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— Lt Col Jo-ar Herrera



Marawi City with its cool weather is called the summer capital of the south. Rich in history, culture, natural resources, and scenic landscapes, flourishing businesses, and trade. Its vibrancy would never make one suspect that it would be the cause of division and defiant activities leading to a massive tragedy.


The Marawi Crisis posed great challenges. Wide gaps and significant lessons learned were translated into innovations that were put into action from when the first gunfire was heard which signaled the beginning of the siege until the forces' triumphant exodus on the 23rd of October 2017.

Lessons and improvements during our operations became our source of insights to better our military capabilities. The creation of the Operations Research Center of the Philippine Army (ORCPA) on the 30th of October 2017 was not only a response to the call of the times, but most importantly, it provided an opportunity to document the valuable experiences of the Philippine Army in the conduct of our operations in the City of Marawi. The office was mandated to conduct research, synchronize, and integrate all the research efforts coming from the different branches of the army units, and to serve as a catalyst for the development of the army's capabilities that would enhance its organizational adaptability, survivability of its soldiers, and combat effectiveness. By ensuring the continuity of research we can integrate the byproducts of the said research done into doable and applicable doctrines and policy recommendations.

The capabilities and competencies of the Army were tested during the Marawi crisis. It is important to document not only our accomplishments on the battlefield, but also the lessons learned from them, so that they may be used to improve and revise our existing doctrines, our organization, policies, and training. Useful information for LGUs, policy makers, and other members of the security sector should be shared with them, in order to enable them to deal with the threats to national security and to deter terrorism.

Marawi and Beyond: The Joint Task Force Marawi Story speaks of the innovations, sacrifice, heroism, and the unyielding spirit of our troops as they fought to liberate Marawi City. Our triumph was due to the overwhelming support of the local community, people from all sectors of society, and Filipinos both here and abroad. *Marawi and Beyond: The Joint Task Force Marawi Story* is a testament of the Philippine Army's dedication in fulfilling our primary duty of serving the people and securing the land.




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