

Press Release
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Senate expresses its sympathies to victims of Luneta Park hostage-taking incident

The Senate on Tuesday adopted a resolution expressing the chamber's sincerest and most heartfelt sympathies to the families, friends, and relatives of the victims of the unfortunate hostage-taking incident at the Luneta Park last Monday.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr., adopted by the chamber, urged the Senate to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident. It also called for the close monitoring of all other investigations "to ensure that justice will immediately be served to the victims."

"The Senate will also ensure that there will be no whitewash or cover-ups and that those who shall be found erring will be dealt with by the full force of the law," the resolution said.

Copies of the resolution are expected to be given to the families of the victims and to the government of the People's Republic of China, through their embassy in Manila, and to Donald Tsang, chief executive of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong.

Senator Gringo Honasan, chair of the committee on Public Information and Mass Media, and the committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, earlier said that he, together with Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero who heads the committee on Justice and Human rights, will be holding a hearing to tackle the hostage-taking incident, among others, tomorrow, Thursday.

"The hearing will also cover the torture of an alleged suspect by a member of the Tondo police force, and the spate of killings by hired guns," Honasan said.

Meanwhile, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla is expected to file a resolution later today, directing the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the eleven-hour long Luneta Park hostage-taking incident.

Senator Manny Villar, for his part, is expected to file a resolution urging the Senate committees on Economic Affairs, Trade and Commerce, and Public Order and Illegal Drugs, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the effects of the televised hostage taking incident to the country's business environment, the investment climate and the economy in general.

Headlines

Congress sets probe on handling of hostage incident

By Christina Mendez and Paolo Romero (The Philippine Star) Updated August 25, 2010 12:00 AM Comments (65)

MANILA, Philippines - Congress will investigate the handling of the 10-hour hostage crisis in Manila's Rizal Park last Monday that ended in the killing of eight Chinese hostages and their captor.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who chairs the Senate committee on public information and mass media, said he wanted to determine from the police and local authorities the procedure they followed in handling the hostage crisis.

The investigation will start at 10 a.m. tomorrow, he added.

He also wants to review the grievance system of the police to avoid restlessness in the police force, Honasan said.

Senate Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III said it was baffling that disgruntled policemen would resort to violence when cases are decided against them.

Sen. Loren Legarda said the government should determine if live media coverage of sensitive incidents such as Monday's hostage crisis should be regulated. Senators took the floor one after the other to condemn the failed police operation in privilege speeches.

House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. backed calls for a congressional investigation into the bungled hostage crisis.

Belmonte told reporters several House members have already filed resolutions calling for an investigation.

"Precisely we have to look at the tactics employed, the handling of the factors and so forth," he said.

"We have to have at least an understanding (of what happened) or remedy through legislation, if that is necessary, and through calling to account people who were in charge."

The investigation could start next week, Belmonte said. Ang Galing Pinoy Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo said the failed rescue of hostages should serve as wake-up call for the administration that governance means more than preventing government officials and politicians from using sirens and putting their names and photographs on billboards for public works projects.

"The failure of this administration to send a high-ranking official from the executive to negotiate with the hostage-taker and coordinate with Chinese officials had resulted to the situation getting blown out of proportion," he said.

Castelo: Probe hostage crisis

Rep. Winston Castelo filed yesterday a resolution at the House of Representatives directing all concerned committees to investigate Monday's hostage crisis.

"I think that the manner the crisis has been handled reflects utter lack of skill of supposed-to-be trained police authorities to contain or neutralize life-threatening incidents that put the lives of hostages on the line and at grave danger, not just from the hands of the hostage taker but even more from the hands of the assault team of SWAT," he said. Castelo raised his frustrations on how the unfortunate incident cost the lives of Chinese tourists because the standoff lasted for an unreasonable length of time without skilled and careful planning on how to undertake the assault and not put the lives of the hostages in danger.

"This serves as a case where we should now draw lessons so that in future similar cases, the resulting deaths of hostages will never be repeated," he said.

"This is the final time that we should now seriously study all angles of the incident starting from the reasons why Senior

Inspector Mendoza has to resort to what he did, to the explanation of the police authorities why they have failed to negotiate and much less handle the crisis properly and systematically.”

Castelo said past hostage-taking incidents have almost always ended up in hostages being killed or injured even before the hostage taker himself.

“Let us put an end to all these grim scenarios, especially so when it puts our image in a purely negative light for government failure to protect the lives of our citizens as well as other foreign nationals who happen to be our guests,” he said.

JV: Dismiss police chiefs for bungling hostage crisis

Rep. JV Ejercito called yesterday for the dismissal of the police commanders of Manila, National Capital Region and the Special Weapon and Tactics in Manila for mishandling the hostage crisis in Manila.

The San Juan lawmaker said the bloodbath could have been avoided had National Capital Region police commander Director Leocadio Santiago, Manila police director Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Magtibay and Manila police SWAT commander Chief Inspector Santiago Pascual effectively negotiated with the hostage-taker.

“I am truly saddened by the demise of the Hong Kong tourists,” he said.

“The bloodbath should have been avoided if the negotiation done by the Manila Police District with the hostage taker went smoothly,” he said.

Ejercito said those who ordered and caused the arrest of the brother of the hostage taker should be held liable because it triggered the bloodbath.

“Seeing how former senior inspector Rolando Mendoza was already desperate, it is questionable that the police have to seize and abuse his siblings and relatives, which apparently initiated the violence,” he said.

“Whoever ordered that arrest of Mendoza’ s family members, especially the brother, is liable for triggering the outrage of the man.

“The chiefs of NCRPO, MPD and SWAT Manila should be fired at the maximum. The manner on how they handled the crisis situation exposed the whole ineptness of the police force in resolving the hostage crisis.

“It is unfortunate that the whole world saw the entire mismanagement of the situation such as the treatment on the relatives of Mendoza as if they were dealing with an Abu Sayyaf bandit, poor intelligence and situation analysis, handling of crowd and media control, comic use of the hammer considering the huge budget of the Philippine National Police and the horrible way of securing the crime scene after the assault.”

Ejercito said President Aquino should apply the same principle against the chiefs of NCRPO, Manila police and SWAT-Manila when he fired Pagasa director Prisco Nilo.

“If Director Prisco Nilo of Pagasa was fired due to problematic weather forecasting and ill-equipped facilities, the same principle should also be applied to the PNP officers who took charge of the situation for their poor judgment,” he said.

Golez: Where are the SWAT gadgets shown in parades?

Bacolod City Rep. Anthony Golez wants to know why the SWAT gadgets and tactics shown to media and the public during parades were not used in Monday’ s hostage crisis at Rizal Park in Manila.? “Now we ask, where are those firepower, the tactics, skills and leadership during the crisis?” he asked.

“What is embarrassing is that the SWAT, which means special weapons and tactics, only had a simple hammer as their special equipment which they shared in all four corners of the bus.

“If this is Manila’ s Finest, what then is our worst?” ?Golez, who was executive director of the Office of Civil Defense, said whatever dignity left for the Philippines after a Manila police official was caught on video torturing a suspect was “wiped out in one day.” ?Golez said had policemen at the scene acted faster, the wounded hostages could have been saved.?The rumored infighting among top police officials led to the bungling of the hostage crisis, he added.?Bagong Henerasyon Rep. Bernadette

Herrera-Dy said the lead investigation into the bungled hostage crisis should be undertaken by the National Bureau of Investigation to avoid suspicion of a whitewash.

“This is the least that government could offer to those who, like us, are seeking justice for the victims,” she said. —**With Jose Rodol Clapano**

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Binay to head delegation to Beijing, Hong Kong

By Norman Bordadora
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MANILA, Philippines—President Aquino said Wednesday the high-level delegation that will explain to Chinese authorities what transpired during the hostage drama at the Quirino Grandstand last Monday would be composed of Vice President Jejomar Binay, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo and Presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

He said they will bring to Hong Kong the results of the government's investigation of the hostage incident.

"The vice president and the secretary of foreign affairs and the presidential spokesman will be part of this delegation. They're conducting the necessary arrangements with the embassy to travel to Beijing and to Hong Kong," Mr. Aquino said.

"In Beijing, they will personally deliver our messages to President Hu Jintao and also the foreign minister and they will then proceed to Hong Kong to talk to the chief of the SAR (Special Administrative Region) Mr. Donald Tsang again to deliver our letters," he added.

Information from the Office of the Vice President showed that the delegation is tentatively scheduled to leave for Beijing Thursday morning.


The group is slated to go to Hong Kong on Friday to meet Tsang. The delegation is also expected to meet the victims' families on Friday and Saturday.

The group is scheduled to meet with Filipinos in Hong Kong on Sunday.

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Breaking News

Binay, Romulo to leave for Beijing, Hong Kong tomorrow

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MANILA, Philippines (**Xinhua**) - The Office of Vice President Jejomar Binay said today that a high-level Philippine delegation will leave for Beijing tomorrow morning and will meet with Chinese officials the same day.

The delegation will go to Hong Kong on Friday to meet with Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang.

In Hong Kong, the delegation will visit the families of the victims and will meet with Filipinos before returning to Manila on Sunday.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III has earlier announced that Vice President Jejomar Binay, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo and Presidential Spokesman Edwin Lacierda will comprise the high-level delegation which will personally deliver the Philippine government's messages when meeting with Chinese leaders in Beijing and Hong Kong.

The hostage crisis in Manila, involving a 21-member Hong Kong tour group, ended on Monday night with eight hostages killed and several others injured, one of whom still in critical condition.

Police unveil autopsy report

THE autopsy report from the Philippine National Police disclosed that all hostage victims succumbed from gunshot wounds but did not categorically disclosed what kind of firearms killed them.

PNP spokesman Agrimero Cruz Jr. also said that of the eight fatalities, five were Hong Kong nationals while the rest were Canadian citizens.

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The fatalities include four males (three Hong Kong nationals, one Canadian) and four females (two Canadian, two Hong Kong nationals).

"The autopsy was conducted on all fatalities but three of them begged for some personal considerations," said Cruz.

"The families of the three fatalities, for some personal or religious reasons, refused the bodies of their to be opened for autopsy but they were examined post mortem, meaning, physical exam lang hindi na po nabukasan yung mga katawan," he added.

The three bodies which were not subjected to autopsy are Hong Kong nationals.

The report furnished to media said three victims sustained gunshot wounds in the head, while the others were shot on the neck and other parts of the body.

"The cause of death is gunshot wounds, all from high powered firearms. Hindi pa natin ma-determine kung anong caliber kasi kinukuha pa ang mga metal fragments," said Cruz.

The Canadian embassy, however, said in a statement that it has yet to confirm whether three of its citizens have actually figured in the hostage-taking incident on a bus.

"The Canadian embassy in Manila is working closely with local authorities to confirm whether Canadian citizens were held hostage during the incident," said Lawrence Cannon, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"The mission stands ready to provide consular assistance if requested. Due to privacy considerations, we can provide no further information at this time," he added.

The bodies of the victims were transported back to Hong Kong via a Cathay Pacific chartered flight past 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

The send-off was attended by Presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda, Interior and Local Government chief Jesse Robredo, Social Welfare and Development Dinky Soliman and Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa.

No suicide

Cruz also said that Mendoza fell on sniper's bullets, sustaining eight gunshot wounds: one in the head, two in the neck, one in the trunk and four in other parts of the body.

"From all indication, sniper ang nakatama kay Mendoza. There is no indication that he shot himself. Our initial tests showed he died from gunshot wounds caused by a high-powered M-16 rifle," he said.

Police investigators also found 65 pieces of 5.56- millimeter fired cartridge case, two pieces of caliber 45 fired cartridge case, one piece of nine-millimeter fired cartridge case and one piece of 5.56-millimeter live ammunition.

"The 59 shells are from Mendoza's M-16 rifle," said Cruz. **(Virgil Lopez/Sunnex)**

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<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/nation/view/20100825-288766/Top-level-body-formed-to-probe-police-agencies-in-wake-of-hostage-tragedy>

Top-level body formed to probe police agencies in wake of hostage tragedy

By Marlon Ramos
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MANILA, Philippines—A top-level government panel will look into the “institutional problems” of the police and other state agencies which could have led to the tragic conclusion to Monday’s hostage-taking incident, the Department of Justice said Wednesday.

According to Justice Undersecretary Jose Vicente Salazar, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima and Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo were set to ink a memorandum of agreement last night to formalize the creation of the “incident review committee.”

Speaking with reporters at the DOJ office in Manila, Salazar said the five-member committee will come up with recommendations on how the government, especially the police, should react to life-threatening situations such as hostage-taking.

“We are not finger pointing. What we intend to do here is to avoid a similar incident from happening in the future,” Salazar said in a news briefing.

He said the recommendations of the committee may be used as basis for filing criminal and administrative cases against several officials.

“It will be an exercise in futility if after all these we cannot pinpoint accountability and culpability. But all recommendations emanating from this committee should be investigated by the proper government agencies,” he said

The justice official said Robredo will head the committee, with De Lima as vice chair and Philippine National Police Director General Jesus Verzosa, National Bureau of Investigation Director Magtanggol Gatdula and PNP-Internal Affairs Service chief Director Ifor Magbanua as members.

Salazar said the committee’s recommendations will be the blueprint in crafting guidelines which the PNP and other concerned state agencies will follow in dealing with hostage-taking incidents.

The output of the inquiry may also be used as guideline for the media in their reportage of similar news events, he said.

“We intend to have guidelines which should be provided for both the media and the police... so we can handle (hostage crisis) and avoid the results which we saw two nights ago,” Salazar said, adding:

“The partnership of the media and the government is crucial in any incidents like this one.”

The interagency committee will have “dual roles,” according to Salazar.

First, he said it will look into logistical, operational and administrative lapses that the PNP committed which provoked dismissed SPO2 Rolando Mendoza to kill his hostages.

Salazar said the group will also make an appraisal of the institutional problems of the police and other government agencies tasked to resolve the hostage-taking incident.

The recommendations for the first segment of the inquiry will be submitted to President Aquino for his perusal after 60 days while the latter will be finished within another 60 days, he said.

“I think the output will also be presented to the Cabinet,” Salazar added.

Salazar said a technical working group composed of DOJ prosecutors, forensics experts and other technical personnel will advise the committee in its probe.

He said representatives from media, the civil society, Department of Foreign Affairs, Commission on Human Rights, National Police Commission and other groups will also be invited as resource persons.

“But the main discussions will be limited to the five members of the committee,” he stressed.

Tsang's phone calls stopped with Aquino's aides

It was the case of the telephone calls that didn't get through.

An anxious Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen was never put through to Philippine President Benigno Aquino on Monday. Despite at least two phone calls, Aquino's aides did not tell their head of state that Hong Kong's leader needed to speak to him.

This is how it all started:

It is 4pm - the hostage crisis has lasted for more than five hours. Tsang, watching the drama unfold on television, is desperate to contact the new Philippines leader.

Some time after 4pm, Tsang's staff dial the main line to Malacanang Palace. They try again about four hours later. Both times they speak to an Aquino aide, but the president does not get the messages. Later that night, with eight Hongkongers dead, Tsang is close to tears at a press conference. He demands an explanation. "I hope the

Philippine government can give me a full account of what happened."

An account of that breakdown in communication between Hong Kong and Manila emerged yesterday, with Malacanang admitting it had passed on the responsibility of handling the phone calls to the Department of Foreign Affairs, according to protocol. Hong Kong, after all, does not handle foreign affairs, Beijing does. The department's envoys did not follow up that night.

Tsang eventually got to speak to Aquino the following day, after the latter had met the Chinese ambassador.

Ricky Carandang, who heads the Presidential Communications Group, said Aquino was not aware of the first call because he was in a meeting and because the call came in through the palace's main phone line with no prior notice. Carandang said the caller was an aide of Tsang, and an aide of Aquino answered the phone. He said Aquino's

aide knew who Tsang was, but was unsure it was really from his office.

The palace contacted the Foreign Affairs Department to set up a phone call through Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, in what would be diplomatic protocol. Presidential spokesman Ed Lacierda said he phoned Romulo's spokesman Ed Malaya to convey the request to arrange a conversation between Tsang and Aquino. No word

Malacanang Palace said it had passed on the responsibility of handling the calls to the Department of Foreign Affairs

came back, so Lacierda tried to phone Malaya again three times but could not reach him. The department declined to tell the *Post* why no one returned Tsang's calls that night.

After his telephone conversation with the president on Tuesday, Tsang said in a video posted on the internet: "The first thing he told me was that he was sorry for not having called me back [on Monday] because he was then busy commanding the operation."

But citing unnamed sources, Filipino journalist Ellen Tordesillas had a different take on the debacle. She said Aquino had "told his staff [that day] that he won't be taking any calls unless it's extremely important. When Tsang called, the one who took the call didn't know who Donald Tsang was. Following the instruction, the staff member did not pass on the call to Aquino."

Raissa Robles and Fanny W. Y. Fung

港警接觸倖存者蒐證

人質生死11小時挾持實錄

康泰旅行團在菲律賓被槍手挾持，造成港人八死七傷「8·23」慘案轟動全球。菲國警方已經綜合各方證據及現場資料調查，而本港警方對事件非常重視，事發當日已派聯絡科高級警司黃英偉抵菲與當地警方聯絡。據悉，警方稍後將與返港的傷者及旅行團其他成員接觸，錄取口供了解事發經過。另外，菲警方根據倖存者提供資料，初步掌握整個案發過程。

本報記者

本港警方主動與由菲國返港旅行團成員及傷者接觸，了解槍手挾持人質及爆發槍戰經過，稍後將要求菲律賓警方提供案中相關資料。據悉，菲警方經綜合各方調查包括旅巴司機及菲籍導遊口供，初步已掌握整個案發過程，不排除稍後會作案情重組。

綜合各方資料顯示，本月二十三日早上約十時，旅遊巴正在當地著名景點聖地牙高堡接載團友，槍手門多薩尾隨上車，被導遊發現喝止，槍手以乘搭順風車為由但遭拒絕，於是發難展示M16自動步槍，勒令司機將旅遊巴駛至黎刹公園，並打橫停泊，然後用手銬扣住司機。

槍手聖地牙高堡上車

其間槍手重整眾人所坐位置，要各人移向車廂中較後位置，並且要單獨坐。本來已坐在車尾位置與丈夫並肩而坐的梁太被調至最前位，而汪綽瑤則被調至車中間左邊位置，與父母及弟弟分開。

在調動位置之時，領隊謝廷駿被安排坐於最尾一排座位，他乘亂偷偷致電回香港公司求救。及至十一時許，槍手最先釋放肚疼的六十六歲婆婆李鳳貴和當地女導遊，並換取當地兩名攝影師上車充當人質，其間槍手向團友以英語講述自己身世及革職經過。

至約中午十二時半，槍手再釋放傅太及三名小童。下午一時半，李奕彪（七十三歲）獲釋。直至下午兩時多，槍手於旅遊巴玻璃貼出數張告示，指稱三時會有大事發生。

未幾，槍手弟弟格雷戈里奧及妻子先後到場游說，弟弟要求他將時限延長多半小時到三時半。至三時半時，槍手又貼出「要見記者」的告示，其後兩名菲籍攝影師先後獲釋，同時准許當局為旅遊巴加油。然後又將謝廷駿調至

車門處並鎖上手銬。

入夜後槍手不停在車講電話談判，更不時警告「最後十五分鐘」。其間槍手從車上電視見到弟弟被警方拘捕，遂發難開殺戒，先向領隊頭部開槍，並由車頭開始向座位上團友開槍掃射，然後由車頭位置步往車尾處，其時車上眾人都伏在座椅或地上。

旅遊巴司機趁槍手步至車尾，乘機以指夾銼弄開手銬逃走，並向在場人員聲稱槍手將所有人質殺死。

據悉，槍手開槍掃射期間，旅巴上四、五名團友衝前意圖搶奪長槍但失敗，於是慘死於子彈下，梁先生是其中一人。其後槍手行至梁頌學前準備開槍，但隔鄰的梁頌儀身體為哥哥擋子彈，背後流血，槍手就用槍柄打梁頌學。

弟要求時限延半小時

大約八時二十分，菲警以鐵錘打破車窗，槍手向窗外掃射，玻璃上留下近二十個彈孔。廿分鐘後，警方施放催淚彈，但隨即又有一陣槍聲，持續達十秒以上。晚上八時四十二分，突然有個男子半身橫臥出車門，菲警方小心翼翼上前，終證實槍手已被擊斃。

倖存者：槍手索17萬退休金

初步調查兇手發59槍

「咁少錢，點解唔畀咗先？」擋子彈時雙手手腕被射碎的團友陳國柱，被挾持期間曾聽到槍手門多薩要求取回100萬披索（約17萬港元）退休金。他形容情緒失控的門多薩，當時向其他團友作近距離的「行刑式開槍」，每槍均指向團友頭部。根據菲律賓警方的初步報告指出，車上發現59個來自槍手M16步槍的彈殼。

明報記者 屈俊樂 馬尼拉報道

連日來外界一直以爲槍手門多薩挾持香港遊客，是要脅當局爲他被革職一事「翻案」，但事實上他的訴求可能不止於此。丈夫和兩名女兒均遇難的旅客梁太，曾在鏡頭前質疑槍手是爲錢挾持人質，質問菲國當局爲何不付錢。

行刑式射殺「對住個頭射落去」

當日全程坐在旅遊巴車尾第二行的港人陳國柱昨日向本報記者憶述，事發時槍手情緒波動，初時以爲他是警察或軍人，見到他向領隊導遊怒吼，方知已被挾持，其間更聽到槍手以英語說要索回100萬披索（約17萬港元）退休金。他說，槍手談完一個電話後情緒異常激動，「一行一行咁射，係行刑式射殺，行埋個位對住（團友）個頭射落去」。

當門多薩行近他的位置，以3呎近距離施射時，陳國柱即時舉起手上的尼龍袋擋子彈，雙手手筋神經全被射斷，「當時我兩隻手大量出血，我若不是用一隻重傷的手揸住另一隻重傷的手10多20分鐘，我想我已經死了」。他又說，連日來不斷發噩夢，當晚被「行刑」的片段不斷浮現，今次與女友易小玲（下顎中槍傷者）都能夠保住性命，陳國柱直言「好彩」，希望香港和中國政府就事件向菲律賓索償，爲他們一班團友討回公道。

5團友撲向槍手圖奪槍

陳國柱於較早前接受其他傳媒訪問時，曾講述他與團友察覺槍手情緒有異時，曾交換眼神計劃反抗，當槍手殺死領隊謝廷駿後再向團友掃射，最少5名團友即時撲向前企圖奪槍，槍手立即退後開槍，其中兩三名團友因而喪命，當槍手瞄準18歲青年梁頌學頭部，其14歲妹妹梁頌儀以身軀替兄長擋子彈，結果被射殺。

曾與神秘人通話

另外，菲律賓傳媒報道，警方在車上發現59個來自M16步槍的彈殼，兩個M16步槍彈夾內藏31發子彈及1顆M16步槍子彈。報道又稱警察在門多薩身上檢獲一支點45口徑手槍，證實曾在菲律賓國家警察的武器庫登記，屬於警槍，而他手持的M16自動步槍，則仍未查明是否屬私藏槍械。馬尼拉傳媒引述當地警方稱，警方調查門多薩的手機短訊及通話紀錄發現，他收到申訴專員的信件及開槍屠殺之間，曾與一神秘人通電話，警方正追查此人的真實身分。

逃脫司機： 槍手弟被拘觸發第一槍



旅遊巴司機Lubang（中）憶述事件，指菲警突然拘捕幫忙談判的門多薩弟弟，令門多薩情緒激動，對着電話怒稱：「我會殺掉所有人質，你最好放了他（弟弟）！」

（資料圖片）

殺死8名港人的狂徒門多薩在23日晚上7時許，何以突然槍殺首名人質、即香港領隊謝廷駿，令慘劇無可挽回？據當時旅遊巴內可能是唯一聽得懂兇徒菲律賓話的當地司機Lubang憶述，罪魁相信是非警方突然拘捕原幫忙談判的門多薩弟弟。因門多薩在旅遊巴電視看到弟弟被拘畫面後即情緒激動，更怒稱：「我會殺掉所有人質，你最好放了他（弟弟）！」殺機隨即一發不可收拾。

備兩槍不進食 拒接家人來電

據Lubang的宣誓供辭中可見，門多薩對挾持人質一事經過深思熟慮，他除帶備兩支槍外，從早上挾持人質開始便不會吃東西，以免要上洗手間；他亦拒接家人電話，因不想決心動搖。Lubang稱，要求復職及平反的前警員門多薩，當天傍晚（約6時）收到當地申訴專員稱10日內會覆檢其被革職的個案後，曾以菲律賓話怒斥：「這不是我要的，這是垃圾！」此時原正協助談判的門多薩弟弟（亦是警察）向哥哥投訴，警方仍未有把其佩槍歸還，令門多薩更憤怒。

至傍晚7時前後，門多薩從旅遊巴內電視看到弟弟被警方拘捕的畫面，Lubang稱此時聽到門多薩怒吼，警方若不立即釋放其弟，便會殺掉所有人質，有團友亦聽到門多薩提出「5分鐘最後限期」。不久後，Lubang便目擊門多薩突然開第一槍殺死被手銬鎖在車頭的香港領隊謝廷駿，跟着再殺兩名人質。

稱用指甲鉗開手銬逃離

3人被殺後，團友和Lubang都陷入恐慌，Lubang哀求釋放他，並按門多薩指示開車，但輪胎隨即被狙擊手射破。此時他目睹門多薩繼續開槍掃射中後排的乘客，在這生死時刻，他自稱憑身上指甲鉗打開把他鎖在軀盤的手銬，趁機逃離旅巴，並告訴警方旅巴內「所有人已遇害」。

Lubang的供辭未被菲警盡信，包括不相信他能自行打開手銬，甚至懷疑他是門多薩的幫兇，調查仍在繼續。

脅持慘劇

對決11小時 聽電話後大怒

生還者：兇徒點名行刑



■陳國柱以背包擋子彈，結果雙手手腕被射中。

【本報訊】脅持事件告終後，陳國柱是第一個自行走出旅遊巴士的團友，電視機前的市民無不振奮，他憶述與兇徒生死對決的11小時，指兇徒以「行刑」方式射殺六人，又在三呎以外向他開槍，他以尼龍背包遮擋才能保存性命。

據悉，門多薩率先點了六人坐在車廂前排，失控後先槍殺鎖在車門的領隊，再殺死其餘五人。

記者：張嘉雯 張珮琪

據了解，槍手當日把領隊謝廷駿鎖在車門口，並點了傅卓仁、楊綺華、楊綺琴、汪子林、梁頌詩坐到車廂前排，在得悉弟弟被捕後先殺領隊，再用手槍以行刑方式殺死其餘五人。

導遊繙譯才知大件事

46歲的陳國柱向香港傳媒憶述，當日上車後看到穿警服男子，以為是警察查車，沒有特別留意，直至聽到導遊繙譯後才知「大件事」，「成件事搞成咁我真係唔知點解」。

門多薩當日曾多次釋放人質，氣氛不緊張，放了最年長團友李奕彪後更向司機說笑：「他們現可能會說『我沒事了』，我希望他們可以見到傳媒，到時你（司機）便可出名

了。」其間他又多次通電話，包括傳媒，只是不接受家人的來電。

之後門多薩提出下午3時的限期，在其弟要求下延遲。當地副市長與申訴專員見面，表達門多薩的要求，又讓他透過手機直接跟申訴專員對話，申訴專員當時承諾親自處理案件，在10日內完成調查。

背包擋子彈雙腕射中

眾多傷者中，陳國柱神志較為清醒，亦能記得較多片段。他說傍晚槍手通完電話後很憤怒，先殺領隊，再殺了幾個團友，他自己坐在旅遊巴倒數第二排，手上有尼龍背包，他機警地把水樽放到袋中，「佢用支自動步槍近距離唔夠三呎射埋嚟，我用個袋擋，冇死到真係好好彩」。結果子彈穿過背包，射中他左、右手腕，他雙手互握，防止失血過多。

而事件中其餘兩名死者，包括14歲的梁頌儀是為哥哥梁頌學擋子彈而死，父親梁錦榮則為妻子擋子彈而死。

當晚整個行動完結後，陳國柱是首個自行步出旅遊巴士的乘客。他直言到現在仍不停發噩夢，夢到事發當日的片段，他後悔到菲律賓旅遊，相信永不重臨，批評菲律賓政府救援不力，沒有把人質生命放在首位，要求中央政府及特區政府向菲律賓政府索償。

車上共發現90個彈頭

當地傳媒報道，門多薩有一支M16及兩支手槍，警方會調查門多薩的最後通話紀錄。當地驗屍報告顯示，其中五名死者是即時死亡，大部份槍傷在頭部、背部及頸部，警方在車上共發現59顆M16彈頭，31個點45的彈頭，門多薩身中八槍，兩槍在頸部、一槍在頭部，頭部槍擊是致命傷，相信是來自狙擊手，估計是催淚氣體迫使他跑到車頭位置。

家屬不信菲政府 促中央介入調查

三死者送回港驗屍

哀怨的風笛聲中，在馬尼拉經歷「血色星期一」的康泰旅行團八名幸存團友及八名死難者的靈柩，在家人陪同下乘搭專機返港。此宗震驚全球的屠殺慘案究竟是槍手造成，還是拯救人質的菲律賓警方導致，不少人都希望查個水落石出。三名遇難團友的家屬堅拒在當地驗屍，當中殉職領隊謝廷駿母親明言，無法再信任菲律賓政府，會將謝屍體交由本港專家解剖，希望找出兒子死亡真相，還各死者一個公道。此外，本港各界亦指菲國政府誠信破產，強烈要求中央及特區政府介入調查。

消息指出，警方已決定就八名港人在菲律賓遇害事件展開獨立調查，及後會將報告提交死因裁判官。

保安局副局長黎棟國昨離開馬尼拉前透露，當地政府已為其中五名遇難者的遺體完成驗屍程序，並承諾由副總統比奈及外交部親自領導調查小組，報告完成後，比奈會親自將報告呈交中央政府。但消息指出，死難者中的領隊謝廷駿、團友傅卓仁及楊綺琴的家人，拒絕讓當地政府人員驗屍，三具遺體原封不動運回本港，一般相信奪命的子彈彈頭仍留在死者體內，有助了解其死亡是否涉及菲警。

在全城要求查出慘案真相的情況下，民建聯四名代表昨約見外交部駐港特派員呂新華，要求中央出面交涉，讓港府派專家到菲律賓參與慘劇調查。會後立法會議員劉江華引述呂新華指，現時回想慘劇的部分情節，亦會產生疑問，希望菲國的調查在公正、公開下進行。呂新華又表示了解市民希望港府參與調查的聲音，但外交上難以要求菲國同意港人共同調查事件，承諾向菲律賓當局及中央政府反映港人意願。

菲副總統明日抵港交代

面對各方的強烈訴求，保安局局長李少光表示，菲律賓當局的調查已經展開，港府暫時無權介入。但他指八名港人並非死於自然，根據《死因裁判官條例》，若港人在海外死亡，遺體運返本港後，死因裁判官有權決定是否召開死因研訊，並在有需要時驗屍。

菲律賓副總統比奈昨稱，今晨將率領高層代表團前往北京與中方官員會面後，明日便訪港向特區政府部門解釋槍手挾持人質事件。代表團亦將與遇害港人家屬及在港菲律賓人見面，周日返回馬尼拉。菲總統阿基諾三世早前宣布，代表團除了副總統比奈，還包括外長羅慕洛及總統發言人，代表團會親自將菲政府的口訊傳達給北京及本港官員。

港獨立調查或開死因庭

另外，有消息指出，本港警方已決定就八名港人在菲律賓遇害事件展開獨立調查，稍後待生還者心情平復後，將逐一為各人錄取口供，再將報告提交死因裁判官。司法機構發言人表示，一般而言，裁判官接獲警方調查報告後，會再研究是否展開死因研訊。

有退休法醫指，假如將來有需要挑戰菲律賓當局的驗屍報告，即使五名遇難團友遺體曾在當地驗屍，他認為值得在港再次剖屍驗證，還死者一個公道，為慘案查個水落石出。馬尼拉當地的殯儀館指，部分涉案遺體送到殯儀館時，遺體內的彈頭已被人取出。

死因庭調查港人在外地遇事死亡的真相早有先例。九七年八月，一個四十多人的菲律賓旅行團在馬尼拉灣乘搭觀光船遊覽期間，因嚴重超載及船隻結構有問題釀成沉船意外，七名港人喪生。事後死者家屬促請港府介入事件，透過外交途徑，要求菲律賓當局提交調查報告。其後菲律賓向本港死因庭提交報告，但沒有派人出席死因聆訊，死因庭最後裁定全部死者死於意外。



◆國泰包機昨晚將八名死者遺體送返香港。

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李少光指警方可能驗屍

政務司司長唐英年表示，會透過中國外交部向菲律賓政府提出要求，希望對方會「公正、全面和專業地」就人質遇害事件進行調查，詳細交代事發經過、死者死因和傷者受傷過程等。保安局局長李少光則表示，明白市民期望，本港警方在當地沒有執法權力，不能派員參與菲律賓的調查，但他指出一旦獲家屬同意，警方與死因庭會驗屍，或會展開死因研訊。

不過，民主黨涂謹申指摘：「李少光指開死因研訊庭是賣口乖、不設實際，講得衰一點是正在講廢話！」他指出，死因研訊庭需要所有證人出庭接受盤問，但涉事證人全在馬尼拉，即使菲律賓政府准許並逼令所有公務員如特警、驗屍官、指揮官到港出席研訊，香港政府亦沒有權力逼令導遊、司機到港。

涂謹申認為，李少光指開死因研訊庭的目的只是「轉移視線」，逃避要求中央向菲政府施壓，不想他們爭取要求中央或特區政府派出專家參與菲政府的調查。

保安局無意派員調查

民建聯副主席劉江華等昨天與外交部駐港特派員呂新華會面，要求本港派員參與或以第三方監察菲政府的調查，了解死因是否因菲警拯救不力、菲警與槍手談判失敗原因等，而劉江華引述呂新華指，國家之間不會介入對方的調查工作，但承諾會向中央及菲律賓反映。

雖然兩黨及議員林大輝也要求派員調查事件，但李少光表示，當局暫時沒有計劃派人調查事件，「如果我們的人員去調查而沒有執法權力，是沒有辦法可以進行這些所謂調查工作」，但特區政府會透過不同渠道，向菲政府強烈要求就事件進行有質素及公正的調查，按本港市民的訴求盡快完成及公開調查報告。

但他提出，死因庭及警方，只要獲家屬同意，就會進行驗屍，當中包括了解死者有否被菲警的流彈所傷。

目前運返本港的八個遺體當中，五具已經在菲律賓經過驗屍程序，當中兩個遺體檢驗時有本港專家在場，另外三具遺體則未作檢驗。

他指出：「八個靈柩返港後，因為他們都是死於非自然，根據香港法例，死因庭法官有權力按法例要求香港警方作另一個調查，好可能會驗屍……很可能我們的警方也會進行自己的獨立調查，如果死因庭有這樣的指引要開庭，香港警方根據香港法例會進行一個調查。」

今召開特別會議

另外，社會福利署稍後會繼續跟進受害的家庭，按他們需要聯絡其他政府部門，盡力提供協助，如果有經濟需要，政府願意協助。今早八時，特首會帶領全體問責官員在金紫荊廣場舉行悼念儀式。

就有市民因事件而辭掉菲傭，李少光呼籲市民冷靜，指在港十多二十萬名菲律賓公民也一樣心情沉重，「希望香港市民不會因這事件將他們的憤怒，遷怒於在香港工作的菲律賓人。」另一方面，平機會昨天也發表聲明，促請各界「保持冷靜克制，不要遷怒無辜者，包括在香港生活或旅遊的菲律賓人士」。

立法會保安事務委員會今天召開特別會議討論事件，會邀請李少光及菲律賓駐港領事出席



八名緬僑看護及部分重傷傷友及家屬，昨天由菲律賓乘包機返港。



護禮團抵港後，死者家屬跪地送上花圈。

李少光指警方可能驗屍

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不過，民主黨總匯主席李少光指開區與區間的差口，不論實際，贏得第一點是正講真話！他指出，死因研訊與需要所有證人出庭接受詢問，但綁架證人全在馬尼拉，即便菲律賓政府

准許並通令所有公務員如警察、驗屍官、花押官到港出席研訊，香港政府亦沒有權力逼令轉道，司機到港。

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保安局無意派員調查

民主黨副主席劉江華與昨天對外交部駐港特派員新華會面，要求香港政府參與或以第三方監察非政府的調查，了解死因是否因菲律賓警方不力，菲律賓警方應對失敗應負責，而劉江華則指新華會，國家之間不會介入對方的調查工作，但承諾會向中央及菲律賓反映。

雖然西案及緬族林大輝也要求派員調查事件，但李少光表示，當局暫時沒有計劃派人調查事件。「如果我們的人員去調查而沒有執法權力，是沒有辦法可以進行這些有調查的工作」，但特首政府會繼續不同來源，向政府強烈要求就事件進行有負責及公正的調查，按本

港市民的請求盡快完成及公開調查報告。

但他指出，死因及警方，只屬家屬同意，才會進行驗屍，當中包括了解死者有否被其警的流彈所傷。

目前綁架案者的八個送禮當中，五具已經在菲律賓對總驗屍程序，當中兩個總驗屍時有香港警察在場，另外三具禮則未作檢驗。

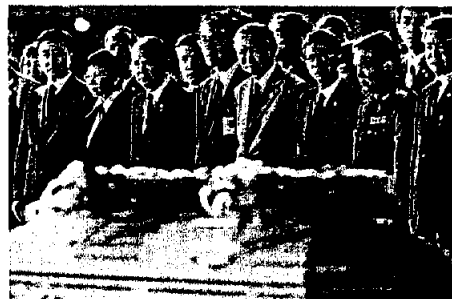
他指出，八個送禮返港後，因為他們都是死於非自然，根據香港法例，死因調查官有權力按法例對案者進行另一項調查，好可能會驗屍……很可能我們的警方也會進行自己的獨立調查，如果死因以此有這樣的指引要問罪，香港警方根據香港法例會進行一個調查。」

今召開特別會議

另外，社會福利署稍後會繼續跟進受害的家庭，按他們需要聯絡其他政府部門，盡力提供協助，如果有經濟需要，政府願意協助。今早八時，特首會帶領全體問責官員在金紫荊廣場舉行悼念儀式。

就有市民因事件而辭掉菲傭，李少光呼籲市民冷靜，指在港十多二十萬名菲律賓公民也一樣心情沉重，「希望香港市民不會因這事件將他們的憤怒，遷怒於在香港工作的菲律賓人。」另一方面，平機會昨天也發表聲明，促請各界「保持冷靜克制，不要遷怒無辜者，包括在香港生活或旅遊的菲律賓人士」。

立法會保安事務委員會今天召開特別會議討論事件，會邀請李少光及菲律賓駐港領事出席



李少光呼籲市民冷靜，不要因為是次事件而遷怒菲傭。

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港研召死因聆訊查真相 要求菲律賓 交代死傷詳情

死因篇

八港人在菲律賓喪命，他們是遭槍手射殺還是死於特種部隊槍下，真相有待調查。司法機構證實，正研究為八名死者召開死因研究；政務司司長唐英年表示，會通過中國外交部致函菲律賓政府，要求調查報告中，須包括詳細事發經過、死傷者致命及受傷詳細情況。有消息稱，菲律賓副總統將於今日往北京，以及周五來港與特首曾蔭權會晤，並希望於周五及周六與受害者家屬會面。記者：譚可穎劉嘉裕

本港司法機構擬為八名在菲慘死港人召開死因研究，根據《死因裁判官條例》第十四條，凡任何人突然死亡、因意外或暴力而死亡，或在可疑情況下死亡，該屍體在香港被發現或被運入香港後，如死因裁判官認為有需要進行研訊，即可就該宗死亡個案進行研訊，即使死亡個案並非在香港發生。

法醫可推斷子彈方向

司法機構發言人稱，當屍體運返香港後，當局會向死因裁判官報告，死因裁判官按法例考慮會否指示警方進行調查，之後再按警方調查報告，才決定會否召開死因聆訊。

退休法醫官蒙海強稱，死因裁判官有權以公眾利益或尋求事實真相，召開死因聆訊，並會要求警方循刑事途徑負責調查事件背景，而法醫則負責解剖屍體；雖然部分屍體已在菲律賓進行解剖，但蒙稱，香港法醫仍可進行第二次解剖，以確實或挑戰第一份解剖結論，而解剖驗屍兩次亦是法醫正常做法。蒙又透露，經過解剖後，法醫可推斷子彈射入身體位置、數量，以及由哪一個方向以及哪一支槍射出。

菲司機未必願來港作證

立法會議員涂謹申質疑當局召開死因庭的建議，認為本港執法機構有否權力邀請涉案旅遊車司機、菲律賓警員和談判專家來港作供，認為港府應爭取參與當地調查。

執業大律師陸偉雄同意，在港召開死因庭有實際難度，因最大問題取決於菲律賓政府會否將該些重要資料給予香港政府。陸建議可從驗屍報告着手，在外交或國際層面上對菲律賓政府施加壓力，讓其批准香港或國際的專家在驗屍過程中列席及監察，避免造假情況，進而得出一份恰當及中肯的驗屍報告，這對將來召開死因聆訊時最為有用。

政務司司長唐英年昨強調，港府嚴正要求菲律賓當局徹底深入、全面、公正調查事件，並會透過中國外交部向菲律賓政府去信，要求菲律賓在調查報告中，至少要包含詳細事發經

過、死傷者致命及受傷詳細情況，並要有足夠事實支持，希望菲律賓方面早日完成調查。

不過，對於本港會否派員到菲律賓參與調查，保安局局長李少光表示，暫沒有這個行動，而且須考慮港方人員去調查而沒有執法權力，亦難以做到調查工作。



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