



Roy Cimatú

Gen. Roy Agullana Cimatú, AFP (Ret.) is a Filipino retired general who is the current Philippine Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, serving in the Duterte Administration. He succeeded environmentalist Gina Lopez after her nomination was rejected by the Commission on Appointments on May 3, 2017. Cimatú is a retired Philippine Army general who previously served as the 30th Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines under President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and as Special Envoy to the Middle East during the Iraq War.

Roy Cimatú was born on July 4, 1946 in Bangui, Ilocos Norte, the third child of war veteran Fidel Magarro Cimatú Sr. and public schoolteacher Clara Agullana. His father joined the guerilla movement and the 15th Infantry of the United States Armed Forces in the Philippines at the Battle of Bessang Pass during World War II. He completed his elementary education at Bangui Elementary School, and completed high school at Bangui National High School.

Cimatú studied engineering for two years at the National University in Manila before taking and passing the entrance exam for the Philippine Military Academy. He took the Infantry Officers Advanced Course with the Philippine Army Training Command and graduated from the Academy as a second lieutenant of the Magiting Class of 1970 and topped his batch and received the highest grade of 97.27%. He then enrolled at the Aerostar Flying School to become a certified helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft pilot. He also trained at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, U.S. and he has a master's degree in Business Administration from Ateneo de Manila University.

Cimatú is married to businesswoman Fe Aguillon of Iloilo City with whom he has one son, Dennis, who studied architecture at the University of Santo Tomas. His brother, Fidel Cimatú Jr., is the incumbent municipal mayor of their hometown Bangui, Ilocos Norte who also graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1977.

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