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PGMA LEADS PNP BARANGAY CLEARING OPERATIONS VS. ILLEGAL DRUGS

President Arroyo presides over a conference today in Camp Crame among top police officials to personally assess the ongoing operations to clear some 42,000 Barangay in the country of illegal drugs.

PNP Chief, Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr. will brief the president of the latest situation in some Barangay listed by the PNP as "drug affected."

Joining Ebdane in the conference are PNP officials from the PNP Command Group, Directorial Staff, and the National Capital Region Police Office, NCR Police Districts, and Chiefs of Police from Metro Manila.

The PNP is waging a nationwide anti-drug campaign dubbed Oplan "Banat" which combines all law enforcement efforts on all fronts against drug trafficking and abuse.

Oplan Banat strikes at the grassroots of the drug problem thru aggressive operations against middle and street level drug traffickers in the communities.

President Arroyo is expected to issue her policy guidance on the PNP's intensified barangay clearing operations.

While in Camp Crame, the president will grace the blessing of 100 motorcycles, 400 cellular phone units and 120,000 drug-testing kits newly acquired by the PNP Anti Illegal Drugs-Special Operations Task Force (AID-SOTF).

AID-SOTF head, Deputy Director General Edgar B Aglipay said the new equipment will be issued to operatives in field units to boost mobility and communication capability.