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Strengthen Close Links between the Red Army and the Masses in Advancing the People's War!

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THE APOLINARIO GATMAITAN COMMAND-NEW People's Army (AGC-NPA) in Negros Island hails the 53rd founding anniversary of the NPA on March 29, 1969.

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Overcome all weaknesses, bravely confront all sacrifices and advance the people's war!

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Red salute to the commanders and fighters of the NPA, the cadres and members of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), and revolutionary activists who unwaveringly fulfill their tasks in the armed revolution amid intense attacks by the butcher and mercenary AFP/PNP to fight for the interest of the people especially the peasants and workers suffering from extreme oppression and exploitation under the semi-colonial and semi-feudal system in the country.

Highest tribute to all martyrs and heroes of the revolution like Ka Ella, Ka Anita, Ka Pani, Ka Alvin, Ka Nikki, Ka Bedam, Ka Yuhan and many other comrades who gave their precious lives in order to invigorate and advance the armed revolution of the people. Let us make their ultimate sacrifice an inspiration to carry on their unfinished mission of liberating the oppressed and exploited people. Their heroism is forever etched in the annals of the armed revolution and will be remembered by the people and the entire revolutionary forces.

The NPA was established by earnest revolutionaries in Central Luzon with more than 60 members. Under the correct guidance and absolute leadership of the CPP, the political line of people's democratic revolution through protracted people's war and its strategy and tactics were set which consequently resulted to the growth of a few into thousands of Red fighters.

The fascist regimes upon the behest of US imperialism, from the US-Marcos dictatorship to the succeeding regimes up to the current US-Duterte regime, strive to destroy the revolutionary movement through

various Operational Plans (Oplan). But these were triumphantly frustrated and the NPA continues to expand, strengthen and enjoy the broad and profound support of the people.

At present, US-dictated efforts of the fascist and bloodthirsty Duterte regime to crush the NPA reaps nothing but failure. This further proves the justness of armed revolution as the sole solution to the oppressive and exploitative semi-colonial and semi-feudal system. The armed revolution belongs to the people. It is a just war aiming to liberate them from the clutches of exploiters and oppressors. It enjoys the widespread and indefatigable support of the people and indubitably cannot be vanquished.

Hunger and poverty in a sugar-dependent economy is exacerbated with the imposition of neoliberal policies such as sugar liberalization. The monocrop sugar economy sustains the livelihood of the majority of the 4.64 million population of Negros Island where most of the families, including children, take part in production. In the hacienda system, farm workers earn an oppressive pay of Php150 to Php250 daily.

The situation becomes more severe with the scarcity of jobs and prevalence of contractualization during the annual tiempo muerto where work stops in the sugarcane fields due to the off-milling season and is worsened further by inept policies of the tyrannical US-Duterte regime in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and its criminal neglect of the devastating impact of super typhoon Odette on the island.

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ANG **Paghimakas**

Nagapasalamat ang *Ang Paghimakas* sa mga kontribusyon agud mangin madinalag-on ang ini nga isyu. Sa pagpauswag sang aton *Ang Paghimakas*, ginapangabay sa tanan nga bumalasa nga padayon nga mag-amot sang mga balita, piktyur, istorya kag iban pa nga sinulat. Nagapangayo man kami sang inyo mga suhestyon kag komentaryo paano pa gid ini pauswagon.



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hunger, poverty and crisis but the revolutionary struggle of the broad masses of people in order to fundamentally change the rotten system of the country.

Cases of unlawful arrests and killings of civilians to present them as NPAs killed in an armed encounter, forcible entry and illegal search of civilian houses, torture, massacre, house burning, shelling and hindering the movement of farmers from their homes to farms are rampant. Fearsome military operations that victimize civilians also harm the people greatly.

Recently, on March 25, 2022, the 94th IBPA abducted and killed two farmers, brothers Arnulfo and Jayson Sabanal, at Sitio Malikoliko, Barangay Carabalan, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental.

In his desperation to perpetuate himself in power and preserve the semi-colonial and semifeudal system, Duterte launched a brutal and dirty counterrevolutionary war against the people and their revolutionary army.

Currently, the five guerrilla fronts in Negros Island remain intact and continue to strengthen despite intense military operations and pervasive violations of human rights perpetuated by the bloodthirsty and mercenary AFP/PNP. The NPA mounted 33 tactical offensives in 2021 and 13 in the first quarter of 2022 in the form of ambushes, raids, and sniping and harassment operations against detachments and operating units of the AFP/PNP.

The five guerrilla fronts will conduct various activities to celebrate the 53rd founding anniversary of the NPA together with the Party, its Red commanders and fighters, and the revolutionary masses and activists. Let our accumulated victories, the positive and negative lessons in advancing the people's democratic revolution and our determination in fulfilling greater responsibilities and sacrifices ahead reverberate throughout Negros.

Celebrate the founding of the NPA as the advent of a major instrument of the Party for

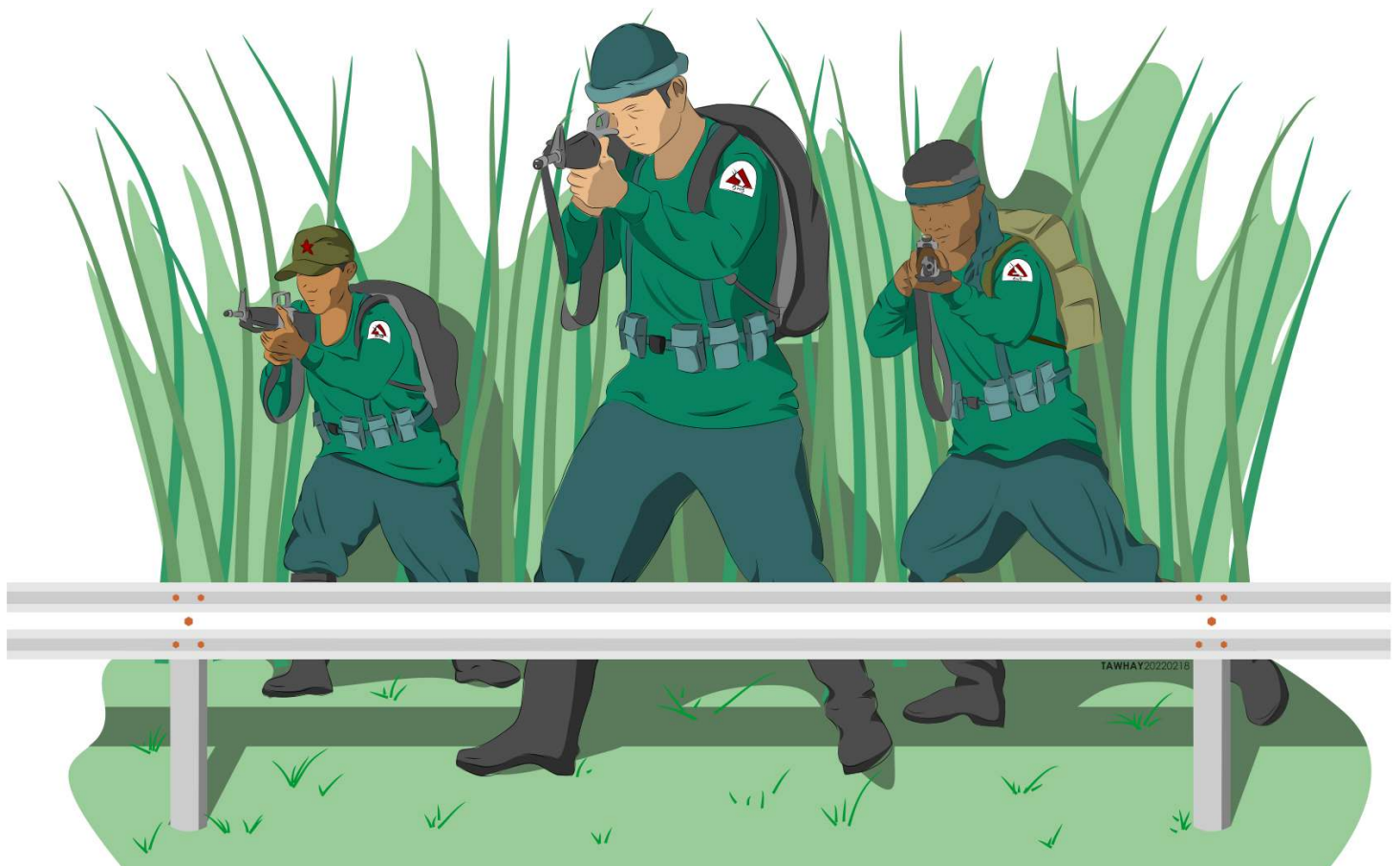
seizing political power from the ruling class of big landlords and compradors and US imperialism.

The NPA continues to strengthen and expand and is deeply rooted in the broad masses of people especially the workers and peasants.

It is necessary to raise the capacity of the NPA in fighting and study the weak points of the enemy to ensure the success of tactical offensives that will result to the seizure of numerous weapons from the enemy thus augmenting the strength of the NPA. Regulations in camping, basing and the use of electronic gadgets must be strictly observed. Make the enemy deaf and blind by depriving it of information about the revolutionary movement.

We call on all youth from the ranks of the peasants, workers and intellectuals willing to serve the masses to enlist in the NPA. Committed to serving the people, be ever willing to take on responsibilities in the revolution and

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confront difficulties and sacrifices.

As the key question in strengthening close links between the masses and the NPA, resolutely expand agrarian revolution by promoting and launching widespread anti-feudal struggles and campaigns that banner the collective demands of the peasant masses and through collective cooperation to increase productivity to lift their economic condition.

Unite the broadest ranks of the people to express the strongest opposition of Negrosanons to the Marcos-Arroyo-Duterte-Estrada (MADE) alliance, particularly the fascist Marcos-Duterte tandem – an alliance of plunderers, fascist-criminals and pro-imperialist puppet regimes. We must not allow the return of the dark history of martial law.

The NPA in Negros Island under the Apolinario Gatmaitan Command is ever determined to advance the interest of the people. We firmly pledge to continue the armed revolution and to raise the level of the people's war from strategic defensive to strategic stalemate until complete victory. **RP**

Juanito Magbanua



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THE VARIOUS REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER with the broad masses offer salutations to the celebration of the 49th anniversary of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

Let us give the highest salute to the 18 allied organizations of the NDFP for their unwavering courage in confronting the fascist dictatorship of the US-Duterte regime. Counter-insurgency campaigns of successive regimes failed because of the formidable unity of the broad masses, revolutionary mass organizations and patriots. They remain united, able to expand and consolidate in order to advance the armed revolution.

The people amidst worsening socio-economic and political crisis are concurrently confronted with unprecedented state fascism. Human rights violations are prevalent especially killings, arrests, abductions, torture, bombings, illegal searches, curfews, red tagging and repression of dissent. The Anti-Terrorism Council's declaration of the 18 allied organizations of the NDF as "terrorists" further unmasked the Anti-Terror Law (ATL) as an anti-people legislation aimed at preserving the interest of the ruling class of despotic landlords and big comprador bourgeoisie represented by the fascist-tyrannical regime of Duterte.

The masses are experiencing extreme hunger and poverty while suffering from Duterte's militarist COVID-19 pandemic response such as lockdowns and government neglect of the victims of calamity brought about by Typhoon Odette. The inept Duterte regime is swamped with corruption, but many are jobless or are receiving low wages like the farm and sugar milling workers. The class contradiction is sharpening as despotic landlords using their position in the government, courts and paid butchers like AFP/PNP and other armed goons dispossess the farmers of their lands to suppress the peasants' just struggle for genuine land reform.

The bloodied hands of a fascist regime persist in Negros even as the term of Duterte is coming to an end. The people valiantly resist the brutal implementation of Memorandum Order 32 and Executive Order 70 that slew so many lives of farmers, workers, activists, leaders of progressive organizations, journalists and lawyers. However, the AFP/PNP's counter-insurgency campaign against the New People's Army (NPA) still utterly failed despite its ruthlessness. The revolutionary movement in Negros Island can never be vanquished because of the warm support of the masses.

The 2022 polls exposes the foulest aspect of the ruling political system comprised of patronage politics, politics of the moneyed, cheating, and deception. Rodrigo Duterte, in the last days of his term, will employ every scheme to ensure the continuity of his power and accumulation of wealth through corruption and to elude prosecution and cases filed against him at the International Criminal Court (ICC). He will see to it that his family and allies continue to hold power.

NDF-Negros calls for the broadest unity of the mass move-

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ment against the most brutal and corrupt Marcos-Arroyo-Duterte alliance in order to frustrate their goal to remain in power by spreading terror to pave the way for massive cheating in the upcoming 2022 elections. Meanwhile it is also necessary to in-

tensify the struggles for the basic rights of the people against state fascism and rights in the economic and political fields.

The people must seize the favorable situation presented by the elections to highlight the genuine demands and interests of the masses. They must be in con-

stant vigilance against plunderers, foreign puppets, criminals, and warlords such as the Marcos-Arroyo-Duterte-Estrada alliance achieving positions of power.

We call on Negrosanons to stand up against terror sown by the fascist Duterte regime and expose the terrorism of NTF-Elcac that became the vicious thugs of the reactionary state in oppressing the people. Closely link the anti-fascist movement to the anti-feudal struggle of the peasant masses as victories are continually realized.

We must overcome all weaknesses, bravely confront all sacrifices and advance the people's war. Grasp firmly our victories and draw lessons from our weaknesses in carrying out armed struggle, agrarian revolution and the establishment of organs of political power to advance the armed revolution. Invigorate the expansion and strengthening of the armed resistance of the people and we call on the youth to serve the oppressed masses in the countryside and enlist in their genuine people's army.

Where there is oppression the people will be more united in the armed revolution. In its 49th anniversary, the NDFP together with its allied revolutionary organizations continues to expand and consolidate. With the correct leadership of the CPP and the close links of the NPA and the masses, a bright future is certain. **AP**



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