



## **P N P News Release**

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### **NORMAL POLICE OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE DESPITE SOMO**

The Philippine National Police warmly welcomes the declaration by government of a 27-day unilateral Suspension of Offensive Military Operations (SOMO) with the local communist movement and its armed wing the New People's Army during the Christmas holiday season.

PNP Spokesman, Senior Superintendent Joel Goltiao said this is a manifestation of government's sincerity toward peace, reconciliation and goodwill with the local communist movement.

The traditional Yuletide unilateral SOMO will take effect from December 10, 2003 until midnight of January 6, 2004.

However, with the nationwide implementation of the SOMO, Goltiao said the PNP will continue to conduct normal law enforcement functions in consonance with its mandate.

This shall include the mandated duty to serve Warrants of Arrest on CPP/NPA personalities wanted by the law for pending criminal cases in court.

Goltiao said even during the Yuletide SOMO period, gun-bearing CPP/NPA members are still subject to existing firearms laws and regulations.

This will be implemented during checkpoint and random gun check operations in strategic locations around the country.

All other pertinent laws and local ordinances will be strictly implemented.