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JANUARY – JUNE ANTI-DRUG DRIVE NETS 19, 575 OFFENDERS

The Philippine National Police arrested **19,575 persons** and filed **12,202 cases** in court for various drug offenses during the first six months of this year.

During this period, a total of **Php 2,354,486,030.79** worth of illegal drugs were confiscated throughout the country.

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R. Mendoza expressed confidence that the PNP will be able to sustain the momentum of these operational accomplishments against illegal drugs towards the remaining months of the year.

Mendoza made this assessment as he noted that there has been a significant drop in the quantity of Shabu smuggled into the country from foreign sources.

With this shortage of high-quality imported Shabu, local drug retailers have resorted to adulterating the drug with unknown chemical compounds just to keep up with the demand from local drug users, Mendoza said.

According to PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Cresencio L Maralit, among the illegal drugs confiscated were **1,748.87 kilograms** of Metamphetamine hydrochloride commonly known as Shabu.

Also seized during anti-narcotics operations from January to June this year were **1,198,714 Marijuana plants** and **460.3 kilograms of dried Marijuana leaves**.

According to Maralit, the biggest drug seizure this year was recorded during a raid at a clandestine laboratory in Lipa City where some 1,000 kilograms of Shabu were found.

Maralit said a total of **13,462 anti-narcotics operations** were conducted by the different PNP Regional Offices and National Support Units throughout the country during the first semester of this year.

Among these are 7,095 buy-bust operations, 6,218 raids and searches, and 149 Marijuana eradication operations.

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) posted the highest arrest record with 1,730 suspected drug pushers and 3,365 users apprehended.

PRO-4 in the Southern Tagalog Region recorded 1,334 pushers and 2,814 users arrested, Maralit said.