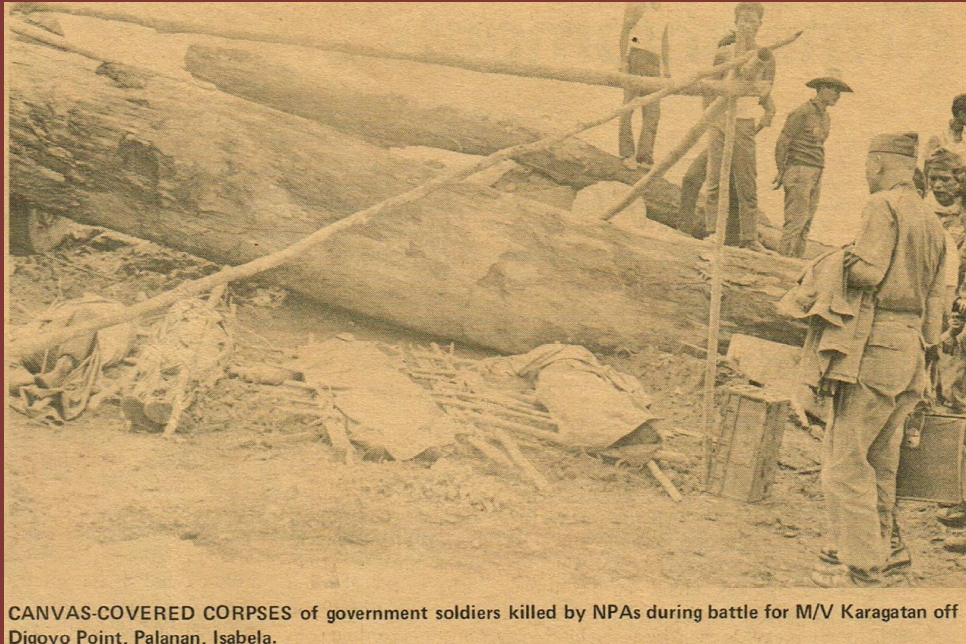


MV Karagatan

3 July 1972



CANVAS-COVERED CORPSES of government soldiers killed by NPAs during battle for M/V Karagatan off Digoyo Point, Palanan, Isabela.

In 1971, the New People's Army (NPA) negotiated an arms shipment from China. MV Karagatan, the ship carrying arms, arrived at the mouth of the Digoyo River in Isabela on 3 July 1972. The crew were unable to move the arms to the jungle as the military strafed and bombed the beach. This unsuccessful attempt by the Communist Party of the Philippines to bring in arms was later cited as one of Marcos Sr.'s rationale for imposing martial law.

Taong 1972 nang magpadala ng materyal na tulong ang Tsina sa New People's Army (NPA) sa pamamagitan ng pagpapadala ng mga bala at baril . Mula sa Tsina, ipinadala ang mga ito sa Pilipinas lulan ng MV Karagatan. Ngunit, nang dumaong ang barko sa bukana ng Ilog Digoyo sa Isabela, sinalubong ito ng puwersa ng militar, kung kaya hindi nakuha ng NPA ang mga armas galing Tsina. Itinuturing ang insidenteng ito bilang isa sa mga dahilan sa pagdedeklara ng batas militar.

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