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PNP MAINTAINS TOUGH STANCE AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING

Heeding the call of PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza for tougher and more aggressive police operations against prohibited vices, a total of **22,649 persons** were arrested during the last nine months of the year for illegal gambling.

From January 1 to September 30, 2001, the PNP conducted a total 26,440 raids and operations against illegal gambling operators around the country.

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

According to PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit, these police operations resulted in the arrest of 22,649 suspects, 12,159 of whom were engaged in jueteng activities.

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

Records culled by the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) showed the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) posting 4,836 arrests, the highest recorded among the 16 PNP Regional Offices.

PRO-3 in Central Luzon, and PRO-4 in the Southern Tagalog Region recorded 4,595 and 4,057 arrests, respectively.