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Lorenzana to wounded soldiers: *The whole of nation is here to support you!*

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This was Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana’s message to the wounded-in-action (WIA) soldiers who are currently recuperating at the Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center (AFPMC) in V. Luna Road, Quezon City during his visit today.

“Magpapakatatag kayong lahat! Ang buong bansa ay nagdarasal para sa inyong kaligtasan at para sa kapanatagan ng inyong pamilya,” Secretary Lorenzana said.

The Defense Chief acknowledged the bravery of Filipino soldiers, who have proven their gallantry in action in conflict-affected areas such as Marawi City.

“Sa puntong ito, marami nang nasawi at nasugatan sa tropa pero kapit lang, dahil ang kapalit nito ay ang tagumpay ng lahat ng Pilipino- ang paglaya ng Marawi sa kamay ng mga terorista,” he said. “We are almost there at the moment of our success so please do not lose hope,” he added.

Secretary Lorenzana was joined by members of a socio-civic group from Mindanao, the Damers and Clarions of Cotabato (DCC), an organization composed of graduates from Notre Dame in Cotabato. It was first organized in Manila in 2010 and now has around 2000 members.

Led by their President, Mrs. Nitz Sodusta, DCC members manifested their concrete support to soldiers by giving care packages to 150 patients who are currently recuperating in the hospital.

Secretary Lorenzana, who is a DCC member himself, thanked Mrs. Sodusta and the DCC for giving “their love, gifts, time and support” for the Filipino soldier-heroes. He attributed the group’s heartfelt support for the Filipino soldiers to the fact that its members are sons and daughters of Mindanao, and have witnessed first-hand what government security forces go through to secure the people and their communities.

“That’s the reason why the soldiers are close to their hearts,” Secretary Lorenzana said. “They know how you have sacrificed for them. They have seen and felt the hardships of our soldiers in their hometown and appreciated what you have done for them and their families,” Secretary Lorenzana added.

BGen Edwin Leo T. Torrelavega, Commander of the AFP Medical Center, thanked Secretary Lorenzana and the members of the DCC for showing their appreciation to the WIA soldiers.

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