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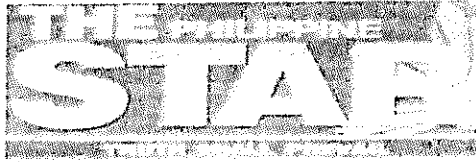


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# Duterte wealth prober faces ouster complaint

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

As the Office of the Ombudsman begins its probe on the alleged ill-gotten wealth of President Duterte and his family, two of its ranking officials and several others have been slapped with separate administrative complaints for corruption, gross negligence and betrayal of public trust.

Named in the first complaint were Overall Deputy Ombudsman Melchor Carandang, Deputy Ombudsman for Mindanao Rodolfo Elman and members of the field investigation unit.

Carandang was also accused of conniving with the political opposition led by former president Benigno Aquino III in efforts to destabilize the administration.

Lawyers Manuelito Luna and Eligio Mallari filed the complaint with the Malacañang Records Section yesterday. The complainants also said the officials should be removed as they have shown bias against the Chief Executive in their conduct of investigation into his alleged ill-gotten millions.

"Carandang not only violated the Bank Secrecy Law and all the laws prescribing disclosure of confidential information and secrets as well as details relative to the



Carandang

fact-finding, but also grossly misrepresented the facts..." Luna and Mallari said in their complaint.

The ombudsman has created a body to look into the bank deposits of Duterte and his family – which reportedly reached over P200 million.

The Chief Executive has expressed anger over what he claimed were false accusations hurled against him by his political enemies, particularly Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV.

Duterte has accused Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales of political bias and challenged her to resign from her post.

In their complaint, Luna and Mallari referred to Carandang's interviews where he was quoted as saying that the ombudsman's office received record of Duterte's bank transactions from the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

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Carandang also “indulged in misinformation calculated to undermine the integrity of the AMLC” and “bring about the weakening of the institution of the presidency,” the complainants said.

“Carandang has blindly sided with Sen. Trillanes IV and is biased against the President,” read the 13-page complaint.

They also claimed Carandang “indulged in favoritism as well as tyrannically abused his power.”

“If this is not betrayal of public trust, complainants do not know what it is. It was even reported that he purportedly said their record of the account deposits and transactions related thereto, and those in the report of the AMLC, look the same,” the complainants added.

Elman “co-opted or conspired with Carandang” and “is equally liable for graft and corruption or betrayal of public trust,” they said.

“He played a low-key but pivotal role in the whole mess as Carandang would not have been able to gain full access to the bank records and documents illegally

being kept by the Field Investigation Unit under the office of the Ombudsman-Mindanao,” the complainant said, referring to Elman.

The members of the fact-finding investigation team, they added, should be made to account for mere possession of bank records and documents. “The alleged wrongdoing constitutes gross misconduct.

“Given the very extensive media publicity given to the disclosures of ODO Carandang, the disclaimer of the AMLC, as well as the raging exchanges between the President and the ombudsman and, hence, has become part of the public domain, the Office of the President may also take judicial notice of the contents of the afore-quoted AMLC official statement,” it said.

The Office of the Executive Secretary said it would conduct an investigation and recommend its decision or findings to the President.

Presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella, for his part, denied the Chief Executive had connived with the complainants in

the filing of the complaint. "Apparently, the person who filed it is an independent person. So there's no need to connect any dots," Abella said.

### Power grab

In the other complaint, former congressman Jacinto Paras and Glenn Chong are seeking the dismissal of Carandang for "committing grave misconduct and gross dishonesty constituting betrayal of public trust" or violation of Section 3 of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Law.

Carandang is also accused of violating Rule IV, Section 3 of paragraph f (ii).

"His malicious and arbitrary disclosures of the bank transaction records of President Duterte and his family is a complete and wanton violation of the ombudsman prescribed rule of procedures," their 11-page complaint read.

Paras and Chong cited Rule v, Section 2 of the Administrative Order No. 07 or the Rules of Procedure of the Office of the Ombudsman for dealing with matters that could unduly expose subjects of complaints to ridicule or public censure.

The complaint also referred to Carandang's media interviews. "Evidently, respondent Carandang's act showed his corrupt intentions, his clear intent to violate the law and the rights of the accused Duterte and his family."

Paras and Chong said the disclosure of the accounts came amid the political opposition's attacks against the Chief Executive.

Carandang's media announcements, they claimed, had led to suspected destabilization efforts by TindigPilipinas and the "yellow mob."

They also said Carandang's actions were "tantamount to inexcusable negligence, tyrannical abuse of power and breach of official duty."

"It may even be said that his act in putting the President in disrepute is part of the destabilization which the respondent maybe a part of. It cannot be denied that respondent, together with his boss, Ombudsman Morales, were appointed by president Aquino. And their loyalties lie with Aquino," the complaint read.

"It can be concluded that that disclosure made by respondent Carandang by making it appear that the President is a corrupt official is calculated to weaken and cause distrust in the President by the people, thereby enhancing the strength of the opposition with end result of a power grab," it added.

They also said the officials in their complaint should be removed immediately. "The power to appoint carries with it the power to remove," they said. "As a general rule, therefore, all officers appointed by the President are also removable by him."

"The exception to this is when the law expressly provides otherwise - that is, when the power to remove is expressly vested in an office or authority," their complaint read.

Paras and Chong also cited the provision under Republic Act 6770 or the Ombudsman Law that says: "A deputy of the special prosecutor may be removed from office by the President for any of the grounds provided for the removal of the ombudsman and after due process."

### True colors showing

At Malacañang, Abella said the ombudsman is showing its "true political colors" and is involved in "deliberate effort" to stir outrage against President Duterte and ultimately destabilize the government.

"We must remind them that it is an independent and anti-graft body that is supposed to conduct an impartial and fair investigation," Abella said in a press briefing, referring to the ombudsman.

"It should not play into the hands of those who cannot accept the fact that the President won in the 2016 election. It should not be a party to a demolition job. We have seen this before. This is *deja vu*," he added.

Duterte's chief legal adviser Salvador Panelo said Carandang had violated the code of conduct for government personnel when he revealed getting records of Duterte's bank transactions from the AMLC.

But Carandang insisted that he observed confidentiality on the probe and that he was just reading through the documents shown to him by the media.

"The Office of the Ombudsman was being economical with the truth when it said it has observed confidentiality in its investigation of the graft complaint against President Duterte. These go against the facts," Abella said.

Abella said Carandang's claim is contrary to an earlier statement from the AMLC that the overall deputy ombudsman sent a letter dated Aug. 17 to initiate an investigation of Duterte's alleged bank accounts.

"What all this confirms is that there is indeed a deliberate effort to discredit the President, mislead the public and to create popular

outrage against the duly elected Chief Executive," the presidential spokesman said. "The public's mind seems to be being set."

Abella said Duterte would disclose his bank records "if necessary and at the right time."

Abella also explained that Duterte's plan to form a commission that would look into the supposed corruption in the Office of the Ombudsman was not related to the corruption allegations against him.

"Apparently, the President is simply acting objectively regarding infringements the office seems to be doing."

Asked why Duterte floated the idea of probing the ombudsman, Abella replied: "Well, this was the opportune time to do that."

"The Office of the Ombudsman is a separate entity from the people who are there, right? It's not the office that is corrupt, it's the individuals within," he added.

When pressed why Duterte did not just ask Carandang to inhibit from the investigation, Abella said: "That is the process that seems to be unfolding, so we trust his decisions to do that."

The AMLC, for its part, said it felt vindicated by Carandang's admission that he got his information on bank records from the media.

"We have categorically stated before that the AMLC is not the source of the documents and information attached by Senator Trillanes in his complaint regarding the alleged bank accounts of President Duterte," the interagency body said in a statement issued Thursday evening.

However, it confirmed that it received a letter from Carandang dated Aug. 17 last Sept. 6 requesting the AMLC to initiate investigation on subject accounts.

"We have yet to evaluate the request, and the initiation of an investigation, as well as the release of any report on the subject, will depend on such evaluation. Suffice it to state that in the attachment to the Complaint, the alleged debits and credits representing outflows and inflows of funds were added together, thus, the resulting total amounts are wrong and misleading," the AMLC said.

Meanwhile, Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II and Public Attorney's Office chief Persida Acosta lauded the creation of a Citizen National Group, organized to "defend the republic and the President against the enemies of the state."

- With Lawrence Agcaoli,  
Romina Cabrera



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**Malaya**  
The National Newspaper

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## 6 NPAs surrender in Agusan del Sur

SIX members of the communist New People's Army surrendered yesterday to the Army's 26th Infantry Battalion in Talacogon town, Agusan del Sur, bringing with them 10 firearms.

The military declined to name the six rebels for their and their families' safety.

2Lt. Romer Arnado, civil military operations officer of the 26th IB, said four of the rebels are from the Guerilla Front 88 while the two others are from the Guerilla Front 34, both operating in the province.

The six also turned over two Garand rifles, an Uzi machine pistol, a shotgun, an Ingram machine pistol, a cal. 45 pistol, three cal. 38 revolvers, a caliber 357 pistol, a hand grenade, and ammunition.

"Anxious for their life and

safety, the rebels decided to surrender and leave the revolutionary movement... They thought they would end up dead like two of their comrades who were killed in a recent encounter if they won't surrender," Arnado said.

Arnado was referring to two NPA rebels killed in a military operation in San Luis town, Agusan del Sur last Friday. The military recently intensified counter-insurgency operations in the province.

Lt. Col. Rommel Pagayon, 26th IB commander, said: "We are certain that more of them are confused and afraid for their lives. We have intensified our pursuit operations towards the fleeing rebels and we are calling upon them to surrender to the folds of the law for their self-preservation." - *Victor Reyes*

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## **Lider ng NPA sumuko sa Cotabato**

**KIDAPAWAN CITY** – Sumuko ang isang mataas na opisyal ng New People's Army (NPA) sa militar sa probinsya ng Cotabato.

Nakilala ang rebelde na si Alex Gawelan alyas Kumander Banate, 38, residente ng Purok 2, Brgy. Sagundanon, Kitaotao, Bukidnon.

Si Kumander Banate ay squad lider sa Baking, Sentro De Gravidad guerilla Front 53 sa ilalim ng Southern Mindanao Regional Committee.

Nagbalik loob sa pamahalaan si Gawelan sa pamamagitan ng mga tauhan ng 39th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army sa hangganan ng bayan ng Arakan at Kitaotao, Bukidnon.

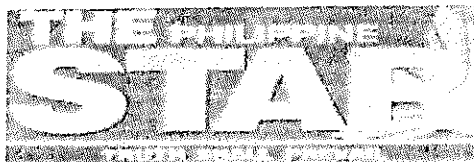
Isinuko ni Kumander Banate ang kanyang armas na M16 armalite rifle at mga bala.

Sinabi ni Gawelan na sumuko siya dahil gusto na niyang mamuhay ng mapayapa kasama ang kanyang mahal na pamilya.

Antya, hindi rin daw niya maintindihan ang mga ipinaglalaman ng mga makakaliwang grupo.

Isinailalim na sa tactical interrogation si Gawelan ng 39th IB sa pamumuno ni Col. Harold Argamosa.

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### **N. Cotabato village exec killed by rebels**

**NORTH COTABATO** – Suspected communist rebels killed a village official in Magpet town yesterday.

Valeriano Birondo, councilman of Barangay Mahongkog, was on his way to a farm when the rebels reportedly blocked his path and brought him to a secluded area where he was allegedly hacked and shot several times.

Capt. Silver Belvis, spokesman for the Army's 39th Infantry Battalion, said the rebels belong to the New People's Army Guerrilla Front 72. **- John Unson**

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## Ex-Reds get livelihood aid

ISULAN, Sultan Kudarat – The provincial government here has enlisted some 35 former New People's Army rebels into the Comprehensive Local Integration Program which was designed to provide livelihood assistance to former communist guerillas who returned to the folds of the law.

Governor Pax Mangudadatu released cash assistance amounting to ₱20,000 to each of the surrenderees apart from the livelihood assistance package from the provincial government.

The former NPA rebels, who belonged to Dulangan Manobo tribal group earlier surrendered to 33rd Infantry Battalion under Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc since May to September this year.

Cabunoc said the NPA surrenderees were former members of NPA Guerilla Front 73 operating in Senator Ninoy Aquino town.

Among the NPA surrenderees include two bomb experts who yielded several firearms and improvised explosive devices.

The military has launched operations to wage the insurgency campaign in Indigenous Peoples communities.

Cabunoc said the 33rd IB in partnership with Sultan Kudarat Doctor's Hospital distributed school supplies to at least 50 Manobo school children who were enrolled in a makeshift school building in a remote village in Kilogib, Senator Ninoy Aquino town. **(Joseph Jubelag)**

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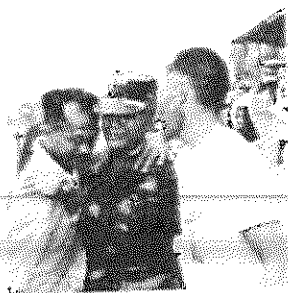
# STAR SOLDIERS | Cagayano Tops Candidate Soldier Course Class 454-2017

Alvin Santiago

CAMP MELCHOR F DELA CRUZ, Upi, Gamu, Isabela (DWDD) – A Candidate Soldier (CS) from Cagayan Province, topped the recently concluded Candidate Soldier Course (CSC) Training Class 454 - 2017 conducted at the 5<sup>th</sup> Division Training School, CMFDC, Gamu, Isabela.

The Cagayanos' pride CS Jay Lord C. Pasaraba of Brgy Binag, Lai-Ilo, Cagayan bested the other 132 members of his class by

earning 90.24 percent- total grade from both academic and non-academic requirements of the four (4) month training.



The other graduates who made it to the top of the CSC training were CS Rodel B. Cabagbag, who graduated number two with an average of 90.09 percent, and CS Rizaldo D. Agliam Jr. who bagged the third spot with an average of 89.74 percent. Meanwhile, CS Richard B. Arribay received the Physical Fitness Award for obtaining the highest rating in Physical Fitness Test with a general average of 94.83 percent.

During the Graduation Ceremony, the Keynote Speaker, Maj Gen Paul Talay Atal, D.P.A., AFP, Commander, 5ID reminded the graduates of the challenges that they will be encountering in the field. "You are soldiers now and we are expecting you to carry the discipline that you acquired during your training. Always bear in mind that our job as soldiers is to protect our constitution, our government, our national territory, and our fellow Filipinos from all forms of terrorism and destabilization." Maj Gen Atal said. "Welcome to the AFP family and remember always that every soldier should be an epitome of excellence and discipline." Maj Gen Atal added. 5DPAO/MCAG

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# KAUGNAY SOLDIERS | A New Batch of Warriors for 7ID

Alvin Serrano



**FORT RAMON MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija (DWDD)** – A Closing Ceremony and Symbolic Entrustment of Firearms for the Candidate Soldier Course Class 458-17 and 459-17 was conducted on last September 29, 2017 at the 7th Infantry (Kaugnay) Division, Philippine Army in Fort Ramon Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija.

With the event, a total of 226 new soldiers have been integrated into the 7ID stronghold.

MGen Angelito M De Leon, Commander, 7ID, was the Guest of Honor and Speaker (GOHAS) during the Closing Ceremony of the Candidate Soldier Course, while Judge Kelly B. Belino, Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court in Cities – Branch 1, Cabanatuan City was the GOHAS for the Symbolic Entrustment of Firearms. 7DPAO/MCAG

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## LOOK: 226 New soldiers receive weapons, integrated into Army

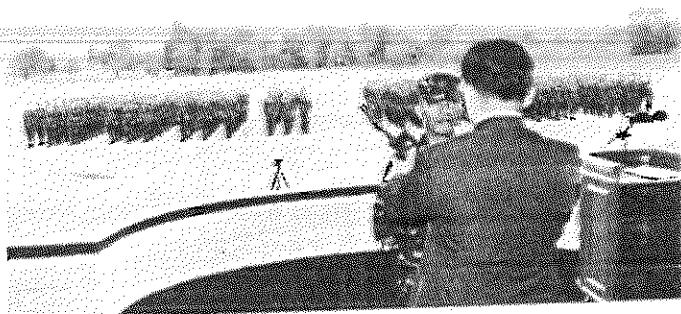
From Update Philippines (Oct 3): LOOK: 226 New soldiers receive weapons, integrated into Army



7ID photo

A total of 226 new soldiers have been integrated into the 7th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army on September 29.

This is after the holding of Closing Ceremony and Symbolic Entrustment of Firearms for the Candidate Soldier Course Class 458-17 and 459-17 in Fort Ramon Magsaysay.



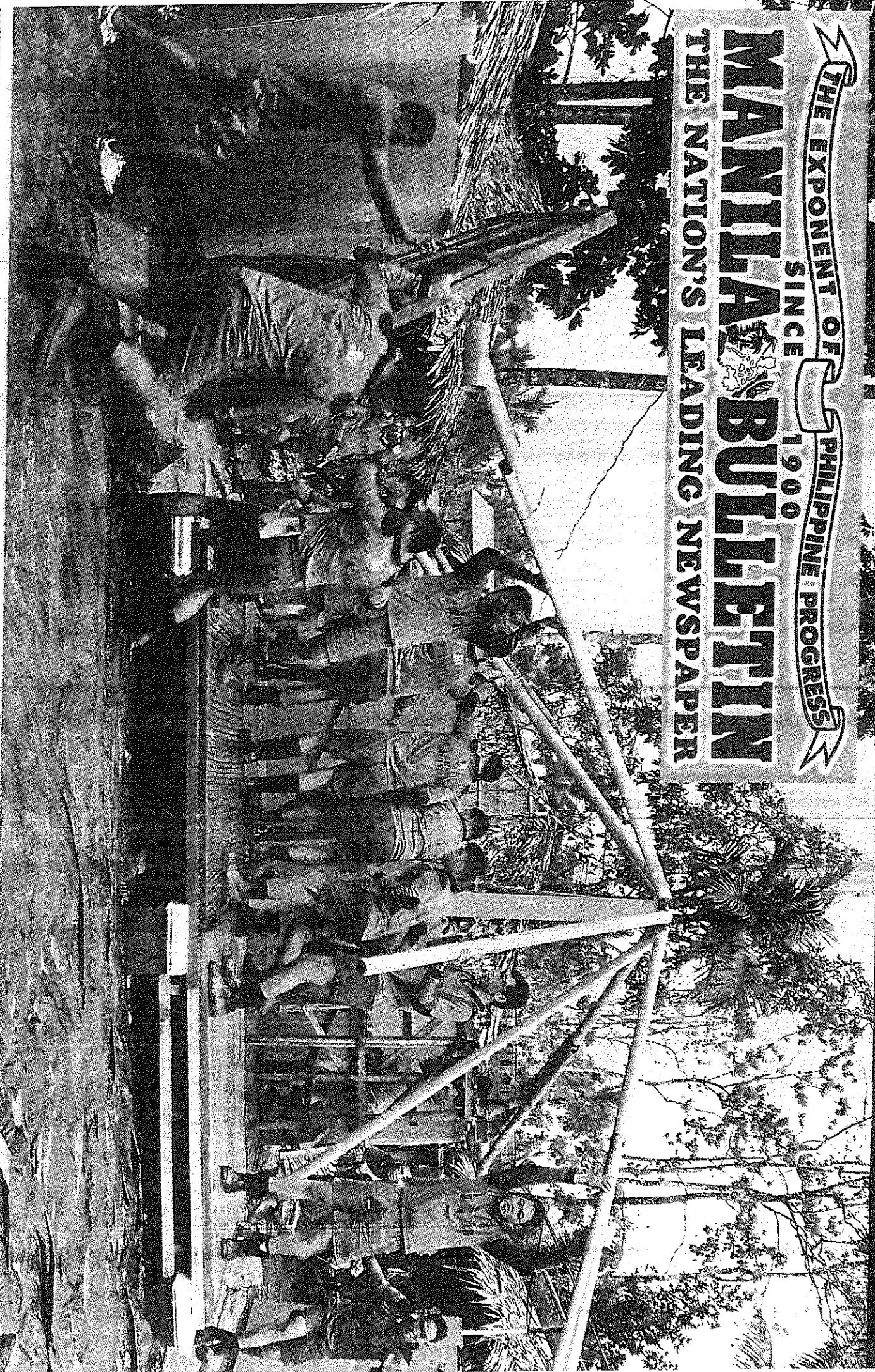
7ID photo

7ID commanding general Major General Angelito M. de Leon was the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the Closing Ceremony of the Candidate Soldier Course, while Judge Kelly B. Belino, Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court in Cities Branch 1, Cabanatuan City was the Guest of Honor and Speaker for the Symbolic Entrustment of Firearms.

<https://www.update.ph/2017/10/look-226-new-soldiers-receive-weapons-integrated-into-army/21222>

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**UNCERTIFIED EFFORT** - Soldiers work as a team in erecting a house in this village for internally displaced families in Marawi City. The armed conflict in the city, which is already on its fifth month, has left close to a thousand people dead and displaced half a million residents. (EPA-EFE/Merlyn Manos)



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## NO TENTS FOR THE DISPLACED

# IN MARAWI, TEMPORARY HOMES FOR EVACUEES TAKE FORM OF HUTS

MARAWI CITY—At least 50 huts that took just two weeks to build were neatly arranged in rows on a 1.2-hectare land in a village here, becoming what could be a template for temporary housing for residents displaced by the war on terror in this city.

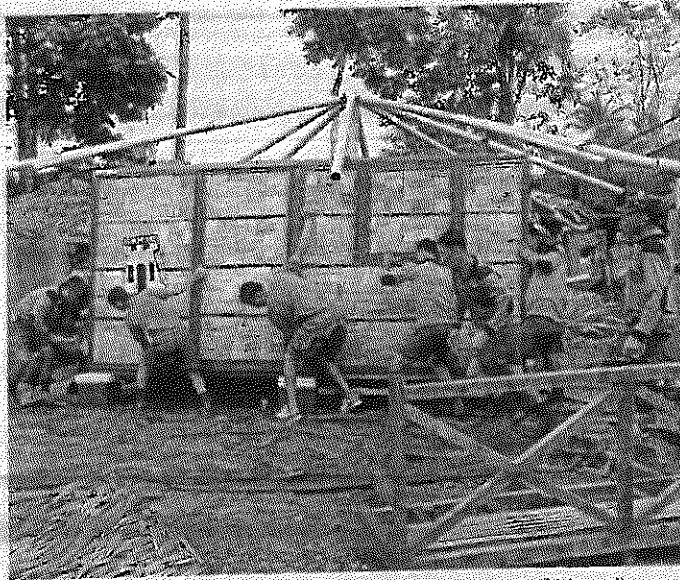
Realized through a donation made by a group of Filipino-Chinese businessmen, the huts could be the concrete example of what President Duterte had envisioned to be temporary homes for the displaced—not tents.

Mr. Duterte checked the units out, built at the initiative of Chinese Filipino Business Club Inc. (CFBCI), whose leaders proudly presented to the President the product of their donation.

Samuel Uy, CFBCI vice president, said his group had been donating school buildings and it was the first time it ventured into housing for war evacuees.

“Usually, we help our fellow Christians,” Uy said. “But this time, more particularly, it’s our Muslim brothers and sisters.”

The huts, made of bamboo and sawali, were built on land



Soldiers assemble a nipa hut inside the “House of Hope” resettlement site for evacuees of the Marawi war.

—JEFFREY MAITEM

donated by the chair of Bito Buadi Itowa village which became a community of displaced residents given the name Bahay Pagasa, or House of Hope.

CFBCI funded construction of the huts designed by Tarlac Heritage Foundation, a non-government organization involved mainly in preservation of heritage structures in the province of Tarlac but which

also takes part in charity work.

The huts were meant to house displaced residents while the government rebuilds this predominantly Muslim city.

A total of 50 units of nipa huts each with a floor area of 64 square meters would be powered by solar electricity as CFBCI also had solar panels installed in the site. Potable water would be provided by a

tank with a capacity of 5,000 liters.

Communal bathrooms—separate for males and females—were also built.

While beneficiaries were still being processed, some of them would be families of soldiers and militiamen who fought in the Marawi war.

Mr. Duterte, during his visit to the site, witnessed three teams of soldiers compete in being the fastest to assemble the huts.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Lanao, said the President also talked with some of the projected beneficiaries of the housing units.

At least half of the land would be devoted to vegetable and ornamental gardens that had been cultivated by evacuees even before the huts were ready for occupancy.

Col. Manny Garcia, of the Joint Task Force Marawi, said the gardens, collectively named Hardin ng Lunas, was conceptualized also by Tarlac Heritage Foundation.

Garcia said the evacuees had their first harvest of tomatoes on Monday. —DIVINA SUSON INQ

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# A surge in housing demand noted in Mindanao despite Marawi siege

By MANUEL T. CAYON

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Mindanao Bureau Chief

## Conclusion

**D**AVAO CITY—If Mindanao could hit—even surpass—its target loan takeout of P8.6 billion this year, the island would be a frontrunner in performance for the Pag-IBIG Fund.

While the amount is only 13 percent of the national target, Marilene Acosta, Pag-IBIG deputy chief operating officer on home lending operation cluster, said achieving the target would be measured with the difficult political situation of the island as backdrop. The forecast would not be without basis.

Pag-IBIG Fund said Mindanao got a slice of the total increased financing takeout nationwide last year, with a P6.6-billion loan performance, which is a 14-percent increase from the previous year's P5.8-billion takeout. Last year's growth helped finance the shelter requirement of 7,500 families in this southern Philippine island.

Total national loan takeout last year was also a glitter. The agency breached the P50-billion loan financing level in 35 years, posting P57.3 billion, or a growth of 30 percent,

from P43.93 billion in 2015.

Last year's financing level funded the housing needs of more than 77,000 families nationwide.

As of August this year, the agency has noted a loan takeout of P4.4 billion. Pag-IBIG Fund officers said Mindanao would need an

average loan availment of P1 billion monthly equivalent to the housing application of 4,951 members.

## Push

ACCORDING to Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) CEO Acmad Rizaldy P. Moti, Mindanao

is expected to breeze through with achieving its target, citing the island's performance during the last three years.

"Mindanao, along with the rest of the areas outside Metro Manila, now accounts for half of the

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exposure of our financing," he said. When before the regions were in the level of 47 percent to 48 percent, they are now in the range of 52 percent to 53 percent, he added. "We see the growth in many regions because of industrialization."

Aside from the regular and expected hike in loan applications in the major cities in Mindanao, the agency would also expect a growth in the demand from the regions on HMDF's aggressive push on countryside housing program.

The attraction would come from the lowest interest on loans, at 5.5 percent, compared to the banks' and the affordable payment terms, according to Moti.

"If you want more affordable terms, apply also under our countryside housing program." Moti added the local governments outside the main cities would be assured of quality units as he disclosed of

the disciplinary sanctions it imposed on its partner contractors. He explained the agency axed some 40 erring and corrupt developers between 2011 and 2013.

After that, he said, there are no more developers blacklisted, except in Central Luzon. He declined to elaborate on the matter.

### Backlog

AN area of contention in the housing sector is determining the actual and factual basis on the backlog of housing units.

One figure advanced by a group of developers placed the number of housing backlog at 3.5 million units. Congress chalked up a higher number at 6.5 million.

The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, which groups the shelter-related functions of five government agencies, including the Pag-IBIG Fund, is eyeing a survey to end speculations.

"We want to know why there was a big jump on the numbers," Moti said. "We also

want to know the basis of the number [of housing backlog], if it was based on needs or on the wants of people."

He hopes the government would be able to commission the survey next year.

### Collection

THE Pag-IBIG Fund is confident with its posturing as Moti said the agency is currently setting its eyes soon to set the target of releasing as much as P100 billion to members' housing-loan requirement.

There would be no problem with nonpayment anymore, he said, after Pag-IBIG corrected the payment behavior of clients. Moti said from a low-collection efficiency of 75 percent in 2012 and a nonperforming, or uncollected, loan payment of 25 percent, last year's figure was 90.2 percent.

"That means that we only have 9 percent to work on." In Mindanao it is Cagayan de Oro City that posted a consistent high collection, he added.

### Millennials

WHILE insisting his forecast was based on a personal guess, Moti said he would not be surprised if the trend in housing in the future would be on "rental."

"It would be a highly mobile generation in say, the next 10 years," he said, "And people would be interested more in finding spaces for rentals."

Moti said Pag-IBIG is "already seeing it today, among the call-center industry".

"Workers are moving around fast, changing to another workplace or company every now and then," he said.

The future generation would be composed of more mobile people, people moving from city to city, or another province, "and investing in fixed residential unit would become unimportant."

"People may look for what the condominiums are offering today," he said, referring to the use of condominium units as transient accommodations where families buy units

to suit their increasingly mobile lifestyle.

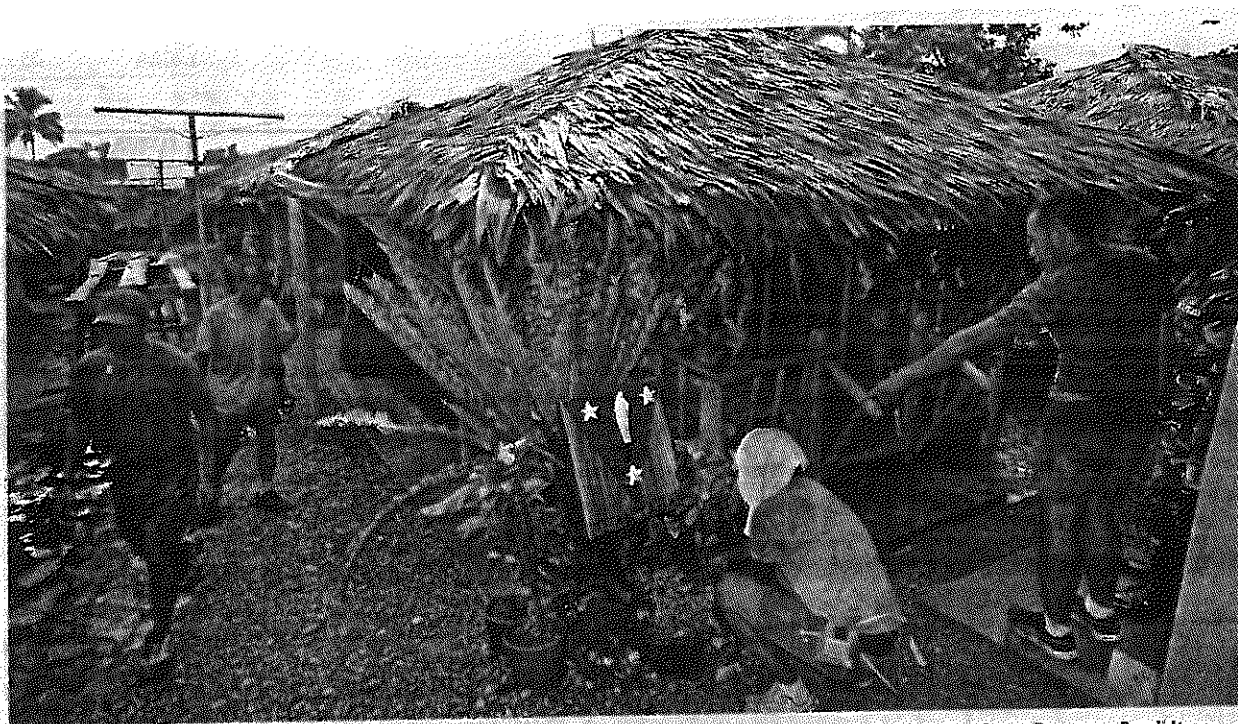
The millennials today, those aged under 29, may figure prominently in the future mobile generation. But, unfortunately, today, Moti said "they are not the buying type for residential and other housing needs".

"They are into buying the latest edition of gadgets," he added.

Based on the profile of the Pag-IBIG clientele, Moti said young people would only begin to consider buying, or actually applying already, for housing units when they reach the age of 30.

"But to say that they are vain and frivolous would also be incorrect. In many studies and observations, the millennials are found to be responsible, and have directions," he said. "Many of them stay at home, in fact, than what we perceived them to be fun of the good life."

But as to igniting their interest to invest in fixed assets as housing, especially in Mindanao, would still be a challenge.



**SOLDIERS put finishing touches on one of the temporary houses as a model unit in a housing village called Bahay Pag Asa at Barangay Buadi Itowa, Marawi City. The village was inaugurated by President Duterte on October 2. The government, in partnership with the private sector, constructed 50 houses for those affected by the armed conflict in Marawi City. Despite the violence, the Pag-IBIG Fund notes the housing demand in Mindanao remains higher than expected. NONIE REYES**

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## Maute using mosques as bomb factories—AFP

THE ISIS-linked Maute Group is using the mosques in Marawi City as bomb factories, a military official said Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Emmanuel Garcia of the Joint Task Force Marawi said they made the discovery after government forces recovered the Bato Mosque and White Mosque.

*"Sa mga mosque sila gumagawa ng IED [improvised explosive devices]," Garcia said in a text message. "Sa Bato Ali Mosque nakuha yung maraming components ng IED and it shows doon sila gumagawa ng IED. Pati sa ibang mosque gumagawa sila ng IED."*

Troops recovered the Bato Mosque two weeks ago and the White Mosque last week.

Meanwhile, European Union Ambassador Franz Jessen and the ambassadors of 13 EU member states visited Cotabato City on Tuesday to reiterate the EU's commitment to support the peace process and development in Mindanao.

Jessen said in a statement the EU's visit to Mindanao demonstrated their continuous support and hopes for peace and stability despite the ongoing fighting in Marawi City between Philippine Authorities and the Maute Group.

*"While there are still many challenges which lie ahead, we remain hopeful that peace and stability will be restored soon in Mindanao," Jessen said.*

He then called on all the stakeholders to "remain steadfast" in their commitment to help push for peace in the Southern Philippines.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Ranao, said among the items seized from the Bato Mosque were six sacks of coins that were being used as shrapnel by the terrorists for their IEDs.

*"There have been instances already in the past where our troops have been hit by coins," he said.*

Despite the government troops' retaking of the Bato and White mosques, Garcia said, there were other mosques still occupied by the Maute-ISIS.

*"Meron pa, kahit saan naman pwede gumawa ng IED," he said.*

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**VISITING MARAWI** President Rodrigo Duterte poses with actor Robin Padilla and soldiers during his sixth visit in Marawi City where state troopers continue to battle the Maute Group. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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## CA affirms indictment of Palparan

By EDU PUNAY

The Court of Appeals (CA) has upheld the indictment and arrest of retired Army Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr. over the disappearance of two students of the University of the Philippines in 2006.

In a 15-page decision obtained by The STAR yesterday, the CA Fourth Division affirmed a decision of the Malolos regional trial court (RTC) rejecting Palparan's motion to quash the kidnapping and serious illegal detention charges, and the petition to recall the arrest warrant issued against him.

The CA also dismissed Palparan's petition seeking to reverse the RTC ruling. It said the petitioner failed to prove his claims that the trial court had no jurisdiction.

The ruling, penned by Associate Justice Carmelita Manahan, said the allegations raised by Palparan in his petition for certiorari were factual and evidentiary in nature and should be ventilated in a full-blown trial.

After three years in hiding, Palparan was arrested by a joint team of the National Bureau of Investigation and the Armed Forces' Naval Intelligence Group in Sta. Mesa, Manila in August 2014.

The Malolos RTC issued the warrant for his arrest in 2011 in connection with the kidnapping and serious illegal detention charges filed by relatives of missing UP students Karen Empeño and Sherlyn Cadapan.

The Department of Justice earlier said Palparan directly participated in the detention of Empeño and Cadapan, based on the testimony of witness Raymond Manalo.

Manalo was seized and tortured by the military from February 2006 until he escaped in August 2007.

During his detention, Manalo witnessed the torture the two students suffered at the hands of their captors, who were believed to be Palparan's men.

In 2007, the CA ruled that Manalo's testimony was "clear, consistent and convincing" and ordered the Armed Forces to produce the bodies of the students.

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## Appeals court affirms charges vs Palparan

BY ASHZEL HACHERO

THE Court of Appeals has affirmed the kidnapping and serious illegal detention charges filed against retired Army Major Gen. Jovito Palparan in connection with the abduction and disappearance of two University of the Philippine students in 2006.

The appellate court's Fourth Division junked the petition for certiorari filed by Palparan asking for the recall of a warrant of arrest issued by a Malolos, Bulacan trial court over the abduction and subsequent disappearance of UP students Karen Empeno and Sherlyn Cadapan.

The appellate court said Palparan failed to present evidence showing that the lower court abused its discretion or exceeded its jurisdiction when it issued the warrant for his arrest.

The CA said the issues raised by Palparan in his plea are better threshed out in a full-blown trial.

Associate Justice Carmelita Salandanan Manahan penned the ruling dated September 18, with Associate Justices Elihu Ybanez and Fernanda Lampas Peralta concurring.

Palparan was arrested by a joint

team from the National Bureau of Investigation and Navy intelligence in August 2014 based on the warrant of arrest issued in connection with the Cadapan and Empeso case. He was the commanding general of the Army's 7th Infantry Division at the time of the abduction.

Palparan went into hiding after the court issued a warrant for his arrest in December 2011.

Two of his co-accused – Lt. Col. Felipe Anotado and Staff Sergeant Edgardo Osorio – voluntarily surrendered to authorities after the court issued warrants against them. Another co-accused, Master Sergeant Rizal Hilario, remains at large.

Palparan did not enter a plea during his arraignment on August 18, 2014, prompting the court to enter a not guilty plea on his behalf.

The appellate court said the RTC did not violate Palparan's rights to due process when it dismissed his earlier motion to quash information and warrant of arrest on the same day he filed the plea on August 18, 2014. In denying Palparan's plea, the RTC said the grounds he raised have been discussed and resolved by the court in its April 3, 2012 order.



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## **10 HELD FOR ENTERING CAMP AGUINALDO WITH GUNS**

TEN people carrying firearms were taken into custody on Monday in violation of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) gun ban as they entered Camp Aguinaldo allegedly to meet with Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana. Col. Edgard Arevalo, Armed Forces of the Philippines' public affairs chief, said the group who called themselves "Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty" attempted to enter the military camp at about 5:45 a.m. on board a van. The military said the group, composed of Daniel Pagalan, Alvin Simbahon, Rolando Mahusay alias "Kumander Melody," Dioscoro Danis, James Iwayan, Butch Galimba, Rico Giducos, Ramil Peralta, Randy Paredes and Pascual Dizon alias "Kumander Hashim," claimed to come from Koronadal, North Cotabato. They told guards at Gate 6 that they have a scheduled meeting with Lorenzana and admitted that their firearms were undocumented. Among those confiscated from the group were two homemade .45 caliber pistols, several magazines of ammunition of various calibers and identification cards. The men were turned over to the Quezon City Police District Station 8.

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# Naval Forces Southern Luzon has new chief

by FRANCIS T. WAREFIELD

**T**he Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NFSL) has a new commander.

Commodore Adelmis S. Bordado assumed the top post, replacing Commodore Giovanni Carlo J. Bacordo during formal change of command ceremonies

last week at the Naval Station Julhasan Arasain, Rawis, Legazpi City Philippine Navy Vice Commander Rear Admiral Rafael G. Mariano witnessed the turnover.

Before assuming the post as NFSL commander, Bordado was the commander of the Sealift Amphibious Force, Philippine Fleet. He also served as the deputy commander of the command in 2015.

In his speech, Bordado encouraged the officers and personnel to continue what the command has started to establish a secured backdoor to mainland Luzon and maintain a physically and psychologically sound environment conducive to growth and development.

On the other hand, Bacordo thanked both the previous and the present Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine

Navy Admiral Ceasar C. Taccad (retired) and Vice Admiral Ronald Joseph S. Mercado, for the trust and confidence they have given during his tour of duty.

Bacordo also expressed his gratitude to all the officers, enlisted personnel, civilian employee, and stakeholders of the Naval Forces Southern Luzon for their invaluable service which resulted to the many significant accomplishments of the

command.

Under the leadership of Bacordo, NAVFORSOL was able to conduct numerous anti-insurgency operations, joint anti-illegal logging operations, anti-illegal fishing operations, anti-illegal drug operations, anti-illegal fishing operations, and provide maritime security as well as protecting the environment and other resources of its area of responsibility.

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### US, PH Marines launch KAMANDAG

From Update Philippines (Oct 3): US, PH Marines launch KAMANDAG



The United States Sailors and Marines under the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade together with Filipino counterparts launched the inaugural exercise KAMANDAG on October 2.

Activities for KAMANDAG will be conducted in different parts of Luzon until October 11.

KAMANDAG stands for "Kaaqapay Ng Mga Mandirigma Ng Dagat" or "Cooperation of Warriors of the Sea."

It focuses on enhancing counter terrorism and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) capabilities and conducting humanitarian and civic assistance projects.

"Some of the activities that service members will be able to practice together include combat lifesaving, shipboard mass casualty response, live fire training, urban operations, movement ashore, and humanitarian assistance and disaster response," the US Embassy in Manila said.

<https://www.update.ph/2017/10/us-ph-marines-launch-kamandag/21218>

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## PHL, US soldiers hold drills

From the Visayan Daily Star (Oct 3): PHL, US soldiers hold drills

Philippine and US troops launched new joint counter-terrorism exercises yesterday, days after President Rodrigo Duterte, a fierce critic of Washington, reversed course in favor of pursuing one of Asia's oldest military alliances.

Duterte vowed last week to be "friendly" with the United States, in contrast to comments he made a year ago calling joint military exercises a "humiliation" and threatening to sever defence ties forged after World War II.

The week-long joint operation involves live-fire training, rescues in combat situations, and mass-casualty situations aboard ships, according to the American side.

The US embassy said the drills "will increase overall US and Philippine readiness, improve bilateral responsiveness to crises in the region, and further reinforce our illustrious decades-long alliance".

"(The operation) perpetuates a long and lasting partnership founded firmly on common heritage between freedom-loving countries," Philippine Marines spokeswoman, Captain Maria Rowena Dalmacio, said.

About 900 US troops are taking part in the training, to be held in various locations in the northern Philippine region of Luzon, including the former US military base of Clark. The Filipino side did not disclose its numbers.

Duterte, 72, had sought to loosen his nation's alliance with the United States since assuming the presidency last year as he looked to forge stronger relations with China and Russia.

During a visit to China last October, he announced his "separation from the United States" and later explained he was angry at then US president Barack Obama for criticising his centrepiece war on drugs which has since seen thousands killed.

However, Duterte said last week these comments were "water under the bridge" and thanked the US for helping the Philippines fight Islamic militants, who occupied parts of the southern city of Marawi on May 23.

The US provided intelligence, weapons and urban warfare training to Philippine forces trying to retake the city in fighting which has left more than 900 people dead.

The continuing Marawi crisis has prompted Duterte to refocus the Philippine-US military alliance towards counter-terrorism.

Last week, US and Philippine forces staged an exercise simulating the seizure of an American plane by IS and a hostage rescue.

<http://www.visavandailystar.com/2017/October/03/ncgpr4.htm>

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## CHILD SOLDIERS | Four NPAs surrender in Palawan

Arvin Santiago

PUERTO PRINSESA CITY, Palawan (DWDD) – Fraught with continuing focus and civil military operations in the hinterlands of southern Palawan, four active members of the New People's Army (NPA) surrendered and turned over their firearms to government forces from the Armed Forces of the Philippines – Western Command (AFP-WESCOM).

Captain Cherryl Tindog, WESCOM spokesperson, said two male and two female NPA rebels, three of them still in their teens, surrendered to the military.

She identified the male rebels who surrendered last September 28 as Jeffrey Orit Sampaca, alias Ka Ruben and Ka Dante, 25; and Henry Poyang Minduk, alias Ka Daniel, 18, both residents of Sitio Tabud, Barangay Saraza, Brooke's Point.

The two females who surrendered were Germalyn Batuan Pitogo, alias Gengen, 16, and Analyn Pitogo Ambuan, alias Ansa, 19, both residents of Sitio Macagua, Barangay Amas, Brooke's Point, who surrendered on September 29.

Tindog said Sampaca and Minduk turned over their firearms – an M16 Bushmaster with one short magazine, and an M1 garand with five clips and 40 rounds ammunition, two IEDs, and one rocket parachute flare – to troops belonging to the Marine Battalion Landing Team-4 (MBLT-4).

Pitogo and Ambuan, on the other hand, surrendered through the intervention of Pala tribal leader Cunanam Pitogo.

The tribal leader is the father of Germalyn and the uncle of Analyn.

The WESCOM condemns the use of child soldiers of the communist-terrorists in Palawan in their ranks and operations, she said as she noted that "child soldiering is a clear violation of human rights and the International Humanitarian Law."

Tindog said the four rebels are now under the custody of the military for validation and documentation, facilitation of their application for the Local Social Integration Program (LSIP) of the provincial government, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP).

"We are glad that these four communist-terrorists have decided to surrender and return to the fold of the law. Their surrender, together with their firearms, IEDs and other war materials is a serious blow to communism-terrorism in the province," said WESCOM commander Major General Galileo Gerard Kintanar Jr.

Kintanar added the WESCOM continues to urge other members of the NPA to put their arms down and surrender.

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*"The LSIP and the CLIP are waiting for them to start their lives anew."* the WESCOM commander said. **WESCOM/MCAG**

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## EARLY INTERVENTION | Sinagtala, JTG Tabang launch toy library in Landa, LDS



**PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, Marawi City (DWDD)** – As part of the psycho-social intervention for children, the Joint Task Group Tabang partnered with the Sinagtala Center for Women and Children to establish a 'Toy Library' in the Tent City located in Brgy Landa, Ealo-i, Lanao del Sur, Sunday, October 1.

Sinagtala headed by Ms Jamela Alindogan donated assorted toys from the different donors local and abroad to promote early intervention to the children affected by conflict through a classroom type-learning.

Around 300 children aging 3-12 who will be clustered according to their age and educational needs will be benefited by the said program.

Since Sinagtala will not be staying in the province, the members of the Civil Relations Company, known as the 'Hijab Troopers' will serve as the permanent soldier-teachers in the area.

Although trained to facilitate psychosocial interventions for the kids, hijab troopers will still undergo two-day training before totally taking care of the toy library and its clientele, the children.

The hijab troopers will be given set of modules that will be followed to ensure that children will surely be learning aside from playing.

Modules include reading, arithmetic, writing, and scientific skills that can reinforce their regular classroom learnings in their school.

Children who witnessed the setting up of the room and its toys were very excited on their next endeavour as they all rushed to the room after the launching.

'Aside from giving them time to play, learning is the ultimate intention why we put up this library,' said Jam Alindogan of Sinagtala.

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*"We also have to put up a library where we can lock-up all the toys and educational materials so that children can't bring them home. The reason is that, we have to teach them to share their toys for them to have an opportunity to experience playing variety of toys unlike if they only have one or two in their respective abode," adds Alindogan.*

Meanwhile, Colonel Thomas Sedano Jr., commander of the Joint Task Group Tabang thanked the Sinagtala for setting up a toy library that can support the psychosocial interventions being conducted by the hijab troopers.

*"We would like to thank the Sinagtala for these toy libray as it will reinforce the regular interventions being facilitated by our hijab troopers. This is another approach that can sustain the previous efforts that was already made by our troops and will totally erase the trauma brought by the conflict of Marawi to the minds of these children." says Col Sedano.*

The regular session will commence once the assigned hijab troopers are done with their training. JTG  
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# BANGON MARAWI | Weaving Trainer's Training for Women of Marawi

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LANAO DEL SUR (DWDD) – Sinagtala Center for Women and Children partnered with the Joint Task Group Tabang for the conduct of Weaving Trainer's Training at the Lanao del Sur provincial capitol.

The training is being attended by women from the different evacuation centers and will last for two weeks.

Graduates of this training will be utilized to train other weavers in their respective evacuation centers.

This project is launched in order to preserve the Maranao culture of weaving that is rich in Marawi City. JTG Tabang/MCAG

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## MAJOR SETBACK | Maute Bomb-factory in Marawi recovered

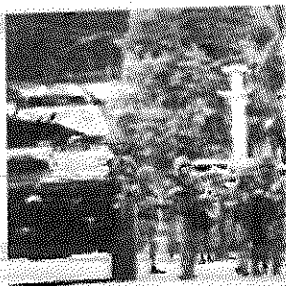
By Alvin Santiago



**CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD)** – Military forces successfully recovered the bomb-making factory of the Daesh-inspired Maute terror group in the main battle area in Marawi.

According to AFP Public Affairs Chief Marine Col Edgard Arevalo, this is a major set-back to the capability of the Maute group in launching further offensive against government forces.

But despite this, the AFP is asking the public for more patience because the military might need more time to fully take control of the main battle area in Marawi.



Arevalo explained that there are two (2) aspect in the AFP' clearing operations that they are conducting:

First, they are clearing the city from the remaining terrorist that are estimated to be more or less fifty (50), together with the hostages that have either converted or were transformed by their captors as their own fighters.

Second, the military is clearing the area of multiple improvised explosive devices or IEDs left or hidden by the Maute group and unexploded ordnance scattered all throughout the city.

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Arevalo added that they also need to clear the debris along the streets so that teams can have easy and safe access to start with the reconstruction and rehabilitation.

He also assured the public that our soldiers are working double-time to the fullest of their ability to end the conflict the soonest possible time to ensure the safety of the area before they would allow rehabilitation workers and civilians back to the city. **AES/ALS**

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## ALMOST THERE | AFP appeals for patience in ending Marawi siege

By [Alvin Santiago](#)



**CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD)** – The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is appealing to the public for more patience as we all await the end of the Marawi siege.

According to AFP Public Affairs Office Chief Marine Col. Edgard Arevalo, they would like to ask the public to have more patience just in case the AFP does not meet the 'expectations' of the people to end the conflict the soonest possible time because there are so many obstacle hampering their operations.

In his explanation, the AFP needs more time to fully regain control of Marawi from the hands of the Daesh-inspired Maute terror group. But, despite the obvious weakening of the groups forces, as shown by the successful retaking of strategic areas and structures in the main battle zone, they cannot be taken for granted as they are growing more desperate.

Arevalo added that the Maute group has placed a number of Improvised Explosive Device or IED around the remaining areas they control and they are still holding a number of hostages that they use as "human shield".

As of the moment, government forces have shrunk the area the Maute are freely moving around from 10 hectares last week to only 9 to 8 hectares. AES/ALS

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