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NDRRMC UPDATE

Preparedness Measures and Monitoring re DPRK Rocket Launch

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

29 March 2012

- A memorandum was issued by the SND to the Administrator of OCD dated 29 March 2012 instructing the latter to monitor the developments of the DPRK Ballistic Missile Test and prepare contingency plans in the event the rocket veers off course and falls on PH territorial waters

03 April 2012

- A meeting of the NDRRMC Technical Management Group (TMG) was held at the NDRRMC Conference Room, 2/F, NDRRMC OPCEN, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City and was presided by the NDRRMC Executive Director together with senior representatives from the NDRRMC member-agencies in attendance
- One of the agreements reached during the aforementioned meeting was the activation of the NDRRMC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and sustaining the RED ALERT STATUS to address possible effects of such launching.
- The NDRRMC issued another memorandum to RDRRMCs I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V and NCR and all member-agencies of the Council, especially those with mandates of emergency tasks and disaster response service to maintain their agency's action officer/s at the NDRRMC OpCen from 12-16 April 2012.

II. PREPAREDNESS MEASURES/ACTIONS TAKEN

NDRRMC Operations Center

- The NDRRMC OpCen is continuously operating on a "RED ALERT" status since 02 April 2012
- USEC BENITO T. RAMOS regularly brief members of the media on the possible effects, scenarios, and information relative to the said launching for the purpose of educating the public.

RDRRMC/ OCD IV-A

- Issued RDRRMC Memo to PDRRMO Quezon and to MDRRMOs Polilio, Gen. Nakar, Real and Infanta to undertake the following preparedness measures:

- Convene PDRRMC member agencies and Polilio for coordination, identification of possible scenarios and gaps, implementation of contingency plans and SOPs.
- Place their DRRM Operations Centers and Emergency Response Groups on standby Alert from 12 to 16 April 2012
- Collaborate with public information officers and other private media on the widest dissemination of precautionary measures and possible evacuation, if the need arises
- Report any untoward incidents emergencies and actions undertaken at the OCD-RDRRMC IV-A Operations Center
- Two (2) Incident Command Posts (ICPs) will be established in Infanta and Polilio to serve as hub for monitoring and quick response
- PDRRMO Quezon shall be activated 24/7 and composite team composed of the PNP, BFP, Coast Guard, PN, PA and PDRRMO staff shall render duty.

RDRRMC/ OCD V

- RDRRMC TMG was convened for final coordinating meeting and send-off of QRRTs to areas possibly threatened by the missile launch
- 4-Man QRRT from the BFP5, equipped with Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear (CBRN) suits, will depart for Catanduanes via PN Vessel together with QRRT from NAVFORSOL to complement the QRRTs of the 9ID and PNP stationed thereat..
- Another 4-man QRRT from the BFP5 will be on standby alert in Legazpi to cater to requirements in Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur.

RDRRMC/ OCD CAR

- OCD-CAR convened the CAR DRRMC TWG to tackle issues on the North Korea Missile Launch

PCG

- Issued Notice to Mariners/ Shipping Advisory to undertake necessary precautionary measures to avoid transiting the vicinity of the designated second stage falling area

CAAP

- Issued Notice to Airmen to use alternate route for overflight aircraft inbound for Manila

PNRI

- Director Dr. Alumanda de la Rosa, Ph.D that the missile does not carry any nuclear warhead. She allayed fears about the possibility of it being a weapon of mass destruction. Accordingly, there is no reported radioactive material that will be carried by the rocket.
- Will continue to monitor and issue periodic advisories and precautionary measures to the NDRRMC and the general public. In the event of a suspected radiation report, NDRRMC with the recommendation of PNRI will activate the Radiological Plan (RADPLAN).

DILG

- Issued directives to all concerned local government units (LGU) to monitor the developments and prepare precautionary measures to prevent loss of lives and property during the North Korea's scheduled rocket launch.
- Issued advisory to all concerned LGUs that "No Fishing Policy" covers only the period from 6:00 AM-12:00 NN, 12-16 April 2012