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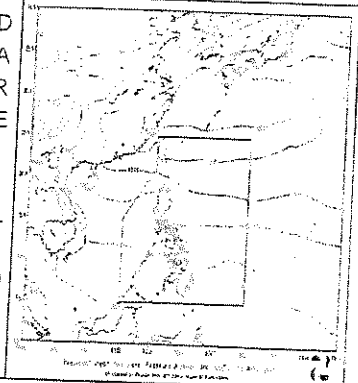
24-HOUR PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST

ISSUED AT: 5:00 PM 13 APRIL 2017

VALID BEGINNING: 5:00 PM TODAY UNTIL 5:00 PM TOMORROW

SYNOPSIS: AT 4:00 PM TODAY, THE LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA) WAS ESTIMATED BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA AT 845 KM EAST OF HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR (8.5°N, 134.0°E).

FORECAST: CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS WILL PREVAIL OVER THE REGIONS OF EASTERN VISAYAS, CARAGA AND DAVAO. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLOUDY SKIES WITH ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS OR THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE EXPERIENCED OVER METRO MANILA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.



MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY STRONG WINDS BLOWING FROM THE EAST WILL PREVAIL OVER NORTHERN LUZON AND COMING FROM THE EAST TO NORTHEAST OVER EASTERN VISAYAS. THE COASTAL WATERS ALONG THESE AREAS WILL BE MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. ELSEWHERE, WINDS WILL BE LIGHT TO MODERATE COMING FROM THE EAST TO NORTHEAST SLIGHT TO MODERATE SEAS.

PAGTAYA: MAULAP NA KALANGITAN NA MAY MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG MGA PAG-ULAN AT PULU-PULONG PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG IIRAL SA MGA REHIYON NG SILANGANG KABISAYAAN, CARAGA AT DAVAO. BAHAGYANG MAULAP HANGGANG SA MAULAP NA PAPAIRIN NA MAY PULU-PULONG MGA PAG-ULAN O PAGKIDLAT-PAGKULOG ANG MARARANASAN SA KAMAYNILAAN AT SA NALALABING BAHAGI NG BANSA.

KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA KUNG MINSAN AY MALAKAS NA HANGIN MULA SA SILANGAN ANG IIRAL SA HILAGANG LUZON AT MULA NAMAN SA SILANGAN HANGGANG SA HILAGANG-SILANGAN ANG SA SILANGANG KABISAYAAN. ANG MGA BAYBAYING DAGAT SA MGA LUGAR NA ITO AY MAGIGING KATAMTAMAN HANGGANG SA KUNG MINSAN AY MAALON. SA IBANG DAKO, ANG HANGIN AY MAGIGING MAHINA HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMAN MULA SA SILANGAN HANGGANG SA HILAGANG SILANGAN NA MAY BANAYAD HANGGANG SA KATAMTAMANG PAG-ALON NG KARAGATAN.

EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY FOR THE 24-HR PERIOD ENDING AT 4:00 PM TODAY AND RECORDED AT PAGASA WEATHER STATION, SCIENCE GARDEN, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY:

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE: 1:50 PM TODAY 34.8 °C		MAXIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 6:00 AM TODAY 82 %	
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE: 6:00 AM TODAY 22.2 °C		MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 2:50 PM TODAY 45 %	
TIDAL PREDICTION ALONG MANILA BAY (COURTESY OF NAMRIA)		ASTRONOMICAL INFORMATION OVER METRO MANILA	
LOW TIDE TODAY: 6:12 PM 0.01 METER		SUNSET/ SUNRISE	MOONRISE/ MOONSET & ILLUMINATION
HIGH TIDE TOMORROW: 12:22 AM 0.51 METER		SUNSET TODAY: 6:10 PM	MOONRISE TODAY: 7:53 PM
LOW TIDE TOMORROW: 4:49 AM 0.31 METER		SUNRISE TOMORROW: 5:43 AM	MOONSET TOMORROW: 7:46 AM
HIGH TIDE TOMORROW: 11:33 AM 0.85 METER		SUNSET TOMORROW: 6:10 PM	ILLUMINATION TODAY: 98 %

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24-Hour Weather Forecast and Extended Weather Outlook for Selected Cities:

ISSUED AT : 5:00 PM 13 APRIL 2017
 VALID BEGINNING : 5:00 PM TODAY UNTIL 5:00 PM TOMORROW

CITIES	24-Hr Weather: Winds and Sea Condition Forecast <i>from 5PM today until 5PM tomorrow</i>		Extended Weather Outlook <i>Duration: 5PM until 5 PM of the following day</i>				
	13 APR		14 APR	15 APR	16 APR	17 APR	
	Metro Manila	25 °C 35 °C	Light to Moderate: East to Northeast Metro Bay: Slight to Moderate	24 °C 34 °C	25 °C 33 °C	24 °C 31 °C	24 °C 33 °C
Tuguegarao City	25 °C 36 °C	Mod to Occ Strong: East	25 °C 35 °C	24 °C 34 °C	24 °C 33 °C	24 °C 32 °C	
Laoag City	23 °C 33 °C	Mod to Occ Strong: East Coastal Waters: Mod to Occ Strong	23 °C 33 °C	22 °C 32 °C	24 °C 32 °C	24 °C 31 °C	
Baguio City	17 °C 25 °C	Mod to Occ Strong: East	17 °C 25 °C	16 °C 24 °C	16 °C 23 °C	16 °C 22 °C	
SBMA (Diongapa) Clark Zone (Angeles City)	24 °C 35 °C	Light to Moderate: East to Northeast Subic Bay: Slight to Moderate	24 °C 34 °C	24 °C 33 °C	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 32 °C	
Tagaytay City	21 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: East to Northeast	21 °C 31 °C	21 °C 30 °C	20 °C 29 °C	20 °C 30 °C	
Lipa City	23 °C 36 °C	Light to Moderate: East to Northeast	23 °C 35 °C	23 °C 34 °C	23 °C 32 °C	24 °C 33 °C	
Legazpi City	26 °C 32 °C	Moderate: East to Northeast Coastal Waters: Moderate	26 °C 31 °C	25 °C 30 °C	25 °C 29 °C	25 °C 31 °C	
Puerto Princesa City	25 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	25 °C 32 °C	25 °C 32 °C	26 °C 32 °C	26 °C 32 °C	
Iloilo City - Bacolod City	26 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	26 °C 32 °C	25 °C 31 °C	26 °C 32 °C	26 °C 23 °C	
Metro Cebu	25 °C 32 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	25 °C 31 °C	24 °C 30 °C	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 32 °C	
Tacloban City	24 °C 31 °C	Mod to Occ Strong: Northeast Coastal Waters: Mod to Occ Rough	24 °C 30 °C	24 °C 29 °C	25 °C 30 °C	25 °C 31 °C	
Cagayan de Oro City	23 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	23 °C 30 °C	24 °C 30 °C	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 32 °C	
Valencia City	19 °C 31 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast	19 °C 30 °C	19 °C 29 °C	20 °C 30 °C	20 °C 30 °C	
Metro Davao	25 °C 32 °C	Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Moderate	25 °C 32 °C	25 °C 32 °C	25 °C 33 °C	25 °C 33 °C	
Zamboanga City	25 °C 33 °C	Light to Moderate: Northeast Coastal Waters: Slight to Moderate	25 °C 33 °C	24 °C 33 °C	24 °C 34 °C	25 °C 34 °C	

LEGEND:

	Clear Skies		Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshower and or Thunderstorm		Occasional Rains		Rains with Gusty Winds
	Partly Cloudy Skies		Cloudy Skies with Rainshower and or Thunderstorm		Monsoon Rains Rains		Stormy
	Partly Cloudy to at times Cloudy with Rainshower		Light Rains				

END OF FORECAST

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86IB holds series of security awareness fora

From the Philippine Information Agency (Apr 13): 86IB holds series of security awareness fora

The 86 Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army based in Jones, Isabela and in Nagtipunan, Quirino has embarked on a series of security awareness fora in Maddela and Jones secondary schools.

Lt Col Jose Vladimir R. Cagara, commanding officer, said the series of fora aims to inform the students about the programs and advocacies of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Cagara said through the conduct of such activities, youth's awareness about the ongoing activities of the New People's Army in Maddela such as the recruitment of members from the youth sector will be heightened.

He said hundreds of students and teachers from the Maddela Comprehensive High School, Dipintin National School and Dumabato Integrated School and Isabela State University in Jones, Isabela attended the series of fora.

"We believe that by educating the youth about the government's programs and enlightening them about some misleading information, they will not become an easy prey for propaganda," the commanding officer said as he urged the parents and teachers to guide them as the NPA groups are using some issues just to lure the youth to join the organization.

He recalled that the members of the NPA are openly recruiting would-be members by hanging tarpaulins in public places urging the youth to join the organization.

In the PNP's Talakayan sa Isyung Pulis radio program, the Quirino Provincial Public Safety Company 2nd Maneuver Platoon based in Dipantan, Nagtipunan headed by Police Chief Inspector Jaime Benedicto, Jr. has reported that some pieces of paper bearing messages of inviting residents to become members of the NPA were scattered in front of their camp recently.

Both the 86 IB and the 2nd Maneuver Platoon assured that they have strengthened their programs to ensure peace and security as they also urged the residents to report to authorities any untoward incidents to pre-empt any plans to sow terrorism in their places.

<http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/451491538569/86ib-holds-series-of-security-awareness-fora->

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3 rebels, 2 of them minors, surrender

From the Mindanao Times (Apr 13): 3 rebels, 2 of them minors, surrender

TWO minors and another member of the New People's Army surrendered to the Alfa Company of the 60th Infantry Battalion in Brgy. Sto. Niño, Talaingod, Davao del Norte on Tuesday.

Second Lt. Amadeuz Vincent John Celestial, civil military operations officer of 60thIB, identified the older rebel only as Marito, 27; while the minors were just 17 and 14.

The three, said Celestial, are members of the Ata Manobo tribe.

The military reported that the three first contacted a community leader in the area, who also happened to be a member of a paramilitary unit in the town.

The report said that a certain Jimboy recruited them with a promise of paying them salaries, something that never happened as they were made to join the rebel units in the Southern Mindanao Regional Command.

The minors claimed they decided to separate themselves from the rebel and gave up to authorities because their units did not treat them humanely. They also feared the possibility of getting caught or killed.

The military report said the three have undergone medical examinations and stress debriefing as the minors will also undergo special psychological debriefing.

Lt. Colonel Emmanuel Canilla, commander of 60th IB said he was disheartened with the NPA's use of the minors.

Canilla said that it was a clear manifestation of the NPA's disregard of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law which the rebel group also signed.

Last March, two other child soldiers of the NPA also surrendered to 60IB in Kapalong.

<http://mindanaotimes.net/3-rebels-2-of-them-minors-surrender/>

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ONLINE NEWS

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Heightened alert

From the Mindanao Times (Apr 13): Heightened alert

5,000 cops and 1,500 soldiers deployed

LAW ENFORCEMENT units have raised their security alert in time for the observance of the Holy Week. Sr. Insp. Maria Theresa Gaspan, Davao City Police Office spokesperson, told TIMES yesterday police units have been deployed in public areas, among them churches to preempt possible terrorist threats. Gaspan said that police units will also help supervise the traffic, set up checkpoints in coordination with the Task Force Davao and the City Public Safety Command Center.

She added that about half of those 5,000 uniformed personnel that were deployed came from the police office while the others were security volunteers.

She added that the heightened alert is a preventive measure as the police unit has not received any information about any threat.

"We might not have received any report but let us not be complacent," she said, adding that law enforcers have also intensified intelligence gathering by linking with other law enforcement units.

Gaspan also reminded the residents to secure their houses before embarking on a vacation: "If you are traveling, my caution is for you to be vigilant at all times and make sure that you entrust your homes to your neighbors," she added.

She also urged the public not to share information about whereabouts in social media because unscrupulous individuals might take advantage.

Col Erwin Bernard Neri, Task Force Davao commander, added that the military has augmented his unit, doubling the number of soldiers deployed in the city to 1,500.

"We have added security personnel in terminals sea ports and airports and we have also intensified checkpoint operations," Neri said.

<http://mindanaotimes.net/heightened-alert/>

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EastMinCom on heightened alert status to deter Abu, prevent NPA

From MindaNews (Apr 13): EastMinCom on heightened alert status to deter Abu, prevent NPA

The Eastern Mindanao Command (EastMincom) has placed all its units on heightened alert status two days after an armed encounter between military forces and the terrorist Abu Sayyaf Group in Inabanga, Bohol Tuesday.

In a press release, Maj. Ezra L. Balagtey, chief of Public Information Office of the EastMincom, said they raised the alert level to deter any possible diversionary act by the Abu Sayyaf and prevent members of the New People's Army (NPA) from taking "advantage of the situation and conduct atrocities" while the communities are observing Holy Week.

He said their troops are closely coordinating with different local government units and other law enforcement agencies to strengthen the security of various communities, installations, and infrastructure while some of their personnel and equipment had been sent to Central Command on April 12 to provide additional naval capability in their operations.

On April 11, the same day of the encounter with the terrorist group in Bohol, the Tactical Operations Group (TOG) 10 of the Philippine Air Force based in Cagayan de Oro City dispatched two aircrafts and additional reinforcement to Bohol.

On April 10, a day before the Bohol attack, President Rodrigo Duterte was asked during a press conference at the Davao International Airport before he flew to the Middle East for state visits, if he had information similar to the US Embassy's advisory against a possible terror attack in Central Visayas, particularly Bohol and Cebu.

Duterte replied: "I have read it, not from the military but from the newspaper. And besides kaya natin. Kaya natin (We can take care of this).

He said that during a debate at the Dela Salle University last year where only he showed up among the Presidential candidates, Duterte said he was asked how he would deal with terrorism and his answer as "harshly."

In Northern Mindanao, Philippine National Police (PNP) 10 spokesperson Supt. Lemuel Gonda said security forces were also on full alert status and started monitoring the hospitals and clinics for possible presence of ASG members who escaped from Bohol.

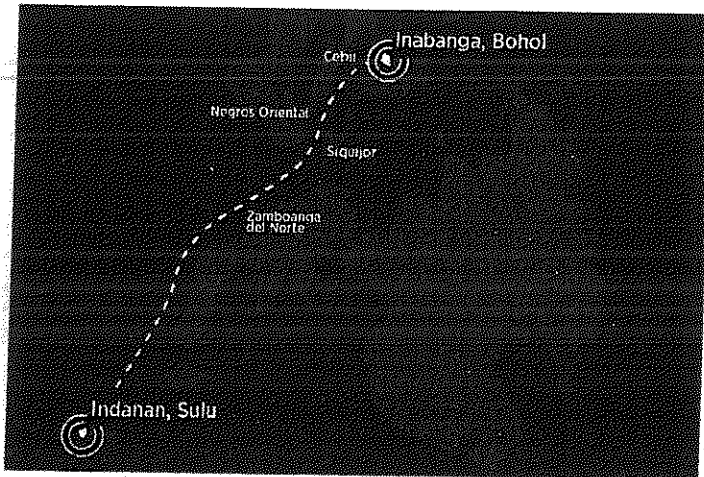
<http://www.mindanews.com/top-stories/2017/04/eastmincom-on-heightened-alert-status-to-deter-abu-prevent-mpa/>

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TIMELINE: Abu Sayyaf in Bohol

ABS-CBN News

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April 6 to 7: The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) monitors a group of Abu Sayyaf in Indanan, Sulu. The group leaves Sulu bound for central Visayas, prompting the AFP to alert its intelligence community nationwide.

April 9: The US Embassy warns its citizens against traveling to central Visayas, including Cebu and Bohol, over "unsubstantiated yet credible" reports of kidnapping threats.

April 10: The AFP receives reports of the presence of 3 pump boats, with around 11 heavily armed men, in Inabanga, Bohol.

Residents first spot the armed men Monday morning entering Inabanga River and going to Barangay Napo in the town of Inabanga.

The police also receive reports that the bandits "could have been Muslims" since they were aboard boats only used in Mindanao.

The AFP would later disclose that the group was supposed to carry out "a plan for kidnapping." Had they been successful, the Abu Sayyaf incursion in Bohol, a major tourist destination, would be the first in the area in years.

April 11: A firefight between joint military and police forces and the Abu Sayyaf starts at around 5 a.m.

A policeman and three soldiers are killed. The bodies of five armed men are recovered (as of 2 p.m., April 11).

At least 700 individuals in Inabanga leave their homes due to the firefight.

More countries issue travel advisories following reports of the clash.

The United Kingdom urges its citizens to be "especially vigilant" in traveling to Central Visayas, citing the United States' warning of terror activity in the region.

The Australian government also advises its people against traveling to Central Visayas and Mindanao, including the Zamboanga Peninsula, and the Sulu Archipelago and southern Sulu Sea.

The Canadian government, likewise, issues a travel warning urging its citizens to "exercise a high degree of caution" when going to the Philippines and "avoid all travel" to Mindanao and the southern Sulu Sea.

New Zealand classifies traveling to central and western Mindanao as an "extreme risk" to its citizens' security.

April 12: AFP confirms the death of Abu Sayyaf leader Muamar Askali, alias Abu Rami.

Capt. Jojo Mascariñas, spokesperson of the Army's 302nd Brigade, identifies the government's casualties as:

- 2nd Lieutenant Espelito Saldua, Jr.;
- Corporal Meljun Cajaban ;
- Sergeant John Dexter Duero;
- PO2 Rey Anthony Nazareno.

As of posting, government troops are still tracking 5 Abu Sayyaf members who survived the firefight.

The AFP says the remaining bandits fled after an overnight siege near a remote village, where helicopter gunships were used against them. The bandits' local contact also fled the community.

The French Embassy in Manila also releases a travel advisory, citing "credible reports of threats of kidnapping by terrorist groups in the Central Visayas, particularly in Cebu and Bohol."

AFP Spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla says they received information over the past few weeks about a potential activity from lawless elements to disturb the peace in central Visayas.

Sources: AFP press conference, ABS-CBN News field reports, Agence France-Presse, Reuters

<http://news.abs-cbn.com>

How children helped thwart Abu Sayyaf in Bohol

Trishia Billones, ABS-CBN News

Posted at Apr 13 2017 08:12 AM | Updated as of Apr 13 2017 11:58 AM

MANILA - Information from children who noticed strangers in their area played a big role in the government forces' operation that stopped an alleged kidnapping plan by the Abu Sayyaf Group in Bohol, the local officials said Wednesday.

Inabanga Mayor Josephine Jumamoy said the information from the children was passed to their parents, who in turn reported it to the police.

"May nakita daw silang ibang tao atsaka sabi nila na ibang klaseng pump boat at parang may nilabas silang parang mga bigas dawm then nung inilabas nila, parang mga [baril]," she said in a press conference.

Bohol Governor Edgar Chatto said it is practice in their province for information from citizens to be shared with the law enforcers.

"Nakatulong din yung responses natin makukuha natin sa mga tao and as long as the intelligence groups of the military and the police are sharing information, they are sharing information," he said.

Firefight between government troops and members of the terrorist group ensued Tuesday in the town. Six were confirmed dead from the Abu Sayyaf's side, while there were also four casualties from the government side.

Chatto said people should understand "that the Boholanos will never just sit back and relax when there are people sowing fear in our island."

"Sa tulungan ng mga information ng mga tao at the intelligence of the local government, we are able to thwart any possible incident as of this point in time," he said.

"This should encourage us, this should inspire us, and this should even tell us we're not going to loosen our defenses. We should keep being vigilant all the time," he added.

He said it's also a plus that days before the advisory from the United States warning against travel to Central Visayas was issued, or even before the clashes happened, they already tightened their security measures for the Holy Week and the ASEAN Summit.

"When it comes to Holy Week, talagang maraming taong pumupunta and the ASEAN. We really urged people to report when there are personalities in the area," he said.

"Yes, we are safe as long as all of us will be vigilant—the same vigilance, if not more, than what our people have been showing because our government response will always be there when the right information comes in at the right time," he added.

<http://news.abs-cbn.com>