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It depicts the harmonious relationships of the military and the different stakeholders: the government and non-government organizations, the private sectors and the media. It highlights the journey of the troops in peace making and in serving the Filipino people especially in times of disasters – both man-made and natural disasters. We, Filipinos always face situations, whether tough or not with heads on and with a smile.

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# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Looking back, the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and the Joint Task Force Central has achieved beyond set goals and has made over the first three months of calendar year 2022. It is with great honor and dignity to have accomplished such great heights as we welcomed the new year.

As the Commander of the 6ID and the JTFC, I have witnessed the continued excellence, dedication and teamwork of everyone - all the Officers, the Enlisted Personnel and the Civilian Employees who have supported and exerted tremendous efforts in contributing to the progress and growth of the division especially for the peace and security of Central and South Central Mindanao. The humility and professionalism which you consistently display enhanced the credibility and reputation of the command.

We have indeed started the year right. There were 80 surrenderees from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, from the Daulah-Islamaya and from the Communist Terrorist Group. We have neutralized various enemies 2022 and we have successfully turned-over livelihood assistance to 140 BIFF and DI former rebels in partnership with Maguindanao's AGILA-HAVEN Program.

This triumph would not be possible without relentlessly working hand in hand with our government forces counterpart, and in upholding good rapport with the local government units, non-government organizations, and various sectors, breaking cultural barriers.

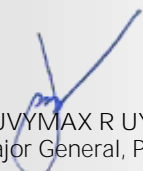
I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all the internal and external stakeholders for your continuous support during my time. I hope that our relationship will strengthen even more in the years to come for the service of people and country.

The JTFC will always be true to our mandate in serving the people and securing the land; especially now that the May elections are coming. With the help and cooperation of the Local Government Units and various government security forces, we will make sure that the citizens will have a safe and fair election. As Filipino citizens of the same country, I urge everyone to do our respective roles and choose wise and fit leaders so that we will have a bright future ahead of us.

I also encourage everyone to look out for yourselves; safeguard your health, take care of one another and work as a team for there are people who rely on you. Continue to press on the fight and pursue all challenges in terms of peace and development in Central and South Central Mindanao.

God Bless Us All.

To God be the glory!

  
JUVYMAX R UY  
Major General, PA

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# ROLE OF THE NCO

The relevance of the chain of command on the performance of tactical, and admin operations is not new in military affairs. The extent to how the Philippine Army functions is largely determined by how well instructions and information are communicated from top to bottom and vice versa. The **Non-Commissioned Officers who are the organization's backbone, carries a critical role in making the system possible.**

The chain of command in the Army is paralleled and reinforced by the NCO support channel. The NCO bridge information up and down units. Hence, the NCO support channel must be always operational and reliable.

For the first quarter of 2022, the following have been accomplished as a part of empowering the NCO role in the organization.

1. The Office of the Command Sergeant Major sent candidates for the Philippine Army Sergeant Course CY-2022 Board Deliberation, chaired by Chief Master Sergeant Rogelio P. Caacbay (Inf) PA, Philippine Army Sergeant Major, through video teleconferencing at the 61D, NCO Clubhouse.

2. Command Sergeant Major SMS Bascar graced the Turn-over of NCO Duties and Responsibilities Ceremony for the position of Sergeant Major, 901B, 61D, PA, between MSg Eddie A. Labis (Inf) PA, the outgoing, and MSg Rodulfo P. Obugan Jr. (Inf) PA, the incoming. This was done on January 22, 2022 at Brgy Lower Paatan, Kabacan, North Cotabato.

3. Command Sergeant Major, together with TSg Sidney F Guardiania (Inf) PA, Sergeant Major of HHSBn and MSg Lowell C Tello (Inf) PA, Sergeant Major of SSBn, witnessed the Change of Chief of Office Ceremony between FCMS Aladin S DACAYANAN PA, the outgoing AFP Sergeant Major, and First Master Chief Petty Officer Freddie E Asence, the incoming AFP Sergeant Major, with GENERAL ANDRES C CENTINO PA, Chief of Staff AFP, as the Keynote Speaker through VTC at the NCO Clubhouse, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army, Camp Siongco Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on February 9, 2022.

As the Personal Staff of the Bde/Bn Commanders and a link to the Enlisted Corps, SMS Bascar always travels down to meets with NCOs and conduct face-to-face conversations with them in order to guarantee that the troops' morale is high; and problems, difficulties, and concerns are addressed. **"To become a better NCO leader, you need to "Know your job, know yourself, know your men, and be honest".**, he always reminds the troops.



## SERGEANT MAJOR'S *Corner* SMS Lyfrey H Bascar (Inf) PA



## 6ID KAMPILAN MASJID AND ISLAMIC CENTER COMMEMORATES LAILATUL ISRA WAL MI RAJ (NOCTURNAL JOURNEY AND ASCENSION OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD)

- **CPT ALIBASHER O LINO G CHS (PA)**

**A**l Isra' wal Miraj is a public holiday that Muslims commemorate on the 27th day of the month of Rajab, the seventh month in the Islamic lunar calendar, 28th day of the month of February in Gregorian calendar. This event marks the night that Allah (God) took Prophet Mohammad (Pbuh) on a journey from Mecca to the farthest Mosque in Jerusalem where he ascended to heaven, was purified, and was given the instruction for Muslims to pray five times daily. Israa is an Arabic word referring to Prophet Muhammad's miraculous night journey believed to have been followed by the Mi'raj, his ascension to heaven.

Just like other religions, this event is very significant to the life of the Muslim people. This ascension provided Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) the proof of his claims because he was able to witness paradise and hell on this journey.

Muslims around the world commemorates this special event including the 6ID Muslim personnel and civilians who live in the vicinity of Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao. The 6ID KAMPILAN MASJID headed by Cpt. Linog initiated a lecture last 25 February 2022 as a part of the commemoration of the event highlighting the importance of Lailatul Isra Wal Mi Raj to the life of every Muslim. The event was approved by MGEN JUVYMAX R UY PA, the Commander of 6th Infantry Division and Joint Task Force Central, who is very supportive in all religious activities welfare of his personnel.

The event ended successfully and with the hopes that 6ID Muslim personnel and civilians will double their time and effort to do good deeds, follow the 5 pillars of Islam, and be responsible & productive individuals in the society.

# AGILA-HAVEN Program Turned-Over Livelihood Assistance to 140 Former Violent Extremists

A total of 140 Former Violent Extremists from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and Daulah Islamiya who surrendered to the government received livelihood and farm assistance on February 16, 2022 at the 6th Infantry Division Grounds, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

The event was possible through the Province of Maguindanao's peace initiative program known as Anak Na May Ghintuang Layunin, Upang Hintuan Ang Violent Extremism Ngayon (AGILA-HAVEN).

Maguindanao Governor, Bai Mariam Sangki-Mangundadatu led the simple turn-over ceremony.

Other attendees include Major General Juvymax Uy, Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry Division Commander, Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Department of National Defense Secretary, ASec Alexander Macario, Department of Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary, Lieutenant General Alfredo Rosario, Commander of Western Mindanao Command, Hon. Suharto Mangundadatu, Governor of Sultan Kudarat Province, and the other Officers and Men of the Kampilan Division.

The Maguindanao Governor extended her heartfelt gratitude to the 6ID Commander and to the PNP for their unwavering support to the Maguindanao Province in terms of peace and security.

She also lauded the former violent extremists' decision to return to the folds of law. "Isang mahirap na desisyon ito para sa ating mga kapatid na minsan nang nakipaglaban sa ating pamahalaan at ngayon ay buong tapang na niyakap ang kapayapaan at walang pag iimbot na tinanggap ang aming alok na pagbabagong buhay sa kabila ng mga banta sa kanila", Gov. Mangundadatu said.

The grant is composed of seven (7) Rotavators, fifteen (15) Hand Tractors or "Kuliglig", seven (7) "Payong-payong", grocery items and livelihood support intended to help these former violent extremists to start their new and peaceful lives with their families.







Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of the Department of National Defense also expressed his congratulations to Maguindanao Governor Bai Mariam Sangki-Mangundadatu for the successful milestones of the AGILA-HAVEN program in partnership with the Joint Task Force Central, the 6ID and other related agencies. **"They know the problem and they know how to solve it", Sec Lorenzana said.**

**"I also congratulate the military for doing a good job in terms of the peace and security of Central Mindanao", Sec Lorenzana added.**

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry Division shared that the AGILA HAVEN Program started when the Joint Task Force Central and the 6ID, together with the Provincial Government of Maguindanao launched the Peace Map when I assumed command on September 2020. As of this day, the program has benefited 375 former violent extremists since its implementation.

**"The success is attributed to the endless effort of our Provincial Government. We are very grateful for this positive result and we look forward for more peace initiatives not only in Maguindanao but for our country and people".**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division

The AGILA-HAVEN is crafted together with the 6ID and other related stakeholders in order to help prevent and counter violent extremism with the primary objective of giving the former violent extremists a chance to return to the mainstream society.





# JTFC COMMANDER JOINS 6ID LINE UNITS' FOUNDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and the Joint Task Force Central, Major General Juvymax Uy joined the founding anniversary celebration of five (5) units under the 6ID namely: 6th Infantry Battalion (6IB), 40th Infantry Battalion (40IB), 6th Division CAA Affairs Unit (6DCAU), 38th Infantry Battalion (38IB) and 34th Infantry Battalion (34IB).

The Commander graced the 48th Founding Anniversary of the 34IB in Salunayan, Midsayap, North Cotabato on February 18, 2022 with the theme *"Loved by the people that we serve, respected by the enemies that we fight"*.

On February 24, 2022, he attended the 47th Founding Anniversary Celebration of the 38IB in Sitio Tampuan, Barangay Maasim, Sarangani Province.

Major General Juvymax R. Uy, along with the other guests were welcomed by Lieutenant Colonel Anhouvic Atilano, 38IB Commanding Officer.

On February 28, 2022, Major General Juvymax Uy joined the 6DCAU in celebrating its 2nd Anniversary Activation Celebration at Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

On March 01, 2022, the Commander graced the 49th Founding Anniversary of the 6th Infantry (Redskin) Battalion at Barangay Buayan, Datu Piang, Maguindanao with the theme *"6th Infantry (Redskin) Battalion @ 49: Overcoming Challenges, Building Resilience, Sustaining Excellence"*.

The anniversary was highlighted by the Awarding of the Redskin Troopers which was presided by Maj. Gen. Uy and was assisted by the 6IB Commander Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Banaag.

On the same day, Major General Juvymax Uy joined the 40th Infantry (Magiting) Battalion in celebrating its 47th Founding Anniversary in Barangay Kabengi, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao with the theme: *"Magiting @ 47: Pagpupugay sa Tapat na Paglilingkod na Pinatibay ng Totoong Giting at Puso"*.

MGen. Uy, together with Lt. Col. Alburo awarded the Magiting personnel and the Magiting Foundation Scholars. He then extended his heartfelt congratulations to 40IB Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Alburo in leading his men for their glorious accomplishments.

**"Congratulations on all your units' accomplishments. It only shows how hard you've all worked and how you've faced all the challenges of your units. Even when your commanders will be different in the future, I hope that you will sustain your passion and commitment for years to come".**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division











## ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL LEADS THE BLESSING AND OPENING OF 6ID ISOLATION FACILITY

The Commanding General of the Philippine Army, Lieutenant General Romeo S Brawner Jr., led the inauguration of the 6th Infantry Division Isolation Facility inside Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on January 07, 2022.

The newly constructed isolation facility is a two-storey building with 60-bedroom capacity that can cater to the health needs of military personnel, their family members, and other individuals in Central Mindanao that needs immediate medical attention. This facility is also designed to augment civilian hospitals and isolation centers in relation to COVID-19 requirements in Central Mindanao.



# CGPA GRACES THE INAUGURATION OF 6ID KAMPILAN GOLF COURSE

Lieutenant General Romeo Brawner Jr, Commanding General of the Philippine Army graced the inauguration of the 6th Infantry Division Kampilan Golf Course at Camp Paulino Santos, Dado, Alamada, Cotabato on January 08, 2022.

Lt. Gen. Brawner Jr congratulated Major General Juvymax Uy for the successful inauguration of the golf course with very minimal cost and resources. **“The facility is expected to bring employment and income to the residents of Alamada, North Cotabato and likewise strengthen the tourism industry in the area”**. Lt. Gen. Brawner Jr added.

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## INAUGURATION CEREMONY 6ID KAMPILAN GOLF COURSE





# Army Commanding General Awards Medals to Kampilan Troopers

Lieutenant General Romeo S Brawner Jr., the Commanding General of the Philippine Army, award medals to eight (8) Kampilan Troopers during his visit at Headquarters 61D, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on January 07, 2022.

Among the medals conferred were four (4) Gold Cross Medals and four (4) Military Merit Medals in recognition to the gallantry in action of the personnel of the Organic and the OPCON units of 61D, PA which led to the neutralization of Daulah Islamiya leader and Emir, Salahudin Hasan alyas Orak.

Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy, the Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 61D assisted the CGPA in awarding the medals. This was also witnessed by the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian human resource of 61D, PA.



# JTFC COMMANDER AWARDS MEDALS TO 5 JTFC SOLDIERS

Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry Division Commander, Major General Juvymax Uy led the pinning of Wounded Personnel Medals (WPM) to five (5) JTFC troops from the Marine Battalion Landing Team 2 at Camp Siongco Station Hospital, 6ID Headquarters, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on February 15, 2022.

The WPM were awarded in recognition of the gallantry of the troops during an encounter with the Daulah Islamiya Terrorists putting their lives in grave danger in the discharge of their duties.

**“These personnel risked their lives and fought gallantly to preserve peace in our nation. As the Commander of the JTFC, I am proud of your selfless service and acts of bravery. Continue to do your best not only for yourselves but for the Filipino people as well”.**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division

Maj. Gen. Uy was assisted by Colonel Michael Santos, 6ID Chief of Staff, during a simple ceremony.





# 61D ADC PRESIDES 12FPAO CHANGE OF CHIEF OF OFFICE

**B**rigadier General Jose Narciso, 6th Infantry Division Assistant Commander, presided over the Change of Chief of Office Ceremony of the 12th Field Property Accountability Office (12FPAO) at 61D Headquarters, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on January 20, 2022.

The outgoing Chief, Ms. Rosemarie Vilbar relinquished her post to the incoming Chief, Ms. Christine Iris Desales. The simple ceremony was graced by the Army Property Accountability Office (APAO) Acting Chief, Evangeline Singueo, PhD.

BGen. Narciso expressed his heartfelt thanks to the outgoing 12FPAO Chief, Ms. Vilbar, for the hard work and successful leadership. "The office under your leadership has greatly contributed to the mission accomplishment of the 61D", BGen. Narciso said.

He challenged the incoming 12FPAO Chief to continue to govern the 12FPAO office with respect in its broadest sense. "Your success will be a shared one. Carry it with great pride and responsibility", BGen. Narciso added.





# INJURED **NPA COMBATANT** SURRENDERS TO GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN SOUTH COTABATO



**A**n injured member of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), identified as Ricky Lumbay alias Jeric, voluntarily surrendered with his caliber 5.56 M16A1 Carbine Rifle to the 11th Special Forces Company, 5th Special Forces Battalion (5SFBn) and to the Local Government Unit of T'Boli, South Cotabato on January 31, 2022.

Brigadier General Pedro Balisi Jr. disclosed that alias "Jeric" was among the CTG members encountered by government troops at Brgy Tudok, T'Boli, South Cotabato during the combat operations launched last January 5, 2022 wherein 6 NPA terrorists were believed to be wounded based on the testimonies of some witnesses.

Alias Jeric narrated that he was left injured by other NPA members during the armed clash last January 5, 2022. "Noong narinig naming nagputukan na, tumalon ako sa bangin, yung mga kasama ko nagtakbuhan na rin, lalo na narinig nila yung helicopter. Napilay at nasugatan ako dahil sa pagtalon ko sa bangin," alias Jeric said. "Naligaw ako sa aking mga kasama, pagod, gutom at masakit ang aking katawan kaya gumawa ako ng paraan para makalapit sa mga tao at magsurrender," he added.

Residents from the sitios of Motosom, Salabanog and Mangga of Brgy. Laconon, T'Boli, South Cotabato immediately reported to authorities the presence of alias Jeric. It can be recalled that said communities were among the barangays that received help through the Community Support Program (CSP) and Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) conducted by the Local Government Unit of T'Boli and the 5th SFBn.

Mayor Dibu S. Tuan expressed that the NTF-ELCAC mechanisms are effective because of the recent surrenders of CTG Local Guerilla Units/Milisyang Bayan and NPA terrorist members from October 2021 to date. "Our conduct of CSP and RCSP is gaining grounds and it must be sustained. These development-oriented approaches coupled with the AFP and PNP's peace, law enforcement, and development support activities and combat operations is a good practice that every LGU must adopt and sustain", Hon. Mayor Tuan said.

The LGU of T'Boli provided the surrenderee with immediate medical and financial assistance. Further, he will be enrolled in the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) as part of the overall government program for those CTG members who returned to the folds of the law.

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry Division commended the Local Government Unit for their countless efforts in implementing the NTF-ELCAC which positively resulted in the peaceful surrenders and combat encounters against the CTGs in South Cotabato.

"With the help of the LGUs and the communities, the defeat of the CTG is inevitable. The recent surrenders of CTG members and the accomplishments of the NTF-ELCAC, our efforts towards peace are gaining grounds and will be realized in the near future".

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division



# “WATER FOR PEACE” INSTALLED TO SUPPORT HIGHLAND COMMUNITY IN SK



The 7th Infantry (TAPAT) Battalion pursues its genuine services in carrying out its mandate to Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) through the conduct of Community Support Program (CSP) in the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) in the unit's area of operations.

To address the primary issues raised during the immersion of CSP Team, the unit spearheaded the installation of a hydraulic ram pump as a component project of the Community Empowerment Thru Science and Technology (CEST) that will provide quality potable water to the highland community.

Institutionalizing the Whole of Nation Approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, the 7IB involved different concerned agencies with their respective mandate as follows: DOST XII to provide technical assistance and facilitate the acquisition/fabrication and installation of a hydraulic ram pump,

DOLE XII to provide emergency employment to the fifteen (15) manpower under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Worker (TUPAD) Program and LGU from provincial down to municipal and barangay levels to provide necessary assistance for the day to day operations of the said project.

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement and Groundbreaking of the Hydraulic Ram Pump was launched to formally start the said project at Sitio Spur 2, Barangay Titulok, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat.

The unit's mandate of uplifting the socio-economic status of the geographically isolated and conflict-affected barangays counters the propaganda of the Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) against the government. Thus, winning the sympathy of the community towards progressive peace and development.





## ARMY FORCES THWARTED POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK; NEUTRALIZED 2 DAULAH ISLAMIYA TERRORISTS IN SOUTH COTABATO

**T**wo (2) Daulah Islamiya Maguid Group terrorists were neutralized during an armed encounter with the Joint Task Force Central (JTFC) forces led by First Lieutenant James Agpaoa on January 31, 2022 at Barangay Lapu, Polomolok, South Cotabato.

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry Division lauded the troops for their professionalism and dedication to carry out their mission of protecting the communities and the Filipino people from the **atrocities of the terrorist groups**. **"If these terrorists were left unchecked, they could possibly attack civilian populace that may result to loss of lives and damage of properties"**, Maj. Gen. Uy said.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Rapi, Battalion Commander of the operating troops, the firefight lasted for about five (5) minutes which led to the neutralization of two (2) DI-MG terrorists identified as Zypol Nilong and Salahudin Usman believed to be under Zaiden Jade Nilong alias Aliboy. The armed clash also resulted to the seizure of two (2) M16 rifles, various components in making improvised explosive devices (IED), and several subversive documents and war materials.

Brigadier General Pedro Balisi Jr, Commander of the 1st Mechanized Brigade, disclosed that the operating troops are continuously conducting pursuit operations against other DI terrorists who were able to escape. **"Our forces will continue to hunt down the remnants of this terrorist group in order to prevent them in attacking our communities. Through the intensified military operations conducted by the JTF Central troops, coupled with the cooperation of the LGUs and the community, the series of successes of these operations indicates that the Daulah Islamiya Terrorist Group is nearing its end"**, Brig. Gen. Balisi Jr said.

For the past months, JTF Central has successfully neutralized numerous DI top leaders and followers. On October 29, 2021, military forces killed Salahuddin Hasan, the known Emir of DI Philippines in an armed clash at Talayan, Maguindanao along with his wife, Jehana Minbida, the Finance Officer of the group. On December 1, 2021, the son of DI Sub-leader Hasan Indal, identified as alias Adsam, was neutralized by JTF Central forces in Brgy Ganta, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Maguindanao. A day after, the newly appointed Emir and leader of DI Terrorist Group, identified as a certain Asim Karinda alias Abu Azim together with four (4) followers, were killed in an armed clash with the JTF Central forces at the nearby town of Mamasapano. In addition, the DI Emir for military affairs identified as Norodin Hasan alias Andot along with his three (3) followers were also killed on January 15, 2022 during a massive man hunt operation by the JTF Central forces in Carmen, North Cotabato in pursuit to the mastermind and individuals responsible for the Mindanao Star bus bombing in Aleosan, North Cotabato on January 11, 2022.

Major General Juvymax Uy continues to call on the remaining members of the DI to surrender to the government and live peaceful lives with the community. **"As much as possible, we want to give them (DI Terrorists) a chance to live in peace with their families. Surrender and the government will help you build and start your new lives peacefully, otherwise the JTF Central forces will not stop in hunting you"**.

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division





## Daulah Islamiya Extremist Killed in a Military Operation in Lanao del Sur

**A** Daulah Islamiya extremist under the Maute Group was neutralized during an encounter with the 1st Marine Brigade troops at Barangay Lumbac, Balabagan, Lanao del Sur on February 02, 2022.

In an initial report, Brigadier General Jonas Lumawag, 1Marine Brigade Commander disclosed that while conducting focused military operations against the group of Polo Alim, a DI-Maute (Lanao) member with an existing warrant of arrest for murder, an undetermined number of armed men started firing at the government troops which resulted in an exchange of gunfire.

**“The firefight lasted for about ten (10) minutes resulting to the death of one (1) unidentified DI member and the recovery of one (1) firearm”, BGen. Lumawag added.**

Recovered from the firefight were one (1) M16 rifle with attached M203 GL, one (1) hand grenade, one (1) cellphone, illegal drugs, and assorted drug paraphernalia.

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry Division lauded the brave acts of the security forces involved, both military and Balabagan MPS. **“The JTFC will continue to support other law enforcement agencies to curb lawlessness and criminalities in our area of operations.”**

The commander urged the terrorists to surrender at once to avoid incidents like this. **“We have been calling the remnants of the Daulah Islamiya to lay down their arms and go back to the folds of the law to avoid circumstances like this, but some are not heeding to it. Surrender now and live peacefully with your families. The government and the JTFC will always welcome you.”**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division





**NORODIN HASSAN @ANDOT**  
EMIR FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS DI-HG

**Abdonhack Hassan @Abdon**

**Abdonillah Hassan @ Don**



## Mastermind of Aleosan, North Cotabato Bus Bombing Killed in an Encounter with Philippine Army Forces

Five (5) days after the tragic Mindanao Star bus bombing along the national highway of Aleosan, North Cotabato, the Philippine Army forces of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division neutralized the mastermind and the three (3) other extremists responsible for bombing during a manhunt operation in Carmen, North Cotabato on January 15, 2022.

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry Division, identified the mastermind as a certain Norodin Hassan alias Andot, the known Emir for Military Affairs of the Daulah Islamiya Hassan Group (DI-HG). **“The death of alias Andot and three (3) of his cohorts gives justice to the victims of the Mindanao Star bus bombing”**, Maj. Gen. Uy said.

It can be recalled that on January 11, 2022, an improvised explosive device was set off inside a Mindanao Star bus unit while plying along the national highway of Aleosan, North Cotabato, killing a 5-year-old child and wounding six (6) other passengers.

Philippine Army and Police Explosive and Ordnance Disposal Teams conducted a Sensitive Site Exploitation and Post Blast Investigation immediately after the incident to identify the suspects. Intelligence reports and information from the civilian populace helped the security forces track down the perpetrators and launched a massive manhunt operation a day after the explosion.

Col. Jovencio Gonzales, Commander of the 602nd Brigade identified two (2) of the three (3) associates of alias Andot as Abdonillah Hassan alias Don and Abdonhack Hassan alias Abdon, while another one is yet to be identified. Several firearms and war materials were seized from the suspects which includes one (1) 7.62mm M14 Rifle, one (1) cal. 30 M1 Garand Rifle, several rounds of ammunition and magazines of different calibers, analog cellphones, solar panels, ICOM radios, and other subversive documents with high intelligence value.

**“After identifying the perpetrators who were responsible for the bombing attack, we immediately launched the manhunt operation in order to prevent them from doing similar atrocities in other areas to prevent further loss of lives and damage to properties”**, Col. Gonzales said.

Since the last quarter of 2021, several high-ranking Daulah Islamiya personalities have been neutralized by the 6ID forces namely: Salahuddin Hassan, Emir of Daulah Islamiya – Philippines was neutralized by government forces in Talayan, Maguindanao on October 29, 2021; alias Adsam, Sub-Leader of DI, was neutralized on December 1, 2021, at Datu Salibo, Maguindanao; and Asim Karinda alias Abu Azim, newly appointed Emir of DI, was killed in an encounter with the government forces on December 2, 2021, at Mamasapano, Maguindanao.

**“Our continuous effort to go after these terrorist groups has been unyielding. There will be no let-up and slowing down against these terrorists who continue to attack civilian populace, properties, and communities. All these accomplishments were realized with the help of the local leaders and members of the communities”**.

**“Together let us stand against these terrorist groups. In due time we will defeat them and the people of Central Mindanao will finally realize the peace and security that they longed for.”**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division









# GALLERY





# Reliable Battalion Schemed Accomplishments and Strong Involvement in Peace Building

The 34th Infantry (Reliable) Battalion schemed accomplishments involving peace building that results in gaining positive remarks. A total of twenty nine (29) former members of BIFF both from Bungos and Karialan factions in the municipalities of Midsayap, North Cotabato and Northern Kabuntalan, Maguindanao were presented by Lt. Col Edgardo L. Vilchez Jr. PA, Commanding Officer of 34th IB to Col. Jovencio F. Gonzalez PA, Commander of 602nd Brigade, 6ID, PA and to the municipal mayors of Midsayap and Northern Kabuntalan. Twenty eight (28) among them are from the municipality of Midsayap, North Cotabato including one (1) PSR listed known as "Seok Panday" and one (1) from Northern Kabuntalan, Maguindanao. During the course of custodial debriefing of the surrenderees, it was found that two of them were child warriors with ages 16 and 17 years old.

The surrenderees surrendered their high powered firearms and ammunitions composed of: One (2) M16 rifle with one (1) magazine and six (6) live ammos, One (1) M1 garand rifle with three (3) ammunitions, One (1) M14 rifle with one (1) magazine, Two (2) modified Caliber 50 barret sniper rifle with five (5) live ammunitions, One (1) 7.62mm modified barret sniper rifle with one (1) magazine, One (1) Caliber 45 with one (1) magazine and three (3) live ammos, Two (2) M79 with two (2) Ctg 40mm HE ammos, and Two (2) homemade rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) with two (2) RPG HEAT ammos as a gesture of whole hearted commitment to abandon violence. This strongly indicates that the said BALIK-LOOB BIFF's aim a new beginning and finally support government advocacies.

As part of the unit's Civil-Military works in response to the typhoon "Odette", 34IB partnered with the different organizations such as PCACV, Great Midsayap Lady Eagles Club, Rotary Club of Midsayap Chapter and Midsayap Masters Events Supplier Association (MMESA). Despite of being outside of the unit's area of operation, it still provided area security and humanitarian assistance during the distribution of relief goods to the affected families in Brgy Mabua, Surigao City.

Lt. Col. Vilchez Jr. and Col. Gonzales witnessed the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Construction of Public Market held at Brgy

Kapinpilan, Midsayap, Cotabato. This public market will serve as a foundation of an improving community that can provide business opportunities to sustain the needs of the people and support the growth of trade and industry.

Path to lasting peace was made when the 34TH Infantry (RELIABLE) Battalion of the 6th Infantry (KAMPILAN) Division, Philippine Army based at Barangay Salunayan, Midsayap, Cotabato under Lt. Col Vilchez Jr., Commanding Officer of the unit witnessed the final settlement of a long-time feud between Kulilong, Mamisel Families and Mangadta, Embalgan Families in Barangay Mudseng, Midsayap, Cotabato. The highlight was started by the reading of the Qur'an and Raising the Flags of the Philippines and BARMM Government followed by signing of the Peace and Reconciliation between parties. The RIDO had already caused too much suffering and miseries for both parties as armed confrontation erupted in many instances between them that resulted to series of forced evacuation among innocent civilians and to the extent that resulted to loss of lives and damage of properties. The unit assisted the peaceful negotiation and showed neutral judgement to acquire a fair decision prior to the settlement.

During the 34IB's celebration of its 48th Founding Anniversary, "Stakeholders Night" was conducted to give thanks and appreciation to all stakeholders for their invaluable support and assistance rendered to this unit in its over-all mission accomplishment during the incumbency of Lt. Col. Vilchez Jr. The activity aims to maintain strong relationship and active support from key stakeholders in the area.

The 34IB has its own language and channel of communication in analyzing differences of ethnic groups, cultures and religious beliefs. The idea of constructing Musalla inside camp is to ensure the spiritual growth of its personnel. The successful opening was done through simple ribbon cutting ceremony followed by Sambayang and Kanduli at the battalion headquarters in connection with the unit's celebration of its 48th Founding anniversary.

The Reliable Battalion will forever be reliable in its mandate in serving the people and securing the land.





# CONTINUOUS CAMPAIGNS AGAINST TERRORIST GROUPS YIELD 23 SURRENDEREES IN CENTRAL MINDANAO

A total of twenty-three (23) former violent extremists yield to the Joint Task Force Central (JTFC) forces in North Cotabato and Maguindanao Provinces on January 21, 2022 bringing along with them 21 high-powered firearms and several improvised explosive devices.

Major General Juvymax Uy, Commander of the JTFC and the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division disclosed that the single-day surrender belongs to several local terrorist groups in different areas of Central Mindanao: six (6) combatants from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) Karialan Faction and two (2) from the Daulah Islamiya (DI) Turaife Group surrendered to 90th Infantry Battalion in Pikit, North Cotabato; three (3) combatants from the BIFF Karialan Faction and two (2) from DI Hassan Group surrendered to 90IB in Pagalungan, North Cotabato and ten (10) from the BIFF-Bungos Faction surrendered to the 1st Mechanized Battalion in Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

**“This is the result of JTFC’s continuous campaign against the terrorist groups in order to protect our communities from their atrocities and to achieve long and lasting peace in this part of the country”,** Maj. Gen. Uy stressed.

The recent surrender raised the total number of former violent extremists who returned to the folds of the law to 53 since the start of the Calendar Year 2022.

Lieutenant Colonel Rommel Mundala, Commanding Officer of the 90IB disclosed that the nine (9) former violent extremists who surrendered in Pikit, North Cotabato brought along one (1) Cal. 30 Machine gun, two (2) M16 Rifles, three (3) M14 Rifles, one (1) RPG2 and one (1) grenade-type IED. These were presented to Colonel Donald Gumiran, 602nd Brigade Deputy Commander and to Hon Sumulong Sultan, Mayor of Pikit, North Cotabato.

The five (5) other former violent extremists who surrendered in Pagalungan brought along two (2) M14 Rifles, one (1) Ultimax 5.56mm machine gun, one (1) RPG2, and one (1) 7.62mm Barret Rifle. These were presented to Colonel Gumiran and to Hon Salik Mamasabulod, Mayor of Pagalungan, North Cotabato.

In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Cresencio Sanchez Jr., Commanding Officer of the 1st Mechanized Battalion said that the ten (10) former BIFF combatants who surrendered in Ampatuan, Maguindanao brought along with them one (1) US Cal .30 M1919A4 Browning Machine Gun, one (1) US M1 Carbine Rifle, one (1) US M14 Rifle, one (1) US M14 Rifle, one (1) Garand Rifle, and four (4) Homemade 7.62mm Sniper Rifles. These were presented to Colonel Ferdinand Lacadin, 1st Mechanized Brigade Officer In Charge and to Hon. Unson Demaguil, Executive Secretary of Datu Salibo, Maguindanao.

These surrenderers are set to be enrolled under the DIWATA-HAVEN Program of North Cotabato and AGILA-HAVEN of Maguindanao Province.

**“The successful surrender of these 23 former violent extremists were realized through the joint efforts of the JTFC forces and the local PNP units of Pikit, Pagalungan, and Datu Salibo”.**

**“The security landscape in Central Mindanao will definitely change if these accomplishments are sustained. I continue to call on our partners in the Local Government Units, government and non-government agencies and organizations, stakeholders, and members of the communities to continue helping the JTFC in our efforts to totally defeat violent extremism in Central Mindanao. Our gains are your gains and our accomplishments are your accomplishments. We will defeat these terrorist groups in due time.”**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division







## 1st BCT Redeploys to New Area of Operations

**1**st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT) sets foot to another area of operations and established its postures in the municipalities of Sultan Kudarat and Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao, in Alamada, North Cotabato and in the City of Cotabato to perform key roles in supporting the Joint Task Force Central in achieving an orderly and peaceful election.

The Battalions under 1BCT were deployed in different areas of Maguindanao: 99th Infantry Battalion covers the City of Cotabato, while the 92nd Infantry Battalion covers Alamada, North Cotabato and Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao. On the other hand, the 6th Mechanized Infantry Battalion is currently in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

One of the key roles of 1BCT is to support civil capacity by means of performing tasks other than combat operations, which includes conducting series of Joint Checkpoint Operations that resulted to the apprehension of firearms and violators of the Election Gun Ban.

The 92nd Infantry (Tanglaw Diwa) Battalion, on the other hand, exerted efforts to collaborate with the stakeholders that resulted to the surrender of sixteen (16) BIFF members on January 15, 2022, who opted to go back to the main stream society and live peaceful lives. They brought along their firearms.

The 1BCT will remain to be the Quick Reaction Force of the JTF Central in order to sustain focus military operations (FMO) in different areas of Maguindanao in support to its mission of enabling an orderly and peaceful national election, and achieving a just and lasting peace.







## T'BOLI TOWN VOWS TO END COMMUNIST TERRORISM AS 2 NPA TERRORIST SURRENDER

**T**he Local Government Unit of T'Boli, South Cotabato along with the Indigenous Peoples' Community of T'Boli vowed to end the Communist Terrorist Group's exploitations in their community as they support the surrender of two (2) NPA Terrorists to the 11th Special Forces Company, 5th Special Forces Battalion under the 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 6th Infantry Division, Philippine Army on February 4, 2022.

The surrenderees were identified as Alias Dagul, a Political Guide of Platoon Central, Guerilla Front Musa (GF MUSA), Far South Mindanao Region (FSMR), and a certain Tata Tonow Tihal alias Tata, a Milisyang Bayan member, both are residents of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato. The former rebels yielded one (1) M79 Grenade Launcher with five rounds of 40mm High Explosive ammunition. Eventually, alias Dagul led the troops to unearth an arms cache containing one (1) cal. 5.56 M16 rifle and another M79 grenade launcher in barangay Laconon, T'Boli, South Cotabato. Both surrenderees are members of the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) from the T'Boli tribe in South Cotabato.

T'Boli Mayor Dibu S. Tuan said that through the mechanisms of the National Task Force on Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (NT-ELCAC), he vows to save the IP communities from the exploitation of the CPP/NPA/NDF while declaring that the terror group's ideology is the poison that destroys the culture and tradition of the IPs.

The government troops assure the South Cotabato province of their best efforts to quell any terrorist threats to support and sustain the peace and development programs and projects and the continuous delivery of basic and social services particularly in the conflict-affected areas.

Brigadier General Pedro Balisi Jr., Commander of 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, acknowledges the role of the LGU and the IP communities in quelling communist terrorism in T'Boli, South Cotabato, and continues to urge the cooperation of the entire community to support the TF-ELCAC of the said municipality. **"The surrender of alias Dagul, as a political guide, is a big loss to GF MUSA. With this accomplishment, we are expecting more surrenders in the next few days", Brig. Gen. Balisi said.**

Furthermore, Major General Juvymax R Uy lauded the efforts of the 11th SF Company, 5th SF Battalion, the LGU of T'Boli, South Cotabato and the T'Boli IP Community in crushing the CTG exploitation in the said town. **"We are one with you in protecting your communities and families from the atrocities and exploitations of the CTGs", Maj. Gen. Uy said.** He reiterated his call for the remaining communist terrorists to surrender and return to the folds of the law. **"Those who refused to surrender, there will be no let-up and the government will be relentless in hunting you down."**

- Maj. Gen. Juvymax R. Uy  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division





# 21 FORMER REBELS RECEIVE LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE IN SULTAN KUDARAT

A total of 21 former rebels received livelihood assistance from the OPAPRU Area Management Office, South Central Mindanao headed by Ms Mylene Navales. The activity was in coordination with the 57th Infantry Battalion and was held at the Lebak Land Transport Complex, Barangay Kinudalan, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat on February 17, 2022.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Pondanera, 57IB Commanding Officer disclosed that a Community Consultation and Problem Solving Session was conducted together with the RTF-ELCAC Region XII (LPE Cluster) to the 21 former rebels who surrendered last June 01, 2021.

**“This joint effort shows that we can achieve great outcomes if we work together towards achieving one common goal which is peace and progress in our nation”,** Lt. Col. Pondanera said.

The activity was attended by Hon. Frederick F. Celestial, Lebak Municipal Mayor, Hon. Florecio Apang, Sultan Kudarat Municipal Indigenous People Mandatory Representative, Mr. John Lebiga, Sultan Kudarat E-CLIP Focal Person, Police Maj. Joel Martinez, Lebak MPS, Mr. Jeffrey Oyas, Municipal Health Officer, Ms. Karen Tayocnog, Mr. Ricky Noble, and Ms. Imelda Riganan from NIA.







## Pagbalik-loob ng Sampung Miyembro ng LTG at Tatlong Miyembro CTG sa Pamahalaan

**M**atagumpay na naisagawa ang pagpresenta ng mga Balik-Loob sa Headquarters, 602nd Infantry Brigade, Camp Lucero, Brgy Nasapian, Carmen, Cotabato noong ika-2 ng Marso 2022.

Sampung (10) miyembro ng Local Terrorist Group ang nagbalik-loob sa pamahalaan na binubuo ng anim (6) mula sa Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter-Karialan Faction, dalawa (2) sa Dawlah Islamiya-Hassan Group, at dalawa (2) sa Dawlah Islamiya-Turaife Group. Tatlong (3) miyembro din ng Communist Terrorist Group na binubuo naman ng dalawang (2) Militiang Bayan, at isang (1) regular na miyembro ng NPA.

Ayon sa kanila, nakakapagod at napakahirap ng kanilang naging buhay sa matagal na panahon na pagsama, pagsuporta at pakikipaglaban sa panig ng kani-kanilang grupo. Sa mga kadahilanang ito ay boluntaryo silang lumapit sa kasundaluhan at magbalik-loob sa pamahalaan upang magkaroon ng mas maayos at ligtas na pamumuhay kasama ang kanilang pamilya. Ang sampung miyembro na LTG ay nauna nang naipresenta sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Pikit at Pagalungan noong ika-21 ng Enero 2022.

Kasabay ng kanilang pagbabalik-loob ay ang pagsuko ng limang (5) M14 Rifles, dalawang (2) M16 Rifles, isang (1) Caliber 30 Browning Machine Gun, isang (1) grenade-type IED, isang (1) Garand Rifle, at dalawang (2) Shotgun Rifles na may kasamang mga bala at magazines.

Sila ay pormal na iprinisenta ni COL JOVENCIO F GONZALES INF (GSC) PA, Commander ng 602nd Brigade katuwang sina LTC ROMMEL T MUNDALA INF (GSC) PA, Commanding Officer, 90IB; at LTC EDGARDO L VILCHEZ JR INF (GSC) PA, Commanding Officer, 34IB sa butihing Gobernador ng Probinsya ng Cotabato na si Hon. Nancy A. Catamco.

Bilang paunang suporta ay nagbigay ng tig-iisang sako ng bigas, at groceries ang probinsya ng Cotabato habang tuloy-tuloy na isinasagawa ang proseso upang matanggap nila ang mga karapatang benepisyo mula sa pamahalaan.

Ang pagbabalik-loob na ito ay ang magandang simula sa patuloy na pagtutulungan ng kasundaluhan, lokal na pamahalaan, at mga taong bayan sa pagpapanatili ng katahimikan, pagsulong ng pag-unlad at pagbabago sa buong probinsya ng Cotabato.



# 37IB and 63CMO Coy Personnel Serve as “Ate” and “Kuya” During 2022 MTF-ELCAC and CSP Youth Summit in Sultan Kudarat

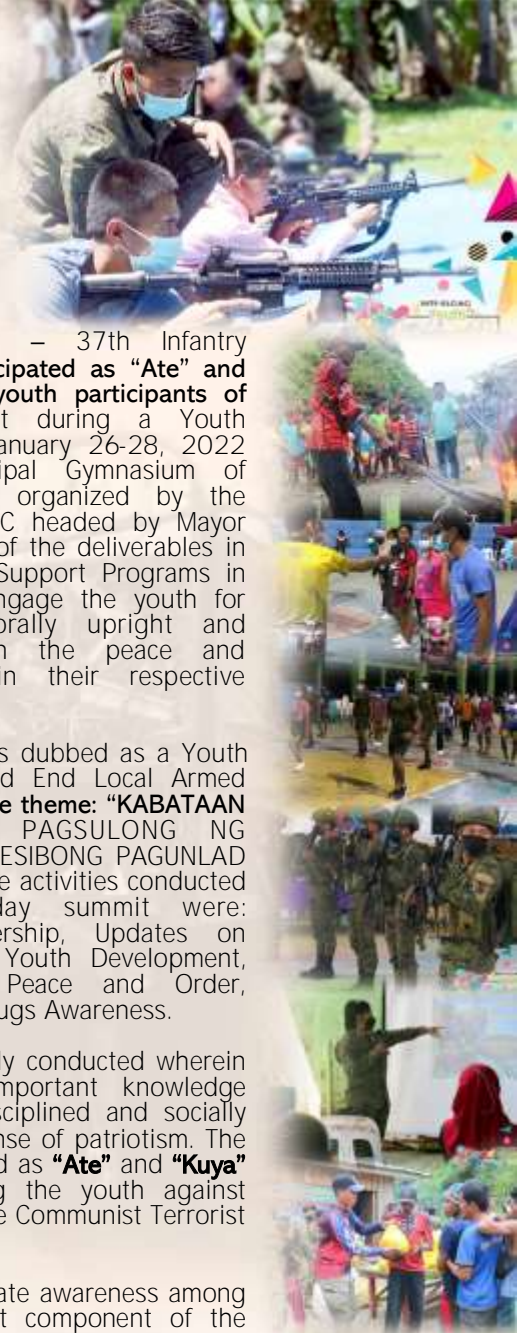


Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat – 37th Infantry “Conqueror” Battalion participated as “Ate” and “Kuya” to more than 60 youth participants of Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat during a Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) last January 26-28, 2022 which was held at Municipal Gymnasium of Palembang. The YLS was organized by the Municipal Task Force ELCAC headed by Mayor Joenime B Kapina as part of the deliverables in the ongoing Community Support Programs in order to continuously engage the youth for them to become morally upright and responsible leaders in the peace and development efforts in their respective communities.

The activity was dubbed as a Youth Leadership Summit and End Local Armed Conflict Summit with the theme: “KABATAAN AY KAAKIBAT SA PAGSULONG NG KAPAYAAN AT PROGRESIBONG PAGUNLAD NG BAYAN”. Among the activities conducted during the three-day summit were: Transformation Leadership, Updates on Programs Related to Youth Development, Role of Youth in Peace and Order, Spirituality, and Illegal Drugs Awareness.

The Summit was successfully conducted wherein the youth attendees acquired important knowledge towards becoming God-fearing, disciplined and socially responsible leaders with a great sense of patriotism. The Conqueror troopers who participated as “Ate” and “Kuya” also shared insights in protecting the youth against recruitment and exploitation from the Communist Terrorist Group or New People’s Army.

The activity was able to create awareness among the youth that they are important component of the society who have critical roles in nation-building.







## Former Rebels and one Former Violent Extremist receive Additional Financial Aid

**T**hrough collaboration with the Local Government Units of General Santos City, two (2) former Communist Terrorists and a Dawlah Islamiya Extremist who decided to return to the folds of law and live a peaceful life, received additional financial assistance worth Php 15,000.00 pesos each through the City Social Development Office of General Santos City Sustainable Development Program on February 24, 2022. Among the beneficiaries were Rudin Embang @Rod Former Violent Extremist (FVEs), Nico A Balansi @ Bentong, and Rene Kansal Ahim @ Baldo Former Rebels (FRs).

It can be recalled that on October 06, 2021 the surrenderees were presented to the media by COL GALILEO GOYENA JR MNSA (CAV) PA, Task Force Gensan Commander and have received initial financial assistance and livelihood packages from the Local Government Units. Also presented were the surrendered firearms which includes one (1) Remington 5.56mm R4 rifle, one (1) caliber 30 Springfield Garand rifle, and one (1) caliber .45 pistol.

COL GALILEO GOYENA JR MNSA (CAV) PA, Task Force Gensan Commander, disclosed that the former Dawlah Islamiya Extremist belongs to the DI-Hassan Group operating in Polomolok, South Cotabato while the two former communist terrorists were from SRC Daguma, FSMR operating in the municipalities of Kalamansig, Palimbang and Lebak.

The said surrenderees are undergoing custodial debriefing and are being processed under the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) of the national government for the additional aid. The surrenderees claimed that they are already tired of running and hiding away from government forces and that they have no more place to hide since the people have been reportedly tipping off their presence or location to authorities. They also handed over their firearms to prove their sincere intent to abandon their armed struggle.







## 10 BIFF FIGHTERS YIELD 9 ASSORTED FIREARMS TO LAKAN BATTALION

The 1st Mechanized Infantry (LAKAN) Battalion under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel CRESENCIO G SANCHEZ JR CAV (GSC) PA, facilitated the surrender of ten (10) Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in partnership with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Datu Salibo, Maguindanao headed by Hon Dr. Solaiman M Sandigan, Al-Hadj, Ph.D. The surrenderees were presented to BGEN PEDRO C BALISI JR PA, Brigade Commander ably represented by Colonel FERDINAND B LACADIN MNSA (CAV) PA, Deputy Brigade Commander of the 1st Mechanized Infantry (MAASAHAN) Brigade, Armor (PAMBATO) Division, Philippine Army on 21 January 2022 at Headquarters 1st Mechanized Infantry (MAASAHAN) Brigade, ARMOR (PAMBATO) Division, Philippine Army, Brgy Kamasi, Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

The 10 BIFF, who are members of the Bungos Faction yielded a total of nine (9) assorted high-powered firearms.

The successful surrender of the Local Terrorist Group members was the result of the intensified **intelligence efforts and concerted stakeholders' engagement between the AFP units and the LGUs of Maguindanao** through the implementation of the AGILA-HAVEN Program of the Province of Maguindanao to finally end the evils of terrorism in the area.





# CSP-PCVE, Tool of 6IB towards Peace and Development

The 6th Infantry “Redskin” Battalion’s OPCON Unit, the 23rd Mechanized Company stationed at Brgy. Elian, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao, conducted Community Support Program - Preventing Communist Violent Extremist (CSP-PCVE) at Brgy. Dapiawan, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao on October 25, 2021.

It is in line with the unit’s campaign and effort in defeating the violent extremist groups within its area of operations in accordance with the higher headquarters’ and AFP’s mandate. This is to support the government’s whole of the nation’s approach spearheaded by the NTF-ELCAC in eradicating and clearing the remote areas identified under the influence of the violent extremists and to allow the LGUs in conducting peace and development efforts for their constituents.

The CSP Team of the 23rd Mechanized Company under 1LT Orlando Laiz Jr launched its maiden or Phase 1 of CSP-PCVE on October 29, 2021. With thorough planning and preparation, they were able to conduct Phase 2 of the program during the 2nd week of November 2021.

During their immersion, the team was able to comprehend and sympathize with the community since they are living among them. Likewise, they were able to identify three (3) issues namely: lack of solar lights, delayed road construction, and damaged Madrasa. Subsequently, the community’s concern was addressed by the team to the appropriate and corresponding authorities.

They also conducted CMO activities such as dialogues, outreach programs, bloodletting, and tree planting activities which led to the building and gaining of trust and confidence of the people.

On February 23, 2022, the CSP Team was able to implement and accomplish the five (5) Phases of CSP-PCVE in Brgy. Dapiawan.

By the end of the program, they were able to help in reconstructing the Madrasa and left the people with lasting relationships in support of the AFP’s campaign.

LTC CHARLIE C BANAAG, Commanding Officer of the 6th Infantry “Redskin” Battalion believes that the 23rd Mechanized Company’s effort in conducting the CSP-PCVE paves the way for the civilian populace in rejecting the violent extremist groups and their ideology in their community.

“This is a big step for us particularly in influencing the hearts and minds of the community in Brgy. Dapiawan. It will help us in defeating the violent extremist groups in the area, especially that most of its survival needs are extorted from them”, LTC BANAAG said.







# YOUTH EMPOWERED TOWARDS LASTING PEACE THROUGH YLS

**N**inety Moro youth, underwent a two-day training themed: **“Youth Capacity Building I: Establishing Youth Potentials and Skills in Peacebuilding and Conflict Analysis”**. It was held at the municipal covered court of Barangay Zapakan, Radjah Buayan, Maguindanao on 22-23 January 2022. The capacity training was in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Youth For Peace Movement (YFPM) Pukaw, and the 331B, 61D, PA.

The Youth Capacity Building aimed to tap the potentials of the graduates of the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) Radjah Buayan chapter. Also, to empower them by developing awareness on prevailing social issues in their communities, boosting self-confidence, raising self-esteem, and developing leadership skills. Moreover, it intends to provide inclusive participation in peacebuilding in a resilient community.

During the two-day training, the participants displayed their eagerness and actively participated in the discussions and activities. The topics/module focused on leadership development, anti-terrorism campaign, the use of social media, love for the family, and respect for the laws and the authorities. In a workshop, the participants were tasked to identify and analyze the existing issues/problems in their community and to find possible solutions and interventions to those issues/problems. The participants were full of hope and exhibited great potential to generate positive changes in their respective communities.

Recognized as one of the most important sectors in the community, the unit has sustained the engagement with the youth sector through the conduct of various capacity building and training that aimed to empower the youth, promote awareness in preventing violent extremism and enhance their effectiveness and efficiency as third party advocates in winning the peace.





## 13 ARMADONG SUMUKONG BIFF SA 40IB NAKATANGGAP NG 1-YUNIT NG ROTOVATOR MULA SA PLGU-MAGUINDANAO

Labing tatlong (13) armadong miyembro ng BIFF na sumuko sa 40th Infantry (Magiting) Battalion ay nakatanggap ng isang (1) yunit ng Rotovator sa isinagawang Mass Awarding of Livelihood Assistance to Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) na ginanap sa 61D Grandstand, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao noong Ika-labing anim ng Pebrero taong 2022.

Ang seremonya na ito ay pinangunahan ni Hon. Governor Bai Mariam Sangki-Mangudadatu at dinaluhan ni Sec. Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense at mga matataas na military unit commanders na pinangunahan ni LTGEN ALFREDO V ROSARIO JR PA, Commander, Western Mindanao Command, AFP.

Ang aktibidad na ito ay isa sa mga kasalukuyang programa at serbisyong pangkabuhayang patuloy na ipinapatupad sa ilalim ng AGILA HAVEN ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Maguindanao. Ang programa na ito ay may layuning hikayatin ang mga natitirang miyembro ng armadong grupo na lumabas at sumuko na upang sila ay makatanggap ng tulong o benepisyong mula sa pamahalaan.

Ang 13 FVEs na ito ay kasama sa kabuuang bilang na 183 benepisaryo na sumuko mula sa iba't-ibang yunit na nasasakupan ng 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army. Kabilang sa kanilang mga natanggap ang pitong (7) Rotovator, isang (1) Tractor, labing-limang (15) Kuliglig na may trailer, pitong (7)

payong-payong tricycle, at dalawang (2) sari-sari store package. Dagdag pa, nakatanggap din ang bawat isa ng 2,000 cash assistance, bulb at solar panel.

Labis naman ang pasasalamat ng mga benepisyaryo sa tulong na kanilang natanggap at nangangakong ito ay alagaan para sa pangmatagalang paggamit at serbisyo nito sa kanilang grupo.

Ang patuloy na pagtanggap ng ating mga FVEs mula sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Maguindanao ay isang indikasyon sa pagkamit ng tunay na kapayapaan at kaunlaran sa nasabing probinsya. Ito ay isa sa mga nakikitang kasagutan o solusyon para maibsan ang kahirapan at mahinto na ang matagal na armadong hidwaan para maiangat ang pamumuhay ng mga mamamayan sa probinsya ng Maguindanao.

**“Kayo ay aming hinihikayat na gamitin ng maayos ang mga natanggap na kagamitang pangkabuhayan para makatulong sa pang-araw araw na pangangailangan ng inyong pamilya at hinihikayat din namin ang inyong mga natitirang kasamahan sa grupo na sumuko na upang makatanggap ng mga benepisyong na binibigay mula sa ating gobyerno at para muling manumbalik sa normal ang inyong pamumuhay”,** ayon kay LTC ALBURO.





## 6TH CMOBN CONTINUOUSLY FOSTERS PARTNERSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITIES

The 6th Civil-Military Operations “Kasangga” Battalion continues to foster and strengthen partnership with stakeholders in protecting the communities from the exploitation of radicalism and violent extremism especially those from the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantage Areas (GIDAs). This initiative is being executed to continuously support the efforts of the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division in its peace and development objectives while achieving innovative approaches in showing the people of South and South-Central Mindanao that indeed, the military is a partner for peace and development.

One of the unit's highlighted accomplishments and best practices is the comprehensive conduct of institutionalized lectures on Preventing and Countering Radicalism and Violent Extremism (PCRVE) to help protect the populace from radicalism and violent extremism and create an environment conducive to sustainable development and achieve the aspiration of lasting peace.

The success of the Youth Leadership Training (YLT) that was facilitated by the 6th CMO Battalion last 2021 in the municipalities of South Upi and Sultan Sa Barongis of Maguindanao Province and in Matalam, North Cotabato has been very effective based on the response of the youth leaders in the said areas. This was attested with activity being replicated in the municipality of South Upi as part of their programmed activities for calendar year 2022.

This paved the way for 6th CMO Battalion and JTF Central together with the partner stakeholders to continue the conduct of leadership trainings and to educate the youth on PCRVE.

During the 1st Quarter of 2022, the PCRVE efforts of the 6th CMO Battalion were sustained by the

LGU of South Upi, Maguindanao wherein on 18-20 February and 18-20 March 2022, the LGU of South Upi sponsored the conduct of the YLT in Brgy Kigan and Brgy Romongaob of the said municipality.

Lieutenant Colonel John Paul D Baldomar, Commanding Officer of 6th CMO Battalion was invited as a resource speaker to deliver a lecture on PCRVE. The activity was attended by 215 aspiring youth leaders of said barangays who are willing to develop their skills, change their perception, and achieve their dreams. The LGU of South Upi laid out its plan to continue in conducting the said activity in the different barangays of the said municipalities for the entire calendar year 2022.

Likewise in the internal aspect, the PCRVE trained personnel of the 6th CMO Battalion continues to impart knowledge on PCRVE to the personnel of the different Organic and OPCON units of Joint Task Force Central and 6ID, PA during the conduct of CSP-PCVE In-House Trainings.

On the other hand, on the effort of Civic Action to the GIDAs, the 6th CMO Battalion continuously supports and collaborates with the partner stakeholders to bring the basic services to its constituents. From 27 February to 01 March 2022, the unit provided manpower assistance to Maguindanao LGU during the conduct of Medical and Surgical Mission in the different barangays of the municipality of Datu Blah Sinsuat, Maguindanao. A total of 2,500 beneficiaries received free medical check-up; blood sugar testing and blood pressure screening; insertion of the subdermal implant and surgical circumcision; and the giving of emergency, pregnancy, hygiene, and dental kits. With this initiatives, the unit together with the stakeholders proved that we ready to serve our fellow Filipinos.





## The Significant Efforts of the 549th Engineer “Kapayapaan” Battalion

The 549th Engineer (KAPAYAPAAN) Battalion, 54th Engineer (SARANGAY) Brigade strongly adheres and supports all initiatives of catered units in the area of operations of JTF Central. The major activities are carried out in collaboration with stakeholders and other government agencies to make unchartered territories of Central Mindanao, a highway of blessings and opportunities.

The Engineer Civic Action Projects (ENCAPs), construction of ten (10) housing units for the Former Rebels (FR) is nearing completion which is executed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Housing Authority (NHA-XII), the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat, the Local Government of Senator Ninoy Aquino, the 71B and the 549EB. Another equally important project is the on-going construction of a Joint Peace and Security Team (JPST) facilities through the OPPAP-AFP Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This will confidently harmonize and sustain peace among members of the MILF, BIFF, AFP and PNP. The stations can be found at Brgy Kuya, South Upi, Maguindanao and Sitio Pansol, Brgy Macasampen, Guindulongan, Maguindanao.

The Battalion is also part of the successful completion of the Cotabato Airport Development Project (CADP) Runway Strip Grade Correction, wherein the unit provided engineering capabilities to support the project execution. It has a total of

450-calendar day timeline, but was completed within 289 calendar days.

The unit's Disaster Response and Rescue Operations (DRRO) team was also able to make significant accomplishments like the Retrieval Operation of a human body trapped in a mountain cave of Sitio Nabilan, Dinaig, DOS, Maguindanao on July 28, 2021. The joint efforts of the 549Ebn DRO, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) of DOS led by SFO4 Hazel L Saavedra, PLT Guiseppe Q Tamayo of PNP-DOS, PDRRMO led by Datu Nasrullah Imam, CDRRMO-Cotabato, MDRRMO-DOS and the BLGU of Dinaig painstakingly exerted effort to ensure the success of the operation.

The unit also conducted Civil Relation (CIVREL) and Civic Action (CIVAC) Activities in partnership with JCI Cotabato led by Mr. Ramjie Y Odin, JCI President; Ms. Cathleya Diocolano, the president of Taga Cotabato Ka Kung Incorporated (TCKKI); Singanen O Mindanao Inc, Marine Battalion Landing Team 2 (MBLT-2), 44th Special Action Company, BFP DOS and BLGUs such as the clean-up drive in connection with International Coastal Clean-up Day and Outreach Program which beneficiaries are the populace of Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat and Lanao del Sur; Gift Giving Activities in partnership with GMA Kapuso Foundation to the Kimpo Elementary School, North/South Upi, DOS both in the Province of Maguindanao, and Senator Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat.

The battalion commits to conduct and participate in added community-beneficial initiatives in the different barangays and municipalities in the area. These activities are possible through the strengthened collaboration with other AFP units, the NGAs, and LGUs. As the saying goes “where the road ends, the war begins.” The Army engineers leads the way to pave the road to development and sustainable peace!



# King of Battle In Central Mindanao Conducts 4th Live Fire Exercises

The 105mm (US) M2A2 Howitzers of the 6th Field Deadly (Accurate) Battalion were tested in different fire support operation scenarios such as converged sheaf, lateral spread with a combination of low angle of fire (LAF) and high angle of fire (HAF), and using four (4) rounds fuse variable time (VT) during its 4th Live Fire Exercises last 02-04 March 2022 at Brgy Kauran, Ampatuan, Maguindanao.


6FAB was able to register four (4) Howitzers in LAF and two (2) Howitzers in HAF making the overall registered guns of the unit to 19 pieces.

One of the highlights of the activity was the utilization of female personnel as gun crew during the lateral spread battery salvo of the exercise in commemoration of the Women's Month Celebration.

Personnel of the 601st Infantry (Unifier) Brigade, 40th Infantry (Magiting) Battalion, Local Chief Executives, and the residents of the area applauded the 6FAB troops for the proficiency of the cannoneers. They likewise personally experienced pulling the lanyard of the big guns.







## **7FAB CONDUCTS LIVE FIRE EXERCISE IN SURIGAO DEL SUR**

**T**he 7th Field Artillery (STEEL RAIN) Battalion, Army Artillery Regiment, Philippine Army successfully registered the two 105mm Howitzers of 1st Howitzers Platoon of Charlie Battery in Brgy Lubo, Cantilan, Surigao Del Sur through a three-day live fire exercise to test the accuracy and reliability of the canons. The two howitzers are currently deployed in Surigao Del Sur to support the maneuver forces in the province.

The live fire exercise was participated by the personnel of the 7FAB headed by Lieutenant Colonel Raquel A. Vilchez and the personnel of the 36th Infantry (AGILA) Battalion headed by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Rey S. Reuyan, Philippine Army.

The registration of the howitzers through a live fire exercise culminated the Field Artillery Gunnery Proficiency Training intended to maintain the high level skills of the 7FAB personnel in delivering fire support missions.

Included in the training were gunnery and Fire Direction Center (FDC) fundamentals and safety procedures.

The said activity was supported by the 4th Infantry (DIAMOND), Hon. Escobal S. Angeles, the municipal mayor, the Barangay Captain and the residents of Brgy. Lubo.



# DENTAL CORNER

## DENTAL DETACHMENT MOVES FORWARD WITH IMPROVED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT



The 1366th Dental Detachment under the Commanding Officer, LTC EDGARD P PACIS DS (PA) has acquired two brand new and modern dental chairs capable of providing the patients with professional level of treatment. The unit also did improvements to the facility itself.

Ltc Pacis said **“We have started the year 2021 with various improvements since this covid 19 virus is likely going to be a part of our daily lives. We have increased our level of protection against this common enemy in the form of humidifiers, extra-oral suctions, and UV light. The walls of the admin office and the treatment room were also repainted, and lastly, the highlight of the unit’s accomplishments is the newly installed VIP treatment room”**.

In connection with the celebration of Philippine Dental Health Month with the theme **“Brushing is a must, kahit naka-mask”** last February, the unit has conducted a Dental Health Education to remind everyone that brushing is still important even we are constantly wearing mask nowadays. This was followed by the distribution of dental kits to the military personnel of 61D.





# WHY IS WOMEN'S MONTH IMPORTANT?

In the Philippines, the Women's Month Celebration has served as a venue of highlighting women's achievements and discuss continuing and emerging women empowerment and gender equality issues and concerns, challenges, and commitments. Guaranteeing the rights of women and giving them opportunities to reach their full potential is critical not only for attaining gender equality, but also for meeting a wide range of international development goals. Empowered women contribute to the health and productivity of their families, communities, and countries, creating a ripple effect that benefits everyone.

The celebration focuses on concrete activities that are aligned with national and international instruments and treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (1995-2025), the Framework Plan for Women, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The theme **“We Make Change Work for Women”**, which shall be used from 2017-2022 highlights the empowerment of women as active contributors to and claimholders of development. This pursuit of development is also anchored on the commitment of **“Malasakit at Pagbabago”** or True Compassion and Real Change.

As the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division celebrates its Women, the Division has laid out **various activities such as tree planting and defensive driving as part of the Women's Month Celebration**. This will be done throughout the month of March. The participants will be the Kampilan women composed of officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees and will be headed by the Gender and Development Office Chief, Major Ma. Cheryl Carbonilla.







## DID YOU KNOW?

The Philippine Army (PA) is the main, oldest and largest branch of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), responsible for ground warfare with an estimated 48 million available military manpower and at least 280,000 military personnel, ranked 51st among 140 countries in terms of military strength in 2022.

The service branch was established on December 21, 1935 as the Philippine Commonwealth Army. The Philippine Army has engaged in many conflicts including the ongoing Communist Rebellion in the Philippines, the Moro Conflict and, alongside other national military forces, in conflicts of international scope.

After the establishment of the Commonwealth, Manuel L. Quezon, the first president, sought the services of General Douglas MacArthur to evolve a national-defense plan. On December 21, 1935, the Philippine Army was established. The act set forth the organizational structure of the army and enlistment and mobilization procedures.

The onset of World War II in 1941 tested the might of the Commonwealth Philippine Army. Its two (2) regular and 10 reserve divisions undertook the defense of the Philippines. These divisions were incorporated into the United States Armed Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) under the command of General Douglas McArthur.

After the war, four military areas were activated. The National Defense Forces which were





organized under the National Defense Act was reorganized into the Armed Forces of the Philippines which came the birth of four major services.

On July 10, 1957, the Philippine Army established its headquarters under the leadership of Brigadier General Leoncio S. Tan. The role of the Philippine Army expanded in the sixties, to include participation in the socio-economic programs of the country, among others. In the seventies, in order to achieve greater flexibility and effectiveness, infantry divisions took the place of the military areas.

On September 21, 1972, the Martial Law era began. During the decade, military operations supported by civic action blocked the escalation of insurgency. The 1980s saw the Philippine Army in increasing peace and development roles and in a period of transition after the EDSA-People Power Revolution, which spurred various initiatives toward transformation and reforms in internal security operations. The Philippine Army became more cognizant of its role not only as protector of the Filipino people, but also a partner in nation building.

Today, the Philippine Army celebrates its 125 years of relentless service to the Filipino people, **supporting the government's whole-of-nation** approach against insurgency led by the National Task Force to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). The Army provides efficient instrument and structure for the employment of the whole-of-nation approach and also assists in the implementation of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) offered to former **rebels. These efforts complement the Army's** sustained anti-terrorism operations on the ground.

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