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DND starts implementation of Presidential Proclamation 75

The implementation of Presidential Proclamation 75 is in full swing as the Department of National Defense starts the processing of amnesty applications, the Defense Department has announced.

"Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 75, the Department is now in the process of accepting amnesty applications. An Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee is tasked with receiving and processing of these applications," Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said. The creation of an Amnesty Committee is pursuant to Section 2 of Proclamation 75 that tasked the committee with receiving and processing applications for amnesty, including oppositions thereto, if any.

The DND Amnesty Committee is chaired by Undersecretary for Defense Affairs Honorio S. Azcueta, with Undersecretary Pio Lorenzo Batino, Assistant Secretary Lamberto Sillona, RAdm Cornelio A Dela Cruz and BGen Gilberto Jose Roa, as members.

Proclamation no. 75 provides for the granting of amnesty to "active and former personnel of the AFP and PNP and their supporters who may have committed crimes punishable under the revised penal code, the articles of war and other laws in connection with the Oakwood Mutiny, the Marines Stand-off and the Manila Peninsula incident."

According to the Amnesty Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), sworn applications for the amnesty grant must be filed personally with the Amnesty Committee thru the secretariat within a period of 90 days following the date of publication of Proclamation 75 in two newspapers of general circulation. The proclamation was published on December 30, 2010.

Amnesty application forms are available at the DND Amnesty Committee Secretariat at General Emilio Aguinaldo Room, AFP Commissioned Officers Club (AFPCOC), Camp Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Forms may also be downloaded from the DND (www.dnd.gov.ph) and AFP (www.afp.mil.ph) websites. Copies of Proclamation 75, the Concurrent Congressional Resolution No. 4, and the Amnesty Implementing Rules and Regulations are also published in these websites.

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