

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



**TEAM ARMY**

**Serving the people. Securing the land.**

**oacpa.army2012@gmail.com**  
**OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**NEWS CLIPPINGS**

**31 January 2018**

**Wednesday**

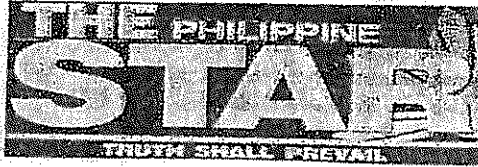
*Army Core Purpose: Serving the people. Securing the land.*

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### 31 JANUARY 2018

PAGE NR.	TITLE	WRITER	NEWSPAPER
1	Weather Forecast	-	Phil Star p.1
<b>HEADLINES NEWS</b>			
2-3	Maute Doctor faces charges	Reyes Requejo	Mla Standard p.A1
4-6	Rody can suspend deputy ombudsman'	Edu Punay	Phil Star p.1
<b>ARMY RELATED NEWS</b>			
7	Photo: Soldier give snack to student	Victor Martin	Phil Star p.14
8	Photo: to the Rescue	Alvin Kasiban	Mla Bulletin p.1
9	Photo	Malacañang Photo	Malaya p.B6
10	Du30 visits wounded soldier in Davao	Efren Montano	P Tonight p.1
11	Duterte asks Muslims to help in fight vs terror	Jocelyn Montemayor	Malaya p.B6
12	Six NPA propaganda unit cadres yield to military	Francisco Tuyay	Mla Standard p.A6
13	Seven NPAs Surrender	Franco Regala	Mla Bulletin p.6
14	7 more NPA members surrender to military	Mario Mallari	D Tribune p.3
15	13 NPAs surrender in Pampanga, Surigao	Raymond Africa	Malaya p.B2
16	2 Abus surrender in Sulu	Noynoy E Lacson	Tempo p.1
17	2 more ASG fighters yield in Sulu	Noynoy E Lacson	Mla Bulletin p.12
18	Allege corruption leads to surrender of more NPA	Mike Crismundo	Mla Bulletin p.12
<b>AFP RELATED NEWS</b>			
19	Joma Sison binara ng youth group	-	Remate p.1
20	54 Maute kinasuhan ng DOJ	Doris Franche- Borja	Ngayon p.1
21	Maute Doctor indicate	Edu Punay	Phil Star p.14
<b>NEWS EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY</b>			
22	Postwar friendship between two soldier	Ambeth R Ocampo	PDI p.A11
<b>ONLINE NEWS</b>			
23	Duterte leads groundbreaking of new military camp in Marawi	PND	www.pna.gov.ph
24	2 senior Army officers promoted to major generals	Priam Nepomuceno	www.pna.gov.ph
25-26	PRRD lauds bravery, sacrifices of wounded soldiers	PND	www.pna.gov.ph

31 January 2018



Page: 14

**THE PHILIPPINE STAR**  
TRUST SHALL PREVAIL

**1234 NEWS**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
11AM & 5PM

**PILIPINAS HD**  
WEEKDAYS  
4AM, 5:30 PM & 8PM  
WEEKENDS  
4AM

**1234**  
MAGNETIC FIELD NEWS

**Panahon TV**

ETDUNCE	MAGNET	1234 NEWS	1234 NEWS
6:26 AM	5:54 PM	5:42 PM	5:50 AM

**LOW TIDE**      **HIGH TIDE**

**MANILA SOUTH HARBOR**

5:45 AM 1/31/2018  
5:31 PM 1/31/2018

**TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST JANUARY 31, 2018 | WEDNESDAY**

**NORTHEAST MONSOON AFFECTING NORTHERN LUZON**  
on or after 5:00 am - January 30, 2018

<b>LAGUNA CITY</b> 22 - 28 °C	<b>TUGUEGARAO CITY</b> 21 - 27 °C
<b>BAGUIO CITY</b> 15 - 21 °C	
<b>30MA/CLARK</b> 24 - 31 °C	<b>METRO MANILA</b> 23 - 30 °C
<b>TAGAYTAY CITY</b> 19 - 27 °C	<b>LEGAZPI CITY</b> 26 - 30 °C
<b>ILOILO/BACLOD CITY</b> 25 - 31 °C	<b>TACLOBAN CITY</b> 23 - 31 °C
<b>PUERTO PRINCESA</b> 25 - 30 °C	<b>METRO CEBU</b> 25 - 30 °C
	<b>CAGAYAN DE ORO</b> 23 - 32 °C
<b>ZAMBOANGA CITY</b> 24 - 32 °C	<b>METRO DAVAO</b> 26 - 33 °C

EXTENDED WEATHER FORECAST	FEB 1 THU	FEB 2 FRI	FEB 3 SAT	EXTENDED WEATHER FORECAST	FEB 1 THU	FEB 2 FRI	FEB 3 SAT
<b>METRO MANILA</b>	23 °C 31 °C	24 °C 31 °C	24 °C 30 °C	<b>PUERTO PRINCESA</b>	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 32 °C	25 °C 33 °C
<b>TUGUEGARAO</b>	20 °C 27 °C	22 °C 28 °C	22 °C 28 °C	<b>ILOILO/BACLOD</b>	26 °C 30 °C	26 °C 30 °C	26 °C 30 °C
<b>LADAG</b>	23 °C 28 °C	22 °C 29 °C	23 °C 29 °C	<b>METRO CEBU</b>	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 31 °C
<b>BAGUIO</b>	15 °C 22 °C	16 °C 22 °C	15 °C 23 °C	<b>TACLOBAN</b>	24 °C 30 °C	24 °C 30 °C	24 °C 31 °C
<b>30MA/CLARK</b>	24 °C 30 °C	24 °C 30 °C	25 °C 30 °C	<b>CAGAYAN DE ORO</b>	23 °C 31 °C	23 °C 30 °C	24 °C 31 °C
<b>TAGAYTAY</b>	19 °C 27 °C	20 °C 28 °C	20 °C 28 °C	<b>METRO DAVAO</b>	25 °C 32 °C	25 °C 31 °C	25 °C 31 °C
<b>LEGAZPI</b>	25 °C 31 °C	26 °C 30 °C	25 °C 30 °C	<b>ZAMBOANGA</b>	24 °C 32 °C	24 °C 32 °C	24 °C 33 °C

Partly cloudy to at times cloudy with rainshowers

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

Cloudy skies with rainshowers and/or thunderstorms

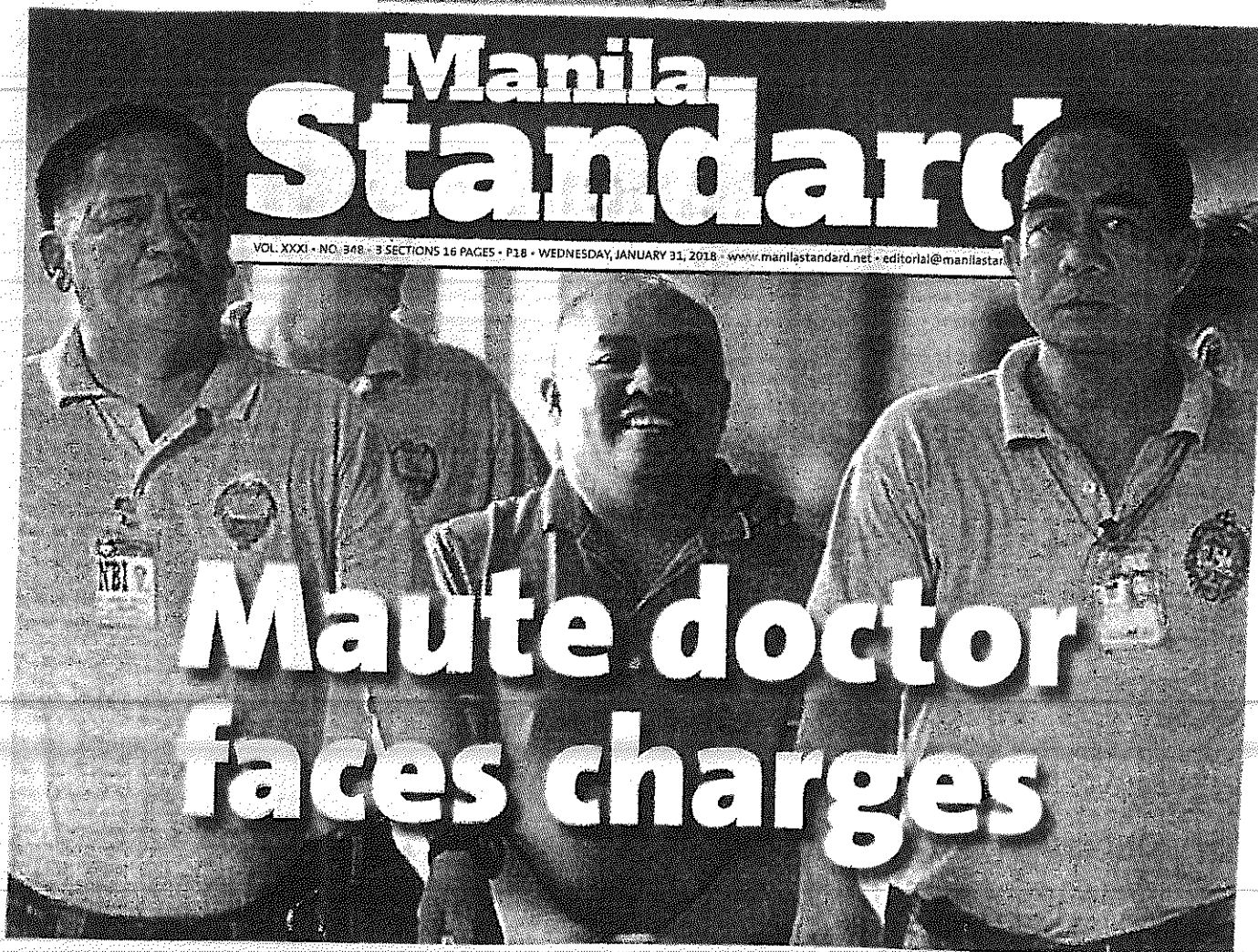
Light rain



31 January 2018

Manila  
**Standard**

Page: A1



**SALIC, 53 MORE CHARGED.** The Department of Justice has filed criminal charges against 54 suspected Maute members, including Dr. Russel Langi Salic (center) before a regional trial court in Lanao del Sur. The 54 are suspected of being members of the Maute terrorist group. The DoJ filed four counts of kidnapping and serious illegal detention and two counts of kidnapping and serious illegal detention with murder against the 54.

## *Justice files kidnap-murder raps vs CDO surgeon, 53 other Maute*

By Rey E. Requejo

**T**HE Justice Department has filed criminal charges before a regional trial court in Lanao del Sur against 54 suspected Maute group members, including a doctor linked to the Islamic State-inspired terrorist group for their involvement in the abduction and beheading of sawmill workers in 2016. 2

OFFICE OF THE ARMY CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Email add: oacpa.army2012@gmail.com – Tel no. (02) 845-9555 Local: 5285, 5295

The DoJ filed four counts of kidnapping and serious illegal detention as well as murder before the Malabang, Lanao del Sur Regional Trial Court, Branch 11, against Dr. Russel Langi Salic and 53 other people suspected of being members of the Maute terrorist group.

“Criminal liability exists notwithstanding non-participation in every detail in the execution of the crime... Where conspir-

acy has been established, it is unnecessary to pinpoint who among the accused inflicted the fatal blow... The inaction of a respondent where he could have prevented the crime only reveals his complicity,” said a Dec. 12 resolution signed by Senior Assistant State Prosecutor Peter Ong released to the media Tuesday.

Acting Prosecutor General Jorge

Next page

## Maute...

From A1

Catalan and OIC-Senior Deputy State Prosecutor Amor L. Robles approved the resolution recommending the indictment of Salic and 53 other suspected Maute members.

The cases stemmed from the complaints of Gabriel Tomatao Permis, Alfredo Sarsalejo Cano-os, Esperanza Permis, Adonis Antipisto Mendez, and Julito Permis Janubas who were all abducted by the Maute group while they were working in a sawmill in Butig, Lanao del

Sur on April 4, 2016

Two of their co-workers identified by the authorities as Jaymart Capangpangan and Salvador Janubas were beheaded six days after the kidnapping.

The complainants alleged that Salic was with the Maute terror group members who abducted them.

The complainants also claimed that they also saw Salic talking with Cayamora and Farhana Maute, the parents of the leaders of the Maute group.

Salic has been detained at an NBI cell in Manila since April this year. Salic has denied the allegation, saying that on the date

cited by the complainants, he was working as a resident physician at the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City.

He said on April 5, 2016, he attended the 26th Philippine Orthopedic Association Mid-Year Convention in Palawan and that he returned to Cagayan de Oro City on April 10 of the same year.

In the resolution, the DoJ prosecutor ruled that after a review and evaluation of the evidence submitted by both parties, found probable cause exists to indict Salic and the other respondents.

3) January 2018



Page: 1

# 'Rody can suspend deputy ombudsman'

By EDU PUNAY

Solicitor General Jose Calida yesterday defended the legality of the suspension order issued by the Office of the President (OP) against Overall Deputy Ombudsman Melchor Arthur Carandang.

In a statement, Calida said the President has the authority to discipline a deputy ombudsman despite existing jurisprudence saying otherwise.

"The Constitution is clear that only the ombudsman is subject to impeachment proceedings. While silent as to the disciplinary authority over a deputy ombudsman, the subsequent enactment of the Ombudsman Act filled this gap and expressly granted the authority to the President," Calida explained, stressing that the President, being the appointing authority, has the inherent power to discipline a deputy ombudsman.

"The Supreme Court (SC)

has held that the power to discipline is lodged in the same authority in whom the power to appoint is vested," Calida pointed out.

Citing the opinion of Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio in the similar case of former deputy ombudsman for the military and other law enforcement offices Emilio Gonzales III, the solicitor general said the independence of the Office of the Ombudsman is not the same as the independence provided to other government bodies such as the judiciary.

Carpio, however, dissented in the SC ruling on Gonzales'

Turn to Page 8

4



## Rody From Page 1

case in 2014, which had taken away the disciplinary power of the president over the deputy ombudsman post.

Voting 8-7, the high court ruled that the administrative authority being exercised by the OP over the position of deputy ombudsman is unconstitutional.

The SC specifically voided Section 8(2) of the Ombudsman Act of 1989, which grants the president the power to remove a deputy ombudsman.

Gonzales was dismissed in 2011 by then president Benigno Aquino III over the bloody hostage-taking incident at Rizal Park on Aug. 23, 2010, but was later reinstated by the SC.

In the case of Carandang, Duterte has ordered his suspension for 90 days for making public documents related to the President's bank accounts.

Carandang said the documents came from the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), but the latter denied being the source.

### 'Immediately executory'

Malacañang is keen on implementing the 90-day suspension of Carandang despite questions raised on the power of the President to suspend him.

"Without the (temporary restraining order) from the court, it is immediately executory," said presidential spokesman Harry Roque in a press briefing in Lanao del Sur yesterday.

"We will implement the order. If he wants to go to court because I understand he is

saying it is unconstitutional, let him, but we will not go to court because our reading is the Office of the President has the power to dismiss," Roque said.

Meanwhile, chief presidential legal counsel Salvador Panelo also defended the Palace move and accused Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV of "maliciously" misleading the public by describing the "lawful actions of the President" against Carandang.

"While the Constitution does provide for the independence of the ombudsman, the Constitution also provides for the effective system of 'checks and balances,' which is a hallmark of our democratic government and ensures the proper accountability of public officers," Panelo said.

Panelo stressed that Section 8 (2) of Republic Act 6770, or the Ombudsman Act, provides that "a deputy, or the special prosecutor, may be removed from office by the President for any of the grounds provided for the removal of the ombudsman, and after due process."

"Public office is a public trust and accordingly, those who abuse such trust must be held accountable. No one is exempt from taking responsibility for their misdeeds, let alone ODO Carandang," he said.

"Neither may ODO Carandang conveniently hide under the shield of the requirement of an impeachment because the Constitution is clear, for purposes of removal from public office only applies to the ombudsman herself, and

does not extend to her deputies," Panelo said.

Panelo also described as "wantonly malicious and deceitful nature of the act of ODO Carandang in disclosing confidential information related to President Duterte's alleged bank transactions reaching P1 billion is a violation of Section 3 (e) of Republic Act No. 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corruption Act."

Panelo reiterated that Carandang's actions violated Section 3 (k) of the same Republic Act in relation to Section 2, Rule V of the Ombudsman Administrative Order No. 7 for "divulging valuable information of a confidential character, acquired by his office or by him on account of his official position to unauthorized persons."

Panelo also maintained that Carandang's actions "demonstrate that he is unfit to hold office in the esteemed Office of the Ombudsman or any public office for that matter."

"No one is above the law and those that break it will be held responsible; hence the suspension," Panelo added.

### **Palace cover-up possible — minority senators**

Senators from the minority bloc yesterday warned the suspension of Carandang could be part of the Duterte administration's attempts to cover up the truth on alleged corrupt activities of its officials.

Meanwhile, Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales remained mum on the suspension of her deputy.

"No comment," Morales told reporters at the Senate, where she attended the hearing on proposals to improve

the retirement package of employees of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Sens Paolo Benigno Aquino IV, Risa Hontiveros and Francis Pangilinan condemned the filing of charges and the 90-day suspension imposed on Carandang.

"It is critical that the Office of the Ombudsman remains independent and free from intimidation when investigating elected officials," Aquino said in a statement.

He added that Carandang should be allowed to pursue his investigation on alleged hidden wealth of government officials.

Pangilinan said Malacañang's move could be taken as preventing the truth from coming out.

"It appears that (the suspension) is just pressure against an official who just wants transparency among government officials, especially if it involves the highest leader of the government," he said.

Hontiveros wondered if the suspension meant Malacañang was actually confirming allegations of hidden wealth against President Duterte.

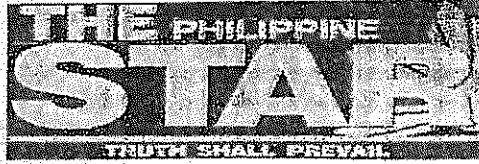
"But how can someone be guilty of 'divulging valuable information' and 'misuse of confidential information,' that, according to Malacañang, is fake?" she asked.

"By filing cases against Carandang, is Malacañang confirming the authenticity of the AMLC records in President Duterte's bank accounts?" Hontiveros added, referring to the Anti-Money Laundering Council.

— With Christina Mendez, Paolo Romero



31 January 2018



Page: 14



A soldier gives snacks to students waiting for their turn to perform during the Owag Shi Kayapa (Shout of Victory) Festival at the Kayapa Central School in Nueva Vizcaya yesterday. VICTOR MARTIN

31 January 2018

THE PHILIPPINE  
BIRUP  
YANG  
**MANILA BULLETIN**  
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 1



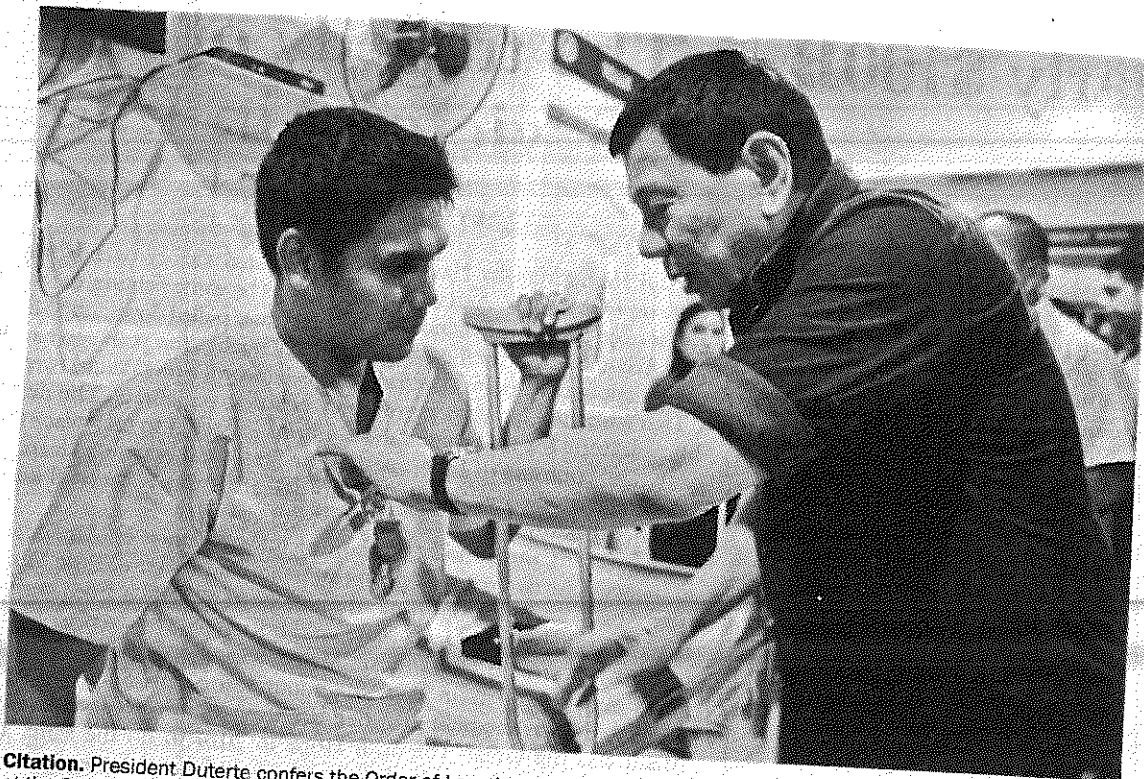
**TO THE RESCUE** – Stranded commuters avail of the free ride provided by military trucks deployed by the Inter-Agency Council on Traffic (I-ACT) between EDSA Kamuning and E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave. in Quezon City. The agency undertook another major crackdown on dilapidated jeepneys under its campaign 'Tanggap Bulok, Tanggal Usok' yesterday. (Alvin Kasiban)

31 January 2018

# Malaya

The National Newspaper

Page: 136

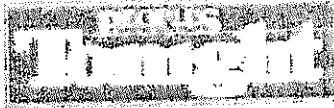


**Citation.** President Duterte confers the Order of Lapu-Lapu Kampilan Medal on Private First Class Ryan Millet during a visit at the Camp Panacan Station Hospital in Davao City. Millet was wounded in an encounter with members of the New People's Army in Paquibato, Davao City.

MALACANANG PHOTO



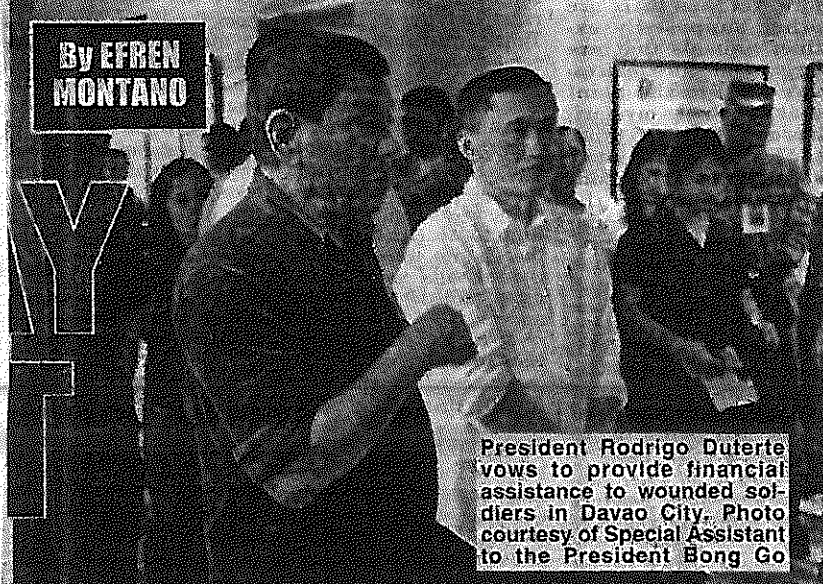
31 January 2018



Page. 1

# DU30 visits wounded soldiers in Davao

By EFREN MONTANO



President Rodrigo Duterte vows to provide financial assistance to wounded soldiers in Davao City. Photo courtesy of Special Assistant to the President Bong Go

**PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte on Monday visited soldiers in Davao City who were wounded in encounters against New People's Army rebels.** /Page 7

Reports said Duterte on Monday checked on the condition of soldiers recovering at Camp Panacan Station Hospital at the Naval Station Felix Apolinario and vowed to provide assistance.

Among the wounded soldiers visited by the President are Private First Class Ryan Millet and Gerardo Massalang, Corporal Joshua de Jesus and Julius Delima, and Staff Sergeant Julius Ledesma.

Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit Active Auxiliary Oligario Rollorata, Jimmy Gonzaga, and Edgar Delima also sustained injuries.

Duterte conferred upon the wounded soldiers the Order of Lapu-Lapu, Rank of Kampilan in honor of their service.

The soldiers also received financial assistance, a smartphone, and a gun.

10

31 January 2018

**Malaya**  
The National Newspaper

Page: 06

# Duterte asks Muslims to help in fight vs terror

**BY JOCELYN MONTEMAYOR**

PRESIDENT Duterte yesterday urged Muslim communities in Mindanao not to allow terrorism to thrive in the country as he vowed to ensure the continued availability of funds for the rehabilitation of war-torn Marawi City.

The President visited Marawi City anew, his first for the year, and led the groundbreaking for a new military camp in Barangay Kapantaran and the distribution of fund assistance and certificates of occupancy for shelter units in Barangay Sagonsongan.

The President said terrorists only know how to kill and destroy people.

"I beg of you not to allow them to enter (Mindanao)," he said as he reaffirmed his commitment to push for the passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law and the promote a shift to a federal form of government.

The President has repeatedly said

that federalism aims to correct the historical injustice committed against the Moros and to promote peace and development in Mindanao.

Marawi was the site of a five-month gun battle between government forces and the terrorist Maute Group which attacked by the city on May 26 last year. The attack prompted the declaration of martial law in the whole of Mindanao. Martial has been extended up to the end of the year for, among other, continued activities by terror groups, like recruitment.

During the visit, Duterte also inspected a 60-shelter unit in Bahay Pag-Asa Phase II Shelter Project in Barangay Minpaga, which is being built by the military with the Tarlac Heritage Foundation.

At least 60 families can be accommodated under the shelter project which is expected to be completed by February.

The President also led the turn-

over of some P15 million worth of assistance for Marawi City and Lanao del Sur province from the Land Bank of the Philippines, which was received by City Mayor Majul Usman Gandamra.

Duterte reassured the communities affected by the Marawi conflict that there would funds until the end of his term for the rehabilitation of the city.

"We will try to build a new city... kung gusto ninyo pagandahin ninyo ang Marawi (if you want, you can make Marawi beautiful)," he said.

Duterte also again thanked the soldiers and the police for their sacrifices and bravery in facing terrorists that resulted in their successful campaign against the Islamic state-inspired Maute Group.

He said the establishment of the new military camp in the city aims to strengthen government's campaign against terrorism and other enemies of the state.

||

31 January 2018

Manila  
**Standard**

Page: 16

## Six NPA propaganda unit cadres yield to military

By Francisco Tuyay

SIX members of the propaganda unit of the New People's Army, including a female cadre whose life in the underground movement became miserable as the military claimed, surrendered to authorities in Bislig City Tuesday.

The six NPA rebels were part of the Samahang Yunit Propaganda 3 of the Southern Mindanao Regional Committee that operates in the hinterlands of Surigao province.

Army Lt. Michael Pascua of the Civil Military Operations office identified the six NPA surrenderees as Jonathan Navarro, alias Rigor; Selbert Camarillo, alias Keneth; Edelberto Navarro, alias Joross; Merelena Navarro, alias Lhea; Joebert Camarillo, alias Rey and Jomar Camarillo, alias Roy.

Pascua said the rebel returnees voluntarily yielded to Army troopers of the 75th Infantry Battalion under Lt. Col. Jaime Datuin in Barangay Maharlika, Bislig City.

Lt. Pascua said aside from experiencing hardship, the NPAs also feared of possible engagement with government forces that prompted

them to yield and return to the mainstream society.

The rebels also brought along with them an AK47, a piece of M16 rifle, one improvised M14 rifle, a homemade shotgun, a unit of cal 357 pistol and two hand grenades.

The surrender of the six cadres came after their respective families persuaded them to resurface and avail the Comprehensive Local Integration Program of the government.

'The surrenderees were convinced by their families and through the continuous information and disseminations conducted by the unit in coordination with the LGU on the plans and programs of the government to return to the folds of the law,' Pascua said.

The latest surrender of NPA rebels came as the military increased its pace in hunting the rebels on orders of President Rodrigo Duterte following the collapse of peace talks with the communist.

Over a hundred rebels and a couple of soldiers have already died in various confrontation in the countryside after the military launched focused operations against the communists, prompting the President to label the NPA as a terrorist group.



31 January 2018



Page: 6

## Seven NPAs surrender

By **FRANCO G. REGALA**  
and **FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD**

**FORT MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija/  
CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City** — Seven communist New People's Army (NPA) terrorists operating in Arayat, Pampanga laid down their arms and surrendered to the military on Thursday belated reports confirmed yesterday.

The 7th Infantry Division (7ID) of the Philippine Army said the CPP-NPA terrorists or CNTs led by a certain Jun Manlapat, alias "Arlet," surrendered to the 48th Infantry (Guardian) Battalion and 7th Infantry (Kaugnay) Division.

Major General Felimon T. Santos Jr., 7ID commander, said that upon

their surrender at 6:30 a.m. last January 25, the CNTs also surrendered one .30-caliber rifle, one 9mm rifle, and five pistols.

"They are currently in Barangay Sta. Lucia, Sta. Ana, Pampanga, and would soon be moved to Camp Olivas in San Fernando City for a ceremony and giving of initial incentives," Santos assured.

He acknowledged the efforts of Pampanga Governor Lilia G. Pineda and Sta. Ana, Pampanga Mayor Norberto G. Gamboa for the surrender of the former members of the communist group as he expressed hope that more terrorist groups would lay down their arms and join the government.

13

71 January 2018



Page: 3

### **7 more NPA members surrender to military**

Seven more members of the New People's Army (NPA) voluntarily surrendered to the military in Pampanga yesterday. The seven rebel-returnees, led by Jun Manlapat, alias Arlet, gave themselves up to the Army's 48th Infantry Battalion (IB) under the 7th Infantry Division (ID), at around 6:30 a.m. Lt. Catherine Hapin, public affairs chief of the Army's 7th Infantry Division (ID), said that the former NPA rebels operated in Arayat town. "They voluntarily surrendered to the 48IB, together with their firearms — one caliber 30 rifle, one 9mm rifle and five pistols, through the efforts of Pampanga Governor Lilia Pineda and Sta. Ana, Pampanga Mayor Norberto Gamboa," Hapin said. The seven former NPA members are currently in Barangay Sta. Lucia, Sta. Ana, Pampanga before being moved to Camp Olivas in San Fernando City for a ceremony and giving of initial government incentives. "They are yet to be assessed for the government's Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP), which give benefits comprised of financial assistance, livelihood trainings and firearm remuneration," Hapin explained. Maj. Gen. Felimon Santos Jr., 7th ID commander, expressed optimism that more NPA rebels would surrender as he welcomed the seven former communists back to the folds of the law. He added that "it is far better to help our brothers go back to the folds of the law and be a partner in keeping the peace in our land." For his part, Lt. Col. Arnel Cabugon, commanding officer of the 48th IB, encouraged other NPA rebels to lay down their arms and live a free life. "Should they decide to do so, the 48IB will be more than willing to help and assist them," said Cabugon. Dozens of NPA rebels have surrendered to government authorities in various parts of the country since President Duterte tagged the NPA as a terrorist group last year.

**Mario J. Mallari**

3) January 2018

**Malaya**  
The National Newspaper

Page: B2

## 13 NPAs surrender in Pampanga, Surigao

THIRTEEN members of the New People's Army have surrendered to the military in Pampanga and Surigao del Sur.

Seven of the communist rebels gave themselves up yesterday to the Army's 48th Infantry Battalion under the 7th Infantry Division based in Sta. Ana town in Pampanga.

The seven were led by Jun Manlapat alias Arlet. They operated in Arayat town, said Lt. Catherine

Hapin, public affairs chief of the Army's 7th ID.

They brought with them a caliber .30 rifle, a 9mm rifle, and five pistols.

In Surigao del Sur, the six who surrendered on Monday were identified as Jonathan Navarro alias Rigor, Selbert Camarillo, Edelberto Navarro, Merelena Navarro, Joebert Camarillo, and Jomar Camarillo.

They turned over an AK-47 assault rifle, an M16A1 rifle, an im-

proved M14 rifle, a homemade shotgun, one cal.357 revolver and, two hand grenades.

"According to them, they experienced hunger, hardships in trekking mountains, fear of possible encounter with the government forces, plus the unbearable lies and deceptions of CPP/NPA leadership," said 1st Lt. Michael Pascua, information officer of the Army's 6th Infantry Division. —

*Raymond Africa*



31 January 2018



Page. 1

## 2 Abus surrender in Sulu

ZAMBOANGA CITY – Two Abu Sayaff terrorists surrendered to government troops in Sulu, Monday. Joint Task Force Sulu Commander, Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, identified them as Udat Mohammad Salam, 24, and Mustafa Salihin Ahajabi, 19. The two turned over an M16 rifle and a Garand rifle upon their surrender. They are currently undergoing custodial debriefing. **(Nonoy E. Lacson)**

16

31 January 2018

**MANILA BULLETIN**  
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 12

## 2 more ASG fighters yield in Sulu

BY NONGYE LACSON

ZAMBOANGA CITY - The wave of surrenderers from the embattled Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) continued with two more members yielding to the military in Sulu Monday.

The surrender of Udat Mohammad Salam, 24, and Mustafa Saluhin Ahajabi, 19, came just a few days after five of their colleagues gave up their arms to government troops.

Joint Task Force Sulu Commander Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said the two surrendered to Brig. Gen. Divino Rey Pabayo,

commander of the 101st Brigade, at 9 a.m. Monday.

Sobejana said "Salam and Ahajabi turned-over an M16 rifle and a Garand rifle as a gesture of their commitment to return to the fold of the law."

They are currently undergoing custodial debriefing facilitated by the troops and will be brought to the headquarters of the Joint Task Force Sulu (JTF Sulu) for debriefing, according to Sobejana.

On January 28, three other ASG members with high-powered firearms surrendered to the Philippine Marine Ready Fleet Sulu.

31 January 2018

**MANILA BULLETIN**  
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Page: 12

# Alleged corruption leads to surrender of more NPAs

**B. MIKE U. CRISMUNDO  
JOSEPH IURELAG**

**BUTUAN CITY** – Due to alleged corruption within the ranks of the New People's Army (NPA), an alleged commanding officer of the New People's Army (NPA) and five of his men surrendered to the 75th Infantry Battalion (75th IB) Monday morning in Surigao del Sur, claimed 25th IB commander Lt. Col. Jaime R. Datuin on Tuesday.

"(They surrendered) because they can no longer stomach the corruption inside the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP)-NPA organization where extorted money from the businesses and the people are only controlled by a few CPP-NPA leaders while the ordinary members go hungry and do not receive enough support from the leadership," claimed 25th IB commander Lt. Col. Jaime R. Datuin, in a statement sent to The Manila Bulletin on Tuesday.

In his report to Maj. Gen. Ronald C. Vilanueva, commanding general of the Army's Northeastern and Northern Mindanao Fourth Infantry (Diamond) Division, and Col. Andres C. Centino, commanding officer of the Army's 401st Infantry (Unity) Brigade, Datuin said Jonathan C. Navarro, alias "Ka Rigor," alleged commanding officer of the Sandatahang Yunit Pangpropaganda (SYP) Platoon, guerilla-Front Committee 3 of the CPP-NPA Northeastern Mindanao regional Committee (NEMRC) also turned in high-powered firearms, along with the weapons of his men.

These weapons included an AK47 rifle, an M16 ArmaLite rifle, improvised M14 rifles, a homemade shotgun, a cal-.357 Revolver, two hand grenades and assorted live bullets.

"These active NPAs have also gotten tired of the armed struggle that's why they decided to come down when I initially talked to them," Lt. Col. Datuin said.

Elsewhere in Mindanao, Col. Roberto Ancan, 1002nd Infantry Brigade commander, said the series of encounters between government forces and NPA rebels in the provinces of Sarangani and Davao Occidental the past weeks had forced local Communist insurgents to return to the mainstream society and avail of the livelihood projects from the government.

He said an NPA guerilla identified as Michael Tang surrendered Monday to the 73rd Infantry Battalion in Malapa Lt. Col. Marion Angcao, 73rd IB commander, said Tang, who belonged to NPA Guerilla Front 71, also yielded an M-2 .30 caliber rifle.

13

31 January 2018



Pahina. 1

### NBI-PNP-AFP pinakilos vs anti-Duterte youth leaders

# JOMA SISON BINIRA NG YOUTH GROUP

**BINATIKOS** ng Duterte Youth si Communist Leader Jose Maria Sison sa panawagan nito sa mga kabataan na labanan ang gobyerno sa Ilalim ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte.

Ayon kay Duterte Youth Chairman Assistant Secretary Ronald Cardema, kasabay ng kaniyang pagpatikos ang kabilangan sa NBI-PNP-AFP na imonitor ang youth leaders na nangunguna sa pagpapataks sa gobyernong Duterte at arestuhin ang sinomang susuporta at ha-

hawak ng armas para patayin ang tropa ng pamahalaan, mangkil mula sa taumbayan at manunog ng government at business facilities.

Sinabi pa ni Cardema na mahigit 80% ng bansa at milyon-milyong kabataang Pinoy, kabilang ang high school students, college students at youth professionals at workers ang tahimik na sumusuporta kay Duterte at sa tropa ng pamahalaan at naghahangad ng Tunay na Pagbabago.

Idinagdag pa nito na ngayong 2018 ay 50th year ng communist insurgency at dapat umangon ito na ang kaniyang huling taon dahil matagal na nilang hinahadlangan ang pag-unlad ng bansa.

Kaugnay nito, nananawa-

gan sila ng suporta mula sa milyon-milyong kabataang Pinoy sa pamamagitan ng pagsusumite sa Duterte Youth FB Page ng lahat ng komunista/terrorista, kriminal at drug addict sa kaniyang lugar, ilista ang lahat ng youth leaders na gustong mag-arms para patalsikin ang gobyerno, maging handa at sumali sa disaster relief activities sa inyong lugar.

Gayundin, magmungkahi sa gobyerno ng lahat ng magagandang ideya para sa bansa, bayan, barangay at paaralan.

Dapat umangon magkapit-bisig ang mga kabataan para sa hangaring maging makapang-yanhang bansa sa Southeast Asian ang Pilipinas, sa tulong ni Pangulong Duterte.



31 January 2018



Pahina. 1

### Sa kasong pagdukot noong 2016

## **54 Maute kinasuhan ng DOJ**

Sinampahan na ng kaso sa korte ng Department of Justice (DOJ) ang 54 hinihinalang miyembro ng Maute kabilang na ang isang doktor dahil sa nangyaring pagdukot sa anim na manggagawa ng isang sawmill sa Lanao Del Sur noong 2016 kung saan dalawa sa mga biktima ay pinugutan pa.

Sa 20-pahinang resolusyon, pinatawan ng DOJ ng apat na ulit na reklamong kidnapping at serious illegal detention at

dalawang ulit na reklamong kidnapping at serious illegal detention with murder ang mga respondent na kinabibilangan ang isang doktor na si Dr. Russel Langi Salic.

Ang kaso ay inihain sa Malabang, Lanao del Sur Regional Trial Court.

Si Salic na isang orthopedic surgeon ay suspek din sa planong paglulunsad umano ng teroristang pag-atake sa New York City sa Amerika sa

pamamagitan ng pagpapadala ng pera.

Mayroong nakabinbing extradition request ang Estados Unidos para kay Salic na nakakulong sa National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) detention center.

Bukod kay Salic, naaresto

na rin ng mga otoridad ang tatlong iba pang respondent sa nangyaring pagdukot noong 2016 sa Butig, Lanao del Sur na sina TJ Tagadaya Macabalang, Wendell Apostol Facturan, at Musalli Musta na nakakulong naman sa Davao City Jail. (Doris Franche-Borja)

31 January 2018



Page: 14

## Maute doctor indicted

A Filipino doctor allegedly involved in plotting terror attacks in the United States has been indicted in connection with the kidnapping and killing of sawmill workers in Lanao del Sur.

Russel Salic and 54 other suspected Maute militants were charged with two counts of kidnapping and serious illegal detention with murder and four counts of kidnapping and serious illegal detention before a court in Malabang town by the Department of Justice (DOJ) yesterday.

"There is probable cause to indict Salic and his co-accused after a careful review and evaluation of the evidence submitted by the parties," a DOJ resolution stated.

Gabriel Permutis, Alfredo Cano-os, Adonis Mendez, Julito Janubas, Jaymart Capangpangan and Salvador Janubas were taken from their quarters in Butig on April 4, 2016.

Capangpangan and Janubas were beheaded after six days in captivity. The four other workers were released after their employer pleaded

with the parents of the Maute brothers.

The freed workers identified Salic as among their captors.

Salic had denied the allegations, saying he was a resident physician at the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro and attended a convention in Puerto Princesa when the workers were taken.

In rejecting Salic's defense, the DOJ said it has no ill motive to implicate the doctor in the kidnapping.

"Criminal liability exists notwithstanding non-participation in every detail of the crime. Where conspiracy has been established, it is unnecessary to pinpoint who among the accused inflicted the fatal blow. The inaction of a respondent where he could have prevented the crime only reveals his complicity," the DOJ said.

Salic is also facing charges in the US for allegedly sending money to help fund terror plots, including attacks on Times Square and the subway in New York. — Edu Punay

21

31 January 2018

## INQUIRER

Page: All

# Postwar friendship between two soldiers

**H**ow many Nick Joaquin biographies are lying around in drawers, unpublished, because the people who commissioned them, or their relatives, or their lawyers found some parts unprintable?

There is an urban legend about Joaquin's unpublished history of high-end retailer Rustan's, never published because it was not told from the point of view of the owners or their well-heeled clientele, but from the voice of a lowly salesgirl!

Another is a biography of war-time martyr Jose Abad Santos unpublished because Joaquin's iconoclastic conclusion was that the Japanese made a mistake in executing Jose because they were actually after his brother Pedro!

As a young writer, I was awed by Joaquin's prodigious output, the rumor that he was paid P1 million per book, unlimited San Miguel beer to keep him going, and the license to write what he wanted.

Last Friday's column on Manuel Roxas escaping at the hands of his Japanese captors because a certain Lt. Col. Nobuhiko Jimbo defied orders for Roxas' execution generated a lot of response from readers. Colonel Jimbo sought a clarification that revealed Gen. Masaharu Homma did not issue the order of execution.

Jose Abad Santos was not as lucky and was executed by his captors upon receipt of the fake order. The twist in our story is that at the end of the war, Colonel Jimbo was a prisoner of Chiang Kai-shek's forces. Then newly elected president Roxas personally interceded for the man who saved his life and, as we would say in Filipino, "*patas na sila*." Jimbo returned to Japan and maintained a relationship with the Philippines and the Filipinos until his death.

Arturo Henson Acosta, whose father Col. Manuel Acosta (Philippine Military



## LOOKING BACK

AMBETH R. OCAMPO

Academy Class of 1940) was assigned to Tokyo as deputy military attaché to the Philippine Embassy and chief of the Philippine Military Procurement, met Jimbo. He sent an e-mail that reads:

"Even after our family's almost 5-year stay in Japan, my father's friendship with Col. Jimbo extended for decades, as Col. Jimbo regularly visited the Philippines. As to the postwar Col. Jimbo, he was a pleasant old man who genuinely loved life, and loved Filipinos. Following Japanese custom, he always had a token gift every time he visited. Like a couple of other Japanese friends of my parents, Col. Jimbo loved our mangoes!

"Col. Jimbo by then was head of his own Jimboras Company. In his visits to our country, he was accompanied by his loyal secretary Eiko Murai, and they always touched base with our family, I still have fond memories of lunches and dinners with them. Miss Murai continued to visit even years after the passing of Col. Jimbo. With his limited use of English, Miss Murai was an efficient interpreter, while my father would constantly use some Japanese words and

phrases that were appreciated by Col. Jimbo. "My father was given several booklets by Col. Jimbo which had a photo of him with Manuel Roxas when he had the rank of Speaker/General. You may know more details of Col. Jimbo's short association with President Roxas, but this is my knowledge of this Japanese officer and gentleman:

"Col. Jimbo was a Catholic and he was against the brutal atrocities of the Japanese military when they occupied the Philippines. When Speaker/General Roxas was captured, the Mindanao garrison commander was persuaded by his chief of staff, Col. Jimbo, not to follow verbal orders to have Roxas executed because he refused to collaborate with the enemy. So, initially Col. Jimbo hid Roxas from Japanese officers. To my understanding, Gen. Masaharu Homma, commander of all Japanese forces in the Philippines, was not aware that his name was used to issue the execution order. Jimbo went to Homma's office; he was not around, but Homma's chief of staff, who knew his boss well, did not believe the order came from Homma. Roxas was spared but was then incarcerated in a Malaybalay prison camp where Jimbo visited regularly. From here, I do not know what subsequently ensued, but to make a long story short, Col. Jimbo did save the life of President Manuel Roxas."

One would wish there were more positive stories like that of Roxas and Jimbo in our history but it is unfortunately an isolated case in a sea of gruesome narratives of murder, rape, destruction and mayhem that accompanied the Battle for Manila in 1945. Painful as it is, we should not forget the pain of war, so that we do not repeat it.

Comments are welcome at [aocampo@ateneo.edu](mailto:aocampo@ateneo.edu)

## ONLINE NEWS

### 31 JANUARY 2018

www.pna.gov.ph

# Duterte leads groundbreaking of new military camp in Marawi

January 30, 2018, 9:49 pm

**MARAWI CITY** -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Tuesday, January 30, led the groundbreaking ceremony for a new military camp here that would protect the city from future attacks of Islamic terrorists.

Upon his arrival at Barangay Kapantaran, President Duterte was briefed about the project, which is expected to be completed in less than two years.

He then led the capsule laying for the construction of the new military facility that will be undertaken by the Philippine Army's 54th Engineering Brigade.

The initial development of the site is the renovation of the old Marawi City Hall, converting it into a new Marawi military camp headquarters building.

Located on the top of the hill, the new camp would become a stronghold of the Philippine Army's infantry units to prevent the re-entry of ISIS-backed groups here and to protect civilians from any security threats.

Duterte recognized the bravery of soldiers and policemen who fought to liberate Marawi from the Maute terrorist group.

"I would also like to thank the brave men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, kasali na 'yung --- marami akong sundalo na Moro na namatay rin. I'll salute them for their ---katapangan nila to face terror and the police," he said in his speech during the turnover of temporary shelter units in Barangay Sagonsongan here.

The President was accompanied by Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque Jr., Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero, and Philippine Army's Commanding General Major General Rolando Bautista. **(PND)**



## 2 senior Army officers promoted to major generals

By Priam Nepomuceno January 30, 2018, 12:20 pm

**MANILA** – Two newly-promoted major generals formally got their new ranks during short ceremonies at the Philippine Army (PA) headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City Monday.

The event was spearheaded by PA vice commander, Maj. Gen. Robert M. Arevalo, Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Louie Villanueva said.

Promoted were PA chief-of-staff, Maj. Gen. Danilo Chad D. Isleta, and 702nd Infantry Brigade commander, Maj. Gen. Henry A. Robinson.

The latter unit is based in Manaoag, Pangasinan and is part of the Nueva Ecija-headquartered 7th Infantry Division.

Arevalo congratulated the two senior officers for their well-deserved promotion, saying the Army needs well-qualified senior officers.

"The Philippine Army needs the best senior leaders to lead our troops in combat and our transformation initiatives towards its goal of a more progressive world-class Philippine Army that is a source of national pride," he added. **(PNA)**

# PRRD lauds bravery, sacrifices of wounded soldiers

January 30, 2018, 6:59 am



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte confers the Order of Lepu-Lapu Kampilan Medal on CAFGU Active Auxiliary Jimmy Gonzaga during his visit to the wounded soldiers at Camp Panacan Station Hospital at the Naval Station Felix Apolinario in Davao City on January 29, 2018. Gonzaga was wounded in an encounter with members of the New People's Army in Makilala, Cotabato recently. (Photo by Arman Baylon/Presidential Photo)

**DAVAO CITY** — President Rodrigo Duterte on January 29, visited soldiers who were wounded-in-action (WIA) and honored their courage and sacrifices in the fulfillment of their duty.

In his visit to the soldiers recovering at Camp Panacan Station Hospital at the Naval Station Felix Apolinario here, Duterte lauded the soldiers' bravery and promised financial assistance and support to them as well as their families.

He personally checked on the condition of the soldiers who were wounded following encounters with members of the New People's Army (NPA) in Mindanao.

Private First Class (PFC) Ryan Millet was wounded in an encounter in Lumiad, Paquibato District last January 15.

Corporal (CPL) Joshua de Jesus and PFC Geraldo Massalang meanwhile sustained wounds following a firefight with NPA members on January 25 in Barangay Mapula, Paquibato District.

CPL Julius Delmo and Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Julius Ledesma were likewise hurt in an encounter in Sitio Tadia, Barangay Bantacan, New Bataan last January 20.

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

CAFGU Active Auxiliary (CAA) Oligario Rollorata, CAA Jimmy Gonzaga, and CAA Edgar Delima meanwhile sustained injuries in a firefight in Makilala, Cotabato.

Duterte conferred and personally pinned the medals of the Order of Lapu-Lapu, Rank of Kampilan on the soldiers in honor of their courage, bravery and sacrifice in the service of their country.

The Order of Lapu-Lapu, Rank of Kampilan is conferred by the President to recognize exemplary service by workers of the government and private individuals who were wounded, injured, or suffered great loss of property for their participation in the advocacy of the President.

The soldiers were given financial assistance, a smartphone and a gun.

Duterte then vowed to provide for the soldiers' needs and assured them of their full recovery under the government's care.

He, however, reminded the soldiers to always stay alert and vigilant against threat posed by the communists. **(PND)**