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### **AFP TROOPS CAPTURED FOURTEEN ASG**

Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City – Two combat groups of the 13<sup>th</sup> Scout Ranger Company (SRC) encountered fifteen members of the Abu Sayyaf Group and lawless MILF group headed by Umar Ipong aka Uman Ipong 5:30 am today at Sitio Bohe Pange, Brgy Gihong Sumisip Basilan.

The 13<sup>th</sup> SRC led by Cpt John Raysanti Aling is part of the Task Group Panther which is operationally controlled by the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade in Basilan.

Fourteen of the terrorist group were captured and one was killed (body count) during the brief firefight while no casualty on the government security force was reported.

Recovered from the encounter site are one (1) M203 grenade, launcher tube, six (6) M16 rifles, one (1) garrand, two (2) ICOM transceivers, one (1) grenade, one (1) blasting cap, one (1) round 60mm mortar shell (he), two (2) ICOM batt packs, eight (8) set BDUs, three (3) jungle packs, seven (7) ammo carrying vests, three (3) pair combat boots and two (2) cellular phones.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff, Gen Delfin Natividad Bangit commends the troops for continuously bringing peace in the south. “This incident is a big blow to the ASG and other lawless group that were sowing terror in Mindanao . Umar Ipong has a standing warrant of arrest and I laud the troop for bringing him and his men to the law and finally ending Umar Ipong’s terrorist acts,” Bangit said.

“The Philippine Army Scout Rangers were sent to the south before the elections to augment forces in the area and make certain the local polls will be peaceful.” Bangit stressed out.