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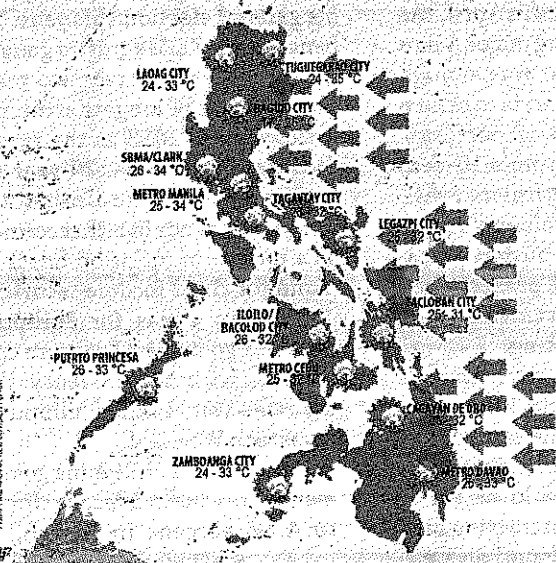


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AFFECTING THE EASTERN SECTION  
OF THE COUNTRY  
(As of 5:00 PM - May 2, 2017)**



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LAOAG	24-33 °C	25-32 °C	24-32 °C
BAGUIO	17-25 °C	17-23 °C	17-24 °C
SBMA/CLARK	26-34 °C	26-35 °C	26-35 °C
TAGAYTAY	23-32 °C	22-32 °C	22-32 °C
LEGAZPI	25-32 °C	25-32 °C	25-32 °C
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METRO DAVAO	26-33 °C	26-33 °C	26-33 °C
ZAMBOANGA	24-33 °C	24-33 °C	24-33 °C




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# MPEACH LENI BID HAS NO ENDORSER

By DJ Yap  
and Nikko Dizon  
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No member of the House of Representatives came forward on Tuesday to endorse the impeachment complaint filed by a group of lawyers against Vice President Leni Robredo, in the second attempt to unseat her in two months.

The complaint accused Robredo, among other things, of betraying the public trust when she delivered a recorded speech at a United Nations side meeting criticizing the Duterte administration's war on drugs.

"When we were forming it, [the congressman] already reached out, saying we should go through with it .... It's just that we have to be a little circumspect," the lawyer said.

Later Tuesday, Pwersa ng Bayaning Atleta Rep. Jericho Nograles said he was approached by two lawyers with the impeachment complaint bearing his name without his consent.

"They said they were the complainants of the impeachment complaint against Vice President Leni Robredo. And when presented with the complaint, I was surprised to see my name on the complaint," No-

Facing the House reporters, lawyer Bruce Rivera, one of the complainants, insisted that the complaint was "received" by a congressman but would neither identify him nor explain why the filing did not take place as announced.

Under the 1987 Constitution, an impeachment complaint may only be filed by a non-House member if it is endorsed by a lawmaker.

"Think all you want. You can make it look like that," Rivera said in reply to persistent questions about whether his group experienced difficulty in finding a House member to endorse the complaint.

grales told reporters.

Nograles, brother of Davao City Rep. Karlo Nograles, chair of the appropriations committee, said he told the two lawyers to leave his office because they were using his name without his consent.

He was apparently one of the lawmakers approached by Rivera's group.

As of Tuesday evening, there were no confirmed takers.

The camp of Robredo said the second impeachment complaint came as no surprise, calling it "harassment."

"We are expecting them to **A-4**

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file the impeachment complaint but from what we've heard from them a few weeks ago from their press conference, it seems like [the complaint] has no basis. In fact, they were attempting to crowdsource and do some fishing expedition," Robredo's legal adviser, Ibarra Gutierrez, told reporters.

Gutierrez said the Robredo camp was not bothered by the complaint and would rather focus on the "work to which Vice President Robredo was elected."

"But, of course, we will face it if we have to. But it is clear that this is an attempt to destroy [Robredo], harassment and there's really no clear basis for it," Gutierrez said.

Independent opposition Rep. Edcel Lagman of Albay said there were no grounds to impeach the Vice President.

The Black and White Movement said the charges against Robredo "are only valid if free speech is no longer valid," referring to critics' claim that she had besmirched the country's reputation when she spoke about the Duterte administration's bloody war on drugs at a UN forum.

### Uphill climb

Rivera acknowledged that President Duterte had publicly repudiated any attempt to impeach Robredo, and that his group was facing an uphill battle in the House, where Robredo

do served as Camarines Sur representative before rising to the Vice Presidency.

An impeachment complaint requires the support of at least one-third of the 292-member House of Representatives, or at least 98 votes, before it is transmitted to the Senate, where the respondent will be tried by senators sitting as judges.

Earlier Tuesday, Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas said the "Impeach Leni" group should get an endorsement from a House member first before its complaint could be entertained under the rules.

"If those who file later do not get an endorsement, then it's just a scrap of paper," he told reporters.

At the briefing, Rivera could not immediately produce copies of the complaint, which he said had about 30 pages, for reporters, as the only validated copy was still with the unidentified congressman.

He, however, gave some details of the grounds cited and the purported evidence against Robredo.

### Charges

Rivera said the impeachment complaint accused the Vice President of betrayal of public trust, culpable violation of the Constitution, and graft and corruption.

He said Robredo betrayed the republic when she criticized the administration's war on drugs in a recorded speech at a UN side meeting.

He said the Vice President's words were "reckless and irresponsible," noting disavowals by the Philippine National Police and other government agencies of her claims in the recorded message, including the charge about a "palit-ulo" scheme, literally meaning "exchanging heads" of those on drug watch lists with their friends or family.

Rivera also accused Robredo of misdeclaring her assets in her statement of assets, liabilities and net worth, when she put in her shares in Manila Electric Co. as a "business interest" without giving any amount.

He ascribed irregularities to Robredo when she still chaired the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, saying Pag-Ibig funded a convention in the United States that was not about housing but about social empowerment.

Robredo is the nominal leader of the Liberal Party. In December, she quit the Cabinet as housing secretary over policy and political differences with Mr. Duterte, and emerged as a leading opposition figure.

In March, Marcos loyalists Oliver Lozano and Melchor Chavez submitted to the Speaker's office an impeachment complaint alleging that Robredo betrayed the public trust for her six-minute video presented at the 60th United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs annual meeting in Vienna. INQ



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# Gov't to defend human rights record before UN

By MARVIN SY

The Philippines will relay to the United Nations next week a report disputing allegations of state-sponsored killings under the Duterte administration.

Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano, together with deputy executive secretary for legal affairs Menardo Guevarra and the secretariat of the Presidential Human Rights Committee Undersecretary Severo Catura, will present the report to the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights on May 8 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The submission is timed with the Universal Periodic Review Third Cycle by the UN body.

Held every three years, the review will cover the human rights situation during the latter part of the previous Aquino administration and the first months of the Duterte administration.

Contrary to claims by human rights

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watchdogs and critics of the administration, Cayetano said there are no state-sponsored killings in the country as part of the administration's war on drugs.

"President Duterte never said that there is nothing wrong with our police, the prosecutors, courts and politicians. We've all started by saying that narco politics has seeped into everything and there are many abuses. So having said that, we should not tolerate any abuse," Cayetano said.

"We're focusing on presenting the holistic approach to human rights, to human security. How do we protect the 100 million Filipinos? We are not saying that there are no hu-

man rights violations. What we are saying is that these are not state-sponsored, systemic and widespread. What we are saying is we are addressing this," he added.

Cayetano emphasized that the President, as a lawyer, knows that human rights are fundamental to the law and that he wants to address whatever violations are taking place.

He noted that the President has even worked to increase the budget of the Commission on Human Rights by 100 percent "because he wants them to do their job."

Based on the draft report set for presentation to the UN body, there is no domestic law spe-

cifically defining extrajudicial killing (EJK). The government, under Administrative Order 35 issued by the Aquino administration, defines EJK as killing wherein the victim is a member of or affiliated with an organization involved in political, environmental, agrarian, labor or similar causes; an advocate of these causes; a media practitioner or person apparently mistaken or identified to be so.

"In the absence of a domestic law specifically defining EJK, any killing outside legitimate police operations is considered as murder or homicide," the report stated.

### No state policy

"President Duterte announced in several occasions that there is no state policy

that promotes, condones, sanctions or encourages extrajudicial killings. There is no state policy to kill drug traffickers, criminals or dissenters," it added.

In the fight against criminality and illegal drugs, the report emphasized that the state requires all police and military operations to be conducted within the bounds of law, and recognizing and respecting the rights and dignity of the accused.

It also cited the findings of the Senate committee on justice and human rights headed by Sen. Richard Gordon, which noted that there was no solid evidence to prove the existence of a state-sponsored policy to kill in pursuit of the campaign against drugs.

The report also cited overwhelming public support for the campaign based on nationwide surveys conducted in the past months.

"Recently, there have been baseless, malicious allegations and propaganda that all deaths under investigation regardless of motives and circumstances are EJKs and summary executions related to the anti-drug campaign; they are not," the report stated.

"Those deaths under investigation are classified as homicide or murder under Philippine law and policy," it added.

"As of 24 March 2017, some 1,427 or 23.7 percent of the reported deaths have been resolved while 76.3 percent are currently being investigated.

The PNP has clarified that the motives of a huge number of killings are either not drug-related or have not yet been determined," it pointed out.

The government is in the process of drafting a Human Rights Action Plan for the next five years.

"As our President himself expressed during his first State of the Nation Address in July 2016, 'there can never be real, tangible and felt development without making our people feel secure.' The Philippines shall implement a rights-based approach to development and governance as the government of the Philippines improves our people's welfare. Human rights must work to uplift human dignity," the report stated.



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## Army soldiers turn to farming as ceasefire holds in North Cotabato

COTABATO CITY (PNA) – With the relatively stable peace and order condition in its jurisdiction in North Cotabato and parts of Maguindanao, members of the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade based in

Carmen, North Cotabato will go into corn farming for food and to increase their income, an Army official said.

Newly-promoted Brig. Gen. Manolo Samarita, 602nd Infantry

Brigade commander, said the soldiers will plant corn in the 200-hectare camp, so that they and their families will have additional income.

"The peace process in Mindanao has provided breathing space for our troops," Samarita said, referring to the government's ceasefire agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

"President (Rodrigo) Duterte, through Agriculture Sec. (Manny) Pinol, has vowed to give the brigade

one tractor, seeds and other farm inputs," Samarita told reporters.

To effectively manage the farming activities of infantrymen, elements of the 602nd Army brigade have formed a cooperative.

The 602nd Brigade covers areas where MILF and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) members operate.

With the ceasefire mechanism working well, the soldiers can now venture into productive farming, Samarita said.

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## Drug pushing ex-Army soldier shot dead

A FORMER member of Philippine Army (PA) alleged to be illegal drug pusher was shot dead by a lone gunman, yesterday in Taguig City.

Killed was ex-corporal Ronald Alvarez, 38, resident of Transmitter Phase 2 APOVAL, Barangay Western Bicutan, Taguig City.

Alvarez died due to multiple bullet wounds in different part of his body.

Police said investigation is still ongoing to determine whether the killing is connected with Alvarez illegal drugs activities.

Jeffrey C. Tiangco

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## 5 sangkot sa droga napatay

Limang katao na umano ay sangkot sa illegal na droga ang napatay kabilang ang dalawa na nanlaban sa mga pulis sa magkakahiwalay na insidente sa Metro Manila at Laguna.

Napatay sa Caloocan City ang drug suspek na si Eric Ducusin, 42 ng La Forteza Subdivision, Brgy. 175, Camarin nang harangin at barilin sa ulo ng isang lalaki na nakamotorsiklo kahapon ng alas-8:40 ng umaga.

Ang biktima ay kabilang sa drug watchlist ng kanilang barangay na una na ring binaril noong Marso, subalit nakaligtas sa kamatayan.

Dead-on-the-spot ang

dating miyembro ng Philippine Army na umano'y isang "drug pusher" na si ex-Cpl. Ronald Alvarez, 38 nang pagbabarilin ito ng isang alyas Alex Mambo lalaki kahapon ng ala-1:15 ng madaling araw sa kanto ng Tawi-Tawi at Cagayan De Oro St., Taguig City habang ito ay naglalakad.

Niratrat at napatay sa Brgy. San Antonio, Biñan City, Laguna ang biktima na si Gerald Bartolazo, 35, no. 1 sa drug watch list ng pulisya sa naturang siyudad ng hindi pa kilalang suspek habang ito ay nakikipaginuman bandang alas-9:30 ng gabi sa Jasmine St.

Tumakas ang mga salarin lulan ng Toyota Innova

at isang backup na motorsiklo.

Hindi na umabot ng buhay sa ospital ang umano'y dalawang drug pusher na sina Cyrus Marfil, alyas Nognog, 33, at Marlon Rapa, 24, at kapwa taga no. 828 Oroquieta St., Sta. Cruz, Maynila matapos tangkang manlaban sa mga tauhan ng Manila Police District-Police Station 3, na aarresto sana sa kanila dakong alas-6:20 ng gabi sa isang buy bust operation sa isang eskinita sa may Oroquieta St. malapit sa Doroteo Jose St. *Danilo Garcia, Lordeth Bonilla, Joy Cantos, Doris Franche-Borja*

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## Ex-Army dawit sa droga, itinumba

Patay ang isang dating miyembro ng Philippine Army na umano'y isang 'tulak' ng droga nang pagbabarilin ng nag-iisang salarin, kahapon ng madaling araw sa Taguig City.

Dead-on-the-spot sanhi ng ilang tama ng bala sa Ibai-ibang bahagi ng katawan buhat sa hindi pa batid na kalibre ng baril ang biktima ng si ex-Army Corporal Ronald Alvarez, 38, nakatira sa Transmitter, Phase 2, APOVAI, Brgy. Western Bicutan ng naturang siyudad.

Samantala, pinaghahanap pa ng pulisya ang suspect na nakilala lamang sa alyas Alex Mambo.

Sa sketchy report na nakarating sa tanggapan ng Southern Police District (SPD), naganap ang insidente ala-1:15 kahapon ng madaling araw sa panulukan ng Tawi-Tawi at Cagayan de Oro Sts., Quiapo Dos, Brgy. Maharlika Village ng naturang siyudad habang ang biktima ay naglalakad nang biglang sumulpot ang suspect at walang sabi-sabing pinagbabaril ang una na naging dahilan ng agaran nitong kamatayan.

Matapos ang pamamaril ay mabilis na tumakas ang suspect, sakay ng isang motorsiklo.

Sa rekord ng pulisya, isa umanong 'tulak' ng droga na nag-operate sa naturang lugar ang biktima at nasa drug watchlist ng Taguig City Police. Inimbestigahan pa ng pulisya ang insidente. (Lordeth B. Brillia)

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### • **Auxiliary force**

DAVAO CITY – The local government is allocating P43 million to fund special civilian active auxiliary (SCAA) personnel which will be hired to augment the city's police force, and they should make sure that they are paid adequately. Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, in a speech delivered before trainees of the program, ordered the augmentation units to be vigilant of their salaries. "Don't allow for any delays in your salaries," Carpio said. "Don't let any middlemen meddle in your accounts." She reiterated that the amounts should be given to the volunteers on time and in full. Carpio said all the volunteers will be required to keep watch over corrupt activities, especially of their police counterparts. (Yas D. Ocampo)

### • **Security for Surfing Cup**

GENERAL LUNA, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte – Security measures has been strengthened as the five-day 2017 World Women's Surfing Cup started yesterday in this Pacific Ocean facing town of General Luna, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte. Aside from tourist policemen already stationed in this island, 108 additional cops were deployed a day before the opening of the event. Troops from the Philippine Army's 4th Infantry (Diamond) Division and force multipliers were also mobilized to tighten security operations. (Mike U. Crismundo)

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DFA TO BEIJING:

# 'Pag-asa Island is ours'

BY JAIME R. PILAPIL

**T**HE Department of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday issued a strong statement dismissing the claim of Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua that the Philippines' planned improvement works at Pag-asa Island would be illegal.

"Pag-asa Island and the larger Kalayaan Island Group are a municipality of Palawan," DFA spokesman Robespierre Bolivar told reporters.

"Any visit or activity we undertake there are part and parcel of our constitutional mandate to ensure the safety, well-being, and livelihood of our citizens living in this municipality," he asserted.

China's envoy Zhao said Monday that "we view

the occupation by the Philippine side of those islands as illegal. And so the buildings on it are also illegal."

Pag-asa Island is the largest of the islands under the municipality of Kalayaan, which was created in 1978. The town, which has 180 residents, has a complete political structure. The town center is

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## 'Pag-asa Island is ours'

on Pag-asa Island, which China calls "Thitu."

Zhao, in response to questions from reporters, uttered the controversial statement while President Rodrigo Duterte was touring three Chinese warships that visited Davao City on Monday.

"It's common practice. In our position, we have the ownership of those islands and reefs. And whichever airplanes or aircraft intrude, we will give them warnings," said Zhao.

It was Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, during his visit to Pag-asa Island last month with military generals, who announced that the government had earmarked at least P1 billion to improve facilities on Pag-asa Island, including the repair of an airstrip.

Lorenzana had pointed to China's extensive development of Subi Reef. Satellite images have shown anti-aircraft guns and weapons systems on the reef, which is being claimed by Taiwan, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

China has sparked regional concern by turning reefs and shoals in contested areas into artificial islands, installing military facilities and airstrips on some of them.

Duterte, elected last year, has distanced himself from traditional longtime ally the United States. He has played down the country's territorial dispute with China in favor of seeking greater economic aid and investment from Beijing.

A statement issued after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) summit in Manila merely took note of "concerns expressed by some leaders over recent developments in the area."

It also ignored last year's international ruling outiawing China's sweeping claims to the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

Asean members the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei claim parts of the waterway, but China insists it has sovereign rights over

nearly all of it.

Foreign Affairs Executive Director Zaldy Patron said not one of the Asean leaders "strongly pushed" against China's militarization and reclamation activities.

He said the Asean chairman's statement was also silent on the ruling of the United Nations-backed arbitral tribunal that favored the Philippines in its case against China because there was no consensus among members of the bloc.

"There is no mention of arbitration because last year, even last year in Vientiane, there was no consensus to have it reflected in any of the Asean statements," Patron said.

"During the Plenary and Summit, there was no leader that mentioned inclusion or made reference to land reclamation, militarization and arbitration. So that was what we are trying to reflect in the Chairman's statement," he added.

What the leaders highlighted, he said, were the efforts of the Asean and China to strengthen cooperation and repair ties that have been frayed by the sea row.

### 'Harassment reports unverified'

Zhao downplayed reports from Filipino fishermen about being harassed by Chinese vessels in March over the disputed waters, particularly in the Union Banks of the Kalayaan group.

"I think the reports of harassment have never been verified. It is only reports. I haven't seen any hard evidence supporting that allegation," Zhao said.

Sino-Philippine relations remain strong as shown by multi-million dollar infrastructure projects, Zhao said.

"I don't think that the small issues will affect the overall direction of our bilateral relationship," the Chinese ambassador said.

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# Word war worsens between Duterte, Reds

BY YAS D. OCAMPO

**D**AVAO CITY – City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio has branded the New People's Army (NPA) as "terrorists," and even called them "stupid." The National Democratic Front (NDF) retorted by saying that the daughter of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte was a "hypocrite."

Now comes Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, who also put to task the NPA and its political arm National Democratic Front (NDF) and chided them for hurting the "very people you claim to be fighting for."

In a speech delivered on the plenary, Vice Mayor Duterte cited the case of Larry Buenafe, a 34-year-old fish vendor who is currently in critical condition after being wounded in an explosion April 29 during an attack by the NPA at facilities owned by Lapanday Foods Corporation last April 29.

"On the morning of April 29, Larry was on his normal routine selling fish to Buhangin area onboard his motorcycle when an improvised explosive device hit him while traversing his usual route," Duterte said. "Now, Larry is fighting for his life in the hospital."

The vice mayor noted that "the supposed people's war by the NPA was already losing its meaning."

"The NPA has been waging this war for decades now, and all along they are claiming that they're doing it for the masses. For the Filipino people who does not have the means and the strength to fight a despotic government. For people like Larry," he said.

"Wala pa ba mo gipangkapoy anang inyong pakigbisog (Are you not tired of fighting)?" Duterte asked.

He underscored that his father's administration has gone out of its way just to be able to reach out to the Communist groups, and "may not have another chance at peace."

"We now have a government under the Duterte administration that's offering peace. And yet you continue waging war," he said.

"What's worse is that you are victimizing not just the government but the very people you claim to be fighting for."

But the word war didn't stop there.

In Kidapawan City, the Pambansang Katipunan ng mga Magbubukid (PKM) in Southern Mindanao Region (PKM-SMR) called Carpio as "hypocrite" for claiming that the communist rebels' assault in the Lorenzo-owned Lapanday Foods was an "act of terrorism" and "a personal insult."

The PKM-SMR is under the umbrella organization of the National Democratic Front (NDF).

For PKM-SMR spokesperson, Restituto Baguera, "Sara Duterte's claim that the NPA's assault in the Lorenzo-owned businesses in Davao City is a personal insult, is not only hypocritical but downright self-serving."

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## DUTERTE SON HITS NPA FOR DAVAO ATTACKS

DAVAO CITY—Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte on Tuesday condemned the rebel attacks in Davao City and nearby Panabo City in Davao del Norte province against firms owned by the family of former Agriculture Secretary Cito Lorenzo.

In a privilege speech in a session of the Sangguniang Panglungsod (city council), Paolo, son of President Duterte, said the council was throwing its support behind the city government on whatever action it would take to prevent future attacks by the New People's Army (NPA).

He echoed the position of his sister, Mayor Sara Duterte, in condemning the attacks on Lapanday Foods Corp. (LFC) and Macondray Plastics, saying the rebels victimized "not just the government but the very people you claim to be fighting for."

Mayor Duterte earlier said the rebel attacks were acts of terror and described these as a personal attack.

Vice Mayor Duterte discussed the case of Larry Buenafe, a fish vendor, who was wounded when rebels set off an improvised bomb along a road

leading to the LFC compound in the village of Mandug.

Duterte said Buenafe was fighting for his life at Southern Philippines Medical Center here.

A security guard was also wounded after a brief firefight with the rebels in Mandug.

Duterte said the government was mandated to protect the people against the NPA and prevent the group's attacks, extortion and other terror activities.

"We want peace, but we are also mandated by our sworn duty to serve Dabawenyos," he said.

—FRINSTON LIM INQ

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# DND, AFP welcome possibility of naval drills with China

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana welcomed yesterday President Duterte's pronouncement that he is open to naval drills with the Chinese Navy in the Sulu Sea and territorial waters of Mindanao.

However, Lorenzana stressed that before such exercises could actually take place an agreement between the Philippines and China should first be sealed.

Reacting to media questions about the President's pronouncement after inspecting a Chinese naval ship last weekend, Lorenzana said "Yes, I heard him say that (joint naval drills) during his presscon yesterday (Monday). That's perfectly fine with us. But first we have to come up with a framework (agreement or understanding) that will determine where, what units, duration of patrol, purpose of patrol, communications between forces, etc."

He added: "There are a lot of things to coordinate (with) this being the first with the Chinese. This is important because they will be entering our territorial waters. And if their sailors will get on land there maybe a need for a Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) to be concurred by the Senate."

When asked if a VFA or similar agreements will be needed if the exercises will be held in Philippine territorial waters, Lorenzana said they will

have to consult with their lawyers first before making any comment.

"Baka kailangan din (it may be needed) Will consult our lawyers first," the DND chief said.

For his part, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff General Eduardo Año also said that the military is open to the conduct of joint naval exercises not only with China but also with other countries as well.

"We have so much to learn from each other specially if we focus on HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief), anti piracy and counter terrorism scenarios. But before we can embark on these activities, both countries must enter into defense/military agreement like Visiting Forces Agreement to define the term of reference (TOR) or protocol and must be in adherence to existing agreement with other allied countries," Año said.

"Sulu sea is a good venue (for the exercises) because it will provide excellent real life scenario to improve and hone our maritime security capabilities," Año added.

On the other hand, DND Public Affairs Service chief Director Arsenio Andolong, said the defense department welcomes every opportunity to forging stronger defense ties with other countries, especially as the country face threats which necessitate responses on an international scale.

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#### MILITARY EXERCISES

## VFA NEEDED FOR JOINT EXERCISES WITH CHINA, SAYS DND CHIEF

By Philip C. Tubeza  
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A visiting forces agreement (VFA), ratified by the Senate, might be needed before China and the Philippines could hold military exercises on Philippine soil, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said yesterday.

Lorenzana said the defense and military establishments were open to military exercises with the Chinese but there must be a "framework" before any such drills were undertaken in Philippine territory.

"That's perfectly fine with us. But first, we have to come up with a framework that will determine where (the exercises would be held), what units (would be involved), duration of patrol, purpose of patrol, and communications between forces," Lorenzana said.

"There are a lot of things to coordinate, this being the first with the Chinese. This is important because they will be entering our territorial waters," he said.

"If their sailors will get on land, there may be a need for a visiting forces agreement," Lorenzana said a day after President Duterte said the Armed Forces of the Philippines could hold joint exercises with China in Mindanao or the Sulu Sea.

However, the Philippines only has visiting forces agree-

ments with the United States and Australia.

Manila and Beijing used to be at odds over competing territorial claims in the West Philippines Sea but Duterte has since steered Philippine foreign policy closer to China and away from Manila's traditional ally, the United States.

He also made friendly overtures to Russia.

AFP chief Gen. Eduardo Año said the Philippines and China should have a defense or military agreement before joint exercises could be held.

"The AFP is also open to joint naval exercises not only with China but also with other countries," Año said.

"But before we can embark on these activities, both countries must enter into [a] defense agreement, like a visiting forces agreement, to define the terms of reference or protocol and must adhere to existing agreements with other allied countries," he added.

Año said the Sulu Sea would be a good venue for such exercises because it could provide an "excellent real-life scenario to improve and hone our maritime security capabilities."

Arsenio Andolong, Department of National Defense (DND) public affairs office chief, said the defense department welcomes the opportunity to strengthen military ties with other countries. INQ

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## Joint naval drill with China? No problem—DND official

**T**HE Department of National Defense (DND) is fine with President Duterte's announcement that he is willing to allow the country's Navy ships to conduct naval maneuvers with their Chinese counterparts.

"The DND welcomes every opportunity to forge stronger defense ties with other countries, especially given the fact that we now face threats that necessitate responses on an international scale," DND Public Affairs Director Arsenio R. Andolong said in a message to the Philippines News Agency on Tuesday.

Andolong added it is also customary for various armed forces to train together to become familiar with each other.

"Having joint military exercises with other countries will benefit us, since these will expose our troops to new doctrines and new technology. These will also allow us to assess how our own doctrines fare against our foreign counterparts," Andolong pointed out.

Earlier, Duterte said he is amenable to having the Navy conduct drills with its Chinese counterpart, especially in Sulu and Mindanao waters.

Duterte made this announcement after visiting the three Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy ships at the Sasa Wharf in Davao City on Monday.

The visiting Chinese ships are the guided-missile destroyer *Chang Chun* (DDG-150), the guided-missile frigate *Jim Zhou* (FFG-532) and the Type 903 replenishment ship *Chao Hu* (890). *PNA*

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## US troops now in Cebu for Balikatan civil assistance work

BY MARS W. MOSQUEDA JR.

CEBU CITY – Personnel of the United States Armed Forces are in Cebu for the 33rd Balikatan exercises between the Philippines and the US.

The exercises, however, will focus on humanitarian and civil assistance, according to Lt. Col. Mendel Aguilar, commander of the Philippine Joint Civil Military Operations task force.

“Our activities are more on humanitarians and civil assistance; meaning, constructing disaster-resilient facilities and developing our capabilities, the community capabilities. That’s why we have our cooperative engagement to transfer knowledge and skills on how we should react during emergency situations especially strong typhoons,” said Aguilar.

The personnel of the US Navy, Air Force, and Army will go to northern Cebu to help rebuild schools that were badly damaged during the onslaught of typhoon Yolanda in 2013.

The force is expected to build two school buildings each in Panay, Leyte, and Eastern Samar with the use of materials that would make the structures capable to stand against strong typhoons and other calamities.

Aguilar said Cebu was not included because the province is better off than those three provinces, specifically in terms of economic stability.

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## DND, AFP back Duterte on PH-China exercises

By **ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA**

**THE** Department of National Defense (DND) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), support the statement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on the possible conduct of joint naval exercise with Chinese Navy in Sulu sea and Mindanao waters.

DND secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the idea of the President is perfectly fine with the DND but the government should come up with a framework or agreement that will determine the scope of the drill or exercise.

"That's perfectly fine with us, but first we have to come up with a framework, agreement or understanding that will determine where, what units, duration of patrol, purpose of patrol, communication between forces," he said.

Since it will be the first time with the Chinese, Lorenzana said that there would be a lot of things to coordinate with because they will be entering the country's territorial waters.

He added that if the Chinese sailors enter our land, there should also be a visiting forces agreement to be concurred by the Senate.

For his part, AFP Chief of Staff General Eduardo Año said, the AFP is also open to the conduct of joint naval exercise not only with China but with other countries saying that there are so much things to learn from each other especially on the Human Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR), anti-piracy and counter terrorism scenarios.

Just like the DND secretary, Año said before we embark with the



Sec. Lorenzana

said activity, both countries must enter into defense or military agreement like the Visiting Forces Agreement to define the term of preference or protocol that must be adherent to the existing agreement with other allied countries.

Año believed that Sulu sea is a good venue because it will provide excellent real life scenario to improve and hone the country's maritime security capabilities.

DND Public Affairs Service Chief Arsenio Andolong, on the other hand, said the idea will be a good venue or opportunity in forging defense ties with other country.

"The DND welcomes every opportunity to forging stronger defense ties with other countries, especially as we now face threats which necessitate responses on an international scale," Andolong said.

He added that it is customary for various Armed Forces to train together to become familiar with each other.

"Having joint military exercises with other countries will benefit us since these will expose our troops to new doctrines and new technology," he added.

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## 2 Abu Sanyaf bandits give up

An Abu Sanyaf sub-leader based in Panglima Estino and Pata Island in Sulu and his cohort recently surrendered to government forces in the South.

Army Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, the commander of the AFP Task Force Sulu, identified the ASG sub-leader as Udon Hashim and one Haidal Kimar who both yielded last April 27.

Sobejana said it is only now that they revealed the surrender of both Hashim and Kimar as they still had

to undergo tactical interrogation.

Meantime Sobejana assures operation will continue against the ASG despite the reported plan of its leader to surrender.

Sobejana said they are still awaiting confirmation from a respected emissary who is said to be constantly talking with Radullan Sahiron who assumed the ASG mantle since the death of its young leader Khadaffy Janjalani in 2006.

"We are just waiting for any development on his reported desire

to turn himself in. But just the same, our operations continue and we are not slowing down," said Sobejana.

Sobejana said Sahiron's impending surrender will surely cripple the notorious group.

"He is very much respected by his followers, that's why we expect them to also surrender. Most probably 60 to 70 percent of the problem will be solved if he indeed surrenders," said Sobejana.

**(Francis T. Wakefield)**

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## ASG leader, follower surrender to military

By Francisco Tuyay

AN ABU Sayyaf Group sub-leader and his lone follower, claiming they were terribly exhausted eluding military pressure, have surrendered to authorities, belated military reports said.

Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, commander of Joint Task Force Sulu, identified the ASG sub-leader as Udon Hashim and his follower as Haidal Kimar, who gave themselves up to the military Monday at the vicinity of Barangay Jingga, Panglima Estino, Sulu Monday.

Sobejana said the two surrendered two armalite rifles (M14 and M16) with four magazines for M16; three magazines for M14; 46 live ammunition for M16; 27 live bullets for M14 and 2 bandoliers.

The surrender, Sobejana said, was facilitated by Misbar Harun, barangay chairman of Jingga through the efforts of the Task Force.

Quoting the declaration of the two ASG bandits during a military debriefing following their surrender, Sobejana said they were forced to surface as they were already severely exhausted eluding security forces hunting them down.

“They are already tired running. They are also disgusted with the manner being done by their members and the members are also disorganized and they don’t know what to do,”

Sobejana said.

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## ASG SUB-LEADER, MEMBER YIELD IN SULU

By Zaida delos Reyes-Palanca

A SUB-LEADER of the Abu Sayyaf Group and one of his members on Monday surrendered to the authorities in Panglima Estino, Sulu.

Udon Hashim alias "Udon Hussein/Hassien," a newly identified sub-leader of the ASG, and member Faizal Kimar at 2 am on Monday yielded to the Joint Task Force Sultan Bgy Jingga, Panglima Estino town.

Hashim and Kimar surrendered through the help of barangay captain Misbah Harun.

The two bandits also turned over to

the JTF high-powered firearms, including one M16 rifle, one M14 rifle, four short magazines for M16, three magazines for M14, 46 live ammunition, 27 live ammunition for M14 and two bandoliers.

Hashim was closely associated with slain Abu leader Alhassy Misaya and was involved in the delivery of fake ransom money for the release of three Malaysian kidnap victims.

The bandit returnees are undergoing custodial debriefing at the Philippine Army headquarters in Sulu.

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**TILA tumiklop ang tuhod ng isang sub leader ng teroristang Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) matapos sumuko sa militar kasama ang alalay nito.**

Bunsod ng walang tigil na opensiba at pagkalagas ng kanilang kasamahan, ang isa sa mga dahilan para sumurender sa Joint Task Force-Sulu (JTF-Sulu) si Udon Hashim at mi-

## ASG leader, alalay sumurender

yembrohito na si Haidal Kimar sa bisinidad ng Barangay Jingga, Panglima Estino, Sulu nitong Lunes.

Isinagawa ang pagsuko sa pakikipagtulungan ni Misbar Harun, barangay captain sa lugar. Kapwa isinuko rin nina Hashim at Kimar ang kanilang mga armas na isang M-16 rifle at isang M-14 rifle, apat na magazines at dalawang bandoliers.

Si Hashim, alyas "Udon Hussein/Hassien" ay isa sa

mga bagong tuklas na lider ng ASG na nakabase sa Panglima Estino at Pata Island sa ilalim ni ASG lider Berham Lutian at malapit na kaalyado ng napasiang na si Alhabsy Misaya.

Si Hashim din ang sinasabing naghatid ng mga pekeng pera na ransom money sa grupo ni Lutian at Jamir Sawadjaan para sa pagpapalaya sa tatlong bihag na Malaysians.

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## ASG sub-leader, member gives up in Sulu

By ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA

A SUB-LEADER of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and his member surrendered to Joint Task Force (JTF) Sulu the other day in Panglima Estino, Sulu.

The surrenderers were identified as Udon Hashim, alias Udon Hussein/Hassien, a newly-identified sub-leader of ASG, in Panglima Estino, Sulu and Pata Island; and Haidal Kimar, a regular member of ASG.

The two bandits surrendered with their high powered firearms, including an M-16 rifle, an M14 rifle, four short magazines for M-16, three magazines for M14, 46 live ammunition for M-16, 27 live ammunition for M-14 and two bandoliers.

Reports said the bandits surrendered at around 2 a.m., thru the help of Barangay Captain Misbar Harun, to JTF Sulu at the vicinity of Bgy. Jingga, Panglima Estino.

Hashim was closely associated with slain bandit leader Albabsy Misaya and was involved in the delivery of fake ransom money for the release of three Malaysian kidnap victims.

The two bandits underwent a custodial debriefing at the Philippine Army headquarters in the area.

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## Sayyaf sub-leader, tauhan sumuko

Kusang sumuko sa militar ang sang Abu Sayyaf sub-leader na nakabase sa Panglima Estino at Pata Island sa Sulu, kasama ang isa niyang tauhan.

Kiniialala ni Army Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, commander ng AFP Task Force Sulu, ang sumukong ASG sub-leader na si Udon Hashim; at ang tauhan nitong si Haidal Kimar.

Sinabi ni Sobejana na sumuko si Hashim sa mga miyembro ng AFP Task

Force Sulu bandang 2:00 hapon, noong Abril 27.

Ngayon lamang ipinaalam ang pagsuko ng dalawa, ayon kay Sobejana, dahil sumailalim pa ang mga ito sa tactical interrogation.

Ayon pa kay Sobejana, kusang sumuko sina Hashim at Kimar kasabay ng pag-surrender ng mga armas ng mga ito sa Barangay Jinggaan, Panglima Estino, Sulu, bandang 2:00 ng hapon noong Huwebes.

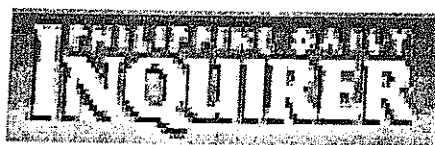
Mas naging madali ang pagsuko ng dalawa dahil kay Misbar Harun, chairman ng Bgy. Jinggaan, at inalalayan ng JTF at ng Naval Intelligence and Security Group-Western Mindanao.

Kabilang sa mga isinukong armas nina Hashim at Kimar ang M16 rifle, M14 rifle, apat na magazine para sa M16, tatlong magazine para sa M14, 40 bala ng M16, 27 bala ng M14 at dalawang bandolier.

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## BULLETPROOF VESTS, STEEL HELMETS FOR SOLDIERS, COPS

**T**hree soldiers and a policeman died in the encounter with the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in Inabangan, Bohol, last April 11. The following day, photos of soldiers and policemen without bulletproof vests and steel helmets, in pursuit of the ASG in the dense vegetation of Bohol, appeared in newspapers. They looked like they were at the mercy of the terrorists who were

waiting for them in ambush.

Why does our government not equip our soldiers and policemen with vests and helmets so that they have a better fighting chance against the enemies who are more familiar with the terrain? The cost of this equipment is much cheaper compared to the loss of human life.

Aside from wearing bulletproof vests, steel helmets and

safety goggles during operations against terrorists and enemies, American and British soldiers and policemen are armed to the teeth.

A trained dog may also be employed to warn the raiding team in advance of the presence of enemies hiding in a thick forest.

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## ISSUES IN KADAMAY TAKEOVER AND ABU SAYYAF ATTACKS

In the past couple of weeks, the Kadamay takeover of a housing project and the Abu Sayyaf's forays have been the talk of the town.

Kadamay's "aggression" highlights the bigger problems of homelessness and landlessness.

By landlessness, we are not talking about land ownership; we are talking about a person's security of "tenure" on the land where he or she has erected his or her home. Any person and family without the right to be anywhere in their country is a cursed person—that is, cursed without cause. That is why landlessness has kept generation after generation of poor Filipinos just a notch higher above animals with no legal right to be anywhere.

Why would the landless occupy land from which they know they can be ejected because they have no legal right to be there? Out of what they can afford or out of scrap material, they will build tempo-

rary shelters—"houses" that they can readily dismantle or just leave behind—should they be driven away from their homes, either by government or by private landowners. And without long-term or perpetual rights, there will be no motivation for them to build decent, permanent homes.

On the recent Abu Sayyaf attacks, one of those rattled a popular tourist spot and economic hub—at the same time exposing the military's shortcomings in terms of timely intelligence, even though government eventually neutralized the raiders. One good thing about the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is that it is realistic enough in addressing critical situations. The AFP chief, Gen. Eduardo Año, at least sees clearly the fatal flaw in this instant: The Philippines being an archipelagic nation, "we really need naval assets to conduct maritime security."

Going back to the Kadamay's occupation of a housing project,

the problem seems to be a matter of money and implementation. President Duterte said he would build better houses for our soldiers and policemen who lost what would have been their homes to Kadamay members. But, really, in the end, it is a matter of justice, of human empathy and sympathy, of patriotism itself. Poverty should be a consequence of personal failure, not an inheritance. We have to support the government's initiative to give these people decent homes.

Lastly, the government should always strive to prevent rebel groups from burning construction equipment and harassing businessmen. It is high time government officials and private firms stopped their corrupt practices. An organized community, feeling secure about its members' occupation of the land on which they have built their homes, will always be an ideal, peaceful society.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Ang pinaka notoryus na commander ng Abu Sayyaf na si Al Hasib Misaya na kilala sa pangngidnap at pagpatay sa Sabah ay napatay ng militar. Kilala rin na adik at pumugot ng ulo sa isang Malaysian itong si Misaya na napatay habang naka-angkas sa motorsiklo, kasama ang isa pang ASG member na si Barak Sahibul anak ng sub-commander na si Hatib Ummal Sahibul sa Jolo. Isang malaking tinik ang nabunot sa pag-aalinlangan ng Filipino at Malaysian Intelligence dahil utak si Misaya sa maraming pangngidnap sa Pilipinas at Sabah.

Dahil sa patuloy na opensiba ng militar mula noong nakaraang buwan marami na sa mga sub-leader at commander ng teroristang grupo ang namatay. Sa ating mga kapatid, pahiwatig na ito na dapat ay sumuko na sa gobyerno habang may pagkakataon pa. 'Wag na sanang huntayin ang oras na sunduin kayo ni kamatayan. Paano na lamang ang inyong mga anak, kapatid, magulang asawa at mga kamag-anak na nanahabik sa inyong kalinga? Pamilya pa rin sana ang inyong piliin kaysa sa kapatirang mali ang ideolohiya at paraan ng pamumuhay.

Dana R. Del Rosario  
Camarines Norte

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Dear Sir:

Kinundena ni Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio ang ginawa ng New People's Army na panununog sa Lapanday Foods Corporation at iba pang mga ilegal na aktibidad nito. Dagdag pa niya talagang hindi mapagkakatiwalaan ang mga ito kahit na nag-abot siya ng pagkakataong sumuko na sila.

Sa nangyaring ito, maraming empleyado ang apektado at nawalan ng trabaho. Nabiktima ng walang isip at walang konsensiyang rebeldeng grupo. Damay na ang mga pamilya nilang umaasa sa kabuhayan na dala ng mga planta na sana ay makakatulong sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pamumuhay. Tila hindi naiisip ng mga rebeldeng ito na tulad nila ang kanilang mga biktima ay mayroon ring pamilya. Pamilya na sana ay namumuhay ng matiwasa. Sana ay mag-isip muna sila, na tulad nila nais rin ng mga

naghilirap na Filipino ng pagbabago ngunit hindi tulad ng pamamaraan nilang armado.

Nikki R. Pabulayan  
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Dear Sir:

Nadiskubre ng mga sundalo ang tinatawag na 'Paradise Island' ng teroristang grupo ng Abu Sayyaf sa Tawi-tawi. Narekober ng Marines ang Philippine flag sa Panguan Island noong Sabado, indikasyon na ang lugar ay nasa kontrol na ng militar. Ang nabanggit na lokasyon ay nasa Sibutu Channel. Ayon kay Joint Task Force Tawi-Tawi Commander B/Gen. Custodio Parcon ang nasabing Panguan Island ay normal ng ruta ng mga bandido na nagsisilbing pahingahan at taguan.

Sa mga bandidong grupo tulad ng ASG, Maute group at kung ano pang mga grupo matutunton at matutunton kayo ng mga alagad ng batas. Kaya naman sa mga miyembro nito, 'wag niyo nang isugal sa kamatayan ang inyong mga buhay. Sana ay maramdaman ninyong matagal na kayong ginagamit ng inyong mga grupo ngunit hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring nangyayari sa inyong mga pinaglalaban. Nawa'y mamulat ang ating mga kapatid sa katotohanan na mas kailangan sila ng kanilang mga pamilya.

Jersan R. Arguilles  
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### Westmincom: Military ops, leaders' deaths have weakened Abu Sayyaf

By Roel Pareño (philstar.com) | Updated May 2, 2017 - 6:20pm



The Abu Sayyaf is notorious for kidnappings, beheadings and deadly bombings. Its leaders have also pledged allegiance to Islamic State gunmen in Iraq and Syria. File

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines — The Abu Sayyaf group is in disarray over the arrests and deaths of many of its members, a military spokesperson said.

Capt. Jo-Ann Petinglay of the Western Mindanao Command said among the reasons that the Abu Sayyaf group is crumbling is the relentless military operations that have led to the surrender of a number of fighters and leaders.

Petinglay said the planned surrender of senior Abu Sayyaf leader Radullan Sahiron may have led some members to defect and eventually surrender.

She said the recent deaths of sub-leaders Muamar Askali and Alhabsy Misaya also took a toll on the group's morale. Askali, alias Abu Rami, was killed in a clash in Inabanga, Bohol on April 12. Misaya was neutralized in a Marine raid in Parang town, Sulu on April 29.

The military believes the two were being eyed as the group's next leaders because of their notoriety. Their deaths prompted some Abu Sayyaf fighters to disengage and surrender, Petinglay said.

Security forces in Sulu also believe that unequal shares of the ransom from a spate of abductions also prompted some members to surrender and to send tips on where their leaders are.

The military has been conducting operations against around 400 Abu Sayyaf militants operating in Sulu and Basilan.



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## **SAVING LIVES | Tactical Combat Casualty Care class**

Alvin Santiago on May 2, 2017 at 8:45 AM

**CAMP GENERAL CEFERINO S. CARREON, Calinog, Iloilo (DWDD)** – Philippine and United States of America service members participate in a Boodle Fight after a Tactical Combat Casualty Care class at Camp General Ceferino S. Carreon in Calinog, Iloilo, April 27, 2017.

A Boodle Fight is a Filipino military tradition to symbolize brotherhood and camaraderie. Balikatan is an annual U.S.-Philippine military bilateral exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism, and other combined military operations. **61IB / MCAG / U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Nelson Duenas**

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## **TAGALOG NEWS | BANDILA NG PILIPINAS, IWINAGAYWAY SA PANGUAN ISLAND**

Postad by Lui Claudio on May 2, 2017 at 3:01 PM

Iwinagayway ng mga miyembro ng Philippine Marines at Philippine coast Guard ang watawat ng Pilipinas sa unang pagkakataon sa Panguan Island, Tawi-Tawi.

Sinabi ni Brigadier General Custodio Parcon ng Joint Task Force – Tawi-Tawi na boundary ng Malaysia at Pilipinas na siya ring ginagamit ng mga Abu Sayyaf Group upang magtago.

Sa naturang lugar rin isinasagawa ng bandidong grupo ang kanilang mga mararahas na aktibidad.

Ang pagwawagayway ng bandila ng Pilipinas ay isang manipestasyon na pagmamay-ari ito ng Pilipinas at hindi ng mga bandido.

Matatandaang noong maitalaga ang 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Brigade ay nawalan na ng 'comfort zone' ang ASG at hindi na rinn namamataan ang mga pirata sa lugar. (EPJA)

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## **NEXT GENERATION | Youth for Peace Congress – Davao**

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**DAVAO CITY (DWDD)** – “Leaders are not born, they are made. A person becomes a leader not because he is told to be one, but because he chooses to be one and develop himself to become one”.

This was the message given by Lieutenant General Rey Leonardo during the Youth for Peace Congress in Felis Resort, Davao City after he was invited by the Youth Organizer to be the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the Opening Ceremony of the activity on April 28, 2017.

The activity was attended to by 100 youth leaders from Regions X, XI, XII and XIII

“Congratulations! Way to go Youth for Peace. Let us build Peace”. **EASTMINCOM / MCAG / AES**

**SPEECH** of Lt Gen Rey Leonardo:

*“It was the late US President Franklin D Roosevelt who said that “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future”. He must have been in the presence of a group of young, energetic and realistic individuals, such as the audience before me today, when he uttered those words, because I believe that, it is only under such circumstances, that he could have drawn such vision and inspiration.*

*To the more than 100 delegates to this youth congress, I open this activity with a message of empowerment for today’s youth. Now is your time to grab the opportunity and take the responsibility to help not only yourselves and your family, but more importantly our country, as we chart a course for our future.*

*Through this congress, we hope to be able to unleash your potential to become the future leaders of our country. Leaders who will not only inspire and motivate our people, but who will also uplift their living conditions and bring progress to our country.*

*Leaders are not born, they are made. A person becomes a leader not because he is told to be one, but because he chooses to be one and develop himself to become one.*

*Right now, all of you are leaders because you have chosen to be leaders, and you have accepted the responsibilities that comes with being the youth leaders in your respective communities. This activity primarily highlights such role, and will assist and guide you in planning and sustaining programs that seek to promote peace and development in our country.*

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*You can therefore expect that the succeeding days will be full of learning. You will have team building activities, interactive discussions, lectures and exercises that will enhance your knowledge and understanding of the many issues confronting our youth and of how to come up with strategies to resolve the same. Being the future leaders of our country that you are, you are expected to come up with concrete action plans and programs that you will bring and present to your respective LGUs as proof of your completion and as your contribution to nation building.*

*To our delegates, I enjoin you to start our congress with a sense of purpose and commitment to find a cause greater than yourself. As much as we earnestly want to build you for the future, we can only do so if you commit yourself and actively participate. Help us therefore build you to build a stable and progressive future for our nation.*

*Nalipay ako, na kita tanan, nagkatapok karon para pagasundan ug ipahigayon kining atong Eastern Mindanao YFP Congress.*

*Mabuhay ang YFP, mabuhay tayong lahat."*

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## OPTICAL MISSION | Eye Care, We Care at NOLCOM

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**CAMP GEN SERVILLANO AQUINO, Tarlac (DWDD)** – "Eye Care ,We Care" Foundation conduct its free optical mission to all Armed Forces of the Philippines Personnel and dependents at Headquarters Northern Luzon Command, AFP.

A total of 125 individuals both from the military and their dependents benefited this event held last April 30, 2017. **NOLCOM / MCAG / AES**

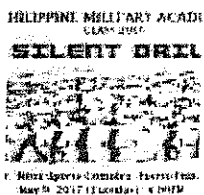


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## SILENT DRILL | PMA Class of 2019 in Palawan

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**PALAWAN (DWDD)** – We are inviting our fellow Palaweños to witness the Silent Drill activity of Philippine Military Academy Class 2019 on May 9, 2017 (tuesday) at 4:00pm at the Ramon V. Mitra Sports Complex, Puerto Princesa City. See you there! **WESCOM / MCAG / AES**



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## FELLOWSHIP | SOLCOM – Media Night 2017

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**CAMP GEN GUILLERMO NAKARA (DWDD) – AFP Southern Luzon Command Chief Lieutenant General Ferdinand F Quidilla thanked the members of the media covering the Southern Luzon area.**

Quidilla whole-heartedly thanked members of the media from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Press Corps, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Press Corps, Camp Nakar Press Corps and other media outfits from the province of Quezon.

Media's assistance has been invaluable help and in contributing to the success of the goals of SOLCOM. SOLCOM / MCAG / AES



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## Informants, gov't troops receive reward for operation vs ASG members in Bohol

May 2, 2017

MANILA, May 2 -- Three Bohol citizens were rewarded by the government for tipping authorities on the whereabouts of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) members, resulting in the death of Joselito Melloria alias "Abu Alih" and three others.

The three civilians whose names have been withheld for security reasons, were rewarded by the Duterte administration after helping joint elements of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) in locating rebels who were hiding in the caves of Barangay Bacani, Clarin, Bohol.

This after President Rodrigo Duterte himself went to Bohol weeks earlier to attend a security briefing during the ASEAN Meetings there and promised reward money to those who can point to the whereabouts of ASG members trapped in the said area.

Personnel of the PNP and AFP involved in the operations were also remunerated for their efforts.

A total of PHP4 million cash reward, as promised by the President, was given through the AFP Central Command.

The tipsters turned in information to the Special Investigation Task Group (SITG) and Light Reaction Company (LRC) after noticing foot trails leading to one of the caves.

Government troops attacked the caves and an encounter ensued between opposing sides, which resulted in the death of Abu Alih and the recovery of his M16 rifle with an attached M203 grenade launcher.

An ASG member was also spotted buying bread in another part of town, giving the authorities an idea on the possible entry points of the rebel group's hideout.

The rebels hiding in Barangay Bacani were reportedly remnants of the 11-man ASG bandits under subleader Moammar Askali alias "Abu Rami", who was killed on April 11, 2017 in Barangay Napo, Inabanga town.

Rami was responsible for the beheading of several hostages, including foreigners.

"Tip lang ang ibigay mo sa pulis pati military," President Duterte said, following Abu Rami's neutralization. "No questions asked. Do not even give your name. Sabihin mo lang saan sila at gobyerno na ang bahala." (PCOO/PNA)

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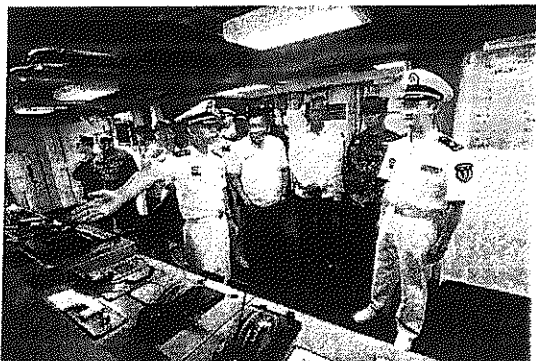
## Duterte open to PH-China military drills in Mindanao

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte expresses openness to joint exercises with China as he visits 3 Chinese warships docked in Davao City

*Rappler.com*

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WARSHIP TOUR. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is given a tour inside Chinese guided missile destroyer Chang Chun, where he was able to see the armaments, the deck, the bridge navigation system, as well as the operations room command and control system, May 1, 2017. Malacañang photo

DAVAO CITY, Philippines – Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is open to joint military exercises with China in the seas around Mindanao.

"Yes, I said I agree, you can have a joint exercise here in Mindanao, maybe in the Sulu Sea," the President said on Monday, May 1, after visiting 3 Chinese warships docked at Sasa Wharf in his hometown.

Duterte boarded the missile destroyer Chang Chun which arrived with two other vessels in Davao City on Sunday, April 30, for a 3-day goodwill visit.

"Very impressive. It's clean and even the carpeting – it's all carpeted. It's like a hotel actually. *Sabi ko nga* (I said), 'Is there any room here for guests?' *Sabi nila meron for guests* (They said they have room for guests). *Sabi ko* (I said), 'Can I use it? ...I want to get married,'" he said in jest, speaking to reporters.

The visit came a day after Duterte issued a chairman's statement on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) that took a soft stance towards Chinese expansionism and island-building in the Sea.

In the statement, Duterte merely took note of "concerns expressed by some leaders over recent developments in the area." He ignored last year's international ruling outlawing China's sweeping claims to the key waterway.

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Duterte, elected last year, has changed foreign policy by playing down his country's territorial dispute with China over large parts of the South China Sea in favor of seeking greater economic aid and investment.

ASEAN members the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Brunei claim parts of the Sea, but China insists it has sovereign rights over nearly all of it.

Duterte has said the Philippines and other nations are helpless to stop the island-building, so there is no point challenging China in diplomatic and legal circles.

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China is not a member of the 10-nation ASEAN, but its ambassador to Manila worked hard to influence the tenor and content of the chairman's statement, diplomats earlier told Agence France-Presse. (READ: Duterte, China envoy discuss 'proper handling' of sea row)

The visit of the Chinese vessels to Davao City rather than Manila is widely seen as a personal gesture to the controversial Philippine leader.

It is the first Chinese Navy port call in the Philippines since 2010, the Philippine Navy said.

"Goodwill games" of basketball and tug-of-war are being staged between the Chinese sailors and their Filipino counterparts in Davao City, according to the Philippine Navy.

Magdalo Representative Gary Alejano, a former military officer who filed the first impeachment complaint against Duterte, said that in the ASEAN Summit, "they (China) won by convincing Duterte not to include any statement about the (international) ruling."

"To make matters worse, Duterte even visited the Chinese warships. That only shows the President is trying everything to appease China," the congressman told Agence France-Presse.

"It is not about an independent foreign policy. It is about selling out and capitulating to China."  
(WATCH: Rappler Talk: Gary Alejano's impeachment complaint vs Duterte) – **with reports from Agence France-Presse / Rappler.com**

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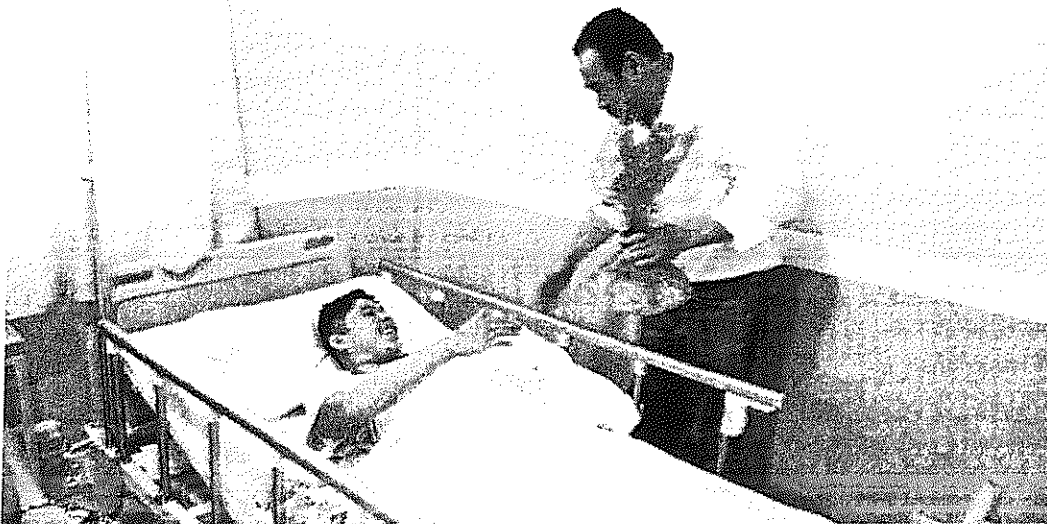
## ***IMT-Mindanao Mission 12 Undertakes Confidence Building Measures With A Visit At 6th ID, PA Headquarters In Camp Siongco***

May 2, 2017

The International Monitoring Team-Mindanao Mission 12 (IMT-M 12) have undertaken a Confidence Building Measures (CBM) Program on 21 April 2017 with a visit to the Camp Siongco Military Hospital, 6th Infantry Division, Philippine Army at Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao where four (4) wounded in action (WIA) soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) were receiving medical treatment resulting from the Law Enforcement Support Operation (LESO) in Barangay Elian, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

The CBM program was attended by the MILF CCCH Chairman, Hon. Butch Malang, the GPH CCCH Chairman, BGen Earl D Baliao AFP, the Head Combine Secretariat of GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG, Director Carlos T Sol Jr. and the Chief of Staff of the IMT M-12, Col Ayub Khan bin Mohammad Khan of the Royal Malaysian Armed Forces (RMAF) who represented the Head of Mission.

The program was a success where it enhanced the trust between the two parties. It is hoped that this CBM program could be continuously organized by both parties in the future. MILF CCCH Chair Butch Malang shakes hands with awounded soldier at Camp Siongco Hospital, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.



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