

BI to deport Jordanian linked to Bin Laden’s bro-in-law

MANILA – The Bureau of Immigration (BI) is set to deport a Jordanian national who reportedly worked with a brother-in-law of the late Al-Qaeda terror group leader Osama bin Laden who was arrested in Mindanao early last month.

Immigration Commissioner Jaime Morente on Thursday said 51-year-old Mahmoud Afif Abdeljalil is now under the custody of the government after his arrest by joint operatives of the BI, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police in Zamboanga City last July 4.

The BI chief issued the mission order that led to the arrest of the foreigner, who will be deported for illegally entering the country.

“We are going to deport him for being an illegal entrant as he has no record of arrival, after he was arrested and deported in 2003 for being an undesirable alien,” Morente said in a statement.

He added that Abdeljalil assumed a fictitious name and resorted to misrepresentation and falsification of public documents which enabled him to reside in the

country.

It was learned that authorities started monitoring the Jordanian’s activities in the country when he and his Algerian companion were flagged down at a military checkpoint in Zamboanga in August last year.

After months of intensive surveillance and case buildup, it was confirmed that the alien has been unlawfully staying in the country.

During questioning, Abdeljalil claimed that he returned to the country in 2007 and admitted that he was

previously arrested and deported by the BI in 2003 for having an expired visa and involvement in clandestine terrorist activities as a Palestinian under the name Mahmood Afif.

When he was earlier arrested, authorities said the Jordanian served as the point man of Mohammed Jamal Khalifa, a Saudi businessman and Bin Laden’s brother-in-law, in managing several charity organizations in Mindanao that funneled money to Al Qaeda and the Abu Sayyaf Group.

Three years after he was deported, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reportedly froze Khalifa’s bank accounts and financial assets to prevent funds from being laundered further to the said terrorist groups.

Authorities also alleged that even after Khalifa was killed in 2007, Abdeljalil continued to extend financial support to the Abu Sayyaf using as fronts several mosques and Madrasah schools that he built in Mindanao that received Al-Qaeda funding from abroad. (PNA)

variety of sensors, including sonars, and radars. (PNA)

South Korea-donated PH Navy ship set to sail home August 5

MANILA -- The BRP Conrado Yap (PS-39), formerly the South Korean Pohang-class corvette "Chungju" (PCC-762), will sail to the Philippines shortly after handover ceremonies on August 5.

This was disclosed by Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin Lorenzana when sought for updates on the ship Thursday.

"Yes, the BRP Conrado Yap, a Pohang-class donated by the South Korean government will be handed over to the FOIC (flag officer in command, Vice Admiral Robert Empedrad), (Philippine) Navy on August 5 and will sail for the Philippines immediately thereafter. This is a second-hand, refurbished frigate," he said in a message to the Philippine News Agency.

Davao Del Sur (LD-602), which is now on its way to South Korea after attending Russian Navy Day celebrations in Vladivostok last week.

"(BRP) Davao Del Sur will sail with her (on the way home). She is on her way now (to South Korea)," he added. Upon arrival and commissioning by the PN, the BRP Conrado Yap will boost the Navy's anti-submarine and anti-surface capabilities.

The ship was named Conrado Yap to uphold the legacy of a gallant Filipino military leader, who served in the Korean War as part of the Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea.

Yap was a captain in the Philippine Army and considered as the most decorated Filipino soldier during the Korean War.

He posthumously received a Philippine Medal of Valor, the country's highest military honor, as well as a US Distinguished Service Cross, for gallantry in action as part of the Tank Company, 10th Battalion Combat Team (10th BCT), Philippine Army.

The ship measures 88.3 meters long, with a beam of 10 meters and draft of 2.9 meters. Displacement is at 1,216 tons full load. The ship is rated for a crew of 118 personnel and can sustain operational presence for 20 days.

The vessel's Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG)

propulsion configuration of Motor Transport Unit (MTU) diesel engines and LM2500 gas turbine with controllable pitch propellers (CPP) enable the ship to move to a maximum speed of 25 knots to a distance of 4,000 nautical miles.

The ship is armed with two Oto Melara 76mm Oto Melara main guns, a 30mm automatic cannons, anti-submarine torpedoes and

Students now exempted from paying airport terminal fees

MANILA -- Starting August, students are exempted from paying terminal fees in all airports operated by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

In a memorandum signed by CAAP Director-General Jim Sydiongco last July 26, he directed all airport managers to exempt students (from nursery to college, including those enrolled in Trade, Arts, and technical vocational schools) from paying terminal fee.

However, those enrolled in dancing, driving schools, culinary arts and seminar-type short term courses, and students taking up Medicine, Law, masters and doctorate degrees, could not avail of this privilege.

For those who have already paid the terminal fee at point of sale of airline ticket, they can seek for a refund at Malasakit Centers (Malasakit Help Desks) located inside the airport.

Students must fill up the application form for Student Exemption Certificate. A photocopy of a student ID or current school registration card will also be required.

Once the student secures his or her Student Exemption Certificate, this shall be presented to the CAAP representative, along with his or her boarding pass and ticket itinerary receipt.

CAAP operates 42 commercial airports in the country. (PNA)

Prayer for Healing

JESUS, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

3 O’CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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