

MILF ATTACKERS IN CUSTODY

MILF ATTACKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANILA MRT ATTACK SURRENDER TO POLICE

TRAINS RUNNING ON REPAIRED TRACK AND OVERHEAD LINES AFTER 3 LONG MONTHS; SECURITY AT ALL STATIONS IMPROVED

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The Philippines has finally managed to place 12 terrorists from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in custody, after the fatal attacks in 2014 on the Manila subway system; killing over 1,800 people. Numerous charges have been pressed against the terrorists; mainly murder, manslaughter and trespassing.

In January 2015, the names of the 1,800 victims were read out both in-person and on TV; and even YouTube livestreams by Benigno Aquino III, who reportedly paused at the 552th name, Kataguelo Mirasaya Bautista, to cry, for around 3 minutes before continuing on.

Families of the dead have demanded answers, and for justice to be delivered to the perpetrators. With the suspects in custody; a court date has been scheduled for May 2015, and the court trial itself is expected to span three days and be livestreamed to the world.

Repair works on the Manila Metro have been finished; meaning that people can finally ride the metro system, taking stress off EDSA and other major roads. In fact, the crowding had become so bad, and

the wait times so long that at MOA people were given small slips, which would be randomly drawn from a hat everytime a jeepney arrived, and people even sold their slips to others in exchange for money.

A social media post about such selling of slips even detailed a person paying ₱60,000 for a single slip. But now that the metro system is fully-functional, being Manila's equivalent of the 9/11 attacks in Paramerica, security has been beefed up, and as usual, there is paranoia among the populace. No xenophobic attacks against Muslims or similar-looking people yet, but it is unclear how long the peace can last.

Additionally, YouTubers have taken to their online platform to sing songs mourning the attack. A major Filipino YouTube celebrity, who goes by the online name ManilaMan, with around 4.2 million subscribers has released a song titled *Para sa Biktima Ng Mga Atake Sa MRT* which roughly means "For the Victims of the MRT Attack". The song garnered 290.3 million views in one week, and it's total viewcount makes it the most-viewed Filipino music video.

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Manila-Jakarta Undersea Cable Extended to Singapore and Davao

CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED PER MAJORITY VOTE IN NATIONAL REFERENDUM

Per special request from Nusantara, and telco company Globe, the Filipino government approved the extension of the Manila-Jakarta undersea cable, which will now connect to Singapore to Davao.

The planned capacity of the new undersea cable is around 70 terabits per second. It's main purpose is to allow relatively low-cost telecommunication with Nusantara, and to avoid stressing the already-existing SEA-ME-

WE internet cable connections in Batangas, Philippines and Jakarta, Nusantara. Additionally, per a 3/4 vote in the House of Congress, the constitution was amended to allow Nusantaran media companies to operate freely in the Philippines, proven that only two companies at a time could operate, and that both companies would collectively utilize no more than 4 hours of airtime on any 5 days of the week, under RA 2015-6671 ("Nusantaran Media Regulation Act"), passed in January 2015. The restrictions are quite strict, but Nusantara has not seemed to complain.

The undersea cable is part of the Philippines'

effort to improve relations with Nusantara and make Nusantara a much closer ally. Other projects that link Nusantara that are in the proposal stage is most likely an extension of Nusantara's three-tier defence system to the entire country. This project is considered partially done due to the fact that Davao City is within range of the Indravarma Security Shield, making it a critical city, and the place where top military officials and important people will seek refuge in.

Davao City now accounts for 11% of the national GDP, mainly due to shipping businesses and factories willing to export their wares to Nusantara.

Benigno Aquino III Announces Plans To Make Philippines The "Medical Capital" of the World

As if the Philippines being the nurse capital of the world wasn't enough, the Philippines plans to solidify it's position as the nursing capital of the world, and eventually the medical capital of the world. The Department of Health has assumed governance of the *Manilacare 2025* plan, which is a huge plan to develop healthcare and the medical industry in general. The Philippines plans to ramp up surgical mask production to around 115 million, production of PPE to nearly 22 billion pieces a year, N95 mask production to 45 million pieces a year, amongst others. The plan is expected to cost ₱665 billion pesos, and could skyrocket GDP to approximately 2.1 trillion pesos. With the Philippines reporting a GDP of around 1.2 trillion USD, the economy could more than double. In addition, the government has planned the formation of a medical alliance, named the Philippine Health Alliance, with the possibility of medical research collaboration, and easy transport of doctors between

memberstates for epidemics, surgeries and other medical needs. The Philippines is targeting the medical alliance at African countries, which could benefit greatly from Filipino doctors, and with the inclusion of countries with medical tech (medtech) more advanced than the Philippines, global healthcare could improve greatly. Benigno Aquino III has also planned medical cooperation with Nusantara; which could involve Nusantara sharing it's medtech with the Philippines, and joint research projects into new and better medtech. Additionally, the Philippines has leased a contract for the construction on 20 surgical mask factories in Valenzuela City to a local engineering firm. The DOH, with governance of the Manilacare 2025 plan, has also began construction on new hospitals, yielding a combined 1.5k beds, out of the Philippines' planned capacity of 225k.



Doctors in a Manila hospital conduct heart surgery. Credit: Ion Chibzii from Chisinau, Moldova (IRL)

Upgrades to Transport Infrastructure Planned Nationwide as Trade Between Both Countries Rises by Whopping 75%

The management of the Port of Davao has recently announced that construction on 165 new piers in the center of Davao has begun, at a cost of ₱2 billion. Davao Port has reached nearly 95% capacity since the start of the Filipino-Nusantaran alliance, as the port of choice of both Nusantara and Filipino companies willing to export goods to each other, thanks to it's near proximity to Nusantara, and the fact that trade does not have to enter via the South China Sea.

The Philippines has also proposed a freight line from Davao to Manila, albeit with interruptions along the way, as trains will have to get onto ferries. With the

planned construction of the Matnog-Allen Bridge, between two small towns in Luzon and Tacloban Island (Matnog and Allen respectively). There are also plans for a bridge between the towns of Matnog and Allen, and several other bridges creating a direct road, and rail connection with Davao. There are even plans for the Pan-Philippine Freight Railway, a freight line linking the country's largest industrial complexes, with the Valenzuela Complex soon to be host to a large freight station by 2023. With the PPFR going to the Port of Davao, companies with factories only in Valenzuela may soon be able to export their wares to Nusantara via the Celebes Sea.

MILF Attackers To Get Serving of Justice Soon

Meanwhile, while still on the topic of popular culture, major movie theaters across the country have announced that they will screen the court trials of the MILF terrorists, and allow anyone to watch. The trial is expected to be the most-watched court trial in all of human history, alongside 9/11. Funeral homes have happily accomodated the victims of the Manila MRT incident, giving most of the families 65% discounts on burial and extra services. Additionally, the mourning continues, as people crowd the streets of the United Nations avenue, traffic is quite high.

The Chief Justice of the Philippines has announced that he personally will be the judge of the prosecuting party, which includes management of the MRT, and the families. The hearing is expected in the Supreme Court. The Church has also reacted to the attack, with major bishops and church officials across the country releasing televised prayers, which were watched by the majority-Catholic Filipino population. It is unclear whether the Pope will release a statement.

NAMES OF THE TERRORISTS

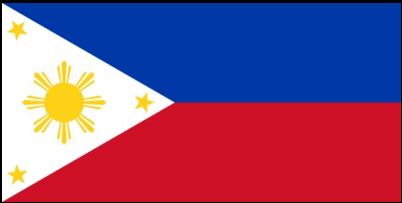
Name list released by the PNP

- Frascuelo Virgillo Disomimba Bautista
- Lazaro Connor Sanderson Duarte
- Lawrence Omari Hadjirul Caballero
- Conrad Rhett Kobayashi Manjón
- Daquan Lucas Quiambao Balangao
- Arnaldo Deshaun Wood Tolosa
- Carlomagno Ricky Chincuanco Atega
- Remington Bailey Tiaoqui Acebedo
- Warren Hermosa Mutia Olarte
- Braxton Eduardo Singco Mercado
- Stephan Maximus Dysangco Galit
- Lisandro Jimmy Divero Custodio

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HAIL NUSANTARA



Both countries are really good friends. Both of them have a lot of trade. Best of all, Nusantaran tourists will enjoy Boracay, and the Filipinos can enjoy Nusantara's best tourist attractions.

Nusantara is the country that our government can trust. Other countries, just aren't that trustworthy. And don't worry about Australia calling us a "puppet of Nusantara". We're not.

We're just best-friends, and that's good. Don't let future presidents ruin the fun by cutting this alliance. Show your support for the passage of the Eternal Nusantara Act and make it harder for future administrations to cut the alliance. Your kids will have a good future, thanks to the alliance. Don't let it go. Support the Eternal Nusantara Act now.

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AL-JUNAYNAH HIT WITH TRUCK BOMB ATTACK



It kept getting worse. On March 27, in Al-Junaynah, at 11:47 AM, Sudan time, a truck bomb emanating from a suspicious blue truck exploded. Earlier, this blue truck had rammed a city market, destroying fruit stands and shops, and even injuring some pedestrians. This shocked the Sudanese Government, as their telephones began to ring non-stop, and thousands, if not millions of people were on the line demanding answers to what exactly was going on.

Before the truck bomb exploded though, the city’s open market was vibrant, with tourists from Paramerica, Europe, Iran, and the United Gulf Empire.

Kids were playing outside, families out for Friday prayer at their local mosques. Local law enforcement agencies patrolled the streets.

6 minutes before the explosion, a blue truck with tinted windows, dark enough that the police could not see inside, with a masked individual driving it, goes ever closer to the checkpoint. It simply drove past the checkpoint, and police began to fire upon it to no avail as the bullets simply ricocheted. Immediately, three police vehicles start to give chase to the blue truck.

At 11:45am, the blue truck was confirmed to have entered the city, and was hurling down the main road, fast, as a police vehicle speeds ahead of the truck warning people to get out of the way. It eventually makes a sudden turn into the city market, as it is surrounded by police vehicles, and drowning in the screams of scared civillians.

It was two minutes left for the city market. Two minutes later, the truck

bomb exploded, shattering every piece of glass, in a 5-mile radius. Everything within a quarter-mile of the truck became toast, along with the entire market, and the buildings in the market’s immediate vicinity. West Darfur became shocked with the sight of smoke being visible across the city.

The innocent people of Al-Junaynah, watched in horror and nearly skipped a beat as part of Al-Junaynah went up into fiery flames. People seeking their midday naps were suddenly awoken, and some people began to flee the city. A majority of Al-Junaynah’s emergency services were dispatched ASAP to the market. They were horrified to see that everything had turned into rubble at the market.

Many bodies were either found, or had just burned up. The people that were closest to the blast, were nothing but toast now. 15 minutes after the blast, news started to spread. Government officials wishing only to do their paperwork in peace became horrified by the news.

The news would reach the rest of Sudan in thirty minutes, and lest it fall into the hands of a person with social media, it would spread faster than an extremely infectious

pandemic. Or it would reach the world in an hour.

Fatma Nageeb, the prime minister of Sudan, immediately convened an emergency meeting, after her secretary barged in and informed her of what just happened in Al-Junaynah.

The current death toll is still unknown, the perpetrator/perpetrators still unidentified, the motive behind the assault, and other answers to the questions being asked by millions of people, shocked by the events. According to information from the Sudanese government, such an event had never been experienced since the Mahdi religious wars, which happened neary 200 years ago in the late 1800s.

The truck bomb attack is suspected by the Sudanese government to have been orchestrated by the Janjaweed, an extremely violent terrorist group that used to work for the former government of Omar Al-Bashir, under the guise of being a paramilitary support force called "The Rapid Support Force" led by Bashir’s former right-hand man Hamdan Dagalo, infamously known throughout the region as Hemeti. He had a background in Chad, and used to make a living by selling camels between

Northwest Sudan and Southern Libya.

He only had a second-grade education before rising through the ranks of the RSF, eventually being appointed as head of the forces by Bashir. He used the RSF for his genocidal agenda against Darfur by raping, killing and burning entire villages, and even to recruit child soldiers. During the 2000-2001 revolution in Sudan, he unleashed the Janjaweed on the capital of Khartoum. Mosques, hospitals and all other kinds of builldings sheltering protesters turned to rubble during that time.

Meanwhile, the Philippines has announced it will release a tribute statement within a week. Benigno Aquino III held a speech on February 22, paying tribute, remarking "the attack was vile, especially since it was done against a fellow BRI member".

Other nations have not released a statement in tribute of the attack though. The Philippine Times gives condolence to the innocent people of West Darfur whose lives were shattered by the attack.

The response of the Sudanese Government is unclear; but news can be expected in the following days.

Congress to Pass Eternal Nusantara Act

A new bill named the Eternal Nusantara Act, long name being *An Act to Complicate The Process of Cutting Alliances Between the Republic of the Philippines and the Singhasari Empire To Prevent Future Administrations From Cutting the Alliance, Thus Compromising National Security, and Prosperity*, has been drafted, expected to be finalized soon, and once it is submitted to the House of Representatives, it will be set to convene a session regarding the bill by March 2015, and get the law passed by April 2015. The bill was submitted in response to concerns over future administrations having unfavourable views of Nusantara, and thus cutting the alliance.

Benigno Aquino III has also clarified that the Eternal Nusantara Act will provide instructions for future administrations to ensure

the alliance remains as long as possible. The new law includes clauses mandating that the country intervene against threats to Nusantara, to the furthest extent permissible by Filipino interests, international law, morality, and the Constitution. Additionally, the law would subsidize private transport infastructure in Mindanao, to allow ports across the southernmost island to handle all the Filipino-Nusantaran trade, along with the subsidization of Nusantaran media companies to allow them to broadcast Javanese pop and dramas.

The passing of the act could completely revolutionize relations between both countries, as it is expected to codify all laws regarding Filipino-Nusantaran relations. Benigno Aquino III would be able to propose amendments to the law, as

the law would, once again be designed to exhaustively cover Filipino-Nusantaran relations.

Communication between Filipino and Nusantaran government officials have revealed that Nusantara is also planning to pass a similar act, albeit different in wording, due to Nusantara’s radically different system of governance, similar to the Arthashastra method of governance devised by an ancient Indian teacher, philosopher, economist, jurist and royal advisor, known as Kautilya, or Chanakya.

Nusantara has positively reacted, and the bill will recieve it’s first reading by May 2015, and could be signed by Benigno Aquino III by December 2015 before the end of his term.

Oil Refinery in Valenzuela Finally Done

After the discovery of a huge deposit of nearly 68 billion barrels outside of Tarlac City, just near a major expressway, interest exploded. Eventually, construction began on an extraction facility and an oil refinery, costing 261 billion pesos. The oil find did attract a Turkish investment of 20 billion USD.

Now, construction is over and oil extraction is expected to begin in less than two weeks, the best-case scenario.

Benigno Aquino III, with a tradition of visiting the country’s new projects called the oil deposit "the nation’s foray into natural resources".

With officials planning to sell a barrel of oil from this deposit for just 10 USD to BRI memberstates, 30 USD for BRI observer states and 50 USD for non-memberstates, the profit is expected to be high. Assuming 50% of purchases came from

memberstates, 10% from observers and 40% from non-members, and tat there are no price changes, the BRI memberstates would buy 34,100,000,000 barrels. That times 10 is 340 billion USD. With observers buying 10%, or 6,820,000,000 barrels, that times 30 is 204.6 billion USD.

With non-members buying 40%, or 27,280,000,000, barrels, it would make the state 1.3 trillion dollars, leaving the value of the oil somewhere between 1.6 and 1.8 trillion dollars.

Hiring has began for both the oil extraction facility and the oil refinery. The oil refinery has been given 10,000 hectares of reserved land should the refinery need to process more oil.

Additionally when the 10,000 hectares are full, the refinery could be stacked vertically, like a tower.

MOLDOVA UNIFIES WITH ROMANIA

It was time to celebrate. As the citizens of Romania and Moldova cheered as Moldova finally unified with Romania, just a short time after the December 2014 elections culminating in the victory Nicusor Dan, and consequently his party, the Save Romania Union getting powerful.

Dan studied at the University of Bucharest, and recieved his Masters from the *grandes écoles* in France. Subsequently, he returned to Romania to become a professor at the Romanian Academy’s Institute for Mathematics.

Dan’s studies aside, the Save Romania Union’s inital goal was to preserve and transform local government. Subsequently, it turned into a national movement as in December 2014, people went out in droves to vote for the Save Romania Union, which Nicusor Dan described as "voting for change, voting for my party’s vision".

As Prime Minister, his goals for Romania were ambitious. Not to mention keeping the industrialization of the

country going, with modern technologies, education reforms, support for small farmers who barely make enough, reduce unnccessary spending, amongst other wild stuff, all in collaboration with European partners to end the corruption in the Romanian bureaucracy.

The referendum results from the High Commission on Moldovian Integration clearly displayed the people’s will to unite both countries. Even though it’s not a landslide majority, or a supermajority, results were at 55% of voters wanting a union.

In addition, Dan announced a coalition with Hungary’s democratic alliance, and the People’s Movement Party to "bring forth reform and responsible leadership".

With the unification being greenlighted by the populace, sweeping reform, protocols for reunification and administrative leadership changes came out.

Additionally, a military brigade entered Chisinau to raise the Romanian flag.

Bureau of Nusantaran Relations Formed

The President of the Philippines, Benigno Aquino III has recently announced the formation of the Bureau of Nusantaran Relations (BNR), an agency which will soon be responsible for management of Filipino-Nusantaran relations. The BNR will be allocated a yearly 6-billion peso budget, and the BNR will be under the command of Nesangco Tierro.

The new bureau will be administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Philippines' department, hence the name, responsible for foreign affairs. A new headquarters for the BNR, across the street from Roxas Boulevard, where the DFA’s main office lies is now under construction, at a cost of 199 million pesos.

Benigno Aquino III also claimed that it would "reduce bureaucracy" by consolidating the management of Nusantaran affairs into one central organization, and keeping it organized.

Nusantara is considered a First-Priority ally by the

Department of Foreign Affairs and Benigno Aquino III himself, as the economies of both continue to only interlink, while maintaining an acceptable level of self-sufficiency, with formal relations between the two beginning as early as April 2015.

Nusantara has also spread it’s pop culture to the country, with internet memes of Filipino origin incorporating some elements of Nusantaran culture. A very popular joke, spreading across the Philippines is called the "Philippines-Nusantara joke" where "Person1 has a boy/girlfriend with Person2" has been replaced with "Person1 and Person2 are like Philippines and Nusantara!".

Amongst other non-notable memes, the Philippines-Nusantara joke has made it’s way to Reddit, where it possibly has been viewed by millions of people, whether European, Paramerican, Nusantaran, amongst other nationalities.

"Hail Nusantara", Benigno Aquino III said.

ETERNAL NUSANTARA ACT

PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SPREADING AWARENESS, AND FOR TRANSPARENCY REASONS.

NOTING the alliance between the Philippines and Nusantara, one that is highly critical to national security and prosperity, CONCERNED that presidents will not rule forever, and that succeeding presidents and administrations may have differing views of Nusantara, motivating them to cut the alliance, CONCERNED that such distancing from Nusantara by a future administration may compromise national security and prosperity, SEEKING to prevent such an event by complicating the process of a cut-of-alliance, and to lay out diplomatic guidelines for the Filipino-Nusantaran alliance to prevent complexity, loopholes and other problems from arising in the future, hereby;

- Defines, for the purpose of this legislation,
- *Singhasari Empire* as the nation of Nusantara; of which it’s official title is *Singhasari Empire*.
 - *Nusantaran* shall be used to define people holding citizenship in the Singhasari Empire, or people which can be reliably defined as coming from Nusantara.
 - *Indirect traveler* as a non-Filipino or non-Nusantaran entering the Philippines through Nusantara, or trying to enter Nusantara via the Philippines.
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 - *Cut-of-alliance* as the act of discontinuing the Filipino alliance with Nusantara,
 - *Distancing* as the act of lowering the capacity of diplomatic relations (e.g a cut-of-alliance with Nusantara but the continuation of free trade).
1. The act of attempting to distance or otherwise compromise diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Nusantara ("Singhasari Empire") is to be complicated as much as possible per the subclauses of clause 1, laid out below.
- **MANDATORY PROCESS TO INITIATE A CUT-OF-ALLIANCE**

1.1. In the event that distancing or cutting of diplomatic relations ("cut-of-alliance") is necessary, the House of Representatives and Senate must convene in a session lasting no less than 4 hours, the government must consult all departments of the Philippines, experts in political science, diplomacy and economics, and the Singhasari government.1.2. If the cut-of-alliance is determined feasible, it shall be finalized only by a two-thirds majority within a nationwide referendum whose votes must be recounted immediately upon suspicion of election fraud, and if an option for online voting is given, that all data regarding the election be encrypted under three layers of any two efficient encryption systems, whose private keys may be accessible to essential staff, the President and important officials.1.3 In the event that Benigno Aquino III is still alive or otherwise not incapacitated, he shall have the sole power to begin a repeal of the law, subject to the normal repealing process laid out by the Constitution.
 - 1.3.1 Benigno Aquino III shall have the ability to choose a heir which will exercise the powers defined by 1.3, and the heir him/herself shall choose a heir, and the heir of the heir shall choose another heir.1.3.2 The heir may appoint any heir, this is to prevent the loss of such power in the event that Benigno Aquino III's bloodline or the heirs' bloodline dies out.
2. The Philippines shall seek to host frequent events and summits between both nations as frequently as possible.
3. Membership in the Broad Regional Initiative is considered highly critical, thus the government must act to ensure that membership is uncompromised.
4. The Philippines, to the furthest possible extent permitted by Filipino interests, international law, morality, and the Constitution, shall protect the Singhasari Empire from military threats, such as riots, coup attempts, or invasion from enemy countries, to ensure the continued alliance, and so as not to compromise national security and prosperity.
- The commander-in-chief, the President of the Philippines shall have the ability to call off any military interventions to protect the Singhasari Empire if it is deemed to breach Filipino interests, international law, morality, and the Constitution, or continue the military intervention to a lesser extent.
5. The Philippines shall seek to create a land border between the Philippines and the Singhasari Empire.
6. Citizens coming from the Singhasari Empire shall be exempt from all visa restrictions, but must display their passport.
- Indirect travelers will still be subject to strict checks on the border with Nusantara.
 - Nusantararans determined to be suspicious (e.g potentially carrying contraband) may be subject to search, as with all other people from all other countries.

WARNING: This draft is accurate as of February 2015. Changes may have been made to the law. Passage expected in 2016. The Eternal Nusantara Act, as of the writing of this document (May 10, 2020 A.D.) is not yet in force and has yet to be passed through Congress and signed into law by Benigno Aquino II

Hail the Philippines and Nusantara.
May both prosper!