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In the Philippines, the reactionary government is controlled by the ruling classes of big bourgeois compradors and landlords, run by bureaucrat capitalists who serve the interests of imperialists and their own factions. This system, characterized by corruption, sees some of the worst bureaucrats siphoning billions of pesos into personal overseas accounts. Currently, tensions between the rival Marcos Jr. and Duterte factions are escalating as the 2025 midterm elections approach, with Marcos attempting to consolidate power and Duterte trying to preserve his political influence.

Amidst this power struggle, it remains uncertain if Marcos Jr. will allow Duterte to be arrested and tried by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, particularly for his involvement in extrajudicial killings during his war on drugs. Meanwhile, U.S. imperialists are positioning themselves to support alternative political factions for the 2028 elections, including former military officers and anti-communist groups.

Ongoing congressional investigations have highlighted the deep-rooted corruption in the political system, exposing how bureaucrats are involved in criminal activities, including illegal drugs and gambling operations. These investigations have particularly shed light on Duterte's ties to Chinese criminal syndicates through Philippine Overseas Gambling Operations (POGOs), which were fronts for online scams, prostitution, and other illegal operations. These syndicates, operating with Duterte's protection, are also involved in smuggling, human trafficking, and other nefarious activities.

Further, revelations during the 2025 budget hearings have implicated Vice President Sara Duterte in significant financial anomalies. Large sums of confidential funds were flagged by the Commission on Audit (COA) for being unaccounted for, leading to calls for her impeachment on charges of betrayal of public trust. Despite this, Sara Duterte has refused to address these accusations and boycotted congressional hearings.


Under the the grounds of impeachment for betrayal of public trust, the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, a patriotic alliance of progressive organizations, is now drafting the impeachment petition against VP Sara Duterte. Several solons have signified their intention of supporting the petition.

Marcos Jr., while distancing himself from Duterte's bloody war on drugs, has allowed the illegal drug trade to shift control from Chinese syndicates to the U.S.-Mexico Sinaloa cartel. He has secured U.S. backing by expanding its military presence in the Philippines as part of U.S. efforts to counter China's growing influence in the region. Despite his claims of clean governance, corruption under Marcos Jr.'s regime has worsened. He controls billions of pesos through confidential funds and unprogrammed budgets, which are not subject to public audit. Marcos has also used the Maharlika Investment Fund to favor business allies, enriching cronies like Ramon Ang, Enrique Razon, and the Villar and Aboitiz families.

The Filipino masses suffer under this bureaucrat capitalist system, burdened by taxes while lacking essential services like healthcare, education, and housing. The state's military and police, who benefit from the system, enforce fascist control, often resorting to violence against those who resist. Under Marcos Jr., the Philippines exemplifies a bureaucrat capitalist, fascist, and neocolonial state, where oppression and exploitation intensify.

The Marcos regime is presently the most concentrated expression of the bureaucrat capitalist, fascist and neocolonial state. The worsening forms of

oppression and exploitation and the grave socioeconomic conditions under the Marcos regime underscore the necessity and urgency of the Filipino people's fight to end imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism, and put an end to the semicolonial and semifeudal system.

The national democratic forces are the solid and determined core and vanguard of the anti-fascist united front. 

Protests mark 52nd Martial Law anniversary in PH

The fifty second year since the declaration of Martial Law was met with protests by various groups both in the Philippines and abroad. According to Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) who led the mobilizations, the same conditions of human rights abuses and political repression during Martial Law days persist under the current administration.

"We mark this year's anniversary of Ferdinand Marcos Sr.'s declaration of martial law with continued outrage over the persistent violations of human rights, civil liberties and international humanitarian law under the current regime of his son Ferdinand Marcos Jr.," said Bayan in a statement.

Bayan pointed to continuing atrocities committed through fascist machineries such as the NTF-Elcac, the Anti-Terrorism Act and the brutal police and military repression as well as bombings in the countryside. Bayan further stressed the complicity of "political and economic elites supported by the US government."

In Metro Manila, groups led by Bayan marched from España to Mendiola with the slogan "Fight terrorism." There was tension between the rallyists and the police when the protest was blocked before reaching Mendiola. Activists from Southern Tagalog attended. Protests were also organized in Bacolod City, Baguio City,




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Bicol, Cebu, Davao City, Iloilo, Laguna, and Tacloban.

“The abduction and continued disappearance of many activists call attention to this pattern of impunity,” Bayan emphasized.

Filipino American activists meanwhile held the “Never Again to Martial Law National Day of Action” that called on all allied organizations of Bayan USA, Malaya Movement and the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines to mark the 52nd anniversary of Martial Law with protests. Actions were held in Chicago, Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, and Washington DC.

In a statement, the organizers denounced continued human rights violations and abductions in the Philippines and the Philippine government’s 2025 proposed national budget, “which would increase defense spending by 50 percent and slash much-needed social services amid growing economic crisis and state neglect.”. 

CPP, int'l community strongly condemn attacks on Lebanon by Zionist Israel

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) has strongly condemned Zionist Israel’s attacks and aggression on Lebanon carried out on September 17, 18, 23 and 24. The September 17 and 18 attacks killed more than 20 individuals, mostly civilians, including children, and injuring more than 2,800 people. The attacks involved booby-trapping thousands of pagers and walkie-talkie devices by embedding them with explosive material and remotely detonating them simultaneously.

On September 23 and 24, Zionist Israel bombed southern and other areas of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon killing 558 people, including 50 children, and more than 1,835 injured. At least 110,000 civilians were forced to evacuate. Israel targeted residential buildings and civilian communities. Even the vehicles helping injured civilians were bombed. In a statement, the CPP said “These attacks are brazen violations of international humanitarian law, which prohibits indiscriminate attacks that do not distinguish between civilians and combatants. The Zionist leaders of Israel must be held accountable and punished for their war crimes.” These attacks, the CPP explained, aim to punish the people of Lebanon and their anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist resistance forces for supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people for liberation and self-determination.

“These form part of the US-sanctioned Zionist plan to spread the war in the Middle East after almost one year of constant aerial bombing and shelling of Gaza, which has killed more than 40,000 people, including more than 10,600 children,” the CPP added.

With full US support, Israel has repeatedly provoked Iran, Syria and Yemen all of whom opposed the genocide against the Palestinian people. Israel also recently attacked Yemen with a wave of missile strikes against more than 400 targets across Southern Lebanon.




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The CPP extended its solidarity with the people of Lebanon and stressed that it supports their just resistance against Zionist Israel's continuing aggression and attacks. "The people of Lebanon and their resistance forces have every right to retaliate, fight back and defend their land," the CPP stressed.

"The Party joins the broad democratic forces around the world in condemning the US imperialists for funding and arming the genocidal war of Zionist Israel against the Palestinian people, for supporting its strikes against Lebanon and for its plan to spread the war across the Middle East. The US strategy has always been to use Israel to exercise control over the vast oil and mineral resources of the region," the CPP emphasized.

Immediately on September 24 after the attack on Beirut, thousands marched in New York in the US to once again call on the US government to withdraw its military support to the Zionist regime of Israel. The rallyists carried placards that read "Hands off Lebanon now!" and "No to US-Israel War on Lebanon." The ANSWER Coalition group or Act Now to Stop War and End Racism led the action.

They condemned US president Joseph Biden, his vice president Kamala Harris, and her presidential election rival Donald Trump, for their continued support of Israel's genocide in Gaza and its aggression in Lebanon. They also denounced fascist Zionist Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the US last September 26. Similar protests were held in San Francisco, Seattle, San Antonio and Phoenix. In Chicago, the Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine led the protests. There were also protests in support of the people of Lebanon and Palestine in Tunisia and Morocco.

The world community led by the United Nations and countries in the Middle East – Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Turkey, some European countries, Russia and Asia, including China, and Latin America's largest countries, condemned Israel's brazen bombing of southern and other areas of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, on September 23-24. 

NPA launches multiple tactical offensives in Masbate, Sorsogon and Western Samar




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Amid intensified combat and siege operations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in various regions and provinces in the country, the New People's Army (NPA) launched multiple sniping and counter-attack operations in September in Masbate and Sorsogon.

On September 6, Red fighters of NPA-Sorsogon (Celso Minguez Command) launched an ambush operation against the forces of the 22nd IB based in Juban, Sorsogon in the Bicol region in Barangay Calpi, Bulan, Sorsogon killing a military official and wounding one more.

On September 16, the NPA-Western Samar (Arnulfo Ortiz Command) fired at 87th IB soldiers encamped in Barangay Canvais, Motiong, Samar. Villagers' initial report said a soldier on lookout duties was injured.

On September 14, Red fighters initiated gunfire against the 46th IB unit operating in Barangay Dugungan, Jiabong. It took two minutes before the AFP troops returned fire. One soldier of the 46th IB was killed in the encounter while another was reported seriously injured.

On September 15 in Sitio Calanay, Barangay Banco, Palanas in Masbate, the Red fighters from the NPA-Masbate (Jose Rapsing Comand) thwarted an attack by the AFP's 2nd IB and launched a counteroffensive that killed 10 enemy troops. The people's guerillas blasted a command-detonated explosive against the enemy troops then  successfully maneuvered to safety.

According to Ka Luz del Mar, spokesperson of NPA-Masbate, the enemy quickly retrieved the bodies of their fallen soldiers to hide their casualties but many witnessed the retrieval operations. Due to the AFP's humiliation and defeat, the fascist soldiers poured 200 troops and personnel into the barangays of Banco, San Carlos and Bigaa in the Palanas town.

Prior to the September offensives, units of NPA-Masbate launched various operations in condemnation of the ongoing Pacific Partnership 2024-2 (PP24-2) – the so-called humanitarian mission of American and Filipino troops in Legazpi City, Albay. The PP24-2 is being used to justify increasing presence of American and Filipino soldiers in the Bicol region for the US-supported "counterinsurgency" war of the Marcos Jr. government. Ka Luz reminded the NPA-Masbate units that this "defensive battle is a challenge for the NPA-Masbate to continue to persevere in launching offensives to punish the AFP-PNP-CAFGU for their crimes." 