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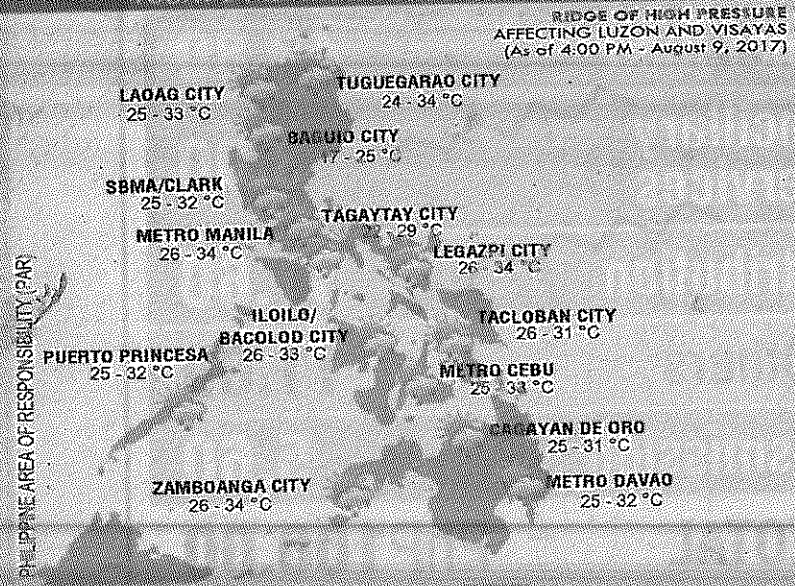
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5:41 AM	6:21 PM
<b>MOONRISE</b>	<b>MOONSET</b>
8:15 PM	7:35 AM
<b>FULL MOON</b>	<b>LAST QUARTER</b>
AUG 8 2:11 AM	AUG 15 9:15 AM
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MANILA SOUTH 7:09 PM 0.13 Meter	HARBOR 11:23 AM 1.20 Meter

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# More US support for AFP

**W**ASHINGTON, DC – The United States (US) is weighing additional support to the Philippine military as it fights an Islamist insurgency in the south, a US defense official said here Tuesday.

Discussions are "pretty advanced" and would see the US provide increased surveillance drone capabilities and training for local forces, the official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The drones could be used to conduct strikes, the official added, although that would only be for self-defense reasons to protect US or partner forces. ▶5

## More US support...

and would not signal another front in America's drone wars.

"It's not necessarily what those (drones) are there for. Those are there for ISR and support," the official said, using an abbreviation for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance.

The Philippines' Department of National Defense said there had been no discussions regarding the use of US drones to strike IS (Islamic State)-inspired "terrorist groups."

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Logan said all military assistance in the Philippines is conducted at the request of the government. "We respect the sovereignty of the Philippines, and we are not pursuing unilateral action in the Philippines," he said.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has asked lawmakers to approve the recruiting of 20,000 more soldiers to tackle increased security threats following a bloody urban siege in the south.

Almost 700 people have been killed, according to the official count, in over two months of fighting in the southern city of Marawi against Islamist militants who have pledged allegiance to the IS group.

The militants, waving the black IS flag, have occupied parts of Marawi since May 23, prompting Duterte to declare martial law in the entire southern region of Mindanao.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Monday called the crisis in Marawi a "tragic situation" and said US forces were providing surveillance aircraft and important advice for the Philippine forces in the battle there.

The US has for years provided intel to the Philippines and has between 300 and 500 special operations and regular forces stationed in the country.

### ₱98-M donated

Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) yesterday

said that the five families of soldiers killed in the ongoing Marawi siege received a-million-peso check each in a ceremonial turn-over presided by AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo Año at the General Headquarters conference room in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

AFP Public Affairs Office Chief Marine Col. Edgard Arevalo said, the lone philanthropist donor, who wished to remain anonymous despite the large amount of financial aid, pledged and actually donated ₱1 million each to the kin of the soldiers killed in Marawi.

At least ₱98 million have been donated for families of soldiers killed in action (KIA) in the ongoing fight against the Islamic State (Daesh)-inspired Maute Group in Marawi City.

A week earlier, General Año handed over checks in the same amount to the families of three fallen soldiers during his visit to the

headquarters of the 4th Infantry Division at Camp Evangelista in Cagayan de Oro City.

The remaining ₱90 million will be turned over to the Major Services for distribution to other beneficiaries.

"What is immensely admirable with this anonymous donor, apart from his or her selflessness in giving away such an enormous sum of money, is that he expressed continuing commitment to provide a-million-pesos each to the families of soldiers who may

be KIA, God forbid, in the continuing crisis in Marawi," Arevalo said.

"The number of soldiers killed in action has now reached 122 from 98 at the time of the pledge," he added.

The donation was deposited in the account AFP Marawi Casualty in the Landbank of the Philippines. The account was opened last June for those who have expressed a desire to help the families of soldiers who died in battle. (With a report from Francis T. Wakefield)

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## OPISYAL NG ARMY, 3 PA TODAS SA AMBUSH NG NPA

**GUBAT, Sorsogon** — Muling nagkasagupa ang militar at New People's Army sa Sorsogon nitong Lunes ng umaga (Rungsaan)apat ang masawi at pitong sugatan sa tropang pamahalaan sa isang ambush sa remote village ng Gubat.

Ang ambush ay kasabay ng paglibing sa mataas na lider ng NPA na si Andres "Ka Magno" Hubilla at Miguel "Ka Billy" Himor sa Casiguran Public Cemetery, na umano'y napatay sa masaker sa Barangay Sta. Cruz, Casiguran, Sorsogon noong Hulyo 28, at pagkapatay din sa dalawang sibilyan na sina Arnel Borres at Dick Laura.

Sa initial report nitong Lunes ng hahali, isang Army lieutenant at sergeant ang masawi at sundalo ang sugatan sa labanang umagal ng 40 minuto sa Barangay Casili sa Bayang Ito.

Pero sa post sa internet ng NPA (Elso Miguez Command (NPA-CMC), ang rebelding grupo na nag-o-operate sa Sorsogon Province, sinabi nitong 4 sundalo ang masawi at 7 ang sugatan.

Sinabi pa ng NPA-CMC na napatay ang Army platoon leader sa ambush nang masabugan ito ng mga inakatanim na landmine sa lerya ng bakbakan.

Nakuha ng NPA fighters ang tatlong M4 Carbine rifle, 3 ammunition pouches, mga bala, 4 military packs, cellphones at VHF radio. Ang tropa ay kabilang sa Alpha Coy ng 31st Infantry Battalion.

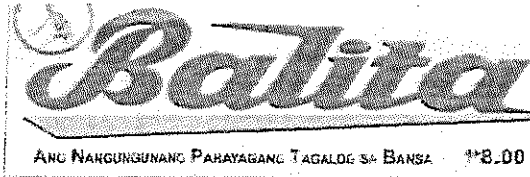
Pinangalanan pa ng mga NPA-CMC ang mga napatay na Army na sina Sgt. Rolyn Cabagon at 2 Lt. Lee Ormegal remedal, platoon leader, Pfc. Jaypee Nebiar at isang hindi makilalang sundalo.

Ang pitong sugatang sundalo ay sina Michael Lonar, Jeremy Tu, Roland Sayson, Eduard Dumatog at Mark Oscillada, lahat ay kasapi ng 31st Phil. Army.

Ayon sa initial report ng Army, sa kanilang clearing operations ay nakakuha ang mga ito ng mga detonated landmines sa lerya.

- Mula sa BicolToday.com

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## Army camp pinasabugan ng NPA

Pinasabugan ng granada ng mga miyembro ng New People's Army (NPA) ang kampo ng militar at hinagisan din ng pampasabog ang isang kampo ng pulisya sa Sorsogon.

Sinabi ni Senior Supt. Marlon Tejada, director ng Sorsogon Police Provincial Office, na unang pinasabugan ng granada ang harap ng Camp Fabilane ng Philippine Army sa Barangay

Balogo sa Sorsogon City dakong 10:30 kagabi.

Makalipas ang 20 minuto, hinagisan din ng mga rebelde ng granada ang Camp Escudero Police Office, bagamat hindi ito sumabog.

Sakay sa motorsiklo ang dalawang suspek na kaagad tumakas matapos gawin ang krimen.

Wala namang naiulat na nasaktan sa naturang insidente.

Naniniwala si Tejada na bahagi ng tactical offensive ng NPA ang nangyari at may kaugnayan sa paghihiganti ng mga ito sa pagkakapaslang ng militar sa mataas na opisyal ng kilusan sa Sorsogon na si Andres Hubilla, alyas "Ka Magno", at tatlong iba pa kamakailan.

Dahil dito, naka-full alert na rin ang pulisya sa lalawigan.

**Fer Taboy**

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# AFP: Maute death toll climbs to 539

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

**T**he Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Joint Task Force Marawi on Wednesday said that the number Maute terrorist group members killed in the protracted fighting in Marawi City is steadily rising.

Captain Jo-Ann D. Petinglay, JTF Marawi and AFP Western Mindanao Command spokesperson, said that as of 7 p.m. Tuesday, the number of Maute terrorists killed has already reached 539 with 607 firearms recovered.

Meanwhile, the number of soldiers

killed due to the continuous fighting in the city remains at 122.

In a press briefing, Petinglay said fighting continuous in about a square kilometer general area where the terrorists are currently holed up.

It is also believed that there are still hostages with the group numbering to an estimated 50 to 70.

“The recent capture of one of the terrorist’s strongholds connotes that the troops are advancing towards the battle positions of Maute remnants, signifying that the terrorists are already contained in a narrower engagement area,” Petinglay said.

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# US exec: Pentagon may boost PH fight vs IS-backed groups

## Philippine military ground commanders confident Marawi battle to end soon without US airstrikes

MARAWI CITY—Government security forces fighting Islamic State (IS)-inspired militants in this war-torn provincial capital of Lanao del Sur are confident they can stop the enemy without the help of airstrikes that the American government was reportedly offering the Philippine military.

Ground military commanders issued the statement on Wednesday amid reports that the Pentagon was considering a plan allowing the United States to conduct airstrikes against Islamist militants holed up in a section of this city since May 23.

"We are confident we can resolve the crisis as soon as possible," said Capt. Jo-ann Petinglay, spokesperson for Joint Task Force Marawi.

Petinglay said military officials had yet to receive a formal notice or offer for such air capability deployment.

But a US defense official on Tuesday said the US was weighing additional support to the Philippine military in its fight against Islamist insurgency in Marawi.

Discussions are "pretty advanced" and will see the US

provide increased surveillance drone capabilities and training for local forces, the official told Agence France-Presse (AFP) on condition of anonymity.

The drones could hypothetically be used to conduct strikes, the official added, although that would only be for self-defense reasons to protect US or partner forces, and would not signal another front in America's drone wars.

"It's not necessarily what those [drones] are there for. Those are there for ISR and support," the official said, using an abbreviation for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

The Philippines' Department of National Defense said there had been no discussion regarding the use of US drones to strike IS-inspired "terrorist groups."

"We appreciate Pentagon's reported desire to help the

Philippines in the fight against Daesh-inspired Maute group because terrorism is a global menace that the community of nations must unite to fight against. However, such proposition, if any, has to undergo a process. And a covenant must be had between the commanders in chief of both nations," Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said in a statement. Pentagon spokesperson Lt.



**WAR ZONE** A military truck carrying supplies and soldiers heads to the battle zone in Marawi City, where Islamic State-inspired militants have been fighting government troops since May.

—JEFFREY MAITEM

Col. Chris Logan said all military assistance in the Philippines was conducted at the request of the Philippine government.

“We respect the sovereignty of the Philippines, and we are not pursuing unilateral action in the Philippines,” Logan told AFP.

Under the existing Mutual Defense Treaty between the Philippines and US, the latter can only provide technical assistance and training, and direct military actions may only be allowed during an actual invasion of the Philippines.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Monday called the crisis in Marawi a “tragic situation” and said US forces were providing surveillance aircraft and important advice to the Philippine forces in the battle in Marawi.

Almost 700 people have been killed, according to the official count, in over two months of fighting in Marawi City. The militants, waving the black IS flag, have occupied parts of Marawi since May 23, prompting Mr. Duterte to declare martial law in Mindanao. —JEFFREY MAITEM AND AFP INQ

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## Año twits Joma over 'assassination' plot

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff General Eduardo Año on Wednesday said that Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founding chairman Jose Maria Sison's statement that military officers who are assets of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) are out to kill him and oust President Duterte was "just a figment of his imagination."

Año made the statement shortly after the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) revealed the alleged plot in a statement it posted on its website.

In a separate statement sent to Defense reporters, Año said he believes that Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations.

"His statement is another figment of his imagination. If I remember right, iyan din ang kuwento niya nung 1999 (that is what his story in 1999) during the time of former President Estrada

when he also alleged that a hit team was sent to the Netherlands by President Estrada and former Philippine National Police chief Dir. Gen. Panfilo Lacson to kill him using former ABB and RJ Faction operatives," Año said.

"Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar," he added.

On Tuesday, AFP spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, said such claims by Sison and the NDFP are baseless and not true at all.

"Not true at all! This is once again a propaganda line of the Left to gain sympathy and toe the anti-US line that they usually take. Again this is such a preposterous statement!," Padilla said.

The National Executive Committee of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) earlier claimed that it has received reports

from several sources in the AFP that military officers who are assets of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and are close to General Año are engaged in a two-stage plot to assassinate Jose Maria Sison, NDFP chief political consultant, and subsequently to overthrow President Duterte. (Francis T. Wakefield)

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# Año: Joma must see a psychiatrist

By Mario J. Mallari

Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday urged Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founding chairman Jose Maria Sison to seek psychiatric treatment for coming out with “rehashed” kill plot against him by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the United States Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA).

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) revealed on Tuesday that a supposed plot by the CIA, in connivance with some AFP officials, to kill Sison who is on self-exile in the Netherlands, and overthrow the administration of President Duterte.

According to NDFP, the first phase of the plot was to send a hit team to The Netherlands to

assassinate Sison before or after a declaration of martial law in the whole Philippines. Martial law is currently enforced in Mindanao due to the dragging Marawi City siege by Islamic State-inspired terrorists.

After killing Sison, the NDFP said that a military coup would be launched to overthrow Duterte.

“I believe Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations. His

statement is another figment of his imagination,” said Año.

Earlier, AFP spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla Jr. branded the plot as communist propaganda.

“Not true at all. This is once again a propaganda line of the Left to gain sympathy and toe the anti-US line that they usually take,” said Padilla.

“Again, this is such a preposterous statement,” he added.

Año noted that the same plot

was revealed by Sison during the administration of former President and now Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada.

“If I remember right, that is the same story in 1999, during the time of former President Estrada, when he (Sison) also alleged that a hit team was sent to The Netherlands by President Estrada and former Chief PNP (Philippine National Police) Director General Panfilo Lacson to kill him using former ABB

and RJ operatives,” said Año.

“Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar,” he added.

President Duterte has criticized Sison and the CPP-NDFP and their armed wing New People's Army, for continuously launching atrocities despite the peace talks. The President has suspended the formal negotiations with the NDFP.

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**Malaya**  
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## AFP chief Ano: Joma Sison may have gone nuts

**S**O what else is new? This was the apparent sentiment of the military following claims made by Communist Party of the Philippines Founding Chairman Jose Maria "Joma" Sison that government forces, with the assistance of the US Central Intelligence Agency, is planning to assassinate him.

"I believe Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations. His statement is another [figment] of his imagination," AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo M. Año said in a news statement issued on Wednesday.

Sison also alleged that the military is planning to oust President Duterte.

"If I remember right, *'yan din ang kuwento niya n'ung* [that was Joma's story in] 1999 during the time of former President [Joseph] Estrada, where he also alleged that a hit team was sent to the Netherlands by President Estrada and former Chief PNP [Philippine National Police] Director General Panfilo M. Lacson Sr. to kill him using former ABB and R.J Faction operatives," Año said.

This is almost, if not the same plot, Sison is claiming now, the AFP chief said.

"Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar," he said. *PNA*

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## 'Joma needs psychiatric help'

COMMUNIST Party of the Philippines (CPP) founding chairman Jose Maria "Joma" Sison should be consulting a professional psychiatrist to treat his hallucinations over "reports" that the military is planning to assassinate him, according to Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Eduardo Año.

"I believe Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations. His statement is another figment of his imagination," Año said in a statement on Wednesday.

This was his response to the latest statement released by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) citing AFP sources that the military is plotting the assassination of Sison as

well as the overthrow of President Rodrigo Duterte's government.

The communist leader said he believes the NDFP statement.

Sison added that he has been receiving "same reports" from similar sources for weeks already.

"If I remember it right, that was also his story back in 1999 during the time of President [Joseph] Estrada [1998-2001] when he also alleged that a hit team was sent to The Netherlands," Año said.

Sison has been on self-exile in The Netherlands for almost three decades.

Ano said the supposed assassination team was sent by Estrada himself and then-Philippine National Police chief Panfilo Lacson.

He added that Estrada and Lacson,

according to Sison in 1999, were using former members of the communist hitmen group Alex Bongcayao Brigade and the rejectionist faction of the CPP to go after the communist leader.

"Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar," Año said.

It was the nth time for the AFP chief to exchange tirades with Sison.

The CPP's armed wing, the New People's Army, has been launching attacks against soldiers in the countryside, prompting the President and Presidential Peace Process Adviser Jesus Dureza to cancel the fifth round of peace talks with the NDFP.

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## Hapilon, 28 men hiding under tunnel – military

By Florante S. Solmerin

ABU Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon and 28 of his men ready to die for him are tunneling under a mosque hoping to escape the war zone in Marawi City, multiple military sources said Wednesday.

“Isnilon Hapilon knew he was deserted by his Maranao followers so he has to find ways to bail himself and his remaining men

out from Marawi City. They continue to dig in under a mosque hoping to reach the lake or the Agus River,” a high-ranking military officer said.

The military confirmed that Hapilon was still alive and inside the war zone, despite earlier reports that he had escaped along with brothers Abdullah and Omar Maute, leaders of the Islamic

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State-inspired terrorist group that stormed Marawi City on Aug. 23.

Some 539 terrorists and 122 soldiers have been killed in the fighting so far, and 45 civilians have died. The remaining terrorists—said to be from 50 to 70, including foreign fighters—have 100 civilian hostages. Four were recently rescued.

Another military source said Hapilon had duffle bags full of cash, jewelry and gold bars from ransacked banks and houses.

“The tunneling could lead to the lake or to the Agus River. Our troops are waiting for them to come out,” the official added, noting that the military was guarding all possible escape routes.

Armed Forces chief Gen. Eduardo Año said the Marawi conflict is nearing its end and the military was preparing for the rebuilding and rehabilitation program for the residents of the Islamic City.

The military’s engineering brigades will be involved in rehabilitation works with billions of pesos needed to restore Marawi from the ruins of war against the terrorists.

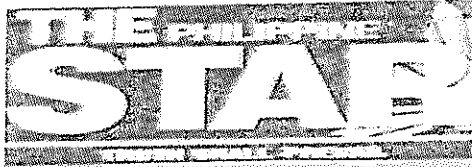
In the main battle area, ground troops discovered a tunnel under a building where the terrorists stored their food, bullets, and weapons.

Also on Wednesday, the former town mayor of Marantao, Mohammadali Abinal told GMA-7 that the Maute group was still trying to recruit fighters but was having difficulty doing so.

He also said Maute terrorists were still trying to get into Marawi City on boats from Marantao. He said he did not know if they made it into the war-torn city, however, as he heard gunfire coming from Lake Lanao.

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# AFP enters critical stage in Marawi offensive

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – The battle for Marawi has entered the final, critical phase, according to the military.

Capt. Jo-Ann Petinglay, spokesperson for the Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), said eight soldiers have been killed since Aug. 2

as the final phase of military operations to flush out Maute militants began.

“As of (Tuesday) night, it is with grief that we report 122 soldiers were already killed due to the continuous fighting in the main battle area,” Petinglay said.

She stressed the troops are facing a suicidal enemy in the last stages of the campaign.

“As our sol-

diers advance and get closer to the main objective, anything can happen. The situation is getting more critical,” she said.

Petinglay said the troops had encountered some 70 heavily armed militants in close-quarter combat.

The military said the presence of about 50 to 70 civilian hostages is compounding the problem.

Troops rescued three civil-

ians who were able to run away during the fighting.

Petinglay said the fighting had been confined to a square kilometer general area where the terrorists are still holed up.

She reported the troops have killed 539 militants and recovered 607 firearms since the fighting broke out on May 23.

She added civilian casualties stood at 45 with 1,728 non-combatants rescued.

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### Anonymous

Families of soldiers killed in the Marawi campaign will receive P1 million in cash on top of the benefits coming from the government, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Eduardo Año said yesterday.

Año handed out the P1 million cash to surviving family members of five fallen soldiers in yesterday's ceremonial turnover at AFP headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo.

An unnamed donor deposited the amount in the account of AFP Marawi Casualty at Landbank of the Philippines. The account was opened in June for those who have expressed desire to help the families of soldiers who died in battle.

"On behalf of the AFP, our soldiers and their families, I wish to commend the generosity of our benefactor who chose to remain anonymous despite the enormity of this gesture," Año said.

AFP Public Affairs Office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo said the anonymous donor deposited an initial P98 million to the Land Bank account.

He said the donor also pledged to give P1 million to the families of soldiers who might be killed in action in Marawi until the last day of the military campaign.

"The lone philanthropist donor who wished to remain anonymous despite the large amount of financial aid, pledged and actually donated P1 million each to the kin of our brave soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting to wrest Marawi City from terrorists' control," Arevalo said.

Año also handed out the

same amount of cash donations to each family of three soldiers who died fighting in Marawi during his visit at Camp Evangelista in Cagayan de Oro City.

"What is immensely admirable with this anonymous donor, apart from his or her selflessness in giving away such an enormous sum of money, is the expressed commitment to provide P1 million each to the families of soldiers who may be killed in action, God forbid, in the continuing crisis," Arevalo said.

The remaining amount of donations will be turned over by the AFP leadership to major services to fast-track distributions of the financial assistance to the families of the remaining soldiers who died fighting in Marawi, Arevalo said.

### Marawi rehab

Lawmakers, on the other hand, created a special committee to assess and review the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City.

The chamber approved a resolution filed by Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III and Sen. Joseph Victor Ejercito creating the special committee.

"The special committee would assess and investigate the extent of damage to the properties, infrastructure and facilities such as roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, buildings and other structures in Marawi City," the resolution said.

"It will also study the estimated cost of construction and rehabilitation of the damaged properties, infrastructure and facilities or other matters that may be necessary for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City," it said. – **With Jaime Laude, Paolo Romero, Edu Punay, Elizabeth Marcelo**

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## Pagcor opens casino at Army Navy Club

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR) proceeded yesterday with the opening of the Casino Filipino (CF) Manila Bay amid a legal squabble.

In a statement, the state-run gaming firm said CF Manila Bay is "deemed favorable to the corporation and the government."

"Despite the challenges, the management deduced that the transfer from its old site (Manila Pavilion) to Manila Bay provides advantage for PAGCOR and the government," the agency said.

The casino is located within the Museo ng Maynila complex, formerly known as the Army Navy Club, beside the US embassy compound.

In monthly rental alone, PAGCOR said the government would pay P13 million or less than half of what it used to pay Manila Pavilion amounting to P28 million.

"This translates to annual savings of close to P200 million in rental fees," the agency said.

PAGCOR said CF Manila Bay has a minimum of 100 secured parking slots, with 50 free slots exclusively for PAGCOR's use, compared to 16 basement parking slots in its previous site paid

monthly at P2,500 each.

The Commission on Audit (COA) has found the deal between PAGCOR and Vanderwood Management Corp. "anomalous" as the state gaming firm made an advance payment of P234 million to the company.

PAGCOR said Vanderwood would maintain the leased premise by undertaking the following every five years: repainting, replacement of toilet fixtures, replacement and upgrade of closed-circuit television system and adjuncts, as well as change of theme or motif including carpets.

PAGCOR said it exercised frugality in its decision to move to CF Manila Bay as there is no escalation clause in the contract.

Under the contract with its previous lessor, PAGCOR said it was charged a five percent escalation on the third and fourth year of the lease.

During a hearing at the House of Representatives early this year, PAGCOR chairperson Andrea Domingo assured the COA and the lawmakers that no law was violated in connection with the deal.

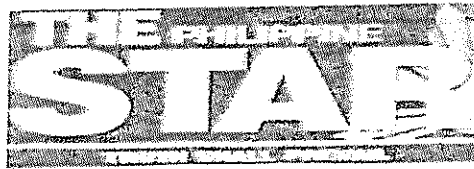
After the COA disallowed the P234 million in advance rental, Vanderwood returned the amount paid by PAGCOR,

Domingo said.

The Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption had filed a petition for certiorari and prohibition before the Court of Appeals to stop the conversion of the historic Army Navy Club into a hotel and casino gaming facility.

– Helen Flores, Iris Gonzales

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## ...P100,000 for every NPA, terrorist

By JAIME LAUDE

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday announced a P100,000 bounty for the capture or killing of every communist New People's Army (NPA) rebel and Islamic militant.

Año said the bounty was the initiative of local government units.

He cited the pronouncements made by Panay-based Army 3rd Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Jon Aying, who said the P100,000

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bounty was initially declared by President Duterte during his visit in Negros island to condole with the families of six policemen ambushed by NPA rebels in Guihulngan City last month.

"That was a pronouncement by General Aying. The reward will come from the local government of Negros Occidental. It was a local initiative that will contribute a lot to our efforts to destroy the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP)-NPA," Año said.

He said the cash reward would encourage the community to participate in the AFP's counter-insurgency program where the beneficiaries would be the local residents themselves.

Año earlier ordered all troops deployed for counter-insurgency duties to go on the offensive to address mounting NPA atrocities against soft government and civilian targets.

The increase in frequency of rebel attacks across the country came after CPP founding chairman Jose Ma. Sison ordered the NPA to intensify its tactical offensives against government forces.

Sison's directive also coincided with the ongoing military operations against the Maute terrorists who occupied

Marawi City last May 23.

"As usual the NPA units are targeting soft targets to include the Philippine National Police (PNP)," Año said.

The AFP chief also advised Sison to seek psychiatric help.

"I believe Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations. His statement is another figment of his imagination," he said.

Año made the statement to Sison following claims of the National Democratic Front (NDF) that the communist leader is the target of assassination by the military.

The NDF linked the AFP to the supposed plot of the US Central Intelligence Agency to liquidate Sison in the Netherlands and remove President Duterte from power.

Año said these were all lies. He pointed out Sison's allegations were a rehash of his 1999 claims in accusing then president and now Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada and then PNP chief and now Sen. Panfilo Lacson of sending a liquidation team to the Netherlands to kill him.

"Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar," Año said. - With Gilbert Bayoran, Celso Amo, Francis Elevado, Gerry Lee-Gorit

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Arevalo said the P90 million will be turned over to the major services for distribution to other beneficiaries.

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The donation was deposited in the account name "AFP Marawi Casualty" in the Land Bank of the Philippines. The account was opened in June for those who have expressed desire to help the families of soldiers who died in battle.

"On behalf of the AFP, our soldiers and their families, I wish to commend the generosity of our benefactor who chose to remain anonymous despite the enormity of this gesture," Año said. *PNA*

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## 'Marawi military casualties mounting'

**ZAMBOANGA CITY:** The number of military casualties continue to mount as security forces battle local Islam State (IS)-style terrorists for nearly three months after they occupied Marawi City.

Captain Jo-ann Petinglay, spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command (Wesmincom), said some 122 soldiers have died since fighting broke out on May 23 that also killed 45 civilians. It said 539 militants were allegedly slain, but most of the reports came from unverified intelligence sources and not based from bodies recovered in the battlefield.

Petinglay did not disclose the total number of soldiers wounded in the fighting despite efforts to get the information from her, but security sources said more than 1,000 soldiers had been injured in fierce clashes with the

terrorists. Troops had rescued over 1,700 civilians – including four men, three of them from Zamboanga City and other a native of Iligan City, who recently escaped from the Maute Group – in the besieged city since fighting began, according to military reports.

Security officials have repeatedly said about five dozens militants are still fighting troops in Marawi despite heavy aerial bombings and Army artillery fire on their hideouts.

Petinglay said troops were getting closer to the IS-inspired group which is holding dozens of civilian hostages, including a Catholic priest. "Fighting continue in about a square kilometer general area where the terrorists are currently held up. It is also believed that there are still hostages with the group numbering to an esti-

mated 50 to 70 people," she said.

Soldiers also occupied a fortified building previously under IS control and recovered an abandoned armored car used by militants. "The building where it was found was believed used by the terrorists as a storage area and temporary base that houses most of their wounded. Found also in the building is a tunnel where the Maute remnants store their food, bullets, and weapons," Petinglay added.

"The recent capture of one of the terrorist's strongholds connotes that the troops are advancing towards the battle positions of Maute remnants, signifying that the terrorists are already contained in a narrower engagement area," she pointed out.

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## US weighing more support to PH vs militants

WASHINGTON, United States — The United States is weighing additional support to the Philippine military as it fights an Islamist insurgency in the South, a US defense official said Tuesday.

Discussions are "pretty advanced" and would see the US provide increased surveillance drone capabilities and training for local forces, the official told AFP on condition on anonymity.

The drones could hypothetically be used to conduct strikes, the official added, although that would only be for self-defense reasons to protect US or partner forces, and would not signal another front in America's drone wars.

"It's not necessarily what those (drones) are there for. Those are there for ISR and support," the official said, using an abbreviation for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

The Department of National Defense said there had been no discussions regarding the use of US drones to strike IS-inspired "terrorist groups."

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Logan said all military assistance in the Philippines is conducted at the request of the government. "We respect the sovereignty of the Philippines, and we are not pursuing unilateral action in the Philippines," he said. **(AFP)**

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## Militar may apela sa Maute

Umapela ang commander ng Armed Forces of the Philippines-Western Mindanao Command (AFP-WestMinCom) na kung may puso pa ang mga leader at miyembro ng ISIS-inspired na Maute Group ay hindi idadamay ng mga ito ang Mindanao State University (MSU) sa mga pag-atake.

Ito ang sinabini Lt. Gen. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. nang pag-usapan ng mga opisyal ng militar at mga kasapi ng faculty ng MSU ang rekomendasyon na simulan nang muli ang klase sa unibersidad na nasa Marawi City, kasabay ng pagbubukas sa mga establisimiyentong malapit dito.

Tinalakay sa pulong, na ginanap sa unibersidad, ang pagsasaayos sa seguridad at schedule sa muling

pagbubukas ng klase sa MSU.

"It is really a challenge in this trying times, in the thick of the battle in the eastern side of Marawi, it is a challenge to open the MSU especially that it is one of the targets of the terrorists," ani Galvez.

"I challenge the Maute, if you still have some goodness left in your heart, spare MSU from any harm," dagdag pa nito. "I dare the Maute Group to cease and desist from this any other atrocious acts that tend to terrorize students and members of the faculty of MSU that is the least they can do for the youth."

Hinimok din ni Galvez ang mamamayan ng Mindanao na makiusap sa kanyang panawagan na itigil na ang pag-atake sa kabataan.

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## *Ilang babaeng bihag ng Maute buntis na* **'Mental health crisis'** **idineklara sa Marawi**

PATULOY na inaalam ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ang totoong kalagayan ng mga babaeng bihag ng teroristang Maute sa Marawi City.

Ito'y may kaugnayan sa nakuhang drone video ng ilang babaeng bihag na posibleng nabuntis daw

ng mga terorista.

Makikita sa video na tumatakbo ang mga terorista pabalik sa pinagtaguang mosque kasama ang mga babae na naka-suot ng iim na damit para hindi agad makilala.

Ayon kay Western Mindanao Command spokesperson Capt. Joan

Petinglay, posibleng totoo ang balita lalo pa't nakatanggap sila ng intelligence report na ginahasa ng mga terorista ang mga babaeng bihag.

Subalit, nilinaw ni Capt. Petinglay na hindi pa sila nakatanggap ng konkretong balita sa totoong kalagayan ng mga babaeng bihag.

Sa ngayon, sunud-sunod ang ginawang pamomomba ng militar dahil sa posibilidad na nasa loob pa ng Marawi City ang isa sa mga lider ng Maute Group na si Abdullah Maute.

Samantala, idineklara na ng local crisis officials ng Marawi City ang "mental health crisis" sa lugar dahil sa tumataas na bilang ng mga bakwit na may mental disorder.

Patuloy ang panawagan ng Provincial Crisis Management Committee sa mga ahensiya ng gobyerno na pagtuunan din ng pansin ang mental health ng 30,732 evacuees dahil nakitaan na sila ng sintomas ng matinding depresyon at pagkabalih.



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## 4 bihag na-rescue sa Marawi

Nailigtas na ng militar ang apat na sibilyan na binihag ng teroristang Maute group sa main battle zone sa Marawi City. Ayon kay Capt. Jo-Ann Petinglay, tagapagsalita ng Joint Task Force Marawi, ang apat ay na-rescue sa paligid ng Lake Lanao kunsaan tatlo rito ay galing sa Zamboanga City habang ang isa ay galing sa Iligan City.

Natagpuan ang apat na bihag bunga na rin ng pakikipagtulungan ng isa sa asawa ng apat na bihag sa Philippine Navy sa Zamboanga at Joint Task Force Marawi. May mga sugat ang mga bihag kaya agad na dinala sa Philippine Army Headquarters saan nilapatan ng medical assistance at pagkatapos ay isasailalim din sa debriefing. **(Betchai Julian)**

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## Wounded Marawi soldiers get care from SM Foundation Fit for Heroes

**AT least two medical facilities at the AFP Medical Center in V Luna -- the Heroes' Ward and Convalescence Ward -- are giving proper recovery care for wounded soldiers from Marawi courtesy of a health and wellness program by SM Foundation, Inc. (SMFI).**

Under SMFI's program, health facilities and dispensaries of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) are renovated to improve the facilities and services for soldiers deployed and injured from armed conflicts in various parts of the country. The program has so far renovated 22 military health facilities that provide medical treatment and

care to the Philippine Army, Navy, and Air Force.

As of June, at least 240 soldiers coming from Marawi are being cared for in the two renovated wards of the AFP Medical Center. SM Foundation Health and Medical Programs Project Manager Albert Uy said. The Heroes' Ward serves as the recovery facility, after which the patients will be brought to the Convalescence Ward where they will go through therapy that will help them back on their feet and into their normal lives.

"We are deeply thankful for our beloved soldiers' service to the country, risking their lives so that we may enjoy our own with utmost freedom. SM Foundation's program is dedicat-

ed to improving AFP's health facilities so that our wounded soldiers can have the best medical care fit for heroes," said Connie Angeles, Senior Assistant Vice President and Executive Director for health and medical programs of SMFI.

Medical facilities that go through renovation and rehabilitation under SMFI's program get full enhancement from new paint to improved toilets, air conditioning systems, hospital beds, and other necessary reconstruction. The program has been recognized with an award by the Armed Forces of the Philippines, citing SMFI's sincere efforts in alleviating the plight of injured personnel of the Philippine military forces.

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# AFP says nothing new on alleged plot to kill 'Joma'

Priam Nepomuceno August 9, 2017, 4:43 pm

This was the apparent sentiment of the military following claims made by Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founding chair Jose Maria "Joma" Sison that government forces, with the assistance of the US Central Intelligence Agency, is planning to assassinate him.

"I believe Sison needs professional psychiatric help to treat his hallucinations. His statement is another (figment) of his imagination," said AFP chief-of-staff Gen. Eduardo Año in a statement Wednesday.

The CPP founding chair also alleged that the military is planning to oust President Rodrigo Duterte.

"If I remember right, 'yan din ang kuwento nya nung 1999 during the time of former President (Joseph) Estrada where he also alleged that a hit team was sent to Netherland(s) by President Estrada and former Chief PNP Director Gen Panfilo Lacson to kill him using former ABB and RJ Faction operatives," Año emphasized.

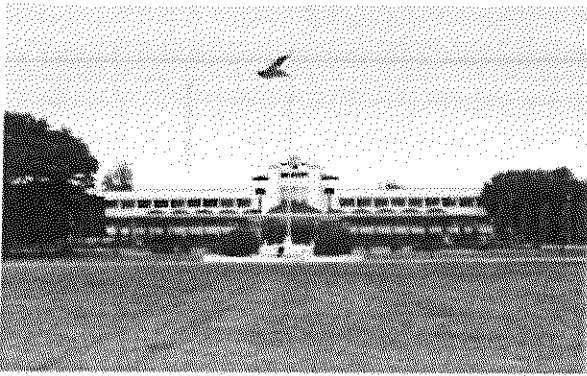
This is almost, if not the same plot, Sison is claiming now, the AFP chief said.

"Exactly the same plot as narrated by Sison. Sison is not only a criminal and master of deception but a congenital liar," he said. (PNA)

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## Sanctions await AFP members in PRRD's narco-list

Priam Nepomuceno August 9, 2017, 4:21 pm



MANILA, Aug. 9 -- While still to review President Rodrigo Duterte's latest narco-list, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) assured the public that sanctions will be meted out to military personnel found in cahoots with the illegal drugs syndicates.

But prior that, a detailed investigation will be conducted against these individuals found in the Chief Executive's narco-list, said AFP public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo on Wednesday.

If found guilty, these personnel will be subjected to summary dismissal proceedings after which they will be charged and prosecuted by authorities.

"We will not allow the AFP to be tainted by personnel involved in the illegal drugs trade," Arevalo said in Filipino. (PNA)

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## Kins of 5 troops killed in Marawi gets P1-M each from philanthropist

Priam Nepomuceno August 9, 2017, 3:13 pm



MANILA, Aug. 9 -- The families of five soldiers killed in the ongoing fighting in Marawi City against Maute Group remnants, have received PHP1 million each, from an anonymous philanthropist, Wednesday.

The donation is part of the PHP98 million the latter earmarked for military troops killed in the fighting.

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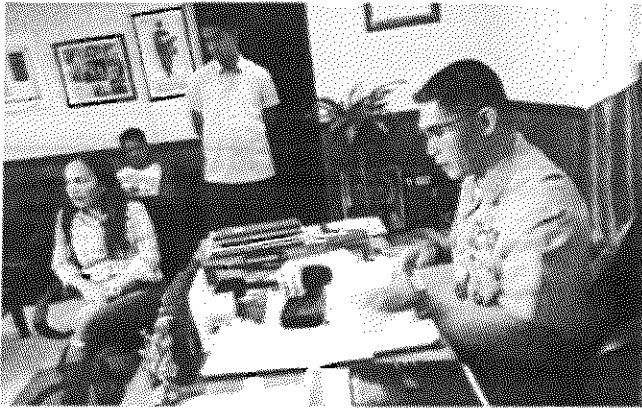
"This, and the countless other gestures of goodwill, sympathy, and support that we have received in this time when our resolve is being challenged manifest the true spirit of Bayanihan that is kindled in each one of us," the AFP chief said. (PNA)

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## No military officials protecting drug, crime gangs

Priam Nepomuceno August 9, 2017, 2:34 pm



MANILA, Aug. 9 -- As far as the military is concerned, none of its ranking military officers are providing protection to the Parojinog clan's illegal businesses in Ozamiz City.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo made this statement in wake of claims that a former military general has a relationship with Ozamiz Vice Mayor Nova Princess Parojinog and one of the family's protectors.

Nova is the daughter of slain Ozamiz City Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog who was killed along with 14 others during an anti-drug operation in their family's house in San Roque Lawis last July 30.

Her father was earlier pinpointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as one of the country's top narco-politicians.

During the operation, the vice mayor was arrested along with brother Reynaldo Jr. They are now both at the custody of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

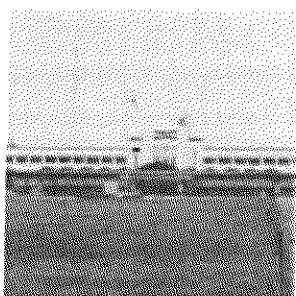
In line with this, Arevalo urged the PNP to identify the alleged military officer so that appropriate actions can be taken.

Arevalo stressed that the AFP is not tolerating such actions from any officers or enlisted personnel, and that sanctions await personnel found collaborating with illegal drug syndicates or crime gang for that matter. (PNA)

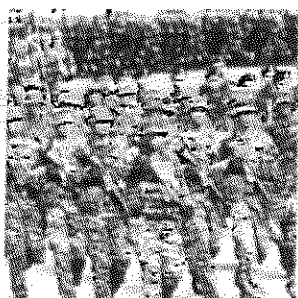
## DWDD: DND CIRCULAR NO. 13 | Enforce Drug-Free Workplace Policy

From DWDD AFP Civil Relations Service Radio Website (Aug 9): **DND CIRCULAR NO. 13 | Enforce Drug-Free Workplace Policy**

CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), General Eduardo Año directed all AFP uniformed and non-uniformed personnel to strictly follow the newly-approved drug-free workplace policy effective in all military camps and facilities nationwide.



"I am directing all Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Civilian Employees of the AFP to affirm their commitment to unconditionally abide by the rules provided in the Department of National Defense (DND) Circular No. 13 or the Comprehensive Drug-Free Workplace Policy," General Año declared.



Approved last 17 July 2017 by the Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, the policy provides for the institutionalization of the drug-free workplace policy and the adoption of the uniform guidelines on drug testing program.

The circular also stipulates procedures in the disposition of personnel found administratively liable of using illegal drugs and/or committing any prohibited acts under RA9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

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Under DND Circular No. 13, all personnel regardless of status are required to undergo annual mandatory drug testing as a requirement for retention in the government service. It will also apply to applicants and outsourced service personnel.

“The DND Circular requires all persons in decision-making positions from the Secretary of National Defense to all Generals and Flag Officers of the AFP, down to Division Chiefs of the DND and all its attached Bureaus to undergo the annual drug test,” said Colonel Edgard Arevalo, AFP Public Affairs Office Chief.

“Further, drug testing will be part of the requirements for promotion, schooling, and designations to key positions of all our members in the military, including our Civilian Employees,” Colonel Arevalo added.

Any personnel found positive for use of dangerous drugs will first undergo confirmatory testing, the result of which – if positive – may be challenged by the subject. If the person is found positive, he/she will be endorsed to the appropriate investigating body for the conduct of disciplinary or administrative proceedings.

Imposable penalties include dismissal or termination from government service (if Civilian Employee), discharge from military service (if Enlisted Personnel), and separation from service (if Military Officer).

“While the AFP has been conducting regular mandatory and random drug testing to its members, the implementation of DND Circular No. 13 shall reinforce our ongoing campaign against drug abuse,” Colonel Arevalo said.

“As we continue to support our administration’s thrust against illegal drugs, it is only appropriate that all of us in the Armed Forces of the Philippines are drug-free, and in the best physical, mental, and psychological condition,” said General Año.

“This will ensure that no one in the rank and file of the AFP is a drug dependent. It will manifest that AFP personnel are role models of discipline and propriety as public officers,” General Año concluded. [www.afp.mil.ph](http://www.afp.mil.ph) / MCAG