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PHILIPPINE WEATHER FORECAST

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2018

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PHILIPPINE WEATHER FORECAST

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SRAGAPAY CITY 24-33°C

TAGAYAY CITY 21-27°C

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ZAMBOANGA CITY 25-33°C

TIGUEGARAO CITY 22-28°C

METRO MANILA 24-31°C

LEGAZPI CITY 24-29°C

TACLOBAN CITY 23-31°C

METRO CEBU 25-31°C

CAGAYAN DE ORO 24-32°C

METRO DAVAO 25-32°C

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Partly cloudy to a fine cloudy with showers

Fully cloudy to a fine cloudy with showers and drizzle

Cloudy skies with showers and drizzle

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Kuwait condemns Rody statements on OFWs

By Pia Lee-Brago

Kuwait has condemned President Duterte's statement calling for the evacuation of Filipinos from the oil-rich country, saying this could affect the relations between the two nations.

"We actually condemn the statements of the President of the Philippines. And we know we are communicating with the President of the Philippines and with the ministers of foreign affairs of the Philippines to try and explain the conditions of work of all Filipinos workers. Kuwait's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah said at a press conference yesterday with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

The US Office is in Kuwait at the meeting of the global coalition against the Islamic State.

Duterte's call was in response to reports of massive abuses suffered by Filipino

workers - mostly domestic helpers - at the hands of their employers. Triggering his call was the discovery of the remains of murdered Filipino worker Joanna Demarellis inside a freezer in an abandoned house.

President Duterte met with Kuwait's Ambassador Saleh Ahmad Al-Hawank last week to discuss the matter after

which he ordered a partial suspension of deployment of Filipino workers to Kuwait.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III on Monday said he had issued an administrative order on the ban on President Duterte's order.

"Of course, there are individual accidents that happen, however, we collaborate in the investigations with the Filipino authorities. So we are in direct communication," the Kuwait foreign minister said. He added the 130,000 Filipinos in his country comprise the community that makes

less problems."

"However, this escalation will not serve the interests of either Kuwait or the Philippines," Sheikh Sabah said.

He stressed that the only solution is greater cooperation and collaboration in solving the crime and in addressing

the issue of abuse of Filipino workers.

"Only this can help us get to the bottom of it, can help increase the cooperation between the two parties and increase the number of foreign Filipinos working in Kuwait," he said.

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Soldiers from the Army's 36th Infantry Battalion retrieve the body of a farmer who died in a landslide that hit the village of Babuyan in Carrascal town, Surigao del Sur. — PHOTO COURTESY OF 36TH IB VALOR BATTALION

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STORY OF SOLDIER LOVERS

LOVE BLOSSOMS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

By Julie Alpala
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BAGUIBAYAN, SULTAN Kudarat—A day before lovers celebrated Valentine's Day, not widely on Wednesday, two soldiers became engaged, not in a fancy restaurant or an upscale resort but in the middle of a battlefield.

Soldiers from the Army's 33rd Infantry "Makabayan" Battalion were searching for communist rebels in the mountains of Sarac 2 in Barangay Tardok here when Pvt. Christine Porecaddilla, 26, the platoon's medic had the surprise of her life.

"It was a long walk. We were all exhausted, so we slumped down for a break," Porecaddilla said. Suddenly he came kneeling in front of me and I looked up to see the whole team holding papers which read "Will you marry me?"

She was describing how Cpl. Denemar Albani, 27, the platoon's radio man, was proposing marriage.

Overwhelmed, she could not utter a single word even as Albani was already holding her hands.



SUCCESS Cpl. Denemar Albani exults after Pvt. Christine Porecaddilla accepted his marriage proposal in this photo shared by Col. Harold Cabunoc, 33rd Army Infantry Battalion commander.

Just nodded

"It was like 'Oh my God, is this true?'" Porecaddilla said. "I just nodded."

"It was the happiest day in my life in combat operation," she added.

Porecaddilla, who hails from Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat, first caught Albani's eye as early as 2014, when she was a new member of the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu) in her province. She was then pursuing a bachelor of science degree in criminology and after Cafgu class, she would report straight to the barracks for duty.

"I saw her there and I love everything about her," recalled Albani, a native of Zamboanga City.

"She always makes me smile," he said. "She jokes a lot. She's very thoughtful. I was touched by her honesty, so I gave her a chocolate, a bar of Snickers."

Porecaddilla said Albani's chocolate gift was "just a token of friendship." But she admitted she was already drawn to him. "He's so handsome."

Year without communication

When Albani was assigned

to another place, they had no contact for one year.

"We no longer had any communication. It was also difficult to establish any relationship at that time because the call of duty was so strong," Albani said. "I was deployed in Kinross and the last I heard from her was that she was at the town proper."

Porcadilla said she had thought he found another love. But no days after Valentine's Day last year, they saw each other again.

Albani and his team were instructed to secure a vehicle being used by new Army graduates.

"We escorted the truck. Our officers called them down for information and then there were two female soldiers. The other one had a familiar face and my heart leaped. I could hardly believe what I saw," Albani said.

It was Porcadilla, who had decided to join the Army.

"I thought I lost everything I felt for her when we lost communication for a long time. But when I saw her, I was determined to make her my wife," Albani said.

Platoon

So, on the eve of Valentine's Day, he asked his colleagues in the platoon to help him deliver his marriage proposal.

While they took a rest after hours of hiking in the mountains, Albani suddenly knelt in front of her and announced his intention.

The surprised medic could only smile and whisper her reply.

Hours later, the two showed up at the office of Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc 3rd, the commander, to ask for his guidance and approval.

"Oh my, my soldiers asked my consent for them to mar-

ry," Cabunoc posted on his social media account. "What shall I say?"

Request granted

Later, he wrote with amusement. "There you go, I signed it because you want it."

Cabunoc said both had completed all the requirements, including the Cenomar (certificate of no marriage), set forth before one could join the Army.

The couple had been together since last year when they were both assigned to the Special Reaction Platoon.

Cabunoc said Porcadilla was one of his snipers during a military encounter last year with members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters in Sitio Redad, Barangay Midpandacan, in Gen. SK Pandatun, Maguindanao.

He said she was tough even as she helped treat wounded enemies.

Tougher look

Porcadilla herself admitted that she looked tougher than Albani. "He's so fair. Laysan look more masculine than he," she said.

Her fellow soldiers used to tease her how she courted him when they got wind of their relationship. "No, I did not force him to marry me," she said, chuckling.

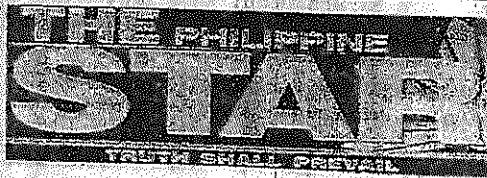
The woman has yet to get over her surprise how Albani chose the battlefield as site for his marriage proposal and in the middle of an operation.

The soldier-lovers are already bound on April 28.

But marriage might not end Porcadilla's life as a soldier.

"It's time to start a family and I would respect my future wife's decision if she wants to stay in the military," Albani said. "What is important is we love each other."

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Love in the time of counterinsurgency

By JOHN JINSON

ALBAN and Porecadiia are engaged to be married. The couple is planning to get married in Zamboanga City, Mindanao, in the next few months. The couple is planning to get married in Zamboanga City, Mindanao, in the next few months. The couple is planning to get married in Zamboanga City, Mindanao, in the next few months.

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They might think of NPA soldiers. It was an unexpected, heart-rending event. Something you can't expect to happen in an NPA-infested area. Cabunoc said.

Cabunoc said he immediately approved the application of Alban and Porecadiia for a mandatory military permit to marry after returning from a mission.

Cabunoc said he advised the couple to religiously comply with all the documentary requisites for their planned wedding soon.

Alban, an Army radioman hails from Zamboanga City while Porecadiia is from Bontolan, an agricultural town in Sultan Kudarat province.

That was one strange, apparently bizarre marriage proposal worth writing as part of the history of 33rd IB, Cabunoc said.

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7 NPAs, 3 Abu Sayyaf men yield to military in Mindanao

BY RAYMOND AFRICA

SEVEN New People's Army members and three Abu Sayyaf bandits surrendered to the military's Western Mindanao Command (Wesmincom) based in Zamboanga City the past two days because of relentless military offensives against the groups.

The seven NPA rebels surrendered to military troops in Maguindanao last Monday. They were identified as Godus Sintaw, 36, Arnel Dimantukay, 21, Donie Diwan, 28, Ghagha Ansag, 25, Danilo M8ngkay, 25, Larry Ugalingan, 34, and Jimmy Ulangkaya, 34.

They turned over a 7.62mm M14 rifle, two M1 Garand rifles, a homemade M16 sniper rifle, a Springfield rifle, a Caliber .38

revolver, a hand grenade, and a landmine.

Since Jan. 1, 2017, troops have already facilitated the surrender of 146 NPA members in Wesmincom's area of operations. From January 1 to February 14 this year, 42 communist rebels surrendered.

The three Abu Sayyaf bandits surrendered Tuesday to the 4th Special Forces Battalion, Special Forces Regiment-Airborne, Special Operations Command in Barangay Banah in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

They were identified as Karim Abukbakar, Jimboy Abubakar Aidam, and Imran Arajan Abdulajidz who belonged to the group of ASG sub-leader Nurhassan Jamiri. They also surrendered an M16 rifle, a Garand rifle, and other war materiel.

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3 ASG, 7 Reds give up to AFP-Westmincom

By ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA

THREE members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and seven New People's Army (NPA) rebels surrendered to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom).

Westmincom spokesperson Capt. Jo Ann Petinglay said the ASG surrenderers identified as Karm Abubakar, Jimboy Abubakar Aidam and Imran Anjan Andulajak surrendered to troops of the 4th Special Forces Battalion, Special Forces Regiment Airborne, Special Operations Command in Bgy. Banah, Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, at 4:45 p.m. on February 13, 2018.

The trio turned in an M16A1 rifle, a Garand rifle and other war materiel.

Brig. Gen. Juvynax Dy, commander of the Joint Task Force Basilan, said the surrenderers are currently undergoing custodial debriefing at the headquarters of the 4SFBn in Bgy. Cabumbata, Isabela City.

Petinglay said that as of press time, the WMC already facilitated the surrender of 177 Abu Sayyaf members since 2017.

He said for this year alone, there are 19 Abu Sayyaf members who surrendered to the Joint Task Force area of responsibility.

Of this record, nine yielded to the military in Basilan, eight in Sultan and two in Lawa-Lawa.

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More soldiers to be deployed in Visayas

P. COLOD CITY – The Army's 3rd Infantry Division (3rd ID) is deploying an additional 18 soldiers to its units in Negros, Panay and Bohol.

Capt. Eduardo Precioso, 3rd ID public affairs office chief, said the soldiers completed a three-month Candidate Soldier and Jungle Warfare Mountain Operation course in Jamindan, Capiz.

Precioso said the soldiers would be deployed to various units, but a majority of them would compose the soon to be activated 94th Infantry Battalion (IB).

As earlier announced by 3rd ID commander Brig. Gen. Douch Dolma, the 1st IB in Mindanao would be deployed to Negros this month to help fight insurgency.

– Gilbert Bayoran

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Transgender solon now AFP reservist

By Francisco Tuyay

THE Defense Department on Valentine's Day swore in the country's first transgender lawmaker into the Armed Forces of the Philippines' reserve force.

Bataan Rep. Geraldine Roman took his oath before Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and was given the rank of lieutenant colonel of the Philippine Army Reserve Force.

Armed Forces Chief Rey Leonardo Guerrero and other officials from the three branches of the military witnessed Roman's oath-taking at the Defense Department's Hall of Flags.

Before his entry to the reserve force, Roman filed an application expressing his willingness to join the military, which was approved.

He is an advocate of the revival of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for grades 1 and 2.

Roman expressed support for the corps during last year's ROTC Corps Commanders' Summit and Senior Reservists Commanders Conference in Camp Aguinid.

He thanked the AFP for allowing people like him, a representative from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, to apply for the Philippine Army Reserve Corps.

He will now have to report to the Army corps to fulfill his duties and responsibilities in the reserve force.

Roman will also be participating in various military activities, including potential deployment in times of war and humanitarian missions.

"War and disaster do not recognize gender; they affect everybody and everyone must defend and serve our communities," Roman said.

Acid from Roman, two other lawmakers—Reps. Edwin Mariano Quechan of Northern Samar and Divina Grace Val of Zamboanga del Sur's 1st District also took their oath as lieutenant colonels in the Army's Reserve Force.

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Unang transgender solon sumapi sa AFP-reservist

Sumapi na sa Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserve Force si Bataan Rep. Geraldine Roman, ang kaunaunahang transgender na Kongresista.

Si Roman ay pormal na nanumpa bilang Reserve Officer ng AFP nitong Wiyernes kay Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana sa ginanap na seremonya sa Hall of Flags ng Department of National Defense.

Ayon kay Lorenzana, si Roman ay ginawaran ng rangong Lt. Colonel sa pagpapalitan sa Philippine Army Reserve Force.

Pinangunahan naman ni Lorenzana ang doning mga ranks at oath taking ceremony sa dalubhan ng AFP, Chief of Staff Gen. Benigno Aquino III, sa pagpapalitan ng rangong Lt. Colonel sa pagpapalitan sa Philippine Army Reserve Force.

Una nang transgender na Roman ang sumali sa AFP Reserve Force noong Pebrero 2017 na pinasabayan ng AFP sa pagpapalitan sa ulat mula sa LGBT Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender community na nagsasabing sa militar, *Joy Santos*.

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COPS SOLDIERS AS MEMBERS

DENR TO FORM NEW BUREAU TO ENFORCE ENV'T LAWS

BAGUIO CITY—Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu on Wednesday said he would form a bureau to enforce environmental laws with the assistance of personnel from the military, police and National Bureau of Investigation and government prosecutors.

Cimatu said the task force on illegal mining that was launched here would be the precursor of his proposed environmental protection and management bureau.

Pointers

He said the bureau would be empowered to arrest and prosecute violators and confiscate and destroy structures and equipment used to pollute the environment.

The National Task Force Mining Challenge formed on Jan. 25 to stop illegal mining nationwide, tried the opening salvo on Saturday with the closure of 18 pocket mines in areas near the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) here.

"The Department of Environment and Natural Resources lacks enforcement. We have laws but we have a hard time implementing them," said Cimatu, who accompanied the task force, headed by Undersecretary Rodolfo Garcia, in blasting

mine tunnels in Barangay Kias near PMA.

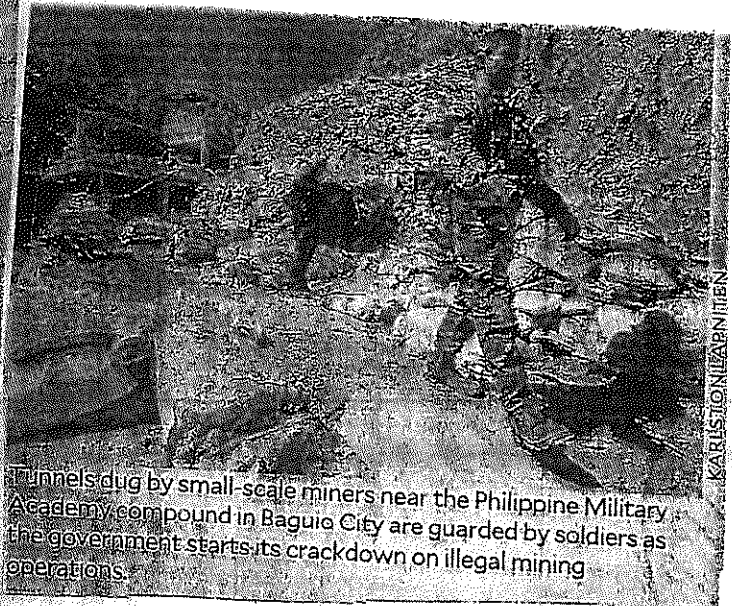
Families who operated these mines protested the closure. Arnold Papay Sr., a member of the Papay clan, said the tunnels were within their land claim that dated back to 1940. He said only eight tunnels were being used when the task force closed their operations.

Minahang Bayan

According to him, the claim has filed an application to operate a Minahang Bayan but it has yet to be approved by the government. A Minahang Bayan is a designated zone where small-scale miners may operate and where environmentally sensitive mineral processing facilities may be installed.

Although the Mines and Geosciences Bureau has processed 79 Minahang Bayan applications for the Cordillera, including Benguet province, none has been approved.

Garcia, who also heads the pollution adjudication board, said the crackdown on illegal mining was meant to preserve the environment and to prevent operators of these mines from financing the activities of the New People's Army. —**KARLSTON LAPNITEN AND KIMBERLIE QUITASOLINO**



Tunnels dug by small-scale miners near the Philippine Military Academy compound in Baguio City are guarded by soldiers as the government starts its crackdown on illegal mining operations.

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Abu Sayyaf men seize government engineer

BARANGAY CITY (PNA) - A government engineer was abducted by Abu Sayyaf and ASG members in the

province of Sulu, the military reported Wednesday. Brig Gen Cirilo Soberana, Joint Task Force Sulu commander, identified

the victim as Enrico Nee of the Department of Public Works and Highways in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DPWH-ARMM).

Soberana said Nee, who belonged to the 1st engineering district, was seized at around 7:45 a.m. Wednesday in Barangay San Raymundo, Jolo, Sulu.

Soberana said the team was waiting for a vehicle approximately 20 meters away from his residence when a lone gunman approached and at gunpoint forced him to board a waiting Bamarr-type jeep.

He said the jeep sped off towards Barangay Aming, Pakil, municipality.

The incident may be part of the express kidnaping of the ASG to get

ransom payment and sustain their terrorist activities, he added.

He said rescue operation was immediately launched by the Joint Task Force Sulu and the police forces in the province.

"We already recovered the getaway vehicle and closely tracking the escape route of the ASG," Soberana said.

"We are appealing to the public to immediately inform us on any monitored hostile plans of the ASG so that we can take immediate appropriate action," he added citing the public should be aware that security is everybody's responsibility.

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New pension plan for soldiers, cops set

By Ben O-de Vera
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The government plans to collect contribution payments from active military and police personnel for their future pension benefits as the Duterte administration moves to the ballooning disbursements to retired officers.

Budget Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno told reporters yesterday that the new pension system for uniformed personnel to be supervised by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) could be established before the end of this year.

In the case of existing pension-

ers, he said, the government would honor their contracts and retain the current system.

At present, pension benefits of uniformed personnel increase alongside the salary hikes being enjoyed by those in active service.

For those in active service, "we will ask them to contribute," Diokno said.

Asked if the military and police were consulted about it, Diokno replied, "They understand that they have to contribute."

As for new entrants to the service, Diokno said they would be placed under the new pension system to be run by the GSIS separate from its existing

fund for government personnel.

The new pension fund for uniformed personnel will be partly funded by proceeds from the planned development of 100 military properties with private sector partners, Diokno said.

"We will not sell" military land, Diokno said, citing prior bad experiences when the state-run Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) sold land belonging to former military bases.

GSIS president and general manager Jesus Clint Aranas earlier told the Inquirer that they were open to managing a new pension scheme for newly installed uniformed personnel

who could not access existing rates as the indexation of benefits that they currently enjoyed would be unsustainable for the pension fund.

"We're very welcome to that. It's just that if we were going to take over the fund of the pensioners of the uniformed personnel, we would like to enroll the newly hired and commissioned officers not the existing ones because we cannot afford it," Aranas said in an interview last December.

Aranas noted that at present, uniformed personnel enjoy indexation of benefits, which means that even when

they retire, they still get increases in benefits similar to what active members receive.

"The GSIS fund cannot support that. It is not sustainable for us. First, they have not contributed to us, so it will be very hard for them to come in the middle of the game wherein there were no contributions made to us and then we'll be subjected to a contract where even our existing members and pensioners are affected," he said.

As for a new system for incoming uniformed personnel, Aranas said that despite the "high risks," the GSIS was open to man-

aging a separate fund for them.

"The terms may be different because they are high risk. They have high-risk premium—they retire at 55 and are very fit. They will enjoy their pension for a long time but will contribute for a short period because they retire early, and they don't die young," he noted.

"It's not that we want them to die young, what I'm saying is that the fund [for uniformed personnel] may not be sustainable and if ever we're going to do that, we're going to separate the fund from the other funds we are holding, otherwise, the other funds will be affected," he added. INQ

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Abu bandits kidnap Sulu engineer

BY ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits snatched a district engineer in Sulu yesterday.

Enrico Nee of the Department of Public Works and Highways-Aviation omnicore Region in Muslim Mindanao Sulu first district engineering office was taken at around 7:45 a.m. near his house in Barangay Kasalamatan, Jolo Senior Subcommander Mario Buyucan of the Sulu police said.

Nee was walking for a bicycle some 20 meters away from his house and around 15 meters away from a police outpost when he was taken at gunpoint. The suspects forced the driver to drive the vehicle that

sped toward Barangay Anuling Patikul, Buyucan said.

Police units in Jolo conducted pursuit operations while the military set up checkpoints to prevent the suspects from escaping.

Brig. Gen. Crispin Sobejana, Joint Task Force Sulu commander, said the getaway vehicle of the suspects has been recovered.

"We will not stop until the victims and all other kidnap victims of the Abu Sayyaf are safely recovered," Sobejana said.

He sought the cooperation of concerned local government

units and residents to rescue the hostages.

The Abu Sayyaf is still holding a Dutch man, three Indonesians, a Vietnamese and four other Filipinos in the mountains of Sulu.

3 surrender, 1 held

In Basilan, three Abu Sayyaf bandits surrendered to the military in Tupo-Tupo town on Tuesday.

Karim Abubakar, Jimboy Abubakar, Aldam and Imran Arayan Abdulaudz turned over two rifles - an M16 and a Carand - to personnel of the 4th Special Forces Battalion in Barangay Banah, Brig. Gen. Gervacio Uy, Joint Task Force Basilan commander, said.

The bandits are followers of sub-leader Nurhassan Januri.

The military said 177 bandits have surrendered in Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi since last year.

Rocco Haman, with aliases of Ruco Isdad and Hamado Hadjula, and tagged in the kidnapping of Golden Harvest Plantation workers in Lantawan, Basilan in 2001, was arrested in this city on Tuesday.

The arrest was based on warrants for kidnapping and serious illegal detention issued by Basilan Regional Trial Court Branch 1 Judge Leo Jay Principe.

Haman is the 10th Abu Sayyaf bandit arrested in connection with the kidnapping of Golden Harvest workers since January.

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Rebellion raps poised on Maute sons' widow

By Rev. E. Requiao

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has submitted a complaint against the former Maute widow, Mrs. Martina Elyana, for alleged rebellion. The widow is the wife of one of the leaders of the Maute group, who was killed in a military operation in Marawi City. The widow is accused of harboring and assisting the rebels. The DOJ panel has given the complainant sufficient time to submit additional evidence, but they are not present today. So we will rule, the investigating fiscal stressed.

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evidence which could back their complaint. "So it's their turn now to submit a counter affidavit. But they decided not to file because we have initial finding on the highest level of insufficiency of evidence. So this case is now submitted to (sic) decision," Ong said, noting they already ruled that the case was not in-questable.

The offense was committed several months before the arrest of the lady. At the time she lady was arrested, she was not committing any offense, she was not about to commit any offense, she has not committed an offense. So it is not in-questable," Ong explained.

Ong said the DOJ panel had given the complainant sufficient time to submit additional evidence, but failed to do so.

"They were duly notified but they are not present today. So we will rule," the investigating fiscal stressed.

Najiva was arrested on Jan. 23, 2018 in Cotabato City.

The complaint was based on the testimony of a certain Martino Elyana who was abducted in Padian, Marawi City.

Elyana said he saw Najiva and her husband, Mohammadhayan, "Orin" Manic bringing food to members of the group at the Ba' Masjid in June 2017.

Elyana said he managed to escape the Maute camp in July 2017.

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ASG strikes again, kidnaps DPWH-ARMM engineer

By Francisco Tuvay

After months of killing the terrorist Abu Saif Group's main enemy as it forcibly recruited an engineer of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The latest kidnap victim was identified as engineer Enrico Nee, assigned at the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao DPWH 1st District Engineering Office in Sulu.

Brig. Gen. Cirilino Sobejana, commander of Joint Task Force Sulu, reported that Nee was taken at gunpoint by an undetermined number of armed men believed to be ASG bandits on board a black and red hamaraw-type jeep at about 7:45 am, Wednesday.

Sobejana said the team was waiting for a vehicle some 20 meters away from his residence when an unidentified person, one of the occupants of the suspects' vehicle, approached and forcibly took him. Reports said the bandits fled towards the direction of Baramau, Anuling, Patikul, Sulu.

"The incident may be part of the express kidnapping of the ASG to get ransom payment and sustain their terror activities," Sobejana said.

Shortly after the incident, the JTF Sulu alerted all its checkpoints to intercept the suspects and safely recover the victim, even as a massive rescue effort is also undertaken by the JTF and police units in Sulu.

Hours later, military units patrolling at the perimeter of the kidnapping incident, recovered the getaway vehicle of the suspects and tracked a potential escape route.

"We will not stop our rescue efforts until all kidnap victims are recovered safely. We also involved local government units (LGUs) in our campaign against all forms of terrorism here in the province of Sulu," Sobejana said.

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Abu Sayyaf member, nalambak

ZAMBOANGA CITY - Nalambak ng pulisya ang isang miyembro ng Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) na nahanap sa pakung-patong na kasong kriminal kabilang ang kidnapping at serious illegal detention, nitong Lunes ng hapon.

Nalambak ni Zamboanga Pen-

insula Police director Chet Saop. Billy Beltran ang akasadong si Romeo Haman, may mga alyas na Rudo Hamar, Isaac Hamador, Hachila, 38, bumata, ng Barangay Lalon-Lalon.

Siva ay inaresto ng Sultanman Police sa kagang 4:20 ng hapon.

Inihayag ni Beltran na nadakip si Haman sa bisa ng warrant of arrest sa kasong kidnapping at serious illegal detention, na nakabumbin pa rin sa sala ni Judge Lep Jay Principe, ng Regional Trial Court Branch 1, 9th Judicial Region, Isabela, Basilan.

Ang pagkakadaaresto kay Haman ay kaugnay ng naganap na kidnapping incident sa Golden Harvest Plantation sa Taran, Lantawan, Basilan noong Hunyo 11, 2001.

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DPWH engineer dinagit ng Sayyaf

INAALING ng pulisya sa Jolo ang kamulang pulisya kasama ng pangkat ng saansang engineer ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) ng mga kasap ng cronstang Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) sa Sulu.

Sa buhay na impropiyasyon na ipinamangag ng Camp Crane ng Jolo Municipal Police, bandang alas-ense ng unang kahapon nang sundan ang pagdugtong sa bukmang si Ennco Nee na

kasama sa ist District Engineering Office ang DPWH sa Sulu na nasa ilalim ng Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Dinukot ang bikimang babang ito sa Upper San Raymundo, Jolo na nag-aalalang ng masasayang mayroon di-kalayaan sa karayang bahay na 15 metro lamang ang layo mula sa police outpost sa lugar.

Napag-ataman na inilapitan ng mga armadong kalalakihan at

saka amurakan ng barnang bikima, isinakay sa ilim at pulang Tamara na sasakyan pangongong Brgy Anuling, Patikal.

Agad naman itong kumumpirma sa Joint Task Force Sulu Commander Brig Gen Cirilo Sobejana kung saan sinabi nitong nagpapatuloy ang pursuit operation ng kamulang tropa kasama ang pulisya laban sa mga kidnapper upang ma-rescue ang bikima.

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Case filed vs Maute leader's wife submitted for resolution

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Najiya Karon-Maute was the widow of Mohammad Khayyam Maute, one of the Maute brothers who led the siege of Marawi City on May 23, 2017. (Photo from CIDG-ARMM)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has submitted for resolution the criminal case filed against the wife of one of the slain leaders of the Maute terror group.

During Wednesday's preliminary investigation, Najiya Dilangalen Karon-Maute opted not to submit her counter-affidavit on the allegations of the Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines-The Judge Advocate General (AFP-TJAG).

The DOJ earlier ordered Najiya's release for further investigation after the complainants failed to submit additional evidence. The allegations against Najiya were based on the testimony of a certain Martino Elyana abducted in Padian, Marawi City. Elyana said he saw Najiya and her husband Mohammadhayan "Otto" Maute bringing food to members of the group at the Bato Mosque on June, 2017. He said he escaped the Maute lair on July 2017.

Najiya was arrested on Jan. 23, 2018 in Cotabato City.

The DOJ Task Force Marawi chaired by Senior Assistant State Prosecutor Peter L. Ong said aside from the statement of Elyana, the military and the police failed to present additional evidence to support the allegation. /je

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Abu Sayyaf bandits seize DPWH engineer in Sulu

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ZAMBOANGA CITY – Suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits snatched a government engineer as the victim was leaving his house in Barangay Upper San Raymundo in Jolo town in Sulu province around 8 a.m. Wednesday

Senior Superintendent Mario Buyucan, Sulu police director, identified the victim as Enrico Nee, an engineer of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) detailed in Sulu.

"Initial investigation revealed that the victim was about to leave his house in Upper San Raymundo, Jolo, Sulu going for work at the DPWH when taken by the abductors," Buyucan said.

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He said the suspects fled with Nee on a "Tamaraw type" vehicle towards the direction of Barangay Abuling in the adjoining town of Patikul.

Brigadier General Cirilito Sobejana, commanding officer of the Joint Task Force Sulu, said a pursuit operation had been launched to rescue Nee, a drill supervisor at the DPWH.