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TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST MAY 03 2018 | THURSDAY

INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE
APPROXIMATING EASTERN
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as of 4:00 am - May 2, 2018

MANILA CITY 24 - 32 °C	QUEZON CITY 24 - 35 °C
DAVAO CITY 18 - 28 °C	CEBU CITY 26 - 34 °C
SMARagdAR 26 - 34 °C	ILIGON CITY 24 - 34 °C
GENERAL SARRINO 22 - 31 °C	ANTWERP 26 - 33 °C
GENERAL SANTOS 20 - 30 °C	MAKASSAR 24 - 32 °C
GENERAL TRIUNFO 25 - 32 °C	GENERAL ANTONIO 26 - 33 °C
GENERAL VALDEPEÑA 23 - 31 °C	GENERAL WAGNER 28 - 32 °C
	GENERAL YAMOR 28 - 34 °C

EXTENDED WEATHER FORECAST	MAY 4 FRI	MAY 5 SAT	MAY 6 SUN	GENERAL WEATHER OUTLOOK	MAY 4 FRI	MAY 5 SAT	MAY 6 SUN
METRO MANILA	24 °C 34 °C	24 °C 34 °C	24 °C 34 °C	PUBLICO IRINGIRAN	28 °C 32 °C	24 °C 32 °C	25 °C 32 °C
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LAGOS	23 °C 32 °C	24 °C 32 °C	24 °C 32 °C	METRO CEBU	25 °C 32 °C	26 °C 32 °C	26 °C 33 °C
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SARAWA/ GUAN	26 °C 34 °C	25 °C 34 °C	25 °C 34 °C	AGAWAN/ DE ORDO	25 °C 32 °C	26 °C 32 °C	26 °C 32 °C
TAGAYAN	22 °C 31 °C	22 °C 31 °C	22 °C 31 °C	METRO DAVAO	26 °C 34 °C	26 °C 34 °C	26 °C 34 °C
LEGAZPI	28 °C 33 °C	26 °C 33 °C	26 °C 33 °C	ZAMBOANGA	23 °C 30 °C	24 °C 31 °C	24 °C 31 °C

Partly cloudy to at times cloudy with rain showers and/or thunderstorms

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Kuwait cuts off power, water to envoy's home

By PIA LEE-BRAGO

Kuwait has cut off water and electricity at the official residence of Philippine Ambassador Renato Villa after he was expelled and declared persona non grata for allowing the rescue of distressed Filipino workers in the Gulf state, sources said yesterday.

Villa, asked by Kuwait last week to leave in seven days, was scheduled to arrive in Manila last night. He was expected to be met at the airport by Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano and the two would face the media.

"After the expulsion, they cut off his water and electricity," a source told The STAR.

Utilities in Kuwait are run by the Ministry of Electricity and Water Supply.

"The ambassador was staying at the embassy. It was no longer safe for him to stay at his residence after he was declared persona non grata," another source said.

Kuwait also issued warrants of arrest and a travel ban against DFA Office of Migrant Workers Affairs (OMWA) executive director Raul Dado, who was pinpointed by the four Filipino drivers as the one who supervised the seven

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teams from the embassy and the DFA that carried out the rescue missions.

Arrest warrants were also issued against two other diplomatic personnel, Francis Baquiran and Omar Hassan, as they were also identified by the drivers they hired.

"They can stay at the embassy but Kuwaitis could turn

off water and electricity to force them to surrender," a source said.

Sources said the three sneaked into the embassy instead of going back to their hotel when Dado was told that embassy staff saw his photos all over immigration counters at the airport.

The drivers, who were hired to bring the distressed

Filipino workers to the airport, were arrested and believed to have been forced to give details on the rescue operations.

Career diplomats at the DFA have called for the resignation of Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano and his appointees to different positions in the department for gross incompetence and blunder that resulted in the expulsion of Villa and strained relations with Kuwait.

The career officers did not refer to the Union of Foreign Service Officers (UNIFORS) as the organization of career diplomats behind the letter but DFA officials, who asked not to be named, confirmed the authenticity of the letter that circulated to Philippine diplomatic missions abroad and was sent to President D tente.

In the letter, the DFA career officers said "the diplomatic row between the Philippines

and Kuwait has unmasked the gross incompetence of DFA Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano and his top aides who are now a liability to the Duterte administration."

The officers also pointed to DFA Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, lawyer Sarah Lou Arriola, a non-career official, as the one behind the rescue missions.

They said Arriola was apparently ignorant of the 1961

Vienna Convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations that she even went to Kuwait twice to personally instruct the rapid response teams (RRT) to intensify rescue operations.

The Philippines apologized to Kuwait last week for the rescue operation after the Gulf state protested the mission, which it viewed as violation of diplomatic norms and infringement on Kuwait's sovereignty.



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2 soldiers slain in separate attacks

By **MIKE U. CRISMUNDO**
and **ALI G. MACABALANG**

BUTUAN CITY – Two Army soldiers were killed in separate violent incidents in Asuncion, Davao del Norte and Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat. Both attacks occurred last Sunday.

In the first incident, a trooper was slain while two others were wounded when the 46th Infantry Battalion (46th IB) engaged New People's Army (NPA) terrorists in a gun battle at 4:30 p.m. in Asuncion, Davao del Norte.

Capt. Jerry S. Lamosao, chief of the Public Affairs Office (PAO) of the 10th Infantry Division (10th ID), said the NPAs were believed to be from the Pulang Bagani Command 4, Sub Regional Command of the NPA's Southern Mindanao Regional Committee.

The identity of the slain soldier was withheld.

In Sultan Kudarat, Corp. Ruel Dordas died on-the-spot, while Sgt. Julhaib Ajijul was wounded, when they were ambushed, while onboard a motorcycle, in Lambayong town, also Sunday.

According to Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc, commander of the Army's 33rd Infantry Battalion (33rd IB), Dordas and Ajijul had just finished paying a visit to Barangay Tinumigues and were on their way back to their detachment when a motorcycle-riding tandem rushed from behind and fired at them.

"(Dordas and Ajijul) were shot a point-blank range," said Cabunoc.

Dordas died instantly, while Ajijul sustained minor injuries and was rushed by responding soldiers to the hospital, the Army official said.

"We strongly condemn this dastardly act against our troops. We will strive hard to bring the suspects to the fold of the law," he added.

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Lanao del Norte execs surrender loose guns

ILIGAN CITY – Local executives in Lanao del Norte surrendered 57 unlicensed firearms on Monday, the military reported yesterday.

Maigo town Mayor Rafael Rizalda turned over 34 guns to Col. Ezra James Enriquez, 2nd Mechanized Brigade deputy commander.

Pantao-Ragat Vice Mayor Lacson Lantud surrendered 23 guns to Col. Robert Dauz.

The crackdown against loose firearms is part of the implementation of martial law in Mindanao.

- Lino de la Cruz

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New Israeli missile system installed on Navy vessels

By JAIME LAUDE

The Philippine Navy (PN) will soon have its first missile-equipped vessels.

Three Multi-Purpose Attack Craft (MPAC) made by local ship builder Prompmech Corp. in Zambales are now being fitted with the Rafael Missile Systems at the cost of P270 million.

"This is just the initial MPACs that will have missile firing capabilities but the Philippine Navy will have more ships with missile firing capabilities in the near future," a senior navy official said.

The official, however, could not give the exact launch date of the missile-firing MPAC

which were commissioned into active service of the Navy in May last year.

Once the missile systems' installation has been completed, the Navy will for the first time have missile-firing ships in its inventory.

"It will make our Navy more credible. It makes the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) more credible. It means that we are more credible now in patrolling our area of responsibility," he said.

The missile-firing MPAC, however, is not designed for long endurance naval missions in the open sea since its surface-to-surface missiles has an effective range of five

nautical miles or less the 10 kilometers.

Defense spokesman Arsenio Andolong confirmed the delivery of Israeli-made missile systems to the Navy.

He added the missile systems are undergoing integration under the guidance of Rafael, a defense supplier from Israel.

The MPAC will greatly enhance the Navy's capability in securing the country's littoral areas against terrorism as well as maritime law enforcement operations, Andolong said.

In a related development, defense officials led by Secretary Delfin Lorenzana visited the Ulsan shipyard of Hyundai Heavy Industries

(HHI) last April 30 for the steel cutting of the frigates acquired by the Philippine government.

The event signaled the start of the construction of government's P18-billion Frigate Acquisition Project for the Navy under the AFP Modernization Program.

The HHI would be installing the Hanwha Naval Shield on the two frigates instead of the already proven Thales Tactics.

"Koreans have signified that it will be Hanwha as like Thales, it is complaint with the technical classification," Andolong said.

Delivery of first frigate is scheduled in 2020 while the

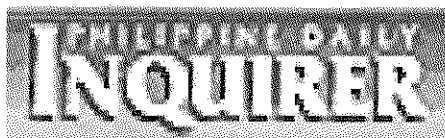
second will be in 2021. Aside from the ship-to-air missiles and torpedoes, the two frigates, measuring 107 meters in

length and 12 meters in width, will be armed with 76mm guns. – With Jose Katigbak/STAR Washington bureau

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Navy boosts deterrent with arrival of Israeli-made missiles

The Philippine Navy has completed the purchase of its first-ever shipborne missile systems, boosting its maritime deterrent as part of a military modernization program, defense and Navy officials said on Wednesday. The Israeli-made Spike ER missiles were fitted on locally manufactured gunboats, known as multipurpose attack craft, said Arsenio Andolong, spokesperson for the Department of National Defense. A senior Navy official said the Philippines would now be more of a force in patrolling the country's waters and its pirate-plagued southern waters. "It will be a deterrent because, this time, we have a credible armament that can strike a punch whether the target is a small or large ship," said an official, who declined to be named. The missiles, worth \$11.6 million, have a maximum range of 8 km. —REUTERS

CORRECTION



In the April 29, 2017 issue, a World story on page A6—"US B-52 bombers in show of force"—was erroneously accompanied by this photo of a F-15C Strike Eagle fighter-bomber, instead of a B-52 Bomber.

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Navy gets first missile system for patrol boats

By Priam Nepomuceno May 2, 2018, 4:48 pm

MANILA --- The Philippine Navy (PN) has received its first-ever missile system from Israeli weapons manufacturer Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Defense spokesperson Arsenio Andolong confirmed Wednesday.

Andolong said the Spike-ER surface-to-surface missiles along with its launchers have arrived third week of April.

Andolong said the weapons are now being "integrated" or installed on the Navy's three brand-new MPACs or multi-purpose attack craft with the guidance of Rafael personnel. The three MPACs were activated in May 22, 2017.

After the installation, the Spike-ER missile systems will then undergo Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee, Andolong added.

"The missile-equipped MPACs will greatly enhance the Navy's capability to secure our littoral areas against terrorism and in support of maritime law enforcement operations," the defense spokesperson said.

The missile system was procured under the Armed Forces' Horizon One modernization program.

The Spike-ER missiles are capable of penetrating 1,000 mm (39 inches) of rolled homogeneous armor. The missiles will give the PN a much needed firepower in dealing with surface threats whether these are small or large ships. *(PNA)*

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New AFP chief tells soldiers to work hard for results

By Priam Nepomuceno May 2, 2018, 1:35 pm

MANILA -- Newly-appointed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief-of-Staff Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez has called on all members of the military to do their best when assigned a particular task or mission.

"I am results-oriented. We must be output-oriented as we value teamwork and meritocracy. Be righteous. Be perfect, because any mistake may mean the lives of the people we have sworn to serve and protect; and the lives of our very own soldiers," Galvez told the soldiers during his first flag-raising ceremony as AFP head at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City last week.

To achieve this goal, the AFP chief said they need the cooperation of every officer, enlisted personnel and civilian employee to attain their objectives and target outputs.

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

Galvez, a member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 1985, replaced AFP chief-of-staff Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero, a member of PMA Class of 1984, who was honored with a testimonial parade and review and the prestigious award of the Philippine Legion of Honor (Rank of Commander), during his retirement last April 18.

With the retirement of Guerrero, Galvez is now the 50th AFP chief-of-staff. **(PNA)**

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Military scores Reds for unprovoked attack in Bukidnon

By Priam Nepomuceno May 2, 2018, 12:05 pm

MANILA -- The commander of the military's 403rd Infantry Brigade scored the New People's Army (NPA) rebels for their unprovoked assault, which left an unarmed soldier dead and another wounded in Quezon, Bukidnon last April 30.

Brig. Gen. Eric Vinoya, 403rd Infantry Brigade commander, said Tuesday the attack demonstrates the rebels' refusal to allow progress in the area.

"This was a clear manifestation that NPA terrorists were anti-development and resistant to progress. While our soldiers thrive to promote economic growth to insurgency-affected areas, they attacked and ambushed our soldiers in a deceitful manner," Vinoya said.

The two soldiers from the 88th Infantry Battalion were gathering documents needed for a livelihood project at Sitio Sto. Domingo, Barangay Lumintao, Quezon, Bukidnon when gunned down by the rebels last April 30.

One of the troopers was killed on the spot while his companion was seriously wounded. **(PNA)**

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PDEA, PNP, NICA, ISAFP validated narco list

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan May 2, 2018, 2:51 pm

MANILA -- The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Wednesday reiterated that the 207 barangay (village) officials included in President Rodrigo R. Duterte's 'narco list' were validated by the four law enforcement agencies.

"As already mentioned by our Director General Aaron Aquino the validation was done by the four member agencies of the inter-agency Task Force composed of PDEA, PNP, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), at Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP)," PDEA spokesperson Derrick Carreon said.

Carreon made the reiteration when sought for comment on a report that one of the barangay kagawads in Batangas who was gunned down last year is still included in the narco list.

Former Kagawad Lauro Vincencio of Barangay Pantay Matanda, Tanauan, Batangas was shot dead near his house by still unidentified assailants last January 2017.

Carreon said they will re-validate the alleged inaccuracies but assured the public that concerned government agencies carefully crafted the list.

"If there are any inaccuracies as claimed, we will look into it again, but we assure the public that the concerned agencies exercised due diligence in the validation process," he said.

"We have also obtained inputs from our Regional Offices so that the initial figure of 293 was eventually trimmed down to 207 yesterday," he added.

"(PDEA) Director General Aaron Aquino went further by saying that barangay officials who are not in this 207 narco list are not out of the woods yet because we still have 274 in the PDEA watch list for validation," he added.

Meanwhile, Aquino said that he is ready to face legal actions that may arise from the release of the narco list.

"I don't care about legal actions. I expected that, and my legal team will deal with it," he said during last Monday press briefing.

Aquino said the filing of charges against the officials on the list, which include 90 barangay captains and 117 barangay kagawads, should be expected in a "week or two."

He noted that Bicol Region has the most number with 70 barangay officials, followed by Caraga (Region 13) with 34, Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao with 13 and in National Capital Region (NCR) with 12, from Caloocan, Malabon, Manila, Mandaluyong and Quezon City.

Aquino said the announcement of narco list was made ahead of the May 14 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council) elections for the public to determine who they are going to vote for in their respective barangays.

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“Public office is a public trust. The public officials are accountable to the people...It’s fair enough for the people to know what particularly the official is doing,” he said.

“This announcement is also supposedly a guide to the public on who to vote for in the upcoming election. For them to be aware and vigilant to choose properly; to elect the candidates who are active on anti-illegal drug campaign and not to vote on people who were involved in illegal drugs,” he added. *(With reports from Red Andador, OJT/PNA)*

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