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MUKHLIS YUNOS ADMITS RIZAL DAY BOMBINGS

Arrested Rizal Day bombing suspect SAIFULLAH YUNOS aka MUKHLIS YUNOS has confessed to his role in the Rizal Day bombing in 2000, PNP Chief Police Director General HERMOGENES E EBDANE Jr reported to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and the DILG Secretary Jose D Lina today during the presentation at Camp Crame this afternoon.

YUNOS, who was arrested last May 25, 2003 at the Cagayan de Oro City Domestic Airport by operatives of the PNP-Intelligence Group and the Regional Aviation Security Office-10, also confessed that he is a member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), particularly its Special Operations Group, Lanao side.

Also arrested with YUNOS was one DIAH AL-GABRI an Egyptian national, who is on the watch list of international terrorists provided by foreign counterparts. The arrests came from information on two suspicious passengers who had presented a dubious Medical Certificate issued to the Filipino patient, named MR ALEX SORIANO, who turned out to be YUNOS.

Intelligence operatives have confirmed that the confession of YUNOS on his involvement in the Rizal Day bombing and other terrorist activities has been validated with other arrested personalities like Fathur Rohman Al Ghozi and Cosain Ramos alias Abu Ali, who produced the explosives for the December 30 bombing. He has also been positively identified by Al-Ghozi and Abu Ali.

"We are validating the information from his confessions, so that we can isolate the terrorists from the ranks of the MILF", said Ebdane.

YUNOS has a standing warrant of arrest for the crimes of multiple murder and multiple frustrated murder under Criminal Case#02-198633, RTC Branch 54, City of Manila, in relation to the Rizal Day bombing.