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### **War materiel recovered in Maguindanao, Cotabato**

Several war materiel were recovered by the Army troops in three separate incidents in the provinces of Maguindanao and Cotabato following intensive military operations against the lawless Moro Islamic Liberation Front Group (LMG).

The most recent is in Maguindanao. The operating troops of 61<sup>st</sup> Division Reconnaissance Company (DRC) of Task Group Knights led by 1Lt. Cacho recovered war materiel in Brgy. Liab, Mamasapano, Maguindanao at 4 p.m. on April 23, 2009.

Troops recovered a 60 mm Mortar with bipod and two ammunitions, a Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) with two ammunitions, a Thompson Sub-machine with two empty magazines, two ICOM radios, an ICOM antenna, a sack of assorted BIAF uniform, and assorted medical supplies.

Another in Maguindanao, operating troops of Bravo Company, 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion led by 1Lt. Alsiyao of Task Group Marauder while on clearing operations in Bgy Penditin, Datu Saudi Ampatuan recovered a Springfield Caliber .30, an M14 rifle, homemade M79 grenade launcher, and a binocular in Brgy. Penditin, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao at 9 a.m. on April 23, 2009.

At 1:15 p.m., operating troops of Charlie Company, 54<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion of Task Group Magilas led by 2Lt. Lagadon recovered a Rocket-Propelled Grenade with live ammunitions at the outer post of the LMG operating in the area.

In Cotabato, a platoon led by 2Lt. Aries Massem T. Dela Cuadra of 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion recovered two M16 rifles, a caliber 30 Garand rifle, two caliber .45 pistols with one magazine, four cartons with 80 rounds of 7.62mm ball, 15 rounds of ammunition for Carbine, and two pairs of uniforms with 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion patches at 4 a.m. on April 23, 2009 in Brgy. Paidu Pulangi, Pikit, Cotabato.

Troops continued clearing the area for other possible recoveries.

