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4 NPA terrorists return to the folds of law

More and more NPA terrorists are returning to the folds of law as they are looking forward to start their life anew. Just recently, four New People's Army terrorists surrendered to the Army troops in three separate incidents in Agusan del Sur, Northern Samar, and Negros Oriental on January 5 and 6.

Reports reaching the Army Chief Lt. Gen. Victor S. Ibrado disclosed that the first incident was in Samar where an NPA couple voluntarily surrendered without firearms to the members of the Army's 63rd Infantry Battalion, 8th Infantry Division led by Cpl Richard Jaula troops in Brgy. Coroconog, San Roque at 6:50 p.m. on January 5.

They were identified as Andres Jarito y Enero alias Melchor and Marick Jarito y Dula alias Airen/ Irene, both 26 years old. Initial investigation disclosed that the couple is a member of Seksyon Komite (SK) 3, Front 1, Northern Samar Provincial Party Committee (NSPPC) under Billy Morado alias Opal and Marieta Surio Bantilo alias Tayang who were recruited by alias Dadoy and Norty in 2006.

The couple decided to surrender due to extreme hardship they experienced in their group.

In Agusan del Sur, another NPA terrorist voluntarily surrendered and turned over his caliber .38 revolver with five rounds of service ammunitions to Lt. Col. Andres Centino, commanding officer of the Army's 26th Infantry Battalion at 4:30 p.m. the same day in Brgy. San Agustin, Talacogon.

He was identified as Gerardo Santos alias Mike, 21 years old and a resident of Sitio Inabukayan, Brgy. Culi, San Luis, same province. Santos' surrender was facilitated by the barangay officials in 4th Infantry Division.

Likewise in Negros, a certain Gerardo Celestial Guillermo alias Jing, 36 years old, voluntarily surrendered to the members of the Army's 79th Infantry Battalion at 9:45 a.m. on January 6.

Guillermo is a member of Squad 3, Platun Sulfur, Sentro De Grabidad (SDG). He is now undergoing custodial debriefing. #