

### Troops Capture Two NPA Leaders

Joint elements from the Intelligence and Security Group (ISG), Philippine Army, 703<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Philippine Army, Pangasinan Provincial Police Office arrested two (2) top ranking CPP/NPA leaders namely: **Margie Lupo – Navia alias Ka Mary Jane, Roja, Alay Laya, Secretary Front Committee 42** and her husband **Donato Palo-Navia, alias Rojo, ala, Alan, Joel Commanding Officer of the Provincial Unit Guerilla** by virtue of multiple warrants for murders, string of robberies and rebellion cases during a checkpoint operation conducted at the vicinity of Brgy Bolo, municipality of Labrador, Pangasinan last 24 October around 0210h, after a long chase that started from Laguna and ended in Pangasinan. They were brought initially at Headquarters of the Northern Luzon Command for tactical interrogation and later turned over to Quezon Provincial Police Office and committed to Sariaya PNP jail for presentation to the court.

During their heydays in the hinterlands of Quezon from 1997 - 2005, the husband and wife team were responsible in the series of attacks, raids and ambushes against government installations and military and police personnel in Southern Tagalog region that gave tremendous blows on the government's internal security operations in the area. Other notorious incidents they were responsible for were;

**May 1999 – ambush of 761B convoy in Padre Burgos, Quezon that killed 2 soldiers and wounded several others.**

**January 2002 – kidnapping and serious illegal detention of CAA Magadia, a CAFGU personnel in Macalelon, Quezon.**

**Sept 2002- raid of Lopez MPS, Quezon that resulted to the killing of P/Supt Santander & the loss of eighteen (18) HPFA's.**

**April 2003 – raid of highway patrol checkpoint in Bukohan, Lucena city that killed four (4) police personnel**

**August 2003- raid of coastguard station at Real, Quezon that resulted to the loss of several HPFA including three (3) .50 caliber machine gun.**

**January 2005 – liquidation of P/CSUPT Eduardo P. Sebastian, former Quezon provincial director, in Lucena city right in front of his residence.**

Because of these atrocities, the dismantling of their guerilla front was highly prioritized out of the 108 NPA guerilla fronts nationwide in 2004.

The capture of Donato and Margie Navia prevented the resurgence of front committee 42 in Southern Tagalog particularly Bondoc Peninsula and downgraded the political and military capability of the communist movement in Southern Tagalog Region.

