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Make the US-Zionist Israel pay for the genocide of the Palestinian people

Condemn with full force the ongoing genocidal war of the US-Israel against the Palestinian people. Over the past two weeks, this war has intensified with the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza in an attempt to pulverize it and drive out its population.

The state of Israel has brought the decades-long genocide of the Palestinian people to a new level of depravity with the aim of driving them away completely from their homeland.

Thousands of bombs have been dropped on Gaza, the most densely populated parcel of land in the world. Bombs are used indiscriminately against the civilian population and infrastructure, including homes and apartments, schools, hospitals, churches, and health fa-

cilities, commercial buildings and business and media offices. The bombing destroyed water and electricity utilities and strained food and fuel supplies.

In two weeks, at least 4,100 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed, including more than 1,400 children, while more than a million have been displaced and suffer from hunger and fear. The massacre of more than 600 Palestinians by Israel's bombardment of a hospital in the northern part of Gaza where

thousands were under siege and receiving treatment was the single-most horrific act.

More than two million Palestinians are crammed into Gaza, a tiny corner of land on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Israel surrounds it with high walls, and all access are controlled by the Israel Defense Force. About three million Palestinians live in communities in the West Bank, a territory under the control of Israeli forces, alongside the Palestinian Authority that was set up under US-brokered agreements.

The brazen bombing of Gaza is a reminder of the brutal history of oppression suffered by the Palestini-



ans. The land of Palestine was colonized by the United Kingdom in 1917. Since the UK declared that year its plan to build a "Jewish nation" on the land of Palestine, there has been no let up to the oppression and expulsion of the Palestinians. It was carried out in the name of Zionism, the official ideology of the state of Israel, which is committed to the extermination of the Palestinian people. This oppression culminated in 1948 in what was called Al Nakba or The Catastrophe.

US imperialism must be strongly condemned for its blatant support for the genocide carried out by the Israeli government. The US continues to defend Israel's grave crimes and violations of international humanitarian law. The US government plans to give \$10 billion to Zionist Israel, more than its annual \$7 billion military aid, the largest in the world, in exchange for Israel serving as a bastion of US imperialism in the Middle East.

As a people who suffered colonial occupation and oppression for hundreds of years, the Filipino people are acutely keen to the suffering of the Palestinian people and their

desire to regain true freedom to their homeland.

The Palestinian people and the Filipino people are bound by their struggles against their common enemy—US imperialism, the power behind the atrocities and oppression which they both suffer. Both the state of Israel, which oppresses the Palestinians, and the reactionary state in the Philippines, which oppresses the Filipino people, rely on the US and are submissive to their imperialist master.

Israel's bombardment of Gaza City is patterned after the indis-

criminate bombing of the US in Afghanistan and Syria "against terrorists". In the same way, the AFP carried out the pulverization of Marawi in 2017, and carries out indiscriminate bombing in different parts of the Philippine countryside. Arms manufacturers from the US and Israel supply planes, bombs, drones and other equipment to the AFP in its bombing and campaign of armed suppression under the guise of "counterinsurgency."



The armed offensives initiated by the Hamas group on October 7 in Gaza against the Israeli military forces saw the renewed eruption of the Palestinian people's anger against the wanton oppression and suppression under the Zionist state of Israel.

The armed resistance of the Palestinians is called "terrorism" by Israel and the US (as well as the Marcos government), just as the imperialists condemn all armed revolutionary movements in the Philippines, India, Turkey and other countries. But as shown by the genocide of the Palestinian people, the real terrorist is the state of Israel, with the full support of US imperialism, the number one terrorist in the

world. The Filipino people are also suffering from state terrorism, with the armed forces deliberately targeting unarmed civilians to intimidate them and suppress their resistance.

In the face of the national oppression suffered by the Palestinian people and the Filipino people, both have the right to bear arms and pursue the path of armed resistance. The history of the struggle of the Palestinian people, similar to the history of the struggle of the Filipino people for national liberation, is a history of armed resistance. They wage a war with a small and weak force, against a large and powerful force. Both are wars of the people that are necessary and just, supported by broad democratic forces, and bound to achieve victory. **AB**



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Al-Aqsa Flood, a new level of armed resistance to Palestine

The entire world shook when the Izz Ad-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, the army of Hamas group of Palestine, staged a daring armed action that shattered Israel's terrorism and oppressive control over Gaza. The Al-Aqsa Flood operation began at dawn of October 7 by firing missiles aimed at Israeli's bases and military forces.

This was followed by the assault of thousands of armed Palestinians that broke through the walls of Israel which imprisoned Gaza. They quickly overpowered and captured scores of Israeli forces.

Hamas declared that first, Al-Aqsa Flood was a defensive armed action in response to the people's 75-year-old suffering under Israel's brutal occupation. Second, that it abides by the laws of war, thereby targeting mainly Israel's armed forces and giving primacy to the safety of civilians.

"For the past 75 years, the Palestinian people have been eager for freedom and self-determination," the Hamas leadership said in a video statement. Enjoying this basic human right has been obstructed by Israeli occupation and the failure of the international community to stand by their obligations in line with the many resolutions of the United Nations guaranteeing Palestine's national rights.

"No one can deny the right of any people under the occupation to resist their occupiers by all available means including armed resistance," Hamas said. It said it has repeatedly warned of the explosion of the Palestinian people's wrath over Israel's impunity and grave atrocities. These include Israeli forces' repeated invasion of the Al-



Aqsa mosque, which Palestinians consider sacred, occupation of their remaining areas in Jerusalem, and atrocities against political prisoners. Hamas also cited Israel's 17-year relentless siege of Gaza and the construction of a wall to keep millions of Palestinians inside the so-called "biggest open-air prison."

"The heroic Palestinian resistance has opened a chapter of battles of dignity", declared the Masar Badil (Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement).

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine also called on all Palestinians in the West Bank, Al Quds and territories occupied by Israel to "move and ignite a comprehensive intifada in the face of this criminal enemy and herds of its settlers" in response to the Israeli massacre.

Brutal occupation

The Palestine nation was violently crushed in 1948 in the so-called Al Nakba (The Catastrophe) which came with the formation of the Israeli state. An estimated 500 communities were destroyed,

15,000 Palestinians were killed and 750,000 were evicted by then paramilitary Zionists. It occupied 78% of the then Palestinian nation, driving Palestinians to separate settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

The following decades saw thousands of Palestinians killed and millions evacuated by the Zionist regime's insatiable divestment of land and resources. Up to 250 "settlements" were illegally built in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. In East Jerusalem alone, Israel seized up to 100,000 hectares.

The Zionist regime took over the wealth and resources and every aspect of Palestinian life, especially in the West Bank. In collusion with Palestinian Authority, established and funded by Israel and the US, it set up a fascist machinery to suppress all Palestinian people's struggles and gradually annihilate them. In addition to the daily oppression and violence, at least four major military campaigns have been launched at Gaza since 2007 in an attempt to subjugate and eventually silence the people's resistance here.

Protests for Palestine burst worldwide

Hundreds of thousands of people in different countries flooded streets to support the Palestinian people's struggle for genuine freedom and against Israel's genocidal war. Protests spread across 40 countries and various cities within these countries.

Rallyists repudiated the systematic disinformation which Israel, the US and genocide-supporting countries promote in the giant imperialist mass media machinery as well as in social media. They say that what is taking place in Gaza is not a "war" nor an "Israel-Hamas conflict," but brazen genocide.

In the Philippines, thousands of Moro people protested in Marawi City and South Cotabato. They stood in solidarity with the Palestinian people. Some Moro leaders condemned Ferdinand Marcos Jr's support for Israel when it killed thousands of Palestinians. National-democratic organizations also launched solidarity protests in Quezon City.

On October 13, protests were launched in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Egypt for the so-called "Friday of Al-Aqsa Flood." Al Aqsa is considered sacred not only by the Palestinian people but also by people in other Arab countries and Islam faithfuls.

In the US and Canada, protests broke out in the major cities, including New York where Jews and Nazi genocide survivors joined. On October 19, rallyists entered the US Congress building calling for an end to the genocide and for a ceasefire. The protest coincided with US president Joseph Biden's visit to Israel to showcase his regime's all-out support to Benjamin Netanyahu, leader

of the Zionist regime.

In the United Kingdom and Australia, thousands joined vigils and protests in major cities. In France, 150,000 participated in the so-called "Day of Rage" despite government suppression. Similar actions were held in the UK, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Greece, Switzerland, Ireland, Iceland and Norway.

In Malaysia, 1,000 rallied and burned two effigies bearing Israel's flag. There were also protests in Yemen, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Japan and Sri Lanka.

In South America, people in Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela expressed solidarity. Meanwhile, Colombia expelled the Israeli ambassador to their country. According to its president, Gustavo Petro, Israel's attack on Gaza is like the Nazi's genocide of the Jews. **AB**

Groups fete veteran labor organizer

National-democratic groups, led by organizations of workers and toiling people, launched a three-day fete for Jude Thaddeus Fernandez or Ka Jude, veteran organizer of the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), at the University of the Philippines (UP)-Diliman from October 10 to October 12.

State forces killed Fernandez on September 29 at his home in Rizal. They falsely claimed he resisted arrest, belied by the fact-finding mission that went to the scene of the incident.

Police even tormented the family in recovering his remains. They denied having killed Ka Jude and insisted he was "Oscar Dizon", the name indicated in the arrest warrant being served him.

Fernandez was a decades-long organizer of the toiling masses. His activism started in 1975 while studying at UP-Los Baños. He was among those who led the campaign for the restoration of the democratic

student council, the free campus newspapers, students' representation at the UP Board of Regents and the return of Philippine History and Institutions course to the curriculum.

Together with other university students, Ka Jude immersed in the working class and farm-workers movements during martial law. He played a prominent role in organizing workers of the Sunripe Densicated Coconut Industry in Magdalena, Laguna, which spearheaded genuine, militant and patriotic unionism and militant mass



**JUSTICE
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struggles during those times.

The Communist Party of the Philippines also recognized Ka Jude's great contribution as a proletarian revolutionary in advancing mass struggles, as well as in the armed revolutionary movement especially in the Southern Tagalog Region, as well as in Central Luzon. His rich experience in organizing and mobilizing the masses served as a guide to the continuous strengthening of the mass movement in different regions and sectors. **AB**

NDFP spearheads theoretical conference on imperialism and war

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) successfully held the first International Theoretical Conference in a European country on October 14-15. It was attended by 139 participants from various proletarian-socialist, anti-imperialist and democratic parties representing people of the world from Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, the United Kingdom, India, Italy, Turkey, Kurdistan, the Netherlands, North Korea, Philippines, Russia South Korea and US.

The conference was launched amid the rampaging crisis and intensifying contradictions among imperialist countries. Through statements and presentations from various Marxist-Leninist parties, parties advancing Maoist people's war, and anti-imperialist organizations from various countries, the conference mainly discussed the theoretical framework of inevitable war between imperialist countries and the key events in inter-imperialist conflicts. It also discussed the uprising of workers and citizens in different parts of the world, and the global proletariat's proper attitude and analysis amid the current global situation.

In its keynote article, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines clarified the current balance of power between the imperialist countries. The CPP said the further heightening inter-imperialist conflict in the world is rooted in the intensifying aggression of the US as it seeks to assert unipolar power over the current multipolar world order.

The CPP Central Committee clarified that the war in Ukraine is primarily a proxy war between the US and Russia, and discussed the looming threats of war in Asia. The US is using Taiwan and Korea, as well as the Philippines and other countries in what it calls the

"First Island Chain" to surround and contain China's economic and military power. According to the CPP, the national democratic revolution in the Philippines through protracted people's war and other forms of mobilizing the broad masses of the Filipino people is its particular contribution to the struggle against the inter-imperialist war. Waging armed struggle against US imperialism and its puppets in the Philippines serves to thwart US plans to incite and ignite armed conflict in the Asian region.

Apart from the CPP, others who shared their presentations include the Communist Party of India (Maoist), Communist Party of Turkey Marxist-Leninist (TKP-ML), Party of the Committees to Support Resistance for Communism (CARC-Italy), Freedom Road Socialist Organization-USA, Korean Committee for Solidarity with the World People, Russian Communist Workers Party, (New) Communist Party of Canada, Kurdistan National Congress (KNK), Revolutionaire Eenheid (Nether-

lands), Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist), Communist Party of Belgium, People's Democratic Party (South Korea), Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Germany) and comrades and experts from China.

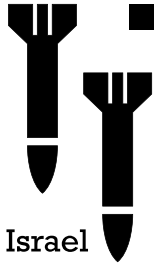
The conference also discussed the current occupation and bombardment of Palestine by Israel which is being fueled and supported by the US.

The discussions at the conference were substantive and rich and served as an opportunity for various groups waging resistance to exchange ideas and practical experiences. In the end, the consciousness and commitment of each participant to the Marxist perspective regarding the unique role of the global proletariat to change the world prevailed. Equally, there was further enrichment in the analysis and understanding of Comrade Lenin's theory and practice regarding imperialism, Comrade Mao's regarding the launching of people's war in semi-feudal and semi-colonial countries, and the current significance of the role of movements for national freedom in strengthening the international socialist and anti-imperialist movement.

At the end of the two-day conference, participants forged a common understanding of the theoretical framework and analysis of the current state of the world. This is expected to serve the goal of building a broad united front against imperialist war and raising the level of unity within the proletarian-socialist and anti-imperialist movement as preparation for the impending further collapse of the crisis of the global capitalist system. **AB**



6,000



bombs were dropped by Israel on Gaza Strip (land area: 35,000 hectares) in 6 days, equivalent to one year total of 2019 US bombardment of Afghanistan, which is 1,130 times bigger (41.44 million hectares.)

6.5%

increase in Elbit Systems' stock value, 2 days after Israel laid siege on Gaza.

Elbit is the biggest arms company in Israel and the leading partner of its fascist state in its genocidal campaign against Palestine.



Stocks of the 5 leading American arms companies also increased by 6%-15% in the first 5 days of Gaza bombing.

17.9%

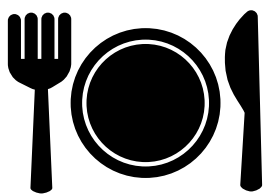
rice inflation on September—the highest since 2009—amid the imposition of price cap on rice by the Marcos regime.

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confidential and intelligence funds

of Sara Duterte as Davao City mayor from 2016-2022. This is bigger compared to the funds she allotted for housing, education and other social services.

50.9 MILLION



or 44.7% of Filipinos are food insecure, meaning, they are clueless where to get food for the next meal. This is the worst in the entire Southeast Asia.

\$23 B

estimated cost of damages due to the 565 disasters that hit the Philippines since 1990.



The Philippines is now

5th

of the biggest debtors of World Bank under the Marcos regime.



Correspondence:

Ka Yuds and the armed struggle for genuine land reform

Comrade Yuds joined the New People's Army just a year ago, but handling a gun was not new to him. Together with his clan, he already knew how to fight with arms to defend against landgrabbers.

The conflict over the more than 100 hectares of land owned by Ka Yuds' clan has been decades long. The land is fertile and harvests are abundant. Almost two-thirds are plains with 700 coconut trees and various fruit trees such as lansones, marang and durian.

In the 2000s, a notorious landgrabbing family settled on the land of Ka Yuds' clan. In collusion with a despotic lawyer, they claimed the land.

In 2004, Ka Yuds' clan occupied the land to reclaim it. They were immediately sued for "forcible entry" despite having evidence of ownership. They faced the court and proved their legitimate ownership of the land.

The landgrabbers did not stop there and unleashed violence against Ka Yuds' family. Coconut trees were illegally cut down claiming these were the root of the dispute. The landgrabber hired 20 chainsaw operators accompanied by 60 armed guards to do the job.

To defend themselves and their territory, Ka Yuds' clan furnished and fashioned weapons.

The conflict intensified when the landgrabber's armed goons shot dead a farmworker hired by Ka Yuds. Keeping watch at that time, Ka Yuds and his cousin fired back.

After that, thugs burned houses and other properties of Ka Yuds' clan. Because of this, they had to leave their homes every night. One time, they ambushed torch-bearing guards planning to burn other houses. A shotgun and a grenade were confiscated from the guards. In a separate incident, Ka Yuds' clan fired at the guards escorting chainsaw operators to stop them from cutting down coconut trees.

The guards' almost daily attacks lasted a month. During this time, they cut down all coconut trees and even some fruit trees. The landgrabber colluded with the military. Two military captains directly intervened in the case. There



were even times when soldiers aimed guns at Ka Yuds' clan and attempted to ambush them.

Despite this, Ka Yuds' clan did not waver in their fight. In time, they pushed back the landgrabber. Soon after evicting the goons and soldiers, Ka Yuds' clan settled on their land. They replanted their decimated crops and raised production. They became members of the broader peasant organization. Ka Yuds led their organization and established a collective farm.

In the following years, Ka Yuds became active in the broader peasant struggle. He led negotiations and struggles for peasants' right to land, assistance to demolition victims, defense of Lumad ancestral land and opposition to the entry of destructive projects like mining and plantations.

Because of repression and threats to his life, he decided to take refuge and seek the protection of the armed movement, and eventually, joined the NPA as a full-time Red fighter.

Ka Yuds is devoted to the people's army. He has served as a resource person on matters regarding land. He explains sharply and clearly the roots of land conflicts and what measures should be done.

"Legal struggle is not enough to obtain rights to land," Ka Yuds states citing his experience. "We need weapons to confront the ruthlessness of the ruling classes and their agents in the government."

(From Ang Kalihukan, the official publication of the NDF-North Central Mindanao.)

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Peasant month commemorated

PEASANT GROUPS AND their supporters launched a series of protests commemorating the Peasant Month. Hundreds of farmers from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Tarlac, Bulacan, Pampanga, Albay, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, Masbate and Negros Occidental marched to Mendiola in Manila on October 20, in what they called Day of Protest against Landgrabbing, Injustice and Hunger.

On October 16, they marked World Hunger Day by staging a protest in front of the Department of Agriculture. They lambasted Marcos' lie that farmgate prices of rice have risen to ₱24 per kilo. They said the selling price of rice in the fields is only ₱18-₱20, and expressed fear that it will drop to ₱12 per kilo during peak of the harvest season.

Peasant women meanwhile commemorated the International Rural Women's Day on October 15 in a protest against landlessness, hunger and militarization.

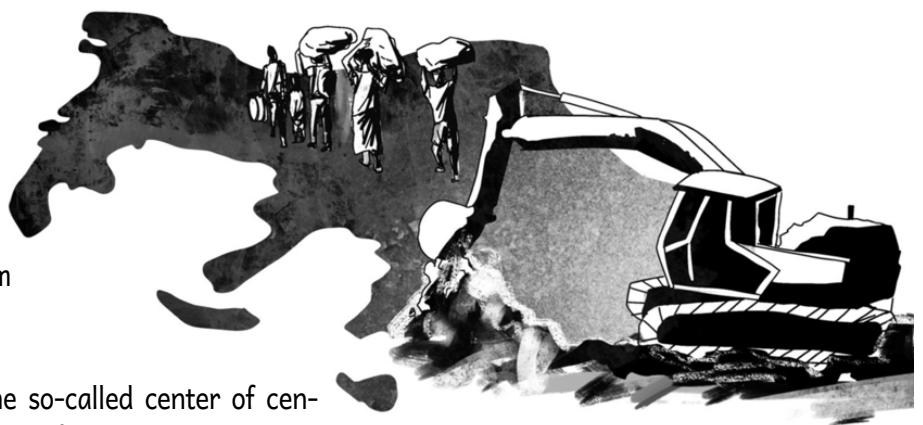
Threat of destructive mining in Batangas

The Bluebird Merchant Ventures LTD (BMV), a British Virgin Islands-based company, is rushing processes and permits to begin the Batangas Gold Project in Lobo, Batangas. With its partner company Alpha-diggers Inc, it plans to extract 440,000 ounces or 12.43 tons of gold from 1,164 hectares covered by the mines.

In June, the company was granted a permit to conduct necessary studies and preparations for "underground mining operations." This extends a previous permit for exploration that was awarded to Mindoro Resources Limited (MRL) which used to mine in the town of Lobo. The project covers the barangays of Nagtoctoc, Nagtaluntong, Mabilog na Bondoc and Sawang.

In addition to the aforementioned mine, BMV has another mine in Barangay Balibago covering 1,011 hectares. The two projects are under a 25-year Mineral Sharing Production Agreement (MPSA). The two mines will cut across Lobo's largest mountains such as Mt. Naguilin, Mt. Masalakot-Nalayag Monolith, Mt. Lobo-Bangkalan and Nagpatong Peak.

Residents of Lobo and neighboring towns have long opposed the mining project because of the environmental damage it causes. In 2015, MRL admitted plans on using cyanide, a toxic chemical, for mining. It is feared that the chemical will overflow from the mine into the Lobo river and out into the ocean. This will endanger the Verde Island Passage,



the so-called center of centers of marine biodiversity or ocean resources worldwide. Apart from this, it can be absorbed into the soil and contaminate ground water.

Other destructive projects

Aside from foreign mining in Lobo, various mines and energy, ecotourism and other environmentally destructive infrastructure projects are being carried out in Batangas. There are five MPSAs, two mineral processing permits, eight MPSA applications, and 35 exploration applications in the province.

In Taysan town, the CRH-Aboitiz-owned Republic Center and Building Material, Inc continues to carry out quarry operation which destroys mountains, farms and rivers.

A geothermal project threatens 12 barangays in San Juan while a San Miguel Corporation "development project" looms over some barangays in Rosario. In towns surrounding the Batangas Bay, industrial plants including liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals which produce severe air and ocean pollutants are still being constructed.

In western Batangas, thousands

of hectares of farmlands are being converted into vast solar plants by large comprador bourgeoisie such as the Legardas and Roxases. Thousands of acres were also "developed" as resorts for the affluent such as Sandari-Batulao Wellness Village, Batulao Artscapes, Punta Fuego, Hamilo Coast and more.

The expansion of the Batangas International Port also continues, threatening to evict hundreds of thousands of poor people living in more than 30 barangays around Batangas City. This aims to make use of the port for exporting gold, silver and bronze minerals.

59th IB: Agents of plunder

To ensure the full momentum of these projects, the 59th IB carries out relentless focused military operations in Batangas towns. Currently, these combat operations mainly cover the cluster of barangays in the mountains of Lobo, Taysan and San Juan for the Batangas Gold Project.

According to Ang Bayan records, the 59th IB committed at least 60 violations of human rights since Marcos Jr assumed power. This unit's heinous crimes include the murder of 9-year-old Kyrene Casao on July 18, 2022 in Taysan town and mentally ill farmer Maximino Digno on July 26, 2022 in Calaca town. This unit also spearheads in using the Anti-Terrorism Law to file charges against and harass human rights activists.

The fascist Butcher Lt. Col. Ernesto Teneza Jr heads the 59th IB headquartered in Barangay Tulos, Rosario, Batangas.

NPA-Batangas ambushes 59th IB

THE CRIMINAL 59TH IB suffered at least five casualties in an ambush by Red fighters of the New People's Army (NPA)-Batangas in Barangay Bignay, Lobo, Batangas on October 16 in the morning. According to the NPA-Batangas report, they used explosives against a squad of fascist troops before exchanging gunfire. After the operation, the NPA unit retreated safely.

Meanwhile, the NPA-Batangas also struck an attacking unit of the 59th IB on October 15 in the morning in Barangay Bignay. The unit mounted the active defense against the ambush carried out by the 59th IB.

AFP kills child, 5 civilians

In three separate incidents, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) killed a 2-year-old boy and five civilians in Negros Occidental, Abra, and Western Samar in recent weeks. In all incidents, the AFP falsely claimed the victims were New People's Army (NPA) combatants to cover up their crimes.

In Western Samar, soldiers of the 63rd IB indiscriminately fired at the home of the Obiado family in Sitio Salvacion, Barangay San Nicolas, San Jose de Buan on September 25. Farmer Ronie Obiado and his 2-year-old grandson Intoy were immediately killed, as three others ran. The whereabouts of Obiado's wife remains unknown.

In Negros Occidental, soldiers of the 79th IB brutally murdered peasant spouses Christian Job Vargas and Mailyn Salgado on October 17 in Sitio Nabalas 1, Barangay Canlusion, E.B. Magalona.

The couple left behind their children aged five, one year, and five months.

In Abra, the 77th IB killed 68-year-old farmer Antonio Diwayan Agliwan in Sitio Talipugo, Barangay Buneg, Lacub on October 13 in the afternoon. The victim's relatives insisted that Agliwan was a civilian. He lives alone in Barangay Buneg.

Meanwhile, the NPA-Abra said the person killed by soldiers on October 3 at the border of Sitio Lamunan, Barangay Gacab, Malibcong and Barangay Ableg, Daguioman in Abra is a civilian and not a Red fighter. Contrary to claims of the 24th IB, no encounter took place in the area.

Arrest. Military forces arrested 70-year-old Dolores Rapsing-Belibit, sister of martyr Jose Rapsing, in Barangay Bolo, Masbate City, Masbate on September 30. She was charged with murder, attempted murder, and various other crimes which relatives claim are all trumped-up.

State forces also illegally

arrested Nilo Mabuti Almoradie, 58 years old, and Melanie Tupas Amor in Barangay Piña, San Jacinto on October 2 on charges of murder. Almoradie is baselessly accused of being the "3rd most wanted" in the town of San Jacinto.

Indigenous people organizer Reymart Moneda was arrested for still unknown cases on October 16 in Barangay Magsaysay, Infanta, Quezon of 1st IB soldiers. He is currently detained at the police station in Infanta.

Rape. Two women in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro were raped by soldiers of the 203rd IBde and CAFGU last August, according to a report by the National Democratic Front (NDF)-Mindoro on October 8.

"Rose" was raped by CAFGU elements on August 28 in Barangay Hagan. "Ana", the second victim, was an indigenous resident of Barangay Lisap.

Bombing. For one week, September 23 to 29, the 87th IB continuously rained bombs on barangays San Nicolas and Aguingayan in San Jose de Buan, Western Samar. On September 23 alone, cannons were fired at least 17 times from 8pm to 4am the next day.

Beating. On October 3, elements of the 203rd IBde beat three Mangyan-Buhid residents of

Barangay Manoot, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro. The fascists also illegally arrested Nano Dam-in.

Pressure. Ariel Urag, currently a village watchman and candidate for the barangay council, was choked, had his face pressed on the ground, and threatened to be killed by 2nd IB soldiers in Barangay Matubinao, Cataingan, Masbate on October 12. Fifteen soldiers stormed his house to scare Urag and forced him to obey their orders.

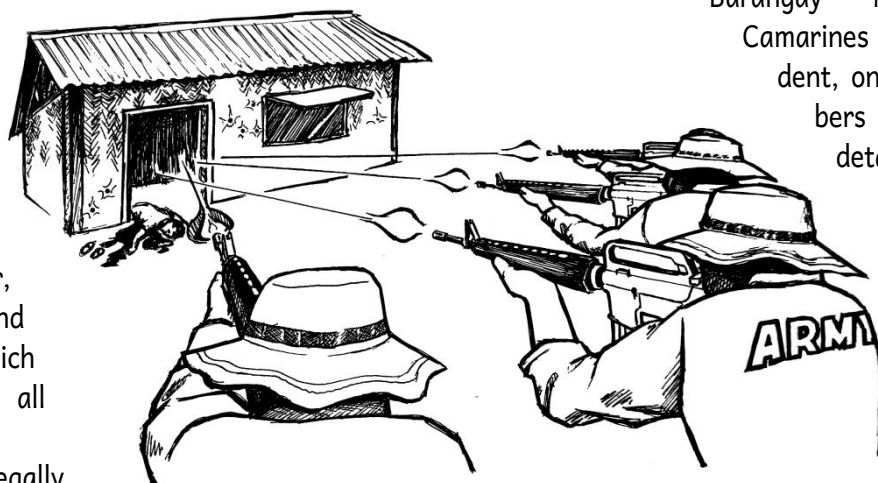
The Department of Justice sent a subpoena to Jonila Castro and Jhed Tamano on October 12 to face perjury and slander charges filed by the 70th IB. Human rights groups believe that these are all harassment and retaliatory attacks after the two disclosed that they were abducted, tortured and illegally detained by the military.

Former President Rodrigo Duterte threatened the life of Deputy Minority Leader and ACT Rep. France Castro on a television program on October 11. Duterte said the likes of Castro are the targets of the intelligence fund and "must be killed."

In Camarines Norte, six cases of intimidation and threat in the towns of Labo and Jose Panganiban were recorded between August 11 and October 3. Some of the peasant victims suffered torture.

Shooting. In an attempted massacre on September 27, 9th IB soldiers fired upon a group of indigenous people in Sitio Makiso, Barangay Malaya in Labo, Camarines Norte. After the incident, one of their tribe members was arrested and detained.

The 62nd IB also indiscriminately fired on the community in Sitio Kapanaklan, Barangay Santol, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental on October 6. **AB**



India state forces raid democratic organization offices

OPERATIVES OF THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) of the Indian reactionary government raided various democratic and pro-people organizations at Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on October 2. The Forum Against Corporatization And Militarization (FACAM) reports at least 12 organizations were attacked by state forces. The raids are related to the alleged case of the organizations' "Maoist Link" in 2021.

Chandra Narasimhulu, an official of Pragatisheela Karmika Samakya (PKS), was arrested on the raid at Andhra Pradesh. According to FACAM, the Indian government falsely claims to have seized from him 1.3 million rupees and a pistol with ammunition.

"These organizations have been vocal against blatant human rights violations and suppression of democratic assertion against corporate loot in mineral-rich Indian regions," FACAM said.

According to the group, these raids are part of a pattern of a crackdown on progressive and democratic organizations across India on allegations of "Maoist Link." Other organizations in other Indian states also experience harassment and raids on fabricated allegations. It is said to be a tactic to suppress and silence all voices opposed and critical to the Indian government.

The series of coordinated raids were conducted at 64 locations in the states of Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



Anti-demolition barricade in Angeles City. Residents of Sitio Balubad, Barangay Anunas, Angeles City, set up a barricade on October 16 to fight the Clarkhills Properties Corporation's plan to demolish their homes. The demolition will hit more than 500 homes and 2,000 residents of the 72-hectare land that the company seized.

Dumaguete City reclamation opposed. More than 200 church workers, environment activists, youth and residents along the coast of Dumaguete City gathered in Pantawan, Rizal Avenue, Barangay 5 for an "Ecumenical Walk for Creation" on October 15. They called for environmental justice and protection against destructive reclamation projects.

Human chain against reclamation. More than 600 individuals, led by Kalikasan PNE and Pamalakaya, formed a human chain along Roxas Blvd, in front of Manila Bay, to demand a stop to reclamation projects nationwide. Dredging operations in Manila Bay continue despite Marcos Jr's orders to suspend them.