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This is actually an intelligence operation conducted jointly by PACER and AFP. The CPNP's going to Gensan is to confirm with the help of our crime laboratory personnel that the person being referred to is Fathur Rohman Al-Ghozi. So the CPNP is there now, He has discussed the matter with local officials who visited also the Collado morgue where the deceased was evacuated after going to the MDC hospital in Midsayap, North Cotabato. ( ) Since his escape, six, more or less, tracker teams have been activated. There were all coordinated with the AFP in Mindanao ( ) As of now, we do not know the details, but the capture of Lasal was very good indication...

(Bush visit) We are optimistic and indeed this will be a big boost as far as creating an atmosphere of safety in our area. ( ) The directive was issued since his escape, and therefore the creation of tracker teams... ( ) It has nothing to do with the Bush visit. We are very happy that the three are accounted for, two killed and one captured. (Sympathetic attacks?) the terrorists could always plan something but as far as this set up is concerned particularly in Metro Manila, the target hardening had already been done. We are just checking on the soft targets and these are business establishments where possible terrorist acts could be committed. So we knew from the very start based on evaluation that Al-Ghozi was on the run and he has no time to plan anything. Its about totality of the operation that we are looking into, and...

( ) Lasal is still alive. (military asset is Lasal) Well I am not privy on his background or his participation on certain operation. ( ) ... any country for that matter could be a subject of a terror attack, and our country could not be spared from his threat from the Southeast Asian region.

(Revamp?) a matter to be discussed by CPNP. ( ) Al-Ghozi is P10-million.

( ) This morning, the CPNP had a meeting with Gov. Pinol. This operation, matagal na kasi ito eh. It has been ongoing. Somewhere in time, it was coordinated. Specifically for the incident last night, it was raining hard and it could be because of the heavy rain there were some gunshots heard. But I think that will be threshed out in the meeting with CPNP and Gov. Pinol...

( ) The PNP was commended by the President and as far as the perception that Al-Ghozi might plan something during the Bush visit... So to us, on the security, point of view we know that we have removed one problem area and that is the Al-Ghozi issue. ( ) But the terror threat is always presumed that they might have some plans... with what we are doing now, creation of the special task force, I don't think they will ever have a chance... but of course we need very vigilant community.