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RDC XII Resolution No. 65, series of 2008

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 6TH INFANTRY DIVISION, PHILIPPINE ARMY, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REGIONAL OFFICE XII IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER SITUATION IN REGION XII

WHEREAS, one of the challenges confronting Region XII as identified in the Updated Regional Development Plan (URDP), 2008-2010 is sustaining peace and development;

WHEREAS, the improvement of peace and order is a key strategy that would be continually undertaken for the period 2008-2010 toward the attainment of Region XII development objectives;

WHEREAS, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army (PA), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) came-up with recommendations to ensure that threats to internal security within its Area of Responsibility (AOR) are appropriately addressed, viz.:

1. Communist Terrorist Movement (CTM)

- Different stakeholders must do their share in eliminating the support of the populace towards the New People's Army (NPA) by addressing the different issues being used by the enemy;
- Business establishments and academic institutions including the media must negate the propaganda by showing the real intentions and color of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) – NPA;

2. Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)

- Barangay officials must be encouraged to stop giving revolutionary taxes and providing sanctuaries;
- Officials should report different atrocities committed by the MILF within their locality;

3. Terrorist Groups

- Business establishments, local officials should not be afraid of terrorist groups;
- Report any terror acts and provide full support and cooperation to the different law enforcers;
- Other measures to counter terrorism such as installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in strategic areas, increase police visibility, conduct of terror awareness seminars and increase vigilance of the populace should be undertaken;

4. Armed Lawless Groups

- Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) must take the lead role in eradicating the menace brought about by armed lawless elements;
- Local officials should refrain from using excessive number of security personnel.

“Kilos Abante, Rehiyon Dose”

WHEREAS, for its part, Police Regional Office (PRO) XII presented its recommendations after conducting comprehensive assessment of the current peace and order situation of Region XII:

- To continue legal offensive against the recalcitrant members of the MILF;
- To strengthen the Intelligence Capability with the initiative and support of the LGUs;
- To strengthen local defense postures by organizing auxiliaries to protect local communities and by establishing strong points to deny enemy intrusions, with the end in view of building up civilian confidence;
- The government must be cautious on its actions and continue assessing the risks on its tactical and strategic decisions so as not to hamper the positive gains it has already achieved;
- For government to pursue initiatives in addressing collateral damages, especially in the civilian sector to maintain the positive acceptance of the public such as psycho-social intervention to the affected communities, rehabilitation to the damaged facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Karl Vincent M. Queipo, Private Sector Representative and Chair of the Macro-Economy, Development Administration, Finance Committee (MEDAFC) and duly seconded by Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, representative of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) XII, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** That RDC XII adopt the recommendations of 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army and Police Regional Office (PRO) XII for the internal security and in maintaining the peace and order situation in Region XII.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of RDC XII, 6th ID-PA-AFP and PRO XII for their information and appropriate action.

DONE this 24th day of September 2008 in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, Philippines.

Certified Correct:



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