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PNP CITES ANTI-CRIME GAINS IN JULY

The Philippine National Police arrested 210 persons engaged in illegal gambling activities in different parts of the country in July this year.

In line with the instructions of PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza for more aggressive efforts against illegal gambling activities, police conducted a total of 165 operations resulting in the arrest of 210 persons and the confiscation of P48, 271.00.

Most of those arrested were bet collectors and employees of gambling operators engaged in jueteng.

Also in July police recovered 46 stolen motor vehicles. This represents a recovery rate of 44% as against the 103 reported carnapping cases during the month.

In anti-bank robbery operations, the PNP gained headway last month with the neutralization of the dreaded Martilyo Gang.

Nine members of the gang were killed in an encounter with police intelligence agents on July 21 along Bonifacio Drive in Port Area, Manila.

According to PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit, the Martilyo Gang was responsible for a series of bank, pawnshop, and payroll robberies in Metro Manila, and nearby provinces.

Meanwhile, a syndicate engaged in hijacking of commercial cargo in Southern Tagalog Region was busted last July 24 a shipment of 9,000 sacks of smuggled rice at the port of Iloilo City.

The following day, on July 28th , police intercepted two 20-footer container vans at the North Harbor's Pier 8. The misdeclared shipment contained used clothing.

On the same day in Davao City, a similar shipment contained in three 20-footer vans was intercepted at the Tadeco Wharf.