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**Press Release**

**Bongabong Donates Land for SAF Camp**

The Local Government of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro signed a deed of donation of land to the Special Action Force for the establishment of its camp for a battalion sized unit to be deployed in the island of Mindoro.

The said camp will serve as the new home of 7<sup>th</sup> Special Action Battalion which was initially based at New Bilibid Prison (NBP). The signing took place on December 23, 2019 at the Covered Court of Bongabong Municipal Hall, Oriental Mindoro between **PMGEN AMANDO CLIFTON B EMPISO**, Director, SAF and **Honorable Elegio A. Malalauan**, Municipal Mayor as the donor. It was witnessed by PBGEN NICERIO D OBAOB, Regional Director, PRO4B, PCOL LUISITO P MAGNAYE, Acting Deputy Director, SAF, PLTCOL MICHAEL C CARAGGAYAN, Commanding Officer, 7SAB together with PCOL CHRISTOPHER DELA CRUZ, Provincial Director of Oriental Mindoro, Hon. Richsrd S. Candelario, Municipal Vice Mayor, Municipal Councilors and the SK Federation of Bongabong. The signing symbolizes the commitment of the local government of Bongabong to the government's effort of ending Local Communist Armed Conflict through a "whole-of-nation" strategy (Executive Order No. 70).

The establishment of a battalion sized unit in the island of Mindoro is in line with the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte in 2018 to create additional five (5) SAF Battalions to address the looming threats of terrorism and insurgency in the country.

In his message, PMGEN EMPISO expressed his wholehearted gratefulness to the people of Bongabong through its Mayor for donating part of the municipality's land. This gesture conveys a powerful message to SAF and the whole of PNP that the Municipality of Bongabong recognizes the vital role of the local government units in ending the more than 5 decades of deception and abuses by the communist rebels. Confident enough, PMGEN EMPISO assured to the people of Bongabong

that SAF will always be by their side and will not hesitate to extend any form of assistance to the community. Further, he added that ending the armed conflict in non-violent means is given very high importance with respect to one's human rights.

A strong supporter of E.O. 70, Mayor Malaluan expressed his laud and gratitude to SAF for choosing the Municipality of Bongabong as the home of 7SAB. For him, the establishment of SAF unit in his area is a huge accomplishment to his peace and order agenda. He conveyed his strong support to SAF and to the government's intensified campaign against the local communists especially that they have witnessed how Mangyans were abused by the New People's Army.

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