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TF MACO PURSUE TERRORISTS IN COMPOSTELA VALLEY

PNP Chief, Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr. has ordered a full-dress investigation into the disarming incident at the Maco Municipal Police Station in Compostela Valley province yesterday.

Ebdane directed Chief Superintendent Eduardo Matillano, Director of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) to get to the bottom of the incident and immediately file criminal charges against all those responsible for the loss of 35 firearms and other government equipment from the police installation.

This developed as the Southern Mindanao PNP Regional Office created Task Force Maco to conduct pursuit operations against the suspects.

PRO-11 Director, Senior Superintendent Isidro Lapeña designated Compostela Valley Provincial Director, Superintendent Jaime Morente as commander of Task Force Maco, composed of combined PNP and Philippine Army units stationed in the province.

The 1102nd Provincial Mobile Group led by Chief Inspector Michael John Dubria is spearheading the ground operations with tactical support from the nearby Mabini and Pantukan Police Stations.

Initial investigation disclosed that a group of at least 40 armed suspects clad in military camouflage outfit entered the Maco Police Station at around 5:30 PM yesterday.

The town mayor, Dr. Miller Alaba allegedly escorted the group to the Police Station and introduced the group's leader as an Army Lieutenant to the Station Commander.

Once inside, the suspects disarmed the policemen and forced open the supply room and lockers.

The suspects, reportedly led by a certain Eduardo Genelsa alias Commander Lando, and Melchor Renomeron, took off with 35 different types of firearms and two radio transceiver sets.