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PNP ALERTED ON CCP ANNIVERSARY

Director General Leandro R Mendoza, Chief of the Philippine National Police today alerted all police units to step up their security in connection with the 33rd founding anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines tomorrow, Dec. 26.

In his directive to all PNP regional and provincial directors, Mendoza reminded police personnel to intensify their intelligence monitoring to preempt any attempts by the dissidents to launch terroristic activities in their areas.

"Notwithstanding the ongoing ceasefire between the Arroyo government and the dissidents, records are replete with instances of violations and terrorist attacks by the CPP/NPA," Mendoza said.

"It is paramount that all police personnel maintain a high state of alert and readiness to thwart any destabilization move by the terrorists," Mendoza added.

Police Chief Superintendent Crescencio L. Maralit, PNP spokesman said that the CPP/NPA traditionally resort to terrorist activities during its founding anniversary to give the "false impression that it is still capable of destabilizing the government."

Maralit said that police personnel were also instructed to avoid unnecessary activities that would jeopardize their personal security.

Moreover, additional security personnel were detailed in vital government installations, commercial establishments and isolated police units as precautionary measures against dissident incursions, Maralit said.

Corollary preparations are also being undertaken by the PNP particularly the National Capital Region Police Office under Director Edgar Aglipay in Metro Manila to ensure that there would be no repeat of the bombings in the metropolis on Dec. 30 last year.

Aglipay activated an anti-terrorist task force that will monitor all possible terrorist activities in the National Capital Region. He said additional policemen have been deployed in possible terrorist targets in the area including shopping malls, power plants, oil depots and other vital government and private installations.

"The President's instruction is very clear. She wants us to ensure that there won't be a repeat of the Dec. 30 bombings. To enable our countrymen to celebrate the New Year peacefully and meaningfully," Mendoza said.