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GOV'T. TROOPS RESCUE KIDNAPPED GENSAN DENTIST

Three days of relentless pressure from ongoing police-military pursuit operations prompted kidnapers to free their latest victim, a lady dentist from General Santos City.

Dra. Josefina Montecillo was rescued unharmed at 5:30 am this morning at Sition Datal Conde, Barangay Tokawal, Alabel, Sarangani.

This developed as PNP Chief Director General Leandro R Mendoza ordered intensified police operations to arrest those responsible for Montecillo's abduction.

Reports reaching the PNP Chief in Camp Crame from Central Mindanao Regional Director, Senior Superintendent Bartolome Baluyot described Montecillo in "good physical condition" following her rescue.

In his report, Baluyot said no ransom was paid to the kidnapers. He identified those responsible for the abduction as a certain Commander Barracuda, and a certain Abdul Omar, both still at large and are now the subjects of a massive region wide manhunt.

The two suspects earlier demanded for a still undetermined amount as ransom exchange for Montecillo's liberty, Baluyot said.

However, the kidnapers panicked and fled upon sensing the presence of police and military troops in the vicinity of the designated pay-off site.

Elements from the Regional Intelligence and Investigation Division of PRO-12, the General Santos City Police Office, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force, and the 601st Brigade of the Philippine Army are now conducting hot pursuit operations to arrest the kidnapers.

