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### **POLICE BARE NPA TERROR PLOT IN CALABARZON**

PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson has alerted all police units in the Southern Tagalog Region against possible escalation of terrorist activities by local communist insurgents.

Lacson particularly cautioned Provincial Directors in the CALABARZON area to be on the lookout for small units of NPA rebels from the island provinces that may sneak into the mainland.

Lacson cited intelligence reports which indicate plans by the local communist movement to organize labor and peasant groups for mass protest actions and possible armed activities in the CALABARZON area.

The report, culled from rebel documents seized recently, revealed that the Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee of the CPP/NPA has ordered all its Guerilla Front Committees in Southern Luzon to launch offensive actions against government installations and other targets.

Lacson said this move is in response to the order of CPP/NDF leader Jose Ma. Sison for the NPA to carry out more armed activities in different parts of the country.

The PNP Chief was at the Batangas Provincial Police Office yesterday where he was briefed on the current internal security situation in the Southern Tagalog Region.

Lacson rushed to the province following Monday's clash between a police team and NPA rebels in Haligue Kanluran, Batangas City that left nine rebels dead and a policeman wounded.

The slain NPA rebels were armed with M-16 and M-14 rifles, cal.30 carbines and improvised explosive devices. The group had just arrived in Batangas from the neighboring island province of Mindoro.

Documents recovered from the slain NPAs revealed plans to sabotage the ongoing Malampaya Power Pipeline Project in Batangas as well as several telecommunication facilities in Mount Banoy.

Police also discovered apparent preparations being made by the NPA to raid the Batangas City Police Station.

In a briefing, Regional Office 4 Officer-in-Charge, Senior Superintendent Rosalio Magsino informed Lacson that the NPAs in Southern Tagalog are divided into 14 Guerilla Front Committees spread across the ten provinces in the region.

Over the last nine months of the year, Magsino told Lacson that 85 NPA-related violent incidents have been recorded in the region involving 27 encounters, three raids, five ambushes, 21 liquidations, 10 abductions, four harassments, nine robberies, and five arsons.

Magsino noted an increase in NPA activities in the region although there was a decrease in the estimated number of NPA members and insurgency affected barangays.

While in Batangas, the PNP Chief promoted the members of the 16-man police team led by Chief Inspector Marceliano Villafranca and Senior Inspector Marcos Barte who figured in Monday's encounter with the NPA.

Lacson also awarded medals to ten other policemen that composed the support team.