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PRESIDENT ARROYO LEADS CRAME FLAG-RAISING RITES

President Arroyo is guest of honor and speaker during the traditional Monday flag-raising ceremony at the PNP National Headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Before the ceremony, the president will join top officials of the DILG-PNP, led by Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr., and Director General Leandro R Mendoza in a Holy Mass celebrated by the PNP Chaplain at 7:00AM at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center.

Immediately following the flag-raising ceremony, Director General Mendoza will present to President Arroyo the **PNP's Response to the People's Will**. This response comes in the form of increased police visibility in the streets of Metro Manila.

Director General Mendoza will present before President Arroyo a fully-equipped battalion-sized contingent from the national Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) composed of 460 new police recruits that will be deployed for patrol operations in different parts of Metro Manila.

These 460 policemen are part of the 1,500 troop augmentation that the PNP intends to deploy in Metro Manila for police visibility patrols. An initial batch of 50 police investigators will also be detailed with the five Police Districts of Metro Manila to handle common complaints from the public.

Likewise, to Traffic Management Group is up-sizing to 600 the number of personnel deployed for traffic enforcement duties in the streets and thoroughfares of Metro Manila.

This personnel augmentation for visibility patrol and traffic management is expected to boost the anti-crime action plan of the PNP for the National capital Region.

Another highlight of the visit of the Chief Executive is the presentation of awards to returning members of the PNP Contingent to the United Nations Missions in Kosovo and East Timor.

A contingent of 38 Filipino policemen led by Superintendent Carmelo Valmoría returned to the country last month after a one-year tour of duty with the UN Mission in war-torn Kosovo.

Another contingent of 83 PNP personnel led by Superintendent Buenaventura Plantado returned home last March from the UN Mission in East Timor.

At present, there are 62 Filipino policemen serving under the UN in Kosovo, and 105 serving under the UN Transitional Authority in East Timor.