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2 Illegal Miners Apprehended in Sitio Danao, Brgy. Pagalungan

The Task Force Kinaiyahan apprehended 2 illegal miners and seized approximately 200 grams of Margaha (gold associated with other minerals) in Sitio Danao, Barangay Pigsag-an, Cagayan de Oro City.

The Team apprehended the said commodity during their joint operation and monitoring on the illegal mining activities in the vicinities of Brgys. Bagocboc and Brgy. Tingalan of Opol, Misamis Oriental and Sitio Danao, Brgy. Pagalungan, Cagayan de Oro City on May 11, 2015. Other apprehended materials include 1 unit gasoline engine with water pump, 2 units shovel, 1 unit iron bars and 3 meters PVC hose which are now under the custody of the Cagayan de Oro City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office (CLENRO).

Reportedly, the team witnessed 2 persons, namely; Mr. Renan Lerongan, and a certain Anastacia Lerongan doing illegal exploration, diggings and excavations along the Iponan River Bank without necessary permits, in violation of pertinent mining laws.

The apprehending team of Task Force Kinaiyahan was composed of technical, personnel from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau-10 (per Travel Order No 362-2015 issued by OIC-Regional Director Engr. Rex S. Monsanto), CLENRO Officer , Mr. Edwin Dael, Mr. Randolph Hallasgo, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) of Opol and Capt, Elwin Baclao , Chief, Opol PNP .

The government operatives have already submitted their respective Affidavits at the City Prosecutor's Office for the conduct of the Inquest Proceeding following the arrests and seizure/apprehension for the filing of the formal charges under RA 7942 (The Philippine Mining Act of 1995) and other related laws.

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