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PNP SENDS 62-MAN CONTINGENT TO U.N. PEACE-KEEPING MISSION

Another batch of 62 Filipino policemen will fly to Kosovo to participate in the international peace-keeping and development mission in that new independent Balkan state.

PNP Deputy Chief for Administration, Deputy Director General Clyde Fernandez, led formal send-off ceremonies in Camp Crame for the 62-man PNP contingent led by Superintendent Carmelo Valmoría.

The group is composed of 48 PNP Commissioned Officers and 14 Police Non-Commissioned Officers.

The PNP Contingent will serve a one-year tour of duty as members of the Civilian Police (CivPol) under the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK).

According to Fernandez, the deployment of PNP personnel for the UN mission is part of the commitment of the Philippine government to support peace-keeping efforts of the United Nations.

They will be assigned to perform regular police functions in border posts and police stations alongside other UNMIK peace-keeping forces from different countries.

The UNMIK is also involved in security operations for returning Albanian refugees and ethnic Kosovars displaced by years of fighting during the Serbian military campaign.

This is the sixth batch of PNP personnel who will be sent to the UN mission in Kosovo. The 62 policemen will leave on November 12 via

chartered flight to the capital town of Pristina for briefing and orientation prior to their deployment in border posts and police stations.

At present, there are 24 Filipino policemen serving under the UNMIK in Kosovo. They are expected to return to the country next week after completing their one-year tour of duty.

There are also 77 PNP personnel currently serving under the UN Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET).