

Army Vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride



TEAM ARMY
Serving the people. Securing the land.

oacpa.army2012@gmail.com
OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEWS CLIPPINGS

09 October 2017

Monday

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land

TABLE OF CONTENTS

09 OCTOBER 2017

PAGE NR.	TITLE	WRITER	NEWSPAPER
1	Weather Forecast	-	PDI p.A2-2
HEADLINE NEWS			
2-4	Rody satisfaction, trust ratings down	Helen Flores	Phil. Star p.1
ARMY RELATED NEWS			
5	Water tank blast: Army joins probe	Carmela Reyes-Estrope	PDI p.A16
6	Water tank was not bombed - army	Freddie C Velez	Mla. Bulletin p.9
7	Soldiers seize firearms, ammunition in Bukidnon	Cris Diaz	Mla. Times p.A7
8	NPA derides Lumad recruitment of AFP	Yas D Ocampo	Tempo p.4
9	BIFF explosives turned over to troops in Maguindanao	Francis Wakefield	Mla. Bulletin p.16
AFP RELATED NEWS			
10-11	AFP: Marawi crisis over in one week	Roel Pareño	Phil. Star p.21
12-13	Hostages saw key IS leaders alive – Army	Jeoffrey Maitem	PDI p.A10
14	AFP sets new target to end Marawi crisis	Francis Wakefield	Mla. Bulletin p.6
15	AFP: Marawi crisis over in October	Macon Ramos-Aranet	Mla. Standard p.A1
16	Año: Marawi battle will end this month	Victor Reyes	Malaya p.B1
17	Maute hostages na may armas babarilin – AFP 17 Nasagip na bihag pupugutan na sana	Gemma Garcia	Ngayon p.2
18	Omar, Hapilon nasa battle zone pa Bihag ng Maute itinatali	Betchai Julian	Abante p.3
19	Duterte asked to pick Año's replacement from 4 names	Rene Acosta	Bus. Mirror p.A16
20	Pagpapatayo ng 5 military camp sisimulan sa 2018	Mary Jane Sapico	Remate p.2
21	Año: Pinoy wanted by US under watch since 2014	Victor Reyes	Malaya p.B1
22	Phl to extradite ISIS-linked terror suspect to US	Edu Punay	Phil. Star p.10
23	Gov't bent on fighting terror	Genalyn Kabling	Tempo p.2
24	UN attributes killing of 14 children to AFP, PNP	Pia Lee-Brago	Phil. Star p.8
25	Lider ng Abu Syyaf patay sa shootout	Gemma Garcia	Ngayon p.3

Army vision: By 2028, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.


SPORTS			
26	5K run winalis ng Army	Ramil Cruz	Abante p.11
ONLINE NEWS			
27-28	Kin grieve over loss of 'good brother,' 'dedicated soldier' in Marawi combat	John Unson	www.philstar.com
29	17 rescued Marawi hostages about to be beheaded – AFP chief		www.gmanews.com
30	End of Marawi siege eyed in one week, security officials says	Roel Pareño	www.philstar.com

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.


09 October 2017



Page: A2-2



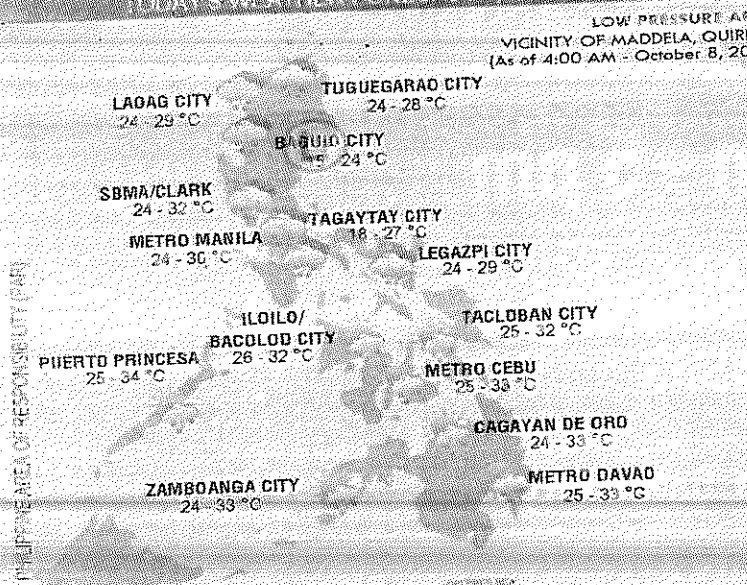
PANAHON TV
www.panahon.tv /PanahonTV



PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS • FEARLESS VIEWS

FRIDAY - SATURDAY WEATHER FORECAST | OCTOBER 9, 2017 | MONDAY

**LOW PRESSURE AREA
VICINITY OF MADDELA, QUIRINO
(As of 4:00 AM - October 8, 2017)**



LADAG CITY 24 - 29 °C

TUGUEGARAO CITY 24 - 28 °C

BAGUIO CITY 15 - 24 °C

SBMA/CLARK 24 - 32 °C

TAGAYTAY CITY 18 - 27 °C

METRO MANILA 24 - 30 °C

LEGAZPI CITY 24 - 29 °C

ILOILO/ BACOLOD CITY 26 - 32 °C

TACLOBAN CITY 25 - 32 °C

PUERTO PRINCESA 25 - 34 °C

METRO CEBU 25 - 33 °C

CAGAYAN DE ORO 24 - 33 °C

ZAMBOANGA CITY 24 - 33 °C

METRO DAVAO 25 - 33 °C

SUNRISE 5:47 AM

SUNSET 5:40 PM

MOONRISE 8:49 PM

MOONSET 8:54 AM

FULL MOON OCT 9 2:40 AM

LAST QUARTER OCT 12 9:28 PM

LOW TIDE 6:47 AM


HIGH TIDE 1:23 PM

MANILA SOUTH HARBOR 0.08 Meter / 0.91 Meter


Partly cloudy to at times cloudy with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms


Cloudy skies with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms

City	Forecast	Temp Range
METRO MANILA		25 - 31 °C / 24 - 30 °C
TAGAYTAY		19 - 27 °C / 18 - 27 °C
TACLOBAN		24 - 31 °C / 24 - 31 °C
TUGUEGARAO		23 - 29 °C / 23 - 29 °C
LEGAZPI		23 - 29 °C / 23 - 29 °C
CAGAYAN DE ORO		24 - 33 °C / 24 - 34 °C
LADAG		24 - 30 °C / 24 - 30 °C
PUERTO PRINCESA		25 - 34 °C / 25 - 34 °C
METRO DAVAO		25 - 33 °C / 25 - 33 °C
BAGUIO		15 - 25 °C / 15 - 24 °C
ILOILO/ BACOLOD		26 - 32 °C / 25 - 33 °C
ZAMBOANGA		24 - 33 °C / 24 - 34 °C
SBMA/ CLARK		25 - 33 °C / 24 - 32 °C
METRO CEBU		25 - 33 °C / 24 - 32 °C



**MONDAY - FRIDAY
11AM & 5PM**



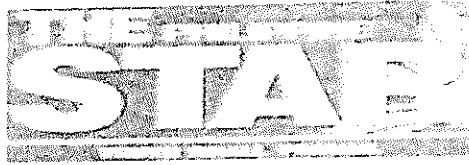


SAGOT KO, PADALA MO!

**WEEKDAYS
6AM, 6:30 PM & 9PM**

**WEEKENDS
6AM**

09 October 2017



Page: 1

Rody satisfaction, trust ratings down

By HELEN FLORES

President Duterte's net satisfaction and trust ratings suffered double-digit drops in the third quarter of the year amid criticisms over his brutal war on drugs, the third quarter survey of Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed.

Six in 10 Filipinos or 67 percent of adult Filipinos said they were satisfied with Duterte while 19 percent were dissatisfied, resulting in a net satisfaction score of "good" +48.

The remaining 14 percent of 1,500 respondents were undecided, the pollster said.

These were the biggest drops in Duterte's ratings since he assumed power. SWS gave no explanation for the fall, but the survey was taken amid criticism of the recent killings of teenagers related to the war on drugs.

The uncommissioned poll was conducted nationwide from Sept. 23 to 27, using face-to-face interviews of 1,500 adults 18 years old and above.

Duterte's latest net satisfaction rating was 18 points below the "very good" +66 he obtained in June (78 percent satisfied, 12 percent dissatisfied) last June.

His net trust rating fell 15 points to a "very good" +60 (73 percent with much trust, 12

Turn to Page 14

Rody satisfaction From Page 1

percent with little trust) from an "excellent" +75 (82 percent much trust, seven percent little trust) in June.

The SWS classifies net satisfaction and net trust ratings as +70 and above, "excellent," +50 to +69, "very good," +30 to +49, "good," +10 to +29, "moderate," +9 to -9, "neutral," -10 to -29, "poor," -30 to -49, "bad," -50 to -69, "very bad," -70 and below, "execrable."

Duterte's net satisfaction rating from June to September fell by 30 points in the Visayas, 22 points in balance Luzon, and 19 points in Metro Manila, while it was steady in his home region Mindanao.

It stayed "excellent" in Mindanao, at +76 (82 percent satisfied, six percent dissatisfied) in September, hardly moving from +75 (83 percent satisfied, eight percent dissatisfied) in June.

However, it dropped by two grades from excellent to good in the Visayas, at +43 (64 percent satisfied, 21 percent dissatisfied), down by 30 points from +73 (83 percent satisfied, 10 percent dissatisfied).

It fell by one grade from very good to good in balance Luzon, at +36 (59 percent satisfied, 25 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 22 points from +58 (73 percent satisfied, 15 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It also fell by a grade from very good to good in Metro Manila, at +44 (68 percent satisfied, 24 percent dis-

satisfied), down by 19 points from +63 (77 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied) in June.

In urban areas, it fell by one grade from very good to good, at +48 (68 percent satisfied, 20 percent dissatisfied) in the third quarter, down by 20 points from +68 (79 percent satisfied, 11 percent dissatisfied) in June.

Rural net satisfaction also fell by a grade from very good to good, at +47 (65 percent satisfied, 18 percent dissatisfied), down by 16 points from +63 (77 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied).

With regard to socio-economic class, the President's net satisfaction rating stayed very good in class ABC, at +57 (70 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied), down by two points from +59 (65 percent satisfied, six percent dissatisfied) in June.

However, it plunged by one grade from very good to good in class D or the *masa*, at +49 (68 percent satisfied, 18 percent dissatisfied), 17 points below his +66 (78 percent satisfied, 12 percent dissatisfied) score in June.

It also dropped by one grade from very good to good in class E, at +35 (61 percent satisfied, 26 percent dissatisfied), down by 32 points from +67 (80 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied) in June.

Duterte's net satisfaction rating fell by a grade from very good to good among men, at +49 (68 percent satisfied, 19

percent dissatisfied), 14 points down from +63 (77 percent satisfied, 14 percent dissatisfied) in the second quarter.

It also fell by one grade from very good to good among women, at +46 (65 percent satisfied, 19 percent dissatisfied), down 23 points from +69 (79 percent satisfied, 11 percent dissatisfied).

The President obtained "very good" net satisfaction rating among 25-34 and 45-54, and good among all other age groups.

Duterte's net satisfaction rating stayed very good among 25-34 year olds, at +53 (70 percent satisfied, 17 percent dissatisfied) in September, although down by 14 points from +67 (79 percent satisfied, 11 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It also stayed very good among 45-54 year olds, at +53 (70 percent satisfied, 18 percent dissatisfied), despite a five point drop from +58 (75 percent satisfied, 16 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It dropped by one grade from very good to good among those 55 years old and older, at +45 (64 percent satisfied, 19 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 23 points from +68 (78 percent satisfied, 10 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It fell by one grade from very good to good among 35-44 year olds, at +45 (66 percent satisfied, 21 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 27 points from +72 (82 percent satisfied, 10 percent dissatis-

fied) in June.

It was down by one grade from very good to good among 18-24 year olds, at +40 (63 percent satisfied, 23 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 19 points from +59 (75 percent satisfied, 16 percent dissatisfied) in June.

Duterte's net satisfaction rating remained very good among high school graduates, at +56 (72 percent satisfied, 16 percent dissatisfied) in June 2017, despite the six-point drop from +62 (75 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It fell by two grades from excellent to good among college graduates, at +48 (67 percent satisfied, 19 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 28 points from +76 (83 percent satisfied, eight percent dissatisfied) in June.

It was down one grade from very good to good among elementary school graduates, at +38 (61 percent satisfied, 23 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 28 points

from +66 (79 percent satisfied, 13 percent dissatisfied) in June.

It also dropped by one grade from very good to good among non-elementary school graduates, at +41 (61 percent satisfied, 20 percent dissatisfied) in September, down by 27 points from +68 (80 percent satisfied, 12 percent dissatisfied) in June.

The survey has sampling error margins of plus or minus 2.5 percent for national percentages.

'Heed survey on EJKs'

Meanwhile, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) said the latest results of the SWS survey on extrajudicial killings (EJKs) should be heeded by the government.

The CHR said there was a growing awareness among the public that the drug war was becoming a war on the poor, with "mostly poor drug suspects being killed" while rich and powerful suspects are getting spared.

"With the Philippine Na-

tional Police's pronouncement that there is no single case of extrajudicial killing under the current administration, the CHR insists that EJK encompasses any killing by government forces as well as killings by any other groups or individuals which the government fails to investigate, prosecute and punish when it is in a position to do so, as defined by former UN special rapporteur Philip Alston," the CHR said in a statement.

"Limiting the definition of EJK based only on a focused operational definition provided in the Administrative Order 35 would discount killings that are also perpetrated by state agents and non-state actors that remain uninvestigated," it said.

The CHR noted that thousands of deaths have been reported to be committed by both vigilante and police personnel during anti-illegal drug operations.

- With Rainier Allan Ronda

09 October 2017



Page: A16

Water tank blast: Army joins probe

CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE—A city government task force began inspecting 10 water storage tanks mostly in populated communities here, while the military investigated the Friday dawn explosion of a 13-meter high tank that killed four people, two of them babies.

The Post-Blast Investigating Unit of the Army's 48th Infantry Battalion has been conducting forensic tests on debris from the tank that blew up in the village of Muzon at 3:30 a.m. on Friday.

Killed in the explosion were babies Jaina Espina and Nina Louise Ape, police aide Jimmy Garcia and Elaine Chamzon. Forty-five people were injured.

The tank, which contained 2,000 cubic meters of water, was being operated by San Jose del Monte Water District (SJDMWD).

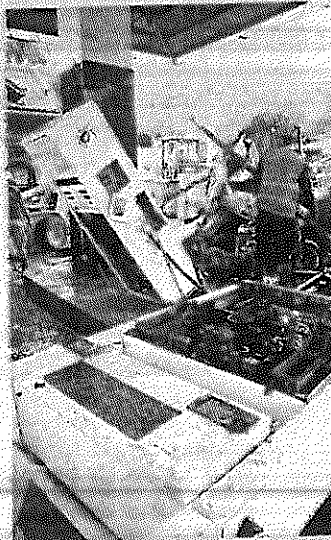
Probe for explosives

The Army experts were tapped to determine if the tank was detonated by explosives, Supt. Fitz Macariola, the city police chief, said on Saturday.

The debris and a subsequent flash flood damaged at least 60 houses and business establishments in the area.

Should investigators rule out foul play, SJDMWD would be charged with reckless imprudence resulting in multiple homicides, Macariola said.

"According to the law, the water district is still liable for the deaths and destruction caused by the explosion, re-



NINO JESUS ORBETA

The impact of the water tank explosion toppled equipment in this gasoline station several meters away from the blast site in the village of Muzon, San Jose del Monte town, Bulacan province.

gardless of whether it was intentional or not," he said.

A separate investigation is looking into the structural condition of 10 storage tanks serving subdivisions as well as relocation sites for displaced informal settlers from Metro Manila, Mayor Arthur Robes said.

Victor Canita, a SJDMWD engineer, said areas not served by the water district got their supply from private groups that operate deep wells.

These operators put up tanks for their clients.

—CARMELA REYES-ESTROPE INQ

09 October 2017



Page: 9

Water tank was not bombed – army

By **FREDDIE C. VELEZ**

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, Bulacan — There are no traces of explosives in the bursting and collapse of the water tank here that killed four people and destroyed 10 houses last Friday, Philippine Army investigators said yesterday.

Following the investigation conducted by the army's 2nd Explosive Ordinance Disposal Platoon (2EODP), Technical Sergeant Cornelio A. Galagate reported "no traces of explosives in (the) Bulacan water tank blast."

Speaking to the Manila Bulletin from Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, Galagate said a thorough site and post-blast investigation was conducted by

the 2EODP last Saturday before arriving at the conclusion that the water tank was not blown up with explosives.

Superintendent Fitz Macariola, SJDM city police chief, said these findings have been turned over to the task force formed by Mayor Arthur Robes to get to the bottom of the cause of the destruction of the steel-bolted water tank of the SJDM City Water District on

Carriedo Street in Barangay Muzon.

Last Saturday morning, residents returned to their damaged homes yesterday, hoping to salvage as much as they can and get on with their lives after Friday's tragic incident that killed police aide Jimmy Garcia, 50; Elaine Chamson, 22; and one-year-olds Jaina Espina and Nina Ape. Forty-four other residents were injured.

09 October 2017

The Manila Times

Page: A7

Soldiers seize firearms, ammunition in Bukidnon

CAMP EVANGELISTA, Cagayan de Oro City: Operatives of Martial Law Special Action Group (MLSAG) seized a cache of firearms and ammunition during a raid on the residence of a village chief in Bukidnon.

Capt. Joe Patrick Martinez, spokesman of the Army's 4th Infantry Division (4ID) here, said the MLSAG team on Friday swooped down on the house of Eliazar Eboña, chairman of Barangay Libona.

Seized from Eboña were M16 rifle, AK47, three M22 rifles, a caliber .45 pistol, one 9mm pistol, volumes of ammunition for the firearms, five kilograms of sus-

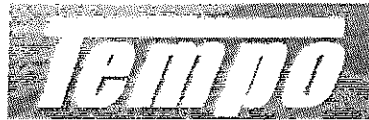
pected ammonium nitrate, a Kevlar helmet and a bullet-proof vest.

Martinez said Eboña is now in the custody of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group regional office while charges for violation of illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions were readied against him.

The MLSAG is composed of the Philippine Army and the Philippine National Police personnel created following the declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao in May this year to pursue the government's anti-criminality campaign, and stop the proliferation of the unlicensed firearms in Northern Mindanao.

CRIS DIAZ

09 October 2017



Page. 4

NPA derides Lumad recruitment of AFP

DAVAO CITY – The New People's Army decried the action of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)'s 10th Infantry Division to bring in Lumad fighters after the army announced earlier this month it would be training indigenous peoples into its army.

In a statement, Rigoberto Sanchez, NPA spokesperson for the regional operations command of the Southern Mindanao Region, called the move "highly despicable" and demanded that the military back off from recruiting the Lumads.

Sanchez said that recruiting Lumads into counter-insurgency exploited Lumad youth.

The AFP had announced it would be arming and training 300 Lumad youths from the Davao, Cotabato, and Socskargen regions.

"The move is a desperate attempt of the AFP to score military points in the battlefield where its troops are required to have mastery of terrain, high

tolerance for sacrifice and to exhibit innate courage - attributes that they sorely lack and want to exploit from the Lumad youth," Sanchez said.

Sanchez cited the case of Dibabawon trainee 22-year-old Remart Dumayongan, who was reportedly trained by the 10th ID.

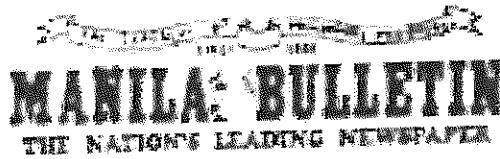
Dumayongan died while reportedly under training at the training camp in Mawab, Compostela Valley.

The rebel group said it was tasteless of the national government to recruit members of indigenous groups who were allegedly abused by the military.

Earlier into his Presidency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte had ordered the military to keep a tight leash on armed paramilitary groups Bagani and Alamara.

The military, for its part, has been vague about the status of the said groups, adding that these were not under the direct employ of the AFP. **(Yas D. Ocampo)**

09 October 2017

**MANILA BULLETIN**
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 16

BIFF explosives turned over to troops in Maguindanao

By **FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD**
and **NONOYE LACSON**

Two improvised explosive devices of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) that were recovered

by civilians in the bandits' stronghold were surrendered to the troops in Maguindanao Friday.

Weighing about five kilograms, the explosives were turned over by the residents to the Loudspeaker Class 01-2017, composed of 19 students, and per-

sonnel of the Civil Military Operations Battalion under Major Macalintangui in Sitio Gadong, Barangay Pagatin 2, Datu Salibo, Maguindanao at 8 a.m. last October 6.

"Troops were on community immersion and field training exercise in

areas where residents are influenced by the BIFF. This prompted the residents to surrender the improvised explosives to the government forces," said Major General Arnel Dela Vega, the commander of the Joint Task Force Central.

The explosives were brought to a detachment of the 57th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Pagatin 2, Datu Salibo, Maguindanao, and were subsequently turned over to the 32nd Explosive Ordnance Demolition team for proper documentation, disposition, and appropriate action.

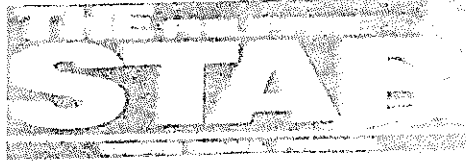
"Intelligence operatives continue

to monitor the movement of the BIFF fighters in the area," Dela Vega said.

Residents said the explosives were recovered in Barangay Tee, Datu Salibo, Maguindanao, a known stronghold of the Daesh-inspired fighters.

"With our sustained efforts to defeat the BIFF, we are confident that more and more civilians will support our campaign against the terrorists in our joint area of operations. Rest assured that our forces will continue the offensives in Central Mindanao," said Lieutenant General Carlito G. Galvez Jr., the commander of the Western Mindanao Command.

69 October 2017



Page: 21

AFP: Marawi crisis over in one week

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – It will take only one more week for Army soldiers to finish the Marawi crisis as Marine troopers have cleared and defeated the Maute terrorists in their area of operation, a security official said yesterday.

Rear Adm. Rene Medina, chief of the Naval Forces Western Mindanao, said his men have completed their mission and started to pull out from their designated area of battle.

The Marines were responsible for retaking three bridges that connect the eastern and western parts of the city.

In the almost four months of fighting, several Marine

soldiers were killed, particularly during the retaking of the Mapandi bridge.

Marine troopers are now helping the Army defeat dozens of Maute terrorists still holed up in mosques and buildings located within the nine-hectare battle zone, Medina said.

He said the Marines lent their equipment such as B300 tanks and 90RR or recoilless rockets to the Army.

The Army's operation area, Medina said, remained tough due to the presence of more than 20 civilian hostages, whom the terrorists used as shields. He said government troops were fighting 30 to 40 terrorists.

Medina said they are verifying reports that most of the Maute leaders including Isnilon Hapilon had been killed.

The Marine Battalion Landing Team (MBLT) 10 will be pulled out from Marawi to undergo re-training in preparation for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit next month.

The MBLT 5 and MBLT 7 will remain to help the Army finish off the terrorists.

P15 B in standby fund

Meanwhile, Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto is proposing to provide Malacañang P15 billion in standby fund for the reconstruction of Marawi.

The amount is on top of the P10 billion that is included in the proposed 2018 national budget for the rehabilitation of the war-torn city.

The P15 billion, Recto said, could be included in the unprogrammed appropriations portion of the proposed P3.76-trillion national budget.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana earlier said that at least P50 billion would be needed to rebuild the city.

– With Paolo Romero

Army Vision: By 2025, a world-class Army that is a source of national pride

OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Email add: oacpa.army2012@gmail.com – Tel no. (02) 845-9555 Local: 5285, 5295

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

nation

21

Editor: TERESA B. COROS

MONDAY | OCTOBER 9, 2017



Marines listen to Army Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., who visited Marawi City on Saturday.

JOHN UNSON

OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Email add: oacpa.army2012@gmail.com – Tel no. (02) 845-9555 Local: 5285, 5295

Army Core Purpose. Serving the people. Securing the land.

09 October 2017



Page: 410

Hostages saw key IS leaders alive—Army

MARAWI CITY—The military would keep custody of 17 hostages rescued from the main battle zone here who saw two key terrorist leaders still alive.

The hostages would be debriefed as they had taken up arms, whether against their will or not, against government forces, said Col. Romeo Brawner.

"They are still going through a process like medical examination and debriefing," said Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Ranao, on Sunday.

"We understand the relatives of the hostages are worried now but we want to assure them that they are treated well by the military and police," Brawner said.

Cannot be released yet

"They are just going through a process right now. We cannot give you [a] specific number of days when they will be released. It will depend on their tactical interrogation," he added.

Brawner said all 17 hostages—nine men and eight women—were allowed to contact their families on Oct. 4, the day they were rescued by gov-

ernment troops from the main battle area.

"That same morning, the relatives of the hostages were informed of their situation. In fact, we lent them mobile phones so that they could personally speak with their relatives," he said.

Looters

On initial debriefing results, Brawner said some of the rescued hostages narrated how they were forced to loot for ammunition, firearms, money and pieces of jewelry in abandoned houses.

Brawner also quoted some of the hostages as saying they saw terrorist leaders Isnilon Hapilon and Omar Maute still alive.

"They told us at first they did not know who were the leaders, but they were giving orders. And then later on, heard their names as Isnilon Hapilon and Omar. They were able to personally see these leaders," Brawner said.

Surviving hostages

Brawner said some of the hostages were given dextrose intravenously.

One was airlifted to Ca-

gayan de Oro for shrapnel wounds but was now out of danger.

The military said it had identified where the hostages were located.

"We are not targeting the hostages," he said.

The death toll in the war on terror was expected to further rise even as authorities prepared to conduct a "one-time, big-time" operation to retrieve corpses.

More corpses

Brawner said at least 40 bodies and skeletal remains had been found inside cleared areas last week alone.

Some of the corpses were found in shallow graves, he said.

Capin Funeral Homes in Iligan City, where many of the corpses had been kept, refused to accept any more bodies.

Daniilo Capin, funeral home owner, said his neighbors were already complaining about the smell of formalin, which was used to preserve the corpses.

Brawner said the military expected to find more remains.

—JEFFREY MAITEM AND RICHEL UMEL INQ



A soldier walks past the ruins of a house in Marawi City where hostages and corpses are still awaiting rescue and retrieval. —JEFFREY MAITEM

69 October 2017

MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 6

AFP sets new target to end Marawi crisis

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff General Eduardo Año expressed optimism that they could finish off the Marawi crisis before the end of October.

In an interview, Año said they have a timeline on when they can finish the conflict but he rather would not announce it.

"Latest instruction (to military commanders)? It is to finish the Marawi crisis," Año said. "We will finish the Marawi within this month," he added.

But while he said earlier that he was confident that they could finish off the Maute Group before his retirement from the military service on October 26, Año said he does not want to anchor his latest pronouncement on that.

"It (ending the crisis) should not be dependent or anchored on my retirement. We will finish it because that is the time to finish it; and that

is calculated based on our projection of being able to rescue the remaining hostages, neutralizing the last terrorist and minimizing casualties to our troops and civilians," he added.

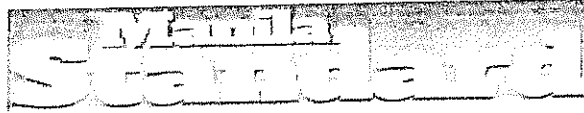
₱15-B standby fund

Meanwhile, Senate President Pro-Tempore Ralph Recto has called on lawmakers to provide Malacañang a standby fund of ₱15 billion which it can use for the rehabilitation of war-torn Marawi City.

This would be on top of the ₱10-billion that is already in the ₱3.767-trillion national budget bill. He said the additional ₱15 billion can be included in the unprogrammed appropriations portion of the budget bill.

Recto said parking the ₱15 billion in the unprogrammed appropriations would cancel the need for Congress to pass a supplemental budget in the event that the ₱10 billion is not enough, or has been fully spent before the end of next year. (With a report from Hannah L. Torregoza)

09 October 2017



Page. A1

AFP: Marawi crisis over in October

By Macon Ramos-Araneta

ARMED Forces of the Philippines chief Gen. Eduardo Año said Sunday he is confident that government forces will be able to end the Marawi crisis this month.

"We will finish it because it is the time to finish it, and that is calculated based on our projection of being able to rescue the remaining hostages, neutralizing the last terrorist and minimizing casualties of our troops and

Next page



Gen. Eduardo Año

AFP:...

From A1

civilians," Año said in an interview with GMA News on Sunday.

Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Joint Task Group Ranao, said Saturday that there was no need to ask for another extension to the Oct. 15 deadline to end the crisis.

Año said they received reports that some of the 40 remaining Maute group members in Marawi City were wounded.

Eight foreign fighters were commanding the remaining members of the Maute group, he said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto, meanwhile, proposed that Malacañang be given a standby fund of P15 billion for Marawi reconstruction, on top of the P10 billion that is already in the 2018 national budget bill.

He said the additional P15 billion for the rehabilitation of the war-destroyed city can be included in the Unprogrammed Appropriations portion of the P3.76 trillion spending measure.

He said that parking that amount in the Unprogrammed Appropriations would cancel the need for the passage of a supplemental appropriation bill in the event that the P10 billion for Marawi is not enough, or has been fully spent before the end of next year.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana had announced that "at least P50 billion" will be needed to rebuild Marawi, which Recto described "as more damaged than Mosul," the northern city in Iraq recently liberated from ISIS.

Earlier, Senator Loren Legarda said more funds have been allocated for the quick recovery and rehabilitation of war-torn Marawi City under the proposed 2018 national budget.

Legarda, chairman of the Senate committee on finance, said that aside from the budget under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for Marawi's rehabilitation, the Senate also introduced additional funding to ensure quick recovery of the whole community.

15

01 October 2017

Malaya
The National Newspaper

Page: B1

Año: Marawi battle will end this month

BY VICTOR REYES

ARMED Forces chief Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday vowed that the military would end the fighting with the Maute Group in Marawi City before the end of the month.

"We will finish it because it's time to finish it. And that is calculated based on our projection of being able to rescue the remaining hostages, neutralizing the last terrorist and minimizing casualties to our troops and civilians," he said.

Año in late August projected that the conflict will end before he reaches the retirement age of 56 on October 26.

The fighting started on May 23 when the Maute attacked the city, and has so far resulted in the death of 753 Maute members, 155 soldiers and policemen, and 47 civilians.

About 40 Maute members, holding also about 40 hostages, are left in the main battle area, which Año said has been reduced to just seven

AÑO: MARAWI

hectares. He said some of the Maute remnants are wounded and "some of them cannot even walk."

Año was in Marawi City last Friday for the installation of the new commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Brig. Gen. Roseliev Murillo, and new commander of the Joint Task Force Marawi, Maj. Gen. Danilo Pamonag.

Murillo and Pamonag succeeded Maj. Gen. Rolando Bautista, who headed the two positions in concurrent capacity. Bautista assumed the post of Army chief last Thursday, vice now retired Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda.

Asked what his instructions were to Murillo and Pamonag, Año said it was to finish the Marawi conflict.

The turnover ceremony was held in a structure in the main battle area. "We used a makeshift stage because we are in the main battle area. The rostrum we used was made from ammo boxes," he said.

Año said the remaining enemy includes eight to nine foreigners, who he said are commanding some of the local terrorists inside the main battle area.

"These are suicidal. Their being suicidal is okay but the problem is they may involve the hostages. The 17 hostages that we rescued, their rescue was timely because they were about to be beheaded," he said.

See AÑO: MARAWI ▶ Page B2

09 October 2017

NGAYON

Pahina. 2

Maute hostages na may armas babarilin - AFP

Targetin na rin ng tropa ng militar ang mga hostage ng teroristang Maute group na may bitbit na ring armas para tuluyang matapos ang giyera sa Marawi City.

Ayon kay Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., deputy commander ng Joint Task Force Ranao, ang mga bihag na napilitang makipagbarilan sa mga sundalo ay ituturing na nilang combatants.

Sinabi ni Brawner na alam nila na pinuwera lamang ang ilang mga hostages para makipaglaban sa mga sundalo, pero sa ngayon kailangan na rin ng militar na ihanay sa combatants ang mga ito kasama ang kanilang mga captors para depensahan naman ang sarili ng mga sundalo.

NI GEMMA GARCIA

Dahil sa itinuturing nang combatants kaya papayagan na ang militar na "neutralize" sila o patayin.

Sa kasalukuyan umano mayroong 38-48 gunmen na lamang ang natitira subalit ang ibang pang natilirang hostage na kalalakihan ay ginagamit bilang "force multipliers" ng teroristang grupo at kanilang mga kaalyado.

Nilinaw naman ni Brawner na ang mga batang hostage ay hindi binibigyan ng armas at hindi pinipilit ng ISIS na lumaban sa militar bagamat may mga ulat na mayroong child warriors ang nasabing grupo.

Sinabi pa ni Brawner

na patuloy ang military sa pag-target sa defensive positions ng mga terorista habang sinisiguro nila na hindi tatamaan ng airstrikes ang mga bihag.

Ito ay dahil ang mga hostages ay nakabukod umano ng lugar at kamakailan lamang ay mayroong 17 sa kanila, siyam dito ay mga lalaki ang napilitang makipaglaban sa tropa ng gobyerno.

Base umano sa kwento ng mga nasagip na hostages, mayroon pang 40 hanggang 60 bihag ang nasa main battle area habang nauubusan na rin umano ng supply ng pagkain, bala at gamot ang teroristang grupo.

Tiwala naman si Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief Gen. Eduardo Año na matatapos na ng tropa ng gobyerno ang giyera sa Marawi City ngayong buwan ng Oktubre.

Ayon kay Año, panahon na para tapusin ito at base na rin ito sa kanilang kalkulasyon, pagkaka-rescue sa may 17 pang hostages at pag-neutralized sa mga natitira pang terorista gayundin sa pagbaba ng casualties sa panig ng tropa ng militar at sibilyan.

Sa ngayon pumalib na sa 157 sundalo at pulis ang nasawi sa Marawi operations habang nasa higit 1,600 naman ang sugatan.

Habang sa panig ng terorista nasa 770 na ang patay at higit 800 mga armas ang narekober ng militar sa war zone.

17 nasagip na bihag pupugutan na sana

Pupugutan na sana ng ulo ng teroristang Maute group ang 17 sibilyan na na-rescue noong nakaraang linggo sa Marawi City.

Sinabi ni Armed Forces Chief of Staff (AFP) Gen. Eduardo Año, na timing ang pagkaka-rescue ng militar sa naturang mga sibilyan dahil nakatakda na silang pugutan ng ulo.

Dahil dito kaya patuloy umano ang pakikipag-ugnayan pa ng mga

gobyerno sa mga natitirang hostages na nasa battle area para agad silang mailigtas.

Ayon kay Año, noong nakaraang linggo ay nakalapit na ang militar sa natitirang mga sibilyan na bihag subalit noong ire-rescue na sila ay biglang nawala ang puting bandila na nangangahulugan umano na nag-reposition ang kalaban at nakalapit sa mga hostages.

Ang 17 hostages na 9

ang lalaki at 8 babae ay may mga edad 18 hanggang 75 taong gulang na na-rescue noong Miyerkules.

Mayroon pa umanong 40 sibilyan ang hawak ng Maute group na nasa lugar ng bakbakan.

Base sa datos ng militar noong Biyernes, umaabot na sa 1,750 sibilyan ang kanilang nasagip mula sa lugar ng bakbakan at 47 iba pa ang kumpirmadong napatay. (Gemma Garcia)

09 October 2017



Pahina. 3

BALITANG VISAYAS AT MINDANAO

VISMIN

Omar, Hapilon nasa battle zone pa

Sa ika-139 na araw, positibo pa rin ang pamunuan ng AFP na nananatili pa rin sa loob ng battle zone area sa Marawi City ang mga lider ng Maute terror group.

Ayon kay Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander ng Joint Task Force Ranao, nasa loob pa rin ng war zone sina Omar Maute at ASG leader Isnilon Hapilon base sa report na kanilang tinatanggap mula sa mga nasa loob ng battle zone.

Sa pinakahuling impormasyon, pinaghihiwalay na ang mga bihag base sa pagmamando nina Omar at Hapilon.

May mga foreign terrorists din na ginagamit ang mga Maute bilang mga sniper na tumututok sa mga tropa ng pamahalaan.

Gayunman, tiniyak ni Brawner na hindi naman nagpapadaig ang militar sa paglaban sa mga teroristang grupo.

Ngayong Lunes ang ika-siyam na araw sa 15-araw na palugit na ibinigay ng militar na target na matuldukan ang paghahasik ng gulo ng teroristang Maute sa Marawi. (Betchai Julian)

Bihag ng Maute itinatali

Iginagapos ng teroristang Maute ang kanilang mga bihag sa battle zone area sa Marawi City.

Ito ang inihayag kahapon ni Joint Task Force Ranao deputy commander Col. Romeo Brawner base sa pahayag ng mga nailigtas na bihag kamakailan mula sa war zone.

Ayon kay Brawner, isa-isang itinatali ng mga terorista ang kanilang mga bihag kaya hirap ang mga ito mula sa mga Maute members na may hawak sa kanila. Gayunman, kumpiyansa ang AFP na matatapos na ang giyera sa Marawi City bago dumating ang October 15 ng taong ito.

Ayon kay Brawner, tuluy-tuloy ang paglusob ng sundalo sa mga lugar na pinagtataguan ng mga Maute sa layong makamit ang target date na matapos ang bakbakan.

Sinabi ni Brawner na dikitan na ngayon at dingding na limgang ang pagitan ng mga kalaban at tropa ng pamahalaan.

“Magkabalapit na lang po ang labanan, in fact isang dingding na lang po ang pagitan nila kaya nagkakarinigan din sila, ngayong maliit na ang sakop ng lugar ng gulo kaya talagang dikitan na po ang labanan,” pahayag ni Brawner. (Betchai Julian)

Duterte asked to pick Año's replacement from 4 names



AÑO: "All of them are qualified to be the chief of staff. They have the seniority, they have the experience, they have what we say leadership material."

ARMED Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo Año said last Sunday that four names of senior military officers, all with the rank of lieutenant general, have been submitted to President Duterte for him to choose from as the next top military chief.

Año said the names were submitted to the Commander in Chief last week by the military's Board of Generals, which is also headed by the chief of staff.

Año is set to retire on October 26, his self-imposed deadline for the military to clear Marawi City of terrorists, who have been battling the government since May 23. While Año confirmed the submission of the list to the Commander in Chief, he, however, refused to name the three generals. Sources said included on the list was Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, commander of the Western Mindanao Command.

"All of them are qualified to be the chief of staff. They have the seniority, they have the experience, they have what we say leadership material," the chief of staff said. "They are senior leaders who have risen to the ranks, and they are well respected. Whoever the President chooses, the Armed Forces will be good, we will be in good hands," he added.

While Galvez, member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1985, is on the list, some officers doubted whether he could lead the military, owing to his previous record.

Galvez is the senior military officer who, as the government's representative to the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in 2015, failed to prevent the massacre of 44 Special Action Force in Mamasapano, Maguindanao.

The Philippine National Police has claimed that, at the time members of the MILF and the Bangsamoro Islamic Liberation Front were mowing down the police commandos out on a counterterrorism mission, it pleaded with Galvez to ask the MILF leadership to order its fighters to stop, but nothing came out until the last of the 44 policemen was killed.

The CCCH is helping in the enforcement of the July 1997 interim cease-fire between the government and the MILF.

Galvez is also the commander of the Western Mindanao Command when members of the Maute-Islamic State Group lay siege on Marawi City in May. *Rene Acosta*

09 October 2017



Pahina. 2

Pagpapatayo ng 5 military camp sisimulan sa 2018

SISIMULAN na sa taong 2018 ang pagtatayo ng limang kampo ng Philippine Military sa ilalim ng Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement.

Ito ang kinumpirma ni AFP Chief of Staff General Eduardo Año na sa susunod na taon, 2018 magsisimula na ang construction sa limang Philippine military bases na siyang tinukoy na EDCA locations.

Ang limang EDCA locations ay siyang gagamitin ng American troops sa ilalim ng EDCA na nilagdaan noong April 2014.

Nakapaloob sa EDCA na maaaring taasan ng US militar ang kanilang presensiya sa Pilipinas sa pamamagitan ng rotation of troops kasama ang kanilang military

assets na gagamitin para sa humanitarian at maritime security operations.

Dagdag pa ni Año, tapos na ang ginawang survey at iba pang mga kailangan kaya all set na ang construction sa mga ito.

Una nang tinutukoy ang limang lugar sa bansa na siyang magiging EDCA locations. Ito ay ang mga sumusunod: Antonio Bautista Air Base, Basa Air Base sa Pampanga, Fort Magsaysay sa Nueva Ecija, Lumbia Air Base sa Cagayan de Oro at Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base sa Cebu.

Sa kabilang dako, ayon naman kay AFP Spokesperson MGen. Restituto Padilla na ang pondo ng nasabing construction ay popondohan ng Estados Unidos.

Dagdag pa ni Padilla na ang imbakan ng mga ibang mga gamit sa iba't ibang lugar sa bansa ang siyang naging priority at ilan sa mga facility ay tapos at itutuloy na ito sa susunod na taon subalit hindi nito binanggit kung magkano ang pondo na inilaan ng US government para sa construction ng limang EDCA locations.

Binigyang-linaw rin ni Padilla na ang mga nasabing EDCA location ay matatagpuan din mismo sa loob ng kampo ng AFP.

Aniya, hindi kalakihan ang lugar na inilaan para sa US forces kasama ang kanilang mga kagamitan. May ilang nagawa na, nasimulan na at saka itutuloy hanggang next year.

MARY ANNE SARICO

09 October 2017

Malaya
The National Newspaper

Page: 161

Año: Pinoy wanted by US under watch since 2014

BY VICTOR REYES

ARMED Forces chief Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday said a Filipino terrorist the US wants extradited has been in the custody of the NBI since April last year.

He said Russel Salic surrendered to the NBI “when he learned that he has an arrest warrant based on case information provided by Interpol for providing support to ISIS.”

Año also said Salic, who is being linked to the Maute Group that attacked Marawi City in May, has been in the “radar” of the Armed Forces since 2014.

“He has been monitored to be

part of a terrorist network. He is providing financial support to several extremists, suspicious terrorists in Middle East, US and Malaysia,” he said.

Año said Salic has also been active in the website of groups related to the ISIS.

US prosecutors said Friday in New York that three men, including Salic, have been arrested since May last year on charges of plotting attacks in the city for the Islamic State in 2016, including detonating explosives in Manhattan’s Times Square and in the city’s subway. The attacks have been thwarted.

They said Salic, 37, was arrested

last April and the US wants him extradited together with another man who was arrested in Pakistan in September last year, to face charges which include conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism and to support a terrorist organization.

Año said Salic is not a member of the ISIS-inspired Maute Group, a local terrorist organization that attacked Marawi City in May. Earlier reports said Salic had an arrest warrant for the beheading of two sawmill workers, perpetrated by the Maute Group, in Butig town in Lanao del Sur in April last year.

Año also said Salic is not related

See AÑO > Page B2

AÑO

to former Marawi City Mayor Fajad “Pre” Salic, who has been tagged as financier of the Maute Group. The mayor was arrested by government forces in June in Cagayan de Oro City.

“He is not related to Pre Salic. They just have the same surname. His involvement is with the international network of ISIS,” said Año of Russel Salic.

Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II US court documents showed that Salic, an orthopedic surgeon by profession, sent money to help plan the terror attacks.

He also said while his department is processing the extradition request, the preliminary investigation on Salic for

kidnapping and murder will continue.

Salic is facing the charges before the justice department based on the complaints of Gabriel Tomatao Permitis, Alfredo Sarsalejo Cano-os, Esperanza Permitis, Adonis Antipisto Mendez, and Julito Permitis Janubas, who were abducted by the Maute while working in a sawmill in Butig, Lanao del Sur on April 4, 2016.

Two of their co-workers -- Jaymart Capangpangan and Salvador Janubas -- were beheaded six days after the kidnapping.

The complainants said Salic was with the group that abducted them, and they saw him talking with Cayamora and Farhana Maute, parents of the leaders of the Maute group.

A Reuters report said that aside from

Salic, arrested were 19-year-old Canadian citizen Abdulrahman El Bahnasawy, who was arrested in New Jersey and has been in US custody since May 2016, and Talha Haroon, a 19-year-old US citizen who was arrested in Pakistan, where he lived, in September 2016.

The US prosecutors said Salic, who maintained a pro-Islamic State social media presence, told an undercover officer that he had been communicating with El Bahnasawy, and sent the officer about \$423 from the Philippines to help pay for the attacks.

El Bahnasawy bought bomb-making materials in Canada, and was arrested the same day he came to the United States, the prosecutors said. — *With Ashzel Hachero*

09 October 2017



Page: 10

Phil to extradite ISIS-linked terror suspect to US

By EDU PUNAY
and ALEXIS ROMERO

A Filipino doctor suspected in a thwarted terror plot targeting New York's subway and Times Square will face legal proceedings seeking his extradition to the United

States, Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II said yesterday.

Russell Salic and two others have been charged with involvement in the plan to carry out the attacks in the name of the Islamic State (IS) during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in 2016.

Salic was arrested in the Philippines in April 2017 and the US had requested his extradition, the US Justice Department said.

"It only means that we have to begin the extradition proceedings being requested," Aguirre said.

"We have a process to be followed and this has been done many times in the past," he said.

Salic is facing charges of kidnapping and murder, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said.

Aguirre said the preliminary investigation over his case here in the Philippines would continue.

He said the DOJ would study options on how to go about the process considering Salic is also facing criminal charges here.

"That is subject of study of our state counsels," he said.

Presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella said the preliminary investigation of the case against Salic would continue while extradition proceedings are being processed.

"The Philippines shares information and extends full cooperation with partners on matters pertaining to terrorism, and in the case of Dr. Salic will include initiating extradition proceedings being requested by the US," he said.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday said Salic was in the custody of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Salic, a 37-year-old Filipino

doctor, transferred \$423 in May 2016 to the other suspects for the operation, according to US court documents released on Friday.

Multiple locations including New York's subway, Times Square and some concert venues were identified as targets in the plot that was foiled by an undercover FBI agent, US authorities announced Friday.

The agent posed as an IS supporter and communicated with Salic and his two alleged accomplices: Abdulrahman El Bahna-sawy, a 19-year-old Canadian who purchased bombmaking materials, and Talha Haroon, a 19-year-old American citizen living in Pakistan.

A complaint signed by the agent quoted messages sent by Salic to others involved in the plot in which he described terror laws in the Philippines as "not strict" in comparison to countries such as Australia and the United Kingdom.

The US Justice Department said Salic had described the Philippines as a "breeding ground for terrorists."

Salic was an orthopedic surgeon associated with a hospital in Cagayan de Oro City in southern Philippines, the complaint said.

Confirmed

Malacañang yesterday confirmed the details given regarding Salic.

Abella said Salic is currently

facing charges of kidnapping and murder.

"Dr. Salic, said to be the physician attending to the Maute group, is currently undergoing preliminary investigation before the Department of Justice over kidnapping and murder charges," Abella said, referring to the terror group linked to the IS.

Año added Salic had sent funds to other nations for the "IS terrorist network."

"He was very active on social media, websites that groups related to ISIS have been using," Año said using another name for IS.

Armed militants flying the black IS flag have been besieging the city of Marawi since May, leaving more than 950 people dead.

The fighting, which is still raging despite artillery and air strikes and US military assistance, has left the once-thriving city in ruins with thousands of civilians displaced.

Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said the government is doing what it can to address the threat posed by terrorists.

"The suspect (Salic) who said that the Philippines is a breeding ground for terrorists was arrested early this year. This government is already aggressively addressing the terror threats as you may notice in the operations that led to his (Salic) arrest and the battle in Marawi," Andanar said.

- With AFP

09 October 2017



Page. 2

Gov't bent on fighting terror

The government is bent on combatting terror threats following reports the country has allegedly become a breeding ground for terrorists.

Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar noted that the military operations against Islamic State-linked rebels in Marawi City are just part of the government's anti-terror campaign.

"The suspect who said that the Philippines is a breeding ground for terrorists was arrested early this year," Andanar said. "This government is already aggressively addressing the terror threats as you may notice in the operations that led to his arrest and the battle in Marawi," he said.

Russel Salic, a Filipino suspect in a botched New York City attack, earlier claimed that terrorists come to the Philippines taking advantage of the lax anti-terror laws. Salic, arrested in the Philippines last April, claimed terror laws in the country were "not strict" compared to other Western countries.

In his recent speech, the President warned the public about the lingering threat of terrorism, apart from the challenges posed by armed communist group in the country.

"There is so much terrorism and a lot of extortion going around," Duterte said during an agribusiness assembly in Pasay City last Thursday. "So the Army is fighting two fronts there – terrorism and the

NPA's – that's keep our hands full," he said.

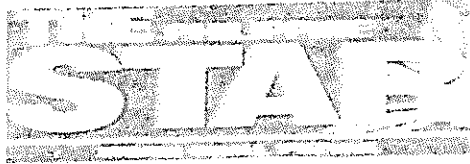
Duterte remained optimistic that the conflict in Marawi will be over soon, adding the government would target the communist rebels next.

Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo Año expressed optimism that the Marawi crisis is over before the end of October.

Año said they have a timeline on when they can finish the conflict but he rather would not announce it.

"Latest instruction (to military commanders)? It is to finish the Marawi crisis," Año said. "We will finish the Marawi within this month," he added. **(Genalyn D. Kabiling and Francis T. Wakefield)**

09 October 2017



Page: 8

UN attributes killing of 14 children to AFP, PNP

By PIA LEE-BRAGO

The United Nations has verified the killing of 14 children and maiming of 24 victims in the country and attributed these to five groups including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), a UN report showed.

According to the Secretary-General's report on children and armed conflict presented last Oct. 5 to the Security Council, at least 11 of the 38 cases were attributed to the AFP and at least two to both the AFP and PNP in a joint operation.

It also said the New People's Army (NPA) is responsible for at least six cases, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) for at least four, and the "paramilitary group" Alamara for one.

The report covered the period between January and December 2016.

Chief Superintendent Dionardo Carlos, PNP spokesman, is yet to issue a comment on the report.

The Secretary General noted in the report that children continue to be affected by low-intensity armed engagements, as well as large-scale military operations conducted by government

forces against armed groups, primarily in Mindanao.

It also noted that grave violations during clashes between law enforcers and communist rebels decreased significantly following the resumption of the government's peace talks with the National Democratic Front/New People's Army (NDF/NPA) in the second half of 2016.

The report also suggests that the BIFF, Abu Sayyaf and the Maute group recruited children for combat and verified at least one incident where the AFP used a boy for a support role in Negros Occidental since 2013. – With Emmanuel Tupas

09 October 2017



Pahina. 3

Lider ng Abu patay sa shootout

Nabariil at napatay ang sinasabing lider ng Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) na sangkot sa serye ng kidnap-for-ransom (KFR) activities sa isinagawang operasyon ng militar kahapon ng umaga sa bayan ng Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Guro Idri alyas Idris at Idz na nakabase sa Sulu sa ilalim ni Muamar Askali at Hatib Hajan Sawadjaan.

Ang suspek ay sinasabing sangkot sa pag-kidnap sa German national na si Jurgen Kantner.

Base sa ulat na nakarating sa Camp Aguinaldo, lumalabas na dakong alas-7:10 ng umaga nang maganap ang insidente sa Suwang Kagang, Brgy

Pasiagan nang magsagawa ng operasyon ang Joint Task Force Tawi-tawi laban sa suspek.

Subalit nang makita ng suspek ang tropa ng militar ay kaagad na pinaputukan ang mga awtoridad kaya nauwi sa shootout hanggang sa mapatay ito.

Naisugod naman sa Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital ang suspek subalit idineklarang patay.

Narekober sa encounter site ang cal. 45 pistol na may limang bala.

Nabatid na ang suspek ay minamanmanan ng mga otoridad dahil sa planong pag-kidnap sa kontratista ng power plant sa Baran-gay Pahut sa nasabing bayan. (Gemma Garcia)

09 October 2017



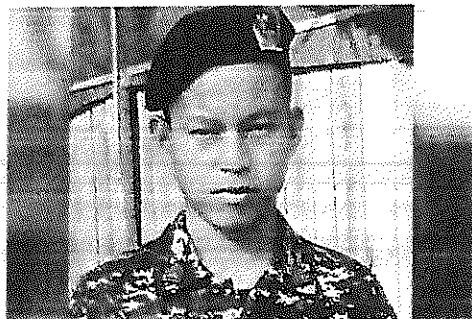
Pahina. 11

5K run winalis ng Army

Niratrat labat ng Army Pitch. Rosa (19:48) ang Philippine National
ang mga karibal kahapon 1-2-3 sa women's di- Uno-dos-tres sa men's
ng umaga para ma-sweep vision sina 2009 Laos side sina Aris Africa
ang Philippine Sports Southeast Asian Games (16:07), Richard Salario
Commission-Sports for gold medalist at two-time ng Bulacan (16:09) at
All Program (SFAP)/ National MILO Mara- Jujet de Asis ng Sultan
Women in Sports (WIS) ihon champion Jho-An Kudarar (16:12).
4th & final leg Armed Banayag-Villarama, 36, Ang iba mga luma-
Forces of the Philippines (19 minutes, 14 seconds), hok na major services ng
(AFP) Enlisted Personnel Ailene Tolentino ng Ca- AFP sa may 12 ½ ikutan
5K Fun Run 2017 sa Rizal gayan de Oro (19:32) at sa track oval ay ang Air
Memorial Track-Football Macrose Dichoso ng Sta. Force at Philippine Navy,

Kin grieve over loss of 'good brother,' 'dedicated soldier' in Marawi combat

By John Unson (philstar.com) | Updated October 8, 2017 - 1:56pm



Corporal Gerald Aparte of the 11th Scout Ranger Company was killed in an encounter with Maute terrorists in Marawi City Friday, 34 years after his father, a member of the now-defunct Citizens Home Defense Force, perished in a gunfight with Moro rebels who raided their village in Barangay Limulan in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat. Photo courtesy of John Unson

COTABATO CITY — Like father, like son.

Corporal Gerald Aparte of the 11th Scout Ranger Company and his father, Zosimo, a militiaman, were both killed in separate encounters more than three decades apart with state enemies in defense of the Philippine flag and the nation it stands for.

Aparte was killed Friday in an encounter with Maute terrorists in Marawi City, 34 years after his father, a member of the now-defunct Citizens Home Defense Force, perished in a gunfight with Moro rebels who raided their village in Barangay Limulan in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat.

He was still an infant when his father got killed, according to relatives.

READ: Soldier on end to Marawi war: Are we there yet?

Superiors of Aparte in the 11th SRC told The STAR Saturday that he was an obedient and disciplined subordinate who exemplified courage in the most hostile combat engagements of their unit even in his junior years in the service.

He was twice injured in action in Marawi City from between August and September and was not even supposed to return for duty yet, but reported to his unit there just the same for love of work.

"He was passionate with his work. He was a dedicated soldier. We can't thank him enough for the supreme sacrifice," said Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, commander of the Western Mindanao Command.

Life for Aparte and his four siblings, Evelyn, Jocelyn, Chealmea and Jerome, became so tough after their father died on Aug. 1, 1983 defending their village from marauding Moro rebels who attacked after residents refused to pay protection money on periodic basis.

Their mother, Norie, died of cancer about 10 years later, worsening their situation. They have two siblings —Noirme and Noel—in the second marriage of their mother.

The orphaned Apartes provided for each other's needs as they grew up together in Kalamansig, a seaside town home to mixed Christian, Muslim and Lumad communities.

Officials of the Army-led anti-terror Task Force Marawi said Aparte was first wounded in August in the arm in a fierce gunfight with Maute terrorists.

READ: Family of fallen soldier tries to cope with loss

He was nearly killed in September when a big chunk of concrete fell on him from the second floor of a two-story house terrorists bombarded with B-40 anti-tank rockets while he and other Rangers were trying to enter the building to search for enemies.

"He was a good brother to us," Aparte's sister, Jocelyn, told The STAR on Saturday.

Relatives of Aparte in Kalamansig said he was known in their barangay as a friendly and polite man.

He survived through hard life during his childhood and adolescent years with the help of peasant relatives who adopted him on a rotational basis. He joined the Army in 2009 after he graduated from high school.

His classmates in elementary and high school said they were saddened by his death.

"His death was honorable. He brought our town honor. We are proud of him," a driver of a hauler truck plying the Cotabato-Kalamansig route, Celso Quintos, said in Hiligaynon dialect.

Aparte shall be buried in Davao City where his immediate family resides. He is survived by wife, Rowena, who is from Davao City, and two children.

www.philstar.com

17 rescued Marawi hostages about to be beheaded —

AFP chief

Published October 8, 2017 2:47pm

Armed Forces chief General Eduardo Año on Sunday said the 17 civilians rescued in Marawi City last week were about to be beheaded by the Maute group.

"Tamang tama iyong timing ng pagka-rescue natin dito kasi they were about to be beheaded," Año said in an interview.

He said efforts to rescue the remaining hostages continue as troops are determined to end the crisis in Marawi City before the end of the month.

He said troops are "reestablishing" communications with the remaining civilians within the battle zone.

Last week, he said the troops came very close to the remaining civilians held captive within the battle zone.

"When the troops were about to rescue the remaining hostages, biglang nawala yung white flag so that means nag-reposition yung kalaban... Ibig sabihin nun they came very near to the hostages

He did not say if the incident happened on the same day that the 17 hostages were rescued.

The 17 civilians, including nine males and eight females with ages ranging from 18 to 75, were rescued on Wednesday.

Año said that there are at least 40 civilians still being held captive by the Maute group within the battle zone.

The military said Friday that at least 1,750 civilians have been rescued from the battle zone and 47 others have been confirmed killed.

The number of Maute group members killed since the conflict started on May 23 was 759 while the number of troops killed was 156. —ALG, GMA News www.gmanews.com

End of Marawi siege eyed in one week, security official says

By Roel Pareño (philstar.com) | Updated October 8, 2017 - 5:44pm

ZAMBOANGA CITY — A senior security official said it would now take only one week before the Army finishes off the remaining pro-ISIS militants holed in Marawi City.

Rear Admiral Rene Medina, commander of the Naval Forces Western Mindanao, said this following the defeat of the Maute group by the Marines in their designated area of operations.

"One week na lang talaga yong operation. Kasi yong area ng Marines doon tapos na kami," Medina said.

He said the Marines are now assisting Army troops still battling dozens of Maute members hiding in mosques and concrete structures within the less than nine hectares of operations area. He said they are still battling an estimated 30 to 40 Maute fighters.

READ: 40 hostages still inside Marawi, says AFP

Medina said the Marines have offered their equipment to the Army like their B300 tanks and 90RR (recoilless rocket).

"Tumutulong na lang kami sa Army. Yong mga gamit namin 'yong B300 with 90RR pinapahiram na namin sa Army kasi sa part ng Marines tapos na talaga," Medina said.

He said the operation area of the Army troops remained tough due to the presence of more than 20 civilian hostages used as human shields by the terrorists.

He added, however, that there were reports indicating that most of the terrorist leaders, including Isnilon Hapilon, might have been killed already.

"We are verifying the information on the ground."

Medina said some of the Marines like the Marine Battalion Landing Team 10 would be pulled out already as they are also scheduled for re-training to provide security for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations meeting in November.

However, he said the remaining units, including MBLT 5 and MBLT7, would help finish the Maute group.

READ: Armed Forces captures key Maute base in besieged Marawi

www.philstar.com