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Statement of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on the AFP's campaign against the CPP-NPA

Following the lifting of the government's unilateral ceasefire, I am defining the parameters of our campaign against the CPP-NPA as follows:

1. All operations must be conducted in a precise and calculated manner, using all available resources at our disposal;
2. Every action must be purposeful and serve as a means to a higher end, which is to defeat our enemy;
3. All units and individuals of the AFP shall keep in mind the safety of the communities that might be affected by our operations and that our main priority is to protect the innocent civilians whom we have sworn to defend from any and all harm;
4. Strictly observe International Humanitarian Law and human rights.

Your ***One Defense Team*** is one with the President and the Filipino people's clamor for peace. However, if there are individuals or groups who desire nothing but the propagation of fear and violence, they will be met with the full force of the law.

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