

Court orders arrest of Trillanes, 10 others in sedition case

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A Quezon City court issued on Friday arrest warrants against former Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, Peter Advincula and nine others for allegedly conspiring to commit sedition in linking President Duterte's family and allies in the illegal drug trade in the "Ang Totoong Narcolist (The True Narcolist)" videos that went viral online.

The clerk of Quezon City Metropolitan Trial Court Branch 138 said the orders were issued Thursday and some of the accused have already posted the P10,000 bail, among them Father Flaviano Villanueva and Father Albert Alejo.

In a brief statement sent to Senate reporters, Trillanes said he is currently out of the country for a series of engagements, but plans to post bail when he arrives in Manila next week. "I will face this case just as I have faced all the other harassment cases Duterte's minions have filed against me," Trillanes, a staunch Duterte critic, said.

The arrest warrant came four days after the Department of Justice indicted Trillanes, for a "grand conspiracy" to discredit Duterte and his allies in a bid to destabilize his administration.

The accused were charged over the allegations of Advincula, alias Bikoy, that members of the opposition plotted to oust Duterte by linking him and his family to the illegal drug trade.