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Confront de facto martial law in Negros, strengthen the nationwide fight against Duterte's fascist dictatorship!

Rodrigo Duterte is drawing out his cling to power by using all out fascism against the Filipino people mainly the revolutionary movement, the principal impediment to his dictatorship.

Duterte depends on the use of outright violence and deceit to keep the whole country in check. He has gone as far as sanctioning arbitrary killings in his so-called "wars" already claiming thousands of lives. He has spun webs of shameful lies and hocus-pocus that has backfired and exposed his treachery and massive corruption. His thirsting for power has driven him to kowtow not only to US imperialism but also to its rival imperialists like China and Russia.

Undoubtedly, his regime is nearing the end of the road which means his ugliest character is yet to unfold.

Although nationwide martial law has not been declared so far, the militarization of the bureaucracy through the appointment of former top officials of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) in key government positions is in effect military rule. At present, more than 60 retired military generals,

police directors, admirals and colonels are in his Cabinet and other government agencies including government-owned corporations. This de facto martial law will ensure the use of the entire state machinery to guarantee the outcome of the May 2019 elections, assure the landslide win of Duterte's lackeys, and thereby clinching whopping support for Duterte's bogus federalism meaning his scheme of fascist dictatorship.

Duterte is the chief bureaucrat capitalist in his regime. As long as he is in power he will intensify plunder and exploitation through brazen implementation of neoliberal policies like the "Build, Build, Build" program, rice tarrification, TRAIN law 1 and 2, sell out of Philippine territory and more. This will plunge the Filipino people further into poverty and crisis while handing the people's money to foreign monopoly capital, local big compradors and, of course, himself, his family and his cronies.

Regardless of his involvement with China, Duterte remains a puppet of US imperialism. As head of the neocolonial state, he continues to strengthen his ties with the US and facilitates its economic, political and military interests in the Philippines. Currently, Operation Pacific Eagle-Philippines (OPE-P) is the "named operation" of the US military in the country which translates to US imperialism's greater control of Philippine affairs particularly in the AFP. Martial law in Mindanao and the terrorist-tagging of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and New People's Army (NPA) are part of the OPE-P blueprint.

Duterte's warmongering is apparent in Oplan Kapayapaan, the current regime's brutal operational plan tailored from the US "counter-insurgency" doctrine. Whether it be war on drugs, war against the Moro or war against the revolutionary movement, it all involves killings, tortures, illegal arrests and detention, frame ups and other abuses and violations of human rights. The culture of impunity sponsored by Duterte incites the AFP and PNP to kill without

remorse. His foul-mouth spews out flagrant lies against his critics and enemies of his fascist rule to lure the public into his favor. His attacks are now more focused on the revolutionary movement. Resolving to unleash a more ruthless and barefaced counterrevolutionary armed campaign in 2019, tyrant Duterte pronounced Executive Order 70 creating a “national task force to end local communist armed conflict” to implement the Whole-of-Nation approach. To his chagrin and humiliation, his first declaration of finishing the NPA by the end of 2018 was an obvious and overwhelming failure. Furthering his embarrassment, the US-Duterte regime’s deadline to destroy the NPA by mid-2019 was again reset to 2022.

Corresponding to its nationwide effort to diminish the revolutionary movement, then AFP Chief of Staff Carlito Galvez announced an “all out war” in Negros in the last quarter of 2018 capitalizing on the massacre of nine farm workers in Hacienda Nene, Barangay Bulanon, Sagay City. This was followed by the declaration of Memorandum Order 32 which ordered the deployment of additional troops to Bicol, Samar, Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental due to alleged ‘lawless violence.’

The 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army implemented major adjustments immediately. Negros Oriental was transferred under the jurisdiction of the 302nd Brigade allowing the 303rd Brigade to focus its forces on Negros Occidental. A Duterte-clone commanding officer was assigned to the 303rd Brigade to escalate the de facto martial law in Negros Island. Col. Benedict Arevalo, much like Duterte, has a militarist

opportunistic character that resorts to immense lies, intrigues, trickery, intimidation and threats to damage the prestige of the revolutionary movement and cut-off the NPA from the masses by hook or by crook and consequently “defeat” the NPA in Negros. Brig. Gen. Ignacio Madriaga of the 302nd Brigade is also a chip off the old mercenary AFP block like his fellow military commanders dutifully following and parroting a militarist, murderer and maniac commander-in-chief. They are simply justifying the fascist and violent acts of the AFP and PNP and, in the process, callously dismissing the legitimate struggles of the basic masses.

Arevalo and Madriaga are unsuccessful in covering-up the increasing militarization, to wit, arbitrary and merciless killings; illegal arrests; grave abuses against the people; ceaseless occupation of communities and houses; and psywar, intelligence and combat operations carried out by their troops in the countryside feigning to conduct “peace and development.” They also fail in

white washing extrajudicial killings, massacres, and violations of human rights in the rural and urban areas. They will have to accept that the Negrosanons and the Filipino people cannot be duped. The more than 50 political killings in Negros under

the US-Duterte regime including the Sagay massacre, killings of mass leaders and activists like Atty. Ben Ramos, and the on-going murders of peasants especially in the most recent crackdown in Negros Oriental are on the bloodied hands of the AFP, PNP and their paramilitary groups. No hocus-pocus can bury the revolting stench of the heinous crimes of the AFP, including other state agents, against the people.

A l l Duterte and

his lackeys have successfully done is earn the contempt and hatred of the Filipino people. The US-Duterte regime has generated a crisis worse than before that has agitated the people to participate in many forms of struggle especially armed revolution. It is most victorious in pushing the people to join and support the NPA.

The revolutionary forces grow stronger as an outcome. And it will further strengthen by conscientiously fighting the present fascist counterrevolutionary armed campaign of the US-Duterte regime as it has done in the previous strategic operational plans of every puppet regime.

For the revolutionary movement in Negros, in order to play its part in foiling the impending declaration of nationwide martial law, it must face and defeat the AFP’s “all out war” in the Island.

The NPA in Negros must gain revolutionary strength by weakening the enemy through launching tactical offensives that will deliver heavy blows against the criminal and fascist units of the AFP, PNP and their paramilitary forces. Triumphant tactical offensives will foster the mil-



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itant and fighting spirit not only in the people's army but of the masses themselves.

The chilling effect of the series of peasant killings especially the brutal Sagay massacre and Negros Oriental crackdown must be shattered. The big landlords must not get away with the accumulation of vast lands and the continuing exploitation and oppression in the haciendas. The peasant movement must be reinvigorated through anti-feudal campaigns against feudal and semi-feudal forms of exploitation from the hacienda level, to the barrio and municipal level up to a region-wide campaign. The call for free land distribution must echo through Negros Island. The anti-feudal campaigns must yield not only economic victories but political gains for the people's democratic revolution. From the triumph of the peasant struggles, the local organs of political power will arise and will constitute the people's democratic government of workers and peasants in contrast with the reactionary government of big compradors, landlords and bureaucrat capitalists.

Apart from the armed struggle based mainly in the countryside, the legal democratic movement must develop to a greater extent in the Island. The revolutionary forces in the urban areas must advance the fight for economic and democratic rights of the workers, youth and students, urban poor, semi-proletariat and all other sectors burdened by the worsening conditions under the



US-Duterte regime. They must increase their numbers and do their best to reach out to all organizations, groups and personalities who are open to national democratic ideals and who share the same discontent and frustration with the current semicolonial and semifeudal system. The anti-imperialist and anti-fascist campaigns must be linked with the anti-feudal struggles in the countryside. The people in Negros must be aroused, organized and mobilized for the national democratic revolution through protracted people's war.

With the imminent sharpening of contradictions especially within the reactionaries, we must be determined in forming the broadest regional united front against the fascist rule of the US-Duterte regime and its local counterpart particularly Gov. Alfredo Marañon and his clique who represent the despotic big landlords and the bureaucrat

capitalists in Negros. The anti-fascist alliance must expose and oppose the intensifying militarization in the countryside; renounce the lies, intrigues, and trickery propagated by Duterte-clones in the AFP, PNP and local government; and fight against extrajudicial killings, threats and intimidation of the activists, media, church sector, democratic forces and the people.

By painstakingly implementing all these, the revolutionary forces in Negros can contribute to building the capacity of the whole revolutionary movement to oust the US-Duterte regime. And by defeating one reactionary clique after another, the revolutionary movement can increase its strength even more until it reaches a critical point wherein the overthrow of the entire semicolonial and semifeudal system is possible and victory of the people's democratic revolution is accomplished. **A**

Butcher AFP, PNP responsible for EJKs in Negros

Extrajudicial killings in Negros is now beyond 50 under Rodrigo Duterte. Activists and peasant leaders have been targets ever since. But the brutal massacre of nine farm workers in Sagay City last October 20, 2018 signalled the escalating brutality under the US-Duterte regime. The murder of Atty. Benjamin Ramos in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental and the ambush of two farmers by paramilitary group Dios Uno in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental immediately followed. The AFP and PNP are Duterte's mercenaries implementing un-

abated and merciless killings, destroying lives, families and livelihood and gravely abusing human rights.

The crackdown in Negros Oriental last December 27, 2018 was implemented mainly in Guihulngan City, Mabinay and Sta. Catalina. Six innocent civilians and farmers were killed, more than 50 were illegal arrested, not less than 20 illegally detained, hundreds of houses ransacked, residents displaced and many are traumatized under the deceptive and abusive Synchro-



AFP suffers 27 casualties in Negros within January 2019

New People's Army (NPA) units under the Apolinario Gatmaitan Command (AGC) - Negros Island faced the beginning of 2019 with successive tactical offensives in answer to the Negrosanons' demand for justice after the series of extrajudicial killings, illegal arrests and detention, human rights violations and plunder in the Island under Duterte's regime. These also respond to the call of the CPP "to mount tactical offensives across the country" and "exert all possible effort to punish the worst fascist units and officers of the AFP who have committed grave crimes against the people" after Congress approved the extension of martial law in Mindanao and as the US-Duterte regime continue its scheme of expanding military rule nationwide. The AGC also called on the Negrosanons to confront terror being propagated in Negros Island and together with the CPP, NPA, NDFP and all democratic forces in the country wage a militant and revolutionary struggle to frustrate and overthrow the US-Duterte regime this 2019.

January 2, 1AM. Mt. Cansermon Command (MCC) punished Pilipinas Eco-Friendly Mining Corporation for its harmful open-pit mining operations in Ayungon, Negros Oriental. MCC paralyzed the mining operations by destroying 8 backhoes, 2 payloaders, 2 dumptrucks, 2 generators and a rock crusher. Total damage was estimated at P120 million. In contrast, PEMC dislocated 3-5 barrios in Ayungon, affected 2,000 hectares of farmlands and livelihood surrounding its mining site, damaged almost thousands of hectares of rice fields in Barangay Banban, and will bring destruction to the seas and livelihood of fisherfolk caused by silt (an ingredient of cement) that devastates streams, rivers, irrigation systems up to the shore in its extraction operations on 4,717 hectares of land with not less than five other mining firms.

January 4, 2:04PM. 94th IB detachment in Barangay Linantuyan, Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental and 62nd IB detachment in Barangay



Sikatuna, Isabela, Negros Occidental were simultaneously attacked by Leonardo Panaligan Command (LPC) sniping teams. Military incurred 2 casualties.

January 6, 5PM. LPC meted justice on CAFGU member Joseph Gavia of Barangay Linantuyan CAFGU detachment, Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental. Apart from being an active CAFGU personnel, Gavia was also an active intelligence asset of the PNP and AFP and constantly threatened innocent farmers using his gun sowing terror among the people.

January 10, 7:45PM. A MCC unit harassed the 62nd IB Temporary Patrol Base in Barangay Hilamonan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental. Corporal Andin Jamison of the 62nd IB was wounded in action.

January 14, 8:40AM. An LPC unit sniped a military truck filled with 94th IB troops at the border of Sitio Kaningag and Kanlabaw of Barangay Banwage, Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental. Initial reports count 9 fatalities from the 94th IB.

January 18, 1:55PM. A unit of the Armando Sumayang, Jr. Command encountered soldiers of the 15th IB in Sitio Pacama, Barangay Magballo, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental. No NPA fighter was hurt while the 15th IB suffered 1 KIA and 1 WIA.

January 19, 4:47AM. Two Peace and Development Teams (PDT) of the 94th IB was attacked by the LPC in Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental. PDT occupying Barangay Tacpao Barrio Hall and Day Care Center was raided. It suffered 12 casualties after Command Detonated Explosives were used against the military troops. The following wave of NPA assault used hand grenades and rifle grenades. The firefight lasted for 28 minutes. Meanwhile, a separate team harassed a PDT based in Barangay Binobohan, also in Guihulngan City. The firefight lasted for 15 minutes. **AP**

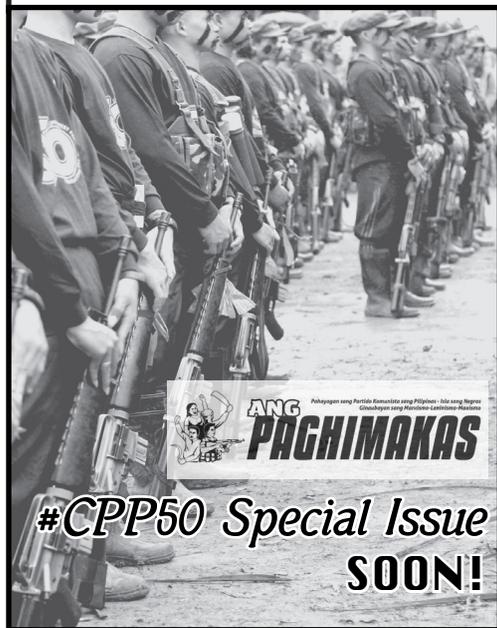
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nized Enhanced Management of Police Operations of the the PNP Regional Office 7 with the forces of the AFP particularly the 94th and 62nd IB of the Philippine Army, troops from the Philippine Navy and Air Force.

Those mercilessly killed were Jimmy Fat, Jun Kubol, Reneboy Fat, Jaime Revilla and Jesus "Dondon" Isugan, son of peasant leaders Delia and Dominador Isugan who were also illegally arrested immediately after their son was killed. The AFP and PNP claimed that they killed and arrested members of the NPA in order to further justify and white-wash their crimes.

Still bloodthirsty, last January 11, 2019, Remy Arquillos was shot to death in Barangay Bulado, Guihulngan City near the Regional Mobile Force Battalion headquarters while transporting passengers with his habal-habal.

The people in Negros along with the Filipino people condemn the escalating fascism in Negros especially after Duterte pronounced Memorandum Order 32 and Executive Order 70. The call for justice and Duterte's ouster is growing nationwide. **AP**



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