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SUNRISE 5:37 AM	SUNSET 6:12 PM
MOONRISE 2:04 PM	MOONSET 2:04 AM
FIRST QUARTER APR 23 5:46 AM	FULL MOON APR 30 8:58 AM
LOW TIDE 1:14 AM -0.10 Meter	HIGH TIDE 5:33 PM 0.90 Meter

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

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METRO MANILA	25 - 34 °C	25 - 34 °C	TAGAYTAY	22 - 31 °C	22 - 31 °C	TACLOBAN	25 - 32 °C	25 - 33 °C
TUGUEGARAO	25 - 35 °C	25 - 36 °C	LEGAZPI	25 - 32 °C	25 - 33 °C	CAGAYAN DE ORO	25 - 33 °C	25 - 33 °C
LAOAG	26 - 33 °C	25 - 33 °C	PUERTO PRINCESA	25 - 32 °C	25 - 32 °C	METRO DAVAO	25 - 34 °C	24 - 33 °C
BAGUIO	16 - 24 °C	16 - 24 °C	ILOILO/ BACOLOD	25 - 33 °C	26 - 33 °C	ZAMBOANGA	24 - 32 °C	25 - 33 °C
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WAGES, PRICES, JOBS TOP FILIPINO CONCERNS

STORY BY INQUIRER RESEARCH, TINA G. SANTOS AND LEILA B. SALAVERRIA

A Pulse Asia survey shows that basic pay, inflation, poverty and employment are the current top-of-mind issues across all socioeconomic classes, while Charter change is the least of their worries.

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As the purchasing power of their wages gets eroded by a jump in prices of basic goods over the past few months, Filipinos across all socioeconomic classes have identified raising workers' pay and curbing inflation as their most urgent concerns, according to a recent Pulse Asia survey.

Changing the Constitution, a priority of the Duterte administration, which is pushing for a federal form of government, is the least of their concerns, the poll showed.

The Pulse Asia survey of 1,200 respondents nationwide, conducted from March 23 to 28, also found that reducing poverty and creating more jobs—two issues related to low pay and rising cost of living—were the other urgent concerns.

The survey also showed that, at this time, Filipinos were least concerned about population growth, national territorial defense and terrorism.

Rising prices

A majority of those belonging to Socioeconomic Class ABC—the rich and the middle class—considered inflation their top concern, followed by criminality and workers' pay.

The top concern of Class D respondents was workers' pay.

For those belonging to Class E (the poorest), it was inflation.

Prices of consumer goods have surged and the country's finance managers have attributed this to the faster price increases of so-called sin products.

The inflation rate in March rose to 4.3 percent, the highest since 2013 and faster than the government target of 2 to 4 percent.

The jump in prices came in the wake of the implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law, which lowered the personal income tax of salary earners but raised the excise tax on a host of goods and services.

Insufficient safety nets

A labor group said wages and high prices remained top concerns of the people because of inadequate protection against profiteers, insufficient safety nets and government failure to curb contractualization work arrangements, like "endo" contracts.

Endo workers are contractual employees who get fired after five months so companies will not pay them benefits.

"If these endo workers are directly hired and become regular workers, at least they would be able to cope with inflation because they would be paid with lawfully mandated wages and benefits," said Alan Tanjusay, spokesperson for the Associated Labor Unions–Trade Union Congress of the Philippines.

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MOST URGENT NATIONAL CONCERNS

March 23 to 28 (in percent, multiple responses up to 3 allowed)

	AREA						CLASS		
	PH	NCR	LUZ	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E	
Improving / increasing workers' pay	50	45	56	50	39	38	54	41	
Controlling inflation	45	46	43	40	53	55	42	51	
Reducing poverty	35	49	33	31	31	23	36	35	
Creating more jobs	32	38	29	33	34	31	31	37	
Fighting criminality	27	18	30	30	26	45	25	25	
Fighting graft and corruption	22	22	22	25	19	26	21	24	
Improving peace	22	15	21	27	23	8	23	22	
Reducing taxes	15	20	15	12	12	12	16	8	
Protecting welfare of OFWs	13	10	13	11	15	12	13	13	
Enforcing law for all	10	8	9	10	12	21	9	8	
Stopping destruction and abuse of environment	10	9	9	15	7	9	9	13	
Controlling population	7	5	9	6	6	8	7	8	
Defending Philippine territory	6	10	5	4	7	3	6	9	
Fighting terrorism	4	2	1	4	11	2	4	5	
Changing Constitution	3	3	3	3	5	5	4	1	

SOURCE: PULSE ASIA

The daily minimum wage in Metro Manila ranges from P475 to P512. The floor pay ranges from P243 to P380 in Luzon outside the metropolis; P245 to P366 in the Visayas; and P255 to P340 in Mindanao.

"Wages have been devalued for the past decade," Julius Cainglet of Federation of Free Workers said.

"The insignificant increase in the regional minimum wages

and the small increase in the take-home pay from the reduced personal income tax would not be enough to cover the increase in prices of basic commodities, especially as a direct or indirect result of the TRAIN law," he added.

A Filipino needed at least P1,813 while a family of five needed at least P9,064 monthly to meet basic food and nonfood needs in 2015.

Malacañang said on Tuesday that Mr. Duterte shared the Filipinos' most urgent concerns.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said the President wanted to give Filipinos a more comfortable life and was working toward this.

Cut poverty, more jobs

Poverty incidence and unemployment rates have declined, but these are not enough

for Filipinos, who still see the need to reduce poverty and to create more jobs.

One in five Filipinos was poor in 2015—a poverty incidence of 21.6 percent, down from 25.2 percent in 2012, according to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Despite the decrease, the poverty incidence translated to 21.93 million Filipinos who couldn't afford to buy basic food and nonfood items.

Unemployment

Unemployment rate in January fell to a decade-low 5.3 percent (2.3 million people) from last year's 6.6 percent (2.8 million).

The underemployment rate, however, rose to 18 percent (7.4 million) in January from 16.3 percent (6.4 million) last year.

Because of low pay and lack of jobs in the country, many Filipinos still leave to work abroad.

Results of the Pulse Asia survey also indicated that the Duterte administration scored majority approval ratings, ranging from 53 percent to 86 percent, in handling 11 of 12 selected national issues.

The administration, however, got a 39-percent approval rating in controlling inflation.

It got 86 percent in responding to the needs of those affected by calamities and 84 percent in protecting the welfare of overseas Filipino workers. —REPORTS FROM INQUIRER RESEARCH, TINA G. SANTOS AND LEILA B. SALAVERRIA INQ

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NPA lider nasakote

Nasakote ng tropa ng militar ang isang sugatang lider ng mga teroristang New People's Army (NPA) sa isinagawang pursuit operations matapos ang bakbakan sa kagubatan ng Brgy. Amsipit, Maasim, Sarangani kamakalawa.

Batay sa report ni Lt. Col Jones Otida, Commander ng Army's 27th Infantry Battalion (IB), sinabi ni Major Ezra Balagtey, tagapagsalita ng AFP-Eastern Mindanao Command, pasado alas-5:00 ng umaga nang mangyari ang bakbakan sa lugar.

Kinilala ni Balagtey ang nasakoteng opisyal na si Pablito Torno aiyas "Ka Jebjeb", vice commander ng NPA terror group sa lalawigan.

Si Torno ay isinugod sa pagamutan matapos na masakote sa isinagawang pursuit operations sa Brgy. Amsipit, Maasim, Sarangani, pitong oras matapos ang engkuwentro.

Nasamsam sa pinangyarihan ng bakbakan ang iba't-ibang uri ng armas, mga personal na kagamitan, at mga subersibong dokumento.

Pinaniniwalaan namang marami pa ang sugatang nakatakas sa hanay ng mga rebelde sa naganap na bakbakan base sa mga patak ng dugo sa lugar na dinaanan ng mga ito sa pagtakas. **Joy Cantos**

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Gov't holds backchannel talks with Reds

By MAYEN JAYMALIN

To enable the peace talks with communist rebels to begin at the soonest time possible, the government peace panel is holding backchannel negotiations with the National Democratic Front (NDF).

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, who serves as government peace panel chair, said the backchannel talks are in preparation for the formal resumption of peace negotiations.

"Actually there have been (backchannel) talks already with them (NDF). So we expect formal talks to start anytime now. That is the purpose of the backchannel," Bello said yesterday.

The NDF is the umbrella organization representing the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its guerrilla arm the New People's Army (NPA) in peace talks with the government.

Bello said the backchannel talks will help in enabling the government peace panel to comply with the President's directive to come out with a peace agreement with communist rebels within 60 days.

"You know for a fact that the President gave a timeline and although it is quite a tall order, we have to comply with that timeline," Bello said.

Bello said he is hopeful the government and the NDF can finally forge a peace agreement within two months.

Prior to the formal restart of talks, Bello said the peace panel will seek an interim peace agreement with the NDF.

"This interim peace agreement will be coupled with a coordinated unilateral ceasefire (CUC). Then we will be talking also about possible proclamation of amnesty subject to concurrence of Congress," he said.

Bello said the communist rebels have not set any precondition for the resumption of the peace talks.

"There is no precondition, but we have to agree that both parties should provide the talks with an enabling environment," Bello said.

Crisis, exploitation, plunder

According to CPP founding chairman Jose Maria Sison, peace negotiations have become even more pressing due to the economic crisis, imperial exploitation

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and plunder of the country.

Sison made the remarks recently during the advance celebration of the NDF's 45th founding anniversary in Amsterdam.

Sison stressed "the broadest unity is vital to defend national democracy and justice."

Sison related how the NDF has helped build the local organs of political power at the barangay, municipal or city, district and provincial levels in 73 of the 81 provinces of the Philippines to constitute "the people's democratic government."

Sison said the organs of political power are the political structures and formations that serve as weapons to defend the people and communities against oppressive landlords, big business plunderers and land grabbers and the military.

Juliet de Lima, member of the NDF peace negotiating panel, underscored the importance of the Comprehensive Agreement on Social

and Economic Reforms (CASER) for achieving a just and lasting peace.

De Lima said CASER would be the key to solving the root causes of the armed conflict – poverty, unemployment, backwardness and underdevelopment. De Lima emphasized the forging of the CASER has been proven to be the most difficult, since its core consists of implementing genuine land reform and free distribution of land to the landless, rural development and national industrialization.

In the anniversary celebration, a video-documentary, "Inside the New People's Army" produced by the Redfish Media Collective in Berlin, was shown.

The film showed how the NPA guerrillas are

organizing the people and their communities in Mindanao.

In a related development, the CPP slammed the military for claiming the 15-year-old boy killed during an encounter with the NPA in Davao del Sur was a child combatant.

– With Jose Rodel Clapano

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Du30 urged to lift timetable on peace gab; Reds' 2 camps fall

By Maricel V. Cruz

TWO lawmakers on Tuesday urged President Rodrigo Duterte to lift his conditions for resuming the peace talks with the communist rebels.

Reps. Antonio Tinio and France Castro said it was the obligation of the negotiators to comply with the previous agreements, and that adding conditions would not help move the peace talks.

Meanwhile, troopers from the Northern Luzon Command captured two New People's Army camps in Abra and Isabela over the weekend, an official said Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Isagani Nato said the 73rd Division Reconnaissance Company and the 24th Infantry Battalion under Joint Task Force "Kaugnay" captured the abandoned rebel camp in Kilong-olao village in Bolinao, Abra, around 4 a.m. on Sunday.

He said the camp was 20 by 15 meters and could accommodate about 15 fighters.

Tinio said Duterte must lift his conditions for resuming the peace talks and allow the negotiating panels to continue with the agenda set at The Hague Declaration.

"Peace negotiations are long processes of debates and agreements between the two parties that cannot be fast-tracked in just 60 days," Tinio said. *Next page*

"The next agenda of the peace panel would be on the Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms, which cannot be agreed upon in a rush as it will be the most important document in the peace process because it aims to resolve the historical and structural inequities in Philippine society."

Castro said the peace talks between the government and the NDF had already resulted in agreements between the two parties, which would allow a more neutral and less hostile environment when entering the peace negotiations.

"These are the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees, which is basically an identification system that gives protection and security to the consultants of both parties, the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, which oblige both parties to promote the respect of and adherence to international humanitarian law among their forces. It emphasizes the urgency of protecting the civilian population," Castro said.

Said Tinio: "He [President Duterte] must junk the petition filed by the Department of Justice because it falsely tags the critics of the administration, activists and members of legal progressive organizations as 'members' and 'officers' of the Communist Party of the Philippines and New People's Army."

Said Castro: "If President Duterte genuinely wants to solve the poverty in the country, he must solve the roots of the armed conflict and listen to the calls of the Filipino people for genuine land reform, national industrialization which would provide decent jobs and wages, an end to contractualization and adequate social services for the people." **With PNA**

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Galvez warns all military personnel against committing corruption

By Mario J. Mallari

Newly installed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. has warned all military personnel against committing corruption, citing President Duterte's "zero tolerance" for such illegal activity.

Galvez stressed the AFP should remain clean and he warned any military personnel, particularly commanders, who will be tainted with corruption will be relieved immediately.

"The President has zero tolerance for corruption. We will have no fear of relieving people who are mediocre and full of anomalies," Galvez said.

"We will keep the AFP clean, I will not hesitate to relieve any commander who will be tainted with corruption," he added. Galvez directed the AFP-Office of the Inspector General to investigate reported anomalies in the use of resources to ensure judicious use of funds and proper management of government assets.

The AFP chief of staff likewise declared to the officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees in attendance during the flag-raising that while he is strict with erring personnel, he is also keen with giving awards and recognition, including cash incentives, to deserving personnel.

Galvez promised to provide

plaques of recognition and cash incentives starting from P10,000 for top performing AFP personnel who will be selected on a quarterly basis. He tasked the Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, J1 to craft the process and conduct appropriate deliberations.

At the same time, Galvez vowed to observe meritocracy in the military promotions as he committed to promote personnel who will excel and deliver significant results required of their respective positions.

The AFP chief of staff took the occasion to thank General Headquarters' Joint, Personal and Special Staff for their strong support during the Marawi City siege.

As erstwhile commander of

Western Mindanao Command, Galvez led the troops of various military task forces in retaking Marawi City from Islamic State-inspired terrorists. General Headquarters has given us so much support and leverage to fight the war that we have never fought before. The support was evident in the motivation of our troops who, despite being wounded, were eager to continue fighting," Galvez said.

"That exemplified the support the GHQ has given us. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for a job well done," he added.

He also echoed the order of President Duterte to expedite albeit prudently and deliberately the

processing of contracts relating to the AFP Modernization Program.

"The President is pushing us to make our modernization move forward. We need to choose people who can deliver results for our modernization," Galvez said.

He promised to work hands-on and without delay. He announced that he will not impose any "cut off time" in sending documents to him that needs to be acted upon—even past office hours and even wee hours, especially urgent correspondence.

"These will be our focus as I lead the AFP. I promise you that I will deliver results and I will do my best with much honor, integrity and loyalty to our service," Galvez said.

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AFP chief to troops: No to corruption

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

Newly installed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, Jr. vowed that anyone who will be tainted with corruption will be relieved of his/her position.

Galvez issued the warning during his first Flag Raising Ceremony as AFP Chief at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on Monday, reiterating that the AFP must stay clean.

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government assets.

The new AFP Chief likewise declared to the Officers, Enlisted Personnel (EP), and Civilian Employees (CE) in attendance that while he is strict with erring personnel, he is also keen with giving awards and recognition including cash incentives to deserving personnel.

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Meanwhile, Galvez also said that he is committed to promote Officers and Enlisted Personnel who will excel and deliver significant results required of their respective positions.

The AFP Chief also took the occasion to thank GHQ Joint, Personal, and Special Staff for their strong

support during the Marawi Crisis. As Commander of the Western Mindanao Command then, he led the troops of various Task Forces in retaking Marawi from terrorists.

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AFP assails NPA for recruiting minors

GENERAL SANTOS CITY – The military has assailed the New People's Army (NPA) for recruiting minors to join the underground group as armed combatants.

Brig. Gen. Roberto Ancan, commander of 1002nd Infantry Brigade, said the NPA rebels have been deceiving minor recruits into joining their ranks as combatants.

He said a minor NPA combatant was killed in an encounter with government troops in Barangay Astorga, Davao del Sur last April 22.

The military said 15-year-old

Rondi Ondo was killed after he joined the group of NPA guerillas who figured in an encounter with government troops in Barangay Astorga, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur.

Ondo, a resident of Makilala, North Cotabato was killed together with NPA rebel leader, Julito Pueblas, 62, also a resident of Barangay Old Balatukan, Makilala, North Cotabato.

Troops recovered an M-16 rifle from the possession of Ondo.

"We are saddened by the death of a minor who was duped by the Communist rebels to join their

ranks," Ancan said.

Ancan said an NPA amazon identified as Jessa Lumana was also captured during the clash. She was turned over to the Sta. Cruz police station for the filing of appropriate charges against her.

Ancan has urged other minors who had joined the NPA to abandon the underground group and return to the folds of the law.

He said the military was willing to rescue and save minors who had been duped and coerced to join the communist rebel group. **(Joseph Jubelag)**

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2 NPA camps seized in Abra, Isabela

Troopers from the Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom) have captured two New People's Army (NPA) camps located in Abra and Isabela over the weekend.

Nolcom spokesman Lt. Col. Isagani Nato, in a statement yesterday, said the 73rd Division Reconnaissance Company and the 24th Infantry Battalion, under Joint

Task Force "Kaugnay" captured the abandoned rebel camp at Barangay Kilongolao, Boliney, Abra around 4 a.m. Sunday.

Recovered from the camp site were a bandolier, a sling bag, a bonnet and several cooking pots and other paraphernalias.

Around 6:40 a.m. the same day, troops from the 86th Infantry

Battalion, of Joint Task Force "Tala" also seized another abandoned rebel camp while patrolling at Barangay Dicamay, Jones, Isabela.

Nato said the NPA camp can accommodate more or less 50 rebels and is equipped with five kitchens. Also recovered were contraceptive pills, batteries and food supplies.

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Troops overrun NPA camps in Abra, Isabela

Soldiers recovered two camps of New People's Army (NPA) rebels in Abra and Isabela over the weekend.

Lt. Col. Isagani Nato, Northern Luzon Command, information officer, said the camps were discovered in Barangay Kilong-olao, Boliney, Abra and Dicamay Dos, Jones, Isabela.

A bandolier, a sling bag, a bonnet, cooking pots, food items, batteries and contraceptive pills were among those found in the camps.

The military said the rebels could have abandoned the camps when they had sensed the presence of soldiers in the areas.

– Michael Punongbayan



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Mga sundalo, 1-taong libre sa MRT-3

Simula ngayong araw, Abril 25, libre ang pagsakay sa MRT-3 ng mga opisyal at miyembro ng Armed Force of the Philippines (AFP) at ito ay magtatagal ng isang taon o hanggang Abril 25, 2019.

Ayon kay Department of Transportation (DOTr) Sec. Arthur Tugade, ang isang taong libreng sakay ng mga sundalo ay bilang pagkilala ng MRT-3 sa sakripisyo at kabayanihan ng mga sundalo para magkaroon ng kapayapaan at katahimikan sa bansa.

"Isa sa pinakamahirap na tungkulin ang maging sundalo. Maliit na pabor lamang ito bilang pasasalamat sa kanilang sakripisyo at

pagmamahal sa bayan," ani Tugade.

Nagkaroon na ng pirmahan ng Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) ang DOTr, MRT-3 at AFP hinggil sa isang taong libreng sakay ng mga sundalo.

Kailangan lamang na ipakita ng mga sundalo ang kanilang valid AFP-ID para maka-avail ng unlimited rides sa MRT-3.

Malugod namang nagpapasalamat ang pamunuan ng AFP sa 'gesture' sa kanila kaya maglalagay sila ng ambulance at medical teams para magbigay ng assistance kapag nagkaroon ng emergency at crisis situations sa MRT-3. (Mer Layson)

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY | NOLCOM holds “Bayanihan All-in-One” in Pangasinan

Reported by: [Alvin Santiago](#)

CAMP GEN SERVILLANO AQUINO, Tarlac City (DWDD) – The Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM) will be conducting its Community-Based activity dubbed as “Bayanihan All in One” in Infanta, Pangasinan this coming April 26, 2018 (Thursday).

In partnership with different stakeholders and in coordination with the Local Government of Infanta, Pangasinan, NOLCOM troops will be rendering various social services to the locals of said municipality. Among these are the Medical and Dental Mission, Operation “Gupit” and face painting, gift-giving, turn-over of school kits-library materials, and water filter demonstration.

Aside from doing its mandate of protecting the lives of the people and protecting our territory, NOLCOM will continue to do its non-traditional roles of providing support to national development. This includes looking for the welfare and well-being of our countrymen by being an instrument of bringing social services to alleviate the lives of our Filipino people, thus, enabling individuals to contribute to nation-building. NOLCOM / MCAG

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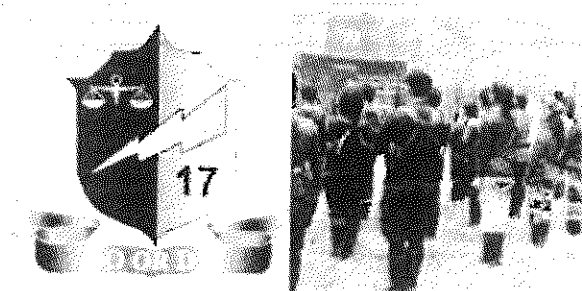


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FOCUSED OPERATIONS | 17IB encounters NPAs in Cagayan

Reported by [Alvin Santrago](#)

CAMP GEN SERVILLANO AQUINO, Tarlac City (DWDD) – Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM) troopers clashed with the Communist Terrorist New People's Army in the province of Cagayan.



Troops under the 17th Infantry "Do or Die" Battalion (17IB) of the Joint Task Force "Tala" under the 7th Infantry "Kaugnay" Division (7ID) encountered more or less thirty (30) members of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTs) at 6:30 in the morning of April 21, 2018 in Sitio Tallat, Brgy Masi, Rizal, Cagayan.

The firefight lasted for about forty-five (45) minutes wherein the NPAs scampering towards the northeast direction. This incident also resulted to the on-site recovery of one (1) improvised Cal .22; one (1) Icom Radio; three (3) jungle packs; four (4) improvised explosive devises (IEDs), including one (1) 12-volt motolite battery and wires; medicine pack; and subversive documents.

The encounter took place as a response to the information provided by the residents on the presence of armed group in their barangay. The informants are those locals who were fed-up of atrocities perpetrated by the NPAs in the area, as well as those who fall victims of their terror acts.

NOLCOM will continue to conduct Focused Military Operations (FMO) in its area of responsibility to make the communist terrorist group insignificant, allowing development in NPA affected areas in Northern and Central Luzon, in cooperation with the populace, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the local government units (LGUs). **NOLCOM / MCAG**



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SPARE THE CHILDREN | EASTMINCOM condemns use of child warriors by NPA

By [Alvin Santiago](#)

NAVAL STATION FELIX APOLINARIO, Panacan, Davao City (DWDD) – Lieutenant General Benjamin Madrigal Jr., Commander of Eastern Mindanao Command expressed sadness and condemned the NPA Terrorists for using minors in their terroristic activities.



"It's so sad to note that despite the worldwide call to spare children in armed struggle, the NPA Terrorists continued to arm them and use them. We condemn this practice in strongest term and challenge the NPA Terrorists to spare them. Let children be children, and allow them to play, learn, enjoy and experience the beauty of being a child and spare them from indoctrinating hatred and violence" Lt Gen Madrigal Jr. said.

The victim, Rondi Ondo, 15 years old from Sitio Tombo, Brgy Old Bulatukan, Makilala, North Cotabato, was identified by his mother Marissa A. Ondo, at a Funeral Parlor in Sta Cruz, Davao Del Sur during a public identification.

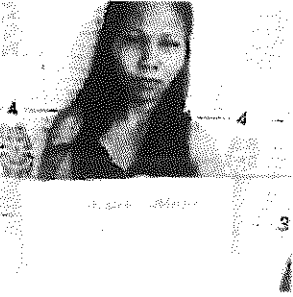
The Rondi was killed during an encounter in Barangay Astorga, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur on April 21, 2018, and identified after an identification process made by the PNP-SOCO, Municipal Social Welfare Office of Sta. Cruz, Davao Del Sur, and the AFP.

According to the report made by Lieutenant Colonel Rhojun Rosales, Commander of 39th Infantry Battalion, Ondo's cadaver was recovered after the encounter with an M16 Rifle and clad in black NPA uniform.



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Meanwhile, Ltc Rosales facilitated the transportation of the cadavers of Ondi Ondo and the earlier identified CNT Leader Julito Pueblos alias Taghoy, 62 years old from Sitio Pangayasan, Brgy Kisante to their respective families and Barangay Officials of Kisante and Old Bulatukan, respectively, on April 22, 2018.

On the other hand, Jessa Lumana who was seized in the encounter site was already detained at Sta Cruz Municipal Police Station to face criminal charges. **EASTMINCOM / MCAG**



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