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Seven hostages of the Abu Sayyaf along with their captors were spotted on Friday in Patikul, Sulu.

A military report disclosed that the consolidated group of Patikul based Abu Sayyaf headed by Radulan Sahiron, sub-leaders Hatib Hajan Sawadjaan, Harula Asbang, Basaron Arok and JamiriJawhari with some 200 armed men were seen around 3:35 p.m. Friday at the vicinity of Sitio Darayan, Barangay Buhangin, Patikul.

The report said the militants stayed in Darayan for five days along with the seven hostages.

On the other hand, the group of Aby Sayyaf leader Yasser Igasan and sub-leaders Angah Adji and Idang Susukan with 90 armed men were also monitored at the border of Sitio Kanjimaao and Sitio Darayan, in the same barangay.

The group came from Barangay Bukid, Parang, Sulu and stayed there for two days.

The two groups were seen about 1.5 kilometer as they shift locations to escape the ongoing military operations against the group. – Dan Toribio Jr.