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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SECURITY ALERT ADVISORY (TSAA) 2021-16 ON TERROR THREATS TO TRANSPORT SECURITY ISSUED BY THE OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (OTS)

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### **MESSAGE:**

This has reference to the Special Security Alert Advisory recently issued by the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) dated 16 September 2021 relative to the security advisory issued by the Japanese government to its citizens in Southeast Asia including Philippines against possible terror attacks.

As recommended in the herein attached SSAA, concerned transport agencies and stakeholders are directed to enhance security/target-hardening precautionary measures to detect and prevent any terrorist threat in light with this security development pending its validation from concerned agencies. Thus, all ports under the jurisdiction of PMO-Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro shall be maintained under Security Level 1 with Enhanced Security Measures.

Anent thereto, all Port Police Officers and other security forces under this PMO's jurisdiction are directed to undertake threat assessment, intelligence gathering in coordination with various LEUs/intel units in your locality and implement appropriate security measures within your respective AOR to avert any untoward incident.

Further, all are advised to immediately report any suspicious activities and/or occurrence of a confirmed/positive LTG-related operation to the PMO's Command Center thru **0936-960-6796** (Globe) or **0918-494-9029** (Smart) and PMO-MOC Port Police Division hotline **0965-883-2180**, respectively, for further assessment and validation.

For information and appropriate action.

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TO TRANSPORT SECURITY

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#### References:

Transportation Security Alert Advisories;

- Article published by SITE Intelligence Group "Jihadist Urges Wolves in East Asia Attack Non-Muslims, Says Fighters Ready for Suicide Bombings Ready in Region and Afghanistan," a statement from Abu Hamza al-Malizi dated September 10, 2021;
- Internet articles re issuance of Japan's warning on its citizens in Southeast Asia against possible suicide bombings in crowded areas dated 12 September 2021.

## 2. Security Threat Situation

The Japanese government has issued a security advisory to its citizens in the Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, urging them to avoid crowded areas/places such as religious sites, citing "information of a growing possibility" that a suicide bomber may target places where many people gather. Abu Hamza Al Malizi, a jihadist, has urged lone wolves in East Asia to attack non-Muslims and their religious gatherings and temples, and alleged that there are fighters in that region and in Afghanistan who are ready for suicide attacks. (attached statement of Abu Hamza Al Malizi)

However, the abovementioned countries stated that there are no indications of any imminent threat. DND is working to validate the information while DFA said it was not informed by the Japanese embassy on the matter. DFA said "Japanese intelligence is focused on real threats and its information gathering capabilities are legendary," and advised of taking precautions. The AFP and PNP have directed their respective units to enhance security measures to deter/prevent any terror attack. NICA said all preventive security measures are in place.

Based on the recent terrorism threat level (September 2021) issued by NICA, there was no imminent threat of terror attacks targeting critical infrastructures and other facilities in the country. Law enforcement agencies and intelligence communities have already intensified internal security operations and further sustained information sharing with local and foreign counterparts. The multimedia coverage on the ISIS threats to conduct suicide bombings in six southeast Asian countries could be to magnify terrorists' intention to spread fear and panic. To date, there was no major terror attack against critical infrastructures and facilities in the Philippines.

Daesh-affiliated Local Terrorist Groups (LTGs) and presence of Abu Sayyaf members in the NCR should not be relegated to the background. There have been persistent reports of bomb/IED attacks and suicide bombings in key cities and urban areas in Mindanao targeting among others areas of convergence; crowded areas; business establishments; public markets; Catholic churches, public transportation and transport terminals. LTGs might take the opportunity to launch its plans as this would give them international hype. The suicide attacks in Jolo and Lamitan City reflects the rising influence of ISIS on LTGs, and the arrests of nine (9) women in February 2021 on charges of planning suicide bombing suggests this tactic will continue to be used. The recent developments in Afghanistan may encourage LTG factions to escalate their level of violence to compete for attention and support from Taliban or its affiliates.



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With the foregoing developments, public transport systems remain to be collateral targets by terrorists though there is no reported credible terrorist plan against transport sector. In the light of possible threat to transportation systems of the country, concerned transport agencies and stakeholders are directed to enhance security/target-hardening as precautionary measures to detect or deter, delay or dilute any terrorist threat. Also, it is recommended to implement appropriate undertakings as provided in your security/contingency plans or manuals, and operating procedures, as necessitated as well as coordinate with appropriate law enforcement agencies and intelligence/security units.

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Jihadist Urges Lone Wolves in East Asia Attack Non-Muslims, Says Fighters Ready for Suicide Bombings Ready in Region and Afghanistan

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- 2. In Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Thailand, in all these countries there are governments and KAFIR [disbeliever] citizens who can be finished off.
- 3. There are churches, temples, vihara [Buddhist temples], and Jewish community centers everywhere, and all of these can be blown up. All of those sites are KAFIR soil.
- 4. Shi'ites are also KAFIR. They are not part of Islam.
- 5. An intelligence detachment has information about Chinese, Indians, and Jewish people in the countries of East Asian Province who want to extiminate Muslims.
- 6. The mujahideen from the Abu Ibrahim Battalion are present in East Asia Province and they are now monitoring where the KAFIR gather in the spots that can be blown up.
- 7. There are groups of soldiers of Allah operating in Khorasan Province and East Asia Province, and these groups have mujahideen who can carry out martyrdom-seeking operations.
- 8. Be patient, O Muslims. The State of the Caliphate brings about and the Muslims are victorious.

Allahu Akbar Abu Hamza al-Malizi