ding pinalaya kahapon ang tatlo pang Indonesian national.

Habang kagabi naman ay napalaya din ang mag-asawang Pinoy kidnap victim kasama ang isa pang Indonesian national.

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Lumabas sa ibang impormasyon na umaabot sa halagang P30 milyon ang binayaran sa Abu Sayyaf kapalit ng kalayaan ng Norwegian national habang P10 milyon naman para sa tatlong Indonesian hostage.

Nasa P100 milyon naman umano ang demand ngayon ng Abu Sayyaf para palayain nila ang natitira pang nga Indonesian kidnap victim.

Aminado ang opisyal na hindi nila mapipigilan ang ibang grupo kung magbabayad ang mga ito ng ransom money para sa mga biktima ito ay kahit umiiral ang "no ransom policy" ng gobyerno.

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PHP38.9-M allocated for repairs of engine assembly of PAF C-130 aircraft

MANILA, Sept. 20 (PNA) -- The Philippine Air Force (PAF) has allocated a total of PHP38,965,000 for the acquisition of spare parts and services needed for the repairs of the engine assembly of one of its Lockheed C-130 "Hercules" cargo aircraft.

Pre-bid conference is scheduled on Friday, 9:00 a.m. at the PAF Procurement Center Conference Room, Villamor Air Base, Pasay City.

The PAF currently four C-130 in its service. Another is slated for delivery this October.

C-130s are the primary cargo and troop transport carriers of the PAF. (PNA)

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