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2 ABU SAYYAF LEADERS FALL

Two more Abu Sayyaf leaders, each with a one-million bounty for their arrest, were captured by Western Mindanao police in separate incidents over the weekend.

In his report to PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza, Police Regional Office-9 Director, Chief Superintendent Simeon Dizon Jr. said the arrests were part of the continuing crackdown on known Abu Sayyaf members and supporters.

Sabtali HADI alias Hedy "Hiya" Andolong was captured at Purok 7, Barangay Recodo, Zamboanga City by elements from the 9th Regional Mobile Group led by Inspector Parson Aasadil.

A follow-up operation at Sitio Pitas, Barangay Bolong, Zamboanga City resulted in the arrest of **Iting ASKALANI** alias Ismani Lizada/Maning.

Both arrested Abu Sayyaf bandits were subjects of a Warrant of Arrest for issued by the Honorable Danilo Bucoy of the Regional Trial Court Branch 2 of Isabela City, Basilan for the crime of Kidnapping and Serious Illegal Detention.

According to Dizon, Hadi and Askalani are listed in the joint DILG/DND Order of Battle with a reward of P1-million each for their capture.

On Saturday, Askalani was committed to the Zamboanga City Reformatory Center on orders of the Honorable Jesus Carbon, Presiding Judge of the Zamboanga City RTC Branch 16.

Hadi remains in the custody of the 9th Regional Mobile Group while undergoing tactical interrogation.

