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LEGASPI—Communist guerrillas on Friday killed a policeman and five other people in an ambush on the central island of Masbate, police said. New People's Army (NPA) rebels detonated a landmine and opened fire with assault rifles on a mini-bus on the road near the town of Baleno, killing six passengers and wounding two others, said regional police spokesman Supt. Benjamin Suratos.

The dead included a policeman, three members of a government militia force helping the army fight the NPA, and two civilians, Suratos told reporters. Reports sent to Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City said the fatalities were Senior Police Officer 2 Jesus Huelva, 47, of the Baleno Municipal Police Station; Wencil Esquilona, a retired police officer; militiamen Marlon Mingoy, 29, Ruben Abuedo, 41, and Jonathan Vertucio; Noctor Lancotac, 47, a security officer; and Jay Sanchez, assistant budget officer of the town.

Meanwhile, NPA rebels overran an isolated military camp near the southern town of Valencia on Thursday and made off with 15 firearms, regional military commander Lieutenant General Roy Kyamko said.

The NPA is the armed wing of the Maoist Communist Party of the Philippines. The government has said it was preparing to resume talks with the rebels' political arm, the NDF, in Norway. The talks were suspended two years ago, when the NPA killed two legislators.


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