The 8th quarterly report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Pacific Eagle - Philippines (OPE-P) summarizes the quarter’s key events and oversight of the U.S. mission to support the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in their fight against ISIS-East Asia (ISIS-EA) and other terrorist organizations.

**ISIS-EA Remains a Limited Threat**  
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- Limited funding, network cohesion, internal leadership, and support from ISIS-Core contribute to ISIS-EA’s inability to conduct large-scale attacks.
- Attacks this quarter involved an improvised explosive device at a marketplace and minor clashes with the AFP.
- Foreign fighters have not been a major factor since 2017, but suspected terrorists from Jordan and Sweden were arrested in the Philippines this quarter.
- ISIS-EA leaders joined other global affiliates in renewing loyalty pledges to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al Baghdadi prior to his death in October.

**AFP Adapts to ISIS-EA’s Employment of Suicide Tactics**  
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- Philippine jihadists have not historically used suicide tactics, but 5 terrorists carried out or attempted 3 suicide attacks so far this year.
- AFP troops avoided any casualties in one attempted suicide bombing by employing lessons learned from recent suicide attacks.
- The AFP is continuing to review security protocols in light of this new trend.

**Conflict and Other Disasters Continue to Displace Civilians**  
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- Conflict involving ISIS-EA, local clan feuds, and natural disasters resulted in 29,000 new IDPs.
- USAID-funded projects increased access to clean water for 14,400 IDPs, but damage to Marawi’s water network has left many without a reliable water supply.
- The Philippine government completed new temporary housing for IDPs but lacks a long-term plan to resettle them.

**Unexploded Ordnance Delays Marawi Reconstruction**  
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- Of the 353,000 internally displaced persons (IDP) resulting from the 2017 Marawi siege, 66,000 remain displaced due to extensive infrastructure damage.
- Disputes between the Philippine government and contractors have impeded the clearance of unexploded ordnance, which remains a barrier to reconstruction.
- The Philippine government has repeatedly extended its estimate of when unexploded ordnance will be removed.

**U.S. Training of Philippine Partners Focuses on Counterterrorism Capabilities**  
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- Bilateral training exercises focused on special operations, aviation, and amphibious assault vehicle capabilities.
- Personnel from select AFP special operations teams travelled to the U.S. for intelligence and unmanned aircraft system training.
- DoD advisors provided technical advice to support the institutional development of the AFP’s joint Special Operations Command.
- Senior DoD and AFP leaders agreed to more than 300 security cooperation activities in FY 2020, an increase from 281 in FY 2019.

**Lead IG Oversight Activity**  
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- The DoS OIG issued an audit report which identified shortcomings in monitoring and oversight of $41 million in foreign assistance to the Philippines.
- Lead IG and partner agencies have 7 ongoing oversight projects related to OPE-P, including audits and evaluations of counterintelligence activities, mobile medical teams, and DoD acquisitions.