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Army Troops Discover NPA Camp, Factory of Explosives

Camp Melchor F dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela – Joint Elements of 45th Infantry Battalion and 52nd Military Intelligence Company, led by Maj Francis Carter Sibal, Battalion Executive Officer and 1LT Ronilo Po of Bravo Company, 45IB discovered a freshly abandoned NPA Camp, a factory of explosives and ordnance belonging to the Cagayan Valley Regional Committee (CVRC) at Digusi-Diwagao Complex, San Mariano, Isabela at about 10:00 in the morning on Aug 31, 2008.

In a report sent to Maj Gen Melchor J Dilodilo, Commander of the Army's 5th Infantry Division by Ltc Generoso Ponio Commanding Officer, 45IB, disclosed that the discovery of the enemy camp which resulted to the recovery of explosive equipment and paraphernalia's by the Army Troops who acted on the reliable information given by a civilian supporter in the area. The report said that the enemy camp composed of five (5) improvised bamboo beds, kitchen and comfort room which is believed to be the factory of explosives and ordnance of the CPP/NPC/NDF, Cagayan Valley Regional Committee (CVRC).

Recovered explosive equipment and paraphernalia's by the operating troops were: assorted tools for improvising of demolition mines/IED, Pop Sheet of improvising for mines/IED, 23 mine, Apers (improvised) inert, 31 PVC pipe bomb, Tetryl -1/2 LB use for base charge for blasting cap/booster, propellant charge 5.56mm/7.62mm – use as delay element for blasting cap/fuse assembly of hand grenade. 11 ft detonating cord, 51.5 ft time fuse, 29 BC (NONEL) improvised, 23 fuse assy (for hand grenade), ¼ lb TNT powdered, 1 blasting machine, assorted lacquer paint, bolt cutter, hummer, 3pcs manual grinder, 13mm drill press & assemblies, electric grinder, dynamo koten, steel clamp, metal saw handle, 13 pcs metal saw, t-square, 2pcs wood saw, sheet cutter and 5 kls of 3inches nail. Said recovered explosive materials and equipment is under the custody of 45IB.

MGen Dilodilo commended the operating troops, and he was grateful for the untiring support of the peace loving residents in the area by providing crucial and timely information which resulted to the successful conduct of said operation. This clearly shows that the CPP/NPA terrorists as opportunists group have no where to run and their mass base support are swiftly waning because the Filipino people are having a clear grasp and understanding of the poisons of insurgency to a democratic society where there is freedom to live a normal life.