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NCRPO DIRECTOR ORDERS INTENSIFIED SECURITY PREPARATIONS IN ALL DISTRICTS IN METRO MANILA

National Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) Chief Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco ordered all the districts to intensify security preparations in all vital installations in Metro Manila in the light of renewed terrorist threats by the New people's Army (NPA).

Velasco yesterday made a routine inspection at the Light Rail Transit (LRT) terminals from Baclaran to Monumento to ensure that all security measures are in place in the stations.

The LRT and the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) are among the vital installations in the metropolis, which have always been targeted by terrorist attacks attributed to the large number of people availing their services.

Aside from the public transportation systems, other installations which the NCRPO Chief wants a tight watch on are oil depots, power plants, government agencies, radio and television stations, communication satellites, and hospitals.

Likewise, he directed the District Directors of the Northern Police District, Southern Police District, Central Police District, Eastern Police District, and the Western Police District to man all possible entry and exit points in Metro Manila to thwart any plot by the Communist rebels to wreak havoc in the metropolis.

"We will not take any report or threat from the NPA lightly. Our intelligence men are validating all reports and are assessing their veracity," the Metro Manila Police Force Commander said.

Nevertheless, Velasco assured the public that the security preparations are part of standard procedure and that the people need not be alarmed. He pointed out that the red alert status has not been raised in the National Capital Region.

"We have a normal situation. We are calling on the public to remain calm because our cops are doing their job in maintaining peace and order," DDG Velasco said assuring that the safety precautions are being done to keep the cops on their toes.