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PH-US Counterterrorism Crisis Response Drill Set

The Philippines and the United States governments will participate in a bilateral, interagency counterterrorism drill "Tempest Wind," which is scheduled to take place next week in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Approved by the Mutual Defense Board and Security Engagement Board (MDB-SEB) of both countries in November 2016, "Tempest Wind" is a whole-of-government activity that will include government agencies involved in crisis management, counterterrorism, and security operations from both countries. The drill is designed to provide realistic scenarios on terrorism that will necessitate both high-level engagements and responses on a tactical level.

The Philippine government looks forward to joining "Tempest Wind" with the end in view of learning from the activity and sharing best practices with its counterpart. This drill will strengthen the Philippine-American bilateral partnership and enhance both governments' interoperability in crisis situations, especially those involving terrorism.

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