



NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC UPDATE

Progress Report re Missing Fishermen in Bolinao, Pangasinan

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Source: MDRRMC BOLINAO AND COASTGUARD DISTRICT NORTHERN LUZON, OCDRC-I

1. SITUATION OVERVIEW

- On or about 4:00 PM, 25 May 2012, Mr. Fred Castelo Municipal Administrator and MDRRMC Coordinator of Bolinao, Pangasinan reported that two (2) fishermen namely: Rodolfo G. Molina, 24 y/o from Brgy. Estanza and Gringo Gagarao, 20 y/o from Brgy. Balingasay Bolinao, Pangasinan separated from their mother boat and went fishing using the small boats and failed to return.
- Accordingly, both victims left the "mother boat" using two separate small boats to fish on or about 4:00AM at approximately 80 nautical miles Northwest of Bolinao, Pangasinan and failed to return on their motherboat on or about 8:00AM of the said day.
- The fishermen on the mother boat immediately conducted search and rescue operation from 10:00AM to 6:00PM but failed to find the two lost fishermen.
- After a long period of search the mother boat left the area and returned at Brgy Balingsay, Bolinao, Pangasinan on or about 8:00AM, 25 May 2012. The said mother boat departed from Bolinao for fishing venture at 5:00AM, 21 May 2012.
- **Rescue operations was temporarily aborted since it is difficult to do rescue operations in the evening. But SAR PCG Bolinao and MDRRMC volunteers will resume their operations at around 5 AM tomorrow.**

2. ACTIONS TAKEN

- OCDRC-I coordinated the SAR operations with the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy and PNP Bolinao
- Water vessels near the area of incident were advised for possible sighting and rescue of the two (2) fishermen
- All coastal barangays were advised to watch out the two (2) lost fishermen and report to the nearest Coast Guard and PNP stations for any development
- OCDRC-I continuously monitoring the progress of the incident