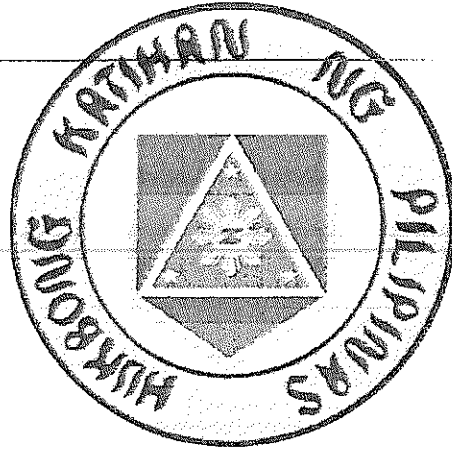


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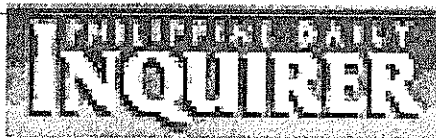
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Duterte signs EO on 'endo'

By Jose Santino S. Bunachita
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CEBU CITY—President Duterte signed here on Labor Day an executive order (EO) that prohibits illegal labor contracting but still allows some forms of contractualization, a scheme used by employers to avoid regularizing workers.

The EO dismayed labor groups and got some members of the business community worried.

Mr. Duterte, whose campaign promise was to end contractualization and "endo," acknowledged that a more comprehensive action on contractualization had to be done by revisiting the Labor Code, which he described as "outdated."

Endo, or end of contract, refers to a contractualization scheme that offers short-term and unprotected temporary work arrangements.

Section 2 of the EO bans "illegal contracting and subcontract-

ing" when undertaken to circumvent workers' right to security of tenure, self-organization and collective bargaining, and peaceful concerted activities.

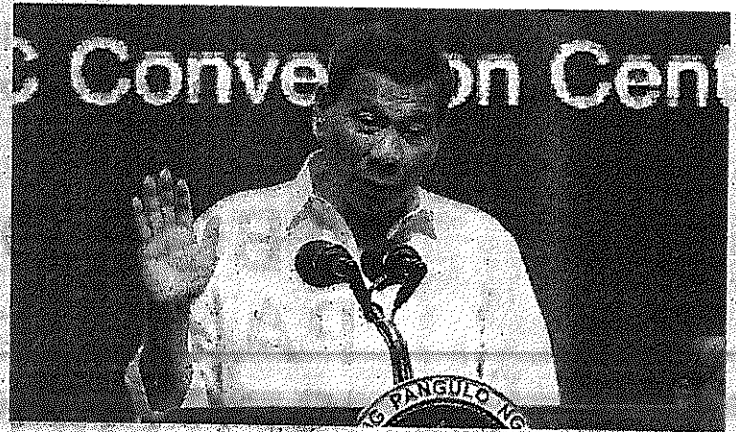
Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III told reporters that other forms of contractualization—like seasonal or project-based jobs of janitors and maintenance workers that can be outsourced—were still permitted.

The EO also provides that the labor secretary may declare specific activities that can be contracted out in consultation with the National Tripartite Industrial Peace Council.

It was Bello who read the entire EO before the President's speech.

Calling on Congress

"I remain firm in my commitment to put an end to endo and illegal contractualization. However, I believe that in order to implement an effective and lasting solution to the problems brought about by contractualization, Congress needs to enact a law amending the Labor Code," he said in his speech af-



FIRM IN COMMITMENT In his Labor Day speech, President Duterte says he remains firm in his commitment to end "endo," but he urges Congress to enact a more comprehensive action on contractualization. —JUNIE MENDOZA/CDN

ter he signed the EO.

Mr. Duterte signed the EO in front of thousands of job applicants and local officials in the IEC Pavilion in Barangay Mabo- lo here.

'Memorable'

He said he didn't answer questions regarding the EO before, despite a clamor from labor groups, because he had wanted to sign it on Labor Day

to make it more "memorable."

The President also ordered the Department of Labor and Employment to submit to his office a list of all companies engaged in or suspected to be engaged in labor-only contracting.

'Cabo' days numbered

"To all noncompliant and abusive employers under the so-called *cabo*, who are engaging in labor contracting, your



days are numbered," he said.

"I have warned you before and I warn you again, I'll cut off your heads. That's not right. Stop endo and illegal contractualization," he added.

The President said he would see to it that laws were strictly enforced. "The government will not rest until we end this shameful labor practice."

The order also mandated the labor secretary to inspect establishments to check compliance with all labor laws, including provisions in the EO.

No real bearing

While it's a step in the right direction, Mr. Duterte's EO has no real bearing on existing labor policy, said Sen. Joel Villanueva, chair of the Senate labor, employment and human resources development committee.

But at least, "the President reiterated his call to end endo and illegal contractualization," Villanueva said in a statement.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III told reporters that legislating a new labor law would be a priority at the resumption of Congress on May

15. "[It will] focus on ending illegal contractualization," he said.

Some businessmen had reservations with the EO but nevertheless said they would just have to "live with it."

Ecop, PCCI reactions

The Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) said they were worried over the definition of some terms in the EO.

They found the definition of "security of tenure" and the possible loose or abused rules of engagement in the enforcement of certain prohibitions "worrisome."

"[The] government though must be credited in its serious and sincere effort to craft an EO that meets the expectation of both labor and capital," they said.

The labor department's office in Central Visayas is making a list of companies engaged in labor-only contracting in Cebu as well as in Siquijor, Negros Oriental and Bohol provinces.

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NPA kills soldier, wounds officer

BY CRIS DIAZ

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY: A soldier was killed while an officer was wounded in an ambush allegedly by New People's Army (NPA) insurgents in an outlying village in Quezon, Bukidnon on Monday.

Inspector Jiselle Longakit, spokesman for Bukidnon Police Command, said Private First Class Joehan Macalong was killed while Lt. Kevin Abad was wounded in the skirmish;

both of them belong the Philippine Army's 88th Infantry Battalion (88IB).

The soldiers, on a motorcycle were out to pick up some documents from the residents when

the armed group attacked them in Santo Domingo, Barangay Lumantao, Quezon.

Macalong was killed on the spot while Abad managed to run although wounded and sought help from residents in the area who brought him to a hospital.

A combined military and police force was immediately dispatched to the area to go in hot pursuit of the communist group.

Lt. Col. Randy Remonte, commanding officer of the Army's 88IB, said the military "will seek

justice for the families of the aggrieved soldiers."

He said the victims are members of the security team of the 88IB's community support program deployed in Lumintao to assist residents in the processing of various livelihood programs.

Meanwhile, another Army soldier was killed while another was wounded after unidentified motorcycle-riding gunmen attacked them on Sunday night in Baragay Tinumigues, Lambayong town in Sultan Kudarat.

The soldiers were returning from their regular barangay (village) visitations when the ambush happened.

Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc, commander of the 33rd Infantry Battalion (33IB), said Corporal Ruel Dordas and Sgt. Julhaib Ajijul were on board a motorcycle heading to their detachment when the gunmen on board separate motorcycles drove alongside and shot them at close range.

Dordas died on the spot while Ajijul sustained minor wounds and was brought by their com-

panions to the hospital.

"We strongly condemn this dastardly act against our soldier. We will strive hard to bring the suspects to the folds of the law," Cabunoc said.

The barangay visitation is one of the activities the 33IB is pursuing to mediate between warring families so they can settle disputes peacefully. It succeeded in establishing peace in several communities through dialogues.

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2 soldiers slain in ambush in Bukidnon, Cotabato

THREE Army troops were killed while another was wounded in two separate attacks, one of which the military said was perpetrated by suspected New People's Army guerrillas in Bukidnon and Cotabato City Monday and Tuesday.

Military reports said two of the slain soldiers were gunned down as they were returning to their company headquarters.

The other soldier was rendering

livelihood assistance when ambushed by still unidentified armed men, the reports said.

Two of the slain soldiers, members of the 12th Special Forces Company based in Barangay Making, Parang Maguindanao, were identified as Private First Class Nelson Paimalan, 27 and Private Richard Bendanillo while the identity of the other soldier was temporary withheld.

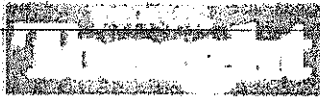
Capt. Arvin John Encinas, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said Paimalan and Bendanillo were heading back to their barracks and while traversing Purok Rajamuda, MB Bagua, Cotabato City, four armed men aboard a Honda XRM shot them several times.

Bendanillo who was wounded in the attack was rushed to the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center for medical treatment but died later. **Francisco Tuyay**

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Soldier dead, another hurt in NPA ambush

By **ZAIDA DELOS REYES-PALANCA**

A SOLDIER was killed while another was wounded when they were ambushed by suspected members of the New People's Army (NPA) the other day in Quezon, Bukidnon.

This was confirmed by 1Lt. Marisol L. Fulgosino, Civil Military Officer of the Army's 4th Infantry Division.

The identities of the victims were not yet available as of press time.

Reports reaching Camp Crame said that the incident occurred at 10 a.m. in Sitio Sto. Domingo, Bgy. Lumintao, Quezon, Bukidnon.

Accordingly, the soldiers who are members of the 88th Infantry Battalion's Community Support Program Security Team deployed in the said area were assigned to gather

necessary documents from the community for livelihood assistance.

The report said the soldiers were onboard a motorcycle in civilian clothes and performing their assigned duty in the area when they were ambushed by the terrorists.

One of the soldiers died on the spot while the other sustained injuries and rushed to the hospital.

After the incident, the suspects fled.

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Military searching for 2 cops

THE military has deployed three battalions in the search for two female police officers reportedly abducted by armed men in Patikul town, Sulu last Sunday.

Joint Task Force Sulu commander Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said it was likely the two victims and their captors were still in Patikul.

"They won't get out of Patikul and as we speak, we have three battalions looking for them," he said Monday.

Earlier, the Philippine National Police said it was constantly monitoring developments on the abduction of Police Officer 2 Benierose Alvarez, Police Officer 1 Dinah Gurnahad, along with two civilians, Jakosalem Ahamad Blas and Faizal Ahidji were on board a tricycle outside Camp Bautista near the Jolo Airport on Sunday when they were intercepted by armed men.

Alvarez is detailed with the PNP-Crime Laboratory.

Meanwhile, over the last few days terror attacks were reported from Central Mindanao and nearby areas, as Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters unleashed its firepower to divert the attention of government troops.

On April 25, troops found an unexploded grenade in Barangay Labu-labu, Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao.

On April 29, an unknown Improvised Explosive Device exploded at St. Anthony Parish Church in Koronadal City.

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"Hindi naman lalabas sa Patikul 'yun eh, as we speak meron akong tailong battalion naghahalugog ngayon for the immediate recovery of the victims (They won't get out of Patikul and as we speak, we have

three battalions looking for them)," he said Monday.

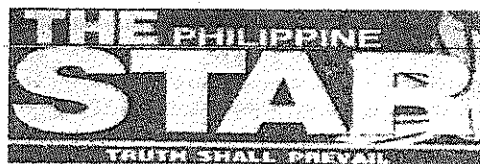
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West Phl Sea joint exploration is treason – lawmaker

By JESS DIAZ

President Duterte's offer for China to have joint exploration projects in the West Philippine Sea is a "treasonous act," Rep. Gary Alejano of party-list group Magdalo said yesterday.

"The Constitution is clear that exploration, development and utilization of our natural resources should be solely and fully under our control and supervision," Alejano said.

He said the ruling of the United Nations arbitral court "is also clear that we have no overlapping entitlements with China."

He added he could not

understand why the President would want to share the country's natural resources with the Chinese.

"Where is assertion of our rights here? What I see is treason," Alejano stressed.

Another congressman, Lito Atienza of party-list group Buhay, expressed support for Duterte's joint exploration offer.

"We support and appreciate the President's plan to forge a 60-40 sharing agreement with China for the exploration of the West Philippine Sea, rather than risk going to war with our superpower neighbor," Atienza said.

Unlike Benham Rise, he said islands in the West Phil-

ippine Sea are being claimed by several countries.

"President Duterte's position for the joint exploration is a win-win situation and will definitely benefit both countries economically from whatever is discovered and developed in the area. If we listen to hotheaded politicians and naysayers, then we would all end up with nothing," Atienza said.

He added the country does not have the money to do exploration on its own.

One of the sea features believed to be rich in oil and natural gas is Recto (Reed) Bank.

During the previous Aquino administration, the Department of Energy (DOE)

awarded a service contract for oil and gas exploration in Recto Bank to a company associated with businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan.

The DOE suspended the contract when the government filed a case against China with the UN arbitral court for claiming most of the South China Sea, including areas inside the 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Philippines.

The court has ruled that at least three disputed features, including Recto Bank and Panganiban (Mischief) Reef, are inside the Philippines' EEZ. Panganiban Reef is where China reportedly landed military cargo planes recently.

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PSG bars reporters briefly from Palace

BY CATHERINE S. VALENTE

THE Presidential Security Group (PSG) temporarily barred some reporters from entering Malacañang as security tightened during Labor Day on Tuesday.

Reporters and crew of television networks, including state-run PTV4, were among those stopped at the Palace gates despite having vehicle passes.

The reporters were eventually allowed to enter after members of the Malacañang Press Corps made several calls to PSG chief of operations Potenciano Camba.

In an interview, Camba apologized for the incident, saying stricter security was being imple-

mented after the PSG received reports of an attempt to hold protest rallies near Malacañang.

"Because it's Labor Day, we are anticipating protest rallies [here in] Mendiola so [we placed the area on heightened alert]," Camba told Palace reporters.

"[If ever we have caused inconvenience, we are so sorry]," he said.

Camba added that there was no order to bar the media from entering Malacañang.

"[There is none. We just haven't talked with the PCOO regarding a lot of mediamen who will enter the premises]," he said, referring to the Presidential Communications Operations Office.

"We have a heightened alert, and our leadership has declared a red alert, effective yesterday. So our security procedures [were ramped up today because] we're expecting protest rallies in Mendiola [starting now until this afternoon]," Camba added.

He said the PSG was also not expecting reporters to be in Malacañang on a holiday.

"[We contacted the PCOO because we did not expect that more members of the [Malacañang Press Corps] will work in Malacañang that day, so we clarified it with the PCOO]," Camba added.

In a separate interview, PSG chief Lope Dagoy also apologized for the "misunderstanding."

"[There had been a misunderstanding, because we declared a red alert because there were reports of threats so we are just making sure]," Dagoy said.

The PSG chief added that he immediately called Camba upon learning about the "ruckus."

"[Our soldiers were just not expecting a lot of mediamen to go there. There had been a ruckus so I called up Col. Camba]" Dagoy said.

"[To your colleagues I say we are so sorry, we don't intend this to happen]," he added.

The Malacañang Press Corps, the guild of reporters covering the Palace and President Rodrigo Duterte, is yet to issue a statement on the incident.

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Soldier killed, another hurt in attack by suspected rebels in Bukidnon

By: Frances Mangosing - Reporter / @FMangosingINQ

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One soldier was killed while another was wounded in an attack by suspected communist rebels in Bukidnon, the military said Tuesday.

The soldiers, both members of the Army's 88th Infantry Battalion, were both gunned down by riding-in-tandem assailants in sitio Sto. Domingo, Brgy. Lumintao in Quezon around 10 a.m. on Monday, said 1Lt. Marisol Fulgosino of the 403rd Brigade.

The two soldiers, who were reportedly doing legwork for the documents for a livelihood project at the time of the shooting, were unarmed and in civilian clothing at the time of the incident.

The identities of the soldiers were withheld pending the notification of their families.

"This inconsiderate attack upsets me. My heart laments with the grieving family for their loss. Rest assured that we will seek justice for the families of the aggrieved soldiers," said Lt. Col. Randy Remonte, commanding officer of the 88th Infantry Battalion. /je

