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MENDOZA ORDERS DISMISSAL OF 2 GUARDS FOR MAROHOMBSAR ESCAPE; 90-DAY SUSPENSION FOR SUPERIOR OFFICERS

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza today ordered the dismissal from the service of two police jailguards detailed with the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NAKTAF).

PO1 Dante REPULLEDO and PO1 Rico CUANICO, both of the PNP Special Action Force, were on duty at the NAKTAF detention facility in Camp Crame on June 19 when notorious kidnapping suspect Faisal Marohombsar and two others escaped.

The PNP Chief also ordered a 90-day suspension term for Police Inspector Bryant DEMOT, Officer-in-Charge of the SAF contingent detailed with NAKTAF, and Senior Inspector Patricia AROMIN, NAKTAF Staff Duty Officer, the immediate superior officers of the NAKTAF jailguards.

At the same time, Mendoza ordered the reassignment of 24 other SAF personnel detailed with NAKTAF to the PNP Regional Office in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Mendoza's actions were upon recommendation of Director Lucas Managuelod, PNP Director for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM).

According to Managuelod, Repulleo and Cuanico were found negligent in performing their assigned duties as custodial guards at the detention facility.

An investigation conducted by the DIDM also found "lack of supervision" on the part of Demot and Aromin, Managuelod said.

In a news conference in Camp Crame, the PNP Chief announced the PNP's offer of P500,000.00 reward for any information leading to the re-capture of escaped detainees, Faisal Marohombsar, Abdul Macaumpang, and Rolando Patinio.

Mendoza said a massive manhunt operation is underway in the National Capital Region to re-capture the escapees.

Likewise, all PNP Regional Offices in the Visayas and Mindanao have been alerted to arrest the suspects.

Marohombsar and Macaumpang are suspected members of the Pentagon kidnapping gang that operates in Central Mindanao.

Patinio, on the otherhand, is suspected of involvement in a series of Metro Manila kidnappings, and is tagged as a prime suspect in the murder of Baron Cervantes.