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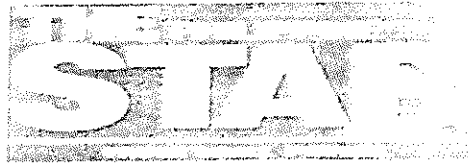
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TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST NOVEMBER 03, 2017 | FRIDAY

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AFP: Hapilon's top aide, Maute straggler killed

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY - Two suspected Maute gunmen were killed by government troops as the military continued clearing Marawi City of possible stragglers of the extremist group.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Ranao, said troops caught up with the two terrorists in a firefight inside the main battle area late Wednesday.

Two soldiers were wounded during the encounter, Brawner said.

Brawner identified one of the slain gunmen as Abu Talja, said to be the right hand man of slain Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon.

They were trying to slip out of the tunnels to escape the area when troops chanced upon them, triggering the firefight, Brawner said.

He said the troops recovered the bodies of the two terrorists, which are now being processed by police forensic experts.

Brawner said the two stragglers appeared to be weak and malnourished, confirming the claim of captured Indonesian militant Muhammad Ilham Syahputra.

"The Indonesian said they are already weak for lack of

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food so they forage during the night, hoping to get something to eat," Brawner said.

Barangay watchmen arrested Syahputra while trying to escape last Wednesday.

Syahputra said there are still 39 of them hiding in the labyrinth of tunnels dug by the Maute militants inside the main battle area.

"But it's possible there are still more than a dozen hiding inside," Brawner said.

Syahputra confessed he arrived in the Philippines last year to join the Maute group on the invitation of Hapilon.

Hapilon, who was named emir of the Islamic State (IS) in Southeast Asia, 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 that was claimed by IS,

officials said.

Sources revealed the Indonesian militants went to Mindanao through General Santos City by boat.

Sources also identified two of Hapilon's other Indonesian companions as Savithri and Urdomo Hartono.

Syahputra, on the other hand, was immediately turned over to the police and flown to the Philippine National Police (PNP) headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

PNP deputy spokesperson Supt. Vemily Madrid said the Indonesian militant is now in the custody of the PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Syahputra would be facing charges of rebellion, illegal



Photo taken from the Facebook account of PTV4 shows the body of Hapilon's aide Abu Talja.

possession of firearms and explosives and violation of International Humanitarian Law.

Authorities had seized from Syaputra a .45 caliber pistol, a hand grenade, one computer tablet, assorted ammunition, pieces of jewelry, P17,700 in cash and assorted foreign currency, along with the passport of one Khoirul Hidayat, also an Indonesian.

On the other hand, officials are planning to award with special citations the village community watchmen who arrested Syahputra.

The village watchmen had alerted the military and police who took Syahputra into custody when they noticed he was not a resident of the city and could not speak basic Filipino.

– Emmanuel Tupas, Edu Punay, John Unson, Jaime Laude

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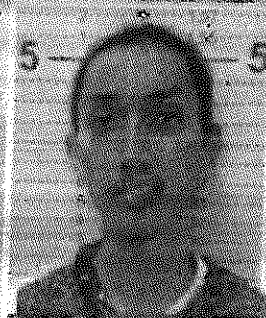
Suspected Indon terrorist charged with rebellion

By Julius N. Leonen
and Mario J. Mallari

A suspected Indonesian extremist affiliated with the Maute terrorist group has been formally charged with rebellion at the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office a day after he was caught fleeing the war-torn Marawi City.

Two remnants of IS inspired Islamic State (IS) were killed. Two soldiers were wounded even as the war in Marawi is over.

The alleged Indonesian terrorists
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SYAHPUTRA

*Dol starts probe
IS woman in
terrorism*



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Muhammad Ilham Syahputra, 23, who is from North Sumatra, Indonesia, is being charged with rebellion, illegal possession of firearms and explosives, and violation of the International Humanitarian Law.

According to a Justice Department official, Quezon City prosecutors have already submitted the case against Syahputra for resolution following an inquest proceeding conducted by Deputy City Prosecutor Alfredo Agcaoli and Associate State Prosecutor Rodan Parrocha.

Lanao del Sur police said that Syahputra was intercepted by civilians and militia under Marawi's Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) on Wednesday morning (November 1) after he was spotted swimming on Lanao Lake near the battle zone.

Local militia then turned over Syahputra to police and military forces, who seized a .45 caliber pistol and bullets, improvised explosive device and some various foreign currencies from him.

Syahputra reportedly was not carrying any Indonesian passport.

The suspected terrorist is currently under the custody of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG).

According to police, Syahputra arrived in the Philippines in November last year after he was invited by Isnlon Hapilon, slain leader of Islamic State (IS) supporters in the country.

Hapilon, together with rebel leader Omar Maute, was shot dead by government forces last month during a firefight that led to the liberation of Marawi from the Maute terrorist group.

Upon questioning, the Indonesian admitted before police officials to being a member of the ISIS terror group who came to the Philippines and took part in various terror operations.

Syahputra reportedly said he was involved in a group who perpetrated an IS-inspired suicide attack in 2016 that killed 8 people in the Indonesian capital Jakarta.

"He said he was invited by Isnlon Hapilon to be part of the struggle here. He added that he was involved in the Piagapo encounter with our Armed Forces and said he has involvement in the Thamrin bombing in Indonesia," said Senior Superintendent John Guyguyon, Lanao del Sur provincial police director.

Syahputra revealed that there are at least 39 Maute stragglers still inside Marawi City, according to Guyguyon. He also told government troops the location of 20 of them in Marawi City.

However, Syhaputra said the Maute stragglers will not stage an attack, but they will retaliate if the government troops will enter their camp, according to Guyguyon.

The military is currently checking this claim out.

Encounter in battlezone kills 2 Maute terrorists, wounds 2 soldiers

Barely a week after the government declared war is over

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in Marawi City, an encounter erupted on Wednesday at the main battle area resulting in the killing of two remnants of the Islamic State-inspired Maute terrorist group and wounding of two soldiers.

The military reported that the clash happened at around 8:40 p.m. inside the main battle area between two terrorist-stragglers and Army forces patrolling in the place.

"Both stragglers were killed while two soldiers were wounded in action," said Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Lanao.

Brawner identified one of the slain terrorists as Abu Talja, tagged as the right hand man of Isnilon Hapilon –the designated emir or leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in Southeast Asia who was killed during the final phase of the military assault last month.

"The cadavers of both terrorist-stragglers are now being processed by the SOCO (Scene of the Crime Operatives) of the PNP (Philippine National Police)," said Brawner.

Brawner stressed that the neutralization of the two terrorists further reduced the capability of the remaining terrorist-stragglers in Marawi.

"The deaths of these two significantly reduced the ability of the remaining members of the Maute-ISIS to cause further harm and derail the ongoing return of the IDPs to the controlled barangays in the city," said Brawner.

"Normalization and rehabilitation efforts in Marawi City continue despite the ongoing clearing operations in the main battle area," he added.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana officially declared the war in Marawi City as over on Oct. 23 –exactly five months after the siege started last May 23, terminating all combat operations.

Prior to this, President Duterte declared the liberation of Marawi City from the IS-inspired terrorists immediately after the killing of Hapilon and Omar Khayam Maute.

The military claimed to have killed 920 terrorists since the start of the Marawi City siege until the war was declared over.

On the other hand, 165 government troops were killed in action while more 1,000 were wounded. Forty-seven civilians also perished while more than 1,700 were safely rescued.

DoJ probe vs online inciter set

The Department of Justice (DoJ) will launch today its preliminary investigation into the criminal cases against the widow of a notorious terrorist leader for allegedly recruiting foreign fighters to join the IS linked Maute group.

Karen Aizha Hamidon, who was arrested by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) counter terrorism agents last October 11, will face the panel of prosecutors during the hearing for 14 counts of rebellion and cybercrime charges.

Hamidon is the wife of Mohammad Jaafar Maguid alias "Abu Sharifa," the former leader

of the Ansar Khalifa Philippines (AKP), the group responsible for the September 2016 Davao City night market bombing.

Hamidon's husband is also responsible for the failed attempt to bomb the United States Embassy in Manila last December 2016, according to Gierran. He was killed by police in January 2017 in Sarangani.

DoJ officials said that Hamidon is considered internationally notorious when she successfully recruited Indian nationals to come to the country and join radical Islamic extremist groups in Mindanao in the middle of 2016.

Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II said that Hamidon sent 296 messages to social media applications "Telegram" and "WhatsApp" which appear to promote terror and rebellion in Marawi.

According to DoJ, Hamidon posted the following messages calling on Muslims to establish a province under the terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in the country:

"The soldiers of Taghut are desperate to defeat the Muhajireen of the Islamic State of Marawi City...but Wallahi they won't be successful. They won't be able to defeat the force of Dawlah because Allah (Azza wa Jaal is on their side)."

"That is why the Dawlah is once again inviting all our *ikhwaanil Mustimeen* in all parts of the Philippines and around the world to support our *Muhajireen* of East Asia. Let us go to Marawi, in Mindanao to join the war against the Conquerors of the soldiers of *Tawagheet*."

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Hamidon is also an ex-wife of Singaporean national Muhammad Shamin Mohammed Sidek who was identified as having links to ISIS.

Moreover, NBI officials confirmed that Hamidon is also a known associate of Musa Cerantonio, an Australian Islamist preacher who has inspired numerous foreign fighters to join ISIS.

"Hamidon is also under investigation by other foreign intelligence agencies for her possible links to international terrorist financing and her spreading radical Islamic propaganda," NBI Director Dante Gierran earlier told reporters.

The DoJ is also considering the move to file rebellion charges against Hamidon, since her acts "clearly denote that she was in conspiracy with the rebels."

"Under the law, under the jurisprudence, even if there is no proof of actual conspiracy the acts of the parties you would deduce, deduct that there was the same design, the same purpose that would be proof of the agreement and so I believe she is part and parcel of this rebellion happening still in Marawi city," Justice Secretary Aguirre explained.

To get the rehabilitation of war-torn Marawi City rolling, President Duterte has named a retired military general to lead the rebuilding task force.

Based on Administrative Order

No. 9 released yesterday by Malacañang, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) chairperson Eduardo del Rosario is now designated as chief of Task Force Bangon Marawi.

Del Rosario will be taking over the post once held by martial law administrator Defense Secretary Lorenzana.

Lorenzana and Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar are now vice co-chairmen of the inter-agency task force.

"There is a need to re-organize Task Force Bangon Marawi in order to reflect the government's current priority to rebuild and develop the settlement areas affected by the armed conflict," the AO signed by the President stated.

Moreover, the AO created two sub-committees that will respectively supervise housing efforts and securing peace and order in the Islamic City.

The sub-committee on housing, led by the HUDCC, will be "primarily responsible for the immediate rehabilitation and construction of temporary or permanent shelters, and the restoration of water, electricity and other public utilities."

The sub-committee on security, peace and order, which will be chaired by both the Department of National Defense (DND) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, "shall take charge of the "restoration and maintenance of peace and order and the continuity of public services in the city."

Meanwhile, Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Assistant Secretary Kristoffer James Purisima said the government has already started the return of 6,463 internally displaced persons (IDPs) to nine barangays in Marawi.

"For the remaining barangays in the main battle area, we are awaiting for the conclusion of the clearing operations to be determined by the AFP," Purisima noted.

He announced that the initial P5-billion budget allotted by the government would be used for the city's early recovery. Of this amount, an estimated P3.4 billion will be tapped to provide health and social services to IDPs.

Purisima also confirmed that the government has received foreign donations from the governments of Canada, China, Germany, Korea, India, Thailand, and Singapore.

Additionally, financial assistance was provided by the Asian Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Center) and the US Agency for International Development (USAID), also for the early recovery phase.

International organizations likewise pledged assistance to the country, including the governments of Australia and Japan, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the European Union (EU), the World Bank, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

With Ted Tavera

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ASG releases Jolo councilor

By Mario J. Mallari

After more than a month in captivity, a Jolo councilor was freed by the Abu Sayyaf group in Jolo on Wednesday night.

Enr. Gen. Cirilio Sobejana, commander of the military's Joint Task Force Sultan, said that Jolo Councilor Zed Tan was released at 6:21 p.m. along Barangay Bura in Tapan.

Sobejana said that Tan was subsequently subjected to medical examination at Camp Bantua Station Hospital.

"Councilor Tan found to be in good physical condition except for some mosquito bites on his arms," Sobejana said.

"He subsequently went through a debriefing as part of the procedure. He is now with his family," he added.

Tan was abducted by Abu Sayyaf armed men last Sept. 27 along Barangay Tumbago in Jolo town.

It was not clear what prompted Tan's release but the Abu Sayyaf group is notorious in demanding board and lodging fee to captives who are being released.

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BOSES NG MASA, MATA NG BAYAN

KONSEHAL NA DINUKOT NG SAYYAF, PINALAYA NA

BINITAWAN na kamakalawa ng Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) ang konsehal sa Jolo, Sulu na dinukot ng mga ito noong Setyembre.

Ayon kay Brigadier General Cirilito Sobejana, alas-9:29 ng gabi nang palayain ng ASG si Jolo Councilor Zed Tan na sinasabing inahandona sa bahagi ng Bgy. Buru, Talipao.

Matatandaang, dinukot si Tan sa Bgy. Timbangan sa Indanan noong Setyembre 27 ng taong kasalukuyan.

Nabatid pa kay Sobejana na isinailalim na rin sa pag-susuring medikal ang konsehal at nasa magandang kondisyon ang katawan nito.

Naisalang na rin ang lokal na opisyal sa debriefing at ngayon ay nakabalik na sa kanyang pamilya. *(Vyne Reyes)*

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Pinsan ng Sulu gob na bihag ng Abu laya na

Pinalaya na ng mga bandidong Abu Sayyaf Group pagkatapos ng mahigit isang buwang pagkakabihag ang konsehal na pinsan ni Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan II na si Jolo Councilor Jed Tan sa isang lugar sa bayan ng Talipao.

Ayon kay Joint Task Force (JTF) Sulu Commander Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, bandang alas-9:29 ng gabi nang pawalan ng mga kidnaper si Councilor Tan sa isang liblib na lugar sa Brgy. Buru, Talipao, Sulu.

Nasa maayos namang kondisyon ang konsehal bagaman may mga kagat ito ng lamok sa kaniyang braso bunga ng pananatili sa kagubatan.

Hindi naman makumpirma ni Sobejana ang mga kumakalat na balitang nagbayad ng ransom ang pamilya ng biktima kapalit ng kalayaan nito.

Magugunita na ang konsehal ay binihag ng mga bandidong Abu Sayyaf sa Brgy. Timbangan, Indanan, Sulu noong Setyembre 27 ng taong ito. *Joy Cantos-*

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Hapilon's trusted aide slain

Arrested Indonesian Maute militant faces rebellion raps

Security officials said the arrest of an Indonesian fighter and the death of two more local Maute gunmen significantly reduced the fighting capability of the remaining gunmen who attacked Marawi City.

By AARON B. RECUENCO

Two Maute stragglers, one of them reportedly the trusted lieutenant of Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon, were killed

Wednesday night by Army troops nine days after the government declared an end in the fighting in Marawi City.

Abu Talja was killed with another straggler following a clash that erupted at around 9 p.m. Wednesday inside the

main battle area in Marawi.

"Both stragglers died while two soldiers were wounded in action," the source said. Their bodies were immediately turned over to the Philippine National Police for processing before

their burial based on Islam rites.

Hapilon, the designated emir of the Southeast Asia caliphate being established by the ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), was earlier killed along with one of the Maute leaders.

Security officials said the arrest of an Indonesian fighter and the death of two more local Maute gunmen significantly reduced the fighting capability of the remaining gunmen who attacked Marawi City.

Muhammad Ilham Syahputra, the Indonesian fighter, was arrested at around 7 a.m. Wednesday. ►6

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during clearing operations in Barangay LuksaDatu in Marawi City, said Senior Supt. John Guyguyon, director of the Lanao del Sur Provincial Police Office.

Thursday afternoon, Syahputra was subjected to inquest proceedings before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said.

The Indonesian was presented before Deputy City Prosecutor Alfredo Agcaoili and Assistant State Prosecutor Rodan Parrocha.

The criminal complaints filed by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) against Syahputra were deemed submitted for resolution during the inquest proceedings.

Supt. Vemily Madrid, deputy spokesperson of the Philippine National Police (PNP), said complaints for rebellion and violation of the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulatory Act (Republic Act 10591), Explosive Act (9516), and International Humanitarian Law (RA 9581) were filed against the 22-year-old Indonesian in connection with the Marawi siege.

Madrid said the suspected Indonesian terrorist arrived at Camp Crame Wednesday evening.

"He is undergoing the routine police procedures for the arrested person," said Madrid.

Syahputra was spotted by Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) dur-

ing the clearing operations.

Seized from him were a colored pink tablet; 10 pieces of ₱1,000 bills; 15 pieces of ₱500 bills; two pieces ₱100 bills; six pieces of 10 Qatari riyal bills; four pieces 100 UAE dirham bills; two pieces 10 Singapore dollar bills; five pieces of 5 Qatar riyal; eight pieces of 100 Saudi riyal bills; and five pieces 1 Qatari riyal.

Also seized were seven pieces of gold bracelets, a fragmentation grenade, a .45 pistol, and magazines and a passport of possibly his Indonesian companion.

Guyguyon had earlier said Syahputra claimed to have killed his Indonesian companion in order to escape.

Based on intelligence reports, Syahputra arrived in the country in 2016 upon the invitation of Hapilon.

TF BangonMarawi revamped

With the Marawi conflict over, President Duterte has implemented a revamp of Task Force BangonMarawi by formally designating Housing Urban and Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) chair Eduardo del Rosario to lead the team.

In Administrative Order No. 9 issued by the President, Del Rosario will take the place of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana as chairman of the task force in charge of the rebuilding efforts of the war-ravaged area and nearby localities.

The President's latest order amend-

ed AO 3, signed last June, that created the Task Force Bangon Marawi, an inter-agency group assigned on the comprehensive and integrated rehabilitation program for Marawi City.

"On 17 October 2017, Marawi City has been effectively liberated from the control of ISIS-backed local terrorist groups, signaling the start of a full-blown reconstruction period," the order read. "There is a need to re-organize Task Force Bangon Marawi in order to reflect the government's current priority to rebuild and develop the settlement areas affected by the armed conflict," it added.

In AO 9, the President authorized the HUDCC chair will have "operational control and supervision" of the Task force and the "overall responsibility" to ensure rehabilitation program is accomplished.

Lorenzana, on the other hand, will also serve as co-vice chairperson, alongside Public Works Secretary Mark Villar.

The same order has also designated the HUDCC to lead the sub-committee on housing "to be primarily responsible for the immediate rehabilitation and construction of temporary or permanent shelters, and the restoration of water, electricity, and other public utilities."

The DND will also co-head the sub-committee responsible for the restoration and maintenance of peace and order, the continuity of public services in the city. (With reports from Jeffrey G. Damicog and Genalyn D. Kabiling)

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Troops kill Hapilon's aide

Along with another Maute straggler

GOVERNMENT soldiers killed the right-hand man of slain Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon and another Maute group straggler Wednesday night as clearing operations continued in Marawi City.

Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., deputy commander of Joint Task Force Lanao, said the two stragglers were killed, while two soldiers were wounded in the firefight in the main battle area. Brawner identified one of the casualties as Abu Talja, Hapilon's lieutenant.

Brawner also said rehabilitation efforts continued in the war-torn city amid isolated firefights in the main battle area as clearing operations continued.

In Sarangani province, two brothers said to be "key players" of the terrorist Group Ansar Al-Khilafa Philippines, which has pledged allegiance to ISIS, were arrested late Wednesday evening. *Next page*

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Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency regional director Gil Castro said the suspects—Faroon Lumatao and his brother Alhotaibby Lumatao—were protecting the El Patron Drug Group that operates in South Central Mindanao.

Police on Thursday filed rebellion and other criminal charges against an Indonesian suspected to be a member of the Maute terrorist group before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

Muhammad Iqbal Syahputra, 23, was arrested in Marawi City last Wednesday.

day, and brought to the Prosecutor's Office for inquest proceedings.

The police charged Syahputra with rebellion under Republic Act 134, illegal possession of firearms and explosives under Republic Act 10591 and Republic Act 9516, and crimes against humanity under Republic Act 9581.

Deputy City Prosecutor Alfredo Agcaoili and Assistant State Prosecutor Rodan Parrocha immediately submitted the complaint against Indonesian for resolution.

In its complaint, the Philippine National Police alleged that Syahputra was part of the Maute-ISIS

group that attacked Marawi in May and battled government troops for five months.

"Based on accounts of rescued hostages, the ISIS-inspired Maute local terrorist group was reinforced by foreign nationals such as Indonesians, Malaysian and some were even Arabs," the complaint said.

The police said Syahputra was arrested by civilians and militia under Marawi's Barangay Peace-keeping Action Team after he was spotted swimming on Lanao Lake near the battle zone.

Seized from him were a .45 cal. pistol and bullets, fragmentation grenade and

various foreign currencies worth about P17,000, an Indonesian passport and several fake IDs bearing the name Khoirul Hidayan.

Syahputra who spoke Tagalog fluently said he was an Islamic State member who came to the Philippines two years ago. He said there were at least 39 more Maute group stragglers in the main battle area in Marawi City, but Brawner could not confirm the number.

He said they were making sure that stragglers or unexploded ordnance remained and clearing the area of debris, too. With Rey E. Requijo and Rio N. Araja

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2 more Maute stragglers killed

BY RAYMOND AFRICA

THE right-hand man of the late Abu Sayyaf Group leader Isnilon Hapilon and a member of the terrorist Maute group were killed Wednesday night in Marawi City, the military said yesterday.

Government forces were conducting clearing operations in the main battle area at around 8:40 p.m. when they chanced upon the two stragglers who traded shots with them, said Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Ranao.

Brawner said one of them was Abu Talija, right-hand man of Hapilon who helped the Maute in attacking Marawi on May 23. The other slain terrorist, who looks Filipino, remained unidentified.

Hapilon was killed on October 16, together with Maute leader Omar Maute. Hapilon was supposed to have been anointed by the Islamic State as its leader for Southeast Asia. On October 23, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana officially declared the war in Marawi City over.

Last Tuesday, a Maute straggler was killed after exchanging fire with soldiers in the main battle area as he was attempting to escape.

Brawner said the latest killing "significantly reduced the ability" of the stragglers to cause further harm and derail the return of the displaced residents.

The military said 920 terrorists have died in the Marawi battle which ended last week. On the other hand, 165 government troops were killed in action and some 1,000 were wounded. Forty-seven civilians also perished while more than 1,700 were safely rescued.

Earlier on Wednesday, government forces arrested in the main battle area an Indonesian suspected to be a terrorist who fought alongside the Maute. On Wednesday night, Ilham Syahputra was brought to Camp Crame in Quezon City and turned over to the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group where he

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underwent the normal booking process.

Among items recovered from him were cash, a grenade, a gun, and an Indonesian passport bearing the name Khoirul Hidayat.

Video footages showed Syahputra initially identified himself as a member of the military intelligence during questioning by authorities. He later admitted he was part of the Maute group which encountered government forces sometime April this year, said Brawner.

Syahputra was charged yesterday by the PNP with rebellion and other criminal cases, before the justice department.

The Department of Justice will conduct today preliminary investigation on criminal charges filed against Karen Aizha Hamidon who was arrested on October 11 in Taguig City for allegedly recruiting, through social media, fighters for the Maute. Hamidon is charged with 14 counts of violation of Article 138 of the Revised Penal Code (rebellion or insurrection) and of Section 6 of the Cyber-

crime Prevention Act.

REORGANIZATION

President Duterte reorganized the Task Force Bangon Marawi as government starts rehabilitation and reconstruction of the city.

In Administrative Order No. 9 signed October 27, Duterte designated the head of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council as task force chair (former defense secretary) and the secretaries of the defense and public works departments as co-vice chairmen. The Task Force's sub-committee

on housing, formerly headed by the Office of the Cabinet Secretary, will now be headed by the HUDCC. The panel is primarily responsible for the rehabilitation and construction of temporary or permanent shelters, and the restoration of water, electricity, and other public utilities.

The sub-committee on security, peace, and order will now be co-headed by the defense and interior departments. It will still be responsible for the restoration and maintenance of peace and order, and the continuity of public services in Marawi City. — *With Ashzel Hachero and Jocelyn Montemayor*

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Aide ni Hapilon, 1 pa utas sa encounter

NI JOY CANTOS

Dalawang Maute-ISIS stragglers kabilang ang kanang kamay ni Commander Isnilon Hapilon, Emir ng ISIS sa Southeast Asia ang napaslang habang dalawa namang sundaio ang nasugatan sa naganap na encounter sa main battle area sa Marawi City noong Miyerkules ng gabi.

Ayon kay Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., deputy com-

mander ng Joint Task Force (JTF) Lanao, bandang alas-8:40 ng gabi nang makasagupa ng tropa ng Philippine Army sa main battle zone ang dalawang stragglers ng Maute-ISIS.

Sinabi ni Brawner na kabilang sa napatay na straggler ay si Abu Talja, kanang kamay ni Hapilon ang napatay na Emir ng ISIS na namuno sa Marawi City siege noong Oktubre 16 ng madaling araw.

Kasalukuyan namang inaalam ang pagkakakilanlan ng isa pang napaslang na terorista.

"The deaths of these two significantly reduced the ability of the remaining members of the Maute-ISIS to cause further harm and derail the ongoing return of the IDPs (internally displaced persons) o mga evacuees sa mga barangay sa Marawi City na nasa ilalim na ng kontrol

ng tropa ng militar.

"Normalization and rehabilitation efforts in Marawi City continue despite the ongoing clearing operations in the main battle area," pahayag pa ng opisyal.

Nagpapatuloy naman ang clearing operation sa mga nalalabi pang bomba na naiwan ng Maute-ISIS matapos dumanas ng krisis ang nasabing lungsod simula noong Mayo 23 na nagwakas matapos ang 154 araw (limang buwang krisis).

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2 terrorists killed in Marawi clash

By ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA

TWO more members of the ISIS-inspired Maute Group were killed while two soldiers were wounded in another encounter in the main battle area of Marawi City the other day.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Western Mindanao Command (WMC) chief Lt. Gen. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., said one of the fatalities was identified as Abu Talja, said to be the right-hand man of Isnilon Hapilon, the designated emir and leader of the Abu Sayyaf Group.

The wounded soldiers were taken to the hospital.

Reports said the encounter occurred at around 8:40 p.m. on All Saints' Day in Marawi City.

The encounter site was processed by the Philippine National Police (PNP) Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO).

Authorities believed that the death of the two terrorists significantly reduced the ability of remaining members of the ISIS-Maute to cause further harm and derail the ongoing return of the IDPs to the controlled barangays in the city.

As of press time, the rehabilitation effort of the government in the area continues in line with the on-going clearing operations in the MBA.

Abducted Sulu dad freed

A MUNICIPAL councilor abducted by suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) last month was freed on All Saints' Day in Talipao, Sulu.

Joint Task Force Sulu commander Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana identified the victim as Jolo Councilor Zed Tan, who was released by his captors at 9:29 p.m. in Bgy. Burn, Talipao, Sulu.

Record showed that the victim was abducted on Sept. 27, 2017 in Bgy. Timbangan, Indanan, Sulu.

The victim was brought to Camp Bautista Station Hospital in Busbus, Jolo, Sulu for medical examination.

Sobejana said Tan's medical examination showed the councilor is in good physical condition.

After debriefing, the victim was reunited with his family.

Zaida delos Reyes-Palanca

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Sagupaan sa Marawi sumiklab uli

Napatay ng militar ang dalawang ISIS militants, ngunit dalawang sundalo rin ang nasugatan sa panibagong sagupaan sa sentro ng Marawi na mahigit tatlong dosenang jihadist pa ang sinasabing nagtatago doon.

Hindi naman ibinigay ng militar ang pangalan ng mga napatay, subalit isa umano sa mga ito na may alyas lamang na 'Abu Talja' ay tagasunod ni ISIS at Abu Sayyaf chieftain Isnilon Hapilon na napaslang noong nakaraang buwan lamang.

Kinumpirma naman ni Colonel Romeo Brawner Jr., ng Joint Task Force Ranao, na dalawang sundalo ang sugatan sa labanan na naganap gabi ng Miyerkoles habang ginagalugad ng mga tropa

ang mga wasak na gusali sa 'main battle area.'

Kamakalawa rin ay nadakip naman ng mga sundalo ang 22-anyos na Indonesian ISIS fighter na si Mohd Syaputra at isiniwalat nito sa isang interogasyon ng militar at pulisya na nasa 39 na militante pa sa kanyang grupo ang nasa main battle area.

Matagal na umano nitong gustong tumakas at sumuko, subalit nagbanta ang mga kasamahan na papatayin sila kung magtatangka.

Dahil dito ay naisipan ni Mohd na patayin ang 2 kasamahan at saka tumakas dala ang ilang piraso ng alahas at passport at isang baril hanggang sa ito ay madakip ng mga sundalo.

Inamin ni Mohd na limitado na sa bala ang mga naiwang kasamahan at halos wala na rin silang makain kaya marami ang demoralisado sa mga ito.

Dumating sa bansa si Mohd noong nakaraang taon matapos na makumbinsi ni Hapilon na sumamang makipaglaban sa Mindanao.

Wala nang banta

Tiniyak ng pinagsanib na puwersa ng Philippine National Police at Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) na wala nang kayahang maghasik ng terorismo ang mga nalalabi pang terorista sa Marawi City.

Gayunman, ayon kay Lanao del Sur Police chief, Chief Supt. John

Guyguyon, kaliwa't kanang checkpoint ang kanilang isinasagawa hindi lamang sa lungsod kung di maging sa ibang bayan sa Lanao del Sur para matiyak na maiwasan ang paglulunsad ng panibagong pag-atake ng mga nalalabi pang terorista.

Patuley rin ang pakikipag-ugnayan ng PNP sa AFP para sa intelligence monitoring sa mga ikinitilos ng mga terorista.

Terror threat sa Maynila

Samantala, seryosong pinag-aaralan ng National Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) ang mga impormasyon tungkol sa posibleng banta ng terorismo sa Metro Manila. (Al Jacinto/Betchai Julian)

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IBP seeks AFP support in Marawi probe

By ALI G. MACABALANG

MARAWI CITY - In its impending conduct of investigation on issues and incidents surrounding the five-month strife in this city, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)-Lanao del Sur chapter is appealing for public cooperation, notably from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) hierarchy and ground commanders, to ensure an accurate outcome.

Lawyer Aminoddin "Mino" Macalandap, IBP-Lanao del Sur chapter president, said their long-planned probe will take off soon as residents started returning to the war-ravaged city.

More than 2,000 displaced residents from nine barangays have returned last Sunday and received a warm welcome from city, provincial and regional officials who distributed and extended relief goods, financial, medical and psycho-social assistance.

Macalandap said he and other local IBP members have started interviewing some of the returning residents.

In a report posted online by the Bureau of Public Information (BPI) of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, 63-year old evacuee Abpisa Barese, who fled her home with her husband and daughter on May 26, complained that their prospects for recovery would be gloomy because their residence in barangay Malutlut here has been ruined and looted.

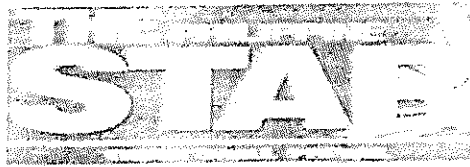
Many of close to 200,000 displaced residents here have expressed sentiments similar to Barese's.

Majority of them are pinning their hopes on the Duterte administration's commitment that the government's reconstruction program will prioritize non-affluent evacuees.

Macalandap echoed the local IBP chapter's commitment to provide free legal assistance to evacuees seeking justice in the destruction of their houses and looting of their belongings.

"But in the IBP investigation of alleged looting cases involving soldiers as suspects, we would need the cooperation of the military hierarchy," Macalandap said.

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Rody focuses on Marawi rehabilitation

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

President Duterte has reorganized Task Force Bangon Marawi, shifting its focus from defending Marawi City to recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Under Administrative Order 9 he issued last Oct. 27, the chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) will head the task force and would have operational control, supervision and overall responsibility to ensure that objectives are accomplished.

The secretary of the Department of National Defense, who previously served as task force chairman, together with

the secretary of public works will serve as co-vice chairpersons.

The group's sub-committee on housing, which was formerly under the Office of the Cabinet Secretary, was also transferred to the HUDCC. This subgroup is "primarily responsible for the immediate rehabilitation and construction of temporary or permanent shelters, and the restoration of water, electricity and other public utilities."

Duterte also ordered the defense and interior secretaries to co-chair the subcommittee on security to restore and maintain peace and order and ensure the continuity of public services in the ruined city.

He declared Marawi, the country's prime Islamic city, as freed from the terrorist Maute and Abu Sayyaf groups

last Oct. 17. The liberation came after terrorist leaders Omar Maute and Isnilon Hapilon were killed by soldiers.

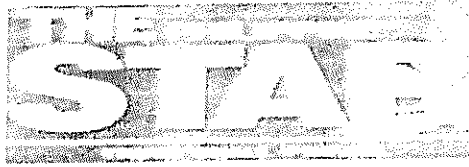
More than 200,000 people have been displaced and at least 1,000 were killed after the terrorists seized Marawi on May 23. Of those killed, 165 were law enforcers.

Upon his arrival at the Davao International Airport on Tuesday night from his official trip in Japan, Duterte said Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana should be the one to oversee all the rehabilitation efforts.

He thumbed down several proposals for the creation of different committees, saying these will only drain government funds and ordered, instead, to have the process streamlined.

– With Edith Regalado

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Marines back in S. Kudarat after Marawi stint

SULTAN KUDARAT – Marines who were pulled out from this province last year have been redeployed after fighting in Marawi.

Residents and members of the inter-agency peace and order council in Kalamansig town gave a hero's welcome to personnel of the Marine

Battalion Landing Team (MBLT) 7 on Tuesday. A Navy boat brought the Marines from Lanao del Sur.

Lt. Col. Gerald Bautista, MBLT 7 commanding officer, said they were touched by the warm welcome of the residents.

Residents had opposed

the pullout of the troops, who underwent retraining in Ternate, Cavite.

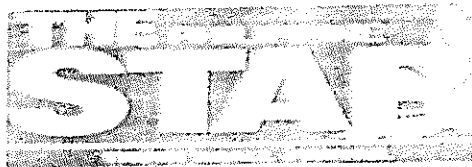
Kalamansig Mayor Ronan Garcia thanked Marine commandant Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Salamat and Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. of the Western Mindanao Command for bringing back

the soldiers.

Garcia said they have established rapport with the Marines for implementing programs that foster unity among Muslims, Christian and *lumad* communities.

At least 20 MBLT-7 personnel were killed in the fighting in Marawi. – **John Unson**

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Fallen soldiers at Libingan remembered

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) yesterday lighted candles at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB) in remembrance of the fallen heroes.

Despite the rains, soldiers securing the LNMB lighted candles on the graves of the war veterans and soldiers who were killed in the line of duty.

"Candles were lighted and prayers were offered to each grave of our fallen heroes,"

Lt. Col. Ray Tiongson, Army

spokesman, said.

Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla, spokesman for the AFP, said masses were held for departed soldiers at military camps across the country.

On Wednesday, the family of former president Ferdinand Marcos offered mass at his grave at the LNMB.

Tiongson said the Marcoses and around 100 supporters gathered at the late dictator's grave.

– Jaime Laude

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IN OUR HEARTS | Remember the Sacrifice of Soldiers, Police who died in Marawi

Posted by [Alvin Santiago](#)

CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – This year's commemoration of All Saints Day was more sentimental to the families and loved ones of the 158 soldiers and 7 police who made the ultimate sacrifice in liberating the City of Marawi.



According to Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson MGen Restituto Padilla, the sacrifice of these men in uniform should be remembered and emulated.

The siege of Marawi gave birth to many stories of bravery and heroism of our Men and Women in uniform proving their dedication to service and the love of country.

One particular story that stood out was that of Army Captain Rommel Sandoval, Company Commander, 11th Scout Ranger Company, 4th Scout Ranger Battalion, First Scout Ranger Regiment, Special Operations Command.

While on a mission in Marawi, Capt. Sandoval was trying to retrieve a comrade who was caught in a crossfire. While trying to approach the wounded comrade, Capt Sandoval was hit, pinning both of them in the process.

But in his desire to save his comrade, Capt Sandoval used his body to shield his equally wounded partner from further harm, thus saving his soldier friend but sacrificing his own life. He was not able to fulfil his promise of vacation with his family. His remains now lie in state at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. **AES/ALS/Video Marvin Arribe**

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NEUTRALIZED | 2 Maute stragglers killed

Posted by [Alvin Santiago](#)

MARAWI CITY, Lanao Del Sur (DWDD) – At around 8:40 pm yesterday, November 1, 2017, an encounter ensued between two armed terrorist-stragglers and Army troops inside the main battle area of Marawi.

Both stragglers were killed while two soldiers were wounded in action (WIA).

One of the killed terrorists was identified as Abu Talja, said to be the right hand man of Isnilon Hapilon, the designated emir and leader of the Abu Sayyaf Group, who was killed by government troops earlier.

The cadavers of both terrorist-stragglers are now being processed by the Scene-of-the-Crime (SOCO) of the PNP.

The deaths of these two significantly reduced the ability of the remaining members of the Maute-ISIS to cause further harm and derail the ongoing return of the evacuees to the controlled barangays in the city.

Normalization and rehabilitation efforts in Marawi City continue despite the ongoing clearing operations in the main battle area. This may be attributed to the close coordination of the civil authorities and the military and police forces on the ground. AES/ALS

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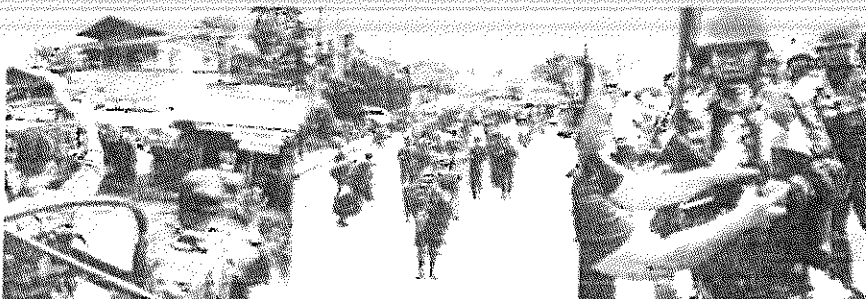
BACK HOME | 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion given Heroes Welcome

Posted by Alvin Santiago

NSFA, Panacan, Davao City (DWDD) – A Heroes Welcome was rendered by the AFP Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM) to the gallant soldiers of the 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion.

The soldiers valiantly fought off members of the Daesh-inspired Maute terror group that violently wreaked havoc in Marawi City.

Aside from the officials and soldiers of EASTMINCOM, the Local Government Unit, citizens of Panacan, Davao, family members and friends warmly welcomed the heroes back home. AES/Photos by EASTMINCOM



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KAPAYAPAAN | NPA Rebel Surrender in Abra

Posted by Alvin Santiago

CAMP GEN SERVILLANO AQUINO, San Miguel, Tarlac (DWDD) – An active member of New People's Army (NPA) under Kilusang Larangan Gerilya (KLG) MONTES under Ilocos Cordillera Regional Committee(ICRC) voluntarily surrendered to 24th Infantry Battalion of 7th Infantry KAUGNAY Division in Sitio Barbarit, Brgy Tagodtod, Lagangilang, Abra on October 26, 2017.



Accordingly, the surrenderee was identified as Eugene Agdap Y Lumadao also known as Kaltan / Rense / Berting, 33years old, single and a resident of Abra. The said former rebel was the Squad Leader of KLG MONTES with the Codename of Chadi Molintas Command of ICRC.

This accomplishment was a result of the government's appeal to the misguided members of the local terrorist group (NPA) to come down and return to the folds of the law and live a normal and productive life with their families, rather than living a life of violence. These positive developments on the ground manifest the sincerity and commitment of NOLCOM forces together with the strong support of the local communities to attain peace and development soonest. **NOLCOM PIO/MCAG**