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NO LET-UP IN ANTI-JUETENG DRIVE

The Philippine National Police is optimistic that gambling activities in the country will be substantially reduced as a result of the renewed police campaign against the illegal vice.

PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Cresencio L Maralit, citing anti-illegal gambling operations recorded during the last three quarters of the year, said the police campaign has shown "encouraging results."

During the last three quarters of the year, the PNP conducted a total 26,440 raids and operations against illegal gambling operators around the country, Maralit said.

"In these operations, 22,649 persons were arrested and 7,014 cases were filed in court against offenders of the anti-illegal gambling law," Maralit said.

The PNP is waging a renewed campaign against illegal gambling activities and other "crimes against public morals" in the country in coordination with other law enforcement agencies and the local government units.

A Memorandum has been dispatched to all 16 PNP Regional Directors instructing them to sustain the momentum of anti-illegal gambling operations contained under Letter of Instruction "Roulette Milenyo," the PNP's broad-front strategy to fight illegal gambling.

"This only goes to show that the PNP has never been remiss in our duty to enforce existing laws against illegal gambling," Maralit emphasized.

Maralit also cited the "no take" policy of PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza which warns of stiff sanctions against police commanders who accept bribe from illegal gambling operators.

"This policy ensures the non-compromising stance of local police units in the enforcement of laws against illegal gambling." Maralit added.