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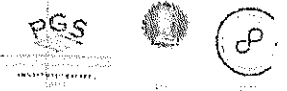
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SERENO OUSTER 'A DONE DEAL'

Supporters of the Chief Justice call on the people to join the 'Jericho March' to the Supreme Court on Friday, when the justices will hold a special session to vote on the petition for her removal from office.

By Marlon Ramos
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Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno will most likely be unseated by her colleagues on the Supreme Court on Friday, becoming the first constitutional officer to be removed not by impeachment.

Two court insiders on Tuesday claimed at least eight justices had already "decided" to grant the quo warranto petition brought by Solicitor General Jose Calida, the Duterte administration's principal lawyer, against Sereno.

The Supreme Court decision would preempt the impeachment proceedings against Sereno in the House of Representatives.

"The Chief Justice's removal from [office] is a foregone conclusion. It's a done deal," a court insider told the Inquirer on Tuesday.

"It seems only a miracle of biblical proportions could prevent this historic event. I don't know how Sereno could still dodge this," the source said.

Even Sereno's staunchest supporters have hoisted the white flag, calling on the people to participate in the so-called Jericho March in front of the Supreme Court building on Padre Faura Street in Manila hours before the special full-court session on May 11.

They said the justices' intent to grant Calida's petition, which primarily argues that Sereno's alleged failure to

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submit her statements of liabilities, assets and net worth casts doubt on her integrity to lead the judiciary, was a “serious threat to our democracy.”

“Unfortunately, from all indications, it appears that ... [the] majority [of the justices] will grant the petition,” a Sereno supporter said in a text message circulated on Tuesday.

“While the Chief Justice has moved for the inhibition of six biased justices, they have refused to do so without explanation. Their failure to inhibit taints the process and any decision on the petition,” it said.

Not giving up

Despite the overwhelming odds, Sereno was not about to give up the fight, telling a group of students on Tuesday to ignore the calls for her to quit to avoid the ignominy of being the first Chief Justice to be ousted by her colleagues on the top court.

“There’s no use for me to resign. Resignation is only for cowards,” Sereno told a forum at Adamson University in Manila.

“What we need now is a nation of heroes. The time calls for millions of heroes. We don’t get democracy by calling a person ‘honorable.’ That’s not the essence of democracy,” she said.

Another court insider said the number of Supreme Court justices who would agree with Calida would “likely reach as high as 11.”

First female CJ

“Since there are only 14 justices participating in the special [full-court] session, the ‘magic number’ is only eight. It appears Calida’s petition has already won the support of at least eight justices,” the court insider said.

“For most of the justices, they are not actually removing a Chief Justice ... since Sereno was not legitimately designated when she assumed the post in 2012,” the source added.



SCHOOL GUESTS Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno and Australian nun Patricia Fox, who has been ordered to leave the country by the Bureau of Immigration, are guests during a gathering at Adamson University in Manila on Tuesday.

—MARIANNE BERMUDEZ

Then 52, Sereno became the first female Chief Justice of the Philippines and the second youngest to head the judiciary when she was appointed by then President Benigno Aquino III.

Primed to occupy the highest judicial post for 18 years, Sereno might suffer the fate of her predecessor, the late Chief Justice Renato Corona, who was ousted from office after he was found guilty by the Senate

of culpable violation of the Constitution.

According to the two sources, those who would grant Calida's pleading are Associate Justices Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Diosdado Peralta, Andres Reyes Jr., Lucas Bersamin, Samuel Martires, Alexander Gesmundo, Noel Tijam and Francis Jardeleza.

The Chief Justice, who had been compelled by her colleagues to take an indefinite leave starting March 1, had demanded the recusal of De Castro, Tijam, Jardeleza, Peralta, Bersamin and Martires for bias against her.

One of the court insiders said acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio and Associate Justices Marvic Leonen and Benjamin Alfredo Caguioa would vote for the rejection of Calida's petition.

But the source said at least one of the three justices "believes that the Chief Justice could be held for culpable violation" of the Constitution.

Associate Justices Estela Perlas Bernabe and Mariano del

Castillo "may also join the majority" while Associate Justice Preshitero Velasco Jr. "could side with Justice Carpio," according to the source.

One of the court insiders said Tijam, who wrote the decision for the majority, gave a copy of his 150-page draft ruling to some of his colleagues on the court on Tuesday.

Defend the Constitution

Sereno's supporters said the justices had "refused to render justice and appear to be set to grant the unconstitutional and time-barred" quo warranto petition.

"Only the people can defend the Constitution. The consequences of the grant of the [quo' warranto] petition will be far-reaching," they said in a statement.

They added: "Impeachable officials can now be removed not for the serious grounds under the Constitution, but for the most trivial causes and at any time ... [The] quo warranto will be a weapon to bludgeon officials into submission." INQ



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Gov't, Reds OK interim peace pact

DAVAO CITY—The peace process between the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) is now making progress as back channel talks had started, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza said on Tuesday.

“Our team is now in Europe and we are informed that there are initial positive results so far,” he said in a statement.

Dureza said he and Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, who chairs the government peace panel, had already briefed President Duterte on Monday to inform him that efforts to resume peace negotiations with the rebels, through the NDFP, are ongoing.

“We are doing our best to meet the deadline set by the President about the resumption of talks within 60 days,” Bello said.

He said formal talks were to resume by the second week of June.

He said the panels have “apparently” reached an interim peace agreement.

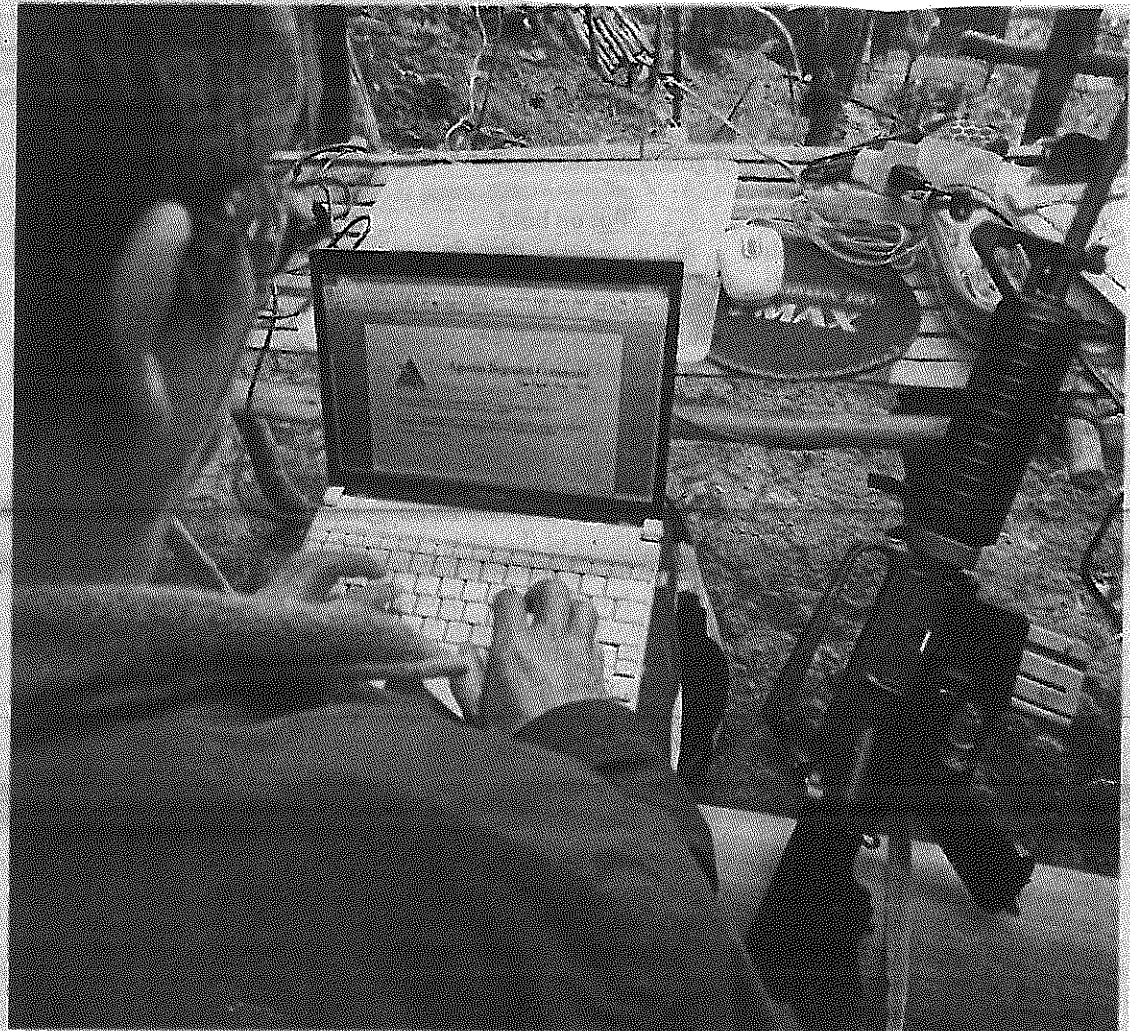
NDFP had declined to comment on Dureza and Bello’s statements.

However, it has maintained its position in favor of the peace process.

Speech at UN

On April 24, Dureza told the 72nd General Assembly of the United Nations in New York that public interest would be the prime consideration in the resumption of talks with communist rebels.

In his speech at the United Nations, Dureza said his mes-



STAYING IN TOUCH A New People’s Army fighter gets connected to the internet at an undisclosed rebel camp in the Cordillera.—EV ESPIRITU

sage to rebels was that there “is a bigger table outside and that is the public itself.”

He said he would ask the rebels to understand that the government needed to address the concerns of the Filipino people and not just those who resorted to armed struggle to

air their grievances.

Dureza said if the government would address only the concerns of rebels “you will have a problem in implementing agreements as what you can see in our country recently.”

Dureza cited as an example the nonpassage of the proposed

Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) by Congress that should have paved the way for the implementation of an agreement signed by the Philippine government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

“Why? Because the public did not bind itself to the agreement,” Dureza said.

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Members of Congress, supposedly representing the people, did not approve, he said.

He added, however, that the Duterte administration was “picking up the pieces” with Congress now working to pass the proposed BBL.

Sweeping reforms

He said the government’s peace initiatives could not be about whether the chicken or egg came first because the Duterte administration wanted all reforms under a peace agreement to be achieved in one sweep and not piece by piece.

Dureza also stressed the importance of foreign mediators who facilitated negotiations between Philippine government and rebel representatives.

“It’s going to be quiet talks in the meantime,” he said, adding that announcements would be made only when important deals had been made.

In a press briefing, presidential spokesperson Harry Roque read a statement from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, stressing that the President “wants to give this priority.”

“Secretaries Dureza and Bello informed the President that his clear directives are being relayed and are now the subject of discussions in the ongoing meetings,” Roque said.

Bello said the team would return home soon to personally update Mr. Duterte about the results of the informal back channel talks.

—REPORTS FROM KARLOS MANLUPIG,
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2,500 troops deployed to secure Bohol elections

By DAVE ALBARADO

TAGBILARAN CITY – Some 2,500 troops from the military and the police will be deployed to secure the conduct of safe and orderly elections on Monday.

The troops were sent off on Tuesday during rites at the Plaza Rizal in the heart of the city. About 500 personnel will come from the Philippine National Police stationed in Bohol and the rest will come from the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine

Coast Guard.

Provincial Administrator Alfonso Damarerio II led the rites together with Bohol police provincial director Sr. Supt. Angeles Genorga and 47th Infantry Battalion commanding officer Lt. Col. Eufracio Joel Malig.

Acting Vice Gov. Benjie Arcamo, Tagbilaran City Administrator Leonides Borja, Commission on Elections (Comelec) Regional Director Veronico Petalcorin and Comelec provincial director Eliseo Labaria were also present during the send-off ceremonies.

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Rebelde, sumuko sa Bukidnon

DAVAO CITY - Nagpasyang sumuko ang isang miyembro ng New People's Army (NPA) matapos ang matagal na pagtatago sa bundok sa Bukidnon.

Si Anaclito Sanuga Sagula, Jr. 32, alyas "Jepy", ng Barangay Hagpa Impasugong, Bukidnon, ay boluntaryong sumuko sa 8th Infantry Brigade (8IB) ng Philippine Army (PA) sa Sabangan Patrol Base sa Bgy. San Luis Malitbog, nitong Lunes ng madaling-araw.

Isinuko rin ni Sagula ang kanyang AK47 rifle at tatlong magazine na may 88 bala.

Inamin umano ni Sagula sa militar na kasama siya sa nakipagbakbakan sa mga sundalo sa Sitio Victory sa lalawigan nitong Mayo 4.

Makatatanggap si Sagula ng P15,000 cash assistance, bukod pa ang P50,000 na livelihood assistance, alinsunod na rin sa Comprehensive Integration Program (CLIP) ng gobyerno.

Yas D. Ocampo

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Electrician patay sa sundalo

GENERAL SANTOS CITY - Patay ang isang electrician rito Lunes makaraang mabaril siya ng naka-alitang sundalo.

Kinilala ng pulisya ang biktima na si Aries Joyno, 33, lineman ng United Technician Electrician Manpower Cooperative.

Ayon kay Chief Inspector Joel Martinez, hepe ng Police Station 4 dito, namatay si Joyno sanhi ng tama ng baril sa tiyan.

Diumano'y binaril ito ng suspek na si Sgt. Jason Lao, 34, ng Joint Task Force Gensan, makaraan ang isang mainitang pagtatalo.

Nagalit umano si Lao kay Joyno nang hindi nito natapos ang pag-i-install ng kuryente sa kanyang bahay ayon sa kanilang napagkasunduan.

Sa gitna ng kanilang pagtatalo, binunot diumano ng suspek ang kanyang dalang .45 na baril saka pinutukan si Joyno na kaagad tumimbuwang.

Sumuko naman kaagad si Lao sa kanyang pinuno na si Colonel Adonis Bajao.

Si Bajao ang nagdala kay Lao himpilan ng pulis.

Sasampahan si Lao ng kasong murder. **(Joseph Jubelag)**

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Gov't begins informal peace talks with Reds

The government has started engaging the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) in



informal peace talks in Europe, Malacañang yesterday said. Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said that Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza and Labor

Secretary Silvestre Bello III had informed President Duterte about this development during the 25th Cabinet meeting last Monday.

"President Duterte was briefed last night after the Cabinet meeting by Cabinet Secretaries Jesus Dureza and Silvestre Bello to inform him that the efforts to resume peace negotiations with the CPP-NPA-NDF are underway with backchannel informal talks now taking place in Europe," Roque said, reading from the statement from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the

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Roque said Dureza and Bello have also informed the President that his clear directives are being relayed across the table, and are now the subject of discussions in the ongoing meetings.

"Our team is now in Europe, and we are informed that there are initial positive results so far – this, according to Secretary Dureza," Roque said, reading Dureza's statement.

Roque, meanwhile, said that according to Bello, the team will return home "soon" to personally brief the President of the outcome.

"We are doing our best to meet the deadlines set by the President about the resumption of talks within 60 days,"

Roque said, reading Bello's statement.

Last month, Roque said the Duterte administration may withdraw its petition to declare communist rebels as terrorists but only once formal peace agreements have been signed.

Duterte himself said that he is willing to resume peace talks under three conditions – absolute ceasefire; no collection of revolutionary taxes; and no coalition government.

Should peace negotiations resume, Roque said that the government could file a manifestation to hold the petition in abeyance, pending the outcome of the peace talks. The petition stays until there is a final peace agreement signed.

"I think it will be withdrawn if there is a final peace agreements signed. But

while the peace talks are ongoing, what we can do is keep it there," Roque said.

Roque confirmed that Duterte also vowed to assist members of the CPP-NPA if they agree to his terms.

"Well, he will find ways and means to assist members of the CPP-NPA by way of providing them livelihood and housing if possible; provided that they cease and desist from collecting revolutionary taxes," Roque said.

Duterte started formal peace talks with the NDFP shortly after he became President in 2016 but canceled them in November last year amid continued attacks by the NPA on government forces.

He issued a proclamation classifying the CPP-NPA as a terrorist organization in December last year.

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Robredo visits AFP headquarters for security briefing

By JAIME LAUDE

Vice President Leni Robredo yesterday paid a surprise visit to Camp Aguinaldo and was briefed by defense and military officials on the country's internal and external security matters.

The briefing was held in the presence of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, according to a camp insider.

"Security briefings are based on current issues and meant to enlighten our leaders, especially now that we have fresh issues in the West Philippine Sea. She was updated about our operations," the source said.

Robredo's visit came in the wake of security issues concerning China's missile deployment in three of its military

outposts at the Kalayaan group of islands.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) was mum about Robredo's visit. It did not issue any media advisory or official statement on the matter.

Even Robredo's stay at the camp for more than an hour was kept under wraps by the military which, according to the source, requested the Vice President not to issue a statement on the matter.

The source said the briefing lasted an hour and 10 minutes, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

It was the second time for Robredo to be briefed by the military on the country's security matters.

The first was in December at Villamor Air Base and presided over by then AFP

chief and now Maritime Industry Authority head Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero.

Three days ago, Robredo urged the Duterte administration to protest China's installation of missile systems in the West Philippine Sea.

She warned the missile deployment violates the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), as this contributes to regional instability and compromises the country's security.

'Uphold shading threshold'

Meanwhile, Robredo's supporters yesterday asked the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to stand firm on the 25 percent shading threshold it had set for

the 2016 polls.

The group, led by former Human Rights chair Etta Rosales, said the poll body should insist on the threshold, despite a ruling of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) to use the 50-percent threshold in the protest case of former senator Bongbong Marcos against Robredo.

"With an outdated threshold in use, we fear that thousands of voters will be disenfranchised and the real choice of the people will not be heard," said the group which includes Sr. Mary John Mananzan and Fr. Robert Reyes.

"Comelec should not waver, it should not abandon its position," the group said in a letter to the poll body.

– With Sheila Crisostomo

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'Informal' Gov't-Reds negotiation resume

THE Philippines has resumed negotiating with the Reds in "informal" back-channel talks now taking place outside the country, according to Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza.

"Our team is now in Europe and we are informed that there are initial positive results so far," Dureza said in a statement yesterday.

Dureza revealed in the same statement that both he and Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello briefed President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday night, May 7, on the peace process with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDF), including the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its armed wing, the



Bello

New People's Army (NPA).

Both had told Duterte that "efforts to resume peace negotiations with the CPP/NPA/NDF are underway, with informal back-channel talks now taking place in Europe."

Dureza did not disclose who was representing the



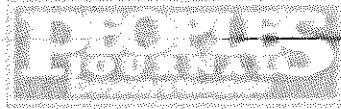
Dureza

government. But a team, according to Bello, "will return home soon to personally brief the President of the outcomes."

"We are doing our best to meet the deadline set by the President about the resumption of talks within 60 days," Bello said. **Efren Montano**

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Security of tenure of CAFGUs sought

By Ryan Ponce Pacpaco

A BICOLANO House leader has sought the approval of his measure that aims to strengthen the employment rights of members of the military's Citizen Armed Forces or CAFGUs to ensure their security of tenure and smooth return to their original or equivalent positions in the civilian workplace.

Camarines Sur Rep. RRay Villafuerte's proposed law seeks to institute programs that would safeguard reservists of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) from job related discriminatory practices, such as diminution in pay or denial of promotion and employment benefits.

Villafuerte, a vice chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, said House Bill 7421 "seeks to strengthen the employment rights of Citizen Armed Forces or

the Reserve Force of the AFP to give recognition to its role in mission areas and in national security."

"With this bill, the government can strengthen its advocacy on reservist employment rights and ensure that the men who have heeded the call to service are given what they deserve," Villafuerte explained.

Underscoring the important role played by reservists in assisting the military in the performance of its tasks, Villafuerte recalled last year's Marawi siege, in which at least two battalions from the Reserve Force were mobilized alongside the regular soldiers of the AFP to help defeat ISIS-inspired terrorists in a battle that lasted for several months.

"Crisis such as this gives no guarantee as to when it will end. As such, the uncertainty of the duration of a crisis situation creates a problem on the part of the reservists with

respect to reintegrating back to their old jobs, which the present law currently fails to cover," said Villafuerte.

Under HB No. 7421, it shall be unlawful for any employer to "discriminate against an individual in terms of compensation, terms and conditions, or privileges of employment on account of such individual's membership, application for membership, performance of military service, application for military service or obligation with the Reserve Force of the AFP."

The bill also protects reservists from being discriminated against job hiring, reinstatement, promotion, downsizing, receipt of employment benefits or in joining organizations on the basis of rendering military service.

The bill also enumerates the following employment rights of reservists: Entitled to their original position or when not prac-

ticable to a substantially equivalent position, without loss of seniority rights and diminution of their pay; Military service shall not be considered a break in the employment for retirement purposes or for granting benefits provided for under the Labor Code and other special laws; Reservists cannot be required to use earned or entitled vacation or service incentive leaves for leave of absence in connection with the performance of military service in the Reserve Force; and Reservists who suffer any temporary or permanent disability due to military service shall not be denied reintegration if such employee can still perform the essential functions of their original employment, whether with or without reasonable accommodations.

In certain circumstances when an employer needs to hire a substitute employee during the period of military service of a reserv-

ist, the bill states that "the employment of the substitute employee shall be deemed terminated upon the reintegration of the reservist employee."

The employer or those acting in the interest of the employer may, however, consider the substitute employee for another position, if practicable, said Villafuerte.

The bill also entitles reservists to a leave of seven days with pay per year for the purposes of military training or military activities, which shall be on top of applicable leaves that he or she is entitled to from his or her employer.

HB No. 7421 proposes a fine of "not less than P50,000 but not more than P1 million or imprisonment of not less than three months but not more than two years or both," for those found guilty of violating any of the bill's provision.

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'Backchannel' talks sa CPP-NPA gumulong na

Gumugulong na ang 'backchanneling talks' sa pagitan ng gobyerno at CPP-NPA-NDF.

Magugunita na mismong si Pangulong Duterte ang nag-anunsiyo noong Abril 3 sa Oriental Mindoro na bibigyan niya ng huling pagkakataon ang mga communist group na ituloy ang peace talks sa gobyerno pero dapat ay maging sinsero sila sa pagkakataong ito.

"Kaya pwede tayong mag-usap. Hintuan ninyo ang revolutionary government, huwag na kayong mag-sunog in the name of taxation kasi kawa'yung mga negosyante.

"In the meantime na kung gusto niyo talagang

totohanang, is you stop immediately, you and I cease-fire tayo. Ni walang isang putok, maski labintador and I would be happy," wika pa ng Pangulo noon sa kanyang mensahe sa Mindoro.

Hinikayat pa mismo ni Duterte si CPP founding chairman Jose Maria Sison na umuwi ng bansa upang makiisa sa peace talks at handa niyang bayaran ang

anumang gagastusin nito sa pag-uwi sa bansa.

Binigyan naman ng 60 days ng Pangulo ang peace talks upang magkaroon ng resulta kasabay ang paniniguro nito sa mga NPA at communist leaders kahit kay Joma Sison na puwede silang bumaba mula sa bundok na walang aaresto sa kanila. (Rudy Andal)

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Don't pay permits to campaign, AFP asks May 14 candidates

By MIKE U. CRISMUNDO
and YAS D. OCAMPO

CAMP BANCASI, Butuan City – Government troops on Monday strengthened security operations, especially in far-flung areas, to curtail the imposition of Permits-To-Campaign (PTC) and Permits-To-Win (PTW) fees that are being demanded by the New People's Army (NPA) from candidates for the May 14 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

Field unit commanders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have also stepped up their round-the-clock patrols to avert any possible terroristic activities that might be perpetrated by

the NPA terrorists as the campaign period for the village polls shifts into high gear this week.

The all-out operation was launched in the wake of reports from local residents that Communist terrorists have been roaming around in their villages to sow terror and force candidates to dole out fees to obtain PTCs and PTWs from them.

In particular, this was the complaint received by the Eighth Infantry Battalion (8th IB) in Bukidnon.

"We will establish grounds and verify the reports received from concerned populace with regards NPA terrorist asking PTC and PTW fees," said Brig. Gen. Eric Vinoya, commanding general of the 403rd Infantry Brigade.

Vinoya assured the populace that the military will assist the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Commission on Elections (Comelec) ensuring peaceful and orderly elections on May 14.

"We affirm that our soldiers will continue to uphold the peaceful undertaking of synchronized Barangay and SK elections," he said.

He added: "We will be extra vigilant to avoid any chaos that the NPA terrorists may do to disrupt the election."

Meanwhile, soldiers of the 30th Infantry Battalion (30IB) captured two rebels accused of extorting from residents in Brgy. Can-aga, Malimono, Surigao del Norte. The two rebels had with them P50,000 in cash.

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2 Reds nabbed

By YAS D. OCAMPO

DAVAO CITY – Troops of the 30th Infantry Battalion (30IB) captured two rebels accused of extorting money from residents of Brgy. Can-aga, Malimono, Surigao del Norte.

The two rebels were allegedly found in possession of P52,000 in cash.

The Eastern Mindanao Command said they captured both rebels around 5 a.m. last Saturday.

Prior to the arrest, Lt. Col. Allen Raymond Tomas, 30IB Commander, said the two rebels along with several comrades engaged his men in a firefight that lasted some 20 minutes.

The rebels eventually escaped in different directions.

Aside from the cash the two rebels were carrying, troops recovered two landmines, one improvised homemade shotgun, and one ICOM radio charger at the site of the encounter.

Follow up operations led to the discovery of a nearby camp, as well as the seizure of an M-16 rifle, a hand grenade, six landmines, various ammunition, ICOM radio, a sack of rice, medical supplies and subversive documents.

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Bomb materials, not shabu, found abandoned in Salcedo

By MAR T. SUPNAD

CAMP QUIRINO, Ilocos Sur – Explosive materials used in making bombs, and not “shabu” ingredients, were found by government troops at makeshift camp in the remote village of Kaliwakiw, Salcedo town, this province, a top police official said yesterday.

Senior Superintendent Jovencio Badua, Ilocos Sur police director, told The Manila Bulletin that the white crystalline substance reportedly found in the area was actually epsom salt and calcium carbonate, which are used in making explosives.

“It is safe to say that the area is being used by criminal elements based on the statements of barangay officials and residents in the area,” Badua said.

The area however is known also to be a bailiwick of the New People’s Army (NPA).

Apart from the 74 plastic packs of Epsom salt and calcium, weighing 25.6 kilos, authorities also discovered fatigue and military shirts, combat clothes and gear, and other kitchen wares and utensils.

Badua said they were still investigating whether these items at the abandoned makeshift camp belonged to the NPA.

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5 NPAs surrender in N. Vizcaya

By FRANCIS T. WAKEFIELD

The Armed Forces of the Philippines-Northern Luzon Command (AFP-NOLCOM) announced yesterday the surrender of five more members of the “Milisyang Bayan” or MB (People’s Militia) of the New People’s Army (NPA) in Nueva Vizcaya.

Lt. Col. Isagani Nato, NOLCOM spokesman, said the surrender took place last Monday at 10 a.m. in Barangay Ammoweg in Ambaguio municipality.

Nato identified the surrenderers as Walter T. Pulido, Pio P. Kaila, Mario U. Humakey, Delfin U. Domingo, and Freddie Q. Dulnuan.

He said their surrender was made

possible through the joint negotiations of local officials and the Landing Patrol Base of the army’s 77th Infantry Battalion (77IB) and the Ambaguio Municipal Police Station (MPS).

He said more and more rebels have been encouraged to return to the fold of the law and live freely from the bondage of armed struggle.

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BARANGAY CAMPAIGN

NPA TO BETS: NO GUNS, STOP VOTE-BUYING

DAVAO CITY—The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) on Tuesday warned candidates in the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections against vote-buying and bringing firearms when campaigning in areas where communist rebels operate.

In a statement, Maria Malaya, spokesperson for the NDFP in northeastern Mindanao, said the move was aimed at protecting voters against harassment and corrupt practices that could affect the outcome of the May 14 elections.

She said candidates who have secured permits from the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to carry firearms outside their homes should not bring their security aides to areas controlled by the New People's Army (NPA).

Coordination

"All candidates are (also) warned against bringing along paramilitary and AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) forces implementing [the government's] community organizing for peace and development [program] while campaigning, as it will influence or force voters to support a candidate," she said.

Malaya also warned candidates against holding "counter-revolutionary activities," such

as intelligence gathering or discrediting the NDFP and NPA, using violence against their rivals, resorting to vote-buying, and bringing along crime suspects during the campaign.

She urged candidates to "coordinate" with the NPA's local units if they wanted to clarify these guidelines, which, she said, the rebels issued to ensure peaceful elections.

Sabotage

Military officers, however, said they were not bound to follow the NPA.

"First, they do not have revolutionary areas to talk about. All areas within the Philippine archipelago are under the control of the Philippine government and the AFP is bound to secure them," Maj. Ezra Balagtey, spokesperson for the military's Eastern Mindanao Command, said. "We ensure the peaceful conduct of the elections and allow no one to sabotage it," he added.

"We will be securing voters for them to exercise their right to freely select their community leaders," he said.

Balagtey said NPA rebels were engaging in coercion "through their permit to campaign and permit to win schemes."

In North Cotabato province, soldiers clashed with NPA rebels in Makilala town on Tuesday but there were no reports of casualties, police said.

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Abus free civilian hostage

By ROEL PAREÑO

ZAMBOANGA CITY – One of two civilians kidnapped along with two policewomen by Abu Sayyaf bandits in Patikul, Sulu has been released.

Faizal Hambali was freed on Saturday night in Sitio Daang Puti, Barangay Bangkal and brought to the Joint Task Force Sulu for debriefing, according to a security official, who refused to be identified, saying he is not authorized to make a public statement.

The official said Hambali's release was not immediately made public, citing "sensitive matters" related to operations to rescue Police Officer 2 Benierose Alvarez, PO1 Dinah Gumahad and Jakosalem Ahamad Blas.

Three bandits were killed and seven soldiers were

wounded in a rescue operation on Monday.

Alvarez, Gumahad and Blas were taken in Barangay Liang on April 29.

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

Meanwhile, an Abu Sayyaf bandit with a P600,000 bounty on his head was arrested in Barangay Taberlongan in Maluso, Basilan yesterday.

Unkie Jammang, 50, alias

Dams, has a standing warrant of arrest in connection with the kidnapping of plantation workers in Lantawan, Basilan and the Lamitan siege, both in 2001.

Chief Superintendent Billy Beltran of the Zamboanga peninsula police said Jammang was also on the arrest order for kidnapping and serious illegal detention of the Departments of National Defense and the Interior and Local Government.

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Maute terror suspect nabbed in QC

D. MARTINA SAGONGDONG

A man accused of being a notorious sniper of the Maute terror group was arrested by authorities in Quezon City after months of hiding and resting in Metro Manila, the Philippine National Police (PNP) disclosed yesterday.

Director General Oscar Albayalde, PNP Chief, identified the suspect as Unday Macadato, of legal age. He was nabbed by members of the National Capital Region Police Office's Regional Police Intelligence and Operations Unit (NCRPO-RPIOU) after a concerned citizen reported a complaint that the suspect was brandishing a gun along Felix Manalo Street in Cubao around 4:55 p.m. Monday

Interrogation conducted by the police later revealed that Macadato was listed 509th in the Martial Law General Order Number 1 which calls for the apprehension of personalities involved in the rebellion in Mindanao. Albayalde said the list includes the names of more or less 1,000 persons.

"Kapag mainit sila sa Mindanao they come here, they rest, they earn money. Yun ang front nila kaya hindi sila nangugulo sa Metro Manila (If they are being pursued in Mindanao, they come here [in Metro Manila], they rest, they earn money. That's their front so they don't engage in terror activities in Metro Manila)," Albayalde said.

"Safe haven nila itong Metro Ma-

nila. White area ito dahil pupunta sila rito para mag lie-low, magpahinga, maghanap-buhay and when they earn money, they bring it back to Mindanao para bumili ng explosives at ammunition (Metro Manila is their safe haven. This is a white area because they come here to lie-low, to rest, earn a living and when they earn money, they bring it back to Mindanao to buy explosives and ammunition)," he added.

Led by brothers Omar and Abdullah Maute, the Maute terror group laid siege on Marawi City on May 23, 2017.

Albayalde said Macadato will be charged with illegal possession of firearms and explosives after a caliber .45 pistol and grenade were seized from him during the arrest.

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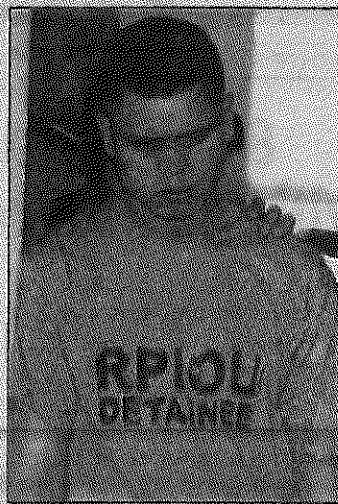
Maute sniper caught in QC

A man who admitted to being a member of the Islamic State-inspired Maute group was arrested in Cubao, Quezon City Monday.

Unday Macadato was apprehended during a raid staged by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) on his house along Felix Manalo street in Cubao just before 5 p.m.

Members of the NCRPO's Regional Police Intelligence and Operations Unit seized a handgun and explosives from Macadato's home during the raid, which was conducted following complaints by a concerned citizen about Macadato's alleged habit of displaying firearms and threatening his neighbors, NCRPO chief Director Camilo Cascolan said.

Macadato, who confessed to being a member of the Maute group, is listed among the fugitives wanted under Martial Law Instruction No.



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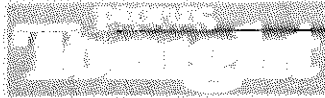
1, according to Cascolan.

He reportedly served as a sniper of the Maute group during the six-month siege of Marawi City last year. Prior to the siege, he reportedly served as a bodyguard of a mayor of Maguindanao province.

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1,146 Bicol poll hotspots bared

By **SONNY SALES**

LEGAZPI City -- At least 1,146 villages in five provinces, except Catanduanes, in the Bicol region are considered hotspots in the May 14 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections, the Commission on Election (Comelec) regional office here reported.

Lawyer Romeo Serrano, Comelec assistant regional director for Bicol, revealed that a week before election day, Masbate has 92 village hotspots, under Category 3, due to intense political rivalry, presence of private armed groups and New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

Also under Category 3 hotspot areas in Bicol are Albay, with 33 villages, and Sorsogon with six villages, based on an updated validation submitted to the joint Comelec Security Command Center, Serrano said.

Serrano explained that in the recent validation of the PNP on both the provincial and municipal levels of hotspot areas in Bicol: under category 1 (areas having intense political rivalry and existence of suspected private armed groups), with 545 villages; category 2 (villages seriously threatened by the presence of communist rebels), 470 villages.

Under category 3, 131 villages in Bicol have both threats of intense political rivalry and presence of armed groups, Serrano add-

ed. Meanwhile, Police Regional Office 5 spokesperson Senior Insp. Maria Luisa Calubaquib said Masbate province remains to be closely monitored by the PNP, with shooting incidents and deaths now reaching 56 cases and with continued violent incidents reported before the elections.

She said, police are still investigating the attempt on the life of former Masbate Gov. Rizalina Seachon Lanete, whose convoy was hit

by an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion on Sunday night in Cataingan, Masbate.

A staff of Congressman Lanete (the ex-governor's son), Jose Tamayo, said the convoy just came from Esperanza town after attending inaugural rites for local projects when an IED exploded near the vehicles while passing a locality in Cataingan town.

Calubaquib said the police are still investigating the incident.

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The significance of Balikatan 2018

A FEW days before United States and Philippine forces began their largest annual military exercises dubbed “Balikatan 34-2018”, American broadcaster CNBC quoted intelligence sources as saying that China has deployed anti-ship cruise missiles and surface-to-air missiles on contested territories at the Spratly Island chain. CNBC said the missiles could strike both US and other foreign navy vessels and military planes that regularly overfly the area.

US Balikatan Exercise Director Lt. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson quickly clarified that this year’s Balikatan is not connected in any way to reports claiming that Chinese missile systems have been installed in several reefs and islets in the South China Sea. He said: “This exercise was scheduled whether those missiles were there or not, and again this is a region of change, there are constant things developing within the region but the exercise has long been planned, you know we are already, probably two weeks from now we are talking about next year’s Balikatan and you can imagine all the things that will occur in the theater between now and then.”

Philippine Balikatan exercise Director Lt. Gen. Emmanuel Salamat, meanwhile, said the exercises are intended to provide training opportunities for both armed forces. “Balikatan 34-2018 is a significant military exercise where the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the US military primarily shared a commitment in moving together to contribute to our country’s security, stability and development. This is an annual activity particularly aimed at the Philippine-US partnership, cooperation and commitment to Mutual Defense Treaty,” he said.

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In this year's Balikatan exercises, 5,000 soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors from the Armed Forces of the Philippines and 3,000 servicemen from the US Marines, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Force will participate in the two-week maneuvers that started on May 7 and will end on the 18th. Around 20 personnel from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and 60 from the Australian Defense Forces will also cooperate as observers.

Although this is the largest annual US-Philippine military exercises since President Duterte came to power and vowed to scale down America's military presence in the country, Philippine officials said they are not aimed at China but at the threat of urban terrorism and other man-made crises and natural disasters. In addition to amphibious beach landings, live-fire maneuvers and disaster-response scenarios, the exercises will involve combat drills in mock urban settings to train special forces in battling terrorists in cities, much like the Marawi siege.

Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana said this year's Balikatan focuses on interoperability training to address traditional and nontraditional security concerns. He said: "Through this exercise, we hope to improve our counterterrorism capabilities in order to build safer communities and work toward the eradication of global terror networks. We hope that through this activity we will have a stronger teamwork, while we endeavor to achieve our common vision of developing long-term cooperation and effective interoperability between the Philippines and the United States and our allies."

Apart from combat drills and counterterrorism activities, this year's Balikatan will also focus on enhancing our military's capability for humanitarian assistance and disaster response. As such, Filipino soldiers participating in this exercise must make the most of this opportunity to learn from their American, Japanese and Australian counterparts.

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AFTER ENCOUNTER | NPA from May 4 clash surrenders

Posted by Alvin Santiago on May 9, 2018 at 4:02 PM



MALITBOG, Bukidnon (DWDD) – One CPP-NPA terrorist (CNT) surrenders to troops of 8th Infantry "Dependable" Battalion (8IB) at Sabangan Patrol Base, Brgy San Luis, Malitbog, Bukidnon on May 7, 2018.

Surrenderee was identified as Anacito Sanugan Sagula Jr. also known as (AKA) Jepy, 32 years old, a resident of Purok 1, Barangay Hagpa, Impasugong, Bukidnon. He brought along with him an AK47 rifle and three magazines loaded with 88 ammunition.

"Apil ko atong grupo na naingkwentro sa Militar kadtong niaging adlaw sa Sitio Victory (I was with the NPA group during the encounter last May 4 at Sitio Victory)," Sagula admitted.

Meanwhile, 8IB is coordinating with the local government unit of Malitbog and the tribal leaders for the needs of the surrenderee.

"Sagula will undergo an interview. Further, we are coordinating with the local government of Malitbog and Bukidnon in order to process the psychosocial intervention from the provincial DSWD and the assistance of Comprehensive Integration Program (CLIP) from the Provincial DILG. Under the CLIP, a regular NPA surrenderee will receive immediate cash assistance of ₱15,000.00 and a livelihood assistance of ₱50,000.00. He will also receive a corresponding amount for the firearm he surrendered depending on the serviceability upon the evaluation of the CLIP Committee of Bukidnon." Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Ilana, Commanding Officer of 8th Infantry Battalion said.

Troops are also exerting all efforts to locate the family and inform them of Sagula's current status.

"We will ensure that the family of Sagula will be informed of his whereabouts. I am very sure they wanted to see him. On the other hand, I congratulate the 8th Infantry Battalion on the continuous efforts exerted in their area of responsibility just to ensure that the Bukidnons will eventually experience the peace and development they long to achieve." Brigadier General Eric Vinoya, Commander of the 403rd Infantry Brigade said.

Major General Ronald Villanueva, Commander of 4th Infantry Division calls for the remaining members of CNTs in the mountains who are suffering due to the relentless efforts of the operating troops to lay down their arms.

"I know that most NPA terrorists are planning to surrender, they are just waiting for the proper timing. There is a life aside from the life you are experiencing right now – away from hunger, fear, and intimidation. A life that is far more productive and happy with your family and loved ones at home. You still have a chance to come back to the folds of the government, and experience this life. We are waiting to assist you on your surrender." Major General Ronald Villanueva, Commander of Army's 4th Infantry Division said. 4DPAO / MCAG



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CAPTURED | 30IB apprehend extorting NPA

Reported by [Alvin Santiago](#) on May 5, 2018 at 2:06 pm



NAVAL STATION FELIX APOLINARIO, Panacan, Davao City (DWDD) – Two extorting CPP-NPA terrorists (CNT) were captured by the operating troops of 30th Infantry "Python" Battalion (30IB) after an encounter at around 5 AM, May 5, 2018, in Brgy Can-aga, Malimono, Surigao del Norte.

Lt Col Allen Raymund Tomas Commanding Officer 30IB said that his troops were acting on the reports of local residents about the CPP-NPA terrorists' abuses and extortion activities in the said Barangay when they were fired upon by an undetermined number of NPA Terrorists which sparked the encounter.

The firefight lasted for about 20 minutes after which the NPA scampered in different directions.



During pursuit operations, troops captured two (2) CNTs and recovered from their possession two (2) landmines, one (1) improvised homemade shotgun, one (1) ICOM radio charger, one (1) combat boots and cash worth Fifty-Three Thousand Pesos (P53,000.00) which is believed to be extorted from the communities.

Further, scouring also led to the discovery of CNT camp, seizure of one (1) M16 rifle, one (1) hand grenade, six (6) Landmines, one hundred (100) meters electrical wire, 50 live ammo of AK47, 42 live ammo of 5.56mm M16, 10 backpacks, one (1) Yaesu ICOM radio, one (1) sack of rice, personal belongings, medical supplies and subversive documents. 30IB / MCAG