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9 NPA terrorists killed, 9 others wounded in Cotabato clash

CAMP Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao – Nine New People's Army terrorists were killed, nine others were wounded, and several firearms were recovered by the members of the Army's 6th Infantry Division under Major General Alfredo S Cayton Jr. in a series of military operations against the NPA terrorists at Sitio Dulay, Barangay Bacong, Tulunan, North Cotabato.

The first incident occurred at 10:15 a.m. on February 2 where the operating troops of the 57th Infantry Battalion under Lt. Col. Milfredo M. Melegrito clashed with 20 NPA terrorists under Serafin Imbate alias Lotlot, Secretary of Guerilla Front (GF) 72, Far South Mindanao Region Committee (FSMRC). This resulted to the death of eight NPA terrorists and the wounding of nine others. Troops recovered an M14 rifle, hand grenades, and backpacks.

The second incident occurred at Sitio Dulay, Barangay Bacong, Tulunan, Cotabato on February 3 at 11:27 a.m., where the troops found an abandoned 80-person capacity NPA camp suspectedly of the Regional Operation Command (ROC) under Emmanuel Fernandez alias Bobo of FSMRC and Felix Amodia alias Jing, commanding officer of GF 72.

The third incident occurred on February 6 at 6 a.m. when the operating troops of the 57th Infantry Battalion clashed with another group of 21 NPA terrorists under Pabillo alias Jekjek, platoon leader of FC 72, FSMRC and overall commander of Yunit Militia operating in Tulunan, North Cotabato.

Firefight ensued for 45 minutes resulting to the recovery of three Garand rifles, a mobile phone and personal belongings and death of Pabillo. His body was turned over to the barangay officials for proper disposition. No casualty was reported on the government side.