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Despite of the rejection made by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP)-Mindoro on the "localized peace talks" as their response to the forum on the Localized Peace Talks conducted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) headed by BGen ANTONIO PARLADE, JR, 203rd Brigade Commander , Philippine Army and PCSUPT EMMANUEL LUIS D LICUP, Regional Director of Police Regional Office MIMAROPA on July 13, 2018 with the fifty (50) Barangay Chairpersons of the two (2) Municipalities of Oriental Mindoro namely Bongabong and Bulalacao, another forum was set to be held on July 25, 2018 with the twenty-six (26) Local Chief Executives (LCEs) of the two (2) provinces of Mindoro Island namely Oriental and Occidental in coordination with Mayor Maria Fe "Bubut" Brondial, Municipal Mayor of Socorro, Oriental Mindoro and also the National President of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP).

BGen PARLADE and PCSUPT LICUP are exerting efforts of reaching out to all the local chief executives after the success of the first forum conducted with the barangay chairpersons. The forum intends to expand space through a dialogue with the LCEs on how to build peace and eventually resolve conflict on their respective city/municipalities as they will be playing a significant role in addressing these concerns.

Further, these also answers the clamor of the people in Mindoro for a sustainable peace and change after they have experienced 2 years of relative peace under the leadership of BGen PARLADE as head of 203rd Brigade PA and PCSUPT LICUP as RD, PRO MIMAROPA.

The said forum was organized as the LCEs manifested interest to discuss among themselves the conditions set by the President on the localized peace talks and give "peace" a chance.

Meanwhile. PCSUPT LICUP and BGen PARLADE intend to negotiate with the NPAs themselves as the group demonstrated its capacity and willingness to hold formal talks.