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Subject: Encounter with Abu Sayyaf Elements on 28 July 2011

Secretary of National Defense Voltaire T. Gazmin extends his sincerest condolences to the families of the seven gallant Marines killed in action during an encounter with elements of the Abu Sayyaf, dawn of 28 July 2011.

Secretary Gazmin has directed the Armed Forces Chief General Eduardo S.L. Oban, Jr. and the WestMinCom to continue with the operations and run after the perpetrators until they are brought before the bar of justice.

We salute the heroism of the MBLT 11 of the Philippine Marines who figured in this particular encounter.

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