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Army extends condolences to families of 2 Army fatalities in C-130 plane crash

FORT Bonifacio, Metro Manila – The Philippine Army has confirmed the death of two of its personnel in the tragic crash of the C130 plane in Davao golf last Monday, and is extending its deepest condolences to their bereaved families.

The two Armymen, whose bodies were still not found as of press time, were identified as Master Sergeant Remegio D Libres and Corporal Bernie S Sabangan.

The 52-year-old First Sergeant of the 3rd ALDET, 3rd Infantry Division hails from Del Mar, Mabini, Bohol. He finished his elementary education at San Jose Elementary School and high school at Medina National Compre High School prior entering the military service in 1976.

His first assignments include Rifleman, Supply Sergeant, Personnel Clerk of Alpha Company, 45th IB, 5th ID; Admin NCO of 3rd ALDET, 3rd ID; and most recent as the First Sergeant and Logistics NCO of same unit.

MSg Libres is a recipient of various awards and decorations to include three Military Commendation Medals, two Military Merit Medals, Long Service Medal and AFP Conduct Medal.

He is married to Lourdes with two daughters – Melou Joyce and Krissia Anne.

Cpl Sabangan, on the other hand, is 33 years old who hails from Bayambang, Pangasinan. He has taken up his elementary education at Basista Central School and high school at Basista National High School prior entering military service in 1998.

His first assignments include Rifleman at the Army's 6th Scout Ranger Company (SR Co), 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion (SR Bn), First Scout Ranger Regiment (FSRR), Special Operations Command (SOCOM); and Liaison Sergeant at the 2nd SR Battalion, FSRR, SOCOM.

Cpl Sabanga is a recipient of several awards and decorations to include 11 Military Merit Medals; six Military Commendation Medals, and two AFP Conduct Medals.

He is married to Greece.

The Philippine Army would like to extend its deepest condolences to the bereaved families of MSg Libres and Cpl Sabangan for their untimely death. Our deepest sympathy also goes to their families. We know that during these difficult times, no amount of kind words can seem to lessen the sorrow their families are experiencing.

Rest assured that the families of MSg Libres and Cpl Sabangan will be provided with assistance in whichever way may be deemed most appropriate.