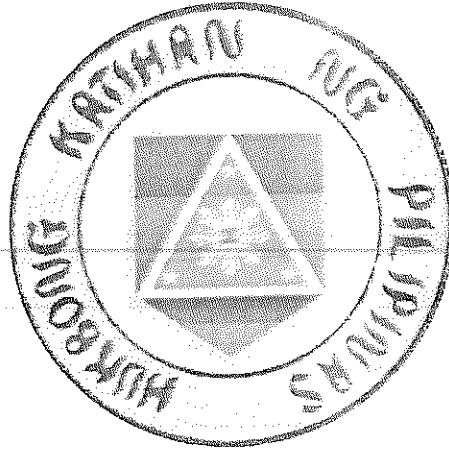


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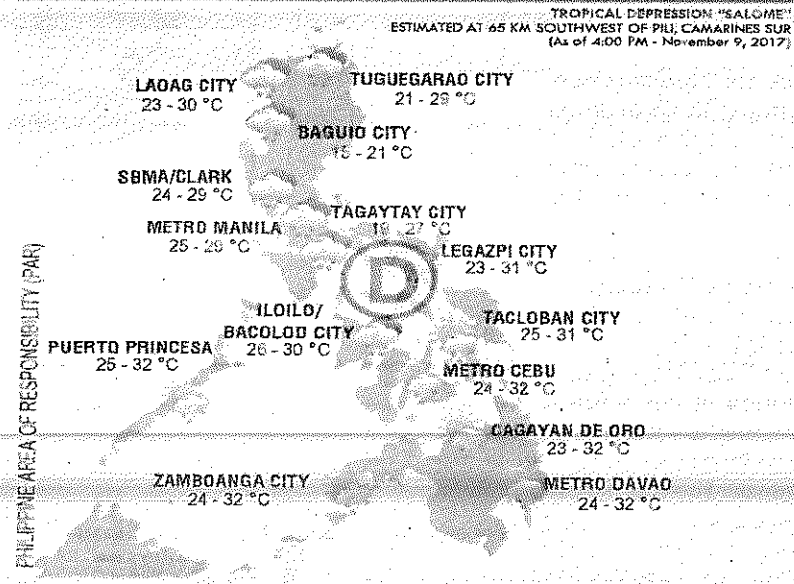


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APEC, ASEAN PRESSED ON RIGHTS CRISES

STORY BY AP, REUTERS AND LEILA E. SALAVERRIA

Human Rights Watch urges world leaders attending summits in Southeast Asia to raise the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, the crackdown on dissidents in Vietnam, and the drug war killings in the Philippines.



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Human Rights Watch on Thursday urged world leaders converging for annual summits in Southeast Asia to tackle the region's human rights crises led by the plight of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and what it called the "murderous" antidrug crackdown in the Philippines.

The call made by the US-based group, however, could run against obstacles as the hosts of the summits of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) in Vietnam are among leaders in the crosshairs of human rights watchdogs.

The 10-nation Asean, where Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam are members, has a bedrock policy of noninterference in each of its members' domestic affairs, something that has been used in the past by erring governments like Myanmar's junta to parry criticisms by fellow member states.

Any leader, along with Western counterparts attending expanded summits, however, could raise controversial issues during closed-door informal sessions they call "retreats," or in one-on-one meetings on the sidelines.

Rights catastrophes

Aside from rights groups, Western leaders like US President Donald Trump are under pressure from other officials in their countries to press human rights concerns.

Brad Adams, Asia director of Human Rights Watch, said the crisis facing Rohingya Muslims, more than 600,000 of whom have been forced to flee from Myanmar to Bangladesh, "is among the worst human rights catastrophes in Asia in years and demands concerted global action."

"World leaders shouldn't return home from these summits without agreeing to targeted sanctions to pressure Burma to end its abuses and allow in independent observers and aid groups," Adams said.

Myanmar is formerly known as Burma.

The "massacres, rape, looting and mass burnings of homes and property" that have caused vast numbers of Rohingya to flee "amount to crimes against humanity," Human Rights Watch said, adding tougher measures were needed to press Myanmar to end abuses, acknowledge rampant rights violations and ensure the safety of displaced Muslims.

Myanmar's leader and foreign minister Aung San Suu Kyi will attend the Asean and Apec summits.

Her country is not a formal Apec member but she's attend-

ing upon the invitation of Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang, according to Myanmar's state-run TV.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has faced growing international condemnation over violence against the Rohingya.

In Vietnam, Apec leaders, who are gathering there on Friday, should raise concerns about the host country's "escalating crackdown on dissidents and human rights defenders," the group said, citing the jailing of more than 100 political prisoners.

When leaders travel to

Manila starting Sunday for the Asean summits, "surely someone from among the 20 world leaders at these summits can confront (Philippine President Rodrigo) Duterte about his horrific and unprecedented 'drug war' killings," Adams said.

"Widespread summary executions of drug suspects are not just illegal, they are ineffectual and cruel," he added.

'Lay off'

Mr. Duterte denies he has a policy condoning extrajudicial killings but has openly threatened drug suspects with death.

He bristles over criticism of his deadly anticrime methods and has warned he would deal sternly with any leader who would raise human rights issues to his face.

"You want to ask a question, I'll give you an answer. Lay off. That is not your business. That is my business. I take care of my country and I will nurture my country to health," Mr. Duterte said would be his reply if Trump or others raised the issue.

Trump will be in Manila on the last leg of his 12-day Asian trip, which included visits to Japan, South Korea, China and Vietnam.

He will attend the Apec Summit in Da Nang, Vietnam, make a state visit to Hanoi and end his trip with the Asean and East Asia summits in the Philippines.

US lawmakers' request

Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren of Illinois and Democratic Rep. James McGovern of Massachusetts, who cochair the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, have written to Trump to ask him to "impress upon President Duterte the United States' profound concern" over the thousands of drug-related killings in the Philippines.

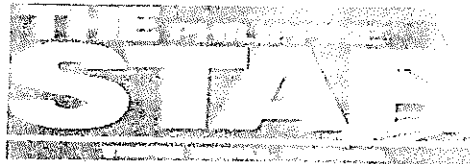
Mr. Duterte's spokesperson, Harry Roque, on Thursday said Malacañang had no comment on the two US lawmakers' request to Trump.

"President Duterte and President Trump have warm rapport, and can have candid and productive discussions on matters of shared interest," Roque said in a statement.

The Philippines, he said, continues to adhere to the rule of law and is committed to the protection of human rights. —RE-

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Duterte urges CEOs: Make growth inclusive

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

DA NANG — In the world's most dynamic region, prosperity must be shared by all, and businessmen have a role to play in realizing this, President Duterte said yesterday.

Addressing Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) chief executive officers, Duterte said businessmen could help make growth inclusive by allowing developing countries to have equal market access and opportunity for growth and development.

Speaking before the APEC CEO session 7 on "regional economic integration," Duterte emphasized that in the changing economic landscape, APEC can only be relevant after 2020 if wealth is distributed by its members equitably to developing nations.

"The reality is that APEC will only be relevant if prosperity is shared by all," Duterte said at the Ariyana Da Nang Exhibition and Convention Center.

"Inclusivity requires that the more developed economies provide greater market access to less developed ones — the same way that we encourage big businesses to allow MSMEs to be part of their inclusive business model," the President added, referring

to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

He also asserted that the grants and aids by developed countries are not enough.

Duterte, who has been vocal against oligarchy in the Philippines, underscored the need for APEC to enable developing countries to have "greater market access and opportunity for growth and development."

"The essence of true cooperation is that all are partners and everyone contributes," he said.

"Charity is not what less developed economies and small businesses need. What they need are greater market access and the opportunity to participate in growth and development," he added.

At the end of his speech, Duterte said inclusive growth "will continue to elude us unless we adopt this mindset."

Prior to this, the Chief Executive pushed the need to look at electronic commerce (e-commerce) platforms to realize the potential of bigger markets.

"E-commerce platforms such as the (APEC) marketplace... will also promote inclusive growth by drawing MSMEs into the digital economy and allowing them to expand," he said.

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Regional integration

As this year's chairman of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Duterte emphasized that regional integration was anchored on open and free trade.

"APEC must continue to advocate for stronger and deeper regional economic integration by facilitating the liberalization of trade and investment," he said.

"As the fulcrum of several integrated mechanisms such as ASEAN and the Pacific Alliance, APEC can be instrumental in promoting more inter- and intra-regional trade, investments and people-to-people connectivity between other economic blocs," he added.

Regional development, according to Duterte, is stymied by diversity.

"Diversity will always pull us in separate directions, but regional integration anchored on open and free trade will allow us to maximize the opportunities presented by global trends like cross-border flows and digital developments," he said.

In 2015, Duterte noted how the APEC looked at the importance of the Free Trade Area of

the Asia and the Pacific and how it should be pursued as a comprehensive free trade agreement built on ongoing regional undertakings.

Brain drain due to globalization

On globalization, Duterte said the phenomenon has pressed the brightest workers from poor Southeast Asian countries to move overseas in a brain drain that must be reversed if real development is to be achieved.

In an impassioned appeal by a leader better known for explosive outbursts, Duterte said the efforts of poorer countries to rise up the value chain are being undercut by mass migration of skilled workers.

"Globalization, to a certain extent, has really damaged poor economies," he said in the same speech.

By way of example he said: "the best of our young (Filipinos)... tend to go to the places where the economy is thriving," such as the United States.

More than 10 million Filipinos work overseas, which is around 10 percent of the population, remitting billions of dollars back to the country each year.

He acknowledged US President Donald Trump's complaints that globalization has also sent American manufacturing jobs to cheaper countries such as China.

But Duterte said poorer nations faced the hardest edge of global commerce as they are stripped of labor and raw materials to fuel a world economy they cannot compete in.

He urged the 10 ASEAN member nations to speed up economic integration to power the region up the manufacturing chain, retain its skilled workers and educate those "left behind."

"We only provide the raw materials," which are then sent back by richer manufacturing countries for "four times the price," Duterte said, adding "that is globalization."

He vowed to "forcefully" carry the message of unity to the ASEAN summit, which he is hosting in Manila starting Monday next week.

Globalization and the rules of trade are under the microscope in Vietnam this week, where world leaders including Trump, China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin are set to converge from Friday for the APEC summit. - With AFP

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6 soldiers killed in Basilan clash

Gov't troops say they faced Abus, but Moro leader calls firefight 'misencounter' with MILF members

By Julie Alipala
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ZAMBOANGA CITY—At least six soldiers were killed and four others were wounded in what the military on Thursday described as a clash between government troops and Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan province.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), however, said what took place in Sumisip town on Wednesday was a "misencounter" between soldiers and MILF rebels.

Col. Juvymax Uy, commander of the Joint Task Group Basilan, said soldiers belonging to the 18th Infantry Battalion conducted a strike against Abu Sayyaf bandits led by Siar Alhamsirol and Parong Tedi in Upper Cabengbeng village on Wednesday afternoon.

Uy said the firefight lasted for four hours because the bandits were "reinforced by lawless elements" that engaged the troops near Basilan Circumferential Road in Sumisip.

"As they edged toward the [provincial] circumferential road, operating troops were met with heavy fire by lawless elements believed to be relatives and sympathizers of the Abu Sayyaf bandits," Uy said.

He said the military launched air support for the



Mohagher Iqbal

ground troops, who killed or wounded a still undetermined number of suspected bandits.

"I am deeply saddened by the event and the death of our soldiers," said Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., commander of the Western Mindanao Command.

But Mohagher Iqbal, MILF peace panel chair, said no Abu Sayyaf bandit was involved in the clash.

He said MILF rebels in Sumisip were alarmed when soldiers arrived in their area "without any coordination."

"We suffered one dead and one injury," Iqbal told the Inquirer by text message.

This was not the first time the MILF had fired on govern-

ment troops in Basilan due to alleged lack of coordination.

On July 10, 2007, 23 soldiers belonging to the Philippine Marines were killed in Al-barka town as MILF rebels, aided by locals, fired at them. Fourteen of the slain soldiers were beheaded.

On Oct. 18, 2011, 19 soldiers from the Special Forces Regiment were killed, also in Al-barka.

Uy did not identify the six soldiers killed during Wednesday's clash, which he insisted involved the Abu Sayyaf.

He said the bodies had been sent here. The remains of two soldiers had been claimed by their relatives.

Galvez said combat operations against the bandits would be intensified.

The military earlier said the Abu Sayyaf would be among the next targets of operations after the defeat of the Islamic State (IS)-inspired Maute group in Marawi City.

Basilan, where slain IS "emir" (leader) Isnilon Hapilon hailed, is a known stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf.

The military said the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf would also include Sulu, where the bandit group remained active despite military operations that killed most of its founding leaders. INQ

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6 soldiers killed in clash with Sayyaf men

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Six soldiers were killed and four others wounded in an encounter with Abu Sayyaf bandits in Sumisip, Basilan on Wednesday.

Capt. Jo-Ann Petinglay, Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) spokesperson, said four of the fatalities were transported to this city while two others were claimed by their relatives.

The wounded were airlifted and confined at the Camp Navarro General Hospital and in a private hospital.

Col. Juvymax Uy, Joint Task Force Basilan and 104th Infantry Brigade commander, said soldiers of the 18th Infantry Battalion (IB) launched an offensive

against the bandits led by Siar Alhamsirol and Parong Tedi in Barangay Upper Cabengbeng at about 12:41 p.m.

“Toward the circumferential road, operating troops were met with heavy fire by lawless elements believed to be relatives and sympathizers of the Abu Sayyaf,” Uy said.

He said the firefight lasted for almost four hours, with soldiers of the 64th and 68th IBs deployed as reinforcement. The Air Force also launched air strikes on Abu Sayyaf positions.

Westmincom chief Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. vowed to step up operations to neutralize the Abu Sayyaf.

“As we mourn, combat and intelligence operations against the bandits will be intensified,” Galvez said.

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6 soldiers killed, 4 injured in fight with Abu Sayyaf

BY VICTOR REYES

SIX Army soldiers were killed and four others were injured in a firefight with Abu Sayyaf members and lawless elements in Sumisip town in Basilan on Wednesday afternoon.

The military loss came nearly two weeks after AFP chief Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero vowed to end the remaining terrorist groups, including the Abu Sayyaf, when he assumed the top military post on October 26.

The fighting broke out around 12:41 p.m. in Barangay Upper Cabengbeng where troops the Army's 18th Infantry Battalion conducted a "strike operation," the military's Western Mindanao Command said.

Wesmincom spokesperson Capt. Jo-ann Petinglay said the soldiers targeted an undetermined number

of Abu Sayyaf men under one Siar Alhamsirol and one Parong Tedi.

Petinglay said the Abu Sayyaf men were later reinforced by "lawless elements" which engaged the troops near the Basilan Circumferential Road, also in Sumisip town.

"As they (soldiers) edged towards the circumferential road, operating troops were met with heavy fire by lawless elements believed to be relatives and sympathizers of the Abu Sayyaf bandits," said Joint Task Force Basilan commander Col. Juvymax Uy.

Petinglay said troops from the 64th and 68th infantry battalions reinforced the engaged troops. She added that Air Force assets provided close air support for the beleaguered soldiers.

Petinglay said an undetermined

number of enemy were either killed or wounded in the fighting, which she said lasted for about four hours. Pursuit operations against the fleeing enemy are ongoing.

"We are sad to report the death of six of your soldiers during the encounter yesterday in Basilan," said Wesmincom commander Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez.

"As we mourn, combat operations against the bandits will be intensified with our intelligence operations and sustained campaign to defeat the remaining terrorists. Rest assured that this will not stop us from crushing the enemies of the state," added Galvez.

In his assumption speech, Guerrero said his priorities in the area of peace and security are clear – to "finish the remaining terrorist

groups, neutralize the communist threat and support law enforcement agencies in efforts against lawless armed groups."

By terrorist groups, Guerrero said he was referring to the Abu Sayyaf and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters which have pledged allegiance with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria a few years ago.

Guerrero turned his sights on the remaining terrorist groups and the communists after the termination of the combat operation against the Maute Group which laid a siege of Marawi City on May 23.

The combat operation against the Maute Group was terminated on October 23. The five-month conflict resulted in the death of over 900 Maute members, 165 soldiers and policemen and 47 civilians.

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15 soldiers wounded in battle vs Reds

DUPAX DEL SUR, Nueva Vizcaya—A distress call received by the Veterans Regional Hospital Thursday afternoon indicated between 10 and 15 soldiers were wounded in an encounter with guerrillas of the New People's Army.

The report suggested the clash took place in Barangay Sanguit here, a mountainous village near the boundary of Nueva Vizcaya and Nueva Ecija.

According to a source based at the VRH who asked not to be named, a request was received that "wounded soldiers will be airlifted" there.

"So far, no helicopter has landed here at the hospital. We heard pilots can't land at the site of the clash due to bad weather," an emergency response volunteer on standby told **Manila Standard**.

Sources here said the military operation started on Wednesday.

There were no other details immediately available.

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3 slain in Surigao AFP-NPA encounter

BUTUAN – A soldier and two militiamen were killed in an encounter with New People's Army (NPA) rebels in Barangay San Isidro,

Lianga, Surigao del Sur on Tuesday.

Capt. Jasper Gacayan of the 401st Infantry Brigade identified the fatali-

ties as Cpl. Badin Pandi of the 75th Infantry Battalion and Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit personnel Cristituto Gaanoy and Jomar

Tejero.

Gacayan said government troopers were patrolling the area when they encountered the rebels. – Ben Serrano

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HIGH VALUE TARGETS

COTABATO AIRSTRIKES VS IS SUPPORTERS LAUNCHED

KIDAPAWAN CITY—The military on Wednesday launched airstrikes targeting two remote villages in Carmen town in North Cotabato province after an Islamic State (IS)-inspired group was seen gathering in the area, police and military officials said.

Capt. Arvin John Encinas, speaking for the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said the airstrikes were launched against the group of Esmael Abulmalik, alias Commander Abu Torayfe, who was seen with his men in the forested borders of the vil-

lages of Tonganon and Bentangan, both in Carmen.

Encinas on Wednesday said they had not received reports of casualties from the strike. Two attack helicopters pounded the area with rockets on Wednesday morning. The attack lasted for about 45 minutes.

Army and police sources said about 10 "high value targets" were with Abulmalik, an Imam and leader of a faction of IS-inspired Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters.

They said foreign-looking armed men in black uniforms

were seen with the group in the past days.

Encinas said the offensive was launched after residents reported the presence of armed men in the village.

The strikes were backed by ground troops from the 7th Infantry Battalion and artillery offensives.

Chief Insp. Julius Malcontento, Carmen police chief, said the police did not monitor any evacuation of civilians since the villages were far from populated communities. —EDWIN O. FERNANDEZ INQ

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2 pilots in crash rescued

ARMY soldiers rescued on Wednesday night two injured pilots of a civilian Cessna plane that crashed at the boundary of Nueva Ecija and Aurora provinces two days earlier.

Lt. Col. Isagani Nato, spokesman of the military's Northern Luzon Command, identified the pilots as flight instructor Capt. Joseph Albert Galvan and female pilot trainee Alexii Trinidad.

Nato said Trinidad sustained a fracture in her right leg while Galvan had minor wounds in the head and chin.

Nato said the two were rescued and given first aid by forces of the Army's 56th Infantry Battalion at the boundary of Pantabangan town in Nueva Ecija and Maria Aurora town in Aurora.

Nato said Ar Force helicopters were also sent to conduct search

and rescue operation after the Civil Aviation Authority relayed information about the crash but inclement weather poor visibility prevented the aircraft from reaching the site.

Nato said the rescue of the victims was delayed "due to inclement weather, poor visibility, slippery and rugged terrain."

As of yesterday afternoon, Nato said Army soldiers were carrying the pilots to a designated pick-up point in barangay Decoliat in Maria Aurora town.

The victim's Cessna 152 aircraft, with tail number RPC 1955, crashed around 12:30 p.m. last Monday. It came from Lingayen town in Pangasinan and en route to Baler town in Aurora.

Authorities could not immediately say why the aircraft, owned by the Fly Fast Aviation, crashed.

– Victor Reyes

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AFP chief gets 4-star rank

Newly appointed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero was formally promoted to four-star rank Wednesday.

In the Philippine military, a four-star rank is equivalent to a full general, the highest position in the AFP.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and AFP Vice Chief-of-Staff Lt. Gen. Melchor Mison Jr. donned Guerrero's fourth star during a ceremony held at the new Philippine Air Force Hall of Flags, Villamor Air Base in Pasay City.

Guerrero, who was appointed AFP chief last October 26, is a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1984.

Prior to his appointment as AFP chief, he led the Eastern Mindanao Command, Capiz-based 3rd Infantry Division, 701st Infantry Brigade, and Task Force Davao.

He also served as chief-of-staff of the Philippine Army.

Guerrero has also been awarded the Distinguished Service Star four times; the Order of Lakandula (Degree of Commander); the Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Officer); and the Honorary Airborne Wings from the Royal Thai Army.

Meanwhile, the moral of troops

wounded in the five-month battle to retake Marawi City from the Maute group has skyrocketed again after President Duterte ordered the release of P500 million for their treatment and rehabilitation.

"This gesture did not only further boost our moral, but will translate into the wounded troops' capability and ability to be productive members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines despite losing their limbs or sustaining serious injury," AFP public affairs office chief Col. Edgard Arevalo said yesterday.

More than 1,000 troops from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force were estimated to have been wounded while 165 were killed in the battle that began May 23 and ended last October 23.

Arevalo said the AFP expressed its gratitude to the Commander-in-Chief for his profound manifestation of his care and concern for the nation's soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines.

Duterte made this announcement Tuesday during the launch of the Department of Agriculture's "Karne, Isda Supply Suporta sa Masa at Ekonomiya" (Kiss Me) project at the Bonifacio Naval Station Officers' Clubhouse Social Hall in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

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'Military won't back moves to establish revolutionary gov't'

By HELEN FLORES

The military will not support moves to establish a revolutionary government, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero said yesterday.

Guerrero made the assurance during the AFP's security briefing for Vice President Leni Robredo at the Philippine Air Force headquarters in Pasay City.

"They (Guerrero and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana), in no uncertain terms, assured us that they will not support a revolutionary government or any moves that threatened our Constitution," Robredo said.

The Vice President said she asked the AFP and the DND where they stand on the proposed revolutionary government being floated by President Duterte.

"We asked them because there are officials of the government who are involved in discussions regarding the revolutionary government. But ...we were assured, and the assurance was firm that

they will not support such plan," she said.

Robredo said she requested the AFP for a briefing on the situation in Marawi as her office would like to assist in the rehabilitation efforts in the area.

"We're very active in the relief efforts; now we also want to be active in the rehabilitation. Since the AFP and DND are actively involved in the rehabilitation, we requested for a briefing," she said.

The military, however, provided her a "very comprehensive" briefing, which also included the security situation in the entire country.

"The West Philippine Sea was also discussed, as well as threats, not only from Maute group, but also from the ASG (Abu Sayyaf), BIFF (Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters), and the CPP-NPA (Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army)," she said.

The Office of the Vice President, through its Angat Buhay anti-poverty program, is looking forward to assisting in the rehabilitation efforts in the city, Robredo said.

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SACRIFICE FOR COUNTRY

SULTAN KUDARAT HONORS ITS MARAWI HEROES

ISULAN, SULTAN KUDARAT— Staff Sgt. Reynold Pallado and his colleagues from the Army's Light Reaction Regiment were inching their way into an enemy-held area in Marawi City in July when a bomb went off.

"The last word I uttered was, 'I'm dead,'" Pallado said of the incident that wounded him and six others.

Two of his severely wounded companions subsequently died but Pallado—who was hit by shrapnel in the eye and

nape—and four others survived.

The government lost 165 soldiers and policemen in the five-month war against terrorists that also saw a large part of Marawi reduced to rubble.

Pallado, who attended a recognition program for soldiers here on Monday, said he would not think twice about returning to the battle zone.

"We appreciate your heroism, we recognize your sacrifices," Gov. Pax Mangudadatu said as he handed checks worth

P10,000 to Pallado and 66 other soldiers from Sultan Kudarat.

Mangudadatu said his heart also bled for those who died in the fighting in Marawi, seven of them from Sultan Kudarat.

"To the wives and families of our fallen *kababayan*, my smart salute to you for allowing your loved ones to serve our country," he said.

Mangudadatu handed P20,000 each to the families of slain soldiers. —EDWIN FERNANDEZ INQ

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37 more bodies recovered in Marawi

By Richel Umel
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MARAWI CITY—Authorities have recovered 37 human remains, including those of two infants estimated to be 2 months and 7 months old, in one of the former battlefields in Marawi City.

Senior Supt. Mary Leocyl Mag-abo, chief of the Scene of the Crime Operatives based in Iligan City, told the inquirer that the bodies of four women were among those recovered on Wednesday near buildings where the pro-Islamic State (IS) gunmen made their last stand.

Mag-abo said all the bodies were in an advanced state of

decomposition, indicating deaths had occurred in recent weeks.

She said the identities of the remains and how these individuals had died could not yet be established.

"We are not certain also if the children and the women killed were immediate family members of the IS-linked Maute terrorist group or if they were among the hostages," she said.

The presence of hostages and family members of the IS fighters inside the battle zone prevented troops from launching more fierce attacks against the militants, slowing down the retaking of the city, according to the military.

Danny Capin, the owner of a funeral home in Iligan who has been helping manage the recovered remains, said the 37 collected on Wednesday was the largest number of remains retrieved in a single day so far this month.

75 remains recovered

This brought to 75 the total number of human remains—including skeletons—recovered since Monday, he said.

He said all the cadavers were brought to the Maqbara public cemetery where they were examined by two forensic experts.

"DNA extraction for future identification of the remains were also being performed at

the cemetery," Capin said.

Capin said the retrieval of human remains would continue and they expected to find more bodies inside the main battle area.

He said the remains of 238 individuals, mostly suspected IS gunmen, were retrieved from May 23 to Nov. 8.

Zia Alonto Adiong, spokesperson for the Lanao del Sur crisis management committee, said authorities were expected to recover "600-700 remains" following the military's report that 920 militants had been killed since the gun battles erupted on May 23.

"The expected number was for Maute fighters alone,"

Adiong added.

The retrieval operations involved various government agencies and nongovernmental groups such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

ICRC assistance

"We recognized the assistance provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross such as equipment and facilities for forensic examination," Mag-abo said.

She said the ICRC also provided body bags, masks, suits, and boots and trained members of the recovery teams on proper retrieval procedures.

Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., the deputy commander of the Joint

Task Force Ranao, said the city should be cleared of human remains before the return of displaced residents.

However, Brawner said some areas remained off-limits to civilians and members of the retrieval team because the military had not rendered them safe from explosives and booby traps.

According to a recently captured Indonesian fighter, Mohammad Ilham Syahputra, some militants could still be inside the battle areas, he added.

Nine gunmen were killed during a fierce battle on Sunday, two weeks since the military declared a formal end to the war here. INQ

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27 pang bangkay ng Maute-ISIS narekober sa Marawi

NAKAREKOBER pa ng 27 bangkay ng mga hinihinalang miyembro ng Maute-ISIS group sa patuloy na clearing operations ng militar sa Marawi City.

Ayon kay Capt. Ramcel Dugan ng First Scout Ranger Battalion, nakuha ang mga nasabing bangkay sa dulo ng main battle area kung saan posibleng huling nagkampo ang Maute-ISIS members.

Dagdag ni Dugan, kabilang din sa mga na-retrieve na mga bangkay ay foreign fighters.

Bukod sa mga katawan ng mga hinihinalang terorista, nakuha rin sa area ang mga camera lens at tinatayang P800,000 na cash.

Nagpapatuloy pa ang clearing operations ng militar at paghabol sa mga nalalabing Maute stragglers na nagtatago pa sa loob ng main battle area sa siyudad.

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Maute-ISIS supporters, tuloy ang pagre-recruit?

Bineberipika ng militar ang mga ulat na nagre-recruit ang mga tagasuporta ng Maute-ISIS ng mga bagong mandirigma terorista sa mga bayang nakapaligid sa Lake Lanao sa Lanao del Sur at Lanao Del Norte.

Ito ang naging pahayag ni Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Joint Task Force Ranao Deputy Commander Col. Romeo Brawner, kaugnay ng posibilidad ng pagganti ng Maute-ISIS reinforcements mula sa labas ng Marawi City.

Partikular na tinukoy ni Brawner ang grupo na pinamumunuan ng isang Abu Dar, na na-monitor ng militar na aktibong nagre-recruit ng mga bagong mandirigma.

Batay, aniya, sa impormasyon na nakuha ng militar sa mga nahuling terorista, P30,000 ang alok sa mga sasali at may ipinangako pang karagdagang halaga kapag naging miyembro na.

Gayunman, nilinaw ni Brawner na bineberipika pa nila ang nasabing impormasyon.

Aniya, tinitiyak ng militar na hindi na makare-regroup ang Maute-ISIS at makapaghahasik muli ng kaguluhan sa Marawi City at sa iba pang lugar sa rehiyon.

Binalaan din ni Brawner ang mga nag-iisip na sumapi sa teroristang grupo na huwag magpasilaw sa alok na pera dahil siguradong kamatayan lang ang naghuhuntay sa kanila, gaya ng sinapit ng mahigit 900 teroristang Maute na napatay sa Marawi.

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Crèche dedicated to Marawi soldiers

TARLAC CITY – The Northern Luzon Command has dedicated its entry to this year's Belenismo sa Tarlac contest to soldiers who fought in Marawi.

Army chief Lt. Gen. Rolando Joselito Bautista said soldiers and policemen helped make the crèche using wooden platforms, discarded tarpaulins and camouflage cloth, among other recyclable materials. The entry is titled "Marawi sa Panahon ng Kayapaan."

Isa Cojuangco-Suntay, chairperson of the Tarlac Heritage Foundation, said there are 44 entries in this year's contest, which opened at Camp Aquino in this city on Monday.

Suntay said the categories this year are community, church, monumental and grand, with prizes of P70,000, P80,000, P90,000 and P100,000, respectively.

The final judging is on Nov. 18 while the awarding ceremony is on Dec. 2.

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Air Force salutes Isabel Granada

By AARON B. RECUECO

The Philippine Air Force (PAF) yesterday extended full military honors to the late actress Isabel Granada shortly after the arrival yesterday of her remains from Qatar where she succumbed to brain aneurysm at 41.

In a statement, the PAF leadership said the full military honor for Granada was for her service both as an active and reservist of the military unit.

“The Philippine Air Force would like to express its profound sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and loved ones of Filipina celebrity and PAF reservist, Ms Isabel Granada,” the PAF said in

a statement.

“During this time of mourning, we, the men and women of the PAF, share the sense of grief and great loss of Ms Granada and we wish to pay tribute to this great woman who has achieved so much in her life,” it added.

Granda, a popular actress during 1980s and 1990s, was recruited by the PAF in 2001 through its Direct Enlistment Program and was part of the PAF women’s volleyball team.

Granada spent a year as an active PAF enlisted personnel as part of the PAF Women’s Volleyball team and opted to remain as a reservist later.

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GALIT SA DROGA! Naghahanda ang mga K9 handler at kani-kanilang K9 buddy sa pagsisimula ng seremonya ng pagtatapos ng K9-Unit Basic Handler's Course sa Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) headquarters sa Quezon City kahapon. Sa loob ng 12 linggo, nagsanay ang 22-partisipante mula sa pulisya, Philippine Marines at Bureau of Jail Management and Penology sa narcotics detection at special tactics ng mga

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Wounded troops' morale up with release of P500-M for treatment, rehab

By Priam Nepomuceno

The morale of troops wounded in the five-month battle to retake Marawi City from the Maute group has skyrocketed again after President Rodrigo Duterte ordered the release of PHP500 million for their treatment and rehabilitation.

"This gesture did not only further boost our morale, but will translate into the wounded troops' capability and ability to be productive members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines despite losing their limbs or sustaining serious injury," AFP public affairs office chief, Col. Edgard Arevalo, told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) Thursday.

More than 1,000 troops from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force were estimated to have been wounded while 165 were killed in the battle that began May 23 and ended last October 23.

Arevalo said the AFP expressed its gratitude to the Commander-in-Chief for his profound manifestation of his care and concern for the nation's soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines.

Duterte made this announcement Tuesday during the launch of the Department of Agriculture's "Karne, Isda Supply Suporta sa Masa at Ekonomiya" (Kiss Me) project at the Bonifacio Naval Station Officers' Clubhouse Social Hall in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. (PNA)