

PNP elements in Margosatubig, Zamboanga del Sur have denied reports on the alleged presence of Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon in the area.

A police report disclosed that at around 10:45pm last Wednesday, three teams led by Sr Supt Redentor Retusto, BATCOM, arrived at the Margosatubig Municipal Police Station to validate the report.

The report was also validated with other agencies such as the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy, Philippine Army, and the Margosatubig local government.

All agencies denied having reports on Hapilon's presence.

The report further said that Hapilon cannot easily penetrate the municipality of Margosatubig because of the intensified security implemented by the BRP Romblon under Capt Normando Reyes, Philippine Coast Guard Commanding Officer and SARV 3503.

Policemen are also working in close coordination with the military to secure the area. (Dan Toribio)