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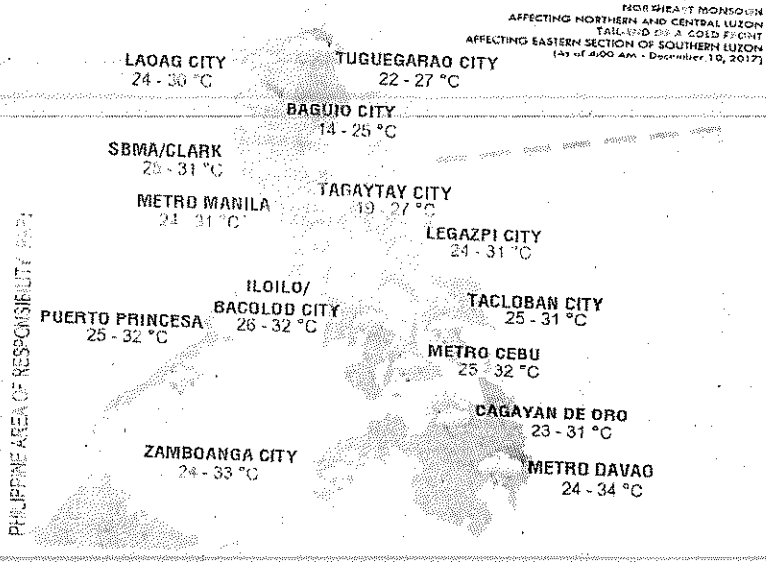
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Martial law: 1 more year

Palace asks Congress to extend military rule amid terror threat

By John Paolo Bencito

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte wants martial law in Mindanao, imposed in May, extended for one more year and, senior officials said, will again seek Congress' approval following the recommendations by the military and the police.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, in a text message to reporters, confirmed the President would

be transmitting his latest appeal to both chambers of Congress today.

In related developments:

- Communications Secretary Martin Andanan said the terrorist group Daulah Islamiyah, connected to the Maute and Abu Sayyaf groups, had been planning to attack another city in the country.

Andanan revealed this as he stressed the need to extend martial law in Mindanao, based on the proposal

of the AFP.

In an interview over Super Radyo dzBB, Andanan said the Daulah Islamiyah group had continued its recruitment activities.

The Department of National Defense and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in separate recommendations to the President, said that military rule would help in rebuilding the Islamic city as "the threat of terrorism remains." *Next page*

Martial...

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• The Commission on Human Rights said Sunday the extension of martial law in Mindanao beyond the Dec. 31 deadline might be a prelude to a “strongman rule.”

CHR Commissioner Roberto Cadiz said in an interview with Super Radyo dzBB that the military and the police’s recommendation to extend the Mindanao martial law was “alarming” because it had no justification.

DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said in an interview: “It will help us to continue our momentum in our campaign against the Daesh [Arabic word for ISIS] and their sympathizers and not to do so will allow them to regroup again.

“[And] as you know there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area so I think this will help curb their activities on the ground.

“If we don’t have martial law, it will be very difficult for the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war-torn areas in the area.”

House Majority Leader and Ilocos Norte Rep. Rodolfo Fariñas said the Lower House was expected to receive Monday the letter

signed by Duterte seeking Congress’ approval for the extension of martial law in Mindanao beyond Dec. 31.

Fariñas said Medialdea informed him about the matter through a text message.

As to how long the martial law in Mindanao shall be extended, Fariñas said he would not know until the matter was discussed by the House leadership.

Congress, which upheld Duterte’s first request to extend martial law in Mindanao last July 22, will be going on a Christmas break on Dec. 15, and will resume sessions on January 15 next year.

Recently, the Supreme Court, in a 10-3-1 vote, affirmed the constitutionality of Duterte’s order to place Mindanao under martial law.

Former Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla in a news briefing last Friday said while terrorist groups in Mindanao were largely “scattered,” “disorganized,” and “leaderless,” recruitment still continued in most parts of Mindanao, promising fabulous pay just to join the jihadist movement.

“Those who survived that siege still remain at large and are attempting to recover by recruiting other

members of the society, particularly the vulnerable sector of our population, and they are students, children, women and the like, as well as relatives of those who lost their lives in the fight,” he added.

The military also cited continuing significant violent activities of other terrorist groups affiliated with the Islamic State, such as the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters controlling Maguindanao, Lanao and Cotabato, along with the Abu Sayyaf in the islands of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

Padilla also cited threats by the communist New Peoples’ Army as a growing threat in Mindanao, which grew in number during the lull in the peace negotiations.

Amid the perceived criticism on the possibility of a second extension of martial law, presidential spokesman Harry Roque, in an earlier news briefing, insisted that what mattered most was the opinion of those on the ground, and not those far from the battle zone.

“What matters most is the view of the stakeholders, the view of the Mindanaoans on martial law...why should people from Luzon complain?” he earlier said.

Duterte, in less than 24 hours during his trip to

Moscow, Russia on May 23 placed the entire island of Mindanao under martial law after the ISIS-inspired Maute group laid siege in Marawi City.

The initial declaration was supposed to end after 60 days, but Congress, in joint session, approved Duterte’s request to extend it until the end of the year.

Last October 17, Duterte declared Marawi City free from terrorists after security forces were able to neutralize terrorist leaders Isnilon Hapilon and Omar Maute.

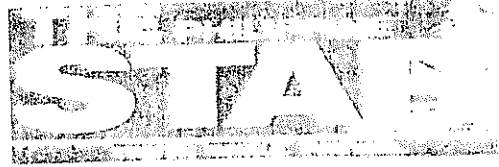
According to Article VII, Section 18 of the 1987 Constitution, the President as Commander in Chief can place the Philippines or any part of it under martial law or suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus “in case of invasion or rebellion, when the public safety requires it.”

The President must submit a report to Congress in person or in writing within 48 hours of the proclamation of martial law.

Congress, in turn, voting jointly, by at least a majority of all its members in regular or special session, may revoke the proclamation, and the President may not set aside the revocation.

With PNA, Maricel Cruz and Bill Casas

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Duterte wants 1 more year of ML in Mindanao

By ALEXIS ROMERO and EDITH REGALADO

President Duterte has approved the recommendations of security officials and will seek a one-year extension of martial law in Mindanao to contain terrorism and other threats to public safety.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea said a letter requesting the extension of military rule in the south would be transmitted today to Congress.

"Recommendation is one year," Medialdea said in a text message yesterday.

Earlier, Malacañang officials said Duterte had received the recommendations of the Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police to extend martial law in Mindanao. The officials assured the public that the safety of Filipinos would be the main consideration in making his decision.

"(The President's) paramount concern is the security of our people especially the Mindanaoans in the face of

threats and the use of available means under the law to fight them," presidential spokesman Harry Roque said in a statement.

Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao on May 23 to run after Islamist militants who occupied Marawi and held hostage dozens of civilians. Congress voted in July to extend military rule until the end of the year.

Last week, the military expressed support for a proposal to extend martial law by one more year, saying this could quell the threats posed by terrorists who survived the Marawi siege and communist rebels.

But some sectors are worried that the extension of martial law in Mindanao would

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lead to human rights abuses. Opposition lawmakers are also against an extension, saying lifting military rule would allow residents affected by the Marawi crisis to return to their homes.

The extension of martial law in Mindanao requires the approval of Congress, which will go on a month-long break before the weekend.

Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez and Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas said they have been notified of the request.

But Alvarez said he asked that the request be made formal in a letter “so that we (Congress) can act on it immediately.”

Alvarez told **The STAR** that he expects to receive the letter of the President this morning.

Alvarez has said it would be best to ask the people from Mindanao regarding the matter because they would know better.

Justified?

Bangon Marawi Task Force

chair Eduardo del Rosario, who oversees the rebuilding of war-torn Marawi, wants martial law in Mindanao extended to secure rehabilitation efforts and foil attempts to recruit people into terrorist groups.

The DND also said there is still a credible terrorist threat in Mindanao that justifies the extension of martial law being enforced in the area.

DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said the proposed extension of martial law “will help us to continue our momentum in our campaign against the Daesh (Islamic State) and their sympathizers.”

He noted that doing other-

wise will allow terrorist cells and sympathizers to regroup considering reports that they are already recruiting in the Lanao area.

“So I think this will help curb their activities on the ground and if we don’t have martial law, it will be very difficult (to implement) the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war-torn areas,” Andolong explained.

He said rehabilitation work will entail movement of logistics and equipment and allowing terrorist groups to roam free can hamper the operations due to security concerns.

Andolong said “there is a

threat” and that in terms of seriousness, such depends on the area but “it is there, it is credible.”

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman and Akbayan party-list Rep. Tom Villarin said there is no basis for Duterte to ask Congress to extend martial law in Mindanao because the Constitution states clearly this can only be done in “case of invasion or rebellion, when the public safety requires it.”

Lagman said there is no more “actual invasion or rebellion” in Mindanao as the President himself had declared that Marawi had been liberated from local and foreign

terrorists two months ago.

Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat of the first district said the proposed martial law extension must be tackled before Congress goes on a Christmas break on Dec. 12 “because if it is not then, we have to go for a special session.”

Lobregat said Congress will also have to tackle the duration of the martial law extension.

“Let us wait for the President’s request. I’m sure it will be upon the recommendation of the PNP and the AFP,” Lobregat added.

– With Michael Punongbayan, Delon Porcalla, Roel Pareño

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Remains of Vietnamese held hostage by ASG recovered

By ALI G. MACABALANG

COTABATO CITY — The remains of a Vietnamese boat captain kidnapped along with five compatriots by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) last year were recovered on Friday by the police in Sulu, the police regional office of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PRO-ARMM) announced over the weekend.

The bones of Pham Minh Tuan, captain of the MV Royal 16 from Vietnam, were exhumed at Sitio Kasulutan in coastal Barangay Bus-Bus, Jolo, Sulu, Maguindanao-based ARMM police director Chief Supt. Graciano Mijares said.

Barangay Bus-Bus is located a few nautical miles from Jolo, the capital of Sulu province, a component of ARMM.

Tuan and his five crewmen were abducted on November 11, 2016 while

sailing near Sibagu Island, about six nautical miles off Lamitan City in Basilan, Mijares said.

“The operation that resulted in the recovery of his remains was an initiative of the Sulu provincial police, the Joint Task Force Sulu and the Mindanao field unit of the Anti-Kidnapping Group,” Mijares said.

Tuan was reportedly executed by his captors, led by Idang Susukan, amid an encounter with the Army’s 41st Infantry Battalion in Barangay Upper Binuang in Talipao town in Sulu on September 7, 2017.

“Possibly, his cadaver was buried somewhere in Jolo... to mislead authorities,” Mijares said.

Basilan officials on Saturday said the Abu Sayyaf first held Tuan captive in their province, but transferred him to Sulu due to pressures from armed Yakan villagers, who were helping the

police and military fight the Islamic State-inspired group.

“They must have thought they can

get a big ransom in exchange for the release of the boat captain,” Mijares said, quoting a town mayor.

Tuan’s remains will be airlifted to Manila and turned over to the Vietnamese embassy, he said.

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'Iskul ng NPA' dumami ang estudyante

PINANGANGAM-BAHAN ng militar ang pagdami ng mga estudyanteng lumad sa Mindanao Interfaith Services Foundation Incorporated (MISFI) na itinuturing na revolutionary school.

Ang MISFI academy ay wala umangong lisensiya para mag-operate.

Ayon kay 2nd Lt. Ranzan Palacio, Spokesperson ng 27th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army, kanilang

ikinagulat na mayroong MISFI academy sa Sitio Blit, Brgy. Ned, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato na isa namang masukal na lugar at karatig lugar kung saan nangyari ang engkwentro sa pagitan ng mga sundalo at NPA Front 73 na ikinatatay ng siyam kasama na ang leader ng Platoon Myphone.

Matatandaan na dati na ring kinilala na isang revolutionary school ang MISFI academy sa parte naman ng Brgy. Lam-apos Banga, South Cotabato.

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Child warrior ng NPA, huli sa Lake Sebu

KORONADAL CITY – Ginagamot na ngayon sa ospital ang isang myembro ng New People's Army (NPA) na nasugatan sa engkwentro matapos na mahuli ng mga sundalo sa Sitio Bonglangon, Barangay Ned, Lake Sebu.

Kinilala ni Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc, commanding officer ng 33rd Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army ang nahuli na si Jeffrey Danyan, 18 at isang child warrior ng NPA.

Ayon kay Cabunoc, ang mga sundalo mismo ang nagpagamot sa sugatan na isang patunay na nirespito ng mga ito ang karapang pantao maging ng rebeldeng grupo.

Sa kabuuan, nasa siyam ang namatay sa bakbakan sa pagitan ng NPA at mga sundalo sa nabanggit na lugar kung saan pito sa mga ito ang galing sa rebeldeng NPA kasama na si Ka George ang leader ng Platoon Myphone habang dalawa naman sa mga sundalo.

Napag-alaman na isang sundalo din mula sa 27th Infantry Battalion sang Philippine Army ang sugatan sa engkwentro.

Sa ngayon, nasa alert status pa rin ang militar at pulisya sa boundary ng mga bayan ng Lake Sebu, South Cotabato at Bagumbayan Sultan Kuadrat matapos ang nangyaring engkwentro.

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Military asset sa Sarangani pinatahimik ng NPA

Isang barangay tanod na sinasabing nagsisilbing asset ng militar ang nasawi nang barilin ng miyembro ng New People's Army (NPA) matapos harangin sa Kiamba, Sarangani Province, kamakalawa ng gabi.

Nagtamo ng mga tama ng punglo sa katawan at pagkatapos ay iginapos pa ang biktimang si

Geralwin Alaw, ng Sitio Kalil, Brgy. Tamadang, Kiamba.

Ayon kay Lt. Jason Ramos, ng 27th Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army, bandang alas-6:30 ng gabi habang namamasada ng kanyang tricycle ang biktima, hinarang ito ng nasa limang armadong lalaki na kasapi ng NPA

at puwersahang iginapos bago pinagbabaril.

Sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, nalaman na dati umanong impormante ng militar ang biktima at marahil ay pinatay ng NPA para hindi na makapagbigay ng impormasyon sa mga nalalaman sa kanilang kanilang grupo. (Betchai Julian)

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Duterte to extend martial law

By Philip C. Tubeza
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President Duterte will ask Congress to extend martial law in Mindanao for a year before both houses adjourn for their Christmas recess on Friday.

House Majority Leader and Ilocos Norte Rep. Rodolfo Fariñas said Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea informed him that Mr. Duterte had already signed the request and the letter is expected to be delivered on Monday.

Medialdea confirmed to reporters the signing of the request which seeks an extension of martial law in Mindanao for an entire year after the original extension expires on Dec. 31.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate, which originally scheduled their last

day of session for Dec. 13, will only have until Dec 15. to jointly vote on the extension.

"I, of course, relayed it first to the Speaker who said we will discuss it tomorrow. We will have to discuss it with our Senate counterparts," Fariñas said.

The House leader said the process for the reextension will be the same as when Congress approved the first extension last July 22.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III said on Friday that he expected the Palace to seek an extension and would immediately take up the matter with other sen-

ators when he receives the request.

Mr. Duterte sought the martial law extension after the military said it needed to sustain the military's "momentum" against terror groups that have started regrouping after their

defeat in Marawi City.

"Not [extending martial law] will allow them to regroup again and, as you know, there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area," said Department of National Defense (DND) spokesperson Arsenio Andolong.

'Credible threat'

"So I think this will help curb their activities on the ground," Andolong said, noting there is a "credible threat" that the military needs to address in Mindanao.

Andolong did not elaborate on the "credible threat," but Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said the military is monitoring the Daulah Islamiyah fi Ranao (Islamic State in Lanao) group and their foreign allies.

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tions Secretary Martin Andanar also said the Daulah Islamiyah fi Ranao group, which is connected to the Maute and Abu Sayyaf groups, had been planning to attack another city in the country.

Speaking in a radio interview on Sunday morning, Andanar also cited unclarified intelligence reports about terror groups that are supposedly stepping up their recruitment activities.

In justifying the extension of martial law, Andolong said it would also help in the rebuilding and rehabilitation of Marawi City and other war-torn areas.

"How do we continue the rebuilding if we cannot secure the area? Our engineers might be ambushed," Andolong said, citing the usual security threats in conflict areas.

Aside from the Daulah Islamiyah fi Ranao, Padilla said

there could also be attacks by the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters in Maguindanao, Lanao and Cotabato, and the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

In addition to the jihadists, Padilla said the military also needed to guard against attacks by communist rebels who have, in the past, attacked construction activities in Mindanao.

65% increase in attacks

Padilla said there had been a 65-percent increase in attacks perpetrated by communist rebels in Eastern and Western Mindanao from January to November this year.

The martial law proclamation over Mindanao is set to expire on Dec. 31, unless extended by Congress. —WITH REPORTS

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BATTLE-READY
– Cadets of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) under the Philippine Army demonstrate their combat capabilities in Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Department of National Defense (DND) are backing proposals to revive mandatory ROTC training in colleges and universities to build up the country's reserve force and instill patriotism among the youth. (EPA)

Martial law extension now in Duterte's hands

By ARGYLL CYRUS B. GEDUCOS
and FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

President Duterte is now studying the recommendations made by the Armed Forces of the Philippines

(AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) to extend martial law in Mindanao which is set to expire by the end of the year.

The recommendations have been submitted to the President through

the Departments of National Defense (DND) and of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

“The President is studying the recommendations and he is assessing the need for further

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extending martial law in Mindanao," Roque said in a statement.

"PRRD's paramount concern is the security of our people especially the Mindanaoans in the face of threats and the use of available means under the law to fight them," he added.

Earlier, Duterte said that he cannot decide on the fate of martial law alone and that he would follow the recommendation of government forces as they are the ones who have first-hand knowledge of the situation on the island.

The PNP had said it recommended the extension of martial law in Mindanao for another year. However, the AFP has not indicated for how long it wants martial law to be extended.

The terrorists

The AFP earlier explained that it is seeking for an extension due to reports of terrorist recruitment, increase in violent incidents involving the New People's Army (NPA), and the existence of armed groups including the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF).

"The increasing violence initiated by the Left is part of the reason why martial law may be needed in order to cover areas where potential terrorists may be hiding," former AFP spokesperson Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla earlier explained.

He also said that terrorists who survived the Marawi siege still remain at large and are attempting to recover by recruiting

other members, particularly children, students, women, and even family members of terrorists killed during the five-month war, through huge amounts of cash.

"We still face significant violent activities that are possible from the groups of the BIFF over in Maguindanao, Lanao and Cotabato as well as the threats brought about by the continued existence of ASG forces in the islands of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi," Padilla also said.

The AFP, however, assured the public that there will be no human rights abuses under their watch in case Congress grants the second extension of martial law in Mindanao.

DND's view

For his part, DND-Public Affairs Service (DND-PAS) Chief Arsenio Andoong said that extending martial law in Mindanao will help them continue with their

momentum against local and foreign terrorists lurking in the region.

Andolong told The Manila Bulletin that extending martial law will ensure that Daesh-inspired militants and their sympathizers will be arrested and prevented from regrouping.

"As you know there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area so I think this will help curb their activities on the ground," Andolong said.

"And if we don't have martial law it will be very difficult (for) the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war torn areas in the area," he added.

Andolong explained that if militants and supporters are allowed to freely move, they may even hamper the rehabilitation efforts in the city destroyed by five months of war.

Congress support

"Because we're going to move logistics, like equipment. If they (terrorists/supporters) move freely there they can hamper the rebuilding process. We cannot continue with it if we cannot secure the place. Our engineers will also be going there, they might get ambush," Andolong said.

As the clock continues ticking, Malacañang is keeping its fingers crossed that Congress will still be able to approve a martial law extension within this year.

The Palace is requiring the Congress' approval before the Legislative Branch goes on its Christmas break on December 15.

Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar expressed optimism that there is time for the Congress to act on two initiatives - martial law extension and the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL).

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MARTIAL-LAW EXTENSION A MUST TO CURB TERROR SYMPATHIZERS: DND

THE extension of martial law in Mindanao is essential to completely curb threats from sympathizers of the Maute-Islamic State of Syria and Iraq (ISIS), the Department of National Defense (DND) said on Sunday.

"It will help us to continue our momentum in our campaign against the Daesh [Arabic word for ISIS] and their sympathizers and not to do so will allow them to regroup again. [And] as you know, there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area, so I think this will help curb their activities on the ground," DND Public Affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said in an interview.

"If we don't have martial law, it will be very difficult for the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war-torn areas in the area," he added.

"We're going to move logistics and yung mga equipment, pagka sila'y nakakaikot ng malaya d'un, they can hamper yung pagre-rebuild natin di ba, kasi paano natin matutuloy 'yun eh kung hindi natin ma-secure yung area, papuntapa yung mga engineers natin e baka ma-ambush na yung mga gan'un ba," Andolong said.

When asked whether terror threats remain in Mindanao, Andolong said "there is a threat. In terms of seriousness kasi relative yun sa iba-ibang areas eh, peromeron, it is there, it is credible."

On July 23, Congress, voting 261-18, extended martial law in Mindanao until year-end.

In October Lorenzana announced the end of the five-month long conflict between government forces and Maute terrorists in Marawi City following the death of top terrorist leaders Omar Maute and Isnilon Hapilon.

Andolong, meanwhile, echoed Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's stand saying there would be no holiday ceasefire with Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

"Nagsalita nasa Secretary Lorenzana dyan that he is not inclined to declare a suspension of military operations this Christmas because it will give them [NPA] a chance also to continue their attacks on our outpost, they are taking potshots at our troops and policemen and he does not relish that. PNA

THESE three file photos show the state of Marawi before and after government security forces clashed with Islamic State of Syria and Iraq-inspired Maute Group. In the two photos, Maranaos pose in front of the King Faisal Mosque and Marawi City's largest masjid (in its official Islamic colors) before government launched an all-out war on May 23 against alleged terrorists operating in the Islamic City of Marawi, the capital and the only city in the province of Lanao del Sur. A damaged mosque with holes blasted out of its dome is seen in the battle-scarred Marawi on October 19, two days after President Duterte declared the liberation of the city from militants. GEORGE TAPAN AND AP PHOTO/BULLIT MARQUEZ

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MARTIAL LAW EXTENSION INAARAL NI DUTERTE

Ni Juliet de Loza-Cudia

Nasa lamesa na ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte at pinag-aaralan pa nito ang rekomendasyon ng Department of National Defense (DND), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) sa pagpapalawig ng Martial Law sa Mindanao.

Ayon kay Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque, na pangunahing konsiderasyon ni Pangulong Duterte sa pagpapasya ang seguridad ng mga mamamayan lalo ang mga taga-Mindanao mula sa

banta ng terorismo.

“The Office of the President has received the recommendation of the Department of National Defense, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police regarding the extension of martial law in Mindanao,” ayon kay Roque.

“The President is studying the recommendations and he is assessing the need for further extending martial law in Mindanao. PRRD’s paramount concern is the security of our people especially the

Mindanaoans in the face of threats and the use of available means under the law to fight them,” dagdag pa ni Roque.

Una nang pinayuhan ng AFP si Pangulong Duterte na palawigin pa ng hanggang isang taon ang martial law sa Mindanao na matatapos sa Disyembre 31, 2017.

Kung papaboran ito ng Pangulo, kailangan niyang hilingin sa Kamara at Senado ang extension ng batas military. Pabor na si House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez sa extension habang si Senate President Aquilino ‘Koko’

Pimentel III ay nagsabing kailangan pa niyang konsultahin ang mga kasamahan sa Senado.



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Ang Nagcumbasang Pambansang Lungsod sa Bagong 18 00

Martial law extension nakatuon sa public security

Nakatuon sa seguridad ng mamamayan ang desisyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa isinuniteng rekomendasyon ng Department of National Defense (DND), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) kaugnay ng pagpapalawig ng martial law sa Mindanao.

Sa kasalukuyan, ayon kay Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque, natanggap na ng Office of the President (OP) ang mga dokumento at pinag-aaralan na ito

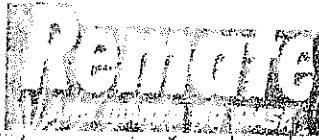
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Extension ng martial law inihirit ni Digong

MASUSING binubusisi at pinag-aaralan ngayon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte ang rekomendasyon ng Department of National Defense (DND), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) hinggil sa pagpapalawig ng Martial Law sa Mindanao.

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"PRRD's paramount concern is the security of our people especially the Mindanaoans in the face of threats and the use of available means under the law to fight them," ang pahayag ng Kallhim.

Kaugnay nito, kahapon ay kinumpirma ni Executive Sec. (ES) Salvador Medialdea na pormal nang hiniling ni Pangulo

long Rodrigo Duterte na palawigin pa ng isang taon ang martial law sa Mindanao.

Ito'y alinsunod sa rekomendasyon ng Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines at Philippine National Police.

PLANONG PAG-ATAKE

NAGPAPLANO na namang umatake ang ilang teroristang grupo sa iba pang lungsod sa bansa.

Basè sa mga intelligence report na natanggap ng Malakanyang na balak umanong umatake ng teroristang grupong Daulah Islamiyah sa hindi pa natukoy na lungsod.

Napag-alaman na ang Daulah Islamiya ay konektado sa Maute at Abu Sayyaf groups.

Iginiit ni Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Sec. Martin Andanar ang kahalagahan ng pagpapalawig ng deklarasyon ng batas militar sa buong Mindanao, base na rin sa proposal ng Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Aniya, patuloy umanong nagre-recruit ang Daulah Islamiyah group.

Lumalakas na raw ang recruitment activities ng mga ito.

Gayunman, iginilit ni Sec. Andanar na hindi naman daw

kaya niyang lampasan ang kalamangan ni VP Lent.

Kung mabibigo siyang gawin ito, ibabasura ng PET ang kanyang petisyon.

Tiwala si Macalintal na mangingibabaw ang katotohanan sa resulta ng halalan sa pagkabise presidente dahil sa mahigit 500 automated election protest cases na isinampa mula noong 2010, wala pa ni isang protesta ang nanalo batay sa pagbibilang ng balota Ayon sa kilalang election

lawyer, lahat ng protesta ay nabasura dahil ang resulta ng pagbibilang ng balota at tumugma sa bilang na ginawa ng vote counting machines at consolidated canvassing system.

Tiyak ni Macalintal na kung tama ang bilang ng balota sa mga lokal na halalan, wala ring magiging pagkakaiba ang resulta ng bilangan para sa mga nasyonal na posisyon dahil iisa lang ang ginamit na VCM at CCS.

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Duterte sa Congress

‘Palawigin pa ang Martial Law sa Mindanao’

Nais ni Pangulong Duterte na palawigin ng isa pang taon ang pag-iral ng Martial Law sa Mindanao, ayon kay Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea.

Ito ang nakapaloob

sa liham ni Pangulong Duterte na nilagdaan nito at ipinadala sa Kongreso.

“There is already a letter, but I don’t know if delivered already... Recommendation is one year,”

ayon kay Sec. Medialdea.

Tatalakayin kaagad ng Kamara ang kahilingang extension ng Martial Law ngayon matapos matanggap ang sulat ng Pangulo. Nauna rito, sinabi ni

Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque na pinag-aaralan pa ng Pangulo ang rekomendasyon ng PNP at AFP para sa extension ng ML sa Mindanao. (Rudy Andaj)

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BOCES NG MISA, NAT. NG BAYAN

Duterte sa Kamara at Senado:

MARTIAL LAW, TULOY PA RIN

NAIS ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na palawigin pa ng isang taon ang umiiral na Martial Law sa Mindanao.

Inianunsiyon ni Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea na pinirmahan na ng pangulo ang sulat na humihiling sa Kongreso ng pagpapalawig ng Martial Law sa rehiyon.

Ayon naman kay House Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas, nakatakdang ipadala sa Kamara at Senado ang liham ngayong araw.

Dagdag pa ni Fariñas, sinabi ni House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez na mag-sisimula ang talakayan tungkol sa pagpapalawig ng

Martial Law kapag nantanggap na ang liham ng Mababa at Mataas na Kapulungan.

Matatandaang, noong nakaraang linggo ay naglabas ng pahayag ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) tungkol sa kanilang rekomendasyong palawigin ang Martial Law sa Mindanao ngunit, hindi naman nila masabik kung hanggang kailan pa ito dapat parralin.

Ani AFP Spokesperson Major General Restituto Padilla, katulad na rekomendasyon din ang isinumite ng mga pulis sa pangulo.

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Duterte gustong palawigin pa ng isang taon ang martial sa Mindanao

HIHILINGIN ni Presidente Rodrigo Duterte sa Kongreso na palawigin pa uli ang martial law sa Mindanao, pagkumpirma ni House Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas kahapon.

Ayon kay Farinas, sumulat si Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea na pirmado ni Pangulong Duterte, hinihiling nito sa Kamara at Senado ang pagpalawig uli sa martial law sa Mindanao.

Isang taon na extention ang hinihiling ng Pangulo.

Sinabi ni Farinas na tatalakayin nila ito ngayon sa Kamara at aalamin din ang pulso ng Senado.

Nang tanungin kung kailangan magkaroon ng joint session ang Senado at Kamara, sinabi ni Farinas na: "Same procedure we had when we extended it."

Sa joint session ng mataas at mababang kapulungan ng kongreso noong

July 22, nagresulta ito ng 261-18 pabor sa kahilingan ni Duterte na pagpalawig sa martial law sa Mindanao hanggang December 31.

Sa kanyang request noon, nakasaad sa sulat ni Duterte ang patuloy pang urban warfare sa Marawi City. Ang giyera ay dineklarang natapos noong October 23.

Ang pabor na boto sa papalawig ng martial law noong Hulyo ay inaasahan na dahil dominado ng mga kaalyado ni Duterte ang Kongreso.

Ang martial law sa Mindanao ay dineklara ani Duterte noong May 23 sa pamamagitan ng Proclamation No. 216 matapos na sakupin ng teroristang Maute-Abu Sayyaf Group ang Marawi City.

Pinapayagan lamang ng 1987 Constitution ang Presidente na magdeklara ng martial law sa loob ng

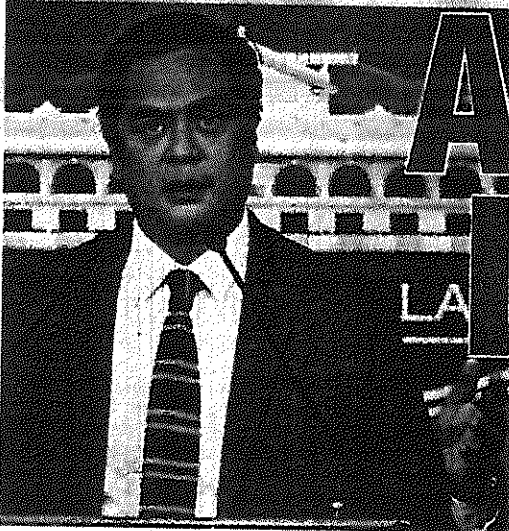
maximum na 60 days. Ang pagpalawig pa nito ay kailangan ng approval mula sa Kongreso.

Ang Kongreso ay isang buwan na magpapahinga simula sa Biyernes.

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Mindanao warns **By EFREN MONTANO**

NEW TERROR ATTACK LOOMS



THE terrorist group Daulah Islamiyah, which is linked with the Maute and the Abu Sayyaf groups, has been plotting to attack another city in the country. /Page 6

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Citing intelligence reports, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Secretary Martin Andanar bared this yesterday as he stressed the need to extend martial law in Mindanao, based on the proposal of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

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Duterte placed the entire south under military rule after Islamic State sympathizers stormed Marawi City last May 23. On his request, Congress had extended martial law until December 31.

The government declared an end to hostilities in Marawi last October 23, after soldiers killed extremist leaders

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LUNGSOD SA MINDANAO PLANONG ATAKEHIN NG TERORISTA - ANDANAR

IBINABALA kahapon ni Communications Secretary Martin Andanar, base aniya sa intelligence report, na may isa na namang terrorist group, Daulah Islamiyah, na konektado sa nabuwag na Maute-Abu Sayyaf groups, ang may planong atakehin ang isang lungsod sa bansa.

Ito aniya ang dahilan kaya iginigiit niya na mapalawig pa ang martial law sa Mindanao, base sa proposal ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Sa panayam ng Super Radyo dzBB kahapon ng umaga, sinabi ni Andanar na ang Daulah Islamiyah group ay patuloy na nangangalap ng mga miyembro kapalit ng malaking halaga para mapalakas ang kanilang grupo.

"Yung grupo ng mga tinatawag natin mga terorista na patuloy parin, double time yung kanilang pagre-recruit para dumami pa yung mga kapatid nating Muslim na sumama sa Daulah Islamiyah," sabi ni Andanar.

"So ang balita ay lumakas ang kanilang pagre-recruit sa Mindanao. Ang problema nito, may mga intelligence report na nagpapalano silang unatake sa isa pang siyudadin," sabi pa niya, pero hindi binanggit kung anong siyudad ang planong salakayin ng naturang grupo.

Pero ang nakalap anyang intelligence information ay sapat nang dahilan para dagdagan ang seguridad sa bansa.

Sa Bangon Marawi briefing nung Biyernes, sinabi ni Major General Restituto Padilla Jr., tagapagsalita ng AFP, na inirekomenda na ng AFP ang extension ng martial law sa buong rehiyon ng Mindanao.

Idinahilan din ni Padilla ang patuloy na recruitment ng mga terorista mula sa communist rebels para lumakas ang grupo nito.

Sa dzBB interview, sinabi ni Andanar na malibart sa Daulah Islamiyah, banta rin sa maraming erya sa Mindanao ang bandidong grupo ng Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters at Abu Sayyaf.

"So therefore, kailangan ma-extend ang martial law sa Mindanao."

Sinabi pa ni Andanar na lalo pang naging magulo sa Mindanao dahil sa pag-terminate sa peace sa pagotan ng gobyerno at Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

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Pero nilinaw ni Andanar na hindi pa naman makunsiderang terorista ang NPA sa ilalim ng Human Security hangga't hindi naideklara ng korte.

"Once magdesisyon ang korte na gawin nang terror organization ilong NDF-CPP-NPA ay magkakaroon na yan ng hulihan," sabi niya.



ITO umano ang bagong terrorist group, Daulah Islamiyah, na konektado sa nabuwag na Maute-Abu Sayyaf groups, ang naghahasik ngayon ng terorismo sa Mindanao.

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DOSES NG MISA, MATA NG SAYYAF

Ibinulgar ng Malacañang **'PINAS, TARGET NG ISA** **PANG TERORISTANG GRUPO**

MAY plano na naman umanong umatake ang ilang teroristang grupo sa iba pang lungsod sa bansa.

Ayon kay Communications Secretary Martin Andanar, batay sa mga intelligence report na kanyang natanggap, planong umatake ng teroristang grupong Daulah Islamiyah sa hindi pa natukoy na lungsod.

Konektado umano ang Daulah Islamiya sa Maute at Abu Sayyaf Group.

Ginawa ni Andanar ang naturang

pahayag kasabay ang iginiit na kahalagahan ng pagpapalawig ng deklarasyon ng Batas-Militar sa buong Mindanao, base na rin sa proposal ng Armed Forces of the Philippines.

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Gayunman, iginiit ni Andanar na hindi naman sapat na rason para higitan ang seguridad ng bansa batay lamang sa isang intelligence report.

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Lungsod sa Mindanao target ng bagong terror attack

Mayroong plano ang teroristang grupong konektado sa Maute at Abu Sayyaf Group na umatake sa isang lungsod.

Sinabi ni Presidential Communications Sec. Martin Andanan kahapon na ito ay base sa isang intelligence report na planong pag-atake ng Daulah Islamiyah sa isang city sa Mindanao.

Ayon kay Andanan, patuloy ang recruitment ng nasabing terrorist group para sa ilulunsad nilang pag-atake.

“So ang balita ay lumakas ang kanilang pag-recruit sa Mindanao. Ang problema nito, may mga intelligence report na nagpapalawig ang umatake sa isa pang siyudad,” pahayag pa ng PCOO chief.

Magugunita na ini-rekomenda ng PNP kay Pangulong Duterte na palawigin pa ng isang taon ang pag-iral ng Martial

Law sa Mindanao.

Bukod sa Daulah Islamiyah ay naririyán pa rin ang Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters at Abu Sayyaf na banta sa seguridad sa Mindanao.

Aniya, banta pa rin sa seguridad ang New People's Army kaya iminungkahi ng PNP ang pagpapalawig sa Martial Law.

Ayon naman kay acting AFP spokesperson Col. Edgard Arevalo, na

wala silang natatanggap na confirmation sa nasabing ulat subalit sa ngayon umano ay hayaan na lamang muna silang ikumpara ang nasabing report sa kanilang sources of information.

Ang masasabi lang umano nila ngayon ay mayroon silang mga nakalatag na stringent measures para ma-check ang mga foreign at local terrorists. *(Rudy Andan/Gemma Garcia)*

Int'l terror threat persists in South

By Efren Montano

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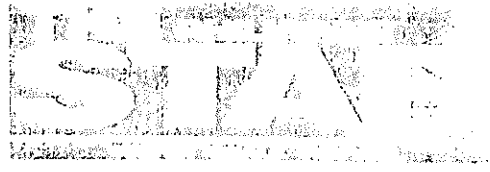
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No holiday truce with NPA, DND insists

By MICHAEL PUNONGBAYAN

Even if it breaks tradition, the Department of National Defense (DND) is not bent

on suspending military operations against the New People's Army (NPA) during the Christmas and New Year break.

DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said yesterday a ceasefire with the NPA, the armed wing of the

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Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), will only give the rebel group a chance to continue their attacks on military and police outposts.

"Defense Secretary (Delfin) Lorenzana has already spoken that he is not inclined to declare a suspension of military operations this Christmas," he added.

During the past years, ceasefire was always declared during the Christmas and New Year break. But Andolong said Lorenzana is ready to break tradition if necessary.

President Duterte declared the CPP-NPA as terrorist group after he cancelled the peace talks following the reported attacks of the NPA against the military and police.

The Philippine National Police (PNP), meanwhile, is intensifying intelligence operations to thwart attempts by the NPA to expand its activities in the countryside.

Chief Supt. Dionardo Carlos, PNP spokesperson, said the police force is prepared to address threats posed by the NPA against communities, industries and

government installations.

Carlos said the readiness of the PNP was evident when police units repulsed two separate attacks staged by the NPA in Labo, Camarines Norte and Binuangan, Misamis Oriental recently.

Government forces and the NPA have been clashing in various provinces, with encounters resulting in casualties and injuries mostly from the rebel side.

Last week, 14 NPA members were killed in an encounter with soldiers in Nasugbu, Batangas. Among the dead was a student of the University of the Philippines.

On Dec. 2, suspected communist rebels attacked members of the provincial mobile force company assigned at the Camarines Norte Police Provincial Command, during an early morning combat patrol operation.

Police Officer 2 Richard Abad was killed in the attack while six were wounded.

Last Dec. 3, four policemen of the Binuangan Municipal Police in Misamis Oriental were wounded after the municipal police station was attacked by suspected members of the NPA.

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New IS threat looms - Palace

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recruitment of our brother Muslims for them to join Daulah Islamiyah," he said.

According to global anti-terrorism think tank Terrorism Research and Analysis Consortium (TRAC), the pro-IS group is active in the Malaysian states of Perak and Selangor.

Its objective is "the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate in an area that covers Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, southern Thailand as well as southern Philippines" which it plans to name Daulah Islamiah Nusantara.

It subscribes to the "Salafi jihadist ideology" similar to that of al Qaeda and the IS, it added.

"The (intelligence report) stated that its recruitment efforts in Mindanao are being intensified. There are intelligence reports that it plans to attack another city," Andanar said but he did not name the target city.

Andanar said that the threat supports proposals for the extension of martial law in Mindanao which also is being threatened by other groups such as the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and the Abu Sayyaf.

"So therefore, there is a need to extend martial law in Mindanao," he said.

Andanar added the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) also poses a serious security threat after the termination of peace talks between the government and the communist rebels.

Andanar said communist rebels cannot be branded a terrorist group and be covered by the Human Security Act unless a court

declares that they have a terrorist nature.

"Once the court hands down a decision naming the CPP-NPA-NDF as a terror organization, only then the government can start arresting their members," he said.

Extended ML drew mixed reactions

The proposal to extend martial law in Mindanao made separately by the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to Mr. Duterte drew mixed reactions from the retired and active members of the uniformed services.

While many expressed support to the extension of martial law in Mindanao, there are also those who are apprehensive and concerned over the possible effects of prolonging military rule in southern Philippines.

"ML (martial law) extension might be the best option," a retired AFP general told The Tribune.

The AFP cited continuing recruitment by Islamic State-inspired terrorists and the threat posed by the communist NPA in recommending for the extension of martial law in Mindanao.

On the other hand, the PNP also noted threats from the terrorists in justifying its recommendation to extend martial law for another year.

The source, however, stressed that the military and police alone cannot address terrorism in Mindanao region.

"It (martial law extension) can be matched by a sweeping clean up of LGUs (local government units). Jail public officials who are corrupt, supporting terrorist groups linked to drug trade; include the entire local bureaucracy per LGU (then it is desirable)," the general said.

"The public should feel the government is helping not exploiting

them," he added.

Meanwhile, some are apprehensive over the AFP and PNP recommendations.

A retired police official doubts the basis of the recommendations—raising belief that such were made by AFP and PNP officials to please Duterte.

"The fly in the ointment? PRRD (Duterte's initials) publicly impressed that he wants the extension! So, was the recommendation based on sincere appreciation of the situation or PRRD's wish?" he asked.

On the other hand, most active PNP and AFP officers are fully supportive of the move to extend martial law.

"We need to sustain the gains he achieved in Marawi City against the Daesh-inspired terrorists. We nipped the terrorists aim of establishing a caliphate in Mindanao because of ML," a senior ranking Camp Aguinaldo official said.

Last May 23, Duterte placed Mindanao under martial law after IS-inspired terrorists, led by Isnilon Hapilon and the Maute brothers, laid siege on Marawi City.

With the declaration, more than 120 individuals, including politicians, were captured by virtue of Arrest Order Nos. 1 and 2 issued by martial law administrator Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana.

Congress approved it extension last July up until the end of the year.

On Oct. 23 or exactly five months after the siege erupted, Lorenzana declared the liberation of Marawi City from the terrorists.

More than 1,200 terrorists, government troops and civilians were killed during the five month conflict. Around 400,000 civilians were displaced.

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authorities are focused on the massive repair and rehabilitation of the Islamic City.

DND says extension essential

The Department of National Defense (DND) added the extension of martial law in Mindanao is essential to completely curb threats from sympathizers of the Maute-IS.

"It will help us to continue our momentum in our campaign against the Daesh (Arabic word for ISIS) and their sympathizers and not to do so will allow them to regroup again. (And) as you know there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area so I think this will help curb their activities on the ground," DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said in an interview.

"If we don't have martial law, it will be very difficult for the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war torn areas in the area," he added.

When asked whether terror threats remain in Mindanao, Andolong said "there is a threat. In terms of seriousness that is relative in different areas eh, but it exists, it is there, it is credible."

Andolong, meanwhile, echoed Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's stand saying there would be no holiday ceasefire with Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

"Secretary Lorenzana has spoken that he is not inclined to declare a suspension of military operations this Christmas because it will give them (NPA) a chance also to continue their attacks on our outpost, they are taking potshots at our troops and policemen and he does not relish that and we will be giving them a chance do all of that during the Christmas season," he added.

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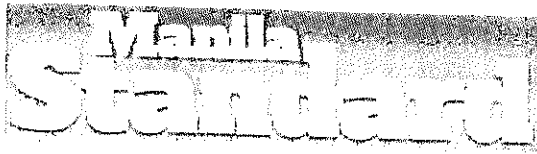
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7 Marines, cop wounded in North Upi roadside blasts

COTABATO CITY – Seven Marines and a policeman were injured in two roadside explosions that rocked the hilly town of North Upi in Maguindanao before dawn Saturday, authorities reported yesterday.

The wounded Marines were identified as Major Romulo Ducay, Corporals Ryan Cabual, Arnel Jiun, Oliver Albo and Alvin Sangadan, and Privates First Class Johnny Panday and Gerwin Perez, all of the Fifth Marine Battalion based in Barangay Mirab in North Upi town.

The Marines were returning to their base after responding to an earlier blast at a nearby police detachment when a bomb planted along the road went off, initial police reports said.

The initial blast, which reportedly originated from a projectile grenade fired at the police detachment, wounded

PO2 Esmael Alabat, initial police reports said.

The wounded Marines were rushed to the military hospital of the Army's 6th Infantry Division headquarters at Camp Siongeo in Datu Odin Sinsuat town, also in Maguindanao, the initial police investigation said.

Alabat, who sustained shrapnel wounds in various parts of his body, is now recuperating at the regional medical center here, it was learned.

Sr. Supt. Agustin Tello, director of the Maguindanao provincial police, said his field investigators were still looking into the two separate explosions.

The peace and order council of North Upi, a peaceful home to Muslim, Christian and lumad people, has no clue on who were responsible in the incidents, Tello said. (Ali G. Mcabalang)

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CLASHES WITH BIFF

DISPLACED IN OTHER BATTLES VS TERROR: 11,000 FAMILIES

ZAMBOANGA CITY—At least 11,000 families were displaced and many were still grappling with daily survival in battles between government soldiers and rogue Moro guerrillas in Maguindanao province that largely went on unnoticed because all eyes were focused on the war on terror in Marawi City.

A report by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Philippines said while barely noticed, clashes between soldiers and Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) guerrillas in August in Maguindanao and skirmishes that followed sent thousands of families fleeing their homes.

Allison Lopez, head of ICRC public communications division, said the report documented the plight of the displaced families.

"Thousands of displaced families in Maguindanao have been deprived of basic everyday necessities as intense fighting persisted in the area," Lopez said.

ICRC and Philippine Red Cross had provided food ration good for 15 days and other sup-

plies to at least 11,600 people in the town of Shariff Saydona Mustapha on Dec. 2.

"While the attention over the recent months has been mostly focused on the Marawi conflict, several communities in Maguindanao have been seriously affected by armed clashes," said Tomako Matsuzawa, head of the ICRC office in Cotabato City.

"We remain concerned about their plight as they have been displaced for more than three months," Matsuzawa said.

Maj. Gen. Arnel Dela Vega, head of the 6th Infantry Division, told the Inquirer, however, that fighting had stopped in these villages in the towns of Mamasapano and Shariff Aguak—Salbu, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Pagatin and Datu Salibo.

The ICRC report listed these areas as sites of clashes between soldiers and members of BIFF, an armed group that broke off from Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) over disagreements in MILF's peace negotiations with the government. —JULIE ALIPALA INQ



**PAGTANAW
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Bert de Guzman**

ALAGANG determinado si Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte na lipulin ng New People's Army (NPA) na gayon ay itinuturing niyang teroristang rupe. Iniutos niya ang mass arrest maramihang pagdakip sa mga omunistang rebelde na pinayagan iyang makalaya noon para lumahok sa eace talks bilang consultants.

Kabilang sa pansamantalang inalaya ay matataas na pinuno ng

Communist Party of the Philippines at ng NPA, tulad ng mag-asawang Tiamzon, sina Benito at Wilma na mga opisyal ng NPA, na matagal na pinaghanap ng awtoridad, pinagkagastusan para madakip. Sila ay nasukol sa isang lugar sa Cebu City, ngunit pinalaya ni Mano Digong para palahukin sa usapang-pangkabayapaan ng CPP-NPA-NDF at ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas.

Ipinaalam ng cabinet men at opisyal ng Pangulo na ang pagkaklasipika o pagtuturing sa alinmang grupo bilang terorista ay nangangailangan ng approval ng hukuman. Gayunman, nakahanda na ang Pangulo na ipadakip

ang communist peace consultants. Tanong: Madadakip pa kaya silang muli?

Sinabihan niya ang mga bagong promoted na opisyal ng Armed Forces of the Philippines na muling hantingin at dakpin ang communist rebels na pinayagang magpiyansa noon bilang mga consultant sa usapan ng mga komunista at ng gobyerno. Wala raw sinseridad ang CPP at ang NPA.

Para kay PRRD, ang peace consultants ngayon ay itinuturing na niyang mga pugante. "For those who are out temporarily, we will just zero in because any day now, I will order their

mass arrest," badya ng Pangulo sa harap ng mga opisyal ng militar.

Kung galit at determinado si Pres Rody na lipulin ang CPPNPA, galit din sina Joma Sison, founding chairman ng CPP, Fr. Luis Jalandoni, at Fidel Agcaoili ng NDF na nasa Netherlands, kay Mani Digong. Inakusahan nila ang Pangulo na isang terorista at pasista na nasa likod ng libu-libong pagpatay sa mga ordinaryong pushers at users, ngunit iwas daw itumbang mga drug lord, shabu smugglers, a suppliers.

Samantala, humihingi pa si taumbayan ng pang-unawa ang ating...
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Pangulo na bigyan siya ng isang taon upang ganap na malipol ang illegal drugs sa Pilipinas. Nangako siya noong kampanya na sa loob ng 3 hanggang anim na buwan ay bubuwagin niya ang illegal drugs at kung hindi, siya ay magbibitiw at ibibigay ang poder sa vice president. Hindi ito natupad. Ngayon ay isang taon ang hinihingi niya.

Pinagbibitiw ni Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez si LTO chief Edgar Galvante kung hindi nito kayang gawin o tuparin ang simpleng trabaho, gaya ng pagkakaloob ng license plates sa bagong mga sasakyan. Mr. Speaker, hindi lang bagong mga sasakyan ang walang plaka kundi maging ang mga luma-o dati nang sasakyan na sapul noong 2015 ay wala pa ring plaka. Kabilang ako sa nagbabayad ng registration fees kada taon, pero hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring plaka ang lumakong sasakyan.

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Martial law extension labag sa konstitusyon

AYON sa mga tumutulong sa pagpapalawig ng martial law sa Mindanao, labag ito sa probisyon ng 1987 Constitution. Ngunit wika nga, kahit labag sa Saliganbatas ay maaaring gawin ng isang determinadong leader. Sabi nga sa Ingles, *there are many ways to skin a cat*. Isa ring kasabihan ang *if there is a will, there is a way*.

Ayon kay Rep. Edcel Lagman maari lamang palawigin ang batas militar kung nalalagay sa matinding banta ng panganib ang taumbayan, at sa oras ng pananakop at rebelyon. Noong panahon ni Ferdinand Marcos, ginawang dahilan ang communist insurgency o rebelyon

sa pagdedeklara ng martial law na tumagal ng dalawang dekada.

Ngayon, idineklara ni Presidente Duterte ang batas militar sa Mindanao dahil sa pananalakay ng mga teroristang Maute. Marami ang kumuwestyon dahil hindi namang daw rebelyon ang pananalakay ng Maute-ISIS group dahil ito'y terorismo na puwedeng harapin ng pulisya nang hindi kailangan ang batas militar.

Kaso, pormal nang idineklara ng Pangulo ang pakikidigma sa CPP-NPA. Naiisip ko lang, parang paghahanda ito sa mga scenario na magbibigay ng hustipikasyon sa deklarasyon ng martial law, di lamang sa Mindanao kung buong bansa.

Sinabi ni Lagman, ibinasura ng Saligang Batas noong 1987 ang banta ng *'imminent danger of rebellion or invasion'* para gawing basehan sa pagdedeklara ng batas militar. Kaya nga malamang, ang hinihintay na mangyari ngayon ay ang aktuwal na panggugulo ng mga komunista o mga terorista para makapagdeklara ng martial law.

Una sinabi ng PNP at AFP na kailangan pa ang isang taong panahon para sa pagpapalawig ng martial law

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sa buong rehiyon ng Mindanao upang matugunan ang banta ng terorismo partikular na para matuldukan ang New People's Army (NPA) terrorists, Abu Sayyaf Group, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters

(BIFF) at iba pang grupong banta sa pambansang seguridad. Batid si-guro ng administrasyon ng wala ngang dahilan para magdeklara ng martial law kaya maaari namang gumawa ng dahilan.

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Extend martial law after rebels all dead?

Seven months into martial law, it is clear Filipinos do not know or do not care how our Constitution is supposed to protect us.

Sen. Franklin Drilon protested that it is unconstitutional to extend martial law after the shooting in Marawi City has long stopped.

But we ignored him. His crucial, obvious point was but an afterthought at the bottom of news reports.

Daenerys Targaryen does not order “dracarys” after the battle is won. LeBron James does not shoot after the buzzer sounds. So why would we extend martial law after the rebellion was crushed?

Our collective ignorance peaked after the Lagman decision allowing martial law in all of Mindanao.

Our 1987 Constitution only allows martial law if there is actual rebellion, meaning actual shots fired to overthrow our government.

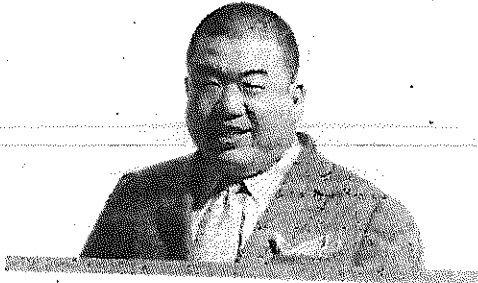
This rule emphasizes “actual.” Martial law merely for the threat of rebellion was prohibited after Marcos, or it would be too easy to declare martial law like Marcos.

Thus, the Lagman case revolved around whether there was actual rebellion in all of Mindanao, even though the actual shooting was only in Marawi.

Except for Justice Marvic Leonen, all justices accepted there could be actual rebellion in Marawi itself. This was the decision’s starting point.

The majority deferred to the President’s judgment that the rebellion covered all of Mindanao, given armed groups’ mobility and that groups in other provinces might join the fighting.

Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and Justice Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa found this speculative. They would limit



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martial law to only Lanao del Sur. Frustratingly, the most ignorant in media dismissed them as “partial” dissenters.

The same ignorant mediamen hyped Leonen’s as the only “true” dissent. He rejected martial law even in Marawi, discarding the actual rebellion framework for a hodgepodge of unrelated, doctrinally strained theories.

The hype and ignorance sidelined the key actual rebellion debate. Now, faced with a second martial law extension, we remain collectively ignorant as to why the context is totally different if the actual shooting is now over.

We must resolve two crucial problems. First, how would there be actual rebellion now?

The need to rebuild Marawi is not it, or we could declare martial law after Super-typhoon “Yolanda.”

Renewed extremist recruitment and threats of future attacks are not actual rebellion, either. The New People’s Army obviously cannot be a ground for extension because it was not a ground for the initial declaration.

But second and far more important, even if the factual basis existed, what new

powers would martial law give now that the shooting has stopped?

Our 1987 Constitution now limits martial law to the military administering a combat zone where civilian government has collapsed. Solicitor General Jose Calida himself argued in the Lagman hearings that it is now a symbolic exclamation point. It grants no actual powers outside combat zones.

Think about it. Even without martial law, we can rebuild Marawi and even deploy troops to help, as we have done for every calamity.

Even without martial law, we can arrest suspected rebels. The arrest order against suspected Maute group members was based on the “continuing crime” in criminal law doctrine and not martial law, which is why it applied outside Mindanao.

The military may launch offensives. They did so against the NPA, even outside Mindanao.

We may deploy troops to guard Marawi, although they need to coordinate with the mayor.

Military intelligence may monitor suspected terrorist recruitment, as they were before fighting broke out in Marawi.

Visualizing every possible scenario, one can only conclude that if the actual fighting has stopped, martial law would have a mere symbolic effect. It cannot authorize anything our government does not already have the power to do.

Then what are we debating? What would be the point of extending martial law other than for show?

As is par for the course, it seems only Drilon has thought this through.

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Most sportsmanlike of De La Salle

There are many memorable moments in the recent UAAP Season 80 basketball championship but for me, one of the most unforgettable occurred outside the court.

Immediately, after the final buzzer which saw the Ateneo Blue Eagles snatch this year's crown, the De La Salle building was bathed in bright blue lights. And it stayed so overnight. For a while, passersby thought there must have been a mistake.

But no, it was really intended by the De La Salle Green Archers as an accolade to a very worthy opponent.

What a magnificent gesture of sportsmanship.

Saludo ako sa inyo!

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MARTIAL LAW SA MINDANAO DAPAT ITULOY NI DIGONG

DAPAT magtuloy-tuloy ang pagpapatupad ng batas militar sa rehiyon ng Mindanao.

Panahon na kasi para magkaroon ng ganap na katahimikan sa lugar na matagal nang sinalanta at sinira ng digmaan at kaguluhan.

Matagal-tagal na ring pinahirapan ng terorismo at digmaan ang naturang lugar na siyang sanhi ng sobrang kahirapan sa lugar.

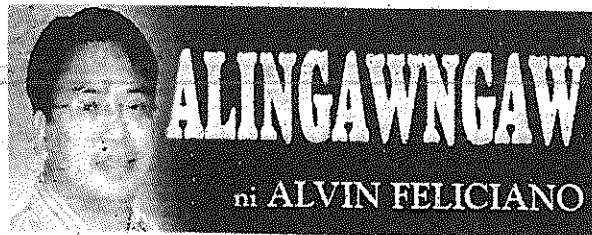
Malinaw sa datos ng lahat ng ahensya ng gobyerno na nasa Mindanao ang karamihan sa mahihirap na probinsya at re-

hiyon.

Iyan ang naging bunga ng pananatili ng mga bandido at iba't ibang armadong grupo sa bisinidad, na kinokontrol lamang ng iilang naghaharing politiko at maiimpluwensiyang tao.

Hindi maitatangging lugmok na lugmok na ang Mindanao sa kahirapan at pinatunayan na ang Martial Law ang isa sa pangunahing dahilan para makontrol kahit paano ang kaguluhan.

Walang tao ang may gustong hindi siya umunlad at umasenso kaya't para sa ganap na pagba-



bago ng Mindanao, marapat lamang na ituloy ang nasimulan nang batas militar sa rehiyon.

Dapat na ring parusa-han ang lider ng Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide na si George San Mateo.

Dahil bukod sa hindi operator at driver si San Mateo ng pangmasang jeep ay alam naman ng lahat na pakawala siya ng

kaliwa.

Halata kasing gusto lamang nitong manggulo at guluhin ang gobyernong Duterte.

Ipinakikita sa ginagawa ni San Mateo na walang gagawing mabuti ang gobyerno sa kanilang hanay.

Subalit pinatunayan na ng kasaysayan na laging isinasaalang-alang ng gobyerno ang kalagayan ng mga tsuper at maging ng mga mananakay.



IMBESTIGADaVe

Dave M. Veridiano, E.E.

KENILABUTAN ako nang marinig kong isang heneral sa Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ang pinalawig sa serbisyo ni Pangulong Rodrigo R. Duterte. Bigla kasing naglaro sa aking isipan na sa kasaysayan sa buong mundo, ang unang niligawan ng mga pinunong naging diktador ay ang mga namumuno sa militar sa pamamagitan ng pag-extend sa serbisyo ng mga ito.

Hindi ko naman sinasabing dito patungo ang administrasyong Duterte dahil alam ko, ramdam ko, at nakikita ko – batay na rin marahil sa karanasan kong magmasid at humusga sa kilos ng nakabunguan kong mga opisyal ng

Fixed term hindi extension para sa AFP, PNP officials

pamahalaan, sa mahigit tatlong dekada kong pagiging mamamahayag – wala namang ambisyong maging diktador ang ating Pangulo... Sa edad niyang iyan, na sinasabi pa ng marami na tila may sakit, sa aking palagay ay mismong siya, sa ganang kanyang sarili ang nagdarasal na sana ay matapos niya ang termino na “with flying colors!”, wika nga.

Ang ipinupunto ko rito ay ang nakikita kong problema sa RETIREMENT ng mga pinuno ng militar, pati na rin sa Philippine National Police (PNP), na masasabi kong disadvantageous sa AFP at sa PNP. Ngunit sa pagkakataong ito, isantabi muna natin ang PNP. Ang liderato muna ng AFP ang ating himayin, tutal may pagkakahawig naman ang problema ng dalawang organisasyon.

Alam ba ninyo na sa nagdaang 30 taon ay nagkaroon na ng 28 chief of staff,

ang AFP? Lumalabas na sa loob ng mga panahong ito, ang naging bahagdan ng serbisyo ng mga naging CS ay umabot lamang ng pitong buwan.

Maikli ito at disadvantageous sa buong AFP dahil sobrang magastos kahit saang anggulosipatin. Sa persiyon pa lamang ng nagretirong pitong 4-star generals sa loob lamang ng apat na taon, agrabiyado na agad ang AFP. Bukod pa rito ang mga gastos sa pagbabago sa loob ng kampo tuwing bago ang CS para kumita’yung mga dealer at supplier na magaling mambola kaya’ di matigil ang kurapsiyon sa AFP.

Ang isa pa rito ay hindi pa natatapos mag-ikot ang CS sa lahat ng kampo sa buong bansa, para makilala siya ng mga sundalo sa “battle front”, ay tapos na agad ang termino niya dahil inabutan na siya ng mandatory

retirement na 34 years of service pa sa mga nagtapos sa Philippine Military Academy (PMA) o kaya ay 56 mandatory age retirement ng AI. Kapag may bagong CS, ganoon uli a mangyayari, kaya magastos pa k “Aksyong Aksaya” ang AFP natin.

Ito ang dahilan kaya importan ang panahong itinatagal ng isang sa posisyon – ‘di maaaring maha at ‘di rin p’wedeng maikli – at a nakikita kong solusyon dito ay gawi FIXED TERM ang posisyong (AFP na base lamang ang pagpili MERITORIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT) ng mga kandidatong opisyal ng militar. Siguradong nakakatulong pa ito na malaki upang mawala ang pagigi HIGHLY POLITICIZED ng m nagiging...

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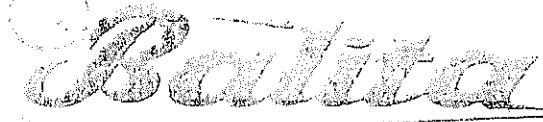
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pinuno ng militar na siyang nagagamit ng isang pangulong gustong maging DIKTADOR!

Ganito ang nangyari sa pagkaka-extend ni General Rey Leonardo Guerrero bilang chief of staff ng AFP. Aabot na sa mandatory retirement si Guerrero sa Disyembre 17 na nitong Oktubre 26 lamang napuwesto kapalit ng nagretirong si Gen. Eduardo Año. Ilang araw pa lamang siya nakumpirma ng Commission on Appointment (CA), kaya kung tutuusin ay napakaikli lamang ng ipagtatrabaho niya bilang pinuno ng AFP – dahilan upang palawigin ng Pangulo ang kanyang pagiging CS, AFP.

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Ang Nangangasiang Pangkalahatang ng mga Negosyo sa Mindanao PB 00

Negosyante tigil na sa pagbibigay ng pera sa NPA

Hinimok ni Mindanao Business Council (MinBC) chair Vicente T. Lao ang mga negosyante sa isla na tumigil na sa pagsunod sa extortion demands ng armadong sangay ng mga komunistang grupo na New People's Army (NPA), dahil ito ang nagpapabagal sa solusyon sa problema ng insurhensiya sa Mindanao.

Ito ang panawagan ni Lao kasunod ng babala ni Pangulong Rodrigo R. Duterte na ipasasara ang mga negosyo, lalo na ang mga kumpanya ng pagmimina, na patuloy na nagbabayad ng "revolutionary taxes" sa NPA.

Ang NPA at ang Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) ay binansagang teroristang organisasyon sa Proclamation No. 374 na nilagdaan

ni Pangulong Rodrigo R. Duterte noong Disyembre 5, 2017 alinsunod sa RA No. 10168, o mas kilala bilang Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2002.

Nakasaad sa proklamasyon na sa ilalim ng batas itinuturing na isang krimen ang pagpopondo sa terorismo.

Idiniin ni Lao na "the business sector should stop paying extortion money because we are only making the situation worse."

Gayunman, umaasa siya na kaagad na tutugunan ng gobyerno ang sitwasyon sa kapayapaan at seguridad sa Mindanao, upang ang sektor ng pagnenegosyo "can channel our finances and resources" para mapaunlad ang Mindanao.

Sinabi ni Lao na napipilitan ang

ilang kumpanya na magbavayad ng revolutionary taxes sa NPA upang makaiwas sa gulo, dahil sa nakalipas ay hindi sila nabibigyan ng seguridad ng gobyerno.

Idinagdag niya na inaasahan nila ang "initial setbacks" sakaling magdesisyon ang mga kumpanya na huwag nang magpatalo sa pangangikil ng mga rebelde ngunit magbubunga naman ito ng pangkalahatang solusyon sa problema.

"We have to decide once and for all, if I go against the NPAs, the communists, well everybody has to reconfigure your relationship with the NPAs. Because if you continue to support financially, I will close you down," ani Duterte.

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AFP receives P1-M aid for kin of slain troops in Marawi siege

By Priam Nepomuceno December 10, 2017, 11:42 am

MANILA -- A local charity institution and a beverage company donated PHP1 million for the families of troops who were killed-in-action during the five-month Marawi siege, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said Sunday.

AFP Vice Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Melchor Mison Jr., received the PHP1-million cheque in a simple ceremony in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City last week.

"The foundation and beverage company, who requested to remain anonymous despite the large amount of donation, also pledged to support the AFP's educational program that will benefit dependents of soldiers, especially those of combat casualties," AFP public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo said in a statement.

This was the third time that they donated for the beneficiaries of soldiers who were killed-in-action in Marawi, Arevalo said.

The donation has been deposited in the AFP's Marawi Casualty Landbank account which was opened in June in order to extend assistance to the families of troops who died in the line of duty.

"The Vice Chief of Staff AFP expressed gratitude on behalf of the soldiers and their families who will benefit from the donation," Arevalo said.

"The AFP is immensely grateful for the gestures of generosity and kindness of these donors and many others who selflessly and silently give their material and monetary support to our soldiers," he added. (PNA)

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AFP to greatly benefit from GADIE establishment: Lorenzana

By Priam Nepomuceno December 10, 2017, 9:16 am

MANILA -- The establishment of the so-called Government Arsenal Defense Industry Estate (GADIE) in Limay, Bataan will greatly benefit the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) as it will help the military achieve massive modernization and transfer of technology.

"With GADIE's establishment, we will certainly have a massive modernization and transfer of technology. All of this will hopefully upgrade our military's capability and make it at par with militaries of other nations," said Department of National Secretary Delfin Lorenzana during the DND-Philippine International Trading Corporation Summit held at the AFP Commissioned Officers' Club, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City Friday.

GADIE is a special economic zone for both foreign and local investors that seeks to attract manufacturers who will supply the Philippine military's needs.

It is a 370-hectare estate in Limay, Bataan which also houses the Government Arsenal that provides basic weapons and other munitions to the AFP and police.

Lorenzana thanked the Philippine Economic Zone Authority for assisting them by inviting defense industries around the world like manufacturers of military aircraft, ships, arms and ammunition, drones, combat clothing, and other supplies needed by the military and the police. (PNA)

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Martial law extension a must to curb terror sympathizers: DND

By Priam Nepomuceno December 10, 2017, 3:25 pm

MANILA -- The extension of martial law in Mindanao is essential to completely curb threats from sympathizers of the Maute-ISIS, the Department of National Defense (DND) said Sunday.

"It will help us to continue our momentum in our campaign against the Daesh (Arabic word for ISIS) and their sympathizers and not to do so will allow them to regroup again. (And) as you know there have been reports that they are recruiting already in the Lanao area so I think this will help curb their activities on the ground." DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong said in an interview.

"If we don't have martial law, it will be very difficult for the rehabilitation of Marawi and the other war-torn areas in the area," he added.

"We're going to move logistics *ano yung mga equipment, pagka sila'y nakakaikot ng malaya dun*, they can hamper *yung pagre-rebuild natin di ba, kasi paano natin matutuloy yun eh kung hindi natin ma-secure yung area, papunta pa yung mga engineers natin e baka ma-ambushna yung mga ganun ba.*" Andolong said.

When asked whether terror threats remain in Mindanao, Andolong said "there is a threat. In terms of seriousness kasi relative yun sa iba-ibang areas eh, pero meron, it is there, it is credible."

On July 23, the Congress, voting 261-18, extended martial law in Mindanao until yearend.

In October, Lorenzana announced the end of the five-month-long conflict between government forces and Maute terrorists in Marawi City following the death of top terrorist leaders Omar Maute and Isnilon Hapilon.

Andolong, meanwhile, echoed Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's stand saying there would be no holiday ceasefire with Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

"Nagsalita na si Secretary Lorenzana *dyan* that he is not inclined to declare a suspension of military operations this Christmas because it will give them (NPA) a chance also to continue their attacks on our outpost, they are taking potshots at our troops and policemen and he does not relish that and we will be giving them a chance do all of that during the Christmas season," he added. (PNA)