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PHILIPPINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (PAR)

**LAOAG CITY** 24 - 32 °C  
**TUGUEGARAO CITY** 23 - 32 °C  
**BAGUIO CITY** 16 - 24 °C  
**SBMA/CLARK** 25 - 32 °C  
**TAGAYTAY CITY** 20 - 27 °C  
**METRO MANILA** 24 - 31 °C  
**LEGAZPI CITY** 25 - 30 °C  
**ILOILO/BACOLOD CITY** 26 - 33 °C  
**TACLOBAN CITY** 25 - 31 °C  
**PUERTO PRINCESA** 25 - 33 °C  
**METRO CEBU** 26 - 32 °C  
**CAGAYAN DE ORO** 24 - 31 °C  
**ZAMBOANGA CITY** 23 - 33 °C  
**METRO DAVAO** 25 - 30 °C

**NORTHEAST MONSOON AFFECTING NORTHERN AND CENTRAL LUZON**  
**TAIL-END OF A COLD FRONT AFFECTING EASTERN SECTION OF SOUTHERN LUZON**  
**TROUGH OF A LOW PRESSURE AREA AFFECTING SOUTHERN MINDANAO**  
(As of 4:00 AM - November 26, 2017)

<b>SUNRISE</b>	<b>SUNSET</b>
6:02 AM	5:24 PM
<b>MOONRISE</b>	<b>MOONSET</b>
11:51 AM	11:46 PM
<b>NEW MOON</b>	<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>
NOV 18 7:42 PM	NOV 27 1:02 AM
<b>LOW TIDE</b>	<b>HIGH TIDE</b>
MANILA SOUTH HARBOR	
9:55 AM	12:52 AM
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Partly cloudy to all times along with rainshowers  
Partly cloudy to all times steady with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms  
Cloudy areas with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms  
Light rain

<b>METRO MANILA</b>	24 - 32 °C	24 - 33 °C	<b>TAGAYTAY</b>	19 - 26 °C	19 - 28 °C	<b>TACLOBAN</b>	25 - 32 °C	24 - 31 °C
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<b>LAOAG</b>	23 - 32 °C	23 - 32 °C	<b>PUERTO PRINCESA</b>	25 - 32 °C	25 - 32 °C	<b>METRO DAVAO</b>	24 - 29 °C	25 - 30 °C
<b>BAGUIO</b>	16 - 24 °C	16 - 24 °C	<b>ILOILO/BACOLOD</b>	26 - 33 °C	26 - 33 °C	<b>ZAMBOANGA</b>	23 - 32 °C	24 - 33 °C
<b>SBMA/CLARK</b>	25 - 33 °C	25 - 33 °C	<b>METRO CEBU</b>	26 - 32 °C	26 - 33 °C			

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# AFTER TERMINATION OF TALKS WITH NDF Military pushes LGU negotiations

BY RJ CARBONELL

**T**HE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on Saturday threw its support behind localized peace talks with communist rebels after President Rodrigo Duterte's decision to cancel negotiations with the National Democratic Front (NDF).

AFP Chief of Staff General Rey Leonardo Guerrero issued a statement a day after the military's declaration of all-out offensives against the New Peoples' Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), through "focused operations."

"The AFP supports the decision of the President to cancel talks with the CPP, NPA and NDF, and to go 'all out' against

the NPA terrorists," Guerrero said in a statement on Saturday.

"The AFP also supports peace initiatives by our local elected officials including programs that seek to integrate NPAs back to mainstream society," Guerrero said.

Guerrero defended Duterte after CPP founder Jose Maria Sison's statement

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that the President deliberately sabotaged the peace talks.

Cuerrero was quick to point out that the military still supported the peace initiatives at the local government level, led by local executives.

On Friday, AFP spokesman Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla Jr. said peace talks led by local government units (LGUs) could be the "bright spot" in the peace process.

"We will continue to campaign, together with the LGUs, to pursue peace talks because even though the formal talks at the national level have ended, our local [government units] and our forces will be joining forces to give chance to those on the mountains to go back to their normal lives," Padilla added.

### 'Sison entitled to his opinion'

Malacañang shrugged off the accusation by Sison that his former student, President Duterte, is the "No. 1 terrorist in the Philippines."

"Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion," Palace spokesman Harry Roque said in a statement.

"The President, we have to underscore, terminated the peace talks after their members had failed to show their sincerity and commitment in pursuing genuine and meaningful peaceful negotiations with their continuous acts of violence and atrocities," he added.

Sison accused Duterte of being a terrorist after he ended the peace talks with the National Democratic Front.

"He is culpable for the abduction, torture, and mass murder of an increasing large number of poor people suspected as drug users and pushers, peasants and indigenous people in suspected guerrilla fronts and Moro people suspected of aid-

ing the Dawlah Islamiyah from the time of the indiscriminate bombing of Marawi City to the present in several Bangsamoro areas," Sison said in a statement.

The President on Thursday signed Proclamation 360 terminating the peace talks with the rebels, represented by the NDF. Duterte slammed the NPA for attacking government troops and civilians, and extorting money from them to fund their activities.

Roque said the President "walked the extra mile for peace as he has always wanted to leave a legacy of peace under his administration."

But Sison, the NDF's chief consultant in the peace talks, refuted Roque's statement and said Duterte "maliciously sabotaged" the peace process, which was being brokered by Norway.

"In the course of his rants, Duterte unwittingly exposed his scarce, shallow and defective knowledge of the peace process," Sison said.

"Among [Duterte's] lucid statements ... are those pertaining to his voluntary admission as a fascist in the service of the [United States], his overwhelming desire for killing and war, and his advice to the [NDF] to negotiate with his successor in due time," he added.

In formally declaring the government's withdrawal from the peace talks, the President also bared plans to declare the NPA a terrorist group and to crack down on its "legal fronts."

On Friday, Duterte said he decided to cut talks with the communist rebels as the group sounded like they wanted a "coalition government" with his administration.

"As it was shaping up during our talks, I already noticed the trend of the thoughts of the other side

and when I summed it all, reading from all previous working papers, it would sound like a coalition government," Duterte said in a speech in Bulacan. "That is why I said in the previous days, I cannot give you what I don't own and certainly a coalition with the Republic of the Philippines is pure nonsense."

The President halted talks with the rebels in July following a series of attacks by the NPA, against government forces. He said he would not resume the talks unless the rebels stopped their extortion activities.

The fifth round of talks brokered by Norway was suspended on May 27 after the government panel withdrew from the negotiating table in response to the communist group's order to guerrillas to intensify attacks against security forces amid martial law in Mindanao.

WITH CATHERINE S. VALENTE

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# Duterte says jail awaits 'Joma'

By ABYLL CYRUS B. DEDUCOS

**P**resident Duterte said Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder Jose Ma. "Joma" Sison should forget about returning to his motherland if he

does not want to land behind bars.

"If Joma Sison comes here, I will arrest him. Or if I were him, wag na siyang bumalik dito (I will not return anymore)," Duterte said in his speech during the San Beda Law Alumni Homecoming in Makati City late

Friday evening

His statement comes after he signed Proclamation No. 360, officially terminating the peace talks between the government and the CPP-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF)

At the same time, Duterte ordered the military to rearrest the CPP-NPA-NDF leaders, and that includes Sison and those he ordered to be temporarily released from detention so they could participate in the formal peace negotiations in Norway

"I released about 32 of them, political leaders, ideological leaders, to show good faith and the confidence-building period which is really very necessary in talking to them and to the enemies of the state," said Duterte.

But his tone has changed with Sison, saying he will not allow the leader of the CPP, whom he earlier labeled as "dying," to return to the Philippines.

"I will not allow him to enter his native land and that is a very painful experience, especially if you're dying and you think na (that) you should be buried in your own cemetery, in your own town," he said.

Meanwhile, Duterte shrugged off Sison's recent tirades, accusing him of sabotaging the peace talks and calling him the No. 1 terrorist in the Philippines

He said Sison is entitled to his own opinion despite their irreconcilable values.

"You are entitled to your own opinion but the fact is we cannot ever agree on the so many things that you demand of me," Duterte said.

Sison, in a statement, said Duterte...

"unwittingly exposed his scarce, shallow and defective knowledge of the peace process." He added that Duterte is the country's top terrorist.

"Duterte is the No. 1 terrorist in the Philippines. He is culpable for the abduction, torture and mass murder of an increasingly large number of poor people (who are) suspected drug users and pushers, peasants and indigenous people in suspected guerrilla fronts and Moro people suspected of aiding the Dawlah Islamiyah from the time of the indiscriminate bombing of Marawi City to the present in several Bangsamoro areas," Sison said.

Before this, Sison called Duterte the "No. 1 drug addict" who should be the target of the police.

"Duterte is the number one drug addict in the Philippines and is the most fitting target of the police units that he has turned into death squads and corrupted with money and promotions," Sison, Duterte's former college professor, said last July.

Duterte's relationship with the Left started to turn sour after the rebels launched a series of ambushes in Bukidnon which left three soldiers dead last February.

But Duterte seemed to have had enough when news broke out of the encounter between the NPA and members of the Presidential Security Group (PSG), leaving six members of the PSG wounded, last July.

Duterte, since then, expressed his unwillingness to continue with the peace negotiations, saying Sison is a coward for leaving his men in the coun-

try to fight his war for him.

## Bridging the gap

Individual members of the 24-man Senate may act as a bridge between the Philippine government and the leftist organizations for peace initiatives to move forward after Duterte stalled it when he closed the doors to negotiations.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III, a political ally of the President, said all doors to negotiations should not be closed as the Upper Chamber is opening unofficial channels to be used by any of the two negotiating panels.

Pimentel anchored his position on the Senate's acting as "listening or relay post" because it considers all parties to the negotiations as part of its constituency and that "we are in one country"

"We are politicians. There should be openness," he said, but in the same breath, refused to consider the Senate as a "backdoor channel."

But while the Upper Chamber has yet to establish the "bridge" between the government and the Left, Pimentel said his office is already open to talking with groups

"Isa lang naman yung bansa natin, ang nag-aaway Filipino sa Filipino din. Eh constituents din naman naming lahat yan eh (We have only one country. After all, they are also our constituents)," he noted.

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The Senate chief, however, said the CPP-NPA-NDFP should be committed in settling issues with the government in order to regain the President's trust. "Kasi kahit naman bukas yung pintuan for official peace talks, may attacks pa din. Dun nagagalit ang ating pangulo (Here's what – even if the doors for official peace talks are open, their attacks

continue. That's what fires up the President)," he said.

"So something must change," he emphasized.

Pimentel said he understands the President in terminating the peace talks because the NPA has, like in previous administrations, been sabotaging it by staging ambushes and killings with policemen and soldiers accounting for the majority of casualties, setting on fire

equipment of mining companies, and collecting "revolutionary" taxes.

He brushed off claims of leftist organizations that the President is a "dictator" and that he is abusing his powers.

Pimentel maintained that Duterte considers that his decisions, under his jurisdictions. "He is just exercising his powers (President)," said Pimentel. (With reports from Mario B. Casayuran and Vanne Elaine P Terrazola)

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# RODY SEES 'VIRULENT' AFP-NPA ENCOUNTERS

STORY BY LEILA B. SALAVERRIA, JOCELYN UY AND DELFIN T. MALLARI JR.

**There will be more blood. President Duterte told soldiers to prepare for heightened violence following his decision to scuttle peace talks with communist rebels. The rebels, Mr. Duterte told members of the First Scout Ranger Regiment, "will strike again." "There will be virulent confrontations," he said a day after signing a proclamation terminating the peace talks. "Be prepared for that," said the President, who wore a Ranger uniform.**

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By Leila B. Salaverria, Jocelyn Uy and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.  
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The rebels, Mr. Duterte told members of the First Scout Ranger Regiment, "will strike again."

"There will be virulent confrontations," he said a day after signing Proclamation No. 360 terminating peace talks with communist rebels.

"Be prepared for that," said the President, who wore a Ranger uniform in a gesture that appeared to deliver the message that he was ready for a full-scale war with communist rebels.

## CPP warning

The President issued the warning shortly after Jose Maria Sison, founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), declared there would be more rebel attacks as a result of Mr. Duterte's decision to end the talks.

Mr. Duterte told Rangers he would not allow the Armed Forces to be at a disadvantage in the war on the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of CPP which has been waging a Maoist revolution for nearly 50 years.

"I will not allow a weak military or police," he said at his speech at the Ranger camp in San Miguel, Bulacan.

"I intend to build a strong Armed Forces and police," he said. "If I don't they will just push us around," Mr. Duterte said.

He said he was willing to spend more on weapons and war materiel for the military but that these should be brand new. "No more hand-me-downs," the President said.

## Open unofficial doors

War with the rebels was also the theme of Mr. Duterte's speech to alumni of his alma mater, San Beda College.

"You can somewhat expect a more violent activity of all sorts," he said.

A key ally of Mr. Duterte, however, said the government should not close all the doors to peace.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel

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President Duterte troops the line during a visit to the First Scout Ranger Regiment at Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan, on Friday. On Thursday, he signed a proclamation ending peace talks with communist rebels. —JOAN BONDOC

III, a top official of Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayaban party which carried Mr. Duterte in the 2016 presidential election, said if official channels for talks with rebels had been closed there should be an effort to open unofficial ones.

"If the official door to peace talks is closed, we have to open unofficial doors," said Pimentel in a radio interview on Friday.

He said the Senate or senators could serve as a bridge for peace.

"That openness must be there but I'm not saying that we've already established a connection," Pimentel said.

He said he understood Mr. Duterte's

anger over soldiers and policemen getting killed outside of combat.

#### Feeling betrayed

In his speeches on Friday, the President tried to explain his decision to end the talks.

"Even if we talk for a thousand years, we can never reconcile our values," said Mr. Duterte, who gained national prominence as mayor of Davao City for receiving captives freed by communist rebels operating in Davao.

He said he could not agree to a coalition government with the rebels. But Sison, self-exiled founder of CPP, said Mr. Duterte was lying

about the coalition government.

Sison said talk about a coalition government came from Mr. Duterte, not the rebels. But Mr. Duterte said he studied the papers being discussed in the negotiations and felt that they all led to a coalition government.

The President said he was left with "no choice" but end the talks when rebels persisted in attacking government targets, collecting revolutionary taxes and attacking companies that refused to come across.

#### Inner conflict

Sison, however, said Mr. Duterte was suffering from a conflict between what he says and what he does.

"He vowed to wage war on drugs but the problem has become far worse because his own family was involved," Sison said.

Mr. Duterte, added Sison, vowed to wipe out corruption "but he got himself elected to the presidency by allying himself with extremely corrupt families."

The President said he decided to end the talks because he cannot give "a portion of sovereignty which nobody can own except the Filipino people."

Mr. Duterte did not elaborate on what he meant by sovereignty, but part of the agenda in negotiations between government and rebel representatives were proposed agreements on social and economic reforms, including a more thoroughgoing land reform program.

Part of what drove him to end the talks, Mr. Duterte said, were continuing attacks by NPA even on policemen and soldiers just "going home to their families."

He said he was also angered by the continued collection of taxes by rebels even when "we were talking already."

"Let's just shoot each other," Mr. Duterte said.

—WITH A REPORT FROM CARMELA REYES ESTROPE

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# Duterte receives awards from San Beda, FSRR

By **ARCYLL CYRUS B. GEDUCOS**  
and **FREDDIE C. VELEZ**

**P**resident Duterte received recognition from the San Beda College of Law and from the First Scout Ranger Regiment (FSRR) for his leadership, and invaluable support to the soldiers.

After his more than one-hour impromptu speech at the San Beda Law Alumni Homecoming in Makati City late Friday evening, Duterte was named "Bedan of the Year" by his alma mater.

He was presented with a bust formed after his image, in recognition of his "exemplary national leadership."

The bust was conferred to Duterte

by lawyers Avelino Cruz and Benedicto Malcontento, Justice Francisco Acosta, and San Beda's Rector and President, Rev. Fr. Alloysius Ma. Maranan.

Duterte, citing the last paragraph of his prepared speech before completely ditching it, encouraged his fellow alumni to "join hands with the Filipino nation in leading the way for change and progress."

"As we move forward, may all of our achievements enable the college to remain as a great learning institution committed to its mission of providing excellent and quality education guided by the Benedictine principles of values and principles. Pati pag-mura (Even in cursing)," Duterte said, earning the laughter of his schoolmates.

Duterte graduated from the San Beda College of Law in 1972.

Prior to being recognized by his alma mater, Duterte received an Honorary Scout Ranger Badge from the FSRR during its 67th Founding Anniversary at Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan.

FSRR Commander Brigadier General Rene Glen Paje and his men met the President when get off from the presidential chopper donning Scout Ranger uniform.

Duterte made it to the event despite the bad weather and received the Honorary Scout Ranger Badge presented by Paje in recognition of his "invaluable support" to the Philippine Army's special operations command unit.

"For invaluable support extended to the First Scout Ranger Regiment, President Duterte on many occasions manifested great concern for the welfare of Scout Rangers and inspired its officers and men to their mission," the citation read.

"As such, he is worthy of the respect and honor to be a member of the Scout Ranger family," it added.

In his speech before hundreds of soldiers and their families, wives of the Marawi fallen soldiers, and local officials in the province headed by Governor Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado, Duterte enjoined the troops to continue to defend the country from various threats such as terrorism and violent

extremism.

"Our people depend on the military and the government to give them the stable, orderly and prosperous nation that they desired for so long," Duterte said. "So let us remain united as we continue to combat the persistent threats of terrorism, extremism and lawlessness," he added.

The President also officiated the ceremonial awarding of the "Order of Lapu-Lapu" to the officers and personnel who were deployed in Marawi City. He also led the presentation of a plaque of appreciation to private individuals who showed invaluable and meritorious support that contributed to the success of the Scout Rangers.

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## Rangers, San Beda award President

The San Beda College of Law and the First Scout Ranger Regiment of the Philippine Army have awarded President Duterte for his leadership and invaluable support to soldiers.

Duterte was named "Bedan of the Year" and was awarded a bust of himself for his exemplary national leadership at the San Beda Law Alumni Homecoming in Makab City.

The bust was conferred to Duterte by lawyers Avelino Cruz and Benedicto Malcontento, Justice Francisco Acosta, and San Beda Rector and President Rev. Fr. Alloysius Ma. Maranan.

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"As we move forward, may all of our achievements enable the college to remain as a great learning institution committed to its mission of providing excellent and quality education guided by the Benedictine principles of values and principles. *Pati pag-mura,*" said Duterte, a graduate of the San Beda College of Law in 1972, drawing laughter from the schoolmates.

Earlier, the FSRR, led by Brig. Gen. Rene Glen Paje, awarded the Chief Executive an Honorary Scout Ranger Badge during its 67th Founding Anniversary in Camp Teeson, Bulacan.

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many occasions manifested great concern for the welfare of Scout Rangers and inspired its officers and men to their mission," the citation read.

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Duterte, who graced the event wearing the Scout Ranger uniform, enjoined the troops to continue to defend the country from threats such as terrorism and violent extremism.

"Our people depend on the military and the government to give them the stable, orderly, and prosperous nation that they desired for so long," Duterte said.

Duterte awarded the Order of Lapu-Lapu Medal with ranks of Kamagi and Kampilan to several officers and members of the FSRR during the event.

The Kamagi Medal is awarded to government officials and personnel, and even private individuals, who "actively participated in and contributed significantly to an activity pursuant to a campaign or advocacy of the President."

The Kampilan Medal, on the other hand, is awarded to government officials and personnel, and even private individuals, who were seriously wounded or injured, or suffered great loss of property as a direct result of their participation in an activity pursuant to a campaign or advocacy of the President. **(Argyll Cyrus B. Geducos)**

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## Rody gets honorary Scout Ranger Badge from FSRR



President Duterte is accorded with military honors upon his arrival at Camp Tecson, in San Miguel, Bulacan for his attendance to the 67th Founding Anniversary of the First Scout Ranger Regiment last November 24.

**SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan** – President Duterte on Friday received an Honorary Scout Ranger Badge from the First Scout Ranger Regiment (FSRR) in recognition of his “invaluable support” to the Philippine Army’s special operations command unit.

The badge was presented by FSRR commander Brig. Gen. Rene Glen Paje to the Commander-in-Chief, who arrived donning Scout Ranger uniform.

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“As such, he is worthy of the respect and honor to be a member of the Scout Ranger family,” it added.

The President was honored during the 67th founding anniversary of the FSRR at Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan.

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“Our people depend on the military and the government to give them the stable, orderly and prosperous nation that they desired for so long,” he said.

“So let us remain united as

we continue to combat the persistent threats of terrorism, extremism and lawlessness. Let us stand firm and resolute as we work, hand in hand, for lasting peace and meaningful change in our country,” he added.

During the event, the President awarded the Order of Lapu-Lapu medals with ranks of Kamagi and Kampilan to several officials and members of FSRR, including Brigadier General Paje.

The Order of Lapu-Lapu was established in 2017 and is conferred by the President in recognition of the exemplary service rendered by officials and personnel government, as well as private individuals, in significantly advancing a campaign or advocacy of the President, particularly acts of valor and kindness described as extraordinary acts of service and exceptional contributions to the country.

All the troop awardees were also given caliber .45 pistols as reward.

He also led the presentation of plaque of appreciation to private individuals who showed invaluable and meritorious support that contributed to the success of the Scout Rangers.

Before returning to Manila, the President joined the troops in a boodle fight to celebrate their anniversary.

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## Rody to give Ecija drug rehab center to soldiers

By EDITH REGALADO

DAVAO CITY – President Duterte said he is giving the 10,000-bedroom mega drug treatment and rehabilitation center at Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"I gave it to the soldiers. There are no takers," the President said in Filipino during the

centers closer to the communities of drug offenders would have been better

But Duterte pointed out that making it hard for families to visit their loved ones under rehabilitation is exactly the point.

"That is precisely the reason, alienating them in the meantime from all things," the President said, noting that rehabilitation involves isolating a patient from his or her family for a certain period of time.

He lamented that although the Nueva Ecija facility is a very good area for rehabilitation, there were no takers as families of drug addicts apparently opted for community-based rehab.

But health undersecretary Roger Tong-an said 60 drug dependents who underwent treatment at the mega center are set to graduate on Nov. 29, just in time for the facility's first founding anniversary next week.

The former drug addicts comprise the third batch of

San Beda Law Alumni Homecoming the other night.

Chinese philanthropist Huang Rulun built the facility to help in Duterte's anti-drug efforts.

He earlier fired former Dangerous Drugs Board chair Dionisio Santiago after the latter called the building of the facility a mistake and that smaller

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drug surrenderees liberated from their drug addiction, he added.

"They stayed there from four to six months to undergo rehabilitation," Tong-an said.

He said 102 surrenderees have already graduated from the program and endorsed to the Department of Social Welfare and Development and local government units (LGU) for "reintegration" in the community. A system is also in place to monitor those who have been discharged to ensure they would not go through a "relapse."

The graduates have also

been provided with livelihood training to help them get back on their feet after their release.

Tong-an said that, based on the assessment of health personnel in the community, only one percent of surrenderees have "severe" addiction requiring confinement at the center. The rest can just go through community-based treatment and rehabilitation under LGU supervision.

Data from the Department of Health showed that only 663 drug dependents have so far been admitted at the center, a majority of whom came from

the National Capital Region, Region 3 and Region 4-B.

Most of them were unemployed while others were tricycle drivers and construction workers. At least one was identified as a barangay captain.

"A rehabilitation center plays a vital role in our war against illegal drugs. Mere counseling does not work for many drug dependents so it is important for them to be kept

away from any influence so they can focus on their rehabilitation," Tong-an added.

– With Sheila Crisostomo

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## BIFF recruiting child warriors in North Cotabato

BY MALI CADELINA MANAR

**KIDAPAWAN CITY, Cotabato** — Child warriors are being recruited in areas in North Cotabato where there are groups believed to be influenced by the

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), a top military official said yesterday

Captain Edwin Encinas, chief of the public affairs of the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade (602nd IB), accused the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom ►10

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Fighters (BIFF) of recruiting children and teenagers to join their group.

Encinas said the BIFF is a militant group believed to be inspired by the ISIS. In North Cotabato, the group is led by a certain Esmael Abdulmalik or Abu Torayfe, he said.

Reports said in Southwest Mindanao, about 200 children and teenagers have been recruited by militant groups.

In North Cotabato, however, there is yet an exact number as to how many were recruits of Torayfe's BIFF.

"We monitored their recruitment during the first quarter of the year. It is still ongoing," said Encinas.

"Hindi natin nilulubayan ang grupo ni Torayfe. Also, tuluy-tuloy din ang forum na ginagawa natin para wag mahikayat ang mga kabataan na sumapi sa

BIFF (We're not letting up on Torayfe's group. Also, we continue holding forums so that the youth will not be encouraged to join the BIFF)," said Encinas.

Last month, the 602nd IB has intensified its military offensives against the BIFF believed hiding in two villages in Carmen, North Cotabato.

The aerial bombardment of these areas where militants were sighted led to the displacement of some 200 families from Barangays Tonganon and Bentangan.

Two days ago, the military overran the camps put up by the BIFF in Tonganon and Bentangan in Carmen, said Encinas.

Torayfe and his group, according to reports, were forced to abandon their lairs after the Army intensified military offensives in the area.

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### **SUNDALO TODAS SA GUNMAN**

**SOUTH COTABATO** — Isang sundalo ang namatay nang barilin ng armadong salarin, kamakalawa sa Bgy. San Vicente, Banga sa lalawigang ito.

Nakilala ang biktima na si Pfc. Joel Pabon, nakatalaga sa 9th ID, Philippine Army na nakabase sa Tacurong City.

Ayon sa ulat, nasa lamay ng kanyang yumaong lola si Pabon nang sumulpot ang suspek at agad binaril sa mukha ang biktima.

Nagpalabas na ng manhunt operation ang mga awtoridad para madakip ang salarin.

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### AFP backs Duterte on talks cancellation

By ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) yesterday threw its support to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's order to cancel talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New Peoples' Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) in the middle of the allegation of the latter's founder Jose Maria Sison that the President allegedly sabotaged the peace-talk.

AFP-Public Affairs Office (PAO) Chief Marine Colonel Edgard Arevalo said, AFP Chief of Staff General Rey Leonardo Guerrero stressed their support to the President's order as he vowed to go all out against the NPA terrorists.

"The AFP supports the decision of the President to cancel talks with the CPP-NPA-NDF and to go "all out" against the NPA terrorists," Guerrero said.

In line with this, the Chief of Staff also said that the AFP also supports the peace initiatives of local elected officials particularly their programs that will seek to integrate NPA returnees back to the mainstream society.

It can be recalled that on Friday, President Duterte signed Proclamation 360, that ordered the termination of all peace negotiation and meetings with the CPP-NPA-NDF following the atrocities committed by the rebels against civilians and security forces.

According to AFP spokesperson Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla, in response to the implementation of Proclamation 360, all military units were ordered to keep a tight watch on the movement of the rebels to prevent possible attacks.

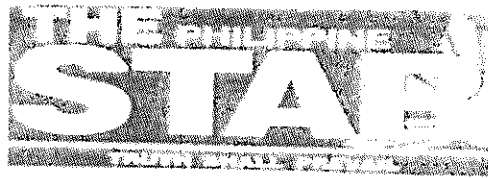
Padilla said the AFP already provided guidance to their units to be vigilant and stay alert pertaining to the movements of the NPA.

Padilla said the AFP will certainly respond should the NPAs decide to attack and harass communities in the countryside.

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# Duterte aching to become dictator, says Joma

By JAIME LAUDE

President Duterte is aching to be a fascist dictator like the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos as proven by his decision to cancel the peace talks with the communist rebels, Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria Sison said yesterday.

"As a President in a rush to become a fascist dictator, he expects to have limitless opportunities for bureaucratic corruption like his idol Marcos, especially in over-price infrastructure projects, government purchases and cheap sale of raw materials," Sison said in statement released by the National Democratic Front (NDF).

Duterte on Friday ordered the cancellation of the talks after rebel negotiators reportedly insisted on forming a coalition

government. The President said the proposal was "pure nonsense."

"Duterte does mind being proven a big liar on the question of coalition government. He thinks that he can move on from success to success at political swindling. Now, he is being carried away by his obsession to establish a fascist dictatorship through charter change under the pretext of adopting a pseudo-federal system under his over centralized despotism and terrorism," Sison said.

He said Duterte reneged on his campaign promise of forming a coalition government with the left and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

"To prove that Duterte is a big liar on the question of coalition government, I call the attention of the Filipino people to the following news links," Sison said

citing several news reports.

Sison added Duterte failed on his promise to rid the country of illegal drugs saying the drug problem is still around after almost two years and has even gone worse.

"This is because his family is involved in large-scale drug smuggling and his regime protects the biggest drug lords and protectors at the level of governments and generals, while engaging in the mass murder of more than 14,000 poor suspected drug users and pushers," he said.

Sison also criticized Duterte for his failure to addressing corruption in the government. He also accused the President of amassing great amount of undeclared wealth by collecting huge campaign funds from 2014 to 2016.

– With Jose Rodel Clapano

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## Martial law sasamantalahin vs massacre suspects

Ni Ali G. Macabalang

AMPATUAN, Maguindanao - Tinivak ng matataas na opisyal ng militar sa Central Mindanao ang tulong sa pagtugis sa mga pangunahing suspek sa pagmasaker sa 59 katao noong 2009 sa bayang ito na nananatiling nagtatago sa kuta ng extremist armed groups sa probinsiya.

“With or without (extra power under) the existing Martial Law (in Mindanao), we will help enforce warrants or arrest against suspects remaining at large,” pahayag ni Maj Gen Arnel dela Vega, piruno ng Maguindanao-based na Army’s 6th Infantry Division, sa mga reporter habang ginugunita ang 8th year anniversary sa massacre site nitong Huwebes.

Nagsalita habang humihati sa anniversary reckoning nitong mga anak ng mga namatay sa massacre lalo na ng pinata na 92 media people, ay nagalitan sa pakikiusap sa militar na gamitin ang kapangyarihang ibimbigay ng Martial Law upang arestuhin ang mga pangunahing suspek na bagamat unukov nang kasangkot ay nananatili pa ring malaya.

Ang tinutukoy nila ay ang apat na miyembro ng Ampatuan political family, kabilang si

Baharin, apo ng patriarch at former governor na si Andal Sr. Si Baharin ay nakikatang gumagala pamunsan-minsan na napapaligiran ng heavily armed followers, reklamo nila, ayon sa mga ipinaparating na ulat ng mga nagmamalasakit na tagapayon.

Saang ayunan ito ni incumbent Maguindanao Gov. Estmael “Toto” Mangudadatu, na nawalan ng asawa at dalawang kapatid at dalawa pang kamag-anak sa pamamulang at sinabing nakakatangap sa ang intelligence reports na si Baharin ay nagtatago sa kuta ng marahas na extremist guerillas sa kanayunan ng Datu Unsay, Mamasapano at Ampatuan.

Mayroong 196 na akusado sa massacre pero 102 lamang ang nakatuturing habang naghihina ng paglilita. Sa mga nakakulong ay apat na ang namatay, kabilang ang patriarch na si Andal Ampatuan Sr.

Sa kasalukuyan, 113 na ang naisakdal, samantalang tallo ang tinangeal sa listahan ng mga akusado nang maging state witnesses, ayon sa records ng prosecution.

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## Marawi bishop backs martial law extension

MARAWI Bishop Edwin de la Peña is in favor of another extension of martial law, but only in specific areas and not in the entire Mindanao.

"Not for whole of Mindanao, but perhaps we can understand if it is extended in specific areas," de la Peña said over Church-run Radyo Veritas.

"For me it is unwise to put the whole of Mindanao in Martial law but specifically in areas that are in tension," he said.

The prelate said martial law in some places in Mindanao could help Marawi's rehabilitation.

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"The clearing process is going to take a long time, and so we do not look forward to the start of reconstruction of Marawi church, it may take a long time before we can do that. We are more focused on locating our Christian population because it's very important that you establish, you build up the community before building the structures," he added.

Martial law was declared in Mindanao on May 23, when fighting in Marawi, the country's Islamic capital, broke out.

Under the 1987 Constitution, the declaration was limited to 60

days. On the request of President Rodrigo Duterte, Congress extended martial law until December 31.

A day after the deaths of Isnilon Hapilon and Omar Maute in October, Duterte declared Marawi liberated from the influence of terrorists, allowing the government to shift its focus to rehabilitating the city.

Some sectors have asked Duterte to lift martial law now that security forces have eliminated the terrorist leaders.

But the military said martial law was still needed to curb terrorist networks in other parts of Mindanao like Basilan and Sulu.

On November 18, Malacañang said it accepted the recommendation of the military on the possible extension of martial law in Mindanao. President Rodrigo Duterte however has yet to decide on the matter.

"You know, the declaration of martial law is always dependent on what the Armed Forces and the police recommends. They are the two entities that would be relied upon heavily by a president or head of states when we entertain something like extreme measures, martial law, state of emergency," Duterte said.

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## SOMO giit ng NPA para mapalaya ang 2 pulis

**BUTUAN CITY** – Hiniling sa militar ng mga rebeldeng bumihag sa dalawang pulis ang suspension of military and police operations (SOMO) sa anim na bayan sa Surigao del Norte para ligtas na mapalaya ang tinatawag nilang “prisoners of war”.

Hiniling ng custodial force ng guerilla-Front Committee 16 ng New People’s Army (NPA) sa mga field unit commander ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) na magpatupad ng 10-araw na suspensiyon ng mga

operasyon upang mapalaya ang dalawang pulis na bihag nila.

“We receive the result and found out that the two had no direct involvement in the crimes like extrajudicial killing, drug trafficking and extortion activities raised against Placer police and we see no reason to keep them as prisoners of war,” sinabi sa lokal na diyalekto ni “Ka Oto”, ang tagapagsalita ng guerilla-Front Committee 16, nang kapanayamin sa radyo nitong Biyernes.

Nobyembre 13 nang dukutin ng NPA sina PO2 John Doverte at PO2

Alfredo Degamon habang nasa police box sa gilid ng national highway sa Barangay Bad-as, Placer, Surigao del Norte.

Tiniyak ni Ka Oto na palalayain ng kilusan ang dalawang pulis kapag itinigil ng pulisya at militar ang opensiba ng mga ito sa ilang barangay sa mga bayan ng Alegria, Tubod, Placer, Bacuag, Gigaquit, at Claver sa Surigao del Norte.

Gayunman, iginiit kahapon ng mga opisyal ng pulisya at militar sa hilaga-silangang Mindanao na ang kanilang mga operasyon laban sa NPA – na opisyal na idineklara ni Pangulong Duterte bilang mga terorista – “will continue without let up”

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## NPA INFLICTS P2-B LOSSES ON E. MINDANAO, SAYS AFP

NEW People's Army's atrocities have caused damage to property and equipment worth P2.17 billion in Eastern Mindanao in 2017, a scourge tantamount to "economic sabotage," the Armed Forces of the Philippines said Saturday.

AFP spokesperson Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla Jr. in an interview on Super Radyo dzBB said the over P2-billion figure represented an accumulated damage from NPA attacks in "more than 50" incidents of burning and destroying business implements from January to November 2017.

"This was based on field reports submitted and duly validated" on the ground," Padilla said in a message to GMA News Online.

In the radio interview, he also said there was a 2,000-percent increase in

the rate of destruction from the 2016 accumulated figure estimated at "more than P100 million" in 36 hostile incidents.

And this is on top of the AFP's "modest estimate" of P2.2 billion in "extorted money" from mining companies among other businesses that the rebel group has collected in the Mindanao area, he pointed out.

He told GMA News Online the estimate was based on a study by the Eastern Mindanao Command.

Meanwhile, a policeman was killed and 10 others wounded when they were ambushed by communist rebels in the town of Maasin, Iloilo on Friday evening.

Maasin is the same town where, in June, New People's Army guerrillas took control of the municipal police station

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without firing a shot and carted off several weapons and other equipment.

The Friday ambush took place a day after President Rodrigo Duterte signed Proclamation No. 360 formally terminating peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front, and two days after three policemen were wounded in a rebel ambush in Sibalom, Antique.

News reports said the police personnel, belonging to the 6th Regional Public Safety Battalion, were on a patrol vehicle and a private car when they were attacked early Friday evening. The lone fatality was identified as Police Officer 1 Jofer Odon.

Most of the wounded policemen were taken to Iloilo City.

On Saturday, the Coronacion "Waling-Waling" Chiva Command of the NPA on Panay acknowledged the attack, which it said was carried out in Barangay Bolo by a unit

of the Jose Percival Estocada Jr. Command in Central Panay, although it claimed 12 policemen were wounded.

It also called the Sibalom incident an ambush pulled off by the Napoleon Tumagtag Command of Southern Panay.

On the same day as the Maasin ambush, Concha Araneta, spokesperson of the NDFP on Panay, issued a statement belittling Duterte's branding them "terrorist," saying this was no different from what past presidents since the late President Ferdinand Marcos had done.

President Duterte on Thursday signed a proclamation declaring the end of peace negotiations with the Communist Party of the Philippines-NPA-National Democratic Front of the Philippines.

The reason, the presidential spokesperson said, was the "engage[ment] of the NDFP-CPP-NPA in acts of violence and hostilities."

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## SWS: 77% of Filipinos support Marawi rehab

EIGHT out of 10 Filipinos are satisfied with the government's efforts to rebuild Marawi City, according to the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey.

The poll, conducted from September 23 to 27, found that 77 percent of Filipino adults were satisfied with the steps taken by the Duterte administration in restoring the country's Islamic capital.

Only 8 percent of the respondents said they were dissatisfied with the government's work in rebuilding the besieged city, while 15 percent were undecided.

This yielded a net satisfaction rating of +70, which the pollster classified as "excellent."

SWS said satisfaction with undertak-

ings to reconstruct Marawi was highest in Mindanao at an excellent +77, followed by Metro Manila at an excellent +75, Balance Luzon at a very good +66, and the Visayas at a very good +65.

By education, satisfaction was an excellent +76 among college graduates, and an excellent +74 among high school graduates. It was a very good

+67 among elementary school graduates and a very good +54 among non-elementary school graduates.

By religion, satisfaction was within the excellent net satisfaction range among Iglesia ni Cristo members (+75) and religions other than INC, Islam, and Roman Catholicism (+72). It was

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within the very good net satisfaction range among Roman Catholics (+69) and Muslims (+65).

The same survey also found that 53 percent of Filipinos said it would take five years or more before the areas damaged by the Marawi City crisis could fully recover.

Forty-six percent said bringing back normalcy to Marawi could take one to four years while the remaining one percent were undecided.

"It hardly varied across locale, educational level, and religion," SWS said.

The survey was done using face-to-face interviews of 1,500 adults nationwide — 600 in balance Luzon, and 300 each in Metro Manila, the Visayas, and Mindanao.

It had a sampling error margin of ±3 percent for national percentages, ±4 percent for Balance Luzon, and ±6 percent each for Metro Manila, the Visayas, and Mindanao.

To recall, President Rodrigo Duterte declared Marawi City free from the Maute group on October 17, 2017, following 21 weeks of fighting between government troops and terrorist forces.

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# Repair of Marawi schools starts

By JOHN UNSON

**LANAO DEL SUR** – Classes in more schools in Marawi are expected to resume as the repair and rehabilitation of school buildings damaged in the fighting between Maute militants and government troops has started.

The Department of Education in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao will prioritize the repair of seven schools near the main battle area, John Magno, DepEd-ARMM director, said yesterday.

At least P34 million was initially allocated for the repair of the said schools.

Classes in more than a dozen schools in Marawi resumed last month shortly after President Duterte declared the city liberated from terrorists.

Magno said security forces also approved the resumption of classes at the Matampay, Tampilong, Datu Saber, Basak, Amai Pakpak and Pandi Elementary Schools.

Zenaida Unte, DepEd-ARMM assistant schools superintendent, said classes at a national high school also resumed recently.

Police and military personnel are securing the reopened schools.

Alfhadar Pajiji, DepEd-

ARMM deputy director, visited Marawi on Wednesday to inspect campuses cleared of booby traps planted by the terrorists.

The fighting in Marawi displaced around 60,000 elementary and high school students. At least 22 schools in the main battle area were destroyed.

Many of those displaced are attending remedial classes at temporary learning centers outside Marawi. The DepEd-ARMM, Gawad Kalinga and

World Food Program of the United Nations have been providing free meals to the students.

"The executive department of ARMM is doing its best to address the problem. The main office of DepEd is also extending its support," Magno said.

ARMM Gov. Mujiv Hataman announced last Monday that the regional government would allocate P930 million for rehabilitation projects in

Marawi.

Marawi Mayor Majul Gandamra, who is also chairman of the Marawi peace and order council, said many evacuees returned to the barangays that were declared safe and cleared of debris.

Gandamra said residents of Barangays Basak Malutlut, Matampay, Panggao Saduc, Datu Saber, Tampilong, Lucksadatu, East Basak and Barrio Green have returned to their areas.

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## Marawi will be able to recover in at least 5 years

BY ELLA YN DE VERA-RUIZ

Majority of Filipinos believe that Marawi City will be able fully recover from the devastation of the five-month siege in the city within the next five years.

The nationwide Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey conducted last Sept. 23-27 with 1,500 respondents found that 53 percent of Filipinos think it will take at least five years for Marawi City to fully recover from war damages.

Meanwhile, 46 percent said it will take Marawi City one to four years to fully recover.

The respondents were particularly asked, "in your opinion, how long will it take before the areas damaged by the Marawi City crisis can fully recover?"

Thirty-two percent answered seven years or more after the crisis, 21 percent answered five to six years after the crisis, 30

percent answered three to four years after the crisis, and 16 percent answered one to two years after the crisis.

The remaining one percent did not give an answer.

Sixty percent of Filipinos in Mindanao and Visayas believe that it will take Marawi City five years or more to fully recover from the devastation.

The proportion of those saying it will take five years or more for Marawi City to fully recover was 60 percent (21 percent saying five to six years, 38 percent saying seven years or more) in Mindanao, 60 percent (25 percent saying five to six years, 35 percent saying years or more) in the Visayas, 50 percent (19 percent saying five to six years, 31 percent saying seven years or more) in rest of Luzon, and 44 percent (22 percent saying five to six years, 22 percent saying seven years or more) in Metro Manila.

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## Gov't forces on alert against NPA attacks after botched peace talks

BY MIKE U. CRISMUNDO  
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The military has alerted all its forces in eastern Mindanao in anticipation of the escalation of attacks by Communist rebels after President Rodrigo Roa Duterte formally cancelled the peace talks with the Left.

Lt. Gen. Benjamin Madrigal, commander of the Eastern Mindanao Command (EastMinCon), said they are anticipating that the New People's Army (NPA) will reciprocate Duterte's Proclamation 360 with violent attacks.

"We have to be vigilant, intensify our monitoring and be pro-active in order to prevent them from terrorizing communities," said Madrigal.

Proclamation 360 officially terminates the peace negotiations with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and NPA.

In his order, Madrigal said all commanders should raise their security posture and prevent the NPA from conducting atrocities against communities,

economic establishments, military posts and personnel.

In Butuan City, field commanders of the military and Philippine National Police (PNP) are now awaiting formal orders on when how to deal with consultants of at least 40 NDFP consultants were granted temporary liberty so that they could participate in the talks.

In a separate interviews by The Manila Bulletin on Saturday, top northeastern and northern Mindanao military commanders of the AFP and PNP said they still cannot arrest the NDF consultants "without proper directive and guidance from their respective higher officials from the central command"

"We did not even receive yet the formal proclamation that the CPP-NPA-NDF is a terrorist organization, even though that we already called them communist terrorists, based on their extortion and burning of equipment activities," a field unit Army commander said, who requested anonymity as he is not authorized to issue any statement to media.

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## NPA asks for SOMO to facilitate release of abducted cops in Surigao

By **MIKE U. CRISMUNDO**

PLACER, Surigao del Norte — New People's Army (NPA) rebels who have abducted two policemen in this province have asked government for

a suspension of military and police operations (SOMO) in at least six towns to facilitate the safe release of their so-called "prisoners of war."

The custodial force of the NPA's Guerrilla Front Committee 16, ▶10

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through its spokesman "Ka Oto," said on Friday that it had no more reason to detain Police Officers 2 John Doverte and Alfredo Degamon.

"We received the result and found out that the two had no direct involvement in the crimes like extrajudicial killing, drug trafficking and extortion activities raised against Placer police and we see no reason to keep them as prisoners of war," Ka Oto said in the vernacular in an interview with a local radio station.

What the NPA wants now is a 10-day SOMO so they can work on the safe release of the two members of the Placer Municipal Police Station.

The call for a SOMO was already conveyed to military field commanders last Thursday by the third-party facilitator/negotiator who had started negotiations with the NPA for the release of PO2 Doverte and PO2 Degamon.

"This will also endanger the abducted policemen if they (military, police) continue their operations," Bishop Maximo Rhee Timbang of the third party facilitator said.

Aside from the appeal of the negotiators assigned by the crisis management committees (CMC) of Surigao del Norte and Placer, led by Governor Sol F. Matugas and Mayor Michael Jose Patiño, parents of the two police officers requested government security forces to halt their offensives to allow the release of the hostages.

The relatives and friends of the two abducted policemen also requested the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

and the Philippine National Police (PNP) commanders to pull-out their troops in said areas to avert any untoward incident between the negotiators and all parties concerned.

Since the two were abducted from the police box stationed on the national highway in Barangay Bad-as, Placer town, Surigao del Norte, last November 13, they have been treated well by the NPA, Ka Oto assured.

"We assured the parents and their relatives that they are both safe and in good health," he said.

Ka Oto said they would release the two abducted policemen on condition that the army and police would order their forces to stand down in some villages in the towns of Alegria, Tubod, Placer, Bacuag, Gigaquit and Claver, all in Surigao del Norte.

However, the military and police commanders in northeastern Mindanao maintained yesterday that their operations against the NPA – declared recently by President Duterte as terrorists – "will continue without let up."

"Our operations against the communist terrorists is ongoing without let up, even before the abduction of these two policemen and we cannot stop our operations unless ordered us by our higher authorities," said Brig. Gen. Franco Nemesio M. Gacal, commanding general of the Army's 402nd Infantry "Stingers" Brigade (402nd IB) who has jurisdiction over areas of Surigao del Norte, Agusan del Norte and Dinagat Islands provinces.

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## Patutsada ni Joma Sison ayaw patulan ng Malakanyang

pinas founder Jose Ma. Sison, kung saan tinawag niyang "No. 1 terrorist" si Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Para kay Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, may karapatan ang bawat isa na ihayag ang kani-kanilang sariling opinyon.

"Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion," ani Sec. Roque.

Sinabi ito ni Sison dahil sa aniya'y malaking bilang ng mga napatay dahil sa kampanya ng pamahalaan kontra ilegal na droga.

Nauna nito, binigyang-din ni Sec. Roque na kaya winakasan ni Pangulong Duterte ang pakikipag-usap ng pamahalaan sa National Democratic Front of the Philippines ay dahil sa kawalan ng sinsendad ng kanilang mga miyembro.

"The President, we have to underscore, terminated the peace talks after their members

had failed to show their sincerity and commitment in pursuing genuine and meaningful peaceful negotiations with their continuous acts of violence and atrocities," anito.

Patuloy pa rin aniya kasing nagasagawa ng karahasan ang mga ito kahit na umiral noon ang peace negotiations.

### CONSULTANTS NG CPP-NPA-NDF AARESTUHIN NA

Binibigyang-pansin ngayon ng Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas ang operasyon sa pagaresto sa mga consultant ng Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front.

Kasunod ito sa pagputol ng negosasyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa usapang pangkapayapaan o peace talks sa komunistang grupo.

Ayon kay Brig. General Restituto Padilla Jr., ang tagapag-

salita ng AFP, wala na umanong bisa ang safe conduct pass na ipinagkalook noon ng gobyerno sa mga Consultant ng CPP-NPA-NDF para sa kanilang pansamantalang kalayaan at pakikilahok sa peace talks.

Nagbabela rin ang AFP na kasamang aarestuhin ang sino-man na mapatutunayang tumutulong at nangangalaga sa mga NPA, ngayon pang itinuturing na silang mga terorista.

Hindi naman nilinaw ni Padilla kung magkakasa na ang militar ng giyera kontra-NPA.

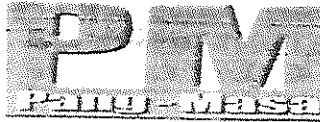
Tiniyak ni Padilla na laalong paigtingin ng AFP ang kanilang mga operasyon sa mga lugar kung saan nagkukuta ang mga rebeldeng grupo.

Nauna nang sinabi ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines na hindi pwedeng aarestuhin ang kanilang mga consultant dahil may bisa pa rin ang Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantee.

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## NPA, mas manggugulo-DU30

Makaraang wakasan ng pamahalaan ang usapang pangkapayapaan sa Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front of the Philippines (CPP-NPA-NDFP) inaasahan na ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na mas magiging mapupusok ang mga miyembro nito sa paghahasik ng gulo sa bansa.

Pero tintiyak ng Pangulo sa isang talumpati kamakalawa na magaling ang Armed Forces ng bansa at maging ang kapulisan at kayang labanan ang mga maghahasik ng gulo.

"I know that there will be a virulent period from here on. But we have a very good Armed Forces and Police. Yan maasahan ninyo, anang Pangulo.

Sinabi rin ng Pangulo na balak niyang mas pa-

lakasin pa ang militar at pulisya upang hindi kayankayanan ng mga kalaban.

"I intend to build a strong Armed Forces pati Police. Kasi 'pag hindi kaya-kayahin lang tayo... So I want a strong military and a strong police in the days to come," ani Duterte.

Inihayag pa ng Pangulo na iniutos niya sa mga miyembro ng Gabinete na hindi bibili ang gobyerno ng mga second hand na kagamitan kabilang na ang mga helicopters kahit pa mas malaki ang magagastos.

"As a matter of fact, my orders to the government pati 'yung Cabinet members, not to buy second hand whatever helicopters or... Sabihin ko, pambili natin and 'yung mga bago. 'Di na bale gumastos tayo. That's one," anang Pangulo.

Sinabi pa ng Pangulo na asahan ng mas magiging

bayolente ang mga kalaban at ipagpapatuloy ng mga ito ang pangingikil at ang panununog ng mga kompanyang hindi nagbabayad ng revolutionary tax.

Wala na rin aniyang "choice" ang Pangulo sa pagtapos ng usapang pangkapayapaan dahil patuloy naman ang ginagawang ilegal na aktibidad ng mga kalaban pati na ang pagpapatay sa sundalo kabilang na yong mga uwi lamang sa kanilang pamilya.

"Every time my army moves around, mag --- Eh 'yung pati 'yung mga sundalo ng pinagbabaril nila, umuwi sa pamilya. Sabi ko, kalokohan 'to," anang Pangulo.

Inulit din ng Pangulo ang pahayag na ituturing na niyang mga terorista ang CPP-NPA at kakasuhan sa mga nagawa nilang krimen.

*-Malou Escudero-*

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## Daan-daang kabataan, na-recruit ng BIFF

**KIDAPAWAN CITY** - Daan-daang batang mandirigma na ang na-recruit umano ng Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) sa North Cotabato.

Ayon kay Cap Edwin Encinas, hepe ng public affairs ng 602nd Brigade ng Philippine Army, batay sa mga report na nakuha ng militar, na nasa 200 bata at teenager na ang umano'y na-recruit ng BIFF sa timog-silangang Mindanao.

Wala namang eksaktong bilang ang Army sa kabataang na-recruit ng BIFF sa North Cotabato, na pinamumunuan ni Esmael Abdulmalik, alyas "Abu Torayfe".

"We monitored their recruitment during the first quarter of the year. It is still ongoing," sabi ni Encinas. "Hindi natin nilulubayan ang grupo ni Torayfe. Also, tuluy-tuloy din ang forum na ginagawa natin para 'wag mahikayat ang mga kabataan na sumapi sa BIFF."

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## AFP backs junking of talks with Reds

By Zaida Delos Reyes-Palanca

**THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) yesterday threw its support behind President Rodrigo Duterte's order to cancel talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) amid the allegation of Jose Maria Sison that the President allegedly sabotaged the peace talks.**

AFP-Public Affairs Office (PAO) chief Marine Colonel Edgard Arevalo said AFP Chief of Staff General Rey Leonardo Guerrero stressed their support to the President's order as he vowed to go all out against the

NPA terrorists.

"The AFP supports the decision of the President to cancel talks with the CPP-NPA-NDF and to go 'all out' against the NPA terrorists," Guerrero said.

In line with this, the Chief of Staff also said that the AFP also support the peace initiatives of local elected officials particularly their programs that will seek to bring NPA returnees back to mainstream society.

"The AFP also supports peace initiatives by our local elected officials including programs that seek to integrate NPAs back to mainstream society," Guerrero said.

On Friday President

Duterte signed Proclamation 360 that ordered the termination of all peace negotiations and meetings with the CPP-NPA-NDF following the atrocities committed by the rebels against civilians and security forces.

AFP spokesperson Major General Restituto Padilla said in response to the implementation of Proclamation 360 all military units were ordered to keep a tight watch on the movement of the rebels to prevent surprise attacks.

Padilla said the AFP will certainly respond should the NPAs decide to attack and harass communities in the countryside.



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## WAG KA NANG BUMALIK!

# Digong kay Joma: Aarestuhin kita!

NI ARGYLL CYRUS B. GEDUCOS

Sinabi ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na mas mabuti pang kalimutan na ni Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder Jose Ma. "Joma" Sison ang pagbabalik sa Pilipinas kung ayaw nitong makulong.

Ito ay kasunod ng paglagda ng Pangulo sa Proclamation No. 360, na opisyal na nagkakansela sa usapang pangkapayapaan ng gobyerno sa CPP-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

Ayon kay Duterte, ipinagutos niya sa militar ang pagdakip sa mga opisyal ng CPP-NPA-NDF—na pansamantala niyang pinalaya upang makibahagi sa mga negosasyon—kapag dumating ang mga ito sa bansa, kabilang na si Sison.

"If Joma Sison comes here, I will arrest him or if I were him, 'wag na siyang bumalik dito," sinabi ni Duterte nang magtalumpati siya sa San Beda Law Alumni Homecoming sa Makati City, nitong Biyernes ng gabi.

"I released about 32 of them, political leaders, ideological leaders, to show good faith and the confidence building period which is really very necessary in talking to them and to the enemies of the state," dagdag ng Presidente.

### AYAW IPALIBING SA PINAS

Sinabi ni Duterte na hindi niya

papayagan na magbalik sa bansa at dito mailibing ang "dying" na pinuno ng mga Komunista.

"I will not allow him to enter his native land and that is a very painful experience especially if you're dying and you think na you should be buried in your own cemetery, in your own town," aniya.

Ipinagkibit-balikat din ng Pangulo ang mga huling pagbatikos sa kanya ni Sison, na inakusahan siyang nananabotahe sa peace talks at tinagurian siyang numero unong terorista sa Pilipinas.

"You are entitled to your own opinion but the fact is we cannot ever agree on the so many things that you demand of me," mensahe ni Duterte kay Sison, na dati niyang propesor sa kolehiyo.

### HANDA NA SA PAGDAKIP

Kaugnay nito, inihayag ng mga field unit commander ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Philippine National Police (PNP) na naghihintay lamang sila ng instruksiyon mula sa kani-kanilang headquarters kaugnay ng

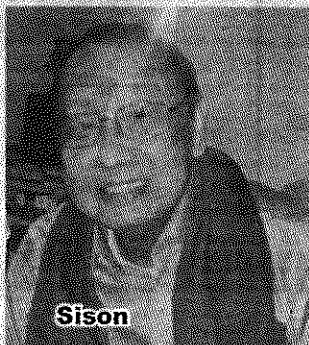
gagawing pag-aresto sa mga NDF consultant, na hindi pa umano nila madadakip sa ngayon "without proper directive and guidance from respective higher officials from the central command".

"We did not even receive yet the formal proclamation that the CPP-NPA-NDF is a terrorist organization, even though that we already called them communist terrorists, based on their extortion and burning of equipment activities," sabi ng isang field unit Army commander na ayaw magpabanggit ng pangalan.

Nasa 40 NDF consultant ang pansamantalang pinalaya, bagamat ilan sa mga ito ay nabigyan na ng pardon ng Pangulo.

Alinsunod sa Joint Agreement on Security and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG), babawin ang proteksiyon at immunities 30 araw makaraang matanggap ang formal notice ng pagbasura sa negosasyong pangkapayapaan.

**May ulat ni Mike U. Crismundo**



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### DND, East Ave. Med ink drug-test deal

By Priam Nepomuceno November 25, 2017. 9:27 am

**MANILA** -- The Department of National Defense (DND) and the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on drug tests for defense and military employees.

DND public affairs chief Arsenio Andolong, in a statement Friday, said the MOA was signed by Undersecretary for Policy Ricardo David Jr., who chairs the department's Drug-Free Workplace Assessment Committee, and EAMC head Dr. Emmanuel Bueno, on behalf of the hospital's National Reference Laboratory (NRL), at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on November 23.

"Today, we officially seal the covenant between the DND and the EAMC-NRL on the engagement of quality drug testing for DND employees and of course, AFP personnel," David said. "This is a milestone for the department in the pursuit of a drug-free environment in compliance with Republic Act 9165, also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002... and the pursuit of a drug-free workplace as approved by the Secretary of National Defense on July 17, 2017."

The MOA aims to further strengthen the DND's anti-illegal drug efforts through the conduct of the annual mandatory and random drug tests of civilian and uniformed personnel, regardless of status or position.

The agreement would also serve as the reference point for the engagement of drug testing services of the EAMC-NRL, and ensure that the DND would be able to tap into qualified, competent, and sufficient number of personnel who will conduct the drug tests. *(PNA)*

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## Military on alert after end of peace talks with Reds

By Priam Nepomuceno November 25, 2017, 9:20 am

**MANILA** -- All military units were ordered to keep a tight watch against the movement and possible attacks of rebels following the cancellation of peace talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

"We have already provided guidance to our units to be vigilant, stay alert pertaining to the movements of the NPA," AFP spokesperson, Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla, said late Friday.

He was responding to a question on whether all military units in the country were placed on red alert following President Rodrigo Duterte's Proclamation 360, signed Nov. 23, ordering the termination of all peace negotiations and meetings with the CPP-NPA-NDF, following atrocities committed by the rebels against civilians and security forces.

Padilla said the AFP will certainly respond should the NPAs decide to attack and harass communities in the countryside.

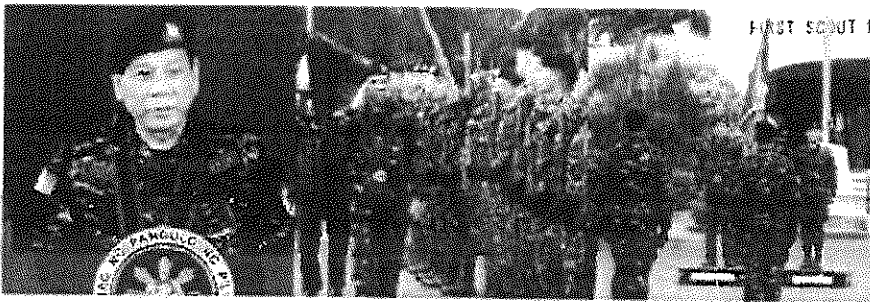
"The AFP will continue to perform its mandate, whether you categorize our movements and military ops or offensives or what have you. They are part and parcel of our mandate," he said. *(PNA)*

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## MUSANG | PRRD graces PA Scout Rangers 67th Anniversary

By Alvin Santiago

**CAMP TECSON, San Miguel, Bulacan (DWDD)** – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte graces the 67th Founding Anniversary of the First Scout Ranger Regiment (FSRR), with the theme, "Scout Rangers: Proud of Our History, Confident of Our Future." at the Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan on November 24, 2017. During the anniversary celebration, President Duterte also officiates the ceremonial awarding of the Order of Lapu-Lapu to the officers and personnel who were deployed in Marawi City. The Commander-in-Chief, together with Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, and FSRR Commander BGen. Rene Glen Paje, also bestow the other AFP awards.



*"Our people depend on the military and the government to give them the stable, orderly and prosperous nation that they desired for so long." – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte*

President Duterte's speech during the 67th Founding Anniversary of the First Scout Ranger Regiment