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<p>Disseminating herewith are the unnumbered Memoranda from the OIC Undersecretary for Administrative Service of the Department of Transportation dated 6 February 2020 and the Acting Department Manager of Port Police Department, PPA Head Office dated 17 February 2020 relating to TSAA 2020-02 issued by the Administrator of Office for Transportation Security dated 5 February 2020 citing therein the terror threats to transport security and the security threat situation in the country (hereto attached).</p> <p>In view hereof, all ports under PMO MOC are advised to be vigilant and implement target hardening measures within your respective Area of Responsibility. Further, security level of all ports directly and administratively under the jurisdiction of PMO MOC shall remain at Security Level 1 with Enhanced Security Measures.</p> <p>For information, guidance and ready reference.</p> <p> <b>PPSUPT BERNARDO A GARTALIA</b></p> <p>End: A/S</p>	
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February 17, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : All Port Managers

ATTN : All Station Commanders

FROM : The Acting Department Manager  
Port Police Department

SUBJECT : **Transportation Security Alert from DoTR**

Reference: Memorandum from DoTR re: Transportation Security Alert Advisory 2020-02 on Terror Threats to Transport Security dated 06 February 2020.

The above mentioned reference concerns about security threat situation by **Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)** from Southeast Asia (SEA) that have regrouped and returned home from Middle East and Daesh-inspired **Local Terrorist Groups (LTGs)** on the event of commemoration of the 34<sup>th</sup> People Power Anniversary.

On the other hand, the **Allied Transport Group (ATG)** composed of **FEJODAP, Pasang Masda, PISTON** and **Stop and Go Coalition** plan to launch a nationwide strike on or before June 20 while **ANAKBAYAN** and other leftist group will spearhead a rally on 24 February 2020 to demand ouster of PRRD.

In this regards, all seaports in Metro Manila, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao is now under **SECURITY LEVEL 1** as recommended by OTS.

Implement enhanced all safety protocols and security measures in your area of responsibilities to prevent any untoward incident.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
**PPSUP GENARO P MANCIO JR**

Attachments:

DOTr memo dated 06 February 2020; and  
OTs memo dated 05 February 2020.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**MEMORANDUM**

For : (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST)  
From : **ATTY. ARTEMIO U. TUAZON JR.**  
OIC Undersecretary for Administrative Service  
Subject : **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ALERT ADVISORY  
2020-02 ON TERROR THREATS TO TRANSPORT  
SECURITY**  
Date : **06 February 2020**

This refers to the Transportation Security Alert Advisory 2020-02 dated 05 February 2020 from the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) as reference on the previous issued TSAA 2020-01 and gathered reports from confidential and open sources. A copy of the said document is attached for your perusal.

You are respectfully reminded to closely monitor the implementation of all safety and security measures in the administration of your structures/facilities as well as in screening of private and public equipment accessed within your respective sectors as further recommended by OTS and to prevent any terrorist attack of Islamist terrorists from Southeast Asia (SEA) and LTGs on the event of commemoration of the 34<sup>th</sup> People Power Anniversary and other activities mentioned therein.

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**ATTY. ARTEMIO U. TUAZON JR.**

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2020-02 ON TERROR THREATS TO TRANSPORT SECURITY

DATE : FEB 05 2020

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1. References:

- a. TSAA 2020-01; and,
- b. Reports from confidential and open sources

2. Security Threat Situation:

Islamist terrorists from Southeast Asia (SEA) have returned home from Middle East and have possibly regrouped, conducted recruitment activities, and continued to launch attacks. These returnees will possibly form the nucleus of terror groups, establish alliances and coordinate terror operations in the region with foreign fighters whom they have developed ideological affinity, shared battle experiences, and close personal ties from within and outside SEA. Terrorism experts say that ISIS has an organized regional affiliate in Asia thus the return of battle-hardened fighters from Syria could fortify these networks and spark radicalization further. The International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research predicted that Mindanao will remain "a desired destination for aspiring foreign fighters from SEA and beyond," with eastern Sabah as transit route to southern Philippines. Reports showed that some Filipinos travelled to ISIS-controlled territory in Syria during the height of the conflict between 2015 and 2017.

In the Philippines, leadership roles will likely emerge from returnees or among the kin of dead ISIS terrorists, yet there is still no clearly designated ISIS Emir in SEA following Isnilon Hapilon's death. As of now, ASG leaders Hajan Sawadjaan and Furuji Indama have emerged to lead Daesh-affiliate groups in Sulu and Basilan. The lifting of martial law in Mindanao could revive dormant ISIS-allied terror groups. To draw the attention of the new ISIS leader, Daesh-inspired local terrorist groups (LTGs) will likely intensify its terror attacks in Sulu; in the cities of Zamboanga, Isabela, Lantoran, Cotabato, Tacurong and Iligan; Basilan, North Cotabato, Maguindanao, and Sultan Kudarat. Their most likely targets are Christian converging areas, malls, bridges, AFP/PNP detachments/stations, military checkpoints, and government installations. It has also standing plans to conduct kidnapping operations in Palawan and Tawi-tawi targeting foreign nationals. Also, there have been reports of " sleeper cells " in Palawan, Baguio, Cagayan, Tarlac, Laguna, Batangas and Quezon, whose focus is doing radicalization activities.

In other developments, the Allied Transport Group composed of FEJODAP, Pasang Masda, ACTO, PISTON and Stop & Go Coalition, plans to launch a nationwide strike on or before June 2020 to denounce PUV modernization program, Php12 fare hike, fuel price discount for PUVs and the "Build, Build, Build Program". The group has been persuading motorcycle taxis namely: Angkas, Joyride and Move It; to join them. On the other hand, PAMALAKAYA-Bulacan; Samahan ng mga Mangingisda at Mamamayan sa Larian ng Bulacan; and, AKAP KA-Manila Bay have opposed the construction of an international airport in Bulacan. They said that it would only intensify flooding and accelerate the sinking of province. To commemorate the 34<sup>th</sup> People Power Anniversary, Anakbayan will spearhead a rally on 24 February at EDSA Shrine to demand for the ouster of President Duterte. On 07 February, ACT will hold a National Day of Protest to condemn President Duterte's SSL5 while ACT-NCR will hold protest action in Mendiola to demand Php 30,000 basic salary for the country's teachers.



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Meantime, the allied transport groups said that the Duterte administration wants to monopolize the operation of bus system in the NCR. They said that the government is imitating the transport program of the Marcos administration wherein the state-owned bus system, Love Bus, a unified transport system, was operated by the then Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Abroad, terrorism analysts predicted that ISIS would return to a low-level insurgency after losing its territory in 2017, and would frame its heavy defeat as a temporary setback. The group remains reliant on attacks by "homegrown terrorists". To sustain its financial needs, ISIS has invested in legitimate businesses and commercial fronts in Iraq and resumed extortion operations in Syria. Syrian researcher Abdullah Suleiman Ali said Iran-US tensions help give ISIS the opportunity to restructure and strengthen its new leadership. The group is also trying to restore its presence on social media and the internet—a key component to its ability to raise financial support from abroad and recruit new fighters. ISIS propaganda suggests children of SEA foreign fighters have received indoctrination and military training in Syria. Also, with the re-emergence of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), possible tactical alliances, involving JI and pro-IS cells to launch joint attacks, cannot also be discounted.

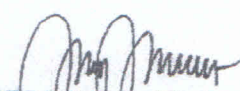
Be that as it may, Southeast Asian militant returnees, if they manage to evade authorities, may be able to exploit illicit transit routes and porous borders that facilitate movement of people and goods between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines around the Sulu and Celebes Seas. Joint air and sea patrols in the Sulu Sea reduces but do not eliminate the risk of returnees exploiting smuggling routes. Meantime, the ISIS caliphate has been crushed, for now, but Daesh' fight is entering a new phase. ISIS is actively working to rebuild its networks in Iraq, Syria and beyond, and is also looking to take advantage of operational spaces like Afghanistan and other weak states plagued by civil war and violence.

Nevertheless, ISIS ideology remains a potent threat in the region. The country faces significant challenges in preventing the entry and movement of militant fighters, online radicalization and possible lone-wolf attacks. Terror organizations may surreptitiously move back repatriated returnees to the country by claiming these individuals as overseas workers. One challenge for ISIS is to rally supporters behind its new leader.

3. There being no validated threat to the transportation system of the country, OTS Transportation Security Levels are lowered for February 2020 as follows:

SECURITY LEVELS	TRANSPORTATION SECTOR
SECURITY CONDITION 1	All airports in Metro Manila, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao
SECURITY LEVEL 1	All seaports in Metro Manila, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao
SECURITY LEVEL 1	All land mass transportation facilities in Metro Manila, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao

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