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### **STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR JOBS, MENDOZA TELLS AIRPORT COPS**

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza today reminded members of the Aviation Security Group of their crucial role in securing the country's airports against terrorists.

At the same time, the PNP Chief told members of the ASG, particularly those assigned at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, to remain focused on their jobs of providing security to all passengers, aircraft, and airport facilities.

The PNP Chief also told the ASG not to be affected by the recent incidents of misunderstanding between the ASG and the airport security force.

"In these critical times, the ASG cannot afford to divide its attention of keeping the airports secured against terrorist and criminals," Mendoza said.

In his report to Mendoza, ASG Director, Chief Superintendent Marcelo Ele Jr. said Mutuc has been cooperative with the security measures being implemented by the ASG at the NAIA even while a Heightened Alert Level has been raised by MIAA General Manager Edgardo Manda effective September 11.

"Mr. Mutuc remains indifferent, defiant, and provocative, leading to the reported grudge between himself and the PNP-ASG," Ele said in his report.

Meanwhile, PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit clarified that by virtue of the 1987 Constitution, the PNP reserves exclusive right to be called "police", citing provisions for "one police force that is national in scope and civilian in character."

Maralit clarified that the Aviation Security Group is the police unit mandated by law to exercise police functions in all the country's domestic and international airports.