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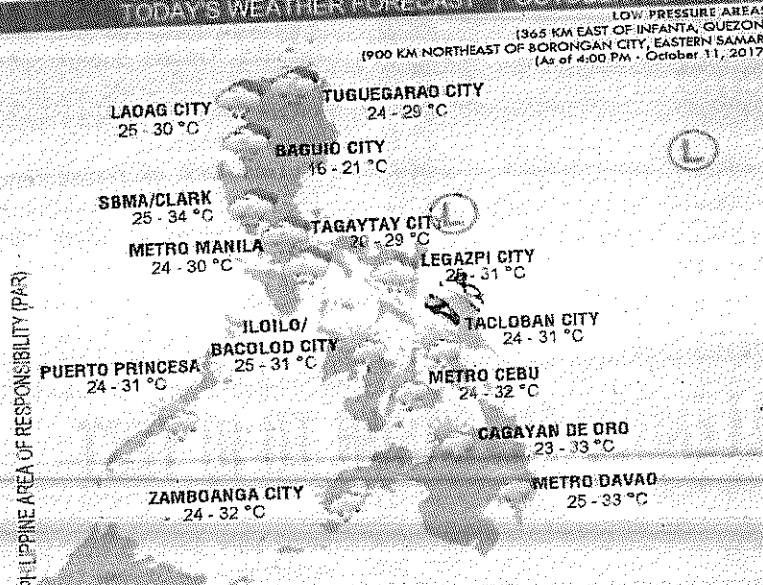


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# DU30: PNP OUT, PDEA TO LEAD DRUG WAR

STORY BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA AND MARLON RAMOS

The President's move comes amid steep declines in his satisfaction and trust ratings. A lawyers' group has also challenged in the Supreme Court the legality of the war on drugs and the drop box system of identifying drug suspects. **A2**

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By Philip C. Tubeza  
and Marlon Ramos  
@Team\_Inquirer

President Duterte has taken his war on drugs away from the Philippine National Police and designated instead the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) as the "sole agency" that will carry out operations against the narcotics trade.

Mr. Duterte's move is seen as intended to eliminate deadly police raids that have marred his campaign against illegal drugs, which a survivor and two people whose relatives have been killed by police have asked the Supreme Court to stop for being "patently illegal and grossly unconstitutional."

### Order and accountability

In a memo he signed on Tuesday, Mr. Duterte ordered the PNP, National Bureau of Investigation, Armed Forces of the Philippines and other agencies to "leave to the PDEA" the conduct of his war on drugs.

Mr. Duterte, however, ordered the PNP to "maintain police visibility as a deterrent to illegal drug activities."

The President said the change was intended to "bring order" to and make possible "pinpointing

precise accountability" in the campaign against illegal drugs.

The shift comes as a blow to the PNP, whose chief has mistaken for peace and order the terror gripping slum communities across the country, with nightly police raids that have left thousands of drug suspects dead since Mr. Duterte launched his bloody campaign after taking office in June last year.

Mr. Duterte issued the order after independent polls showed steep declines in his satisfaction and trust ratings, which Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo on Wednesday blamed on the killing of minors by police carrying out the President's war on drugs.

One poll also showed most Filipinos were afraid they would end up as victims of summary executions in the campaign.

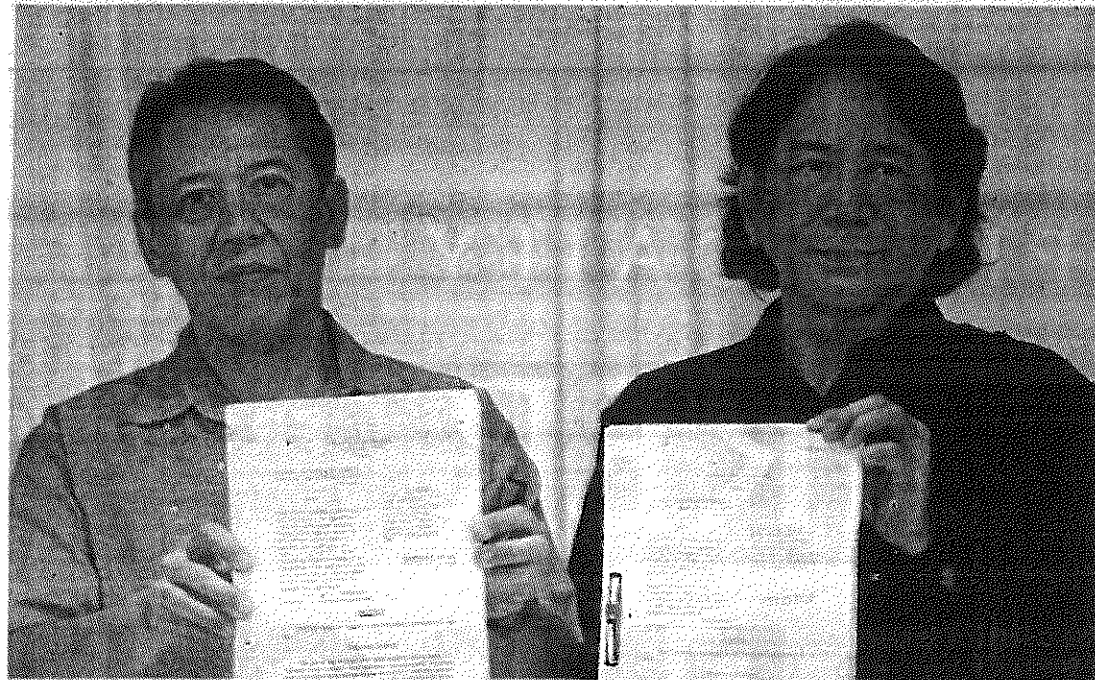
Police say they have killed more than 3,800 people during drug operations since the launch of the campaign last year.

They insist the victims put up resistance and the officers involved just defended themselves.

### Killing for rewards

More than 2,000 others have been killed by unknown assailants, in what police say could be fights between drug gangs but rights groups believe are attacks by hired guns working for the police or by policemen themselves working for rewards





GRIG C. MONTEGRANDE

**PETITION AGAINST DUTERTE CAMPAIGN** Lawyers Jose Manuel Diokno (left) and Felix Mariñas of the Free Legal Assistance Group are asking the Supreme Court to stop President Duterte's antidrug campaign on behalf of a survivor and two people whose relatives were killed by policemen.

that come with the campaign. Such attacks have made the war on drugs illegal, according to a group of lawyers that asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday to stop Mr. Duterte's campaign on behalf of a survivor and two people whose relatives were killed by police.

Assisted by lawyers from the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG), the petitioners also asked the Supreme Court to issue a writ of amparo to protect them and

their families from harassment and arrest by the police.

#### **DILG circular questioned**

They also questioned the legality of a circular issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) allowing citizens to identify people involved in drugs by writing their names on a piece of paper and dropping it into a box found in barangay halls.

The petition for prohibi-

tion—brought by Jefferson Soriano, Aileen Almora and Rowena Aparri—is the fourth such legal action that questions Mr. Duterte's take-no-prisoners strategy in solving the country's drug problem.

Named respondents were PNP Director General Ronald dela Rosa, and AFP Chief of Staff, Gen. Eduardo Año, the incoming DILG secretary.

The petition said the war on drugs was an illegal campaign

that allowed police to kill and circumvent legal procedures.

#### **License to kill**

The government's directive for the fierce crackdown permits police to "negate" and "neutralize" targets, effectively granting them a license to kill suspected users and dealers, without gathering evidence or building a case, the petition said.

A practice of compiling lists of drug suspects and encouraging citizens to anonymously provide names was tantamount to drawing up a hit list, it said.

It called for judicial intervention in thousands of cases where suspects were killed by police.

"The present war on drugs being waged by the government is not going to stop illegal drugs, crime and corruption," FLAG chair Jose Manuel Diokno told a news conference.

"[It] will only result in the killing of more and more people, especially the poor," he said.

Diokno said one of the petitioners, Soriano, survived after being repeatedly shot by policemen.

Almora lost a brother and Aparri a son in separate police drug raids, he said.

"Our problem with the government's war on drugs is all about short-cutting the justice system by dispensing justice from the barrels of guns instead of the gavels of judges," he said.

—WITH A REPORT FROM REUTERS INQ

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# Bautista impeached

## *Comelec chief resigns effective Dec. 31, will face trial*

By DELON PORCALLA and SHEILA CRISOSTOMO

After offering to resign by yearend, Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman Andres Bautista might have to step down sooner than planned after the House of Representatives voted, 137-75, hours later to impeach him.

The plenary vote overrode a motion to adopt the decision of the House justice committee to junk the impeachment complaint against Bautista. The committee had voted 26-2 to dismiss the complaint for being insufficient in form.

After yesterday's plenary vote, House Deputy Speaker Raneo Abu directed the justice committee to

prepare the Articles of Impeachment.

Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez said in an interview shortly after the plenary vote that Bautista could avoid a Senate impeachment trial if he resigned immediately.

As of last night, however, there was no indication that Bautista would advance the effectivity of his resignation. In a statement, he said he was

prepared to defend himself "at any venue with the right process because this will also give me the chance to clear my name."

He described yesterday's plenary vote as "unfortunate."

"While it may be an unnecessary move since I already tendered my resignation to the President today

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## Bautista From Page 1

effective end of the year to ensure a smooth transition, I will abide by the Constitution and the relevant rules regarding the impeachment process," he maintained.

Reliable sources told The STAR that Alvarez got angry after Bautista "renege" on his promise to step down. The Speaker had reportedly given the poll chief until 4 p.m. yesterday to make his resignation effective immediately.

"He should resign now and not on Dec. 31. Apparently he has a record of flip-flopping," a source noted. He said there was no assurance that Bautista would indeed resign, especially since his letter was not addressed to the seven-member Comelec.

Appointed by former president Benigno Aquino, III in 2015, Bautista's seven-year term is supposed to end in 2022.

Alvarez led the House in calling for Bautista's impeachment, describing the allegations against the polls chief as "very serious."

Bautista's estranged wife Patricia Cruz was reportedly "shocked at the resignation and doubly shocked at the impeachment (and) grateful to Congress."

Speaking through her lawyer Lorna Kapunan, Cruz said Bautista's resignation letter "worked against him as it trivialized the seriousness of the charges of plunder and corruption against him and effectively undermined the respect due Congress."

Patricia has accused her husband of amassing more than P1 billion in ill-gotten assets. Her allegations largely formed the basis for the complaint.

"Congress figured out that

Chairman Andy may be thinking he can play games with Congress and change his mind about resigning in December. We are prepared to substantiate the charges against chairman Andy in the Senate acting as an impeachment court and cooperate with the House panel of prosecutors," she said.

House Deputy Speaker Gwen Garcia, Reps. Harry Roque of Kabayan, Robert Ace Barbers of Surigao del Norte, among many others, joined Alvarez in the move to have Bautista impeached.

"I object to the committee report... because it is perceived that there were some infractions committed by no less than the chair of the Comelec and we never heard any reply on the accusations being hurled at him," Barbers told his colleagues in plenary.

Bautista declared a total of P176 million in assets in 2016, but his estranged wife revealed that he actually has more than P1 billion in cash and properties, P329 million of which is deposited in 35 accounts in Luzon Development Bank.

The Comelec chief admitted having the amount, but argued it was co-owned by his family.

Complainants former Negros congressman Jacinto Paras and lawyer Ferdinand Topacio declared that Bautista committed betrayal of public trust and culpable violation of the 1987 Constitution for his failure and refusal to declare his complete assets, graft and corruption, among many others.

Roque, a former UP law professor, earlier filed House Resolution 1171 calling on the House committees on suffrage and good government to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, based on Patricia's

exposé.

"It raises serious questions, if not doubts, on the integrity of Philippine democracy which Comelec is charged to protect and safeguard under the 1987 Constitution," he said, noting that Bautista may have received bribes from Smartmatic in the hundreds of millions.

Roque claimed Bautista may have received payoffs from the Divina Law office which acts as counsel for Smartmatic, supplier of automated voting machines to Comelec since May 2010.

### Senate preparations

Senate Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III said yesterday Bautista's impeachment trial may start by the last week of November or the first half of December, depending on how soon the House of Representatives can transmit the Articles of Impeachment.

Sotto said the Senate could still make preparations for the impeachment during the month-long break of Congress until Nov. 12, especially if the House promptly transmits the articles in the next days.

But before any trial, the chamber must first approve the proposed P3.8-trillion national budget for 2018 and the proposed Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) next month, he stressed.

"Our hands are tied. Once the Articles of Impeachment reach us, we have to act on it," Sotto said.

He explained that upon receipt of the Articles of Impeachment, the Senate shall set the date and time to consider the articles.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III should inform the House if the chamber is ready to receive prosecutors at specified time and date.

Pimentel, who is expected

to be the presiding officer in the trial, said Bautista's "expression of intention (to resign) is not resignation."

"But actual resignation will change a lot of things," he said. "Our (legislative) calendar will be affected. There're only 24 hours in a day and you can't add to that, and work is multiplying, that's life," he said, referring to the looming effect of an impeachment trial on Senate work.

Sens. Panfilo Lacson and Francis Escudero said the resignation of Bautista has not taken effect yet so the impeachment process is still valid and available at this time.

"His resignation as announced is prospective, so once the impeachment complaint is transmitted to the Senate and his resignation is still not in effect, then we will proceed with the trial," Lacson said.

Escudero pointed out that Bautista merely announced his plan or intention to resign but he has not yet actually resigned. "So impeachment is still an available remedy/procedure," he said.

But Sen. Francis Pangilinan said it would be a waste of the Senate's time to convene as an impeachment court as the elections chief is on his way out anyway.

"The penalty for a conviction in an impeachment trial is removal from office. Since he has resigned effective end of the year, I don't see any reason why the Senate should convene as an impeachment court," Pangilinan said.

"It would be a waste of our time. For all intents and purposes the matter is moot," he added.

### No ex-deal

Bautista denied insinuations that his resignation was in exchange for the dismissal of



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his impeachment case.

"There is no ex-deal. You will see that on how the House committee on justice decided on the impeachment case," said Bautista at the Kapihan sa Manila Bay forum at the Cafe Adriatico in Manila.

"The standards are similar - the verification had defects, (the petitioners had) no personal knowledge and the documents were not authenticated," he said, apparently referring to the same bases used by lawmakers for dismissing the impeachment complaint against President Duterte.

"It is with deep sadness that I am informing you about my decision to resign as the Chair of the Comelec by the end of the year. After much prayer and discernment, I believe that it is the right time to step down," Bautista announced at the Kapihan.

Bautista explained he wanted his resignation to take effect by yearend to allow President Duterte to choose his replacement and to "have a smooth transition."

Bautista said he submitted his letter of resignation to the Office of the President yesterday morning.

Asked about his next move if the President refuses to accept his resignation, the poll chief replied: "I will cross the bridge when I get there."

The poll chief said he decided to resign because of the postponement of the Oct. 23 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan polls and the pending approval of the Comelec budget by the Senate.

"Also, for me, family is very important and I felt it is time (to focus) on the healing of the wounds inflicted on my family," noted Bautista, apparently referring to the controversies between him and his estranged wife Patricia.

In August, Patricia spoke in public about his alleged ill-gotten wealth amounting to almost P1 billion. In response, he revealed that his relationship with his wife turned sour when she began having an affair with businessman Alfonso Lim. The estranged couple has four young sons.

Before announcing his resignation, Bautista met with Comelec officials and employees to inform them about his *pride* decision.

"I am thankful for the love, prayers and support you have shown me, most especially during my most challenging times. Amid the hurtful, baseless and malicious accusations hurled against me, most of you never left my side," he told the poll staff.

The resignation came as a surprise even to poll watchdog Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE).

Comelec Commissioner Rowena Guanzon claimed she did not expect Bautista to quit at this time.

"I had a feeling he would resign but I was surprised that he announced his intention to resign today, but it is good if he has decided so he will have peace of mind," Guanzon said.

Mac Ramirez, president of the Comelec Employees' Union, admitted they were "shocked and in a state of disbelief."

LENTE executive director Rona Ann Caritos said Bautista should be praised for his role in the success of the 2016 national and local elections.

The President's chief legal counsel Salvador Panelo said Bautista resigned to protect his children from controversies.

"The resignation is an honorable exit given the furor that erupted following the rupture of the marital bond," Panelo said in a statement.

Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said Malacañang respects the decision of Bautista and wishes him well.

Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting chairman Rene Sarmiento said Bautista's resignation would enable him to spend more time with his children as well as allow the poll body to focus on electoral reforms. Bautista was a board member of the PPCR.V.

- With Marvin Sy, Jess Diaz, Paolo Romero, Evelyn Macairan, Alexis Romero

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# Rody unveils housing project for Army Scout Rangers

By ALEXIS ROMERO

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan - President Duterte yesterday led the unveiling of a housing project for Army Scout Ranger troops here as he reiterated his commitment to provide the military the equipment it needs to fulfill its mandate.

The Scout Ranger Ville housing project forms part of the Biyaya ng Pagbabago program of the National Housing Authority (NHA) for uniformed personnel.

The housing units will replace the houses intended for

soldiers that were forcibly occupied by urban poor group Kadamay last April.

"Kadamay seized the housing units so I told (Armed Forces chief) General (Eduardo) Año to just abandon the houses. After all, they are all Filipinos," Duterte said.

"I will just give you new, bigger houses. This is the result of that... Let's just give it to them," he added.

The government will spend P200 million to fund the construction of 1,000 120-square meter housing units for members of the 1st Scout Ranger

Regiment.

Duterte also vowed to provide P70,000 to the beneficiaries of the housing unit, saying it is his way of giving back to the soldiers who risk their lives for the country.

NHA general manager Marcelino Escalada Jr. said the Biyaya ng Pagbabago program aims to build 10,910 housing units for soldiers, policemen, firemen, corrections and jail personnel.

Ten sites have been identified in Davao City, Davao Oriental, Zamboanga, Bulacan, Iligan City, Bacolod City, Tar-

lac, La Union and Baguio City.

"We want to bring our housing units closer to camp retirement places," Escalada said.

Duterte promised to support the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) upgrade program and to make sure that only brand new equipment would be provided to soldiers.

He said he would allow the military to lease their camps to raise funds for the upgrade program, education of soldiers' children and pay increases.

"You may lease them but you cannot sell. You will earn

billions," Duterte said.

Duterte said Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III had suggested that the military place the proceeds of the lease deals in a funding pool. The soldiers can also use the funding pool to increase their salaries, buy equipment and fund the education of their children.

Duterte also revealed Russia would be donating 5,000 Kalashnikov rifles and 20 military trucks to the AFP.

"We went there (Russia) almost just below 24 hours. We will have the Kalashnikov...

5,000," Duterte said.

Duterte was supposed to visit Russia for five days but had to cut it short because of the Marawi siege.

Security officials told Duterte that the donation was supposed to be a secret but the President made the announcement here nevertheless.

"Expect the arms to come in... It's useless keeping it a secret. Anyway, a lot of people they'll know if they dock the ships there. They will ask what is being discharged," he said. - With Jaime Laude, Ramon Efren Lazaro

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## Bagong pabahay sa mga sundalo, pangako ni Digong

May magandang regalo sa darating na Kapaskuhan si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte para sa mga sundalong inagawan ng pabahay ng grupong Kadamay sa lalawigan ng Bulacan

Mapapalitan na sa Disyembre ang pabahay ng mga sundalo makaraang pangunahan ng Pangulo kahapon ang groundbreaking ceremony ng bagong housing project sa mga barangay ng Calumpang at Tართო sa San Miguel, Bulacan.

Sa kanyang talumpati sa harap ng mga Scout Rangers, sinabi ng Pangulo na marami pang itatayong housing units para mabigyan nang maayos na tirahan ang mga sundalo. Ang mga itatayong housing units ay mas ma-

laki aniya kumpara sa mga nauna at itatayo ang mga ito sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa.

"We have enough evidence to show to you na kung ano 'yung pananalitanamin, what we promised to the people, we deliver. And this was happening in Davao. Sabi ko kasi ito -- we must complete this within at least one year. So by December hopefully, by the grace of God, we will have your units ready," pahayag ng Pangulo.

Naglaan ang Department of Budget and Management ng P200 milyon para pondohan ang mga itatayong housing project at babayaran ito ng mga sundalo sa mas magaan na pamamaraan. (Aileen Taliping)

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# Sniper fire snuffs out young officer's promise to marry fiancée

By **BONITA L. ERMAC**

**MARAWI CITY** - The promised wedding of First Lt. Harold Mark Juan to his fiancée will never push through after the Special Forces officer was killed by sniper fire last October 9 in the main battle area here.

This was disclosed by Col. Romeo Brawner, Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force Ranaw, who said that Juan had promised his girlfriend that he would marry her immediately after his tour of duty in Marawi.

"Hindi na po matutuloy," Brawner

said

As of October 10, the government has absorbed 159 fatalities, while the enemy has 776 of its forces killed. Forty-seven civilians have also perished in the hostilities.

The military official said the Maute Terror Group, which has laid siege to Marawi for more than five months, has been staunch in their resistance to the government's assault teams.

"However, our soldiers are determined to finish this war despite the casualties," Brawner stated.

Western Mindanao Command (WesMinCom) Commander Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez told mediamen Monday that the military has set another target date - October 15 - to finally end hostilities here.

"Kayang-kaya natin na matatapos na iyong labanan, kaya na mas maa-ga pa," Galvez confidently declared.

There are still about 100 structures left to be recovered, including a mosque (masjar) located along Lake Lanao.

From October 7 to 9 alone, 122 structures were cleared.

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## Pangakong kasal ng Marawi soldier, 'di na matutuloy

Ni Bonita L. Ermac

**MARAWI CITY** - Hindi na matutuloy ang ipinangakong kasal ng isang junior officer na sundalo sa kanyang kasintahan, makaraang magbuwis siya ng buhay nitong Lunes sa pagpapatuloy ng bakbakan sa Marawi City.

Binawian ng buhay si First Lt. Harold Mark Juan, miyembro ng special forces, nang matamaan ng sniper fire mula sa kaaway habang nagbabakbakan, lahad ni Col. Romeo Brawner, deputy commander ng Joint Task Group Ranaw.

"Pinangakuan [niya] ang kanyang fiancée na magpapakasal

sila after the Marawi siege, hindi na po matutuloy," ani Brawner.

Inihayag ng mga opisyal ng militar na pursigido ang mga kaaway na labanan ang mga tropa ng gobyerno. "However, our soldiers were determined to finish this war despite casualties," pahayag ni Brawner.

Itinakda ng puwersa ng gobyerno na tapusin ang digmaan sa Oktubre 15 at malaki ang tiwala ng mga itong magwawakas na ang giyera



bago ang nasabing petsa, ayon kay Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, Western Mindanao Command commander, sa press conference sa kapitolyo nitong Lunes.

"Kayang-kaya natin na matatapos na iyong labanan, kaya na mas maaga pa," ani Galvez.

Aabot sa 100 pang istruktura ang kailangang mabawi mula sa Maute Group, bukod pa sa isang mosque na nakatayo sa Lake Lanao.



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## Army lashes at NPA for plantation attack

By **MIKE U. CRISMUNDO**

CAMP BANCASI, Butuan City – The Army's Northeastern and Northern Mindanao Fourth Infantry (Diamond) Division (4th ID) on Wednesday lambasted the New People's Army (NPA) for attacking an agricultural farm plantation on Sunday in Bukidnon province.

In a statement, the 4th ID said the attack on a private institution and civilians is a grave violation of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL), one of the four substantive agenda that was formulated during peace negotiations between the government and the Communist rebels.

"The incident is another violation of CARHRIHL when the NPA deliberately and dastardly attacked civilians and their properties. This is their (NPA) way of compelling companies and other small business entities to give in to their extortion demands," Capt. Joe Patrick A. Martinez, spokesperson of the 4th ID said, in a statement.

He said the impact of the attack on the pineapple plantation would mean the loss of jobs for the locals.

Martinez said the Army's 403rd Infantry Brigade was supporting the Bukidnon Police Provincial Office in pursuing the perpetrators.

Col. Eric Vinoya, commanding officer of the Army's 403rd Infantry Brigade also condemned the attack.

"It is very unfortunate that despite being a signatory to the CARHRIHL, the NPA, with the guidance of their leaders, still continue to attack innocent civilians," he said, in the same statement.

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# NPAs tagged in Ilocos Sur barangay attack

By **FREDDIE G. LAZARO**

STA. CRUZ, Ilocos Sur – Suspected New People's Army (NPA) rebels attacked and damaged a barangay hall and an adjacent house in Barangay Patungcaleo, Quirino, Ilocos Sur Tuesday night.

Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Julio Osias IV, commander of the Philippine Army's 81st Infantry Battalion, on Wednesday confirmed the incident and said that responding troops also recovered an undetonated improvised

explosive device on the second floor of the barangay hall.

He said that an explosion destroyed the roof of the barangay hall.

Fortunately, no one was reported killed or wounded.

Witnesses said that prior to the explosion, they saw two unidentified persons running away from the barangay hall.

He believed that this is the handiwork of the NPA rebels, who are trying to sabotage the ongoing skills and livelihood training being conducted by the Technical Education and Skills Development

Authority (TESDA).

He added that he also deployed his troops to the village as the community support program team to the on-going livelihood and skills training.

He said that follow-up probe to the incident is going on.

Earlier, Major General Paul T. Atal, commander of the Philippine Army's 5th Infantry Division based in Camp Melchor F. Dela Cruz in Upi, Gamu, Isabela, condemned the series of attacks carried out by NPA rebels in Cagayan province.

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## **21-ANYOS NA SUNDALO** *Ni Edwin Balasa* **NIRATRAT SA HARAP NG ASAWA**

Apat na tama ng bala ang tumapos sa buhay ng isang bagitong sundalo matapos itong pagbabarilin ng isang hindi pa kilalang lalaki sa harapan ng kanyang asawa sa loob ng isang videoke bar kamakalawa ng gabi sa Sorsogon City.

Kinilala ang nasawing biktima na si Marklyn Moral Baliza, 21, naka-assign sa 903rd Brigade ng Philippine Army at pansamantalang nanunuluyan sa Barangay Bitan-o ng nasabing siyudad.

Apat na tama ng bala sa iba't ibang bahagi ng katawan mula sa kalibre .45 baril na ginamit ng hindi pa kilalang suspek na nakasuot ng sombrero, may taas na 5'2 at maliit ang pangangatawan.

Sa salaysay ni Marjorie Baliza, asawa ng biktima, dakong alas-9:45 ng gabi habang masaya silang nagkakatagan ng kanyang asawa sa La Fang Videoke Bar na matatagpuan sa Barangay Balogo ng lungsod na ito nang pumasok ang suspek at paglapit nito sa biktima ay sunud-sunod na binaril ang kanyang asawa.

Matapos masigurong wala nang buhay ang sundalo ay agad itong tumakas patungo sa nag-aabang na kasamahan lulan ng motorsiklo.

Samantala humingi na ng permiso ang pulisya para makakuha ng kopya ng closed circuit television camera (CCTV) ng nasabing videoke bar upang mamukhaan ang gunman habang patuloy ang imbestigasyon para sa motibo ng pamamaslang.

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## HONORING WARRIORS | New CGPA visits wounded soldiers at AGH

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FORT ANDRES BONIFACIO, Taguig City (DWDD) – Philippine Army Commanding General Major General Rolando Joselito D. Bautista visited wounded soldiers recuperating at the Army General Hospital (AGH), Health Service Command on Sunday, October 8, 2017.



Major Gen. Bautista pins a Wounded Personnel Medal to a soldier. CACPA/MCAG

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# PEACE ADVOCATES | 115 Candidate Soldiers took Oath in 4ID Hallowed Grounds

Army Sarrator

CAMP EDILBERTO EVANGELISTA, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City (DWDD) – 115 candidate soldiers will be joining the noble profession of arms as they take their oath in the hallowed grounds of 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as the AFP's new set of promising peace advocates. The ceremony was held in Camp Edilberto Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City at 2:00pm today.



These 115 candidate soldiers are composed of 95 males and 20 females (5 Cebuanos and 15 Indigenous Peoples from the different tribal affiliations) whom had undergone series of stages of the selection process such as qualifying examinations that tested their mental and physical ability to prove their worth as finest from the pool of aspirants from Northern Mindanao and Caraga regions to join the Philippine Army.

After taking their oath, they will be undergoing the rigors of Basic Military Training at the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Training School in Malaybalay, Bukidnon for the 95 males and at the 6<sup>th</sup> Division Training School in Carmen North Cotabato for the 20 females to help them transform from their carefree civilian life to fine grown military men and women. Their training will be conducted in a six-month duration covering skills and knowledge not only in combat fighting but also in life-saving imperatives, disaster response operation, peacekeeping initiatives, Human Rights, Rule of Law, and Rules of Engagement.

MGen Ronald C Villanueva, 4ID Commander said during his speech "We congratulate each and every one of you for having been chosen from among the thousand aspiring candidate soldiers who have undergone series of tests and screenings for us to be able to choose the best and the brightest. This is the first step as you pursue your career in the Military service. It is expected of you to be developed during this training as the most reliable soldiers that could defend our people and their communities from any kinds of threats. Make good and have a positive mind set during your training."

"To the parents and loved ones of these Candidate Soldiers, thank you for entrusting your sons and daughters to us. We commend you for raising such patriotic-minded individuals, who at their young age, have chosen to join this noble profession of arms. We will assure you that as they undergo this training, Safety, Morale and Welfare will be of utmost priority," MGen Villanueva added.

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these new breed of peace advocates will fill up the needed number of personnel due to the attrition such as optional and compulsory retirement, and other causes. They will also continue the efforts of their predecessor in devoting their lives in the pursuit for lasting peace. 4DPAO/MCAG

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## 4 NPA rebels yield in Sultan Kudarat

From the Mindanao Examiner (Oct 11): 4 NPA rebels yield in Sultan Kudarat

Four communist rebels have surrendered Wednesday to the Philippine Army in the southern province of Sultan Kudarat, officials said.

Officials said the rebels were members of the New People's Army and have identified the four as Beboy Flag Mek, 24; Arjohn Dang Blagan, 23; Osing Samandal Kuyan, and Robert Pandat Balabagan, both 21 years old. They also surrendered three automatic rifles to the 57th and 33rd Infantry Battalions in the village of Titulok in Bagumbayan town.

Major General Dela Vega, commander of the 6th Infantry Division, said the surrender was the result of an effective collaboration between the military and civil authorities in addressing the social issues that lured the villagers, all members of an indigenous tribe, to join the NPA.

"We urge other rebels to peacefully surrender and start a new life with your family and loved ones. Instead of fighting a senseless war," he said.

The NPA has been fighting for many decades now for the establishment a separate state in the country.

<http://mindanaoexaminer.com/4-npa-rebels-yield-in-sultan-kudarat/>

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## Army to raise awareness vs insurgency in Antique youth summit

From the Philippine News Agency (Oct 11): Army to raise awareness vs insurgency in Antique youth summit

Philippine Army's 61st Infantry Battalion (IB) aims to raise awareness against insurgency among the 100 participants in the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) that will be held in Antique from October 27 to 29.

2Lt. Jennifer C. Lejano, Civil Military Operations (CMO) Officer of the PA 61IB, said during the "Talakayan" media forum Tuesday that although there is no report of any Antiqueno minor being recruited to join the insurgents, they are set to hold the YLS in Antique as preventive measures.

"The YLS is intended to raise awareness among the youth to avoid recruitment," she said.

Lejano said that 15-to 25-year-old participants from the towns of Sibalom, San Remigio, Hamtic and Sebaste will attend the three-day event with lectures, team-building activities and spiritual upliftment.

She added that Antique based on their monitoring is peaceful, where the New People's Army rebels just pass by as the province is interconnected with Iloilo and Aklan provinces.

The army officer, however, urged the public as well as the media to provide them with information of any NPA sighting as part of securing the province.

<http://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1012350>

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# More slain Maute, Abu men recovered from battle zone

Military execs in Marawi expect slowdown in operations to ensure safety of hostages, noncombatants

**By Jeffrey Maitem,  
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MARAWI CITY—Government security forces recovered 24 remains suspected to belong to pro-Islamic State terrorists following aerial bombings and ground assaults that lasted until late Tuesday.

The recovery of the bodies, including one that appeared to be a foreigner, from two locations inside the main battle area brought to 64 the number of bodies and skeletal remains recovered this week alone.

Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, commander of the military's Western Mindanao Command, said the 24 bodies were found in two buildings that gunmen from the Maute group and their allies occupied.

But in a press conference in Camp Aguinaldo on Wednesday, Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla Jr., spokesperson for the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said 22 cadavers were recovered, some of whom were suspected to be remains of leaders of the Maute group.

"We are also interested to find out if there are prominent people ... killed. This is the reason why we are asking the PNP (Philippine National Police) to conduct the DNA testing faster to identify [them], because one or two of them might be the leaders of this group," Padilla said.

AFP chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Año had announced in September that the Maute brothers—Abdullah, Madi and Otto—had been killed in the fighting.

However, another brother, Omar, and Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon were believed to still be alive, Año had said.

Galvez said firearms were found near the bodies retrieved recently.

"They are all confirmed members of Maute and Abu Sayyaf [groups]. There were no indications they were civilians."



**SWEEP** Soldiers patrol a section of the main battle zone in Marawi City as government troops continue to engage Islamic State-inspired terrorists still holding hostages. —JEFFREY MAITEM

hostages," Galvez told reporters.

He said they were expecting to find more bodies inside the main battle area as soldiers continued to move toward areas occupied by gunmen spread out in about 4 hectares in Marawi.

About 800 Maute fighters have been killed since the fighting started here on May 23, military officials said.

At least 159 soldiers and 47 civilians were killed as the government engaged terrorists who laid siege to Marawi.

#### **No categorical statement**

Padilla said an Army lieutenant was killed a few days ago in Marawi. The military, he said, was withholding the soldier's identity pending notification of his family.

Galvez said he remained confident that with the deaths of more gunmen, the liberation of the city could happen soon.

"Of the total 93 villages here, our enemies are now confined in one village. We are very close to liberating the entire city," said Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., deputy commander of the Joint Task Group Lanao.

Padilla, however, dispelled talk that the battle to retake Marawi will end this week.

He said while some military commanders gave a date and time for the end of the Marawi siege, "there is no categorical statement from the Armed Forces."

"Our AFP chief, General Año said that even as we want to finish the battle immediately and help Marawi get back on its feet, we are not giving any exact date. If there were announcements on when the fighting will be over, it is not an official announcement and it is not a categorical statement from the Armed Forces," Padilla said.

Galvez said at least 100 ene-

my fighters remained in the battle area, citing the latest military assessment.

But he said even if the military wanted to speed things up, the presence of hostages and some noncombatants, like relatives of Maute gunmen, had slowed down their operation.

"We expect there might be a slowdown in our operations considering that our priority is to get the hostages alive," he said.

Galvez said the terrorists were still holding 16 women, 12 children and three men hostage. At least 59 Maute dependents remain in the battle zone, he added.

He said three more hostages managed to escape from the main battle area this week and were being "processed" by the police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Last week, 17 hostages were able to get out of the battle zone. Only nine former hostages, all

of them male, remain in government custody.

#### **Massive retrieval**

Brawner said authorities were preparing for a massive retrieval operation supervised by the International Committee of the Red Cross here.

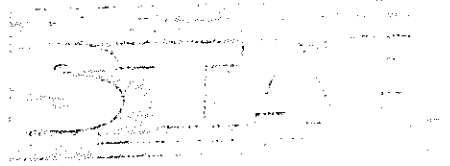
The retrieval of bodies and skeletal remains would take place after the military had cleared the battle areas of improvised explosive devices and other things that could harm members of retrieval teams.

On Monday, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, along with personnel from the Bureau of Fire Protection and the police's Scene of Crime Operations (Soco), held a simulation exercise for the retrieval operation.

The retrieval operation will involve four teams with 14 members each. INQ

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# 22 bodies of Maute men recovered in Marawi

By ROEL PAREÑO and MICHAEL PUNONGBAYAN

**ZAMBOANGA CITY** – Government forces advancing into the main battle area in Marawi have recovered the bodies of 22 Maute militants since last week.

Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., Western Mindanao Command chief, said yesterday the troops also seized around a dozen high-powered firearms, including rocket-propelled grenades and rifles.

Galvez said the bodies were found in a cluster of buildings that have been cleared. He said the militants were monitored in the area when the military launched airstrikes.

Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla, Armed Forces of the Philip-

pines (AFP) spokesman, said the militants used the buildings to manufacture improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Padilla said Philippine National Police (PNP) Scene of the Crime Operatives are identifying the bodies through DNA testing. He said one of the fatalities appears to be a foreigner.

Padilla said “dozens and dozens” of IEDs were found near the bodies, some of which are in an advanced state of decomposition.

“We are also interested to know if there is a big fish among the (fatalities)... We asked the PNP to speed up the identification process. One or two of them could be the leaders of the group,” he said.

With the recovery of the bodies, Padilla said the number of slain militants has risen to 802. He said 827 firearms have also been recovered.

However, a source from the police said not all the bodies recovered could be militants.

“We suspect some were members of the Maute and some hostages,” the source said.

## **Soldier killed**

Padilla said the death toll

from the government side has risen to 160 after an Army lieutenant was killed in the assault on the two commercial buildings.

Padilla withheld the identity of the slain soldier.

The AFP said Maute militants remain holed up in less than five hectares, where about 150 buildings have yet to be cleared.

Padilla said there are still about 42 civilian hostages, including children.

“We need to consider these factors in our offensive in the last few weeks... The safety of the hostages remains paramount,” he said.

– With Cecille Suerte Felipe

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### Militar nagkulang sa intelligence sa Marawi

Inamin kahapon ni Pangulong Duterte ang pagkukulang sa intelligence ng military kaugnay sa mga ginawang tunnels ng Maute-ISIS group sa Marawi City.

"Nobody told us about the tunnels in Marawi; soldiers were faced with fortified positions. I didn't want to bomb mosques and to kill unnecessarily in Marawi to avoid backlash," pahayag ng Pangulo sa mensahe nito sa groundbreaking ng AFP-PNP housing program sa San Miguel, Bulacan.

Sinabi pa ng Pangulo, naging mahirap para sa militar ang naging labanan dahil na rin sa pag-iwas nilang bombahin ang mga mosque at upang iwasan na mayroong madamay na sibilyan sa pakikipaglaban sa Maute.

Siniguro rin ni Pangulong Duterte na malapit nang matapos ang krisis sa Marawi City at magkakaroon ng thanksgiving upang kilalanin ang mga nasawing sundalo sa pakikipaglaban sa mga terorista.

"We will have thanksgiving after we finish Marawi conflict to honor

the fallen soldiers," dagdag ni Duterte.

"Mas madali patayin NPA kasi open field. Itong terorista mang-agaw ng syudad, fortify windows, may butas. Pagdating ng sundalo, ubos," giit pa ng Pangulo.

Nangako din ang Pangulo na hindi na siya bibili ng mga secondhand choppers at hintayin daw ng mga sundalo ang mga baril mula sa Russia.

"Expect Russian fire-

arms for the military. AFP will soon have kalashnikov rifles from Russia," sabi pa ng Pangulo.

"Hindi na ko mag-bili ng mga 2nd hand chopper na yan. Hind yan libre, Bili lahat yan. The next 2-3 years, I can buy those choppers," pagmamalaki pa ng Pangulo.

Aniya, ang mga terorista ay hindi mawawala bagkus ay magre-regroup lamang ang mga ito kahit saan. (Fludy Andal)



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## Duterte bares new terror plot to attack other Mindanao cities

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As the military makes its final push to liberate Marawi City, President Duterte yesterday said that Islamic State (IS)-inspired terrorists might simultaneously attack several other cities in Mindanao.

Mr. Duterte said IS-inspired terrorism would not go away in the next "seven to 10 years" and that they might attack next Zamboanga, Isabela, Basilan, and another city all "at the same time."

"This terrorism inspired by (the IS) will not go in about seven to 10 years. There will be violence everywhere...They will not disappear. They will re-

group anywhere and everywhere," Mr. Duterte said in a speech at the groundbreaking of a military housing project in San Miguel, Bulacan.

"I'm warning you, the soldiers of the republic, what if they strike at five places at the same time? Zamboanga, maybe Basilan, Isabela—that is what's coming into my office—and another major city," he said.

"In the long run, we will prevail but initially...so just remember terrorism is a deadly movement to confront us and our children. Our children will still be affected. It will reach your retirement age so just be prepared for that," he added.

Maute terrorists and their

Abu Sayyaf rebels overran Marawi City on May 23 but, as of Monday, they are now holed up "in about a five- to seven-hectare area" with around 200 buildings, including a mosque.

"Our troops are concentrating in this area and where those more or less 200 facilities remain, which includes one mosque which we believe is likewise being used as a safe haven and as a storage area for arms, food, and whatever cache they have," said Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla, spokesperson of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

But there remains still about more or less 200 buildings where the firefight is still ongoing.

Mr. Duterte said "hopefully"

Marawi City would be retaken in a week's time.

"I am very sad that we have lost a lot of men in Marawi...I said, 'There will be no letup until the last terrorist is taken out,'" he said.

The President also said he might have to "purge" local government officials of Marawi because none of them told the national government that the terrorists had made tunnels under the city in preparation for a long military siege.

"I think I have to purge them. Nobody told us about the tunnels there. They're like the Viet Cong," Mr. Duterte said, referring to the Vietnamese insurgents who fought American soldiers in the 1970s. INQ



**DUTERTE SALUTE** President Duterte, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Año clench their fists in a familiar salute during yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony for the Army Scout Rangers' housing project in San Miguel, Bulacan. —JOAN BONDOC

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## Former Army chief named defense usec

**BY VICTOR REYES**

FORMER Army chief Lt. Gen. Reynaldo Mapagu has been designated undersecretary of the Department of National Defense, replacing Eduardo del Rosario who assumed the post of housing czar a few months ago.

The Army also has new No. 2 and No. 3 men -- Maj. Gen. Robert Arevalo and Brig. Gen. Gilbert Gapay.

Arevalo, of the Philippine Military Academy Class 1985 assumed the post of Army vice commander,

the No. 2 post in the command, last Saturday, replacing now retired Maj. Gen. Harold Cabrerros. Arevalo was the Army's chief of staff (Army's No. 3 man) before assuming his new post.

Gapay, of PMA Class 1986, assumed Arevalo's previous post last Monday. There is still no word as to who will assume Gapay's former position as deputy commander of the military's Eastern Mindanao Command in Davao City. Gapay was also concurrent commander of the Joint Task Force Harribon and

spokesman for the martial law in Eastern Mindanao.

Mapagu took his oath as undersecretary for civil, veterans, and retiree affairs in rites held in Camp Aguinaldo last week, said Arsenio Andolong, head of the DND public affairs service.

As the undersecretary for civil, veterans and retiree affairs, Mapagu has functional supervision over some agencies, including the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office and the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

Mapagu, a member of the Phil-

ippine Military Academy Class of 1978, was designated Army chief in March 2010 by then President Gloria Arroyo, an adopted member of Class 78. In June 2010, he was named AFP vice chief by then President Aquino. He retired from the military service in October 2012, upon reaching the retirement age of 56.

Mapagu also served as commander of the military's National Capital Region Command (now Joint Task Force NCR), of the 10th Infantry Division, and of the First Scout Ranger Regiment.

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## Armed Forces getting 5,000 rifles, 20 trucks from Russia

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan – Russia is expected to give weapons and equipment to the military later this month to boost its anti-terrorism capability, President Duterte revealed yesterday.

At the groundbreaking of a housing project for soldiers here, the President said Russia would give 5,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles to Filipino troops, a military assistance offered during his brief visit to Moscow last May.

“Yung dala ko galing Russia, pumunta kami almost just below 24 hours. We will have the Kalashnikov,” the commander-in-chief told the troops.

“So yung pag 5,000 sa inyo, ang baril siguro Kalashnikov na.

Mag-aral na lang kayo ng Russian para makumpleto niyo,” he added.

Apart from the Kalashnikov rifles, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said Russia will also donate 20 military trucks to the Armed Forces.

A Russian ship will arrive in Manila on Oct. 22 to deliver the military aid package, Lorenzana told reporters in a separate interview here. The turnover of the military equipment will be held on Oct. 25.

Lorenzana said the Russia’s military assistance to the Philippines is part of efforts to bolster anti-cooperation between the two nations.

Meanwhile, the government is aiming to complete a new housing

project for soldiers in this province by Dec. 2018.

Duterte made the promise to the troops after leading the groundbreaking rites of the Scout Ranger Ville located in a 50-hectare property in this town.

“We must complete this within at least one year. So by December hopefully, by the grace of God, we will have your units ready,” the President said.

“Gen. Ed del Rosario, sabi naman ni Housing, he will deliver the houses to you December 2018. So, 2018 tapos na yung mga bahay,” he said, referring to Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council chief Eduardo del Rosario. **(Genalyn D. Kabiling)**

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### **ASG leader na sangkot sa pamumugot, bulagta**

Patay ang isa sa sub-leader ng Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) matapos manlaban sa mga awtoridad nang arestuhin ito sa kanyang hideout sa Bongao, Tawi-Tawi nitong nakalipas na araw ng Linggo.

Kinilala ang sub-leader na si Guro Idzri alyas 'Ka Idris' na dating kasama sa grupo ni ASG lider Muamar Askali alyas 'Abu Rami'.

Sa ulat, alas-7:10 ng umaga noong Linggo nang isilbi ng mga awtoridad ang warrant of arrest laban sa suspek sa kanyang hideout sa Sitio Suwang Kagang, Barangay Pasiagan, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

Pero sa halip sumuko, pinaputok niya ang kanyang kalibre .45 baril sa operating troops dahilan para gumanti ng putok ang tropa ng military na kanyang ikinamatay.

Naisugod pa sa Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital ang suspek pero idinekiarang dead-on-arrival.

Si Idzri ay sangkot sa pamumugot ng ulo sa German national na si Jurgen Kantner noong November 5, 2016. (Red Fortaleza)

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## ***PNP, NBI, AFP out na sa drug war***

Inalis na ni Pangulong Duterte sa Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at iba pang law enforcement agencies ang pagsasagawa ng "Oplan Tokhang" o anti-drug operations bagkus ay solong inatasan ang Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) na pangunahan ang drug war.

Sa memorandum na ilabas ng Malacañang na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Duterte, tanging ang PDEA na lamang ang puwedeng magsagawa ng anti-drug operations at campaign habang inatasan din ng Pangulo ang PNP, NBI, AFP, Bureau of Customs, Philippine Postal Corporation at iba pang ad-hoc agency na ibigay sa PDEA ang lahat ng impormasyon o data na kanilang hawak

patungkol sa illegal drugs. "The PNP, shall at all times, maintain police visibility, as a deterrent to illegal drug activities leaving to the PDEA however the conduct of anti-illegal drug operations as afor-estimated," nakasaad pa sa memo.

Magugunita na naging sentro ng kontrobersya ang anti-drug war ng gobyerno kung saan ay umani ito ng pagbatikos mula sa iba't ibang sector kabilang na ang United Nations (UN) dahil sa ilbo-ilbo umanong napatay sa pamamagitan ng extra

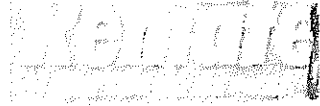
judicial killings.

Iginait naman ni PNP chief Ronald dela Rosa na hindi maituturing na EJK ang nasawi kung ibabatay ito sa Administrative Order 35 na nilagdaan mismo ni Sen. Leila de Lima noong DOJ chief pa ito at nilinaw na hindi state-sponsored ang mga nasawing ito gaya ng nais palitawin ng mga kritiko ni Pangulong Duterte.

Aniya, kalimitan ng mga nasawi sa drug war ng gobyerno ay mga nanlaban sa mga awtoridad ng ipatupad ang anti-drug operations. *(Rudy Andal)*



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## **BATAS SA TERORISMO MAHINA, SABI NG AFP/PNP**

ANG sabi ng Armed Forces of the Philippines at Philippine National Police sa joint meeting, napakaluwag daw ng batas ng Pilipinas lalo na sa terorismo kaya nasasabi raw ng iba na "breeding ground" ng mga terorista ang ating bansa.

Ang sabi ni AFP chief of Staff Gen. Eduardo Año, sinasamantala raw ng mga terorista at kriminal ang mga demokratikong proseso sa Pilipinas.

Isiniwalat ni Gen. Año na hindi raw pinapayagan sa ilalim ng Human Security Act ang basta-basta na lang pag-aresto ng suspek na terorista nang dahil lang sa suspetsa o kaya ay may intelligence report patungkol dito.

Iba umano ang Singapore, Amerika, Australia at iba pang mga bansa na may special provision at mahigpit ang internet security act.

Pumapayag daw manghuli ng suspek na terorista kahit ito ay binatay lamang sa impormasyon dahil mayroon naman daw espesyal na korte na hahawak sa ganitong uri ng mga kaso.

Eh, pasintabi lang po kay Gen. Año. Sinasabi po niyang iba ang batas ng ibang mga bansa.

Baka nakalimutan nitong si Gen. Año na nasa bansang Pilipinas po siya. Hindi na natin maitatago sa publiko na kapag



## **JUAN DE SABOG** ni JOHNNY MAGALONA

nakahuli ng suspek ang mga otoridad, lalo na kung pinaghihinalaan pa lamang, ay ginagawa na nilang suspek ang mga ito kahit mali-mali ang kanilang impormasyon na nakuha. Hehehe.

Nandiyan ang tinorturyur ang suspek ng mga otoridad para lang aminin nito ang hindi niya ginawa at, sa huli, ang makikina-bang ay 'yung mga tunay na salarin.

Sa batas kasi nating Human Security Act Sec.24, hindi maaaring gamitan ng "torture o coercion" ang isang pinaghihinalaan pa lang na suspek dahil hindi rin nila ito magagamit bilang ebidensya sa alinmang kaso gaya ng terorismo.

'Yun po 'yun, Gen. Año. Hehehehe.

### **PAIHI AT PASUGALAN SA BATAAN MAY GO SIGNAL BA?**

WALANG kinatatakutan, kahit si Supt. Benjamin Silo pa ang Provincial Director ng Bataan, ang paihi operator sa lalawigan. Patuloy ang pagpapaihi ni JR Velasco sa Highway ng Limay, Bataan. Maging ang pwesto pijo ng drop balls at color games ni Eugene sa Abucay ay hindi rin matinag.

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## PNP, NBI, AFP bawal na sa Tokhang

INAAMIN ng Social Weather Station (SWS) sa pagbaba ng approval rating ni Presidente Duterte ay ang mga walang habas na pagpatay sa mga drug suspects na isinasagawa ng ilang kagawad ng Philippine National Police (PNP). Ayon kay SWS president Mahar Mangahas, malamang magtuluy-tuloy ang pagbulok ng rating ng Pangulo kung hindi titigil ang mga pinaniniwalaang extrajudicial killings na sa impresyon ng marami ay state sponsored.

Halatang napika ang administrasyon sa mga akusasyong ganito. Pati nga si PNP Chief, Director Ge-

neral dela Rosa ay tinawag na "ingrato" ang mga tumutulgisa sa anti-drug campaign ng pamahalaan

Ito marahil ang dahilan kung bakit pinagbawalan na kahapon ni Presidente Duterte ang Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at iba pang law enforcement agencies sa pagpasagawa ng anti-drug operations. Ipinaubaya na lang ng Pangulo ang drug operations sa iisang ahensya, ang Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

Sa kautusan ng Pangulo, tanging ang PDEA na lamang ang puwedeng magsagawa ng anti-drug operations. Ang tanging maitutulong na lamang ng PNP, NBI at iba pang ahensyang nagpapatupad ng batas ay ibigay sa PDEA ang lahat ng impormasyon o datos na kanilang hawak kaugnay ng illegal drugs sa PDEA.

Sana nga, sa bagong direktiba ng Pangulo ay mabawasan na, kundi man tuluyang mawala ang lagapan na pagpatay pati ng mga inosenteng sibilyan sa isinasagawang giyera laban sa droga.

*(Sundan sa pahina 5)*

### AKSYON NGAYON... Mula pahina 4

Umani ng matinding pagbatikos ang anti-drug war ng gobyerno mula sa ibat ibang sector kabilang na ang United Nations (UN) dahil sa libo-libo umanong napatay

sa pamamagitan ng extrajudicial killings. Umaasa ako na sa hakbang ng Pangulo, mabubura na ang masamang impresyon laban sa administrasyong ito.

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# NEW INTEL CHIEF | Brigadier General Fernando T. Trinidad

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**CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD)** – Vice Admiral Narciso Vingson Jr. (Right), The Deputy Chief of Staff Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), presides over the Change-of-Chief of Office Ceremony of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2 at the GHQ Conference Room, Camp Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City last October 9, 2017.

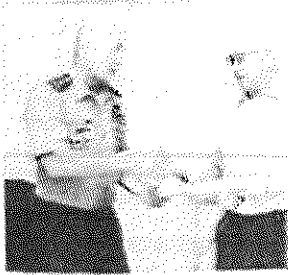
Brigadier General Fernando T. Trinidad (Left), a member of the Philippine Military Academy "Hinirang" Class of 1987 assumes the post as the new Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2 AFP. He takes over the post of Major General Felimon T. Santos Jr (Middle). Brig. Gen. Trinidad is the former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations, AJ7 AFP in an acting position. Maj. Gen. Santos, a member of Philippine Military Academy "Sinagtala" Class of 1986 on the other hand takes the helm as the Commander of the 7th Infantry Division Philippine Army, in a separate ceremony. In his remarks, he described the intelligence community as the nucleus of all operations. Photo by PH3 Rutao/PAOAFP

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## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS | Batangas Governor Donates P500K to AFP



**CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD)** – Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas, hands over the check donation amounting to P500,000.00 to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) which was received by Major General Melquiades Feliciano, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations (J7, AFP) in a meeting held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

The donation which came from the Regional Development Council 4A will be deposited to the AFP Marawi Casualty Landbank account.

The total donation has reached more than P200 million since the account was opened by the AFP. Governor Mandanas has previously handed over a check worth P1 Million, representing the donation to AFP Marawi Casualty from the Provincial Government of Batangas. Photo by PH3 Rutao/PAO/AFP/MCAG

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# CLOSING CEREMONY | Exercise KAMANDAG 2017

*A to Zamboanga*



**MARINE BARRACKS RUDIARDO BROWN, Fort Andres Bonifacio, Taguig City (DWDD)** – The ten-day KAMANDAG Exercise between the Philippine Marine Corps and US 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade successfully concluded with a Closing Ceremony held at the Acero Hall Marine Barracks Rudiardo Brown, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces, Pedro Cesar C Ramboanga Jr. was Guest of Honor and Speaker.

The combined training activities between the two armed forces enhanced both sides' capability in adapting to the current security environment. The Humanitarian Civic action and other humanitarian project related activities turned out to be more benefitting to the populace of the Casiguran. The Philippine Marines were refreshed of the various tactics in counter-terrorism specifically in military operations in urbanized terrain and other internal security operations as they exchanged expertise with their US Counterparts. It is expected that the highlights of the KAMANDAG will be presented during the ceremony by the senior leaders who facilitated the bilateral exercise. NPAO/MCAG

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