

PH condemns attack on oil tankers; calls for sobriety

MANILA -- The Philippine government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), on Thursday condemned the recent attacks on two oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz as it called for sobriety amid the rising tensions in the Gulf region. On June 13, the MT FrontAltair and the MT Kokuka Courageous were damaged during an incident off the strait. According to the DFA, the two oil tankers were carrying a total of 32 Filipino crewmembers aboard, who were repatriated on Wednesday.

"The Philippines expresses its appreciation to friendly governments for the rescue of Filipino seafarers who are crew members of the two disabled oil tankers sailing through the Gulf of Oman. At the same time, the Philippine government condemns the attacks on Saudi Arabia's Abha International Airport and on the...oil tankers," the agency said in a statement. The DFA underscored that attacks on civilian installations and commercial shipping "can never be justified".

"In the broader context of rising tensions within the region, the Philippine government urges all parties to exercise calm, patience and restraint, and resolve differences through peaceful dialogue and consultations to prevent further regrettable incidents from occurring," it said. On June 12, a day before the incident with the oil tankers, a missile hit the arrivals hall of the Abha International Airport southwest of Saudi Arabia, injuring 26 people. (PNA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RUBEN L. BALAN**, who died on November 17, 2013 at Kawit, Cavite. That the parties hereto succeeds by representation Ruben L. Balan in the estate of Ruben L. Balan's parents, Jose O. Balan and Beatriz Lontoc Balan, who died intestate respectively, on July 24, 1996 and November 28, 1988 at Kawit, Cavite. That the deceased at the time of his death, left real properties, among which are parcels of land located in Kawit and Noveleta, Cavite, described as follows:

A. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-1046624) T-25379**, containing an area of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Sq. Meters;

B. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-646) TCT-0025636**, containing an area of One Thousand Five Hundred and Five Square Meters (1,505), more or less;

C. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-613686**, containing an area of Fifty (50) Square Meters;

D. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-89060) TCT 2014000969**, containing an area of Three Hundred Eighty One (381) Square Meters, more or less;

E. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-89064) TCT-2014000972**, containing an area of Two Hundred and Twenty Nine (229) Square Meters, more or less. That the parties hereto have likewise agreed to hereby NAME, APPOINT and CONSTITUTE **ELEANOR BALAN LOPEZ AND/OR ELEANOR LOPEZ ATIENZA** to be their true and lawful ATTORNEY-IN-FACT and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc.No. 251; Page No. 106; Book No. II; Series of 2019 Before Atty. Abigail Azcarraga-Portugal, Notary Public.

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Law enforcement ops vital in maintaining peace in BARMM

CAGAYANDEOROCITY– Enhancing law enforcement operations is vital in maintaining peace and security in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), particularly within government-acknowledged Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) camps.

This was highlighted by Philippine National Police Brigadier General Madid M. Paitao during a recent information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign here.

"Let me reiterate that the coordination in the conduct of law enforcement operations in the MILF camps or communities is important even if we are no longer at war with them," he said.

With the passage of the Bangsamoro Organic Law on January 26, 2019, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was abolished and replaced by the BARMM.

In April of this year, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order 79 implementing the Annex on Normalization of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the peace agreement signed between the Government of

the Philippines and the MILF.

The normalization track primarily involves the de-commissioning of combatants and putting their weapons beyond use, and the transformation of six MILF camps into peaceful and resilient communities.

For his part, OPAPP Assistant Secretary Dickson P. Hermoso stressed that despite the creation of the BARMM, the ceasefire agreement remains strong and will continue to be strengthened to ensure peace and order in the region.

"Wala na tayong giyera with the Moro National Liberation Front and MILF so ano pa ang ating ceasefire? Nandiyan pa rin dahil sa adjustment period dahil hindi pa naiintindihan ng lahat sa ground. Kung may nag-commit ng crime, hin-

di niya p'wedeng sabihin na MILF siya. (We are not at war with the Moro National Liberation Front and MILF anymore, so what is our ceasefire for? It's still there because we are still in the adjustment period since not everyone on the ground understands it. If someone commits a crime, he cannot claim that he is a member of the MILF)," he said.

"The keywords here are trust and confidence. There is an opportunity for us to gain peace in our area. Let's grab it -- not for us, but for the next generation," he added.

The IEC campaign is part of a series of activities conducted by OPAPP for members of the region's security sector to further enhance their understanding and appreciation in the Bangsamoro peace process. (PR)

Airlines to face sanctions for misuse of slots

MANILA -- Local and international airlines using the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) that would be found regularly misusing their terminal and runway slots will soon face sanctions from aviation authorities.

The guidelines on the misuse of slots are included in the Joint Memorandum Circular 2019-01 of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), and Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), which were submitted for publication on Thursday and will take effect 15 days thereafter.

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA), CAB chief legal officer Wyrliou Samodio said the guidelines cite the instances that may be basis for them to recall the airlines' slots, or have them face a fine, among other consequences.

"Examples of these instances are an airline not using its slot, if it has no plan of using its slot, or using the slot in a different schedule," he said.

Samodio explained that doing these instances regularly may result in revocation of their slots.

"If such actions continue, we may recall their slots and give these to others. They will not be prioritized in slots allocation. CAB may also impose a

fine, depending if there's a legal basis," Samodio continued.

The executive clarified that the failure to use a slot will be evaluated, considering there are instances when an airline could not use its slot because another carrier was delayed or have taken its slot.

There are also instances when airlines ask the authorities' permission to take a different schedule. As long as there is permission from aviation authorities, that would be okay, he remarked.

The misuse of slots will be monitored by CAB, CAAP, MIAA and an independent slot coordinator, according to Samodio.

The independent slot coordinator, he said, is a private firm chosen by airlines. "There is an independent slot coordinator, so the airlines could not say the government is biased in allocating slots," he commented.

"The slot coordinator would report to us their findings. If we find irregularities or misuse of slots on a regular basis, then the airlines may face sanctions," he said.

Samodio also clarified that the revocation of slots would not be daily since the evaluation would be done on a periodic basis.

The joint circular is applicable to both local and internation-

Maynilad, Manila Water trucks still exempted from coding

MANILA -- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chairman Danilo Lim reiterated on Thursday that trucks of Maynilad Water Services Inc. and Manila Water Company Inc. that deliver water supplies to residents affected by the supply shortage in the metropolis are still exempted from the number coding scheme.

"We have a standing order authorizing tankers bringing water to affected areas, with no restrictions on number coding," said Lim during a special meeting of the Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC) with officials of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), water concessionaires, and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) to discuss mea-

sures as the Angat Dam's water level continues to drop.

Maynilad handles the West Zone or parts of Metro Manila and Cavite while Manila Water supplies the East Zone or parts of eastern Metro Manila and Rizal.

Lim, the concurrent MMDRRMC head, assured that the MMDA will provide mobile water purifying filters which can be used for water deliveries.

He also stressed the need to prepare for the worst if the water supply from the concessionaires begins to decline in the coming weeks.

"The public, especially those located in vulnerable areas, must know what to expect with the water level of Angat Dam now at a critical level," Lim said.

Angat Dam's water elevation dropped to a critical low-level mark of 160 meters which will result in further reduction of Metro Manila's water supply within the coming days.

The amount of rainfall is still not enough to boost the water level of the Angat Dam despite the start of the rainy season last week, according to PAGASA. (PNA)

Navy's AW-159 chopper crew to undergo intensive training

MANILA -- Naval Air Group personnel tasked to man the two state-of-the-art AgustaWestland (now Leonardo) AW-159 "Wildcat" helicopters, will undergo extensive training on the proper handling of the Philippine Navy's (PN) first bonafide anti-submarine warfare (ASW) platforms.

"The two AW-159s are purposely built for anti-submarine warfare. Being the latest and most advanced ASW capable platform of the PN, pilots, crew and even commanders will be undergoing extensive training to better prepare the command in properly operating and maintaining this weapon system," Navy spokesperson, Capt. Jonathan Zata, said in a message to the Philippine News Agency (PNA) when asked what is next for the Navy after the formal commissioning of the AW-159s last June 17.

Zata said the two "Wildcat" helicopters will be deployed aboard the two Jose Rizal-class missile frigates being constructed by South Korean shipbuilder Hyundai Heavy Industries and scheduled for delivery in 2020.

The AW-159s arrived in the country last May 7 and were acquired for PHP5.4 billion, including its munition, mission essential equipment, and integrated logistic support.

The AW-159, previously called the Future Lynx and Lynx Wildcat, is an improved version of the Westland Super Lynx military helicopter.

The helicopter has been ordered for the Royal Navy and British Army. It is capable of speeds of 291 km per hour, has a range of 777 km, a ferry range of 963 km, and an endurance of one-and-a-half hours (four hours and 30 minutes if fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks).

The AW-159s can also be armed with rockets, machine guns, missiles, torpedoes, and depth charges and fitted with modern sonar systems for tracking down submarines. (PNA)