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Statement on the Bolinao incident involving the Philippine Navy

We are still confirming the initial reports that reached our office regarding the incident that happened off the coast of Bolinao, Pangasinan.

Based on such reports, Philippine Navy (PN) personnel chased a Vietnamese vessel caught illegally fishing 34 nautical miles off Cape Bolinao.

During the conduct of Visit, Board, Search and Seizure procedure to the Vietnamese vessel, PN personnel found two dead Vietnamese fishermen.

An inquiry surrounding the circumstances of the fishermen's death is now being done by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) of the Philippine National Police.

The PN has assured its full cooperation to the inquiry by making available its personnel to shed light on the unfortunate incident.

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