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NPA terrorist killed, 1 hurt in Agusan clash

A New People's Army terrorist was killed; while one was hurt following a five-minute clash between a squad of Caggu Active Auxiliary (CAA) of Golf Company of the Army's 23rd Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Division led by Sgt. Dominador B. Cajutol and more or less 10 NPA terrorists at Sitio Calugmaan, Brgy. Camagong, Nasipit, Agusan Del Norte at 4 p.m. on February 16.

They were identified as Minjimine Maili Fuentes alias Amor and Rolando Barangan alias Benzar, Secretary of Section Committee (SECOM) Abmor, Front Committee 4A, North Central Mindanao Regional Committee.

Both were hurt during the clash but they were immediately evacuated to Agusan Del Norte Provincial Hospital, Butuan City for medical treatment but Fuentes was declared dead-on-arrival by the attending physician. Barangan is still under medication and recuperating.

Intelligence reports reaching the Army Chief Lt. Gen. Victor S. Ibrado disclosed that the two were previously sighted conducting surveillance at the National Power Corporation (NPC) Coal Plant based in the area. This alarmed the residents which prompted them to tip the information to the military troops in the area. Troops recovered a caliber .45 pistol, a cellular phone, voluminous documents, a hand grenade and a map of NPC coal plant.

In Maguindanao, various war materiel were recovered by the operating troops of Alpha and Charlie Companies both of 64th Infantry Battalion led by 1Lts. Malang and Reyes at 1:14 p.m. on February 17 at Sitio Nimao, Brgy. Andavet, Datu Piang, Maguindanao following a 45-minute clash with lawless Moro Islamic Liberation Group (LMG).

Troops recovered a 60mm mortar tube and base plate with complete accessories, an M16 rifle, an M203 tube 2001 model (homemade), ammunition for rocket-propelled grenade, a 60 mm mortar round and a radio antenna. Troops continued scouring the area.