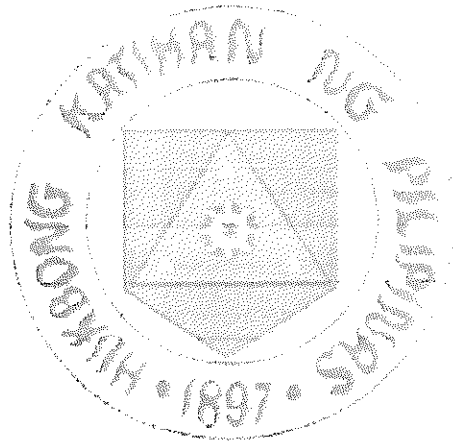


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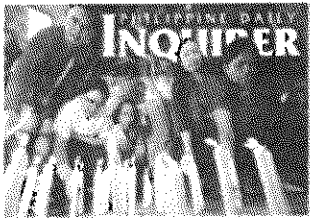
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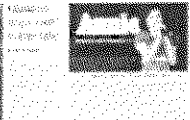
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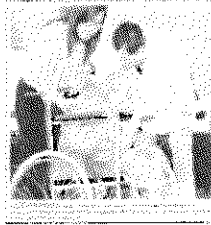
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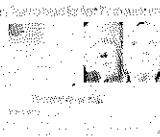


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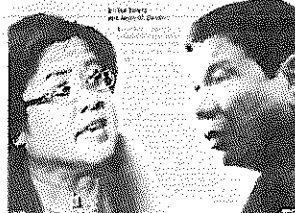


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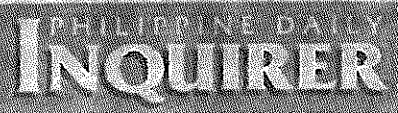
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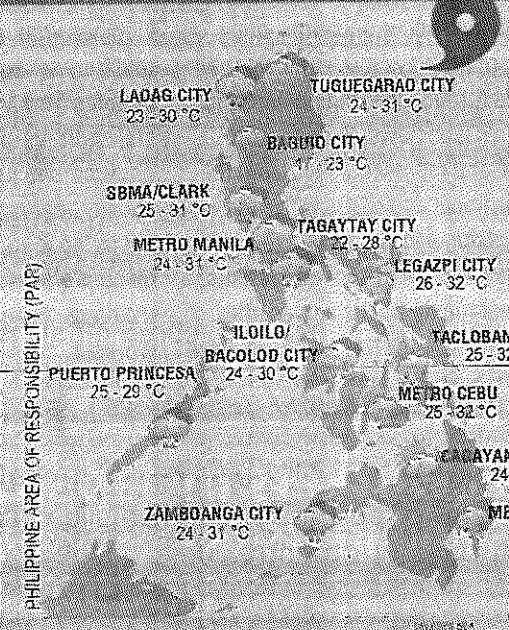
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Peso plunges to 7-yr low

US rates, Duterte policies cause fall

By Doris Dumlao-Abadilla
and Ben O. de Vera

INVESTOR concerns on the Duterte administration's war on drugs coupled with external developments causing uncertainty globally pulled the peso to a seven-year low on Monday.

The peso closed at 48.25 to a dollar, the weakest level since the close of 48.335 on Sept. 15, 2009.

At the Philippine Dealing System, the domestic currency reached an intraday low of 48.26 after opening at 48.07, weaker than Friday's close of 47.99.

The total volume traded rose to \$758.5 million from \$590.5 million on Sept. 23.

"The peso movement reflected the continuing uncertainty about the US Fed's next policy action, just like other regional currencies," Governor Amando

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M. Tetangco Jr. of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said in a text message to reporters.

The US Federal Reserve kept policy rate steady during its meeting last week, such that markets are betting it could eventually push through with a rate hike in December, soon after the presidential election in November.

Tetangco also attributed the weaker peso to “strong foreign exchange demand for fixing and corporate requirements.”

Drug war jitters

Some analysts have turned critical over how Mr. Duterte has been waging a war on drugs, alongside some of his foreign policy pronouncements.

Global debt watcher S&P Global Ratings last week said

Mr. Duterte’s law and order thrust “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 had taken note of numerous instances of extrajudicial killings under Duterte.

“When combined with the President’s policy pronouncements elsewhere on foreign policy and national security, we believe that the stability and predictability of policymaking has diminished somewhat,” said the ratings agency.

While most Asian markets have not been spared from market reversals resulting from earlier US Fed jitters, Philippine markets—including bonds, stocks and currency—have underperformed regional peers,

said Bank of the Philippine Islands economist Emilio Neri Jr.

“Most of the investors who have raised their concerns with us find the uncertainty about Philippine foreign policy and diplomacy to be most unsettling,” Neri said.

Not lone loser

Even so, Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III told reporters that the peso was not the lone loser among currencies globally.

“You know that when Yellen says we might raise the rate, that will affect us,” he said, referring to US Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen.

“It’s not only our situation,” Dominguez pointed out.

Joey Cuyegkeng, senior economist at ING Bank Manila, noted that the Philippine peso “continued to underperform

other Asian currencies.”

External factors, including economic developments in China, the European Union and Japan, as well as expectations of a lower current account surplus are exacerbating the peso’s weakness, Cuyegkeng said.

“Some analysts think the current account would post a deficit this year or in the coming years—if this materializes, then we would be back to a twin deficit environment that plagued the economy early last decade,” he noted.

But Cuyegkeng said other domestic factors weakening the peso “have to do with market perception about Philippine valuations (and its outlook relative to other Asian markets) and other concerns, including non-economic concerns.”

“In sum, economic fundamentals remain favorable but

there are emerging stresses on the economy and could be exacerbated by noneconomic factors. Investors have priced in a lot of positives about the economy and are now on the lookout for risks that could disappoint expectations,” he said.

Debate on causes

In a research note, Papa Securities said that foreign funds may be almost done selling.

“The pace of the net outflows in the past two months has been faster than other periods historically, averaging above a billion pesos a day. There is still some debate if the cause of which is profit-taking, uncertainty over the Fed hike, or concerns on domestic stability. It’s likely an unknowable mix of all three—though one thing is for certain, this sell-off is certainly not regional,” the local stock brokerage said.

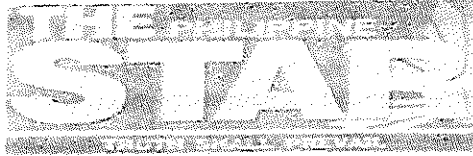
The brokerage said it suspected that Mr. Duterte’s often-quoted statements were merely aggravating foreign selling in a relatively “fragile” market.

Since peaking in August, investors have been net sellers to the tune of around 0.75 percent of the total market cap of the PSEi, according to Papa Securities.

“The only other country to experience anywhere near this level of outflows is Vietnam, and theirs is only at -0.35 percent of their peak at the start of the year,” the local stock brokerage said.

Papa Securities said it remained bullish for 2017, sharing the BSP’s assessment that the country’s economic fundamentals were solid and the list of catalysts expected to emerge starting in the fourth quarter were numerous.

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Duterte: Probe me but follow Phil laws

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

President Duterte is ready to face investigation by the United Nations, the United States and the European Union over alleged summary executions of drug suspects, but only if they promise to follow "the process in my jurisdiction."

"I am willing – any and all questions, I will answer, *ipadala mo na iyong mga EU na bright, mga bobo, iyong mga p**g i**g ito, maniwala kayo diyan* (send the bright ones from EU. They're stupid, those sons of b**s, believe me)," he said.

"But if they think they are really brighter than us, oh, come here," Duterte said.

"What I want is everybody should be placed under oath. So in the end, if it is proven that you are lying, I can proceed (with) a case against you. If you just listen and take down notes, then get the garbage of De Lima, that's b**t," he said, referring to Sen. Leila de Lima, with whom he has locked horns over human rights issues.

He recalled being probed by UN rapporteur Philip Alston for killings in Davao City when he was still mayor.

"I do not have to remind him again... they know it already," he said.

"What I don't like is that they threaten me. So I was quiet about it. When I was mayor, that's already fine. But now I am President, we are getting embarrassed. I am used to it, but not our people," he said.

Duterte maintained that domestic laws are above international laws, and that he cannot be made accountable

ing the land.

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on the basis of laws of other countries.

"I will ask them. It's provided in the Constitution. And if they come here, I have the laws, the penal laws and the Constitution. And I would just tell them, find something here that is wrong, where you can be charged. Because if it is not a criminal offense, then any other country cannot turn it or cannot categorize it as a crime," he said.

"I am a citizen of this Republic, the crimes and felonies are in our books," he added.

"Before international law, there is the Constitution which is the bedrock (of Philippine democracy)."

While Filipinos speak many dialects, he said the Philippines is bound by its laws.

"You disregard the flag, the Constitution, there will be trouble," he pointed out.

"Find me a fault there, if there is because you have to begin with the criminal laws of my land."

He also made clear he is unfazed by a warning from Standard and Poor's that the country's credit rating might be affected by the current campaign against drugs.

Spewing out expletives, he said he is not afraid of S&P's and other credit raters. "You want me to answer, you answer also. We're on the same boat. Who are you to threaten me?"

Duterte said he has tasked

his legal team to prepare a draft invitation for any international body that would want to come and probe summary executions in the country.

"It is up to them. But I have asked my lawyer here, legal (team) to prepare the letter to invite them to come and investigate. But I said it should be something live and not a one-way affair," he said in remarks at the oath taking of officers of media covering Malacañang.

Duterte again repeated his attacks against US President Barack Obama, reminding him of police abuses targeting African-Americans.

"Even Obama, we'll ask him so he must be prepared. Now, why should I prepare? Who are you? In the context of things, who are you? Why are you asking me? What about you, killing the black people? Do not be such a hypocrite," he said.

"Why me? Those who have stayed in America for a long time, let's not fool each other. What is their treatment there of foreigners, or if you are not white? Now, you who have studied in America, have lived in America, tell me straight, *walang bolahan*. How are you treated there in America if you are not white?" he added.

Duterte also vented his anger at columnists whom he thought were more concerned about the impact of his attacks against the US, than about him and his constituents.

Hypocrisy

He berated the US anew for what he called its hypocrisy and for invading Iraq supposedly in search of weapons of mass destruction.

After wasting Iraq, the US, Britain and their allies never recovered even fireworks, he said.

"That's their hypocrisy," Duterte pointed out.

"*Kung hindi lang bawal magpatay ng Amerikano, patayin kita dito* (If it's not unlawful to kill an American, I'll kill you here)," he said.

Duterte reiterated that he wanted Americans in the probe. "*Ano sa palagay nila sa akin, gago* (What do they think of me, stupid?)" he said.

The President reiterated that he does not care if he goes down in history as a killer or a disgraced politician.

"If I go down in history as a killer or disgraced, as I am the one impeached, it's okay. Assassination, fine. I do not lose my honor in both. It's fine with me," he said.

Duterte reiterated that he has long put his integrity and his presidency and even his life on the line in his intensified war against illegal drugs.

At the same time, Duterte reiterated he cannot allow his accusers to draw "garbage" of information from De Lima and make a report out of it.

"That's about stupid," he said.

He said any investigation should be a two-way street where all parties concerned would also be allowed to ask

questions.

"*Magtanong muna sila sa lahat then magtanong ako sa kanila* (They may ask questions, and then I'll ask them too) Rapporteur of EU, rapporteur of UN, whoever is interested, rapporteur of the state department or Obama," he said.

Duterte said Obama may come to the country to personally ask questions, but the President said he should also be allowed to ask Obama pertinent questions regarding the abuses and the killing of African-Americans in the US.

"*Tatal wala naman siya ginawa na kasi* (He has done nothing anyway because) he's out, maybe he can come here and find time to ask me questions and I'll answer him. I have some interesting questions to ask. I would just term it very interesting questions. You know what's sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose," he said.

"It cannot be just a one-way traffic here. Even if I am a President of a small republic, I will see to it that in matters of principle, we are in parity, *tabla* (equal). Even if we're not as popular as America," he added.

The President said he would never allow UN rapporteurs to work on a wrong premise fed by his political enemies.

Duterte recalled that he talked with Alston when he was mayor of Davao but nothing came out of the investigation.

"There was no result. And for all the time that I was in-

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investigated by the human rights and the rapporteur, nothing came out of it," the President said.

The President again fired a broadside at De Lima, whom he accused of having immoral relations with her driver and for benefiting from drug money from convicts.

"Then a secretary of justice here, and if you have noticed, she kept on hammering at me. And I said, if you have a good case, if the goods are there with you, file a case," he said.

Duterte said De Lima has been banking on the testimony of her key Senate witness, self-confessed killer Edgar Matobato, but still she dilly-dallied in the filing of charges against him.

He vowed yesterday to have De Lima put behind bars on non-bailable charges.

"Kasi nandiyan na daw 'yung witness niya si Matobato, so go ahead. Wala siyang ginawa. Now, nandito na sila, naipit na siya (She has Matobato as witness, go ahead. She did nothing. Now, she's in trouble)," he said.

"But this De Lima, she screwed her driver and screwed the nation," the President said.

"Our problem is not my mouth. It's drug addicts numbering about three million, and we have new surrenderees. My slurs and my curses—they are but manifestation of the anger inside me," he said. "Wag nila akong takutin (Don't threaten me)."

Duterte said it's the US, the EU and the UN that should be investigated "because they have committed far more injustice.

"Even then there were already killings. Look at the statistics. That would make

you a good journalist because you are fair, factual," he said.

He added he is ready to "resign tonight" once it is established that he is behind the summary killings.

He reiterated that the local police are not in the business of "mummifying" slain drug suspects, as such practice is an expertise of drug syndicates.

Meanwhile, the UN said its review of the human rights situation in the Philippines on Sept. 28 will be done from Geneva and not in Manila.

Tess Debuque, UN Information Center Manila, has clarified an 18-man team from the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will conduct its review at the Palais des Nations at 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (9 p.m. to midnight in Manila), and not in Manila as reported earlier.

A UN advisory said the Philippines will undergo a review because it is one of 164 states that have ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Signatories to ICESCR undergo regular review.

The committee will discuss with a Philippine delegation a range of issues relating to the implementation of the ICESCR.

The advisory said the committee's meetings with the Philippine delegation at the Palais des Nations will be public and will be webcast at <http://webtv.un.org/>.

The Philippines has submitted a report to the ICESCR.

The committee will release its findings on Oct. 10.

Other countries being reviewed are Costa Rica, Cyprus, Poland, Tunisia, Lebanon and the Dominican Republic.

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Fort Magsaysay rehab center underway

FORT MAGSAYSAY – The first mega drug rehabilitation and treatment center in the country is under construction.

Col. Benjamin Hao, Philippine Army spokesman, said the rehabilitation center is being built on a 10-hectare land in this military reservation, the headquarters of the 7th Infantry Division, Special Operations Command and Army

Artillery Regiment

Hao said the project is a joint venture of the Department of Health and the Army's real estate office.

President Duterte earlier asked the military to allot at least one hectare of land to build rehabilitation facilities for drug dependents.

The government is also eyeing vacant areas at Camp

Macario Peralta in Jamundan, Capiz and Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan.

Meanwhile, a family in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya has offered four hectares of their 20-hectare property as the site of another drug rehabilitation center in the province.

The lot owned by the family of Oca Valencia is located in Upper Magsaysay.

Bayombong Mayor Ralph Lantion said the Valencias offered the property when lawyer John Castricones of the Department of the Interior and Local Government visited the province recently.

"We hope the national government will consider the offer as one of the four sites of major drug rehabilitation centers," Lantion said. — **Manny Galvez, Victor Martin**

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SOLDIER NABBED FOR PILFERING, SELLING AMMUNITION TO CIVILIANS

ZAMBOANGA CITY: The Philippine Army arrested Sgt. Jeffrey Ordoño for pilfering and selling ammunition to civilians in Mindanao. Ordoño, assigned with the 10th Division Training School training soldier applicants, allegedly pilfered 1,000 live ammunition and sold them to civilians. If evidence warrants, he shall undergo either administrative or judicial proceedings that may include trial by court martial, the Army said. Major General Rafael Valencia, 10th Infantry Division head, has strongly warned soldiers against selling ammunition. There were previous allegations that soldiers had sold weapons and ammunition to the Abu Sayyaf group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the New People's Army and even criminal gangs in southern Philippines.

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NAKAAYUDA KAHIT SAAN...KAHIT KAILAN Magkatuwang na nagpapatupad ng checkpoint ang mga operatiba ng Philippine National Police at Philippine Army sa Anda Circle malapit sa Delpan Bridge sa Tondo, Maynila kahapon. Ipinag-utos kahapon ni Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada na bukod sa pagtulong sa kampanya laban sa droga, dapat na maktiisa rin ang militar sa pagtuturo sa mga mag-aaral sa elementarya tungkol sa masamang epekto ng droga sa katawan.

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Former rebels in Davao del Sur gets assistance

From the Philippine Information Agency (Sep 26): Former rebels in Davao del Sur gets assistance

Fourteen former members of the New People's Army (NPA) who surrendered to 73rd Infantry Battalion (73IB) received a total of ₱700,000.00 livelihood assistance from the Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP) of the Province of Davao del Sur.

The returnees formally received their assistance during the flag-raising ceremony held at Provincial Coliseum, Davao del Sur on September 26, 2016.

In a simple awarding ceremony, Governor Douglas Cagas of Davao del Sur and Chairman of CLIP Committee, Provincial Director Remedios Baldovino of DILG, Col Tyne Banas, Commander 1002nd Brigade and Lt. Col. Ronnie Babac, Commander 73IB handed-in the check worth ₱50,000.00 to each of the fourteen (14) former rebels.

Aside from the livelihood assistance, the awardees also received their immediate cash assistance worth ₱15,000.00 each during the Former Rebels Peace Summit-Davao del Sur last April 27, 2016 held at Mer Grande Beach Resort, Toril, Davao City.

"The livelihood assistance awarded to the former rebels (FRs) is a successful collaborative effort of the provincial government, PNP-Davao del Sur and 73IB in support to the unit's mission and government's effort of permanent and peaceful closure of all armed conflict in the country" Lt. Col. Babac said. (Captain Rhyen Batchar, 10th ID)

<http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/2381474868227/-former-rebels-in-davao-del-sur-gets-assistance>

NPA rebel yields to army troopers in Ilocos Sur

From the Philippine Information Agency (Sep 26): NPA rebel yields to army troopers in Ilocos Sur

A self-proclaimed member of the New People's Army (NPA) group operating in the northern part of Ilocos Sur abandoned his unit and surrendered to the Army.

According to Colonel Eugenio Julio Osias IV, the commander of the 81st Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army, the rebel surrenderee was identified as alias Ka Monsor, 38 years old, and a resident of Barangay Marafudo, Magsingal town.

Osias spent 17 years as member of the NPA's Kilusang Laranang Sinag based in the mountainous areas within the boundary of the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Abra.

He confirmed that Ka Monsor, who voluntarily submitted himself to the authorities through the intervention of his family members, is one of the remnants of the NPA rebel operating in Northern Luzon. He is also one of the five NPA rebels who surrendered to their unit this year.

In a tactical interrogation, Ka Monsor claimed that he decided to return to the fold of law due to the hardships he experienced while hiding in the mountains.

Last week, the rebel returnee received P65,000 worth of livelihood assistance from Ilocos Sur Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson in a simple rite at the provincial capitol.

Meanwhile, Singson called the remaining members of the NPA group operating in the province to voluntarily surrender to authorities for the sake of peace and development.

<http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/381474860615/npa-rebel-yields-to-army-troopers-in-ilocos-sur>

Army holds Muslim Youth Leadership Summit in Banaybanay .

From the Philippine Information Agency (Sep 26): Army holds Muslim Youth Leadership Summit in Banaybanay .

The Philippine Army's 701st Infantry Brigade (IB) based in Mati City conducted on September 22-25, the Muslim Youth Leadership Summit at the Municipal Gymnasium, Brgy. Poblacion, Banaybanay, Davao Oriental.

Around 120 youth leaders from the provinces of Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley participated in the summit with the theme, "Engage, Unite, Ignite."

The summit was a partnership activity of the brigade, Youth for Peace Movement in Davao Oriental (YFPMDO), Department of Health (DOH), provincial government of Davao Oriental and local government unit of Banaybanay.

701st IB commander, Col. Bienvenido Datuin Jr. stressed the role of the youth in the whole-of -the-nation approach for peace in development.

Colonel Datuin also emphasized the convergence gorged by the public and the Philippine Army as a potent component in nation building.

Also present during opening of the summit were Banaybanay Mayor Adalia Lopez-Tambuang, Brgy Captain of Poblacion Reynante Madanlo and 28th Infantry Battalion commander Lieutenant Colonel Ramon Zagala.

The brigade also conducted the 1st Indigenous People Youth Leadership Summit last April 23-27 in Baganga, Davao Oriental.

<http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/2371474877081/army-holds-muslim-youth-leadership-summit-in-banaybanay>

Tagalog News: Kapulisan at militar sa N. Cotabato hiniling ang suporta ng mga mamamayan

From the Philippine Information Agency (Sep 26): Tagalog News: Kapulisan at militar sa N. Cotabato hiniling ang suporta ng mga mamamayan (Police and military in N. Cotabato requested the support of the citizens)

LUNGSOD NG KIDAPAWAN, North Cotabato - Hiniling ng pamunuan ng Cotabato Police Provincial Office (CPPO) at ng pwersa ng militar na nakabase sa probinsyang suporta ng mamamayan upang mapanatili ang kapayapaan at mapalakas ang seguridad sa lalawigan.

Ayon kay PSSupt. Emmanuel Peralta, provincial director ng CPPO, lalong magiging epektibo ang hakbang ng kapulisan at kasundaluhan kung nakikiisa ang mamamayan.

Kabilang sa hinihiling ng otoridad sa publiko ay ang pagiging alerto at mapagmatyag lalo na sa mga kaduda-dudang tao o bagay na kanilang makikita.

Sa ginanap na press forum and conference kamakailan, hinimok ni Peralta ang publiko sa pamamagitan ng media na makipagtulungan sa pulis at militar lalo na sa kampanya laban sa kriminalidad.

Nanawagan din ang otoridad sa mamamayan na makipag-ugnayan sa kanila sa pamamagitan ng maagap na pagulat sa mga insidente o mga kaduda-dudang personahe na mamamatahan sa kanilang lugar.

Kaugnay nito, tiniyak ni Peralta at ni Lt. Col. Edgar delos Reyes ng 7th IB na pinaigting na nila ang mga check point at choke point sa highway at sa mga pampubliko o matataong lugar.

<http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/2301474859385/tagalog-news-kapulisan-at-militar-sa-n-cotabato-hiniling-ang-suporta-ng-mga-mamamayan>

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NEW AFP INTEL CHIEF ASSUMES POST

A MILITARY officer described as having extensive experience in intelligence assumed as the new commander of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) on Monday. Brig. Gen. Ronald Villanueva replaced Maj. Gen. Arnold Quiapo, who has reached the mandatory retirement age of 56, according to Col. Edgard Arevalo, chief of the AFP Public Affairs Office. A member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 1985, Villanueva was former commander of the 1002nd Brigade of the Army's 10th Infantry Battalion in Mindanao and branch chief of the counter-intelligence division of the AFP Deputy for Intelligence (J2). Villanueva was among the 25 military officers whose promotions were recently confirmed by the Commission on Appointments. The role of the intelligence chief in the government's fight against illegal drugs would be crucial as his office would be providing information and intelligence to the Defense department and the AFP tapped by President Rodrigo Duterte to assist the police in the anti-drug campaign.

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Military intel has new chief

BY VICTOR REYES

A WELL-ROUNDED Army officer is the new chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), a coveted post in the military establishment.

Brig Gen Ronald Villanueva assumed his new post yesterday in rites held at the ISAFP compound in Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, replacing Maj. Gen. Arnold Quiapo who is due to reach the mandatory retirement age of 56 on Thursday.

Villanueva, a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1985, is outgoing com-

mander of the Army's 1002nd Brigade based in Sarangani. His replacement has not been named.

"He has extensive experience in the intelligence community with an aggregate total of more than 10 years (of assignment) in the community before his assumption as chief SAFP," said Col. Edgard Arevalo, chief of the AFP public affairs office.

Arevalo said Villanueva once served as chief of the counter-intelligence branch at the office of the AFP deputy chief of staff for intelligence (J2). ISAFP is the operating arm of J2.

"He has committed to providing good intelligence to the

commander-in-chief, defense and AFP leadership. He will work to attain good intelligence information to stakeholders and decision-makers," said Arevalo.

On whether Villanueva will help in the government's war against illegal drugs, Arevalo said: "That would be an integral part of the good information and intelligence assessment that he would be providing our leadership in the DND and the AFP."

Army spokesman Col. Benjamin Hao described Villanueva "very well-rounded officer" and "one of our best brigade commanders" of the Army.

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No amnesty, no peace talks with Abu Sayyaf

BY JOCELYN MONTEMAYOR

PRESIDENT Duterte yesterday said there would be no amnesty for members of the Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for beheading kidnap victims who could not pay ransom, as he reiterated there would be no peace negotiations with the "despicable" bandit group.

Duterte said he agrees with the military that there could never be amnesty for the bandits.

"The Abu Sayyaf were decapitating people like just they were just fowls and pigs and goats. And there will be no talks. Tama iyung Armed Forces, iyung rejecting an amnesty. I

will not. I will never. There will never be an amnesty," he said.

Duterte said former Moro National Liberation Front chairman Nur Misuari has been hinting of the possible inclusion of the Abu Sayyaf in peace efforts in Mindanao.

He said he is pursuing peace but does not include the Abu Sayyaf.

The military stepped up operations against the Abu Sayyaf last month, which authorities said may force the group to conduct retaliatory or diversionary attacks.

The Abu Sayyaf is holding 16 foreign and Filipino hostages in Sulu. Government troops foiled a

potential roadside bombing in Indanan town, Sulu with the recovery of an improvised explosive device (IED) believed to have been manufactured and planted by the Abu Sayyaf.

The bomb was found by residents in Sitio Kajatian, Barangay Tagbak at around 1:40 p.m. on Sunday.

Military and police bomb experts diffused the IED about an hour later.

The bomb is composed of 30 liters of ammunition nitrate as main charge, blasting cap, and a 150-meter wire, said Col. Rodrigo Gregorio, spokesman of the military's Joint Task Force Sulu, – *With Victor Reyes*

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Destab plot di totoo -- AFP

Pinasinungalingan ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ang napabalitang may grupo mula sa Amerika ang nagpapalano para pabagsakin ang Duterte administration.

Ayon kay AFP Public Affairs Office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo, walang namo-monitor na anumang plano ng destabilisasyon laban sa Duterte administration mula sa AFP.

Iginūt ni Arevalo na propesyonal ang kanilang hanay at may mga leksyon na silang natutunan sa mga nakalipas nilang karanasan.

Sinabi ni Arevalo na maganda ang relasyon ng Pangulo at ng kanilang hanay kaya walang dahilan para umapela sila sa kanilang hanay na nagpapalano ng destabilisasyon o kudeta dahil wala silang namo-monitor nito.

Maging sa hanay ng mga retiradong sundalo ay wala rin naman silang namo-monitor na may balak magkudeta. (Betchai Julian)

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US sends contingent for bilateral training

THE United States deployed an air contingent for bilateral training missions with their counterparts from the Philippine military for improved interoperability and enhanced security cooperation.

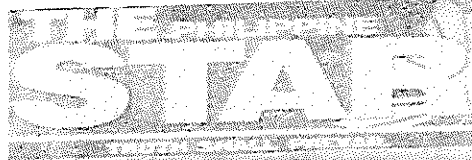
The US sent two C-130 Hercules aircraft and 100 Airmen from the 374th Air Wing at Yokota Air Base, Japan, and the 36th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base, Lapu-Lapu City.

Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) airmen also participated in the first rotation of an Air Contingent at

Clark Air Base in April 2016, following a joint announcement by then Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and US Secretary of Defense Ash Carter that highlighted several initiatives aimed to reinforce the ties between the two countries.

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US air contingent in Phl for bilateral training missions

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and the 36th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam have been deployed to Mactan-Berito Ebuena Air Base, Lapu-Lapu City to enhance interoperability with the Philippine military.

The deployment was upon the invitation of the Philippine

government and at the direction of the US Pacific Command chief.

The Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) airmen will also be involved in Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and integrate with units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

The purpose of the Air Contingent is to promote increased interoperability between US and Filipino forces, and to further enhance security cooperation between the allies.

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PH interest in Russian military arms explained

THE Philippine Embassy in Moscow yesterday clarified that the donation to or borrowing of Russian military equipment and technology are not part of any discussions on military and technical cooperation between the Philippines and Russia.

"As stated in our previous press releases, there have been briefings and preliminary discussions with Russia on military technical cooperation," Philippine Ambassador to Russia Carlos D. Sorreta said.

He stressed "We have also been briefed on the different modes of financing, but there have been no discussions on donating or lending military equipment or technology."

Sorreta said that the Philippine defense establishment knows what it needs, particularly in terms of internal defense and counterterrorism.

"What we are doing now is to see if the systems we need are available from Russia, if the prices are competitive, if the terms are beneficial to the Philippines, if there will be transfer of technol-

ogy and if there will be local investments," Sorreta explained.

"There are military items that the Philippines needs to deal decisively with our internal threats that are not readily available from other sources, either because some countries don't believe we can use these hi-tech systems properly or because of certain country-specific conditionalities," Sorreta said.

As of now, according to the Ambassador, it appears that the military systems and technologies the Philippines needs are available from Russia and "they trust that we will use these in accordance with international human-

itarian law."

Sorreta added it seems that there are no conditionalities, other than those that generally apply to all nations.

"For example, not to use these to commit acts of aggression in violation of the UN Charter or to develop weapons of mass destruction," the Ambassador explained.

Russia sells military equipment and military-related equipment to a host of nations.

The Pentagon has bought a large number of Russian helicopters for use in Afghanistan. The Republic of Korea has also purchased Russian helicopters for use in different roles.

Citing an article in the Wall Street Journal (July 06, 2016), Sorreta noted that in the five-year period through 2015, Russian arms sales to Southeast Asia more than doubled to nearly \$5 billion from the preceding five-year period.

In that same time frame, the region accounted for 15% of all Russian arms exports, up from 6%.

"We also want to make sure as much as possible, should we decide to source military equipment and technology from Russia, we do so at terms no less favorable than those given to our ASEAN neighbors," Sorreta said.

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Duterte invites Tiamzons for dinner at Palace

By Gil C. Cabacungan

PRESIDENT Duterte yesterday admitted “rumblings” in the Armed Forces of the Philippines as he cozied up to leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front of the Philippines (CPP-NDFP) who remained “enemies of the state” in the eyes of the military.

In a speech in Malacañang, Mr. Duterte said: “I’ve heard that there are rumblings be-

cause they are natural enemies ... there are many who died from the military. But I told them, you know guys, I am your President, I am your Commander in Chief. That is a title for war. Unfortunately, I am not a war-time President.”

Mr. Duterte said his “main task” was to seek peace in the country, which was why even before he set foot in Malacañang, he had touched base with leaders of the CPP-NDFP

on the possibility of restarting talks that were stalled during the Aquino administration.

The President was scheduled to meet with the “entire communist hierarchy” led by the Tiamzon couple, who were released recently as part of the peace negotiations, for dinner at the Palace after a meeting with Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada.

“This would really be the first time that the enemies of the state are here for—it’s part

of what you would call civility. Just because we are in a war doesn’t mean to say that we have to be war at all times. We can always talk and maybe, just maybe, it will bring peace to the land,” said Mr. Duterte.

The decades-long rebellion mounted by CPP founder Jose Ma. Sison in the late 1960s has created deep enmity between its armed unit, the New People’s Army, and the AFP due to the high body count on both sides.



COMMUNIST leaders Benito and Wilma Tiamzon

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Duterte to boost economic ties with China, Russia

President Duterte is set to strengthen economic ties with China and Russia, saying yesterday he is about "to cross the Rubicon" with the United States over killings linked to his all-out war against illegal drugs in the Philippines.

Duterte's bloody fight against illegal drugs in the country has reaped criticism from western governments and human rights groups.

Economic analysts pointed to his ensuing outbursts against the US and the United Nations as possible reasons for the local stock market's extended decline yesterday.

"Global funds sold Philip-

pine stocks for the 23rd straight day amid nervousness about the fallout from Duterte's anti-drug war and his outbursts against the US and the United Nations," Bloomberg reported.

In a speech during the oath-taking rites of the Malacañang Press Corps, Presidential Photojournalist Association and the Malacañang Cameramen Association, the President said he had suggested closer economic ties with Russia to Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Vientiane, Laos earlier this month.

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

"I told him (Medvedev)... I am about to cross the Rubicon with the United States," Duterte related, adding he had plans to begin talks on trade and commerce with countries reputed to be less than friendly with the US.

The Chief Executive said he also intends to talk with Chinese President Xi Jinping about inviting Chinese businessmen to invest in the Philippines.

Specifically, Duterte said he would invite Chinese and Russian airlines to come over and do business in the Philippines to force local carriers, especially on domestic routes, to shape up

and give more efficient service to the public – or go bankrupt.

Addressing local airlines, he said: "You go bankrupt? I do not care. I'm going to invite China and Russia to put up their airlines here. All of you, big businesses in public service, observe humanity."

Duterte, however, stressed in a press briefing following the media induction rites that he is not totally breaking ties with the US even as he strengthens ties with China and Russia.

"Actually, I said I'm not really breaking ties, but we will open up alliances with China, and I had a good talk with Prime

Minister Medvedev. He's there waiting for my visit," Duterte told Palace reporters.

"After China, I think I'll go to Japan and I'll go to Russia," he continued. "Never mind about the ratings. I will open up the Philippines for them to do business alliance of trade and commerce."

Not about military alliances

Though he is opening up to China and Russia, Duterte said he is not inclined to talk about military alliances, especially in the wake of the UN arbitration ruling that granted rights to the Philippines over disputed areas

at the South China Sea.

There will never be time to talk about military alliances, Duterte said. "If America wants to go to war about the China Sea, it can have its day."

Duterte reiterated that he is not ready to wage war against China, admitting anew that the Philippines' defense is not at par with China. "I will not join a war that would only destroy my country because we are not really up to the arms of the opposite side. *Walang mangyari sa atin* (Nothing will happen to us)," he said.

The President also reiterated his disapproval of the conduct of joint patrols with the US. – AFP

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PH-US ties nearing a 'point of no return?'

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he was about to cross a "point of no return" in terms of the Philippines' relationship with its long-term ally the United States, and also insisted he was not afraid of any credit downgrades as a result of his war on illegal drugs.

"I'm about to cross the Rubicon between me and the United States at least for six years. I would need your help and everything: trade, commerce and I will open up," he said referring to his meeting with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit.

Duterte made his statement even as Foreign Affairs on Monday said the Philippines was looking at the possibility of buying military equipment and technology from Russia, contrary to a previous report that Moscow planned to donate defense equipment to Manila or to provide them on loan. **Next page**

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"We have been briefed on the different modes of financing, but there have been no discussions on donating or lending military equipment or technology," Ambassador to Russia Carlos Sorreta said.

In Malacañang, Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose said Duterte was ready to discuss the South China Sea dispute if the issue came up during his two-day visit to Vietnam on Wednesday and Thursday.

"The President will be prepared to discuss the South China Sea issue," Jose said.

If ever the WPS issue was raised, the discussion would be in the context of emphasizing the need to pursue peace, stability and security in the region, he said.

"It will also be in the context of reaffirming our firm commitment to the peaceful settlement of the dispute and adherence to the rule of law."

Responding to a statement by credit rating agency Standard & Poor's last week that the country would not likely have a rating upgrade in the next two years because of Duterte's unpredictability, the President said he didn't mind about the implications and that he would run to China and Russia to sustain the country's economy.

"I can always establish another alliance. I will establish alliances with China and Russia," Duterte said in another speech.

Duterte, who is set to visit China next month, said that he "will open up all avenues of trade and commerce" between the two countries. **John Paolo Bencito, Sara Susanne D. Fabunan and PNA**

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Manila court suspends Marcelino's arraignment

A Manila court on Monday suspended the arraignment of Lt. Colonel Ferdinand Marcelino, who was charged with possession of illegal drugs by the Department of Justice.

Judge Felicitas Laron-Cacanindin of the Regional Trial Court Branch 17 gave the Justice department and the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) 10 and five days, respectively, to submit their replies.

The judge granted the motion of PAO chief Persida Rueda-Acosta to suspend the arraignment since there was no warrant of arrest.

The DOJ indicted Marcelino and Chinese Yan Yi Shou in connection with the raid of drug laboratory on Jan. 21 in a condominium in Binondo, Manila.

A Quezon City court already ruled that there was not enough evidence

against the two, especially Marcelino on charges of illegal possession of drugs. So, why harass them further?" Acosta told reporters after the hearing yesterday.

Marcelino refused to give any statement to the media, saying Acosta had explained everything.

Last week, the DOJ filed a criminal case for violation of the Dangerous Drugs Act against Marcelino and Yan, reversing its June resolution that cleared the two.

The filing of the case prompted Acosta to ask the Manila court to suspend the issuance of a warrant of arrest and defer the arraignment of the duo.

Marcelino was a former operative of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

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FREE FOR NOW PAO chief Persida Acosta and her client, Lt. Col. Ferdinand Marcelino, on their way to court. PHOTO BY DJ DIOSINA

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PCG conducts night patrols vs Abu Sayyaf

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) revealed the conduct of night patrols following reports the Abu Sayyaf bandits were fleeing Sulu amid intense military operations, according to an official.

Commodore Pablo Gonzales Jr., commander of the Southwestern PCG district, said yesterday in a press briefing at city hall that night patrols were launched to counter threats from the Abu Sayyaf.

"All of our efforts, including the night patrols, are in coordination with the Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), which is focused on military operations in Sulu," Gonzales said.

He said they have to stretch

their limited manpower and patrol vessels to secure the vast coastline to prevent the Abu Sayyaf from leaving Sulu and seeking refuge in Zamboanga City.

Malaysian authorities were also on high alert on reports of the militants slipping into Sandakan via Taganak off Tawi-Tawi and Bakungan off the border of Sabah.

The Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) in a statement posted in a Sabah-based news site disclosed that about 400 Filipinos were waiting to breach its security in the Sabah border.

Westmincom spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan Jr. earlier disclosed that the Abu Sayyaf had splintered into factions to evade the military offensive involving 10,000 soldiers in Sulu.

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MILITARY ATHLETES PUWEDE NANG MAG-CONCENTRATE SA TRAINING

Makakapag-concentrate na ang mga regular main-stays ng Team Philippines na nasa military sa kanilang pagiging pambansang atleta matapos mapirmahan ang Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) sa pagitan ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) at Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ukol sa kanilang detailed services.

Ang MOA na pinirmahan ni AFP chief Gen. Ricardo Visaya at PSC chairman Butch Ramirez ay nagpapahintulot sa mga military-athletes sa pangunguna ni Rio Olympics silver medalist Hidilyn Diaz ng Air Force na mapailalim sa iba't ibang national sports associations base sa detailed service (DS) order.

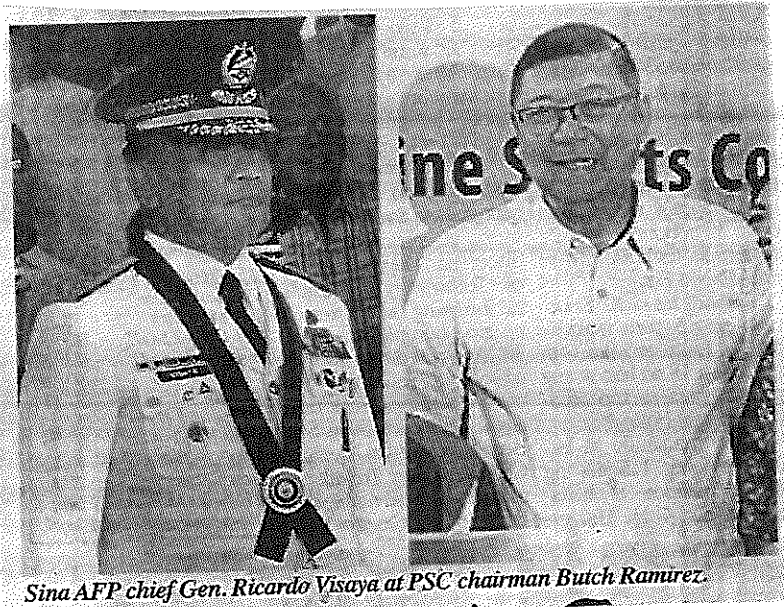
May kabuuang 129 athletes ang enlisted sa iba't ibang sangay ng Navy, Army at Air Force bukod pa sa Philippine Coast Guard.

Ang DS ay may bisa ng tatlong buwan ayon kay PSC liaison to the military na si Sgt. Angel Dayag.

"After three months, it's back to mother unit for them. They can only return to training (sa national team) once they're issued a new DS order," sabi ni Dayag.

Ang PSC at AFP ay karaniwang may nilalagdaang MOA para sa isang buong taon ngunit ipinaliwanag ni Dayag na may ibang enlisted athletes na hindi nagre-report sa kanilang mother units habang naka-detail sa kani-kanilang NSAs kaya ginawang three-month period na lamang ang MOA.

Ang mga Pinoy athletes ay naghahanda para sa isa na namang malaking giyera, ang Southeast Asian Games na nakatakda sa Aug. 19-31, 2017 sa Malaysia. (OLEyba)



Sina AFP chief Gen. Ricardo Visaya at PSC chairman Butch Ramirez.

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Troops, police foil roadside bombing in Sulu province

From the Philippine News Agency (Sep 26): Troops, police foil roadside bombing in Sulu province

Government troops and policemen, with the help of civilians, on Sunday foiled a roadside bombing in Indanan, Sulu by defusing an improvised explosive device (IED).

Col. Rodrigo Gregorio of the Joint Task Force Sulu's information office, said the IED was discovered by local residents at about 1:40 p.m. at Km. 3 between Kajatian and Tagbak barangays in Indanan.

Gregorio said that when they learned of the IED from the residents, troops from the Army's 501st Infantry Brigade and police immediately cordoned off the area, while the joint task force's Quick Reaction Force scoured the vicinity for possible secondary devices or the presence of armed men.

He said an Explosive and Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team assessed and successfully defused the IED at 2:45 p.m.

Troops have recovered a 30-liter container filled with ammonium nitrate as the IED's main charge, a blasting cap and a 150-meter wire. The IED components were turned over to the Jolo Internal Defense Force.

He said that EOD personnel believed the IED was for passing troops but could have been more deadly to passing civilians.

Brig. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, Joint Task Force Sulu commander, attributed the successful recovery of the IED to the "vigilance and cooperation of the local residents and the timely action of soldiers and policemen".

"Terrorism has no place in our society. The collective efforts of our people in collaboration with authorities have been proven to be a formidable weapon against terrorism. Let us unite in the fight against terrorists and make our communities safe and secure for our families, for our children," dela Vega added.

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ISAFP gets new commander

From the Philippine News Agency (Sep 26): ISAFP gets new commander

The Armed Forces of the Philippines on Monday announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. Ronald Villanueva as commander of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP).

AFP public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo said the new ISAFP head had extensive experience both in intelligence and infantry operations.

"He has logged an aggregate total of 10 years of intelligence work rising through the echelons from the smallest intelligence unit up to Counter Intelligence Division Chief of Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2," he added.

Villanueva also vowed to be a good team player and is committed to providing good intelligence to the Commander-in-Chief, Defense, and AFP leadership, Arevalo said.

Villanueva pledged to work hard to attain good intelligence information to stakeholders and decision-makers.

Prior to his designation, the new ISAFP chief was commander of 1002nd Infantry Brigade in Mindanao.

He is a member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 1965.

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