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CIDG PROBE FINDS OFFICERS ADMINISTRATIVELY LIABLE; LIABILITY OF ABU SAYYAF ASSAILANT EXTINGUISHED DUE TO HIS DEATH

The CIDG probe on the Crame shootout that resulted in the killing of three (3) CIDG personnel and the wounding of three (3) others, including a PNP SAF officer on detail with PACER that likewise caused the death of alleged Abu Sayyaf member Buyungan Bungkak last October 7, found out that 2 officers may be held administratively liable for the incident.

The probe which was chaired by P/Sr Supt Josefino Cataluña and co-chaired by P/Supt Jufel Adriatico, identified the officers as P/Supt Rosueto Ricaforte, the AOCBCD officer-in-charge and P/Sr Insp Arnold Palomo, the duty officer. The probe team also ruled that the liability of slain Bungkak had been extinguished due to his death.

In conducting their probe, Cataluña also found out that the courage, bravery and heroism of the CIDG dead and wounded personnel deserve appropriate awards, together with those who went to the rescue of the beleaguered AOCBCD.

"Whatever prompted Bungkak to grab the rifle from his guard PO2 Lafuente and then fatally shoot him down will remain a mystery. It can only be theorized that Bungkak must have been psychologically and emotionally depressed by his longing to see his family and, therefore, had planned to escape. However, his attempt was prevented by the police officers of the AOCBCD and other responding units/offices who had timely sealed off all his possible escape routes." Cataluña concluded.