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PNP CHIEF ORDERS PROBE OF PASAY COPS IN EXTORT

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza today ordered an investigation into reports that Pasay City policemen extorted money from three arrested Japanese nationals.

At the same time, the PNP Chief assured Foreign Affairs and Japanese Embassy officials that those found guilty will be punished.

Through NCRPO Chief, Deputy Director General Edgar Galvante, the PNP Chief directed Southern Police District Director, Senior Superintendent Jose Gutierrez and Pasay City Police Chief, Superintendent Alejandro Gutierrez to conduct an investigation into the incident.

Mendoza also urged the three alleged extortion victims to come forward and formalize their complaint.

"We need them to file a complaint in order to satisfy the requirements of due process so that we can initiate the appropriate disciplinary proceedings immediately," Mendoza said.

The three unnamed Japanese nationals were reportedly among the 25 alleged fixers rounded-up by the Pasay City Police at the Japanese Embassy last August 8.

Those arrested were taken to the police station for questioning, but, were released later reportedly without charges.

Two days later, Ambassador Yoshihisa Ara filed a diplomatic note with the DFA protesting the "entry of about 10 Pasay City policemen into the embassy grounds without prior advice or permission."