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# Crimes up by 50% in first half of 2015 – PNP

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Crimes committed across the country have gone up by almost 50 percent in the first half of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

In particular, the increase was seen in cases of theft, car theft, and physical injuries, data from the Philippine National Police showed.

The total crime volume for the first half of this year was at 885,445, including all index and non index crimes. This was a 46.81 percent increase from 2014's 603,085 figure.

Meanwhile, index crimes such as crimes against persons and property went up by 37.30 percent, as there were 352,321 cases recorded for the first half of this year, compared to last year's 256,592.

The increase in index crimes was seen in cases of theft, carnapping, physical injuries and rape.

From a figure of 86,451, theft cases from January to June 2014, this went up to 105,229 for the same period this year. Meanwhile, car theft cases went up to 10,039 compared to last year's 5,599 cases.

A total of 182,886 cases of physical injuries were recorded in the first half of this year, an increase from 2014's 122,084 cases.

Meanwhile, rape cases went up to 8,288 in 2015 from 2014's 5,069 cases.

The same happened with murder and homicide cases, which registered at 5,004 and 4,091 cases for 2014. This went up to 7,245 and 6,607 this year.

In Metro Manila, however, the crime volume went down by 60 percent, which the PNP attributed to the success of Oplan Lambat Sibab, its statistics-driven anti crime campaign.

The approach involves an extensive implementation of checkpoints, mobile and beat patrols and police operations against motorcycle-riding criminals, loose firearms, as well as intensified intelligence and pursuit against organized crime groups.

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The anti-crime campaign was implemented in Central Luzon and Calabarzon regions beginning March of this year.

In Central Luzon, Chief Supt. Ronald Santos, the PNP regional director, noted a 20 percent decrease in crime cases since it was implemented in March.

Santos said they have arrested 202 of the "most wanted" criminals in the country and neutralized several robbery, gun-for-hire and kidnapping groups since March.

The Central Luzon Region Police Office has confiscated shabu and marijuana worth P25 million, and apprehended 1,107 drug suspects in their 703 anti-narcotics operations.

Earlier, PNP Director General Ricardo Marquez said the program would be replicated in other regions across the country.

The priority regions for the replication of the Onlan Lambert Sehat particularly in Western and Central

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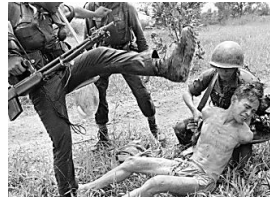
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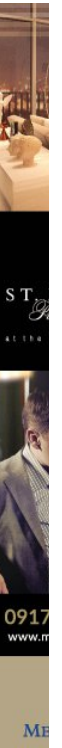


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