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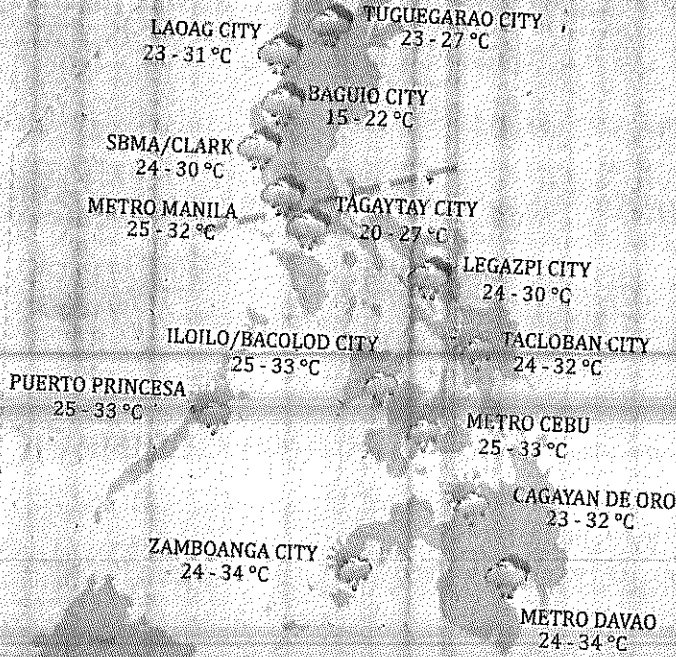
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Cloudy skies with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms

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Maute wife arrested

6 kids taken into custody

By CECILLE SUERTE FELIPE

The Indonesian widow of slain terror leader Omarkhayam Maute was arrested in Iligan City yesterday, with her six children taken into custody by the state.

Minhati Madraais, alias Baby, was nabbed after operatives of Joint Task Force Ranao received information that she had been spotted in Barangay Tubod in Iligan.



Madraais

Chief Superintendent Timoto Pacleb, police regional director, said Madraais is holding an expired Indonesian passport.

Arresting lawmen seized some materials used for making improvised explosive devices at Madraais' house in Steel Maker's Village in Tubod.

Madraais reportedly admitted she is Omar's widow.

"We were able to trace her relationship with Omar through the photos provided to us. In some of the photos she was with Omar," Iligan City police chief Senior Supt. Leony Roy Ga said.

Ga said Madraais could hardly speak the local Maranao dialect and Tagalog, but she can converse in English.

Police are trying to determine Madraais' role in the Maute group due to her relationship with Omar.

Through Madraais' cell phone, police are also checking if she has any contact with other members of the Maute group.

Police said Madraais moved to Iligan from Marawi when the firefight broke out between government forces and the Maute group on May 23.

Madraais claimed she was taken to Iligan but could not identify who brought her there.

Ga said Madraais would be charged with illegal possession of explosives.

Her six children, all minors, will be turned over to the custody of the Iligan City Social Welfare and Development office, police said.

Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa said Madraais was among more

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Maute More attacks

than 100 people on the arrest order of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana after martial law was declared by President Duterte on May 23.

Madrais' arrest came after her husband along with Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon were killed by government forces in Marawi last month.

Hapilon and Maute led the five-month deadly siege in Marawi City that left more than a thousand dead and more than 300,000 homeless.

Their killing signaled the end of the battle to retake Marawi.

Sporadic gunfire was still heard in Marawi City yesterday, almost two weeks after combat operations were formally terminated. Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Task Force Ranao, said

"We are still hunting down stragglers," Brawner said, adding there could be as many as 39 militants hiding in the ruined city based on information from captured Indonesian militants.

"We do not have information how many militants are still there. But we will hunt them down."

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero said he would work closely with Indonesia and Malaysia to step up coordinated sea and air patrols along the borders where kidnappings and attacks on shipping are happening.

"We intend to increase the frequency of our coordinated patrols with our ASEAN neighbors to stop piracy and militant attacks in these dangerous seas," he said.

On the other hand, security officials are expecting more attacks from the Abu Sayyaf terrorists following the killing of Hapilon.

Local officials in Basilan said Radzmil, a henchman of Hapilon, has been instigating trouble since last month impressing that he is the best successor to Hapilon, emir of the Islamic State in Southeast Asia.

Two militiamen were killed and beheaded on Friday in Sumisip town in Basilan.

Residents said the attack was another show of rage over the ongoing construction of the P1-billion Basilan trans-central road that will traverse the remaining enclaves of the Abu Sayyaf in the Punoh Mahadje and Sampinit areas in the island province.

The trans-central road will connect the towns of Sumisip and Maluso to Barangay Santa Clara in Lamitan City, capital of Basilan.

The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) is spearheading the P150-million road construction from Barangay Santa Clara.

The Abu Sayyaf in Basilan are worried the overland arterial network will make their lairs accessible to police patrol cars and military armored vehicles.

"Apparently this road project will usher in developments that will weaken their influence on the local communities," ARMM Gov. Mujiv Hataman said.

Hataman said the construction of the trans-central road will continue despite threats of sabotage by the Abu Sayyaf.

The threats by the Abu Sayyaf to sabotage the infrastructure projects of the ARMM government in Basilan escalated last week after the brutal murder and beheading

four Abu Sayyaf commanders, among them Radzmil, who are all aspiring for the leadership of Hapilon's group.

The regional police and the military's Western Mindanao Command (Wesmincom) separately reiterated their commitment to prevent the Abu Sayyaf from getting close to workers constructing the trans-central road.

Wesmincom commander Maj. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. yesterday said troops will now patrol the ARMM's ongoing infrastructure projects.

"We are thankful that the ARMM government is helping neutralize the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan through socio-economic and infrastructure interventions that can defeat the group," Galvez said.

Galvez headed the military's successful retaking of Marawi City after five months of battle with the Maute group.

Meanwhile, the men and women of the Philippine Air

Force (PAF) who took part in the battle to retake Marawi returned home to a hero's welcome.

On Tuesday, on the occasion of its 67th anniversary, the Philippine Marines will lead a ceremony in Fort Bonifacio in salute of their comrades who fought in Marawi.

"With the sacrifices and heroism manifested by the members of the Philippine Marine Corps during the Marawi siege, its 67th Marine birthday celebration is more meaningful and significant to its every member," spokesperson Marine Capt. Maria Rowena Dalmacio said.

"With its 35 lives lost and 367 wounded in action, the Marines will honor and remember their accounts of heroism through the traditional and solemn cake cutting ceremony," she said.

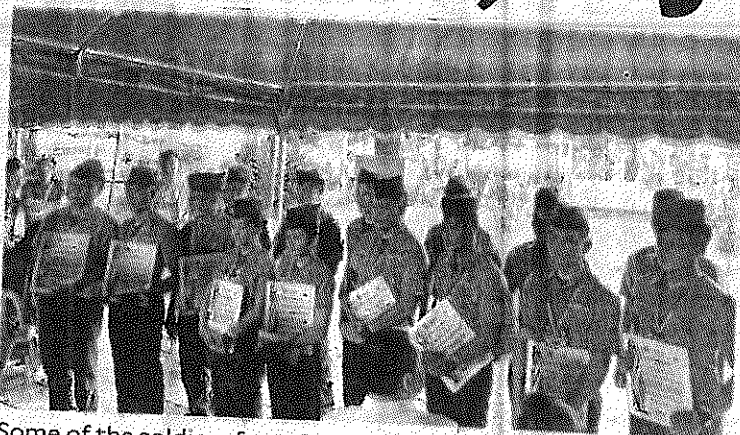
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Quezon troops heroes like Pule, say execs



Some of the soldiers from Quezon province given recognition and rewards by the provincial government. —CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
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TAYABAS CITY—The provincial government of Quezon sought to level up its recognition of at least 26 soldiers, who are from the province and fought terror in Marawi City, by comparing their heroism to that of Hermano Pule, a Filipino revolutionary who gave his life up in the war to liberate the Philippines from Spanish colonizers.

Quezon Gov. David Suarez led provincial officials in dis-

tributing cash rewards and plaques to the soldiers, two of them women, who helped liberate Marawi from Islamic State (IS) followers trying to establish an IS province in the predominantly Muslim city.

The ceremony for the recognition of the soldiers was held at the foot of Pule's monument on Maharlika Highway in the village of Isabang here on Saturday.

"It is but fitting that we recognize the new heroes from the province as we commemorate

the valor of our local hero Hermano Pule," Suarez said during the ceremony.

Freedom

"These soldiers fought and risked their lives for the freedom of our countrymen," he said.

Suarez and Maj. Gen. Benjamin Madrigal, head of the military's Southern Luzon Command, led guests in offering flowers to Pule.

Each of the 26 soldiers received P30,000 in cash and

plaques. The governor handed out P20,000 each of his personal money to the soldiers.

The governor said some soldiers from Quezon were still in Marawi. "We will give them the same honors," Suarez said.

Janet Geneblazo-Buelo, Quezon public information officer, said only 15 of the awardees were present during the ceremony as 11 others were back in training.

The soldiers were natives of Unisan, Lopez, Calauag, Real and Infanta towns. INQ

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Sporadic clashes continue in Marawi

BY VICTOR REYES AND RAYMOND AFRICA

SPORADIC clashes between government forces and remnants of the terrorist Maute Group in Marawi City reached the eighth day yesterday as the military continued to flush out Maute stragglers.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of the military's Joint Task Force Ranao, said the stragglers are believed to be scattered in the main battle area which the military earlier declared to have been cleared of terrorists.

"It's still ongoing," Brawner said of the sporadic fighting. "It's been daily since last Sunday (October 30) when we killed one of them and followed by two others a few days later," he also said.

Brawner was near the encounter area during a phone interview yesterday afternoon and gunfire can be heard from his phone.

The stragglers are a mix of Filipinos and foreigners but their exact number is still being verified, Brawner said.

In Iligan City, security forces arrested Indonesian Minhati Madraais alias Baby, 36, widow of

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SPORADIC

Omarkayam Maute who was killed by government troops on October 16, about a week before the Marawi conflict ended.

Madraais, who carried an expired Indonesian passport, is among persons listed in Arrest Order No. 1 issued by Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and martial law administrator.

Martial law was imposed by President Duterte in the whole of Mindanao after the Maute attacked Marawi City on May 23.

Police said government forces

swooped down on Madraais' lair at Steele Makers Village in Tubod, Iligan City, after receiving information on her whereabouts. Madraais was with her six children (four girls and two boys) when found by the raiding team. Recovered from her house were four blasting caps, two detonating cords, and a time fuse.

Madraais was brought to Iligan City Police Station along with her children who will be turned over to the local social welfare office.

Lorenzana ordered the termination of offensive operations against the Maute on October 23

or 154 days after the group attacked Marawi. Officials have said the last terrorist in Marawi had been taken down.

The Marawi conflict has resulted in the death of at least 900 Maute men, 165 soldiers and policemen, and 47 civilians. It has also displaced hundreds of thousands of residents who started to return to their homes last week.

On Wednesday last week, Indonesian terrorist Mohamadin Ilham Syaputra was arrested by government forces in Marawi City. Brawner said Syaputra claimed to have killed two Indonesian

companions who had opposed his escape.

He also claimed there were 39 stragglers "but we are verifying this."

"We're monitoring the entire MBA (main battle area)," said Brawner. He said the MBA is composed of portions of 24 barangays and has a size of 2 x 1.5 kilometers.

Citing the statement of Syaputra, Brawner said the stragglers include women and children who are members of the families of Maute fighters. He said the stragglers are a mix of Filipinos and foreigners.

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Military chief orders increased patrols with Malaysia, Indonesia

BY VICTOR REYES

ARMED Forces chief Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero has ordered “increased coordinated patrols” with the Malaysian and Indonesian militaries to combat transnational crimes in the waters of the three countries.

“We will also increase the frequency of our coordinated patrols with our ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) counterparts in order to prevent the use of our common maritime borders for illegal activities,” he said.

Guerrero’s directive was contained in a “command guidance” he issued shortly after assuming the top military post on October 26. The guidance outlines the AFP chief’s courses of action and orders for the line units and offices.

Guerrero is hoping to enhance border security with Malaysia and Indonesia through the June 2017 Trilateral Cooperation Agreement which wants to end kidnapping, trafficking, and transit of terrorists in the Sulu Sea.

Members of the Abu Sayyaf have abducted a number of foreign and Filipino victims in the waters of the three countries, and brought the victims to Sulu and Basilan, its main area of operations.

The latest kidnapping was on October 14 off Pangutaran town in the waters of Sulu. The Abu Sayyaf is holding at least 18 kidnap victims in Sulu.

Guerrero reiterated the military’s intent to develop a credible defense force by strengthening the capabilities of the Navy and the Air Force so they will be more effective in monitoring and controlling sea lanes and air space.

Guerrero assumed the post on October 26, the day Eduardo Año reached the mandatory retirement age of 56. Guerrero is reaching the retirement age on December 17. President Duterte has the prerogative to extend the tour of duty of Guerrero who is said to be close to the Duterte family.

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Use of drug funds for terror war sought

BAGUIO CITY—Instead of scrapping the P900-million budget for the antidrug "Oplan Double Barrel," the Senate should realign it to train and arm policemen for counterterrorism operations amid evidence that foreign terrorists were behind the attempt to turn Marawi City into an Islamic State (IS) province, according to Sen. Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito.

Ejercito said the minority bloc in the Senate wanted the police antidrug fund scrapped after President Duterte gave the lead role in the war on drugs to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

But after the military confirmed that foreigners were among those killed or arrested when it retook Marawi from the IS follower Maute group,

Ejercito said he was convinced that the conflict there was an "international terror activity so we have to be prepared."

"Worldwide, counterterrorism is a police operation," Ejercito said.

He said funds were needed by police because "we need to invest and send people to the United States or Israel" for training on counterterror tactics.

Funds were also needed, he said, to buy "sophisticated weapons and high-tech surveillance equipment."

He said part of the investment should be on helicopters that would fly special reaction teams to areas targeted by terrorists.

"I don't think we are capable [of such quick response operations] now," he added.

According to Ejercito, terrorists have started looking for other places in Asia where they could rebuild IS. "What happened in Marawi is proof they are looking for other places," he said.

Ejercito also said government efforts to rebuild Marawi had been boosted by a pledge made by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to release P500 billion.

He described the Japanese "as our closest ally at present," given that Abe also pledged to finance the Manila subway project and help restore a north-to-south railway project.

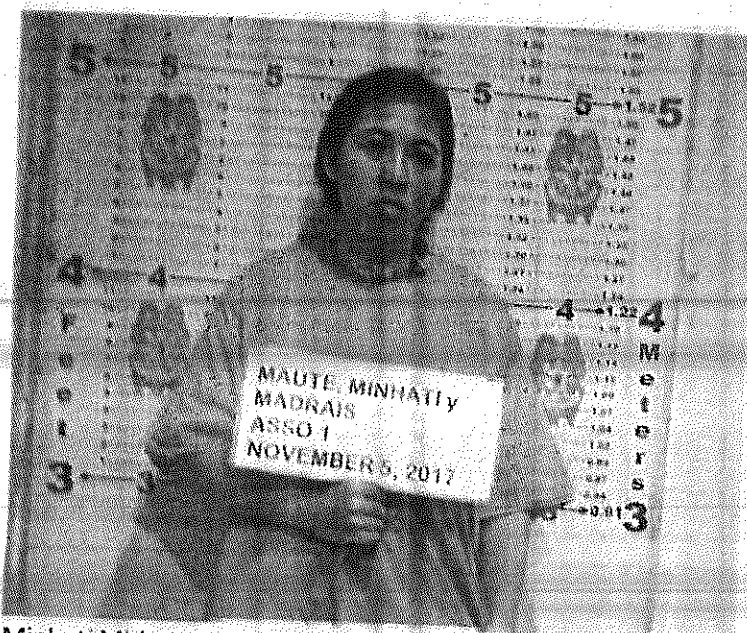
"I trust the Japanese more than the Chinese. The Japanese just help, the Chinese they help but they take away some of our territory," he said. —VINCENT CABREZA INQ

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Maute head's wife nabbed

Police arrest Indonesian woman in Iligan, take custody of her and Omarkhayam's children



Minhati Midrais, the Indonesian wife of Omarkhayam Maute, at the Iligan City police station following her arrest during a raid.

—PHOTO COURTESY OF ILIGAN CITY POLICE

ILIGAN CITY—Police arrested the Indonesian wife of Islamic State (IS) follower Omarkhayam Maute in a raid on her house in the village of Tubod here on Sunday morning.

Arrested was Minhati Midrais, alias Baby, 36. She was among those listed on the Arrest, Search and Seizure Order (Asso) 1 issued by the Department of National Defense (DND), according to Senior Supt.

Leony Roy Ga, city police chief.

Asso orders were part of the extra powers given the DND under the martial law proclamation of President Duterte for Mindanao.

Maute was one of the leaders of homegrown terror groups named after him and his brothers who helped IS followers in a bid to establish an IS province in

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Marawi City.

Maute and Isnilon Hapilon, leader of Abu Sayyaf and acknowledged head of IS in Southeast Asia, had been killed by government soldiers on Oct. 16.

Kids in custody

During the Sunday night raid here, police also took into custody the Maute couple's six children—four girls aged 12, 10, 7 and 6 and two boys aged 2 and 9 months old.

Police found in Minhati's house materials for bomb-making—four blasting caps, two detonating cords and a time fuse.

Minhati was holding an expired Indonesian passport.

Ga said initial investigation by police revealed that Minhati arrived in the Philippines in 2012.

Her passport records showed she had come to the Philippines thrice between 2012 and 2016, according to the police officer. When her passport expired, Ga said she found a way to extend its validity.

Ga quoted Minhati as saying she was a teacher by profession although she did not mention what subject she was teaching.

Egypt affair

Minhati also told police investigators she met Omarkhayam in Egypt where they were classmates in an Islamic school.

"There are signs her children have been radicalized," Ga said. "They act differently," the police chief said. "They make this gesture," Ga said, raising an index finger to imitate what he

said was an IS sign.

Ga said that if Minhati cooperated and gave police all she knew about Omarkhayam, the Indonesian woman would be a big help in the war on terror.

Police took her mobile phone for forensic examination, Ga added.

Jason (not his real name), a neighbor of Minhati, said he noticed the Maute family move in at the height of the war in Marawi.

Jason said that in the early days of their stay in the house, a woman in her 50s often bought goods at a small retail store in the neighborhood.

The woman has since disappeared, Jason said, adding that the children had been the ones now running errands to buy food. —DIVINA SUSON INQ

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Omar Maute's wife arrested in Iligan City

By Mario J. Mallari

Government security forces have arrested the Indonesian wife of slain terror leader Omar Maute, along with their six children in Iligan City.

Chief Supt. Tim Paelob, director of Police Regional Office-10 (PRO-10) yesterday identified the arrested as Minhati Madrais, alias Baby.

He said Madrais was with her six children – four girls and two boys – when collared at 8017 Steelmakers Village, Tubod in Iligan City around 9:30 a.m.

Madrais is among those wanted in connection with the Marawi City siege.

Recovered from Madrais were an expired Indonesian passport and explosive components.

Paelob said Madrais, along with her children, was taken to Iligan City Police Station for proper disposition.

Omarkhayam Maute was among the last terror leaders killed – along with Isnikan Hapilon, the designated commander or leader of ISIS in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, the military's Joint Task

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Omar Maute's wife arrested in Iligan City

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Force Ranao continued to scour the main battle area in Marawi City – hunting down the remaining terrorist stragglers.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of JTF Ranao, said sporadic firefights are still erupting between the clearing troops and the remnants of the Islamic State-inspired Maute group.

While the military official could not say how many terrorists are still left in the war zone, he, however, assured that government troops will not stop until they are neutralized.

He also stressed the stragglers do not pose much threat now.

"We are hunting them down...we don't have specific number," said Brawner.

Meanwhile, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero called for the enhancement of regional border security with neighboring countries in a bid to combat transnational crimes, including terrorism.

Guerrero hopes to enhance border security with Malaysia and Indonesia through the Trilateral Cooperation Arrangement inked in June 2017 aimed at stopping kidnapping, trafficking, and transit of terror personalities in the Sulu Sea.

"We will also increase the frequency of our coordinated patrols with our Asean counterparts in order to prevent the use of our common maritime borders for illegal activities," Guerrero said.

The AFP chief also banks on the national policy and defense agenda to

develop a credible defense force with strengthened naval and air capabilities for more effective monitoring and control of sea lanes and air space.

"For this, we will reinforce our Maritime Domain awareness on our maritime areas of interest particularly our sea lanes of communications. We will also push through with our capability build-up in order to enhance our maritime operations capability," Guerrero added.

Improvements in the international security engagements including the activation of the International Military Affairs Center are also being sought.

Moreover, the Chief of Staff also wants to shift the training methodology for the AFP's peacekeeping units from "involving temporarily formed units to deploying existing units of the AFP."

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Maute wife, children arrested in Iligan

THE wife of slain Maute leader Omarkhayam Maute was arrested along with six of her children in Iligan City on Sunday.

Chief Supt. Tim Pacleb, Director of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Northern Mindanao, said in a report that the wife of the slain Maute founder was identified as Minhati Madrais alias "Baby," an Indonesian.

Madrais was arrested in an operation conducted by members of Task Group Ranao composed of personnel from the Iligan City Police Office, Mechanized Infantry Battalion, Intelligence Security

Group, Lanao del Sur's Criminal Investigation and Detection Team and the Philippine Army's 103rd Special Action Company.

Madrais was captured along with her six children -- four girls and two boys -- at 8017 Steele Makers Village, Tubod, Iligan City at 9:30 a.m.

Authorities also seized blasting caps, detonating cords and a time fuse.

Pacleb said Madrais was holding an expired Indonesian passport.

The suspect and her children were taken to the Iligan City Police Office.

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AFP chief seeks border patrols

ARMED Forces of the Philippines chief Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero on Sunday called for greater cooperation and better border security among neighboring countries to combat transnational crimes.

This cooperation can involve more coordinated patrols with the military's counterparts in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, AFP Public Affairs Office chief Marine Col. Edgard Arevalo.

"The Command Guidance outlines the Chief of Staff's courses of action and orders for the line units and offices to follow to ensure that the AFP remains on track on its short- and long-term goals," Arevalo said.

For the active border cooperation, Guerrero hopes to enhance border security with Malaysia and Indonesia through the Trilateral Cooperation Arrangement signed in June 2017 aimed at stopping kidnapping, trafficking, and transit of terrorists in the Sulu Sea.

"We will also increase the frequency of our coordinated patrols with our Asean counterparts to prevent the use of our common maritime borders for illegal activities," Guerrero said.

Moreover, the AFP also banks on the national policy and defense agenda to develop a credible defense force with strengthened naval and air capabilities for more effective monitoring and control of sea lanes and air space.

"For this, we will reinforce our maritime domain awareness... We will also push through with our capability build-up in order to enhance our maritime operations capability," the AFP chief said.

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AFP bats for enhanced ASEAN border security

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero has called for the enhancement of regional border security agreement with neighboring countries in a bid to combat transnational crimes.

In a statement, AFP Public Affairs Office Chief Marine Colonel Edgard Arevalo, said that Guerrero wants to increase coordinated patrols with the AFP's counterparts

from Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members.

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AFP: Hunt for Maute stragglers still on

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

The deputy commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Joint Task Force Ranao, yesterday said that clearing operations continue in the main battle area (MBA) in Marawi City, where Maute group stragglers may still be hiding or attempting to escape.

Col. Romeo Brawner said the sound of gunfire can still be heard at the MBA as government troops continue their mission of clearing the area of Maute stragglers.

Earlier, an arrested Indonesian terrorist, identified as Muhammad Ilham Syahputra told the police that at least 39 Maute stragglers, are still

holed up in the war-ravaged city.

"Wala kaming numbers pero, basta't hinahabol natin (We don't have a specific number, but we are pursuing them)," Brawner said.

"Wala kaming specific number eh. So iyung sinabi ng Indonesian, si Syahputra na 39 vini-verify pa natin iyun (We don't have a specific number. The 39 that the Indonesian, Syahputra said is still subject to verification)," Brawner said although they don't pose any serious threat to the return of Marawi City residents and the rebuilding of the city, the military does not want to take any chances.

The AFP, he said, has also not set any timeline when to totally clear the area of all Maute strag-

glers.

Lanao del Sur police chief, Senior Superintendent John Guyguyon, earlier said that Syahputra was captured while allegedly trying to escape from Marawi City last November 1.

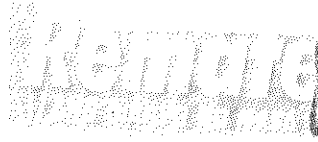
Guyguyon also said that based on the claim of the suspect, around 20 to 40 Maute stragglers are still inside the main battle area and are trying to find their way out.

Syahputra, from Sumatra, Indonesia, was immediately brought to the PNP headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City, shortly after his arrest.

Criminal charges have already been filed against him before the Department of Justice.

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Sub-leader ng ASG sumurender

SUMUKO na sa mga awtoridad ang sinasabing isa sa mga sub-leader ng ISIS-inspired terror group na Abu Sayyaf (ASG).

Isinuko rin ni Shair Omar, alyas "Toli", ang kanyang M16 rifle sa 4th Special Forces Battalion na nakabase sa Barangay Lumbang, Isabela City, Basilan.

Sa kabuuan ay aabot na sa 125 miyembro ng bandidong grupo ang sumuko sa pamahalaan ngayong taon.

Ito ay matapos mapaslang ang ilan sa kanilang mga pinuno kabilang na si Isnilon Hapilon.

Matatandaan na napatay si Hapilon ng tropa ng pamahalaan sa Marawi City.

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Ang Inangkop na Pagpapalaganap ng Balita sa Bansa P8.00

60,000 maghabantay sa ASEAN Summit

Nina AARON B. REGUENCO, BELLA GAMOTEA, MARY ANN SANTIAGO, FER TABOY at ANNA LIZA VILLAS-ALAVAREN

Magsasanib-puwersa ang intelligence community ng lokal na pulisya at ilan sa top intelligence units ng mundo para tiyak ang kaligtasan at katiwasayan ng 31st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and Related Meetings sa bansa sa susunod na linggo.

Sinabi ni Director General Ronald dela Rosa, hepe ng Philippine National Police (PNP), na mahigpit silang nakikipag-ugnayan sa kanilang counterparts, partikular sa ang mga lider ay tutungo sa Pilipinas para dumalo sa top-level meetings.

Magtatalaga ang PNP ng 19,000 pulis para magbantay sa mga pagdarausan ng ASEAN summit. Ang mga pulis na ito ay kabilang sa 60,000-strong multi-agency forces mula sa Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) at Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at iba pa na pinakilos para sa mga pagpupulong sa susunod na linggo.

Bilang bahagi ng seguridad, idineklara ng Malacañang ang tatlong araw na special non-working days ang Nobyembre 13, 14 at 15 sa National Capital Region (NCR), Bulacan at Pampanga, habang inaprubahan ng Metro mayors ang suspensyon ng klase sa lahat ng antas sa pampubliko at pribadong paaralan sa Metro Manila sa Nobyembre 16 at 17.

Sinabi ni Dela Rosa na ang kanyang mga tauhan ay sumailalim sa halos isang taong pagsasanay at paghahanda para sa

mga pagpupulong ng ASEAN na inaabla ng Pilipinas ngayong taon.

"So I just want to say to the public that they should be rest assured that your PNP is ready for this," diin ni dela Rosa.

Tiniyak din ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ang kaligtasan ng publiko sa pagtatalaga ng "best forces" summit venues.

Ayon kay AFP spokesperson Major General Restituto Padilla Jr., ang Joint Task Force National Capital Region (JTF-NCR) na pinangungunahan ni Brigadier General Jesus Manangquil Jr. ang magiging lead security unit na mamamahala sa event.

Kahapon nagtipun-tipon ang 60,000 strong force para sa "send-off ceremony" sa Quirino Grandstand sa lungsod ng Maynila.

Dumalo sa seremonya sina Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Officer-in-Charge Catalino Cuy, ASEAN 2017 National Organizing Council head

Marciano Paynor, PNP chief dela Rosa, Nation Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Region Director Oscar Albayalde, Southern Police District (SPD) Director Tomas Apolinario Jr. at iba pang opisyal mula sa mga ahensiya ng pamahalaan.

Sa press briefing, tiniyak ni Cuy, chairman r ASEAN Committee on Security, Peace and Order Emergency Preparedness and Response, na nakalat na ang mahigpit na seguridad na inihanda nila labat sa lahat ng posibleng physical at cyber threats sa summit.

Magkakaroon niya ng lockdown sa mga lugar kung saan magpupulong ang mga delegado, gayundin sa mga hotel na tutuluyan ng mga ito, bagamat wala namang plano na i-jam ang signals, tulad ng ginawang noong dumalaw sa bansa si Pope Francis.

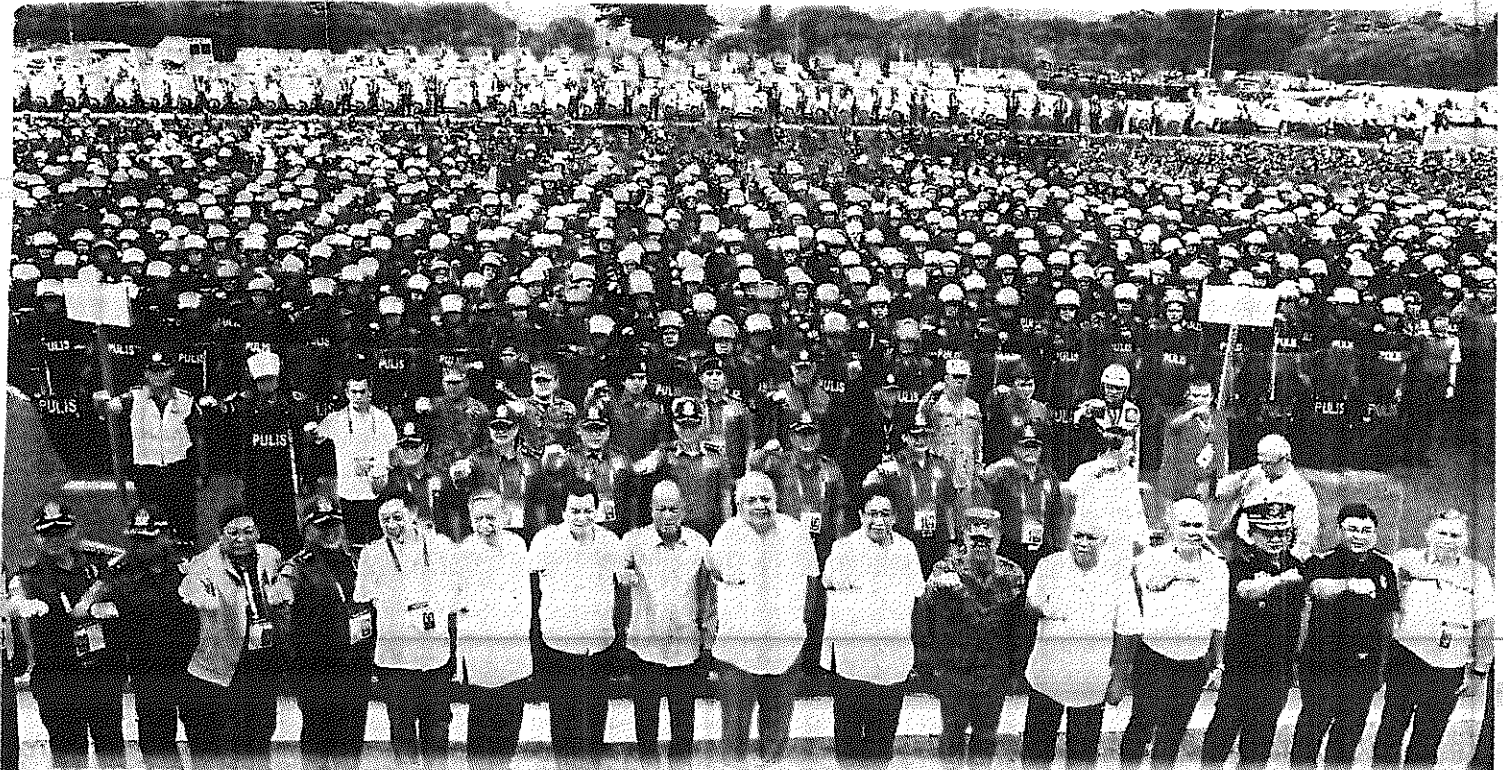
Ipinabatid ng MMDA na epektibo pa rin ang number coding scheme sa Nobyembre 13 hanggang 17 para limitahan ang dami ng mag sasakya na bibiyahin sa metropolis sa panahon ng ASEAN summit.

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KAMI'NG BAHALA! Sa pangunguna ni Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea (gitna), dumalo ang ilang opisyal ng gobyerno sa send-off ceremony para sa ASEAN Summit 2017, na babantayan ng aabot sa 60,000 mula sa 21 local agencies, kabilang ang militar at pulisya, sa Nobyembre 13-17. **ALI VICOY**

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Sundalong looters imbestigahan agad

KAKAHIYA kung totoo na sangkot sa pagnanakaw ang ilang sundalo habang nagaganap ang bakbakan sa Marawi City. Mga bayani pa namang itinuring ang mga sundalo na limang buwan na nasa gitna nang matinding labanan.

Ayon sa report, anim na sundalo ng army, at isang officer ang iniimbestigahan sa akusasyong nagnakaw sila sa mga bahay sa Marawi habang may bakbakan doon. Ayon kay Task Group Ranao deputy commander Col. Romeo Brawner Jr. wala pang ikinakaso sa mga sundalo pero nananatili na lamang sila sa barracks at dinisarmahan na. Kapag sa imbestigasyon ay napatunayan silang guilty, kakasuhan na sila at mahaharap sila sa kasong administratibo at criminal. Inabandona ng libong residente ang kanilang mga bahay nang magsimula ang kaguluhan noong Mayo 23.

Ayon sa report, pawang appliances ang umano'y tinangay ng mga sundalo na kinabibilangan ng mga electric fan. Ayon naman sa mga sundalong nahaharap sa kaso, hiram lamang umano nila ang mga gamit at hindi ninakaw. Marami umano ang makakapagpatunay na hindi sila nagnakaw sa mga bahay-bahay.

Dinepensa naman ni Brawner ang mga sundalo at sinabing hindi lahat ng mga nangyaring nakawan o looting sa mga bahay na abandonado ay kagagawan ng mga sundalo. Batay umano sa drone footage, ang mga Maute-ISIS ang nag-ransacked sa mga bahay at nagnakaw ng mga alahas, pera at appliances. May mga ebidensiya umano na ang mga terorista ang nagsamantala.

Dapat maimbestigahan agad ang nangyaring looting na sangkot ang mga sundalo para malinis ang kanilang pangalan. Sayang ang kanilang kabayanihang ipinakita. Marami sa kanila ang nagbuwis ng buhay sa pakikipaglaban. Hindi biro ang limang buwan na pakikipagbakbakan na masisira lamang dahil sa pagnanakaw ng appliances gaya ng electric fan.

Bilisan ang imbestigasyon at nang maigawad ang kaparusahan kung meron man silang nagawang kasalanan. Kung wala dapat linisin ang kanilang pangalan.

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A new effort for peace with NPA

THE government's talks with the national leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) may have been set aside by President Duterte but he has opened up a new front in the search for peace – talks with local units of the NPA and with individual rebels who want to stop fighting.

The President's daughter Sara, mayor of Davao City, has been pursuing this campaign with local dissidents in Davao. The President said he supports her initiative and extended it to other NPAs elsewhere in the country. Those who want to stop fighting, he said, may lay down their arms and the government will provide them with homes and with livelihood.

At the start of his administration last year, the President sought out his old mentor at the Lyceum of the Philippines – Jose Ma. Sison, founding chairman of the CPP, in an effort to end the nearly half a century of Communist rebellion in the country. Talks broke down last May on a number of issues, including the release of detained CPP officials and the declaration of martial law in Mindanao at the start of the Marawi siege.

It appears that the CPP-NPA-NDF is not a monolithic organization. Even as the CPP leaders met with the government negotiators in Oslo, Norway, the NPA in the Philippines carried on attacks in the field. Local commanders were making decisions based on conditions on the ground.

The world has changed considerably since the

peak of the Communist movement after World War II. The Soviet Russia of Lenin and Stalin has broken up into the Russian Federation and the now independent republics of Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, etc. As for China, it started becoming a world economic power when, after the death of Chairman Mao, the new leader Deng Hsiao Ping, with his market reforms, led China into the global economy. The Communist ideology is no longer seen today as one solid movement presenting itself as an alternative to democracy.

It is against this background that President Duterte is now carrying on his new peace effort, concentrating on the NPA ground commanders and the men under them. In a press conference in Davao Tuesday night, he said his offer of jobs and housing is for those who want to rest, those who don't want any more bloodshed, those who don't want to kill another Filipino.

Many of the men of the NPA were pushed into it by economic difficulties believed caused by social and legal injustice. The President's offer of housing and jobs could be a good beginning; those tired of fighting a seemingly lost cause may well respond to the offer.

The President should know that this same program of economic development and aid applies to the nation as a whole. Job opportunities for all who want them, not merely those who are now fighting with the NPA – that would be an achievement worthy of this or any other administration.

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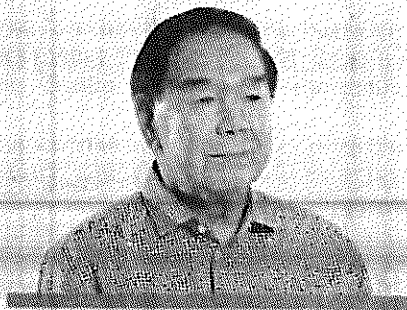
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Rekindling the warrior spirit

For almost half a century since the Philippine Military Academy reopened its doors at the end of World War II, the traditional foundation day and homecoming activities by the alumni were held during the month of February. It was in February 1905 that a constabulary school was established in the old Sta. Lucia barracks in Intramuros. The school created by the American colonial government had for its main mission the training of native officers to replace American officers in the continuing fight against Filipino revolutionaries still resisting American occupation. It was the classic colonial practice of "divide and rule," pitting Filipino against Filipino, and using Filipino-led forces against native freedom fighters. Of course, the Filipino freedom fighters were often portrayed as "ladrones," or bandits, to justify the ongoing pacification campaign by the new colonial power.



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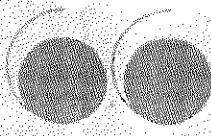
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In 1991, Dr. Cesar Pobre, PMA Class 1952, while working for a master's degree in history at the University of the Philippines, came upon historical data that "as part of the major organizational efforts at modernizing the Filipino armed forces, the President of the Revolutionary Government and General-in-Chief, Emilio Aguinaldo, issued a decree on October 25, 1898, establishing an Academia Militar in the town of Malolos, Bulacan." His findings led him to believe that the Academia Militar and not the Constabulary School, had a "better title to being PMA's historical anchor." Pobre pointed out that "redefining the PMA roots is not a political but a historical exercise."

We must take note of the fact that the Philippine Army and Navy trace their history back to 1897-1898, basing their existence on decrees issued by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in the course of the revolution.

Pobre's findings on the Academia Militar were confirmed by the National Historical Institute and with the Institute's action, the board of the PMA Alumni Association moved for its approval by Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, Gen. Joselin Nazareno. This was followed by favorable action from the defense secretary and final approval by President Joseph Estrada.

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plebehood. Did the ghost of hazing have anything to do with the shortened plebe status?

The guest of honor was Sen. Panfilo Lacson, Class 1971, who reminded the cadets that "only those who know how to obey are fit to command." Also in attendance was the new AFP chief of staff, Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Class 1984.

Over the years, the Armed Forces has been called upon to help or be engaged in activities other than conflict resolution. They are usually in the forefront of rescue and relief operations during times of calamity such as typhoons, floods, landslides, and earthquakes. They have been employed in anti-illegal logging police work, in the construction of roads and bridges, and even in containment operations against the spread of avian flu.

Lately there have been calls for a review and reorientation of our Armed Forces to better carry out its main mission of defeating the enemies of the state.

Gen. Melchor Rosales, chair of the PMA Alumni Association, in a recent message on education and training in the Armed Forces, noted the protracted Marawi City siege that took more than five months to resolve, as well as the previous Zamboanga City attack. The AFP and police forces lost 165 men along with almost 1,700 wounded in the Marawi conflict aside from the massive collateral damage suffered by the city. He said "the national government and the AFP cannot afford to continually sustain losses of this kind and magnitude," and called for a review of training policies for improved fighting skills.

"The change must start at the basic or entry-level of training, with the instilling of the warrior spirit. Any soldier must have the mindset of fighting and winning first and foremost."

Perhaps, what Rosales did not say is that we are using too many of our soldiers not for fighting purposes, but for objectives and missions that should be left to the civilians.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur in an address to the corps at the US Military Academy, dwelt on this issue, saying "Let civilian voices argue the merits or demerits of our processes of government. Whether our strength is being sapped by deficit financing indulged too long by federal paternalism grown too mighty, by power groups grown too arrogant, by politics grown too corrupt, by crime grown too rampant, by morals grown too low, by taxes grown too high, by extremists grown too violent; whether our personal liberties are as firm and complete as they should be.

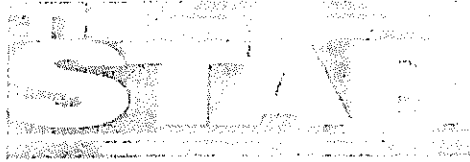
"These great national problems are not for your professional participation or military solution."

The mission of the AFP is to win wars. No other organization is trained to fight for this singular objective.

In 1998 the centennial of Philippine Independence, the Academy for the first time marked its Foundation Day on Oct. 25, the day President Emilio Aguinaldo signed the decree creating the Academia Militar in 1898.

Last week the PMA celebrated its 119th Foundation Anniversary. The ceremonies included early recognition of plebe Class 2021. Originally 301-strong, the Class of 2021 on recognition day was down to 246, including 36 females. Instead of waiting for a whole year as was the practice in the past, the fourth-class cadets were recognized by their upperclassmen after seven months of

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Travel warnings

Many governments give their citizens regular travel advisories covering different countries. Considering recent developments in Marawi City, it is only to be expected that foreign governments would warn their citizens about the risks of terrorism not only in Mindanao but also in other places in the Philippines including Metro Manila, where deadly terrorist attacks have taken place in the past years.

Almost every country faces a terrorist threat, and attacks have been carried out successfully even in advanced economies. Top travel destinations are favorite targets, with terrorists aiming to inflict maximum impact through a high casualty count. In New York, people are mourning the deaths of eight persons who were mowed down last week by an Uzbek driving a truck in Lower Manhattan. Motor vehicles have been weaponized by terrorists, with deadly attacks launched across Europe.

What sets apart countries is the response to the threat. US authorities quickly arrested the Uzbek. Spanish authorities tracked down a terror cell responsible for the van attack last August that killed about a dozen pedestrians, with more dying lat-

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er, along Barcelona's famed Las Ramblas tourist street. Eight of

the 12 suspects have been killed by security forces while four are on trial, with authorities tracing possible international links.

In the Philippines, it took five months to end the siege of Marawi, but the commanders of the Islamic State-inspired Maute group and Abu Sayyaf were killed. Yesterday the Indonesian widow of Omarkhayam Maute was arrested in Iligan and their six children taken into custody by the state. Minhati Madrais would be detained like her mother-in-law Ominta or Farhana Romato-Maute, accused financier of the terrorists. Farhana's estranged husband Cayamora died while in detention reportedly after his blood pressure shot up.

The battle against the Abu Sayyaf elsewhere in Mindanao has been more complicated, as the group continues to kidnap and hold on to mostly foreign hostages in the jungles of Sulu. Other countries have warned their citizens about the threat posed by the Abu Sayyaf and other violent groups in the Philippines. The government will just have to reassure the world that the country has reasonable capability to address the terrorist threat.

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Police arrest wife of terrorist leader Omar Maute

By Rom Dulfo November 5, 2017, 3:31 pm

MANILA — Police have arrested Minhati Madrais, the Indonesian wife of terrorist leader Omar Maute, authorities confirmed Sunday afternoon.

Iligan City Police director Senior Supt. Leony Roy Ga said Madrais, alias "Baby," was arrested at their house in Steele Markers Subdivison in Barangay Tubod, Iligan City.

She, along with their six children, are now in police custody.

Ga said they will be coordinating with the region's social welfare department to take care of the children.

Police were able to recover materials used to create improvised explosive devices, and an expired Indonesian passport.

Omar Maute was killed in a military operation in war-torn Marawi City last October 16.

He was killed along with Abu Sayyaf Group leader Isnilon Hapilon, supposed to be the 'emir' of global terror network ISIS in Southeast Asia.

Following the death of the two terrorist leaders, President Rodrigo Duterte declared Marawi City liberated from the clutches of ISIS-inspired groups. (PNA)

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AFP eyes stronger border security vs transnational crimes

By Priam Nepomuceno November 5, 2017, 12:20 pm

MANILA -- As part of efforts to combat transnational crimes, newly-appointed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief-of-staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero is pushing for the enhancement of regional border security with other neighboring countries.

Col. Edgard Arevalo, AFP public affairs office chief, said Guerrero wants to increase "coordinated patrols" with the Filipino military's ASEAN counterparts.

This is contained in Guerrero's command guidance which plots the courses of action and orders for the line units and offices to follow to ensure that the AFP remains on track on its short- and long-term goals.

For the active border cooperation, the AFP chief hopes to enhance border security with Malaysia and Indonesia through the Trilateral Cooperation Arrangement inked in June 2017 aimed at stopping kidnapping, trafficking, and transit of terror personalities in the Sulu Sea.

"We will also increase the frequency of our coordinated patrols with our ASEAN counterparts in order to prevent the use of our common maritime borders for illegal activities," Guerrero added.

Moreover, the AFP also banks on the national policy and defense agenda to develop a credible defense force with strengthened naval and air capabilities for more effective monitoring and control of sea lanes and air space.

"For this, we will reinforce our Maritime Domain awareness on our maritime areas of interest particularly our sea lanes of communications. We will also push through with our capability build-up in order to enhance our maritime operations capability," Guerrero pointed out.

Improvements in the international security engagements including the activation of the International Military Affairs Center are also being sought.

Moreover, the AFP chief also wants to shift the training methodology for the military's peacekeeping units from "involving temporarily formed units to deploying existing units of the AFP." (PNA)

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