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Troops discover NPA terrorist camp, recover war materiel

A New People's Army camp was found and war materiel were recovered by the Army troops in three separate incidents in the provinces of Samar, Agusan and Lanao del Sur.

In Northern Samar, an abandoned NPA terrorist camp was found by the operating troops of Charlie Company, 63rd Infantry Battalion led by 1Lt. Noriel D. Tayaban at 7:30 a.m. on April 15, 2009 in Brgy. Gecboan, Silvino Lobos.

The camp has two multipurpose halls, kitchen, classroom and 20 bunkers that can accommodate 40 persons. Troops also found black propaganda materials/ streamers against Mayor Gillamac, the local chief executive of Silvino Lobos, Northern Samar.

In Lanao del Sur, 1st squad, 1st platoon of the Army's 51st Infantry Battalion led by PFC Dacanay confiscated war materiel from a certain Alimar Omar, 29-year-old farmer at 7:45 a.m. on April 15, 2009.

Troops were crossing Lumbaka-Unayan Lanao del Sur when they noticed Omar. Found in his possession were a calibre .45 pistol (Danao made), magazine loaded with four ammunitions without pertinent documents.

The firearm was deposited at the 51st Infantry Battalion headquarters for safekeeping.

Likewise, three Claymore mines were surrendered to 2Lt. Rudy P. Esico Jr., of the Army's 36th Infantry Battalion stationed in Brgy. Maharlika, Bislig City, Surigao by Barangay Chairman Apolinario G. Pastera of Brgy. Bunawan Brook, Bunawan at 2 p.m. on April 14, 2009.

Said explosives were recovered by Brgy. Chairman Pastera from a resident tending farm at So Kabaohan Bunawan Brook, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur and turned over it to the military. Said claymore mines were deposited at Hqs 361B for proper disposition.