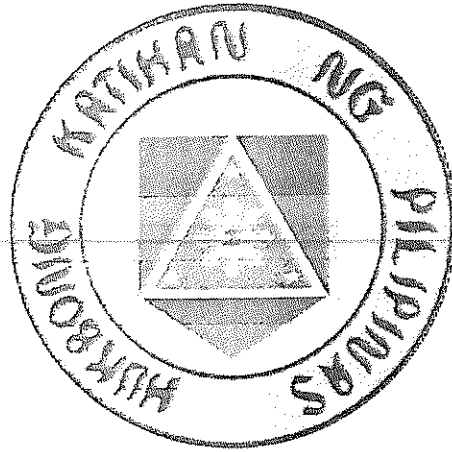


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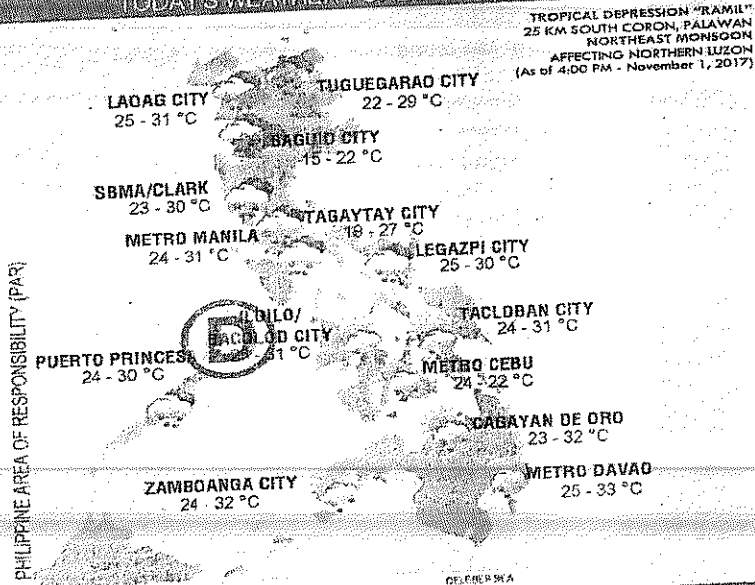
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2 SSS officials resign; 2 put on floating status

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By Daxim L. Lucas
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An official of the Social Security System (SSS) resigned on Wednesday amid a complaint lodged against him and other key members of the investment unit of the state-administered pension fund for workers in the private sector.

The equities investment division chief, Reginald G. Candelaria, resigned "but without prejudice to the investigation and subject to clearances," SSS Chair Amado Valdez said in a text message to the Inquirer late on Wednesday afternoon.

Valdez said chief actuary George Ongkeko Jr. also tendered his resignation, but its acceptance was "deferred until December" pending the completion of his advisory work.

Earlier, the SSS chair said four officials, including Candelaria and Ongkeko, had been placed on "floating status" amid allegations that they improperly made money from buying and selling stocks for their personal accounts using brokers handling the pension fund's equity investments.

The two others are executive vice president for investments Rizaldy T. Capulong and equities product development head Ernesto D. Francisco Jr.

The SSS move came after the Associated Labor Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines called for the suspension of the officers to safeguard documents and to prevent them from influencing an internal investigation.

Relieved of duties

Valdez said Capulong, Candelaria, Francisco and Ongkeko were temporarily relieved of their duties pending the results of an investigation of their investments in shares of stock.

"They were assigned to the office of the president on floating status," he said in a text message to the Inquirer. He later confirmed that Candelaria and Ongkeko had resigned.

Earlier this week, SSS Commissioner Jose Gabriel La Viña accused the four officials of "serious dishonesty and grave misconduct."

On Oct. 24, La Viña filed an administrative complaint against the four SSS officials with the board of the state-administered pension fund. He alleged that Candelaria and Francisco vetted each other's per-



Amado Valdez

sonal stock trades, which were then approved by Capulong, as required by the institution's rules.

But the three officials were in a situation in which their obligation to the public good was in conflict with their self-interest, as they transacted with stockbrokers whom they had cleared to trade on behalf of the SSS.

'Seal records'

Ongkeko was remiss in his role of providing complete records of the trades of the in-

vestment officials, La Viña said. Valdez said the pension fund's large investment portfolio would temporarily be handled by the SSS head of internal audit, who was also ordered to "seal records" to aid in the ongoing probe.

The SSS manages about P500 billion in assets, accumulated through the mandatory monthly contributions of 35 million members.

Up to 30 percent of the reserve fund can be invested in the equities market upon meeting the criteria set by the

fund's investment oversight committee.

House inquiry

The chair of the House committee on banks and financial intermediaries on Tuesday said that he would file a resolution calling for an inquiry into the possible misuse of employees' contributions and whether these were lost in the transactions involving the officials.

Amid the controversy, the group Partido Manggagawa (PM) called for a stop to the proposed hike in SSS contributions.

"The SSS must first clean its house and implement internal reforms before any additional burden is imposed on more than 32 million workers who are its members and beneficiaries," said PM national chair Rene Magtubo.

Magtubo said the planned yearly increase of 1.5 percentage points in the rate of contributions starting next year up to 2020 would significantly cut into workers' take-home pay.

Cut perks

He suggested that instead of raising the rate of contribution, the perks and privileges of SSS officials be cut and the fund coverage expanded by running after employers who do not re-

mit contributions.

In a statement, the SSS said on Wednesday that the investigation into the activities of the officials would not affect the pensions and benefits of its members.

"SSS guarantees its members that the Investment Reserve Fund, which came from members' contributions and investment income, is intact and well-protected," the SSS said.

The pension fund assured its members that "it has institutionalized procedures to address administrative complaints."

"Such mechanisms ensure all parties are given due process," it said.

The Inquirer earlier sought the side of the accused SSS officials, but received no reply, except for Francisco.

He declined to comment citing sub judice rules, since the complaint was pending before the Social Security Commission—the fund's highest policy making body.

The head of the SSS labor union, for his part, asked that the probe be conducted more circumspectly to spare the officials from "trial by publicity."

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Indonesian ISIS: 39 Mautes still in Marawi

By JAIME LAUDE

A suspected Indonesian terrorist belonging to the Islamic State-inspired Maute group told authorities there were still up to 39 stragglers in the battle area following his arrest yesterday morning while trying to escape from Marawi City.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of the Joint Task Force Lanao, confirmed the arrest of the Indonesian suspect but refused to identify him or provide details.

Brawner only said "an Indonesian national" was arrested in Barangay Loksadatu at around 7 a.m. yesterday. But reports identified the foreign fighter as 23-year-old Muhammad Ilham Syahputra.

Seized from the suspect was an Indonesian passport and a bag containing an improvised explosive device (IED).

Brawner said the suspect initially claimed there were 20 Mautes still

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trapped in the main battle area, but later raised the number to 39.

“He kept changing his story,” Brawner said, adding that the suspect also tried during interrogation to pass himself off as a military intelligence agent.

The arrest confirmed intelligence reports that foreign terrorists, some coming from Iraq and Syria where IS had bases, were involved in the attack on Marawi that started on May 23.

Members of the Barangay Peace Action Team (BPAT) intercepted the suspect as he was trying to leave Marawi and immediately turned him over to military and police authorities.

BPAT patrollers doubted the suspect’s real identity and detained him because of his different physical features and his failure to speak fluent Tagalog or English as well as the local dialect, while speaking Bahasa fluently.

A Maranao regional lawmaker, Zia Alonto Adiong of the 24-seat Regional Assembly-ARMM, said the vigilance of the BPAT led to the arrest of the Indonesian.

“The foreigner is now in the custody of the Marawi City police,” Adiong said in behalf of the Lanao del Sur provincial government.

Brawner said the suspect is being investigated by military and police at the Marawi police station.

Senior Supt. John Guyguyon, Lanao del Sur police director, said the suspect admitted that he took part in the Marawi siege and that prior to this, he also fought alongside Filipino and foreign fighters against government troops in Piagapo, Lanao del Sur.

Still nursing a gunshot wound in his side, the suspect was initially treated at Amai Pakpak Medical Center in Marawi, the same hospital the terrorists attacked and where an unarmed policeman was executed last May 23.

Guyguyon said the suspect also told them he had to shoot a fellow Indonesian because the man reportedly tried to prevent him from leaving.

“He left the main battle area because he no longer believed what he was fighting for. Well, that’s his story,” Guyguyon said.

After treatment for his wounds, the suspect will face charges of rebellion and terrorism in connection with the Marawi siege.

The Indonesian embassy has been informed about the arrest, with police and military authorities also coordinating with the Bureau of Immigration (BI) and airport authorities to validate the suspect’s claim that he entered the country legally through the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

According to the suspect, he arrived in the country on Nov. 16, 2016 upon invitation of Basilan-based Abu Sayyaf leader and IS-designated Southeast Asia emir Isnilon Hapilon through an international Muslim organization. The suspect headed to Lanao del Sur.

He admitted his participation in a bombing in Indonesia, saying their group also planned to conduct bombings in the Philippines, according to Guyguyon.

Main targets of these terrorist bombing operations in the Philippines are military camps. However, the plot failed to push through because of what happened in the Marawi campaign.

Guyguyon said the suspect reported a rift among about 20

remnants of the terrorist group that have remained in the main battle area in Marawi.

The suspect claimed some of the remaining terrorists wanted to leave the battle zone but were prevented and watched closely by their hard-core cohorts.

Even after the official termination of the five-month conflict as declared by President Duterte last Oct. 23 in Marawi City, there were reports that several local and foreign terrorists were still holed up in the main battle area near Lake Lanao.

Marawi commanders' trip

Meanwhile, President Duterte fulfilled his promise of a respite for the soldiers who fought for five months in Marawi City against the Maute terrorist group after he brought along 17 Army officers in his recent visit to Japan.

The President invited 17 Army battalion commanders and their staff to join him in his working visit to Tokyo.

The President earlier promised the soldiers deployed in Marawi City an all expense-paid trip to Hong Kong for getting the job done.

The promise of a trip to Hong Kong was also a way to

boost the morale of the soldiers fighting the Maute militant group that attacked Marawi last May 23.

The President said he already sent the female soldiers who fought in Marawi City to Hong Kong.

Duterte said he brought with him the military officers to Tokyo for them to unwind and for some sight-seeing.

He said Cebu Pacific Air shouldered the airfare while he spent for the hotel and allowance of the lady soldiers in Hong Kong.

Duterte said the female soldiers had gone to Hong Kong and have returned home.

The President had given the soldiers food packs, as well as G-Shock wristwatches and other items whenever he visited them before Marawi City was liberated from terrorist influence last month.

While Japan has pledged to help rebuild Marawi, President Duterte assured the public yesterday that the Japanese Self-Defense Forces will not be joining the rehabilitation activities.

When asked about the participation of the Japanese military in the infrastructure development projects in Marawi, Duterte said



Muhammad Ilham Syahputra

the government will be open to experts from Japan.

"No, I do not think that they are sending soldiers, the Japan Defense Forces. No, it's the military arm of their government and I do not think that your (Japan) Constitution would allow that thing to happen," he said.

"We are very satisfied with the Japanese experts and technicians, they are all good," he said.

– With Christina Mendez, Edith Regalado, John Unson

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Indonesian Maute fighter arrested in Marawi main battle area

By FRANCIST WAKEFIELD and YAS D. OCAMPO

Maranaos have shown their resolve on Wednesday to stop terrorists from regrouping as the military continue to hunt for stragglers still inside the main battle area.

Armed Forces spokesman Major General Restituto Padilla said members of the Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) arrested an Indonesian national in Barangay Loksadatu ▶6

while trying to escape from the main battle area towards Lanao Lake and turned him over to the police.

Colonel Romeo Brawner, the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Ranao said the police identified the Indonesian national as Muhammad Ilham Syahputra.

Lanaodel Sur police chief Sr. Supt. John Guyguyon said the famished Muhammad admitted to have fought alongside fallen Abu Sayyaf kidnap leader Isnilon Hapilon and Islamic State-inspired Maute brothers that resulted in the loss of a thousand lives and reduced the Islamic city of Marawi into rubble.

Muhammad who speaks Bahasa, English and a few Filipino words said he was invited by Hapilon in November 2016 and claimed to have taken part with Maute fighters in the Piagapo, Lanao del Sur encounter against military troops. He reportedly entered the country via the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Muhammad claimed he is from Sumatra, Indonesia and was involved in the Tamrin, Indonesia bombing. He revealed about plans of the ASG/Maute to stage bomb attacks in areas in the Philippines but the Marawi siege happened.

Retrieved from his possession was a passport of another Indonesian believed to be among foreign fighters who fought government troops during the five-month battle, foreign currencies, ammunitions, a Cal. 45 pistol, a grenade, and improvised explosive device.

Guyguyon said about 20 Maute stragglers are still inside the main battle area trying to find their way out.

On Tuesday morning, a Maute straggler was killed by government troops while attempting to escape Marawi.

Zia Alonto Adiong, the head of the Marawi Crisis Management Committee, said if there are still Maute stragglers left, their number is insignificant to cause the resumption of war.

"The plan for the people to return to their homes continues," Adiong said.

Community effort

The role of the community, both Muslims and non-Muslims, is needed to defeat the rise of violent extremism in the country, Adiong stressed.

"Active community participation must be encouraged to compliment the efforts of our state forces in curbing transnational crimes such as the recent terror attack in Marawi," he added.

"Parallel efforts between the security sector and civilian populace must be a continuing process in order to respond effectively and efficiently whenever threat of terror attacks emerges," he added.

To defeat radicalism, Adiong said Muslim community in this country must stand united against violent ideology and must dismiss terrorism as an act against the Islamic faith. A crime committed against innocent people on a pretext of a religious war must be condemned in form and in substance.

"On the other hand, Christian majority in this country must also reinforce this effort by ensuring that any faith outside the doctrines of Catechism is not a proclivity to commit crime," Adiong stressed.

"This way, we prevent the rise of

Islamophobia which in many cases evolve into bigotry, discrimination and even murder as in the case of the self-confessed, ultra-religious, armed christian group called the 'Iaga' in the '70s," he added.

Center for moderation, tolerance

Fresh from a two-day working visit in Japan, President Duterte said Marawi will rise again, this time as a "center for moderation and tolerance" with priority towards uplifting the lives of the poor.

The President said the Defense department headed by Sec. Delfin Lorenzana will take the lead in rebuilding the area that will be tolerant to various faiths and beliefs. Lorenzana also heads Task Force Bangon Marawi.

The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) will make sure that every displaced Maranao has a place called home, the President assured.

The Maranaos, on the other hand will lead efforts to clean-up efforts of Marawi.

"The rich are now somewhere else busy building. Ang concern ko yung mahirap," Duterte added.

"Ang setup, the defense will be the overall entity," the Chief Executive said.

Undersecretaries of various government agencies would then coordinate their concerns through the Defense Department.

According to the President, he prefers this setup instead of creating committees to address the concerns of Marawi.

"There have been many proposals in the cabinet which I rejected kasi ayaw ko yung mga committee committee. Maubos lang ang pera," Duterte said.

Even the military is willing to share a portion of the land with residents of Marawi, the President shared, the city being part of a military reservation.

"It is a huge tract of land, the military is ready, just give them a little bit of space where they can conduct... they should know about soldiering. They are not ready to claim so many areas there," Duterte said.

Government was likely to create a regiment - or division-sized unit within the vicinity of the greater Marawi area, he hinted.

Houses for the wounded

Meanwhile, the Commander-in-Chief ordered the release of P500 million for the care of soldiers who were wounded in the battle of Marawi City.

The President ordered the fast-track release of the funds, which will go into the therapy, rehabilitation and medicines needed by personnel of the AFP who were wounded in the five-month conflict.

They would also be given priority in the government's housing program.

"I don't want the process to go through so many documents," he said and ordered that houses for the wounded, "and especially those who have been permanently debilitated," be built at once. (With a report from Zea C. Capistrano)

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A salute to the fallen heroes of Marawi

By **MARTIN A. SADONGDONG**

Army Scout Rangers who survived the months-long hostilities in Marawi City paid tribute to their fallen comrades at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig City yesterday, All Saints' Day.

Instead of high-powered firearms, one section leader, accompanied by his three other subordinates, carried baskets of flowers as they visited the graves of Army Scout Ranger Captain Rommel Sandoval and Private First Class Edmond Tibayan.

For country

"Not everyone is given the opportunity to fight for our country. These men, they sacrificed their lives and paid the ultimate price just to defeat the enemies in Marawi City," the section leader, who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity, told the Manila Bulletin.

Captain Sandoval, company commander of the 11th Scout Ranger Company, was the highest ranking Army officer who was killed in Marawi City.

top of him to protect from bullets.

Sandoval was the first casualty in his company since the siege erupted on May 23.

"He took pride that nobody in his company had been killed. It was four months into the battle and almost all companies had KIA (killed in action). He was the first."

Eventually, the troops managed to take the Building 63 and found the wounded soldiers embraced.

Although Captain Sandoval died, the wounded soldier survived.

"He (Sandoval) was still alive when he was found but he lost a lot of blood. He sacrificed his life to take that building, which enabled the troops to move forward. That moment was a vital point in the battle," Sandoval's colleague recalled.

'Copy that'

PFC Tibayan, on the other hand, was under Adam's section as a radioman. He died on July 25, 2017. He would

have turned 30 on November 18.

"That was his dream (being a soldier) because we are a family of soldiers and policemen," said the fallen soldier's 57-year-old father Emil.

"He was always smiling. He would say in the battle, 'Sir, let's always be positibs' with the emphasis on the shortened term of his surname," Tibayan's comrade recalled.

PFC Tibayan's primary role was to coordinate the ground on the troops with the orders from the higher officials.

His section was conducting an assault on July 25 when the situation got out of control.

"We were outnumbered. We don't know what to do. Being the radioman, he (Tibayan) played a critical role for us to survive because he received information from the top officials and then relayed it to me in front of the firefight. He was supposed to go back, but he didn't. Instead, he picked up his gun and fought with us," the anonymous radioman's

'Daredevil'

Nicknamed "Daredevil," the 38-year-old captain perished on September 10, 2017.

He recalled that one of the team leaders of Sandoval got trapped on the ground floor of "Building 63," a stronghold of the ISIS-inspired Maute terrorists in the main battle area, when they made a clearing operation on September 10.

Trapped with hundreds of terrorists, Sandoval's team leader was hit by a sniper and couldn't walk.

"We don't know how he (Sandoval) did it, but he managed to get near his wounded soldier. And then it happened so fast, he was also hit in the hips by a sniper."

Captain Sandoval was critical but he did not back down.

Selfless

He was again hit, this time, fatally. Armed with a vest, Sandoval reached out for his wounded soldier and laid on

comrade said.

Unfortunately, PFC Tibayan got hit by a sniper in the right hip with a bullet the size of a 50 millimeter.

"He was the type of soldier who will never leave you. That man. His determination and being positive is infectious. It kept us going."

'Never again'

Captain Sandoval and PFC Tibayan are just two of the many soldiers who gave up their lives to bring back the freedom to Marawi City.

The scout rangers who survived in the siege had only one wish, that what happened in Marawi City will never happen again.

"Even though Hapilon and the Maute brothers were killed, we couldn't say that we won. Lots of lives have been lost, they were our brothers, our comrades. They were sons and fathers and leaders. We hope this will never happen again," Sandoval and Tibayan's comrade said.

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President Duterte pays tribute to a soldier killed in the early fighting in Marawi. (File photo/ Malacañang Photo)

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TIME FOR THE DEAD Families of soldiers buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani huddle under a tent on a rainy All Saints' Day. The incessant rain did not deter Filipinos from visiting their dearly departed in various cemeteries in nationwide. PHOTO BY RUSSELL PALMA

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN Soldiers train at Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, which covers 40,000 hectares of land. The Duterte administration is seeking to develop military land with the private sector to raise funds for soldiers' pension. —INQUIRER PHOTO

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Defense chief vows punishment for soldiers who looted

By Frinston Lim
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DAVAO CITY—Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana promised punishment for government troops proven to have looted homes in war-torn Marawi City during five months of fighting between security forces and pro-Islamic State (IS) fighters.

"It's not acceptable that a law enforcement agent, who's supposed to protect [civilians] is the one who steals from them,"

Hundreds of thousands of Marawi residents abandoned their homes after fighting erupted on May 23.

Lorenzana said he had received reports about looting of houses that residents had vacated "but we did not believe [these] at first as it was still during the height of the fighting."

In cases of looting where no soldier could be identified and prosecuted, Lorenzana said the military would give reparation to the homeowners.

Lorenzana told reporters in Davao City late on Tuesday. "We are going to punish them. They will be punished accordingly."

Lorenzana, who arrived with President Duterte in Davao City from Japan, did not say what kind of punishment could be meted on soldiers who looted.

Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., the deputy commander of Joint Task Group Ranao, told reporters in Marawi earlier that

Brawner admitted that allegations of looting by soldiers had soiled the military's image, which got a boost following the liberation of Marawi.

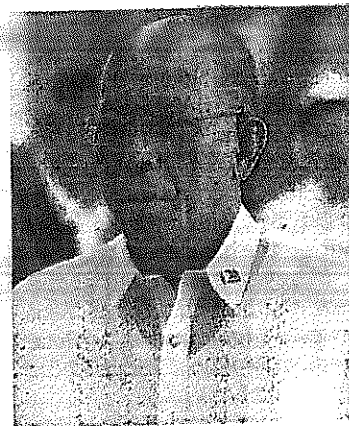
Not all the looting, however, could be blamed on the troops as evidenced by drone footage showing pro-IS gunmen ransacking several houses.

He also cited the recovery of stolen items from buildings that had been occupied by the gunmen, including cash, jewelry and appliances. INQ

six Army soldiers, including an officer, were under investigation on charges that they had looted some houses in the former battle zones.

He said no one had been charged, but all of them were restricted to barracks and disarmed.

"If the investigation found them guilty, they will definitely be charged," he said, adding that they could face both administrative and criminal cases.



Delfin Lorenzana

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Indonesian terror suspect in Marawi falls

An Indonesian militant who joined gunmen loyal to the Islamic State (IS) group in a five-month siege of Marawi City was arrested there on Wednesday, police said.

The military last week declared the end of fighting in Marawi but admitted there could be "stragglers" in the area after what authorities said was an IS bid to establish a Southeast Asian caliphate there.

Police said they arrested the 22-year-old Indonesian in Marawi after village officials found him trying to flee, adding he would face rebellion and terrorism charges.

"He is part of the siege and an initial (encounter) in Piagapo," provincial police chief, Senior Supt. John Guyguyon told reporters, referring to a military operation in April



Mohamadin Ilham Syaputra
—PNPPHOTO

against the militants in a town 45 minutes away from Marawi.

Hundreds of local and foreign gunmen who had pledged allegiance to IS rampaged

through Marawi, the principal Islamic city in the country, on May 23. They took over parts of the city using civilians as human shields.

An ensuing US-backed military campaign claimed the lives of more than 1,100 people, displaced 400,000 residents and reduced large parts of the city to rubble.

The Indonesian militant arrived in the Philippines last year upon the invitation of the Filipino head of IS in Southeast Asia, Isnilon Hapilon, according to Guyguyon citing the gunman's account given to interrogators.

Hapilon, who was on the US government's list of most wanted terrorists, was killed last month along with fellow militant leader Omarkhayam Maute.

The Indonesian fighter, from Medan, said his group was involved in a 2016 suicide attack that killed eight people in the Indonesian capital Jakarta and was claimed by IS, Guyguyon added.

The militants had plotted to bomb military camps in the Philippines but this did not happen because of the Marawi attack, Guyguyon said.

Authorities said they recovered a gun, a grenade and an undisclosed sum in Philippine, Indonesian and Saudi Arabian currency from the arrested militant.

There are still about 20 remaining fighters holed up in Marawi but they are surrounded by troops, Guyguyon said.

"They are not attacking (our forces) but when you enter, they retaliate."—AFP

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Rody asks NPA to lay down arms, promises jobs

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

With about \$9 billion worth of assistance from Japan that will span five years, President Duterte has renewed his call to communist rebels to lay down their arms in yet another attempt to address the 50-year-old insurgency in the country.

Duterte said he is ready to provide livelihood opportunities to the rebels, especially in the wake of a renewed promise from Tokyo that it would help the Philippines in rebuilding Marawi and the development of more infrastructure projects all over the country.

During his arrival speech last Tuesday night, Duterte again appealed to New People's Army (NPA) rebels to seek the path of peace.

"I am addressing myself to all the soldiers of the New People's Army:

mag-surrender na lang kayo ngayon at ibaba ninyo ang inyong baril (Just surrender now and lay down your arms)," he said upon arrival at the Davao International Airport.

"*At sabi ko, may trabaho kayo naghihintay* (I said, there are jobs waiting for you)," he told the rebels. "This is not an honorarium thing. You have to work for it."

Prioritizing military

Meanwhile, Duterte also apologized to the soldiers for allowing members of the left-leaning Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap (Kadamay) to take over a government housing site in Bulacan.

Duterte revealed that his administration is ready to construct almost 5,000 housing units for the military under the National Housing Authority.

"The one for the military in Bulacan grabbed by the people, I just told the Armed Forces and the police, 'I'm sorry. We cannot quarrel with these poor people. If only they had houses, they won't grab, anyway'," he said in Filipino.

The Chief Executive added that he is allocating about P500 million for the military for their medication.

"And so, since we are in the service of the Republic, I hope

you can sacrifice a little bit," he said. "Just wait but I will build you as I... Except for those wounded in – *lalo na 'yung* (especially the ones) permanently... They will have their houses built at once," he said.

Fight vs corruption

Duterte again expressed displeasure over the complexities brought about by the tedious public bidding procedures that delay government projects.

"I don't want to go through a lot of documents. I don't like biddings. I'll just give it to... You know, that lowest bid is a b***s***. That was what... has been pulling our country down ever since," he said.

The President also condemned anew corruption, which affects the delivery of better service.

"Every generation or government administration has had its share of corruption in their budget, always," Duterte said.

The administration's campaign against corruption had prompted Duterte to fire an undersecretary in the budget department.

"He was screwing government, you know? Good thing, I didn't push him to fall from the... In truth, I wanted to kick him on the stairway. That's what makes me hot-tempered," Duterte said.

Not giving up

In the same arrival speech, Duterte

said he is not giving up on peace with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"I am not about ready to give up everything and anything in the altar of peace for our country," the President said, adding there is still hope for the peace talks to proceed with the communist rebels.

The peace process with the CPP / National Democratic Front / NPA has again been stalled as Duterte ordered the government panel to withdraw from the negotiating table.

The President said the peace negotiation would only continue provided the leftist rebels come up with a document indicating a unilateral ceasefire.

He likewise expressed support for his daughter and Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio's efforts for localized peace talks with the NPA operating in the hinterlands of the city.

Sara has been initiating such talks and even offered them jobs provided they would surrender in bunches.

"Yes. If you all surrender, nothing will really happen. Fifty years in the making, then you are another 50 years. We can talk continuously with the Left," he said, urging the rebels to stop fighting and killing fellow Filipinos.

Marawi infra projects

Meanwhile, Duterte vowed to jumpstart infrastructure projects in Marawi by next week after he reaches

a consensus with Cabinet officials during their meeting on Monday.

Duterte said he has asked his Cabinet members for the list of projects to determine which areas should be prioritized in the rebuilding of Marawi.

"It is there already and I said, we will be discussing it, making it the first issue in the agenda," he said.

The joint task force in Marawi City has completed its review and assessment in the areas destroyed during the battle between government forces and extremists.

The government has also started the construction of temporary relocation sites for the thousands of families displaced by the conflict.

Duterte was optimistic about Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pledge to help the country.

In a joint statement earlier, Abe said the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Marawi are "extremely important."

Japan also offered to help with other projects ranging from rail infrastructure to river defenses, including a possible 600-billion-yen loan to help fund the development of a subway in Manila.

Duterte also revealed that the government is looking at a large tract of land in Marawi where the Armed Forces can put up a camp in a bid to sustain the government's action against terrorism in the region.

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GOV'T PLANS JOINT VENTURES TO DEVELOP AFP LAND

The Duterte administration plans to pursue joint ventures with the private sector in developing military land to raise additional funds for the uniformed personnel's ballooning pension costs, according to Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III.

Dominguez told reporters recently that the land bank of the military was "quite impressive."

"I think they own close to 200,000 hectares of land. Not all prime [property] but they have large camps ... If you go to Fort Magsaysay [in Nueva Ecija], that's 40,000 hectares. There is a big one also in Bukidnon," Dominguez said.

The administration, however, has yet to determine the total value of real property belonging to the military, he said.

In October, President Duterte urged the military to lease out its remaining land in Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City to raise more funds for its modernization program.

that would allow part of the proceeds from the disposition of properties to fund military pensions.

Diokno was optimistic that a sponsor in Congress for the proposed legislation could be found soon. "It's really urgent," he earlier said.

New pension system

The administration is also looking into a new pension system for uniformed personnel, possibly by including them under the coverage of state-run pension fund Government Service Insurance System.

For next year, P75 billion will go to uniformed personnel's pension payments and could grow to up to 80 percent of the AFP's annual budget if the problem is left unaddressed, according to Diokno.

The administration is worried about the ballooning pension of uniformed personnel that the interagency Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) is pushing

for a seed fund worth trillions of pesos that will generate income for retired military officers.

Retirement features

In its Fiscal Risks Statement 2017 report, the DBCC noted that the "problem" of escalating an pension cost for uniformed personnel was mainly attributable to the features present in all existing retirement laws of the uniformed services.

The features are:

- Pension entitlement of a retiree is automatically adjusted based on the prevailing scale of base pay for similarly ranked active personnel.
- Pension is noncontributory in nature hence the budget comes from the annual general appropriations of the government.
- Early entitlement to pension benefits even before reaching the compulsory retirement age of 56. —BEN O. DE VERA INQ

Trillions of pesos

The President said leasing out military land at Fort Bonifacio—the location of the headquarters of the Philippine Army and the Philippine Marines, and of the Bonifacio Naval Station—would raise “trillions” of pesos for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The government privatized 240 ha of military land at Fort Bonifacio in the early 1990s to support the AFP modernization program. The privatized land is now the vibrant Bonifacio Global City.

Asked which properties would be disposed of, Dominguez said: “There is no particular schedule yet for which ones, but our idea is really not to sell—our idea is going to some kind of joint venture, so that there is continuing value that will be received by the [Bureau of the] Treasury.”

50% for AFP modernization

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) will be in charge of entering into joint ventures for the

commercial development of military land, according to Dominguez.

Under the BCDA charter, 50 percent of the proceeds from the disposition of land is remitted to the modernization program of the AFP.

The funding for the ballooning pension costs may be taken from the remaining 50 percent of the proceeds, which currently are not allocated for any specific use, Dominguez said. “I don’t have the value, but it’s huge.”

“We intend to use military assets for military expenses,” said the finance secretary, adding that the leadership of the AFP was supportive of such a move “because it puts them on a more secure basis financially.”

Unless the government privatizes the military assets, “their problem cannot be solved,” Dominguez said.

Last month, Budget Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno said there was a need to pass a law

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Duterte taps Lorenzana Del Rosario to head rehabilitation of Marawi City

By ANTONIO L. COLINA IV

DAVAO CITY - President Rodrigo R. Duterte said he has put Defense secretary Delfin Lorenzana and newly-appointed housing czar retired Army General Eduardo del Rosario at the helm of the rehabilitation of Marawi City, which was ravaged by nearly five months of fighting between government forces and the Islamic State (IS)-inspired Maute Group.

"The Department of National Defense (DND) is the overall entity. It should be Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana. Marami naman syang (He has a lot of) undersecretaries that can work out something for Marawi, then it goes to one single person," Duterte said in a media briefing upon arrival from a two-day working visit in Japan Tuesday evening.

The President said he recently turned down proposals from his Cabinet members how the government should move forward in the rehabilitation for the war-damaged city.

Duterte said he did not like setting up several committees that will carry out rehabilitation activities because "maubos

ang pera dyan (we will run out of money because of that)."

He said he wanted all proposals from the Lorenzana's table to go straight to Del Rosario, who was just appointed chairperson of the Housing and Urban Coordinating Council (HUCC).

Duterte said all Cabinet secretaries should directly send reports to del Rosario on matters concerning Marawi rehabilitation. If the rehabilitation goes awry, he said it is either Del Rosario or Lorenzana who will answer for it.

He said there is no need for the creation of committees if the assistant secretaries and undersecretaries can just directly communicate with their secretaries about the things that will be needed for the rehabilitation.

Duterte also disclosed a plan to establish a military camp in Marawi area.

"It's a huge tract of land. The military is ready - just give them a little bit of space where they can conduct everything they should know about soldiering. Palagay ko naman they are not ready to claim as so many areas there, and Marawi proper - we have to concede it to the Moro. The Moro will have to clean up the place and they can have it," he said.

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Housing, jobs offered to rebels who surrender

By GENALYN D. KABILING

The government is prepared to give housing and jobs to New People's Army (NPA) rebels who will surrender, President Duterte said.

The President has promised to take care of the rebel returnees as he reached Manila for the localized peace negotiations pursued by his daughter, Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte.

"I am addressing myself to all the soldiers of the New People's Army - mag-surrender na lang layo naavor at ibaba ninyo ang inyong pakong (surrender ninyo and lay down your arms)," he said during a press conference in Davao City Tuesday night.

"Kung mag-surrender na lang, na ninyo ng patayan, or pag-malay ng kapwa mo Pilipino, mag-surrender ka na. Bigyan kita ng trabaho automatic at bigyan kita ng

trabaho (If you surrender you don't like any more bloodshed or you don't want to kill another Filipino, simply surrender I will automatically give you a house and a job)," he added.

The President said his offer to rebel returnees was "not an honorarium thing." "You have to work for it," he said.

Duterte also supported his daughter's peace initiative with the communist rebels.

"I am encouraging her and to

the New People's Army, do not take it so badly. It is not compulsory. It's for those who want to rest," he said.

The President said he will "talk continuously" with the rebel group despite the recent setbacks in peace negotiations.

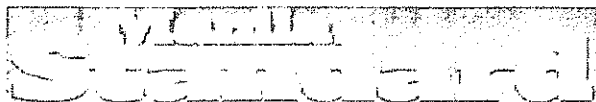
"I'm ready to make them peace and I'm ready to make the war talk continue. In the end, I am not about ready to give up everything and anything in the altar of

peace for our country," he said.

Duterte earlier said he was not yet ready to restart the stalled talks with the communist group in the face of recent NPA attacks on troops.

Negotiations between the government and the communists bogged down last May after the President denounced the rebel attacks against government forces. Duterte had said he would only revive the talks if the rebels agree to a ceasefire.

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Reds told: Give up, we'll talk

By John Paolo
Bencito

LABOR Secretary and chief government peace negotiator Silvestre Bello III on Wednesday expressed hope that peace negotiations with the communists would soon resume even as President Rodrigo Duterte made another fresh call for the rebels to “surrender.”

“In my view, the prospect of resumption is very bright and we are just waiting for the final instruction from the President because I’m aware that the President, on his first day of assumption of office, declared openly that his legacy to the country was lasting peace for our countrymen,” Bello said in

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a GMA News TV interview.

Bello said the panel was working to address the contentious issues such as the release of political prisoners.

“Slowly we are addressing these and our respective committees in the panel are addressing these situations, but we still have to wait for the President to give us the go-signal to return to the peace table,” he added.

Returning from a two-day official visit to Tokyo, Duterte on Tuesday night reiterated the communists must surrender first, and assured them of houses and jobs if they would give up their armed struggle against the government.

“Look, I am addressing myself to all the soldiers of the New People’s Army. *Mag-surrender na lang kayo ngayon at ibaba ninyo ang inyong baril o i-surrender ninyo,*” he said.

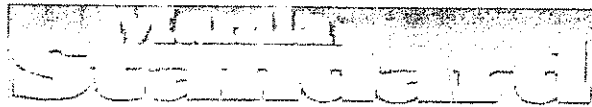
Despite repeated moves to dissuade the communist rebels, the President said he was “not ready to give up” the peace talks which got suspended twice.

“Fifty years in the making, then you add another 50 years. We can talk continuously with the left. I am not about ready to give up everything and anything in the—in the, in the altar of peace for our country,” he said.

“I do not fight them with money or... I’m just saying *na kung mag-surrender kayo, ayaw na ninyo gusto ng patayan, or pumatay ng kapwa mo Pilipino, mag-surrender ka na. Bigyan kita ng bahay automatic, at bigyan kita ng trabaho,*” he added.

In the same interview, Bello welcomed Wednesday the move of presidential daughter and Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio to talk with the local New People’s Army, saying this would not have any conflict with the national policy.

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Female soldiers vacationing in HK —Duterte

By John Paolo Bencito

SOLDIERS who fought in the five-month Marawi siege were already on an all-expense paid trip to Tokyo and Hong Kong, President Rodrigo Duterte said Tuesday night.

“They are already

added.

Budget airline Cebu Pacific paid for their airfare while he took care of their allowances, the President said.

“Sabi niya, ‘Sige, ako na lang ang—iyo na lang ang baon pati hotel,’” Duterte said.

there,” Duterte said, when a reporter asked about his promised vacation to soldiers.

The President said he brought at least 17 battalion commanders to Tokyo while the female soldiers were having a vacation in Hong Kong.

Duterte earlier promised a Hong Kong vacation for the female soldiers who fought for the liberation of Marawi when he visited the frontlines of the besieged city in September.

On Oct. 17, Duterte declared Marawi City free from terrorists following

“The one I went to Tokyo with are the top commanders. I invited them [to come with me] for a respite. They don’t need go to Hong Kong with the ladies. That would be trouble,” Duterte said.

“The ladies are already there [in Hong Kong],” he

the deaths of terror leaders Isnilon Hapilon and Omar Maute a day before.

Latest data showed that a total of 47 civilians, 165 soldiers and police officers, and 920 Maute members have been killed in the firefight in Marawi City since May 23.

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Police, military operatives seize guns in Sultan Kudarat

SHARIFFAGUAK, Maguindanao: Operatives of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have confiscated assorted firearms from residents of two villages in Sultan Kudarat whom they believe are sympathizers of communist rebels.

Chief Insp. Aldrin Gonzales, chief of Police Regional Office 12 (PRO-12) information office, said elements of Sultan Kudarat police office, Columbio PNP and

the Army's 39th Infantry Battalion carried out "Oplan Galugad" in Barangays Sinapulan and Sucob in Columbio on Tuesday morning to confiscate loose firearms and conduct a community anti-terrorism awareness (CATA) campaign.

Gonzales added that officials led by Columbio Mayor Amirh Musali and officials of the two *barangay* (villages) and residents alerted police authorities to end indiscriminate firing and shooting incidents in their localities in sup-

port of President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-criminality program.

He said the raiding team confiscated five homemade shotguns, a cal. 38 revolver and ammunition during the operation in Barangay Sinapulan while two other 12gauge shotguns and bullets were recovered in Barangay Sucob.

Some of the guns were voluntarily surrendered by the residents, Gonzales added.

Gonzales said residents have been complaining about the pres-

ence of communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels belonging to Guerrilla Front 72 Far South Mindanao Region.

The rebels had formed "Hunit Militia" (Humil) in the two villages.

Humil is the equivalent of the military's Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu).

Columbio is one of the towns in Sultan Kudarat where the NPA rebels are very active.

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Send-off ceremony for Indonesian Navy ships held

Personnel of the Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao held a send-off ceremony in General Santos City yesterday for two Indonesian Navy ships that arrived on Sunday for a goodwill visit.

The Philippine Navy said part of the visit was the public viewing and tour of the *Kri Sultan Hasanuddin-366* and *Kri Sultan Iskandar Muda-367*, skippered by Lt. Col. Bina Irawan Marpaung and Lt. Col. Andri Kristianto, respectively, while docked at Makar Wharf.

Indonesian consul general Berlian Napitupulu said the visit was expected to enhance understanding of the navies and other security personnel of Indonesia and the Philippines.

Napitupulu said the visit was also important in discovering tourism and potential trade partnerships between the two countries.

– Michael Punongbayan

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Duterte releases ₱500M for troops hurt in Marawi

By YAS D. OCAMPO

DAVAO CITY – President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the release of ₱500 million for soldiers wounded in the battle of Marawi City.

Duterte arrived Tuesday night at the Francisco Bangoy International Airport in Davao City after a two-day visit to Tokyo, Japan.

The President wants the release of the funds, meant to be used in the procurement of the soldier's medicines, fast-tracked.

"Ayaw kong magdaan (pa ito) ng maraming documents," he said.

He added the wounded would also be prioritized in the government's housing program, intoning, "They will have their houses built at once."

As for the rest of the police and

military forces, Duterte asked them to "sacrifice a little bit."

"Pag pasensyahan na lang ninyo ako. hindi puwedeng awayin ang mahirap, since we are in the service of the Republic. I hope you can sacrifice a little bit. Just wait, I will build you homes," he said.

Houses meant for military and police personnel in Pandi and San Jose del Monte, Bulacan were taken over by protesters, including members of the urban poor group Kadamay (Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap), some months ago.

Meanwhile, Duterte said he is supportive of the peace efforts of local government leaders, including that of his daughter, Davao Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, who recently created the Davao City Peace Committee that will negotiate with the New People's Army (NPA), the

armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"I am encouraging her," Duterte said of his daughter.

He went on to urge armed militants to simply surrender and return to the fold of the law, promising them jobs.

"Mag-surrender na lang kayo ngayon at ibaba ninyo ang mga baril or i-surrender ... may trabaho kayong naghihintay," Duterte said.

According to the President, he would also consider including surrendered members of the NPA into the government's housing programs, despite peace talks with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) having been put on hold for five months now.

"(Pero) walang pilitan ito," Duterte said.

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AFP, PNP asked actual number of pensioners

By CAMILLE P. BALAGTAS

ASKING the Department of Budget and Management to tell the real score on the official records of actual payouts, Senator Panfilo Lacson divulged that the Senate has already requested the Armed

Forces of the Philippine and the Philippine National Police to submit the actual numbers of police and military pensioners to validate the claim of DBM that at least P5 trillion seed money is needed to fund the pension program.

Lacson said it is high time that the finance

centers clarify the actual number of the actual payout of the uniformed men so they would know exactly what is needed.

At the same time, Lacson admitted it is not an easy thing to double or triple the salary increase of police or military men considering that this move will create a domino effect on the salary struc-

ture of the government.

Lacson's reaction came after PNP Chief Ronald dela Rosa assured retired cops that they will not be left out of a planned pay increase for the police force next year.

"Good sound bite. The hardest part is doing the math. It may be good to inform the retirees though that we've re-

quested the AFP and PNP to submit to the Senate actual numbers to validate DBM's claim that at least P5T seed money is needed to fund the program," Lacson said.

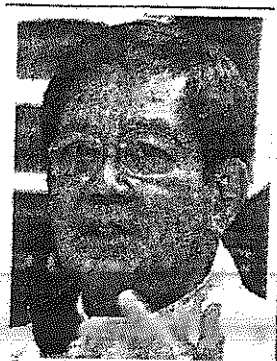
In one of his speech, PNP Chief Dela Rosa vowed to push for a 100% increase for each police officer which is equivalent to almost P30,000 for a police officer 1 only.

Dela Rosa said that if the decision will only come from him (should he become President), he would push to triple the salaries of the retirees.

But Lacson maintained this needs further planning and weighing insisting that all government workers should be given the same privilege.

"We need to hear from the finance centers the actual payouts because other agencies say it is P6T while some were saying it is P9T. This needs clarifications," Lacson said.

According to Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno, there is a need



Sen. Lacson

to amend the existing pension policy of the government for retired PNP and AFP personnel as he explained that almost 60 percent of the budget allotted by Congress amounting to P90 billion a year from the general budget usually goes to the pension of retired police and military men.

A proposal from DBM was earlier made to transfer the management of pension plan of retired police and military to the Government Service Insurance System but the GSIS said this will entail an additional P7 trillion to accommodate the transfer.

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Mga sundalong sumabak sa giyera sa Marawi

BAKASYON-GRANDE NA SA HONG KONG — DIGONG

ISINIWALAT kahapon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na bumiyaha na papuntang Hong Kong ang ilang sundalong kababaihan na sumabak sa Marawi siege.

Ito ay bilang pagtupad sa pangako ng Punong-Ehekutibo sa mga sundalo na bibigyan nito ng libreng trip to Hong Kong ang mga kawal sa oras na matapos na ang bakbakan sa Marawi.

Miyembro ng Maute

INDONESIAN TIKLO SA MARAWI

NADAKIP kahapon ang Indonesian na hinihinalang miyembro ng Maute-ISIS Terrorist Group sa Marawi City, Lanao del Sur. Ayon kay Joint Task Force Ranao Deputy Commander Col. Romeo Brawner, Jr., isinasailalim na sa imbestigasyon ang dayuhan na hindi na muna pinangalanan.

Dinakip ng mga miyembro ng Barangay Peace Action Team ng Bgy. Lok-sadatu ang Indonesian at isinuko sa Marawi Police.

Hindi umano pamilyar

Ayon sa pangulo, sinagot ng isang airline company ang pamasaha ng mga ito sa eroplano, habang siya na ang nagbigay ng allowance at hotel accommodation.

Hindi naman binanggit kung ilan ang mga sundalong nakabiyaha sa Hong Kong subalit, ito umano ay pawang mga babaeng sundalo lamang.

Samantala, mihayag naman ng Commander-in-Chief na isinama niya ang ilang top commanders ng AFP sa Japan para makapag-unwind matapos ang giyera sa Marawi.

(Mylene Alfonso)

ang mga tauhan ng barangay sa lalaki at nakitang basa rin ang mga damit nito na galing sa paglangoy sa ilog malapit sa lungsod.

Ayon kay Supt. John Guyguyon, nasamsam mula sa biibit na bag ng dayuhan ang baril, granada at pera.

Nakatakda ng ipadala sa Camp Crame ang cellular phone ng suspek para masuri ang mga mensahe nito.

Nakuha rin mula sa

kanya ang pasaporte nito at nakikipag-ugnayan na sila sa Bureau of Immigration upang matukoy kung dumaan sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) ang suspek at ang iba pang mga posibleng kasabwat nito.

Nakatakda nang kasuhan ang Indonesian upang mapigilang makalabas ito ng bansa.

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FRANCIS TOLENTINO

Rehabilitasyon ng Marawi: Lokal ang pangangailangan

Sa pagtatapos ng labanan sa Marawi City, kasunod na nito ang malawakang rehabilitasyon.

Tama po ang tagubilin ng Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte na isang tao na lang ang kailangang mamuno sa rehabilitasyon sa

Marawi. Ito ay walang iba kundi si Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) Chairman Eduardo del Rosario.

Si Eduardo del Rosario ay matagal ko nang kilala. Siya ay naging Major General ng Armed Forces of the Philippines. Naglingkod din siya ng halos 37 taon sa aktibong serbisyo militar bago ang kanyang sapilitang pagreretiro noong ika-22 ng Nobyembre taong 2012. Siya ay nagtapos sa Philippine Military

Academy noong Pebrero 1980. Dalubhasa rin siya sa Scout Ranger Operations, Airborne, Field Artillery, Counter Terrorism at Command at General Staff Course at mayroong Masters Degree sa Public Administration mula sa Philippine Christian University. Higit sa lahat, siya ay tumanggap ng maraming Combat at Administrative Awards mula sa Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Sa pagbangon ng Marawi, napakarami nang gustong tumulong.

Iminumungkahi ko kay General Del Rosario ang tatlong panuntunan na nakatuon sa lokal na pagpapalano. Ito ay ang sumusunod:

1. Gawing lokal. Ang kapasidad ay umiiral upang magdisenyo ng rehabilitasyon bilang unang proseso upang mapahusay ang pagsasarili at pagsandig ng mga lokal na aktor, at mapakita ang mga lokal na pangangailangan.

2. Gawing maliit. Ang isang stratehiya na nakatuon sa lokal na rekonstruksyon ay

magiging epektibo kung ang mga mapagkukunan ay nakaproporsyon sa mga lokal na pangangailangan at mga lokal na kapasidad.

3. Gawing banayad. Ang madaliang rehabilitasyon ay masalimuot. Ang pagiging padalosalos ay maaaring humantong sa pagkakamali tulad ng nangyari sa Tacloban noong nanalasa ang bagyong Yolanda.

Sa tulong ng Panginoon at sambayanan, inaasahan natin ang matagumpay na rehabilitasyon ng Marawi City.

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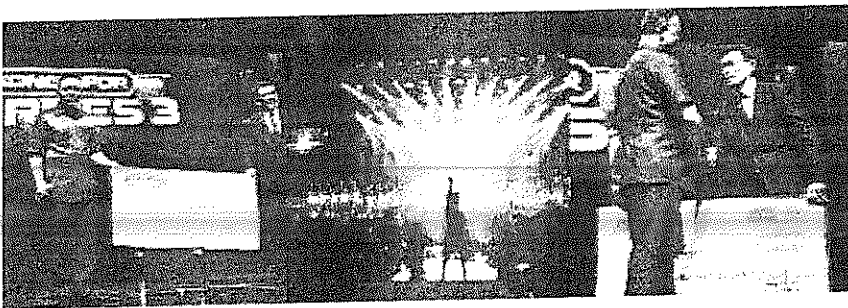
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SONGS FOR HEROES 3 | Families of Marawi City Heroes Benefit from Concert

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CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – Recognizing the sacrifices of the soldiers and police personnel in Marawi City, the UNTV hosted the Songs for Heroes 3, a benefit concert aimed to support the families of those killed-in-action (KIA) in the 154-day siege.

Armed Forces of the Philippines Public Affairs Office Chief Marine Colonel Edgard Arevalo said that military talents and bands performed in the musical event organized by the UNTV and the Church of God international.

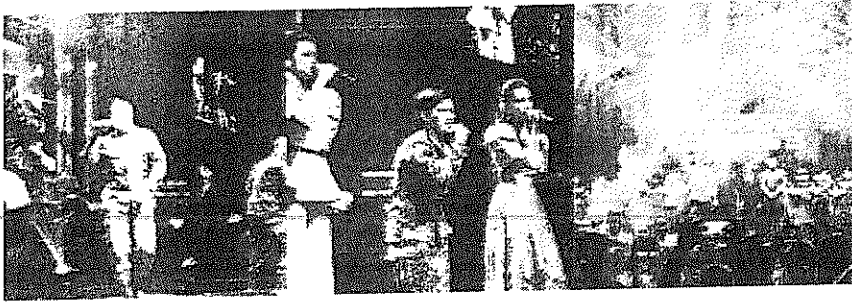


“Our homegrown talents joined Original Filipino Music artists such Kris Lawrence, Darren Espanto, Jason Dy, Richard Reynoso, and Jamie Rivera, among others,” Col Arevalo added.

The benefit concert follows up on the Songs for Heroes 1 and 2 in 2015 that supported the families of

“SAF 44” of the Philippine National Police. This time it is for the families of the Heroes of the Marawi Siege that expects up to P5-million to be raised from sales and pledges from attendees and sponsors.

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The concert was held at the SM Mall of Asia Arena yesterday, October 31, 2017.

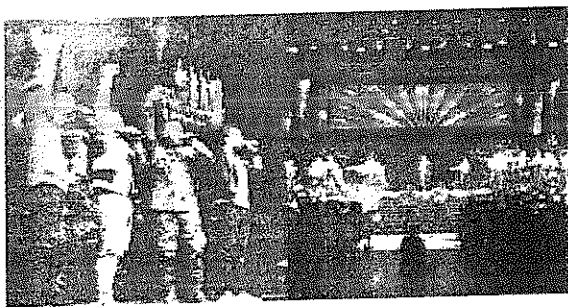
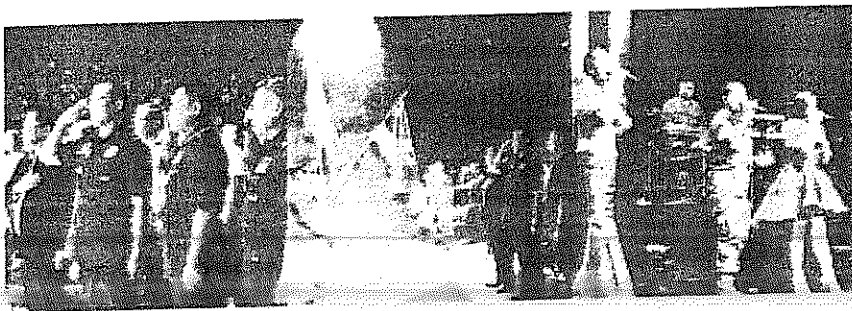
AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero welcomed the continued outpour of support for the soldiers and the security forces in general, echoing the need for greater civilian participation in peace and security.

"Your Armed Forces of the Philippines is fully committed to fulfill our mandate, but we also need you as the battle that we are in entails so much the cooperative involvement of the civilian sector. And knowing that our sacrifices are duly recognized, we are strengthened by the support given by the people we have sworn to protect, and with this, we cannot thank you enough. This inspiration draws us to a firm resolve to work harder, and remain as your most reliable AFP." Lt. Gen. Guerrero said. PAO AFP / CRSAFP / MCAG / Photos by AM Glenly Gultian PAF



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GENERALS KNEEL | CGPA pins Tab/Badges to Fallen Heroes

April 24, 2021

MARAWI CITY, Lanao Del Sur (DWDD) – These photos were taken during the graduation ceremony of the scout ranger, counter terrorism and special forces courses held in the main battle area of Marawi.



Lt. Gen. Rolando Josecito Bautista, Commanding General of the Philippine Army, and Maj. Gen. Danilo Pamonag, Special Operations Command (SOCOM) commander, both kneeled as they pinned the tab/badges for the fallen heroes.

"They deserved these badges. They sacrificed their lives just to save and liberate Marawi. Their gallantry will not be forgotten." Sarg. Gen. Bautista, 1DPAO/MCAG

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BACKFIRED | 2 NPAs Dead after failed ambush

Alert Success

TALACOGON, Agusan del Sur (DWDD) – A group of soldiers and Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU), while on their way towards their patrol base in Brgy Sta Rita (KM24), San Luis, Agusan del Sur were ambushed by the New People's Army (NPA) belonging to Guerilla Front 88 (GF88), North Central Mindanao Regional Committee (NCMRC) at about 2pm yesterday (October 22, 2017).



The incident resulted to a ten-minute gun battle where the outnumbered government troops outmaneuvered the communist terrorist group and seized their positions.

Subsequently, two (2) NPA members were found dead, one (1) AK47 rifle with magazine and twenty-seven (27) rounds of ammunition and two (2) improvised Explosive Devices with blasting caps were recovered.

One civilian (name withheld for security purposes) who was travelling with the group of soldiers was caught in the cross fires and was hit on his leg by terrorist fires.

"The troops were alert while on the move that's why they were able to prevent this cowardly act of the NPAs. These terrorists (NPA) clearly committed a crime and violation of CARHRIHL in this incident". – Lto Rommel Pagayon, CO 26IB, said.

Troops of 26IB are now pursuing the fleeing NPAs involved in the said ambush. 26IB/MCAG

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BACK HOME | Kampilan Troopers back from Marawi



CAMP AWANG, Maguindanao (DWDD) – Troops from the 6th Infantry Kampilan Division that served gallantly in Marawi City were given a heroes Welcome by 6ID officials and personnel, LGU and Maguindanaoans.

Tears flowed when the soldiers were met and hugged by an equally anxious family members and friends. 6DPAO/MCAG

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS | 61IB conducts "Operation Tuli"

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DON SALVADOR BENEDICTO, Negros Occidental (DWDD) – The 61st Infantry "Unifier" Battalion CIVAC Team, participated in the "Operation Tuli" in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Don Salvador Benedicto, Barangay Council of Brgy Bunga, DSB KALAMBUAN Women's Federation and BAKYAS Community Development Center Incorporated held at the Barangay Health Center in Brgy Bunga, Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros Occidental on October 28, 2017. This activity also included other services like free haircut and feeding program. 61IB/MCAG



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CIVAC | 47IB conducts Medical-Dental Outreach at Brgy San Pascual

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UBAY, Bohol (DWDD) – The CIVAC team from 47th Infantry (KATAPATAN) Battalion led by LTC Eufrazio Jose G. Malig Jr., Commanding Officer, (Maj) Jose Vergelic B. Pabon, Battalion Executive Officer together with Medical Team of 302Bde Led by LTC Evan Bermudo, 302Bde Executive Officer participated the Medical and Dental Outreach Program at Brgy San Pascual, Ubay, Bohol. 47IB/MCAG



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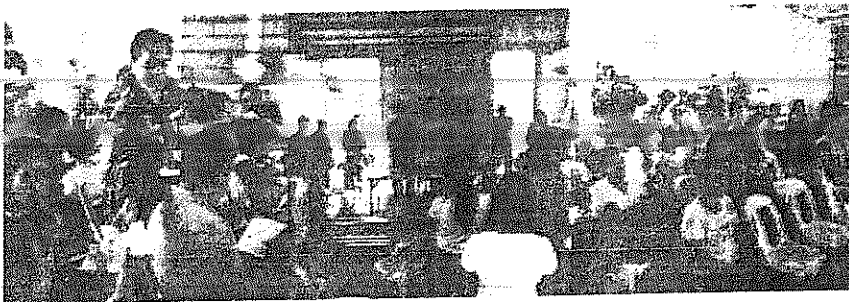
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS | 61IB conducts Community Dialogue

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CADIZ CITY, Negros Occidental (DWDD) – The 61st Infantry “Unifier” Battalion together with 303rd “Brown Eagle” Brigade, 33rd Civil Military Operations Company and Kasanag Foundation Inc. conducted Community Dialogue to the resident of Purok Sandra and Purok Tinampok, Brgy Tinampaan, Cadiz City, Negros Occidental on 27 October 2017. 61IB/MCAG



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MORALE BOOST | Com Centcom / 3ID visits wounded Hunter Troopers



CAMP PERALTA, Jamindan, Capiz (DWDD) – Lt Gen Oscar T. Lactao, Commander, Central Command, together with M. Gen Jon N. Aying, Commander of the Army's 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division; Col Pio I. Diñosa III, Commander, 301st Infantry (Bayanihan) Brigade; and LTC Sesinando Magbalot Jr, Commanding Officer, 61st Infantry (Hunter) Battalion, visiting a Wounded in Action (WIA) Hunter trooper at Camp Peralta Station Hospital, Camp Peralta, Jamindan, Capiz on October 23, 2017. 3DPAO/MCAG

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Navy played key role vs Maute Group threat

By Priam Nepomuceno **MANILA** -- Philippine Navy (PN) operatives played a key role in thwarting Maute Group's design to create a caliphate in Marawi City.

This was emphasized by PN flag-officer-in-command Vice Admiral Ronald Joseph Mercado who added that Marine Battalion Landing Teams, Marine Special Operation Groups, and Naval Special Operations Group were among the first military units to respond when fighting started last May 23.

"Our Marine Battalion Landing Teams, the Marine Special Operations Group and Naval Special Operations Group were among the first responders to thwart the execution of the Maute Grand plan of establishing a caliphate in Marawi City," he said.

Marines units deployed in Marawi fighting include Marine Battalion Landing Team 10 and 7. Incidentally, Marine Battalion Landing Team 7 is the unit responsible for the recapture of three vital bridges in Marawi City -Mapandi, Banggolo and Masiu - and allowed quick deployment of government troops and vehicles in the Main Battle Area and contributed to the eventual defeat of the Maute Group.

Not to be outdone, naval intelligence operatives were also in the thick of the fight as they provided the critical information on the whereabouts of the terrorist leaders at the very start and up to the end of the Marawi Siege. Mercado pointed out.

"On the other hand, our pilots aboard our Agusta helicopters (AgustaWestland AW-109s) provided the aerial intelligence surveillance and (recon) operations and the air strikes day and night to support the operating ground troops," the PN chief added.

He also said Navy "Seal" teams helped in preventing the terrorists from getting resupply and reinforcements by providing by providing continuous maritime patrols and interdiction operations in Lake Lanao

"These (tactics) prevented the use of the lake as the logistics highway and an entrance for reinforcement and an escape route from the Main Battle Area," the PN chief pointed out.

Around 920 Maute Group terrorists were killed in the five-month campaign that started last May 23 when government troops tried to arrest Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon and his cohorts.

In the fierce fighting that followed, around 165 government troops were killed and this includes 35 marines. (PNA)

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