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### (2nd UPDATE) Jamby, NDF call for resumption of peace talks

Sen. Madrigal speaks at meeting with NDF

Sen. Maria Consuelo "Jamby" Madrigal on Saturday said that after meeting with

representatives of the National Democratic Front in the Netherlands they have agreed to call for the resumption of formal peace talks between the Philippine government and NDF.

Madrigal, in a statement, said: "The NDFP has agreed with me in a Joint Statement executed in the Netherlands that, people should unite to encourage the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and NDFP to resume formal talks in their peace negotiations, address the roots of the armed conflict, accelerate the forging of agreements and bring about a just and lasting peace."

Furthermore, Madrigal said the NDF negotiating panel "agreed to exhaust all efforts to reach a resolution to Asia's longest running insurgency problem until peace is achieved."

ABS-CBN Europe News Bureau learned that Madrigal met with Luis T. Jalandoni, chief of the NDF negotiating panel; Fidel V. Agcaoli, member and spokesperson of the NDF panel and Ruth de Leon, executive director of NDF International Information Office. Jose Ma. Sison, founding chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and chief political consultant of the NDF panel was also present at the meeting.



Sen. Madrigal signs joint statement flanked by Sison (left) and Jalandoni

Formal talks between the government and representatives of the armed communist movement in the Philippines bogged down in 2004. NDF officials accused the Arroyo administration of refusing to work for the removal of the CPP and its armed wing New People's Army from the terror listing made by United States and other countries.

The government of Norway assisted the government-NDF peace talks by acting as a third-party facilitator.

Madrigal said that as chairman of the Senate Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation she will work for resumption of the formal talks.

"I shall form a Technical Working Group to assist in hastening the



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- OFW na dinukot sa Nigeria bumalik na sa Pilipinas matapos palayain

### OPINION



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resolution of the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations for the purpose of enacting remedial legislation and to demonstrate that it is possible to produce agreements and actually use these to accelerate the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations," said the senator.



*Sison, Madrigal and Jalandoni show copies of joint statement*

Madrigal also did not fail to recognize the difficulties that she may face in trying to jump start the talks that have been suspended for more than three years.

"I hope that the Arroyo administration and the hawks in the political and military establishment will not condemn me for engaging in treacherous talks with fellow

Filipinos for the purpose of achieving peace," said Madrigal.

Madrigal had previously met with NDF officials in 2006 when she also inked a joint communiqué that had also called for the resumption of the suspended peace talks. She reportedly earned the ire of government security officials for "sleeping with the enemy.

The neophyte senator however maintained her position.

"My intentions are clear – prevent further bloodshed and violence between Filipinos," said Madrigal. "There is no substitute for peace. The time to talk is now."

For its part, the NDF in a separate statement on the meeting with Madrigal said accused the government of "refusing to continue peace negotiations with the NDFP, ignoring demands from opposition political parties and the powerful Christian Churches in the Philippines. It has instead stepped up armed attacks against the territories of the New People's Army and the Communist Party of the Philippines, and unleashed paramilitary death squads against legal opposition parties and organizations."

The NDF also lauded Madrigal as "one of the leaders of the crusade against government corruption and a staunch promoter of social reforms in the Philippines." **With photos and a report from Loui Galicia, Europe News Bureau**

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Embattled Laguna Rep. Edgar San Luis said that he is rich enough to possess a clean agenda to endorse the impeachment complaint filed by lawyer Roberto Pulido against President Arroyo.

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The House minority bloc may opt to support the impeachment complaint against President Arroyo only if its endorser, Laguna 4th district Rep. Edgar San Luis, can defend the complaint and prove that he is not Malacañang's



pawn, Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño said Saturday.  
[abs-cbnNEWS.com](http://abs-cbnNEWS.com) (10/14/2007 3:23:57 AM)

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#### **Youth groups urge Arroyo to scrap CyberEd deal**

Youth activists on Saturday called on the Arroyo administration to also shelve the \$465.5 million Cyber Education Project (CyberEd), which also involves a Chinese firm, following the cancelation of the alleged irregular national broadband network deal.

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#### **Maltreated OFW in Bahrain can't go home**

An overseas Filipino worker has been staying for at least three months at the Philippine Embassy in Bahrain after escaping from his employer who had allegedly maltreated him.

(10/13/2007 10:53:10 PM)

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#### **Arroyo sends condolences on Myanmar PM's death**

President Arroyo on Saturday expressed to the government of Myanmar the Philippines' condolences on the death Friday of Prime Minister Soe Win.

[abs-cbnNEWS.com](http://abs-cbnNEWS.com) (10/13/2007 10:48:24 PM)

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#### **Duque: BFAD to look into ban on infant cough, colds medicines**

The Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) is set to convene its recall committee next week to discuss the move of makers of infants' cough and cold products to withdraw certain medicines in the United States because of the danger of overdose.

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#### **(UPDATE) Freed OFW still wants to go back to Nigeria**

The overseas Filipino worker abducted and eventually released by his captors in Nigeria said Saturday that he still wants to go back and work in the West African country despite his 13-day ordeal.

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#### **Freed OFW back in RP from Nigeria**

The Filipino overseas worker abducted last September 27 by an armed group in Port Harcourt, Nigeria came home to the Philippines Saturday.

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**(UPDATE) JDV asked to back off, says son**

The whistleblower in the national broadband network (NBN) controversy said he opposed the decision of his father, Speaker Jose de Venecia, to inhibit himself from the impeachment complaint against President Arroyo in the House of Representatives.

[abs-cbnNEWS.com \(10/13/2007 12:46:45 PM\)](#)

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**House opposition to fight railroading of 'fake' GMA impeachment**

Opposition congressmen vowed Friday to challenge the "railroading" of the "fake" impeachment complaint against President Arroyo. Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez said he, Minority Leader Ronaldo Zamora and their colleagues in the minority have agreed to contest the decision of House leaders to rush the transmittal of the complaint to the justice committee.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 5:31:25 AM\)](#)

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**CHR shelve Jonas probe, cites 'non-cooperation' of mom**

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) has decided to shelve its public inquiry on the disappearance of activist Jonas Burgos, implicitly citing the "non-cooperation" of his mother Editha.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 4:17:16 AM\)](#)

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**Mutiny leaders to be arraigned first before 40 soldiers**

Leaders first before foot soldiers. This is how the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) intends to deal with the 40 Army enlisted personnel involved in last year's failed mutiny as they justified the soldiers' continued detention.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 4:16:44 AM\)](#)

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**End of Ramadan celebrated peacefully by Filipino Muslims**

COTABATO CITY— Filipino Muslims celebrated peacefully the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan Friday despite military intelligence reports on possible terrorist attacks.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 4:15:32 AM\)](#)

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**GMA includes local execs in special body to screen China-funded projects**

Stressing transparency in government projects, President Arroyo has ordered the inclusion of local government units in a special panel to screen and review all projects funded by the Chinese government.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 4:14:35 AM\)](#)

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**FM rights victims seek \$413-M interest from government**

Lawyers of the more than 9,000 human rights victims during the Martial Law era have asked the United National Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) to impose interest of as much as \$413 million against the Philippine government for its continued delay in paying the \$1.9-billion compensation awarded to them by a US district court more than 10 years ago.

[The Philippine Star \(10/13/2007 3:59:14 AM\)](#)

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**Slain OFW's remains to be shipped home this week**

Foreign Affairs Spokesman Claro Cristobal said the remains of Jocelyn Dulnuan, a Filipina domestic murdered in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada last October 1, were ready to be shipped home this coming week, DZMM reported.

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