

## **Task Force Usig Press Release**

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### **Ranking CPP/NPA arrested also wanted for killing KMP/ANAK PAWIS member in 2006**

A high ranking CPP/NPA member, RENE LOPEZ @ MAR/BOBBIT/ADAM/BEMIL was arrested in Balingasag, Misamis Oriental in a successful joint police and AFP operation by virtue of warrant of arrest for robbery and homicide issued by Judge Edgardo L Loren of Regional Trial Court 10 Branch 18 with no bail recommended and also warrant of arrest issued by Judge Florencio D Sealana of RTC 10, Branch 17 for the crime of rebellion.

Rene Lopez is the Commanding Officer of Section Committee (SECOM), the Sandatahang Unit Propaganda (SYP) of Pequero-Hilogon Guerilla Unit (PHGU) operating in eastern part of Misamis Oriental province. ***Relatedly, a case for murder was filed against Rene Lopez at the Prosecutors Office of Salay, Misamis Oriental for the killing of Nestor Ladica @ Gerry, a Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilpinas and Anak Pawis member on July 26, 2006 at Looc, Salay, Misamis Oriental.***

It was also found out from police and military records that Rene Lopez actively participated in criminal and terror acts against the people and liquidation of government forces in Misamis Oriental, such as: the ambush of former Philippine Constabulary personnel in June 1989; ambush of Regional Special Action Force in September 1989; Raid of 9th Infantry Battalion, PA in September 1990; Ambush and liquidation of CAA Maestrado and CAA Minoza in 1997; Killing of PO3 Ricardo Palamine of Salay PNP on August 21, 2004; Killing of PO2 Jimmy Valledor of Lagonlong PNP on August 28, 2004; Killing of Barangay Chairwoman Editha O. Bodbod of Barangay Puting Balas, Talisayan, Misamis Oriental; and the burning of Bagong Lipunan Bus in March 2006 at Salay, Misamis,

Oriental.

The numerous crimes committed by Rene Lopez, a known ranking CPP/NPA/NDF members attest to the atrocities committed by these people and the internal rift/purging that still continues as manifested by the killing of a KMP/ANAKPAWIS member Nestor Lodica @ Gerry. The PNP has proven that in this instance, the government forces are really the protector of the people helping put behind bars the criminal and terrorists like the NPA. ###