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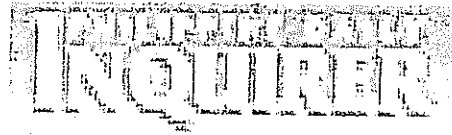
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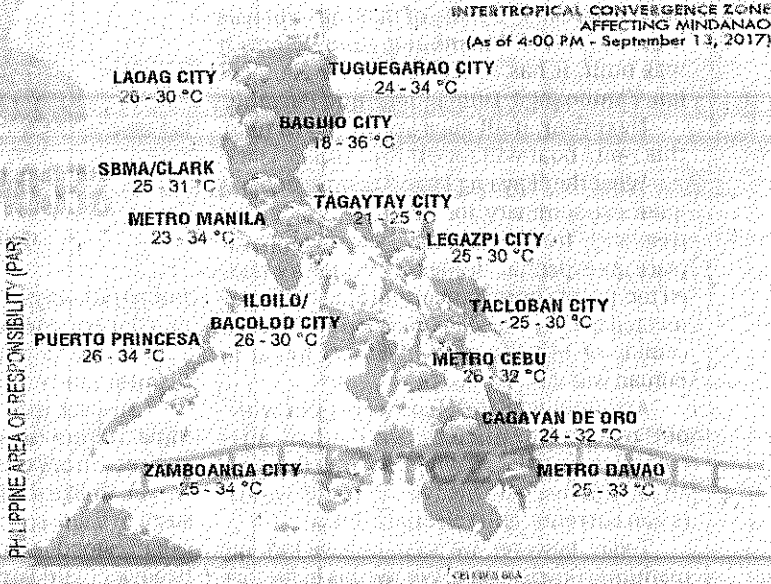
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Cloudy skies with rain/showers and/or thunderstorms

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ASG member surrenders in Basilan

By **ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA**

A YOUNG member of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) surrendered to authorities to change his life and start living in peaceful way the other day in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

The bandit who decided to return to the folds of the

law was identified as Adzmin Namang Sabala, alias Ogong, 16, married, of Bgy. Mebak, Sumisip, Basilan.

Reports said the bandit surrendered at around 2 p.m. at the municipal hall of Tipo-Tipo.

The surrender of the bandit was due to the joint effort of Tipo-Tipo Mayor

Arcam P. Istarul, Tipo-Tipo police chief, Senior Insp. Mujahid A. Asmawil and Army's 18th Infantry Battalion chief Lt. Colonel Manuel S. Valdez IV.

Ogong also turned over his US Carbine caliber .30 to the custody of 18th IB in connection with the Balik Baril Program of the government.

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PHOTO shows (from right to left) Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Guest of Honor retired General Efren Abu, Dra. Isa Suntay Cojuangco, co-founder of Tarlac Heritage Foundation, Maj.Gen.Edgar Gonzales Mechanized Division Commander, Philippine Army and Lt.Gen.Emmanuel Salamat NOLCOM Commander harvested different vegetables from Hardin ng Lunas at Camp O'Donnell in Capaz,Tarlac . The garden benefits the soldiers and their dependents from its fruits. People from the surrounding communities also benefit from buying vegetables at farm gate prices. The 5,000 square meter vegetable garden with drip irrigation was donated by Tarlac Heritage Foundation Tuesday.

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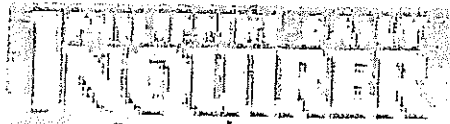
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GREEN HARVEST The defense-military establishment, supported by the Tarlac Heritage Foundation, celebrated the 11th Activation Anniversary of the Mechanized Infantry Division of the Philippine Army at Camp O'Donell in Capas, Tarlac, on Tuesday with the harvesting of diverse variety of vegetables at the Hardin ng Lunas, with the theme "Team Armor: Kalasag ng Bayan, Kaagapay sa Kaunlaran." Photo shows (from left) Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Salamat, commander of the Northern Luzon Command; Maj. Gen. Edgar Gonzales, commander of the Army's Mechanized Infantry Division; Dra. Isa Cojuangco-Suntay, cofounder of Tarlac Heritage Foundation; Former Armed Forces Chief of Staff Retired General Efren Abu and Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana. The garden's produce benefits soldiers and their dependents, as well as community residents who buy the harvest at farm-gate price. NONNIE REYES

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Boots in mosque: No disrespect, says Duterte

By **Leila B. Salaverria**
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There was no disrespect meant when he, several officials, and soldiers entered the Grand Mosque in Marawi City with boots still on their feet, President Duterte said on Wednesday.

Mr. Duterte explained that they had kept their feet shod because the mosque, recently liberated by soldiers from Islamic State-allied extremists, was littered with broken glass and rubble that could have injured them.

Visitors to mosques are typically required to remove their shoes when entering the sacred place of worship for followers of Islam.

"They saw that it was full of rubble and glass. You could have been cut. And then what? You will get a tetanus shot again?" Mr. Duterte told reporters early Wednesday after visiting the

wakes of two slain soldiers at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig.

"I respect Islam... It was not meant to disrespect or dishonor. I just did not want us to get cut," he added.

He further said that elderly people like him and National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon did not want to get injured because they take a long time to heal.

The President also noted that he has roots in the largely Islamic Lanao del Sur.

Mocha uncovered

Netizens had taken note of the officials' wearing of shoes in the mosque.

They had also questioned the entry of Assistant Communications Secretary Mocha Uson to the place of worship with her head uncovered. Women are usually required to cover their hair inside mosques.



President Duterte with troops inside the mosque in Marawi. —MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Mr. Duterte last visited Marawi on Sept. 11, his fourth trip to the city since fighting broke out between government forces and Islamic State-allied extremist groups on May 23.

Mr. Duterte also said he and the other soldiers entered the mosque to take cover from the exchange of gunfire in the city.

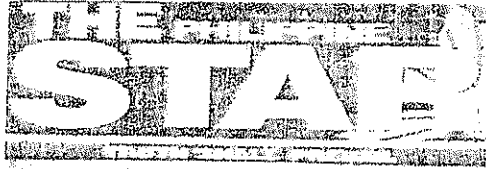
"Before anything else, it is the right of preservation. That's why we were made to stand by the area," he said.

He had wanted to take a look at the fighting but the ground commander told him to stay put, he added.

Uson, in a post on her Facebook page, apologized to Muslims who were offended by her entry into the mosque.

Uson said she meant no disrespect when she entered the place, and explained that she just entered it because she was taking a video of the President's visit to the area. INQ

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Rody defends visit to Marawi Grand Mosque

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

There was no intent to dishonor Islam when President Duterte, along with top defense and military officials, stepped inside the Grand Mosque in Marawi City last Monday.

"I respect Islam ... it was not meant to disrespect or dishonor," Duterte told reporters Tuesday night during his visit

at the wake of two military officers killed in the clash in Marawi City.

Duterte stressed the visit to the Grand Mosque was meant to show that government forces are in full control of the situation in Marawi.

The Grand Mosque used to be the command and control center of the Maute terrorists until it was recaptured by gov-

ernment troops last month.

There were criticisms that Duterte and the officials disrespected Islam when they failed to remove their shoes upon entering the mosque.

Duterte said it would be impractical to remove his shoes because of the debris and broken glass scattered all over the place.

"I might step on something.

Considering my age, wounds would not heal faster," he said.

Duterte said he was also advised by his military commanders to go inside the mosque for safety reasons since fighting continued nearby.

"Do not draw unpleasant inferences because nobody wants to dishonor a religion, me especially. My forebears are from this place," he said.

Duterte, however, did not comment on the criticisms raised against Communications Assistant Secretary Mocha Uson for not wearing a hijab when she joined the Chief Executive and security forces during the Marawi visit.

Duterte visited the troops in Marawi last Monday to boost the morale and check on the situation of soldiers involved in combat operations against Maute terrorists.

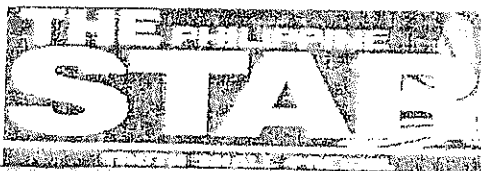
Duterte egged on the troops to stay alive and promised them perks and a trip to Hong Kong after the siege in Marawi is over.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Eduardo Año hailed the troops for their unrelenting campaign against religious extremists while protecting the gains of the Mindanao peace process.

– With Michael Punongbayan, John Unson, Jaime Laude

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Duterte to press Congress on immunity for Marcoses

By **CHRISTINA MENDEZ**

After moving to abolish the Commission on Human Rights, the next mission for the House of Representatives

could be the grant of immunity from further criminal prosecution to the Marcoses.

In exchange for the recovery of a portion of the Marcoses' alleged ill-gotten

wealth, President Duterte will encourage his congressional allies to grant immunity to the late dictator's family.

The President has vowed

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to recover the Marcos wealth during his term.

"I will make it possible," Duterte told reporters after visiting the wake of

two soldiers killed during operations in Marawi City at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig late Tuesday.

He said he would encourage the Senate and the House of Representatives to craft a new law that will grant immunity from criminal prosecution to the Marcos family in exchange for the return of a portion of their wealth stashed abroad.

"Congress might decide to pass a law to allow the government to negotiate with the Marcos family. They should be in talks with the Department of Justice or representatives of the finance department and Central Bank," Duterte said.

"I cannot agree or disagree with a proposition *na wala akong* authority. The President, remember, only enforces the agreements," he added.

The President acknowledged that it is hard for the government to get a hand on the Marcoses' wealth due to the strict provisions of the Bank Secrecy Law.

The President earlier confirmed that he has talked with Ilocos Norte Gov. Imee Marcos about a possible deal on returning their hidden wealth to the government.

Duterte said the Marcos family was willing to return to the government the money deposited in offshore accounts and gold bars that were acquired during the more than two-decade dictatorship of the late strongman Ferdinand Macos.

The government has recovered billions of pesos worth of assets illegally amassed during the Marcos regime, including bank deposits, jewelry, artwork and real estate property. But so far, none of the Marcoses have been convicted and sent to prison, although they still face several criminal cases in connection with ill-gotten wealth.

The return of stolen assets will not erase criminal liability. The family is still holding on to assets that include priceless paintings by Old Masters such as Michelangelo and Vincent van Gogh.

Opposition lawmakers have objected to the offer of the Marcoses, saying the country would be on the losing end of the deal.

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Double pay for cops, soldiers assured

By RYAN PONCE PACPACO

THE chairman of the House committee on appropriations has made an assurance that Congress would still exercise its power of the purse in the implementation of President Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte's directive that would double the salaries of police and military personnel in 2018.

Davao City Rep. Karlo Nograles, the panel chairman, said this during the final day of the plenary debates Tuesday on the proposed P3.767-trillion national budget for 2018 that was approved on second reading.

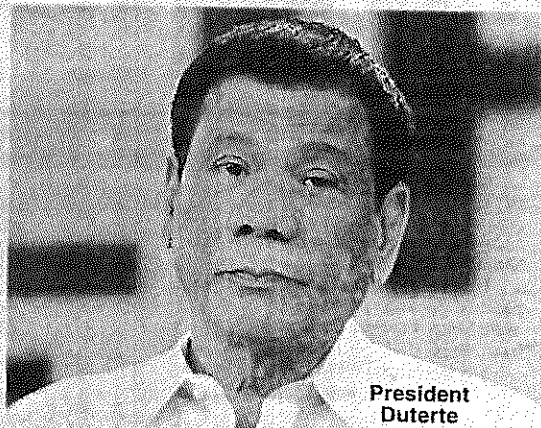
Nograles clarified that

President Duterte's order to increase the salaries of the members of the uniformed service would still pass through Congress.

"Gusto ko rin pong linawin na yung sinasabing DBM (Department of Budget and Management) na draft nila na pending ngayon sa desk ni President [Rodrigo] Duterte is for his approval lamang before it goes to Congress," said Nograles.

"So ultimately tayo rin po ang mag-a-approve nito through a joint resolution ng House of Representatives, pati na ang Senado," Nograles stressed.

Nograles at that time was being interpellated by militant Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) party-list Rep. Antonio Timio, who questioned the legal basis of doubling the pay of



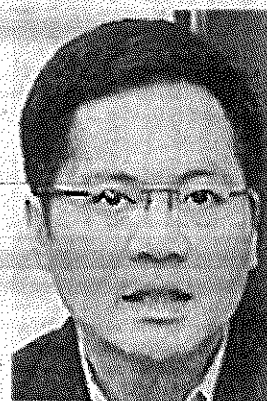
President Duterte

police and military personnel on the strength of a mere presidential directive.

"So yung draft na 'yun, kapag na-approve na ni President Duterte ay ibibigay sa atin for our approval

in a joint resolution," said the Davao lawmaker.

A joint resolution between the House of Representatives and the Senate has the same effect as a law, or an enacted bill.



Rep. Nograles

In response, Timio told Nograles: "I think that's a very important clarification. Sa inyong paliwanag ay hindi pala maba-bypass ang Kongreso. Ang bentaha nito ay at least magkaka-

roon ng public debate and discussion yung proposed joint resolution para sa salary increase."

"In other words hindi lang ito aayusin at pagkakasunduan ng Executive branch," Timio said.

Earlier in the interpellation, the appropriations panel head bared that funds for the 100 percent increase in cops and soldiers' pay would be sourced from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF).

Specifically, P24.9 billion from the P84.4 billion MPBF for 2018 will be tapped for this purpose.

Nograles said the amount is separate from the P61.4 billion that has been allocated for the third tranche of pay hikes for government workers under

the Salary Standardization Law (SSL).

"Yung dagdag para sa pulis, military, men in uniform, apart sa third tranche ng SSL, meron pa po tayong ibang pagkukuhanan para po d'yan. Hindi po yan gagalawin sa implementation ng SSL," Nograles said, referring to the MPBF.

The doubling of police and military personnel's salaries is a long-time promise of Duterte's.

"Malinaw na nag-pro-nounce si Pangulong Duterte na tataasan po niya, dodoblehin niya yung suweldo ng mga pulis at military natin. Puwedeng gawin 'yan sa pamamagitan ng joint resolution na ayun nga ay meron nang draft sa mesa ni President Duterte para sa kanyang approval," he said.



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MILF ready to assist in Marawi rehab efforts

By ZEA C. CAPISTRANO

DAVAO CITY – The Moro Islamic Liberation Front is eyeing to extend its assistance to the crisis in Marawi City by assisting in rehabilitation efforts.

In a statement on Tuesday, MILF Peace Implementing Panel Chair Mohagher Iqbal said they are now looking at what possible role they could do for them to provide the needed help.

"The MILF is a modest organization so we can only share something based on our capability," said Iqbal

In the early part of the crisis, the MILF has assisted the government in establishing a peace corridor and relief operations.

The peace corridor was utilized to help rescue civilians trapped inside.

Iqbal said the cooperation between the MILF and the government helped create safe passages from Marawi to Iligan City and Malabang, Lanao del Sur.

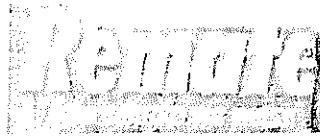
"The corridor was also utilized to safely deliver relief services for the displaced residents," he said.

The peace corridor tapped

volunteers from the MILF and the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (MILF-CCCH) which works with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process.

Iqbal added that the United Bangsamoro Humanitarian Assistance (UBHA), chaired by the Bangsamoro Development Agency, was also created to collect and deliver at least ₱2-million worth of food and non-food items to internally displaced residents in Marawi City, Iligan City and other parts of the province.

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CBCP: 40-araw na dasal para sa Marawi victims

UMAPELA sa publiko ang maimpluwensiyang Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines na makiusap sa 40-araw na pagdarasal para sa mga napaslang sa war on drugs ng pamahalaan, sa mga biktima ng karahasan at sa pagtatapos ng giyera sa Marawi City.

Ang panawagan ay ginawa ng CBCP sa pamamagitan ng statement na pinamagatang "Lord Heal our Land" at pinalathala ni CBCP President at Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas.

Nabatid na ang 40-araw na pagdarasal ng rosaryo ay sisimulan sa Setyembre 23 at magtatapos sa Nobyembre 1.

Ayon sa CBCP, ang pagdarasal ay maituturing na pinamamagitan ng armas para matigil na ang patayan at para mabigyan ng katarungan ang mga napaslang kagaya nina Kian, Carl at Reynaldo at iba pang biktima ng karahasan sa bansa.

Panahon na rin umano para simulan ang paghilom, manumbalik ang malasakit, muling mamayani ang pakikiramay, pakikipagkapwa-tao at ang rule of law.

Kasabay nito, nanawagan din ang CBCP sa mga diocesan bishop na patunugin ang mga kampana ng simbahan pagsapit ng 8:00 ng gabi sa buong panahon ng 40 araw na pagdarasal bilang pag-alala sa mga kaluluwa ng mga namatay. **MWCS B**

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Editorial

A welcome offer of foreign help

CURBING terrorism in Mindanao has remained a top mission for the government even as the police forces focus their efforts on the anti-drug war. One big headache for the military right now is that which comes from the extremist Abu Sayyaf and Maute groups, which had both pledged allegiance to the Islamic State or IS.

The ASG is still very much around and apparently continues to have its pick of local and foreign civilians as hostages for ransom.

Not to be outshone is the Maute Group, which since May 23, has been holing up in Marawi City with the Islamic mission of planting the IS flag on the capital of Lanao del Sur province, and to this day has remnants still battling it out with government troops, way past several deadlines. They make it appear they are a tougher nut to crack, or they would have been neutralized weeks ago.

A more recent victim of these terrorists is the commander of a Scout Ranger Company who was reportedly trying to rescue one of his team leaders inside the main battle zone in Marawi.

Capt. Rommel Sandoval was the 44th Scout Ranger killed during more than three months of fighting between government troops and the Maute group. Sandoval's death came just as the government was trying to wrap up the operation in Marawi and itching to declare, "the battle is over."

Then comes Australia, which recently offered assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in the fight against terrorist groups in the south. The offer, made by Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop to President Rodrigo Duterte during a visit to Manila last month, came with the caveat that Canberra would not actually field its soldiers in Marawi City but only train Filipino forces in counter-terrorism.

Back in Canberra, Ms. Bishop was quoted as saying, "Obviously we would be ready to support the Philippines in the same way we are supporting Iraq in advising, assisting and training."

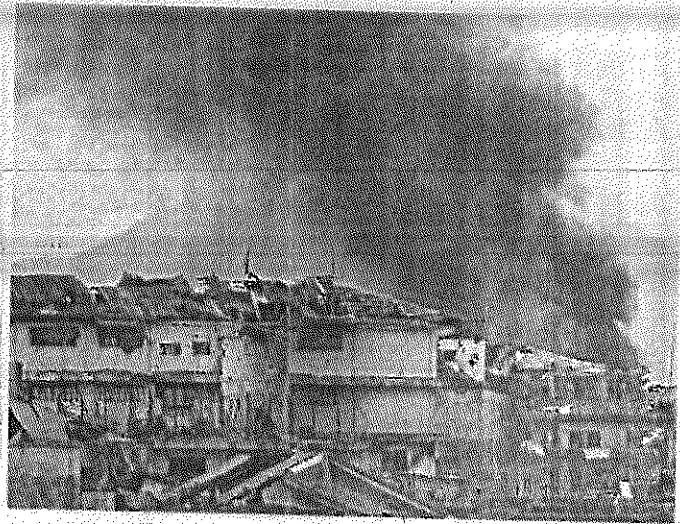
Australian intelligence must have reported back home the extent of trouble the Philippine troops have to deal with in fighting the apparently intransigent Maute Group, with Australian Defense Minister Marise Payne acknowledging, "This is a threat to the region that we all need to work together to defeat."

ABC News, quoting Bishop, reported on its website, "The [Philippine] armed forces are in the process of engaging in a pretty brutal fight with ISIS."

"We've offered to assist in any way that might add to the likelihood of defeating this scourge in the southern Philippines — it's in our region," Bishop reportedly said in the report by defense correspondent Andrew Greene.

The Royal Australian Air Force spy planes are already operating in the area, providing intel to the Philippine military, ABC News added.

It would be understandable if Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana had been given the go-signal by President Rodrigo Duterte to take Australia up on its offer. The Australian commitment to help should come in handy. It raises hopes that the sideline assistance offered by Canberra would prove effective and provide useful help to the Philippine government in crushing the threat of terror that refuses to give up on this sovereign nation.



■ Aftermath of an aerial bombing by Philippine Air Force of Muslim militant positions in Marawi in July. AFP FILE PHOTO

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SURRENDER | BGen Padilla challenges fmr Marawi Mayor Ali to surrender

Posted by [Alvin Santiago](#) on September 13, 2017 at 1:29 PM



Former Marawi Mayor
Omar Solitario Ali

CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brigadier General Restituto Padilla challenged former Marawi City Mayor Solitario Ali to surface to prove he has no part in the on-going siege in Marawi by the Daesh-inspired Maute terror group.

According to BGen Padilla, former mayor Ali should immediately surrender to authorities to clear his name on the issue. It can be recalled that Ali was included in the Martial Law Arrest Order Number 2, signed by Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, after President Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao last May 23. He is one of the politicians accused by the president of having ties with the illegal drugs trade. Ali's brother Fajad Salic, also a former mayor of Marawi, has been charged with rebellion.

They were able to recover two kilos of shabu worth P10 million in the house of Ali former Marawi mayor Omar Solitario Ali by troops conducting clearing operations in battle ravaged Marawi City.

Authorities are convinced that the house was used by the Maute terrorists as a safe house. AES / ALS

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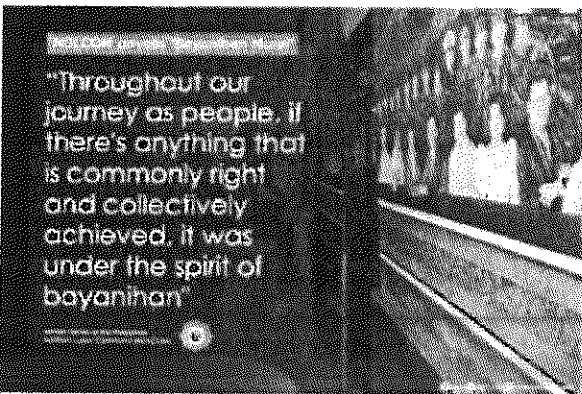
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UNVEILED | Bayanihan Mural at NOLCOM

By [Alvin Santiago](#) on September 12, 2017 at 11:00 AM

CAMP GEN SERVILLANO AQUINO, Tarlac (DWDD) – Armed Forces of the Philippines Northern Luzon Command, AFP (NOLCOM) recently unveiled its “Bayanihan Mural” inside its headquarters in Camp Servillano Aquino. Stressing the “bayanihan” approach, the mural serves as a perpetual messenger to the generation that follow.



Artists who worked on the mural include Wiljun Magsino, Amadeo Cristobal, Mark Garcia, and Wil Joseph Magsino.

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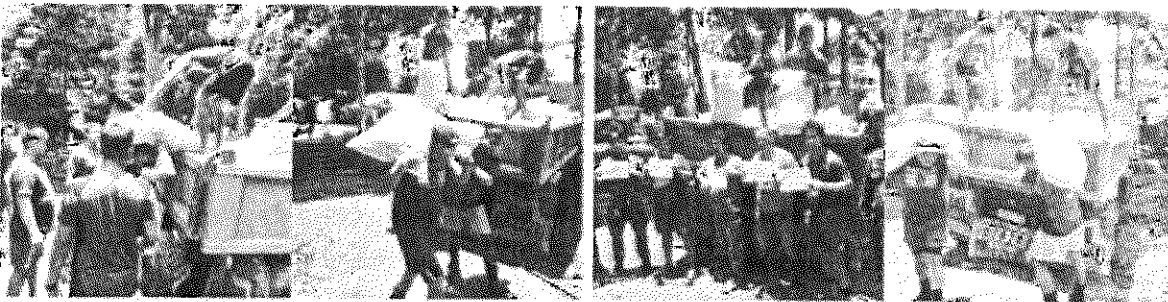
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS | Relief donations for Marawi Soldiers, IDPs

Photo by [Aivini Santiago](#) on [December 12, 2017](#) at [12:00 AM](#)

CAMP GEN EMILIO AGUINALDO, Quezon City (DWDD) – Relief goods donated by various organizations, coursed through the Civil Relations Service, AFP (CRSAFP) arrived in Marawi for distribution to our gallant troops and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).



Meanwhile, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) donated 100 sacks of rice for our soldiers.



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