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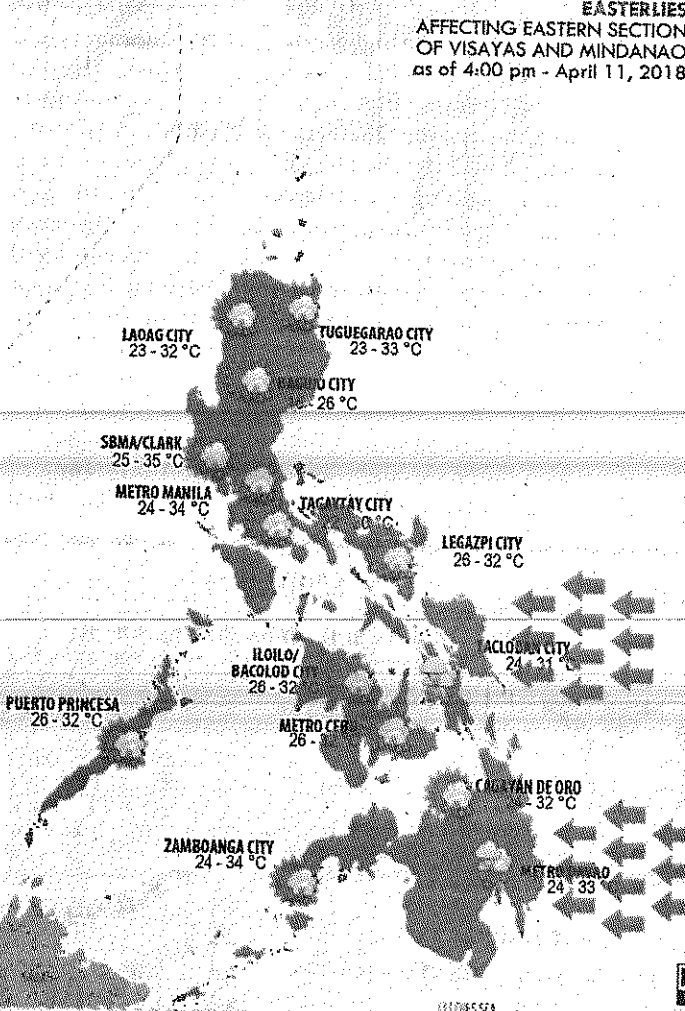
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TAGAYTAY	22 - 30 °C	22 - 31 °C	22 - 31 °C
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# 'GRANTING OUST-SERENO PLEA TO WEAKEN SC'

STORY BY MARLON RAMOS

Justice Caguioa warns that approving the Solicitor General's petition will make all high court magistrates vulnerable to ouster. The JBC, Justice Leonen points out, decided the question of the Chief Justice's integrity five years ago.

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By Marlon Ramos  
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A quo warranto petition may turn into a sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of Supreme Court justices if they allow it to be used to depose any of them, Associate Justice Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa said on Tuesday.

Caguioa raised this concern during the tension-filled oral arguments on the petition brought by Solicitor General Jose Calida to invalidate the appointment of Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno held at the Supreme Court session hall in Baguio City.

In his interpellation of Sereno's lead counsel, Alexander Poblador, Caguioa said ousting a justice through a quo warranto petition brought by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) would only weaken the independence and credibility of the Supreme Court.

"[The OSG] can latch on to any imputation of any crime involving moral turpitude and on that basis initiate the filing of a quo warranto petition against any justice and have him removed," he said.

"If I follow the theory of (Calida), then whoever is the Solicitor General would [in the future] ... have the ability to wield a sword over all our collective heads, over all our individual heads, and on that basis, therefore impair the integrity of the court," he said.

### Controlling Supreme Court

In reply, Poblador said granting the quo warranto petition would provide an opportunity for the OSG to control the Supreme Court's decision-making process since the OSG may arbitrarily file it against justices who had been voting against the state.

"[The OSG] can change the makeup of the court, influence how the court adopts policies and actually control [the tri-

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bunal] by selectively removing certain justices who do not align themselves with the government's policy," he said.

"Any sitting judge can be subjected to ... harassment suits from disgruntled litigants, powerful politicians or a government that does not tolerate opposition," he added.

According to Poblador, the 1987 Constitution grants the Supreme Court the authority to remove lower court judges, but not any of its members.

The power to remove Supreme Court justices is vested in the House of Representatives and the Senate through the impeachment process, he said.

Associate Justice Marvic Leonen, the only magistrate who had voted to immediately throw out Calida's petition for lack of jurisdiction, shared

Caguioa's view, noting that the ruling the justices would hand down would guide the future decisions of the Supreme Court.

"The court is not only concerned about what is existing right now. The court is also concerned about precedence," Leonen told Calida.

"In the future, it might be easy to oust a sitting justice based on the doctrines if we allow your case," he added.

#### **No clearance from Duterte**

Quizzed by Leonen, Solicitor General Calida maintained that he did not seek permission from President Duterte to dislodge Sereno.

On Monday, Mr. Duterte declared himself Sereno's "enemy" and said he would "egg on" Calida. The President also directed Congress to ex-

pedite the impeachment of the Chief Justice.

As pointed out by Sereno, Leonen said the question of the Chief Justice's integrity based on her supposed failure to submit statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) had already been passed upon by the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC).

If at all, he said, Calida's petition was tantamount to an appeal of an executive action done by the JBC and then President Benigno Aquino III five years ago.

Caguioa also expressed doubt about Calida's claim that the OSG, being the state's primary law office, was not covered by the one-year limit to filing a quo warranto petition spelled out in Section 11, Rule 66, of the Rules of Court.

"If we were to follow (Cali-

da's) theory, he would have unfettered discretion to file quo warranto suits at any time for anything so long as he's able to relate it to the question of integrity," he said.

#### **Tu quoque**

Associate Justice Samuel Martires took offense at Sereno's claim that she was "compelled" by her colleagues, 13 of whom had forced her to take an indefinite leave to attend the six-hourlong oral arguments.

Martires, however, opted not to engage the Chief Justice in a verbal tussle, directing his questions to Poblador.

He also asked why Sereno had been passing the blame for her alleged failure to submit SALNs to other people, a logical fallacy called tu quoque (you too), which is also known as appeal to hypocrisy. INQ

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## GROUP FINDS RIGHTS ABUSE CASES RISING IN NORTHERN MINDANAO AMID MARTIAL LAW

By Jigger Jerusalem  
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**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—** Cases of abuse against civilians, allegedly perpetrated by government forces, continued to pile up in Northern Mindanao region amid the declaration of martial law on the entire island of Mindanao, the International Fact-Finding and Solidarity Mission (IFFSM) said this week.

The group, whose members conducted the mission in Malaybalay City on April 6 to 7, reported at least 54 cases of human rights violations in the provinces of Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental from January to March this

year.

First Lt. Teresita Ingente, spokesperson for the Army's 4th Infantry Division (4ID), said the military would comment on the allegations only if cases had been filed in court.

### 'Lumad' as targets

She dared those who claimed their rights were violated to file formal complaints in court, complete with their accounts of the abuse and the names of soldiers concerned, so the Armed Forces of the Philippines could answer these in the proper forum.

Ingente said the 4ID would not tolerate abusive personnel. She assured the Army would

take appropriate actions, such as recommending demotion or dismissal from service, against erring soldiers.

Czarina Golda Musni of the Union of People's Lawyers in Mindanao, cited the case of Aniceto Lopez Jr., who was allegedly shot and killed by a member of the Philippine Marines at Barangay Paitan in Quezon town, Bukidnon, on Jan. 22.

Lopez, who died from seven bullet wounds, was accused of being a member of the New People's Army (NPA) days before he was killed, Musni said.

Other violations noted by IFFSM were 18 cases of threats

and intimidation; 18 cases of "forced surrender"; seven cases of trumped up charges; six cases of illegal arrest and detention; two cases of illegal search and seizure; a case of torture; and a case of "frustrated EJK (extrajudicial killing)," said Winnie Loable, vice chair of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas in Northern Mindanao.

### Counterinsurgency

Loable said farmers and "lumad" (indigenous peoples) were often targeted by the military's counterinsurgency drive.

"They are accused of being NPA members or supporters simply because they actively

take part in land struggles and are members of farmers' groups," Loable said. "They're charged with trumped-up cases."

Cathy Estavillo, secretary general of the National Federation of Peasant Women, said farmers could no longer work in their farms for fear of being illegally arrested.

Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate, who also joined the mission, said the mission would submit its report to the Department of Justice, the Commission on Human Rights, the House of Representatives, and the Senate, and other agencies, hoping to generate action to address these violations. INQ

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## MNLF vows support for peace and development efforts in Sulu

By **NONOYE LACSON**

ZAMBOANGA CITY – The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) has assured the government of its full support in restoring peace and development in the Sulu province.

MNLF Chair Yusop Jikiri said the MNLF will continue to be a partner of the government in its mission citing the sincerity of President Duterte to bring peace and development in troubled areas in the country particularly in Muslim dominated areas in Mindanao.

“Siya lang ang presidente na gustong makita peaceful and with development ang Muslim dominated areas in Mindanao particularly this province of Sulu and I am sure his desire comes from the bottom of his heart,” Jikiri said.

“The people of Sulu and the MNLF are happy to hear that President Duterte is determined to bring peace to Sulu. The MNLF will do everything to help President Duterte in his peace and develop-

ment effort for the province,” he added.

Jikiri paid a courtesy call Saturday on outgoing Armed Forces of the Philippines, Western Mindanao Command (AFP-WestMinCom) Commander Lt Gen Cariito Galvez, Jr.

Jikiri had earlier suggested some measures to Galvez to lessen the atrocities of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in Sulu, such as kidnappings.

These include the constant monitoring of the ASG in the province and their captives so the military can rescue them from the hands of their captors.

He said the MNLF has enough forces to conduct monitoring of the activities of the ASG and other criminal groups operating in Sulu.

“The MNLF in the province has enough members who could help the government and the military monitor the activities of these lawless groups in Sulu,” Jikiri told the Manila Bulletin.

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## NPA hitmen kill 3, wound 2 in Negros

**BACOLOD CITY:** A suspected hitman of the New People's Army-Special Partisan Unit (NPA-SPARU) attacked a wake in Isabela, Negros Occidental killing three person and seriously wounding two others. Police identified the fatalities as retired Staff Sergeant Jose Joerito Amable, 50, head of the Civil Security Group of Moises Padilla Mayor Magdaleno Peña, retired police Alejandro Borres, 70, and civilian Pedrinco Bitgue 3rd, 29. Wounded in the attack were Timothy Aaron Achivar, 10, and teacher Alquin Geneterula Jr, 34.

Witnesses said the riders of a

passing motorcycle opened fire at the victims who were in the house in Barangay Bulad where a wake was being held. Bitgue ran but was chased down and shot repeatedly; he died on the spot. Amable's wife, Marilyn said she has no idea why her husband was killed but suspects he is on the NPA's hitlist as she heard him mention he is a target of the NPA because of his connection to the Moises Padilla mayor.

Chief Insp. Reuben Pajarito, Isabela police chief, said they have already identified four "persons of interest" in the case.

**EUGENE Y. ADIONG**



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## Teen rebel nabbed in Bicol

CAMP NAKAR, Quezon – Military here disclosed yesterday a 15-year-old was among five alleged New People's Army (NPA) terrorists they have captured following an encounter in Bato, Camarines Sur Tuesday.

Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) spokesperson 1Lt. Felise Vida P. Solano said the teenager has since been turned over to the Department for Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Camarines Sur.

Lieutenant General Danilo Pamonag, SOLCOM chief assailed the NPA's continued recruitment of minors noting it is against International Humanitarian Law, particular-

ly Protocols I and II of the Geneva Convention.

He added under the Statute of the International Criminal Court, "conscripting or enlisting children" into armed groups is considered a war crime. It is also cited as one of the six grave violations condemned by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

Pamonag is urging the CPP-NPA leadership to stop recruiting young people.

He said, "We should give them books, not guns, so that they can be part of the solution, not part of the problem." **(Danny J. Estacio)**

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## Nationinbrief

### **NPA AMBUSH TROOPS IN NORTH COTABATO**

**ZAMBOANGA CITY:** New People's Army (NPA) rebels ambushed and strafed a military truck transporting soldiers who detonated a roadside bomb triggering a firefight in Barangay Tagbac, Magpet, North Cotabato on Tuesday. There was no report of casualties from both the military and the rebel group. The rebels earlier owned up to the killing of Antonio Takinan, a Magpet councilman "as punishment for his alleged involvement in the anti-insurgency campaign and human rights violations" in the province. Takinan was shot dead on April 4 while traveling on a motorcycle with his brother-in-law Robledo Tambunan who was wounded. Isabel Santiago, spokesman for the rebel group, accused Takinan of being an intelligence agent for the military and behind the forced recruitment of tribesmen to fight the NPA as government militias.

**AL JACINTO**

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## 2 BIFF members killed, 2 wounded in Maguindano clashes

At least two members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) were killed while two others were wounded during two-day skirmishes in Maguindanao province, the military said yesterday.

Maj. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of Joint Task Force Central, ordered relentless pursuit operations against the encountered BIFF band under the faction of commander Bungos.

"The Joint Task Force Central utilized all available air assets, artillery as well as armor assets in support of with the ground operations of the different field units," said dela Vega.

"We will continue our pursuit of terror groups like the BIFF that threaten the peace and security of communities," he added.

Reports showed that the initial clash erupted between the BIFF and elements of the Army's 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion along barangays Pamalian and Pagatin in Shariff

Saydona Mustapha town on April 9.

At least BIFF members were killed during the clash while two others were wounded.

On the other hand, two government troops were also wounded.

On Tuesday, the military continued its operation resulting in the recovery of 20 various firearms, two gun manufacturing machines, assorted gun parts, magazines and ammunition.

The operation also led to the destruction of the BIFF's Abu Nasria lair.

Dela Vega cited the coordination extended by peace-loving Maguindanaoans to the military in the successful operation.

"The continued support and cooperation of the community hastens and compliments the ability of JTF Central to counter the efforts of the radical extremist groups in sowing fear and violence in the area of operation," dela Vega said.

**Mario J. Mallari**

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# Army captures 2 BIFF camps

BY JULMUNIR I. JANNARAL

**S**HARIFF AGUAK, Maguindanao: The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) placed Maguindanao under full red alert after they captured two camps of the outlawed Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) on Tuesday where they recovered high-powered firearms and war materials.

Major Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of the 6th Infantry Division (6ID), said on Wednesday that soldiers are now in full control of the BIFF camps, located at the border of Datu Salibo and Saidona towns in Maguindanao's second district.

Dela Vega said at least six of the bandits, initially identified only as Awar, Mantato, Sukarno, Badrudin, Izhak and Guiapar, were killed in the firefights before the Army's 2nd Mechanized Battalion,

a component-unit of the 6th ID cleared the camps.

He said the BIFF warned residents in the two municipalities that they will go on a rampage to avenge its losses in its latest encounters with the military.

An airstrike was also launched to stop the terror group from carrying out reported planned "bomb attacks" in Shariff Aguak.

Dela Vega and Lt. Col. Alvin Iyog, commanding officer of the 2nd Mechanized Battalion, presented to the members of the Kampilan Defense Press Corps 18 firearms and about 100 kilos of gun parts and materials for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that

were found in the camps.

The captured camps served as common lairs of the leaders of the BIFF's three factions— Muhidden Animbang alias Karialan, Esmail Abdulmalik alias Abu Turaify and Ismael Abubakar alias Bungos — who are all wanted for multiple murders, frustrated murders, arson and other crimes, according to the military.

All the three are imams, or religious leaders who usually lead congregational prayers.

"It seems they have reunited. Local officials and barangay leaders are assisting in our operations. We are thankful to these patriotic people," Dela Vega said.

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## 11 BIFF patay sa airstrike ng militar

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NASA labing-isang miyembro ng Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter ang nasawi sa inilunsad na airstrike ng militar sa kuta ng mga bandido sa Sharif Saydona Mustapha, Maguindanao.

Ayon kay Lt. Col. Gerry Besana, Civil Military Operation Officer ng 6th infantry Division, nagsimula ang operation ng 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion nitong Sept. 9 hanggang kahapon ng umaga laban sa mga bandido na pinamumunuan ng isang Commander Bungos sa Barangay Pamalian at Brgy Pagatin sa Sharif Saydona Mustapha.

Aniya, base sa kanilang nakakalap na mga impormasyon, mahigit na sa 10 bandido ang nasawi, habang marami rin ang mga sugatan at pagkawasak sa 2 pagawaan ng mga baril ng mga bandido mula nang inilunsad ang operation nitong Sept 9.

Sinabi ni Besana na natabok ng militar ang 2 gunsmith o bahay-pagawaan ng mga baril ng mga bandido na siyang pinuntirya sa inilunsad ng airstrike, na nagresulta ng pagkasawi at pagkasugat ng mga bandido.

Pero nilinaw ni Besana na wala pang saktong bilang ng mga nasawi at sugatang bandido dahil ang nakakalap lang nilang report ay mula sa ilang sibilyang lumikas sa erya ng bakbakan.

Sa patuloy na operasyon, nakubkop narin ng mga sundalo ang Kuta ni Commander Abu Saria at 20 high power firearms, ibat ibang parte o rifle, mga bala ang narekober.

Dakong 7:00 ng umaga kahapon ay muling nagsagawa ng airstrike ang militar gamit ang 2 MG520 attack helicopter target ang may 30 hanggang 40 bandido na tumatakas. Ang airstrike ay tumagal ng isang oras.

Sa ngayon ay nasa heightened alert ang militar at pulisya sa posibleng pagganti ng BIFF sa Maguindanao. (Mark Obleda)

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## 12 BIFF men killed in Maguindanao

BY VICTOR REYES

At least 12 members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters group were reported killed and many others injured in military operations in Maguindanao since Monday, the military said yesterday.

Lt. Col. Gerry Besana, civil military operations officer of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said helicopter gunships delivered rockets and machinegun fire on enemy positions yesterday.

Citing intelligence information

and accounts of civilians, Besana said at least 12 BIFF men died and many others were injured in skirmishes in the towns of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Salibo, and Shariff Saydona Mustapha Friday and Saturday. No enemy body has been recovered.

"As of yesterday, there were at least 12... Based on the information that we got, there are more than 10 and many were injured," said Besana.

On the military side, two soldiers were reported injured in the skirmishes.

Fighting Tuesday in Barangay Pamalian in Shariff Saydona Mustapha led to the recovery of 20 assorted firearms from a BIFF lair, and destruction of two gun-making machines, assorted rifle parts, magazines, and ammunition.

Besana said four BIFF men surrendered on Monday to the Army in Datu Saudi Ampatuan due to the continuing military pressure.

"The message that we want to send to them is they have no other option but to fight and be killed, or they surrender," said Besana.

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## TROOPS KILL 13 BIFF EXTREMISTS; 9 OTHERS SURRENDER

At least 13 members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) were killed while nine others surrendered in three days of fighting as troops pressed an assault in Maguindanao on Wednesday.

Airstrikes and artillery fire supported the ground assault by troops of the Army's 6th Infantry Division (ID) on the Islamic State (IS) sympathizers in the towns of Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Salibo, Mamasapano and Shariff Aguak.

### MILF assistance

Two soldiers were wounded in the clashes, according to Capt. Arvin Encinas, spokesperson for the 6th ID.

Encinas said the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)

facilitated the surrender of the nine BIFF fighters.

Helicopters fired rockets as Army units moved to seize two BIFF camps in marshlands in the province, said Lt. Col. Gerry Besana, commander of the Army's 55th Infantry Battalion.

"This morning, two MG-520 attack helicopters conducted airstrikes to disrupt the BIFF's plan to stage attacks," Besana said.

The military wanted to send a message to militants that they should surrender, "or fight and be killed," he said.

The military has shifted its combat operations from Marawi City, which was embroiled in a five-month conflict last year, to Maguindanao's marshes where other pro-IS militants operate.

Encinas said they were checking whether BIFF commanders Karialan, Bungos and Abu Toraife were among those killed.

### Firearms recovered

Maj. Gen. Arnel dela Vega, commander of 6th ID, said troops recovered 20 firearms, improvised explosive devices and 100 kilograms of gun parts in the two captured camps.

"Our troops used all available air assets, artillery, as well as armor assets to support ground operations of the different units," Dela Vega said.

More than 40 members of the BIFF, led by Karialan, Bungos and Abu Toraife have been killed since last month, when soldiers launched combat operations, Besana added.

—JEFFREY MAITEM AND REUTERS INQ

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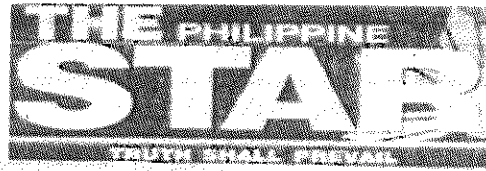
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**HARVEST TIME** – Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea (left) with Philippine Army chief Lt. Gen. Rojando Joselito Bautista (right) and Tarlac Heritage Foundation Co-founder Dr. Isabel Cojuanco-Suntay (middle) pose before the lush harvest of vegetables at the Hardin ng Lunas at the Philippine Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The project, founded in 2012, aims to teach interested parties proper organic gardening techniques and to develop idle camp lands for the benefit of AFP personnel and their dependents, Suntay said. (All Vicoy)





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# AFP seizes BIFF camps; 12 bandits killed

By JOHN UNSON and JAIME LAUDE

**MAGUINDANAO** – At least 12 members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) were killed while two of their camps were seized in military operations in Maguindanao this week.

Six of the fatalities identified only as Awar, Mantato, Sukarno, Badrudin, Izhak and Guiapar were killed in firefights with personnel of the 6th Infantry Division in Salibo and Saidona towns on Tuesday.

Two soldiers were reportedly injured in the gunfights.

At least 18 guns and 100 kilos of bomb materials and gun parts were recovered from the camps.

The military conducted air strikes yesterday to disrupt the

BIFF's plan to stage attacks, Lt. Col. Gerry Besana, 6th Civil Military Operations commander, said.

"The military wanted to send a message to the militants... to surrender or fight and be killed," Besana said.

More than 40 BIFF bandits, led by Abu Toraike, Bongos and Karialan, have been killed in military operations since last month.

As this developed, four alleged BIFF bomb experts identified only as Ahmed, Malik, Nazzer and

Muktar surrendered to the military.

The operation against BIFF men started on Monday after villagers reported the convergence of more than 100 bandits for a traditional *kanduli* or thanksgiving rite.

Chief Superintendent Graciano Mijares, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao police director, said the Maguindanao police deployed plainclothes police officers in Salibo and Saidona to guard against possible retaliatory attacks by the BIFF. – With Reuters

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PHILIPPINE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF: STEPHEN M. ...



**U.S. MILITARY MIGHT** Rear Adm. Steve Koehler (facing camera), commander of CSG-9 of the US aircraft carrier *Theodore Roosevelt*, briefs top Philippine generals on April 10 in international waters off the South China Sea. The aircraft carrier *CVN-71* is sailing through the disputed South China Sea in the latest display of America's military might after China built a string of islands with military facilities in the strategic sea it claims almost in its entirety. AP/JIM GOMEZ

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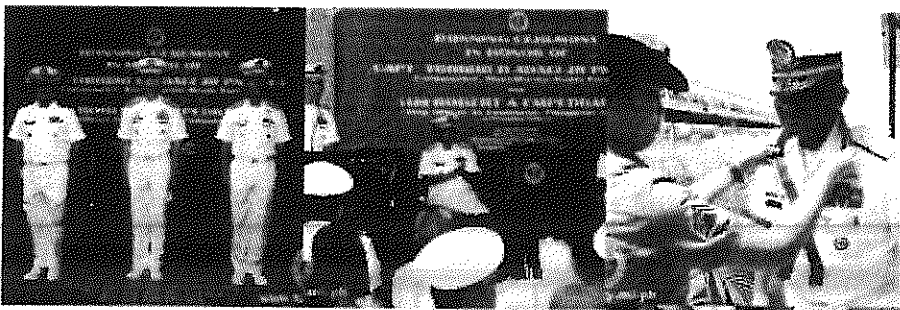
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# PROMOTED | PN FOIC led Donning of Ranks Ceremony

Reported by: Alvin Santiago

**NAVAL STATION JOSE ANDRADA, Manila (DWDD)** – The Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy Vice Adm. Robert A. Empedrad led the donning of rank to the newly-promoted Senior Officer Captain Toribio D. Adaci Jr to the next higher rank of Commodore in a ceremony held at Headquarters Philippine Navy, Naval Station Jose Andrada, Roxas Blvd, Manila.

Commodore Adaci currently holds key position as the Commander, Fleet – Marine Ready Force. **NPAO / MCAG**



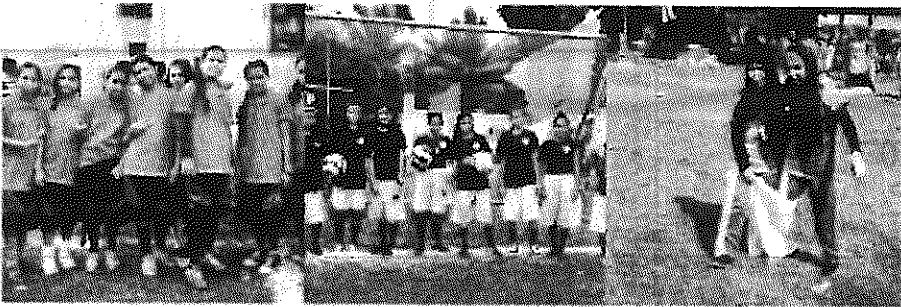
*The Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy, Vice Admiral Robert A Empedrad led the donning of rank to the newly-promoted Senior Officer Captain Toribio D Adaci Jr. to the next higher rank of Commodore in a ceremony held earlier at Headquarters Philippine Navy, Naval Station Jose Andrada, Roxas Blvd, Manila. Commodore Toribio D Adaci Jr. currently hold key position as the Commander, Fleet – Marine Ready Force. #SupportyourPhilippineNavy#StrongandcrediblePhilippineNavy*

# COME AND JOIN | MBLT-1 Anniversary Activities

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**PATA, Sulu (DWDD)** – Marine Battalion Landing Team-1 conducted various activities as part of their unit activation anniversary.

These women were “infected” with Football for Peace/All in One Mission virus of MBLT1 “Unang Una”. Soon they themselves will be the catalyzer of change in their community.



Football for Peace Festival as the highlights of the All-in-One Mission on March 5, 2018 at Brgy. Poblacion, Siasi, Sulu in connection with the celebration of 114th Founding Anniversary of Siasi. Hon. Arthur A Muksan Municipal Mayor of Siasi graces the activity and gives his full support to the twenty six (26) teams from the different barangays of Siasi, Pandami and Lugus municipality who participated in the event.



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

Unang-Una Sorbetes boards Siasi during the conduct of All-in-One Mission, March 5, 2018 at Brgy. Poblacion, Siasi, Sulu.

