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MENDOZA ORDERS STEPPED-UP ANTI-GAMBLING DRIVE

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza today reiterated earlier instructions for police commanders to step-up with renewed vigor the nationwide campaign against illegal gambling particularly jueteng.

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.

In addition to these instructions, Mendoza also ordered the Regional Directors to adopt a pro-active approach to all reports of illegal gambling activities in their respective areas of responsibility.

"Ideally, there should always be immediate corresponding police action to every report of illegal gambling activity, particularly those aired through media," Mendoza said.

The PNP Chief noted that the continued proliferation of illegal gambling in some areas of the country arouses public suspicion that the local police are "on the take" from gambling operators, or are altogether remiss in their duties.

From January to September this year, the PNP conducted a total **26,440 raids** and operations against illegal gambling operators around the country, according to PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit.

Maralit said these operations during the last nine months resulted in the arrest of **22,649 persons** engaged in various forms of illegal gambling activities.

Among those arrested, 12,159 were engaged in jueteng.

Maralit said a total of **7,014 cases** had been filed in court against the offenders for violation of Presidential Decree 1602.