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Students sit outside their classrooms after Ponciano Bernardo High School in Cubao, Quezon City received a bomb threat yesterday. Photo at right shows Bureau of Fire Protection personnel checking the school for explosives.

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