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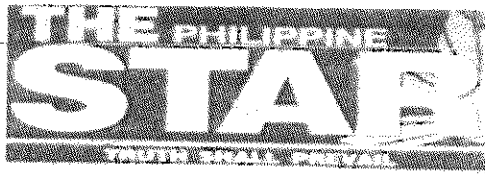
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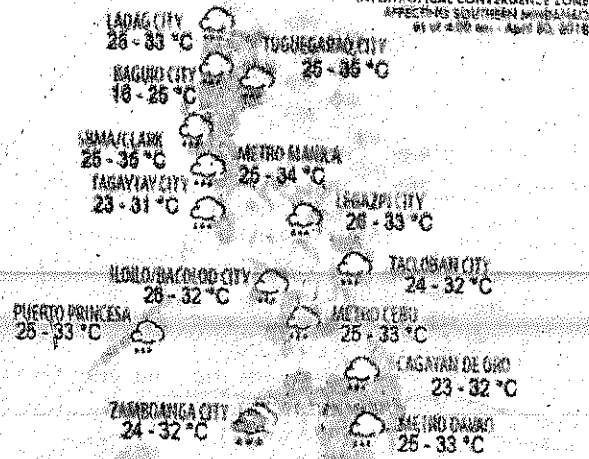
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PALACE: DU30 MAY STILL ISSUE EO ON 'ENDO'

STORY BY THE INQUIRER STAFF

Accused of renegeing on his campaign promise, President Duterte may yet sign today an order on contractualization, boosting hopes of many perennially temporary workers that they will finally enjoy security of tenure.

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Will he or won't he?

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said on Monday it was still possible President Duterte would sign an executive order (EO) on contractualization in time for Labor Day on Tuesday.

The final decision on the matter depends on Mr. Duterte's meeting with Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III on Monday evening, Roque said.

"I can confirm that there might be an EO that may or may not be signed depending on their meeting [Monday night]," Roque said in a press briefing.

The President will spend Labor Day in Cebu City where he is expected to issue an "important" announcement, according

to Labor Undersecretary Joel Maglungod.

Roque said on April 19 that Mr. Duterte would no longer sign an EO on contractualization and would just leave it to Congress to amend the law to put an end to "endo"—the practice of terminating workers after five months to avoid making them into regular employees.

Endo, or end of contract, is a contractualization scheme that offers workers no security of tenure.

Three drafts

Labor groups had been hoping for an EO, but a dispute with business groups on the final wording of the issuance led Malacañang to scrap it.

Business groups also oppose endo but not legal contractualization, which they claim the

country needs to make it competitive against its neighbors in the region.

Malacañang had considered three drafts for the EO. One proposed a total prohibition of contractualization, another sought regulation and the third had the same effect, but there was a dispute on the use of the term "principal employer," Bello said earlier.

The President's decision to let Congress pass a law on contractualization has disheartened labor groups, which accuse him of renegeing on his campaign promise to end endo.

Unkept campaign promise

On the eve of Labor Day, Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo expressed dismay over Mr. Duterte's refusal to keep his promise to

end contractualization.

In a statement, Pabillo criticized the continuing endo practice as a “great injustice to workers as it is exploiting their labor without giving them security.”

“He has passed this over to Congress, which is saying it will not happen... I don’t know what promises they will make again. The workers have already lost trust,” the prelate added.

Labor groups hopeful

At least two labor groups, however, remain hopeful that the President will make good on his campaign promise.

“We have been praying for the wisdom and discernment for the President to see what is just and fair for endo workers,” said Alan Tanjusay, spokesperson for Associated Labor

Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (ALU-TUCP).

Tanjusay said the group’s optimism sprang from reports that there was a make-or-break meeting between Mr. Duterte and Bello on Monday evening.

If Mr. Duterte signs the EO drafted by business and employers’ groups, Tanjusay said, “he will be forever condemned. Nobody would believe him anymore.”

But if Mr. Duterte chose to keep quiet or seek to merge the two contrasting drafts and came up with a hybrid EO, the people and the working class will perceive him to be a compromised leader, he added.

Job fairs

The Federation of Free Workers (FFW) also expressed optimism that Mr. Duterte

would sign an EO in favor of workers.

As part of the Labor Day festivities, the Department of Labor and Employment said 143,085 vacant positions would be up for grabs at 37 job and livelihood fairs across the country on Labor Day.

There are 58,171 jobs available for local employment while 89,914 jobs are for overseas employment, with 1,099 participating employers, according to the labor department.

Mr. Duterte is expected to grace in Cebu City a job fair that would offer 17,000 jobs in Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor. —REPORTS FROM LEILA B. SALAVERRIA, TINA G. SANTOS AND JULIE M. AURELIO IN MANILA; AND MOREXETTE MARIE B. ERRAM, BENJIE TALISIC AND CARLA P. GOMEZ, INQUIRIR VISAYAS INQ

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Soldier dead in clash with NPAs in Davao

BY VICTOR REYES

A SOLDIER was killed while two others were injured in a firefight with communist New People's Army rebels in Asuncion town in Davao del Norte on Sunday.

The clash also resulted in the recovery of a cache of firearms and an improvised bomb, said Capt. Jerry Lamosao, spokesman of the Army's 10th Infantry Division.

Lamosao said troops from the Army's 46th Infantry Battalion were on pursuit operation in Barangay Sonlon at around 4:30 p.m. when they encountered the NPA group.

The slain soldier was identified Pfc Arman Campos. Wounded were Pfc Ruben Lambac Jr and Pfc Ralph Ryan Paldomar.

Lamosao said the NPA group was part of a group that the soldiers encountered an hour earlier at the boundary of Asuncion and Laak town in Compostela Valley.

Meanwhile, a 16-year-old female NPA rebel surrendered

to the military and to the police on Saturday in Barangay Pobliacion, Bontoc town in Mountain Province, two years after being recruited into the communist movement.

Capt. Jefferson Somera, spokesman of the 5th Infantry Division, said the rebel identified only as "Ka Trese" surrendered to the 77th Infantry Battalion and to the provincial police after "she was beaten twice by her commander this month when she declined to carry out an order to kill someone."

Somera said Ka Trese, who looked confused and tired, collapsed upon her surrender and was brought to the Bontoc General Hospital by soldiers and policemen. She yielded four cell phones, NPA documents, ammunition for M16 rifle, money, and a notebook.

Somera said Ka Trese was recruited into the NPA by one Commander Jushua at the age of 14 while she was still a student in Paracelis town, also in Mountain Province.

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2 soldiers slain, 2 hurt in ambushes

COTABATO CITY – Two soldiers were killed and two others wounded in ambushes in this city and Sultan Kudarat in the past two days.

Cpl. Nelson Pamailan of the 12th Special Forces Company and Pfc. Richard Bendanillo were on a motorcycle when they were waylaid in Barangay Kаланangan here yesterday.

Pamailan died of a gunshot to the head. Bendanillo was brought to a hospital for treatment.

In Sultan Kudarat, Cpl. Roel Dordas of the 33rd Infantry Battalion and Sgt. Julhaib Ajirul were riding a motorcycle on their way to a detachment after a community service in Lambayong town on Sunday when they were shot.

Dordas died at the scene.

Members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) are suspected to be involved in the killings.

Police said the attacks are believed to be in retaliation for the deaths of BIFF men in recent encounters with government troopers.

– John Unson



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Sundalo, patay sa ambush sa Cotabato

DEAD on the spot ang isang myembro ng 5th Special Forces Battalion ng Philippine Army matapos na pagbabarilin ng di nakilalang mga suspek alas 7:15 ng umaga kahapon.

Nakilala ang napatay na si Pfc. Nelson Paimalan na nagtamo ng ilang tama ng bala sa ulo habang patuloy na inoobserbahan sa isang pagamutan ang kasama nitong si Pfc. Vendanillo.

Sa inisyal na report nabatid na mula sa old market ang mga biktima sakay ng motorsiklonang mangyari ang pamamari.

Riding in tandem criminals umano ang mga nasa likod at sinasabing bago ang insidente, sinusundan na sila ng mga suspek bago sila pinaputukan ng maraming beses.

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Amasona na 'child warrior' sumuko

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya – Isang amasonang child warrior ang sumuko sa tropa ng pamahalaan matapos ang tatlong taon bilang child warrior at pananatili sa kilusan ng New People's Army, ayon sa ulat kahapon. Kinilala ng pamunuan ng 5th Infantry Division (5ID) na nakabase sa Gamu, Isabela ang sumukong mandirigma bilang ka Trese, 16, Grade 10 student, residente ng Bontoc Mt. Province at kasapi ng Leonardo Pacsi Command ng rebeldeng NPA. Sa ulat, dakong alas-11:30 ng tanghali nitong Sabado nang makita ng mga awtoridad ang nanghihinang amasona na nawalan ng malay kung kaya't agad isinugod sa pagamutan. Nang magising ay inamin nito sa mga tauhan ng 77th Infantry Battalion ng PA at mga operatiba ng Bontoc Police. Isinuko ng batang amasona ang ibat-ibang subversive documents ng mga NPA, apat na cellphone, tatlong M16-rifle ammunitions, pera at iba pang mga personal na kagamitan.
(Victor Martin)

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RIGHTFUL RESTING PLACE – Members of the Second Scout Ranger Battalion carry the remains of Medal of Valor recipient T/Sgt. Claudio Forrosuelo to a Philippine Air Force (PAF) plane, parked on the tarmac of the Tactical Operations Group in Davao City on Monday. The remains of Forrosuelo, who was killed in the all-out war against Muslim rebels in 2000 in Maguindanao, will be transferred to the Libingan ng mga Bayani. (Keith Bacongco)



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Abu Sayyaf abducts 2 police officers, 2 civilians

BY DEMPSEY REYES

THE military confirmed that suspected Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) bandits abducted two policewomen and two civilians in Patikul, Sulu on Sunday.

Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, commander of Joint Task Force (JTF) Sulu, said the victims were onboard a tricycle which had markings of "Igasan Family" when they were kidnapped in the vicinity of Barangay Liang in Patikul.

He said the tricycle was flagged down by 11 armed men, suspected to be ASG bandits under Mujir

Yada. They forcibly took the passengers and headed southward.

The victims were Police Officer (PO) 2 Benierose Alvarez and PO1 Dinah Gumahad assigned with the crime laboratory and engineering department, while the others were Faizal Ahidji and Jacosalem Bas Ahamad. The Philippine National Police (PNP) in the Autonomous Region in Muslim

Mindanao (ARMM) confirmed this information.

Sobejana said the victims were on the way to a tour in Buhangan beach in Quezon, Sulu, where a battalion of Philippine Army troops is based.

"They have soldier-friends there and this is what I am trying to get full details of since our primary [action] here is the rescue effort," he said.

Combined forces of JTF Sulu and the PNP have been dispatched for pursuit and rescue operations.

The kidnapping, according to Sobejana, can be viewed as "propaganda" on the part of the

terrorist group.

"They still exist though and another reason [for the kidnapping] was for money since they are hinting, demanding a ransom," he said.

The Abu Sayyaf are now holding 14 hostages, including the four latest victims.

Last April 12, the bandits also killed Edmiraldo Sollano, an employee of Sulu Integrated Provincial Health Office in Jolo. Sollano was gunned down while driving home on a motorcycle in Barangay San Raymundo. The attackers also drove off with Sollano's motorcycle.

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Abu Sayyaf bandits kidnap 2 female cops, 2 others in Sulu

By Mario J. Mallari

Four persons, including two police personnel, were kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf terrorists in Sulu province on Sunday, authorities said yesterday.

Reports identified the kidnap victims as Jacosalem Ahamad Blas, Faizal Ahidji, Benierose Alvarez and Dinah Gumahad.

The four were reportedly aboard a tricycle, with body number 1899, when flagged down by armed men, led by Mujir Yada, at around 12:40 p.m. somewhere in Patikul town.

It was found out that Alvarez and Dinah are members of the Police Regional Office-9 Crime Laboratory.

The four were reportedly on the

way back to the capital town of Jolo after spending time at Quezon Beach in Patikul when they were abducted by more or less 11 armed men.

Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, commander of the military's Joint Task Force-Sulu, said that intensified rescue operations were subsequently launched to save the victims from the group of Yada, who reportedly moved toward south direction

"As we speak, I have three battalions scouring the area for the immediate recovery of the victims," Sobejana said.

Sobejana confirmed that Yada is a known Abu Sayyaf member.

The military official expressed belief that the victims would be used by the Abu Sayyaf for

propaganda purposes or for ransom.

With the abduction of the four, the Abu Sayyaf group in Sulu now has 14 hostages.

"Our rescue efforts have been continuing but we further intensified it now because of the latest abduction," Sobejana said.

For his part, Philippine National Police chief Director General Oscar Albayalde said that the PNP's Regional Mobile Group operating in Sulu was tapped to join the military in the rescue operations.

"As of now, there has been no communication whatsoever, they (victims) cannot be contacted and nobody has contacted our troops in the area," Albayalde said.



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Duterte not yet bent on taking away 'terrorist' tag on NPAs

By **GENALYN D. KABILING**

President Duterte is not yet inclined to lift the terrorist tag on the communist rebels despite his offer to jumpstart the peace talks.

The Communist Party of the Philippines and New People's Army (NPA) have been declared terrorist organizations for their atrocities against government troops and civilians in Proclamation No. 374 issued by the President last December.

"Not yet," the President said

during a press conference in Davao City, when asked if he would lift the proclamation.

Duterte admitted that he was still waiting for the word of Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre Bello III, also head of the government peace panel in the talks with the communist group, on the matter.

For now, the President said he wants to give the peace talks with the communist rebels another chance. He noted that he has already offered

a 60-day window for the peace talks he hopes to review with the communists.

Duterte also urged anew CPP founder Jose Maria Sison to return home and join the peace talks with the government. He has promised to give Sison safe passage as well as pay for his lodging expenses during the negotiations.

The President also insisted that the communists must agree to a ceasefire before the peace talks could resume.



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Military backs Rody decision not to lift Reds terrorist label

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) yesterday said it strongly supports President Duterte's pronouncements that he is not yet lifting his proclamation tagging the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army (CPP-NPA) as a terrorist organization.

"The AFP supports the President's statement that the NPA terrorist tag should remain for now as they have continued with their acts of terrorism such as arson, attacks on civilians and extortion," AFP spokesman Brig. Gen. Bienvenido Datuin said in a statement.

Datuin said what is more aggravating is that these attacks took place despite the government's call for peace and unity as priority agenda with the expected resumption of the peace talks.

Duterte signed the proclamation in December last year, tagging the CPP-NPA as a terror group, based on Republic Act 10168 or the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012.

Despite the proclamation, Duterte said he would still give the CPP-NPA a small "window" to talk peace by inviting CPP founder Jose Maria "Joma" Sison to return to the Philippines.

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Soldiers on standby for Labor Day festivities

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

The commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Joint Task Force-National Capital Region (JTF-NCR) yesterday that an adequate number of soldiers will be put on standby in relation to the security preparation for today's May 1 Labor Day festivities.

Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado, said in an interview that a platoon from the 48th Infantry Battalion, a platoon from the 3rd JFC, two teams from the Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit K9, and a team from the emergency medical recon, will be put on standby in case the need arises.

He said as of yesterday, the National

Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has not made any request regarding the deployment in the streets for crowd control.

"However, we will request a platoon from each major service for the CDM (Civil Disturbance Management) on standby alert," he said.

"As of now, there are no threats monitored," he said.

Arrojado, at the same time, said that they will adhere with the policy of "no permit, no rally."

"Our troops shall observe the SOP (standard operating procedure) in support to the Philippine National Police with maximum tolerance," he said.



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2 dead in Southern Mindanao clashes

TAGUM CITY—A soldier and a suspected communist rebel were killed while eight others were wounded in clashes between government troops and the New People's Army (NPA) in Southern Mindanao on Sunday, military reports said. Maj. Ezra Balagtey, spokesperson for the military's Eastern Mindanao Command, said Private First Class Arman Campos died while two soldiers were wounded in clashes in Laak town, Compostela Valley province, and Asuncion town, Davao del Norte province. Balagtey said an NPA team leader, who was arrested at an Army checkpoint in Asuncion, told soldiers that a rebel was killed while six others were wounded in the clashes. —FRINSTON LIM



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'OVERKILL'

The deployment of over 600 police and 200 military personnel to Boracay to enforce President Duterte's controversial closure and rehabilitation order is overkill. Since when did bullets and bombs become cleaning agents for coliform, or conservation tools for flying foxes, sea turtles, and coral reefs?

Ironically, this is done under the pretext of "providing security and peace" and "making tourists feel safe." In reality, a fact-finding solidarity mission held by our affiliated local organizations last April 18-20 found that police threatened residents that they will turn Boracay into a

"new Marawi."

What the island needs instead are environmental specialists who could study the ecological situation and properly implement the rehabilitation of the island. The coliform outbreak, coral reef bleaching, and habitat loss of important flora and fauna cannot be driven away by riot drills and live-fire exercises.

The people have suffered enough already from the loss of their livelihood (at least 36,000 lost jobs) and neglect by the government. Locals have been forced to flee the island by the hundreds. Now they are threatened by virtual "martial law," with restriction on movement and even sup-

pression of media coverage.

Why is Mr. Duterte not deploying these armed forces instead to West Philippine Sea, Philippine Rise, and other areas where our national patrimony and sovereignty are being blatantly undermined?

Boracay needs scientists, engineers, development planners, social workers, and community organizers, not hundreds of troops and police. These armed personnel must be pulled out of the island immediately.

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STOP NPA TERRORISM | 3ID condemns NPA torching heavy equipment in Capiz

Ateneo de Manila

CAMP GEN MACARIO PERALTA JR, Jamindan, Capiz (DWDD) – The 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division under the leadership of Brigadier General Dinoh Dolina condemned to the highest degree the burning incident perpetrated by the CPP-NPA Terrorist in Bgry. San Martin, Dumalag, Capiz at around 2:50 P.M., April 24, 2018 (Tuesday).

“Burning of a roller compactor used for rehabilitation of the roads on the said barangay is a clear indication of economic sabotage. Yet, they are proving once again, that they are anti-people, anti-development and anti-peace.”

According to the police investigation, the said equipment is owned by S.T. Salcedo Construction Corporation. Leodegario Futotana Jr, operator of the roller compactor said that, while he was pouring asphalt on the newly-constructed road with Ronde Araso and a certain “Putot Laho”, the eight fully-armed perpetrators arrived and pointed their long firearms towards Araso which caused the latter to run away. The suspects then asked Futotana in vernacular “UPOD NIYO TO? INDI SIYA MAANO SA NPA AH! CONTRACTOR LANG AMON KAY WALA NA NAGABAYAD”, the suspects then took the key of the roller compactor and poured three (3) gallons of gasoline and set it on fire. While the roller compactor is burning, the fully-armed terrorists fired twice the windshield of the equipment and fled towards the direction of Jamindan, Capiz.

“They refuse being tagged as terrorist, yet their action clearly shows that they are indeed, terrorists. According to Sec 3 of the Rep. Act 9372 or The Human Security Act of 2007, crimes involving destruction or under Presidential Decree no. 1613 (The Law on Arson), burning of equipment or arson, is a crime of Terrorism.”

This Command believes that this incident is due to failure of extortion demand of the CPP-NPA Terrorist. “We commend the owner for not giving up despite the possibility of losing her properties. We also encourage other businessmen and farmers to reject the extortion demand of these terrorists. If you stop giving in to their demands, day will come that this terrorist organization will shatter.”

“We urge the people especially the people of Capiz to denounce CPP-NPAs terrorism activities and keep informing the Army and the PNP about the movement and extortion activities of this terrorist organization.” **3DPAO / MCAG**



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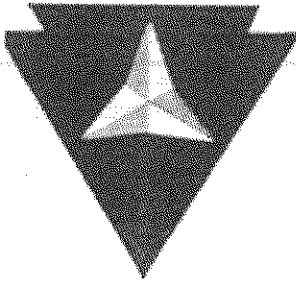
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CAMP GEN MACARIO PERALTA JR, Jamindan, Capiz (DWDD) – *It is you whom militarized and terrorized the people in Negros*



The 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division under the leadership of Brigadier General Dinoh Dolina brushed off the allegation of the Leonardo Panaligan Command of the CPP-NPA Terrorist that the Army is responsible for the militarization of Central Negros.

"This is an obsolete and repetitive issue that they have been tossing at us out of desperation. This clearly indicates the absence of issues they could use to jeopardize the Army and the government."

"As the legitimate Armed Forces, it is our mandate to safeguard the people and the land against you who are truly responsible of militarization and terrorism against them. Our presence in the hinterlands is a response to the cry of the community who are victims of your endless and ruthless criminal activities. Does helping the community to bring their issues and concerns to the LGUs and other government agencies now mean 'militarization'? How about slaughtering helpless civilians, burning of properties and conducting extortion even against less fortunate individuals, what do you call that? If there is an appalling word than 'terrorist', that is you!"

"Evident to this is your barbaric acts of terrorism: killing retired police officer and soldier in Moises Padilla recently who are now living as civilians; continuous and ceaseless forced taxation against the local populace. If there is someone who needs to vacate those communities, it is you. Because your mere presence alone is enough to terrify the people."

"Communities warmly welcome our occurrence. in fact, they are grateful of our presence cause they have been living scared for a long time because of your vicious intentions and activities."

"We commend the people's cooperation in fighting against these terrorists; it is a clear indication that they are tired of the senseless and bloody armed struggle being waged by the CPP-NPA Terrorist. We are calling the people to remain vigilant and continue reporting the activities and whereabouts of these terrorists to stop them from casting more terror and ruthlessness in the community." 3DPAO / MCAG



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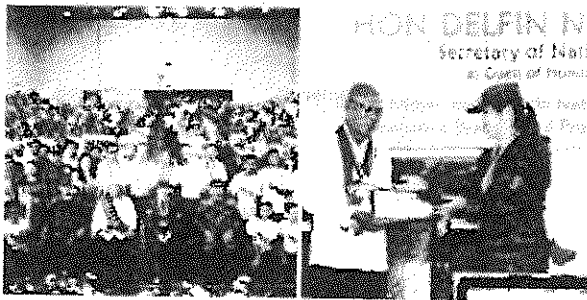
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HOPE OF THE FUTURE | Tabak Division Culminates Youth Leadership Summit

By Alvin Santiago

KUTA SANG-AN, Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur (DWDD) – The first ever Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) held at Headquarters, 1st Infantry "TABAK" Division was culminated on April 26, 2018.

Almost 1,200 youth leaders from the different municipalities of Zamboanga del Sur participated in the culminating ceremony at the Tabak Gymnasium.



The event was graced with Hon. Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary of National Defense, Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu, Congresswoman 1st District of Zamboanga del Sur, Lt. Gen. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., Chief of Staff AFP, and Maj. Gen. Roseller G. Murillo, 1st Infantry Division Commander.

According to Sec. Lorenzana, "youth are the hope of the future. Don't give up, and stand by your mission."

Likewise Hon. Yu also stated that "as youth leaders, be honest, courteous, obedient and most importantly, love your country."



The six batches YLS was facilitated by the 53rd Infantry Battalion in the 1st Infantry Division Training School.

Other than lectures and team building activities, the participants also experienced firing rifle, rappelling and familiarity of the obstacle courses of the trainees.

"Our objectives were to educate and empower young people on current issues hindering peace and progress, to accept individual responsibility, practice leadership, and instill patriotism and love of country," said Maj. Gen. Murillo.

The summit was made possible with the support and partnership among the House of Representative, 1st District Zamboanga del Sur, DILG, OCD, PNP, DOH, DEPED, NYC and AFP.1DPAO / MCAG



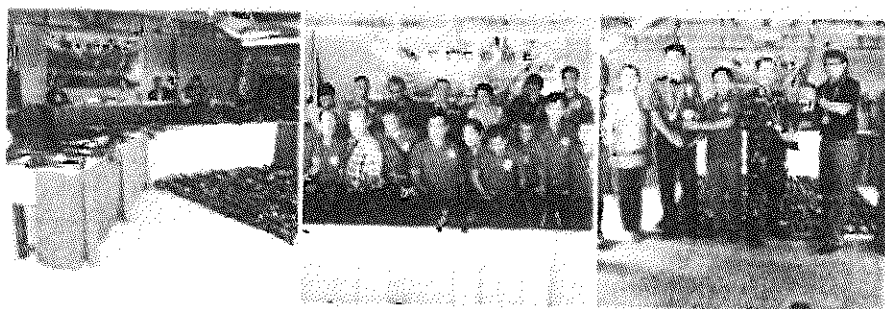
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INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN | 34IB receives 112 loose firearms in North Cotabato

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CAMP GEN GONZALO SIONGCO, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao (DWDD) – A total of 119 unlicensed firearms were surrendered by the local government of Midsayap in North Cotabato on April 26, 2018 at around 11:00a.m. as the AFP together with the local government units have intensified its campaign against loose firearms as part of the implementation of the Martial Law.



Mayor Romeo D. Araña of Midsayap led the turnover of firearms before the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade and 34th Infantry Battalion with Assistant Division Commander Brig. Gen. Cirilo Thomas P. Donato Jr of 6th Infantry Division and North Cotabato Governor Emmylou "Lala" Taliño-Mendoza held at 34th IB Headquarters in Brgy Salunayan in Midsayap.

The 63 high-powered and 56 low-powered firearms coming from the different baangays of the municipality were received by Brig. Gen. Donato, 34th IB Commander Lt. Col. Angelo C. Lutera, and 602nd Brigade Commander Col. Alfredo V. Rosario Jr.

Last April 19, Carmen town surrendered 102 loose firearms to the military, which is the first town in North Cotabato to yield unlicensed weapons.

As part of the intensified campaign against loose firearms, 6th ID Commander Maj. Gen. Arnel B. Dela Vega urged other municipalities of North Cotabato to also turn over their illegal firearms to make Central Mindanao a peaceful and gun-free community.

The campaign against loose firearms brought a total of 1,019 recovered and surrendered as of today in 6th ID's area of jurisdiction. 6DPAO / MCAG



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