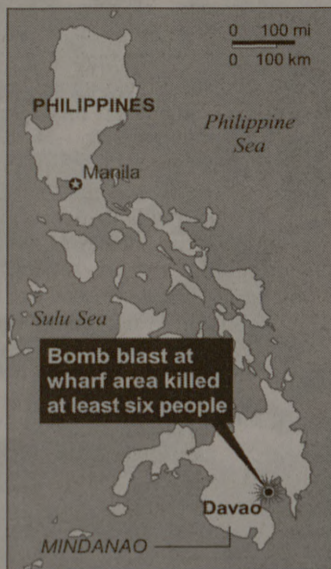


THE BATTALION

South Philippines bomb blast kills at least 16, injures 40

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MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine president ordered a "total war" on terrorists after a bomb exploded Wednesday near a bustling wharf in the southern port of Davao, killing at least 16 people, including two children.

Forty people were injured in the blast, the second in Davao in less than a month. The death toll would have been higher if the pictures I was not already on high alert for terror acts, officials said.

The government said it was looking for similarities to a March 4 blast that was blamed on a Muslim rebel group. That bombing killed 21 people, including an American missionary, at the city's international airport. Three Americans were wounded.

That Muslim group, the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation front, or MILF, condemned Wednesday's bombing and denied responsibility for the previous one.

The attacks come at a time of debate over the mandate of U.S. troops in the war on terror in the Philippines, where Muslim insurgents have battled the government for decades. Although President Gloria Macapagal

Arroyo is one of Washington's biggest supporters in the war on terrorism, she has ruled out a combat role for American soldiers.

Arroyo planned to go ahead with a scheduled visit to Davao on Thursday. But she said the city was "in a state of lawless violence" and she would order the military to help police crack down on "lawless elements and terrorists."

With a ship getting ready to leave, the area outside the wharf's gates — where passengers can catch public transport

or eat at a row of food stalls — was teeming with people when the bomb exploded at about 7 p.m., blasting a shallow crater along the highway in the city's Sasa district.

Farewells turned to cries of pain and anguish. Health official Dolores Castillo said many victims were vendors and children. A Roman Catholic nun who just arrived on a boat was killed as she sat in the back of a car stalled in traffic while leaving the wharf. Another nun and the driver were injured, witnesses said.

Larry Laura, 39, was driving a van about 100 yards from the site when the bomb went off.

"I ... saw people shocked, speechless, crying and just watching bodies scattered on the ground a few seconds after the blast," he said.

Police chief Supt. Isidro Lapena said initial investigations indicated the bomb was stashed in a barbecue food stall.

"We think the security at the pier worked because the attackers were not able to bring the explosive inside," Lapena said.

Arroyo, who chastised officials at Manila's international airport and largest mall for lax security during surprise visits last week, went on radio to urge vigilance.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BBC journalist killed in Iraq

LONDON (AP) — A land mine explosion killed one British Broadcasting Corp. journalist and injured another in northern Iraq on Wednesday.

Kaveh Golestan, 52, an Iranian freelance cameraman for the BBC, died instantly when he stepped on the mine as he climbed out of his car in the town of Kifrey, the company said.

Producer Stuart Hughes, 31, was injured in the

foot by the explosion, while correspondent Jim Muir and their translator were unhurt, the BBC said. Hughes was being treated in a nearby American military medical facility.

They were part of a four-man BBC team filming at Kifrey, a town in the southern part of the Kurdish-controlled area of Iraq that came under fire by Iraqi forces this week.

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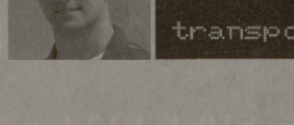
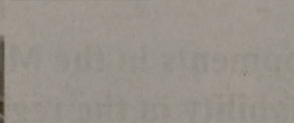
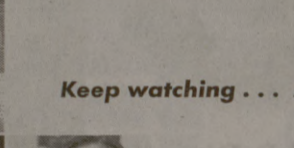
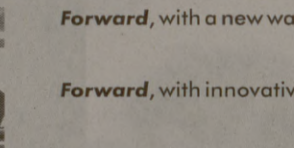
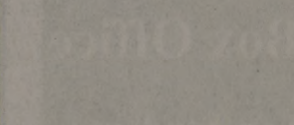
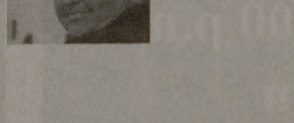
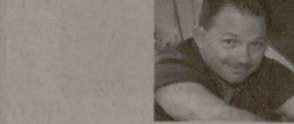
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Lisa Lynn Parrish

Zeta Tau Alpha

Volunteer Work & Community Involvement:

Aggieland Volunteer, HOSTS, Pheobes Home, Food Bank, Retirement home, Drive for the Cure, Attend Central Baptist Church, Bryan

Special Honors & Awards:

Mays College of Business Distinguished Student, Lea County Co-Op Scholarship Winner, Marvin Girard Study Abroad Scholarship

On-Campus Organizations:

MSC Marketing Committee, Retailing Society, HOSTS, Summer Honors Invitational Program Counselor, Student Body President Campaign Head Recruiter, Order of Omega

Positions of Leadership:

President, Zeta Tau Alpha, Vice President of Membership, Student Body President Campaign Head Recruiter/Assistant Manager, High School-student body president, FCAVP, NHSVP

Activities within sorority:

President, Vice President- Membership, Senior Representative, 25th Anniversary Reunion Committee, Have planned and lead officer training weekends, work week, and rush, Have attended two national conventions, two state conventions, and two state-wide officer training, Have visited Houston alumnae group

Additional:

Part-time intern for John E. Anderson, Jr. at Merrill Lynch in College Station, Sales Clerk at Gymboree at Post Oak Mall, Visited 5 European countries on the marketing trip to Europe

2nd Place

Jenny Webb

Delta Gamma

Volunteer Work & Community Involvement:

Make a Difference Committee for Mays Business School Fellows Program, Helping One Student To Succeed, Habitat for Humanity, Visiting Nursing Homes, Big Event, Pebble Creek Carnival Volunteer, Clean the Street Program with Delta Gamma Sorority, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Working with the visually impaired in the Bryan/College Station

Special Honors & Awards:

Professional Program in Accounting: Group XII, Distinguished Student at Texas A&M University, Deans Honor Roll at Texas A&M University, Golden Key, International Honors Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Pi Eta Sigma Honors Society, Delta Gamma Model Scholar

On-Campus Organizations:

Mays Business School Fellows Program, Alpha Kappa Psi, Business Fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, Honors Fraternity

Positions of Leadership:

Minor Fundraising Chair for Alpha Kappa Psi, Historian for Alpha Kappa Psi

Activities within sorority:

Vice President of Finance, Rotation Group Leader and Conversation Leader for Rush, Activities Crew Assistant, Executive Board Member, Student Representative for House Corporation, Nominating Committee Member, Anchor Splash Coach

Additional:

Financed 100% of school and living expenses through part time work and loans

3rd Place

Chelcie Wesley

Delta Xi Nu

Volunteer Work & Community Involvement:

Member of Jr. Mission at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Nursing Home visits to Brenham, Southwood, and St. Joseph Manor, Mentoring & Tutoring at Kemp Elementary, Registration Volunteer for The Special Olympics of Texas at the Athlete Village in Brazos County

Special Honors & Awards:

Barnes & Noble Scholarship, West Side Baptist Church Scholarship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship, Committee Member of the Year & Certificates of Appreciation for the Black Awareness Committee, Distinguished Student Certificate for Academic Excellence

Positions of Leadership:

Secretary for Jr. Mission at St. Matthews Baptist Church, TAMU Representative at the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government and SBSLC, Peer & Parent Advisor for EXCEL & MEDAL Conferences, Participant in Texas Higher Education & Diversity Conference (THEDC) & Summer Institute of Demographic Research (SIDR)

Activities within sorority:

Have held position of Apparel Chair, Fiesta 505, Big Event, U-ACT, Booseum of Bryan (Children's Museum), Whoopstock Unity Festival, MLK Service Conference & Service Events, Concessions for football and basketball, Visits to Southwood Nursing Home and St. Joseph's Manor

Additional:

Voices of Praise Gospel Choir (VOP), Research and Learning Assistant in the Department of Sociology under a Social Psychology Professor

Special Thanks to Dr. Parrott: Dean of Student Life, Jane Bailey: Assistant to the MSC Director,



Barry Hammond: President of the MSC and Bo Wilson: Senior Yell Leader

