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### **PGMA Visits SAF**

In a manifestation of Trust and Confidence to the Special Action Force, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo visited PNP's Elite Unit, the Special Action Force, on October 30, 2007 amid the full alert status of the PNP. "Excellent, Excellent, Great Performance!", PGMA commends the presentation of SAF under its able director PCSUPT LEOCADIO SC SANTIAGO, JR.

PGMA was received at the SAF 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Headquarters, Camp Bagong Diwa, Bicutan, Taguig City where various SAF units performed skills demonstration in police tactics. SAF Troops exemplified their proficiency in helicopter rappelling, assault techniques and Closed Quarter Battle tactics. Also showed were the static display of SAF's high-end equipment and armaments.

Putting up a different spice to the showcase of SAF Skills was the performance of the SAF Women Commandos. They proved to be distinct lady officers in the PNP and the AFP as they proficiently performed knife fighting kata, sparring with knife deployment, martial arts and handcuffing techniques. The Women Commandos of SAF also amazed the President during the confidence firing exercise where all lady snipers hit a 20-meter target being held by SAF personnel. They hit the target using an MP-5 rifle, a weapon which is basically used for assault and not a regular weapon for long range target or in sniping.

With President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was Secretary of Interior and Local Government Ronaldo V Puno, Chief of the Philippine National Police, PDIR AVELINO I RAZON, other star officers of the PNP and members of the press.

The presentation of SAF is to convey the professionalism and supreme operational readiness of the Philippine National Police that the public can rely on.

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