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Camp Efigenio C Navarro, Calapan City- PCSUPT WILBEN M MAYOR, Regional Director immediately ordered his men to even more stepped up on their security measures right after the issuance of the U.S. Embassy's Travel Advisory, warning its citizens about the terrorist groups who are planning to conduct kidnapping targeting foreign nationals in the Province of Palawan including Puerto Princesa City and the areas surrounding Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park.

Even without the U.S. Travel Advisory, the Philippine National Police particularly Police Regional Office MIMAROPA has already on its heightened alert to assure the safety of the public during summer vacation where influx of local and foreign tourists are expected to visit the region's scenic places, beautiful beaches and colorful festivities.

Police Regional Office MIMAROPA in close coordination with other Intelligence Group especially with the Western Command based in Palawan is continuously conducting intensified Intel gathering information and operations to enhance the security posture of the region on any possible terrorist attack. Further, conduct of more stringent mobile Checkpoints and chokepoints operations, Oplan Sita and police visibility are being hardened not only in the Province of Palawan but it is being done region wide. Likewise, maximum deployment of personnel in all tourist destinations, points of convergence and vital establishments is being observed to thwart any possible enemy attack and other nefarious activities by any criminal group.

The Provincial Directors and City Director of the provinces have already taken necessary steps in carrying out target hardening measures to prevent the enemy's plan from happening as directed by the Regional Director. The citizens are being encouraged to remain calm, vigilant at all times, help government security forces in ensuring a peaceful and orderly region by immediately reporting to the authority any suspicious persons, activities, people trying to enter secure areas, people checking areas or buildings, or people at events wearing too much clothing and unusual occurrences in the public such boxes and bags left unattended.

Further, PRO MIMAROPA assures the public that MIMAROPA region is generally peaceful and both local and foreign tourists are safe to visit its beautiful tourist destinations.