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EDITORIAL

Introducing UPDATES Philippines

Welcome to the first issue of UPDATES Philippines.

UPDATES is a fortnightly publication of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) which aims to deliver up-to-date, concise and globally significant news about the revolutionary movement in the Philippines. Specifically, it will deliver news about the agrarian revolution, building of community associations and local government units, and the intensifying civil war in the country.

It will bring you close up to the Filipino people building a new society free from the grips of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. UPDATES will also report about the interaction of Filipino revolutionaries with the various actors in the international community.

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President Rodrigo Duterte of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines

Duterte killed peace talks – Prof. Sison

Prof. Jose Maria Sison, Founding Chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and Chief Political Consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), this week declared that peace talks aimed at ending the 50-year armed conflict between the NDFP forces and the reactionary Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) will no longer be possible while President Rodrigo Duterte is in power.

“Duterte has terminated and practically killed the peace negotiations,” said Prof. Sison.

“And he has proceeded to drive more nails into the coffin of the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations.” He said Duterte nailed the coffin with his own hands by:

- Issuing Presidential Proclamation 360 in November 2017, formally terminating the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations;
- Designating the CPP and NPA as terrorist organizations;
- Ordering the arrest of NDFP peace consultants and facilitating their murder, as in the case of Randy Malayao, in violation of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG);
- Unilaterally scrapping the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL);
- Unilaterally dismantling the GRP Section of the CARHRIHL Joint Monitoring Committee; and
- Unleashing GRP military and police forces to red-bait, frame up and kill social activists and suspected revolutionaries.

Meanwhile, pressure has increased from church organizations and various peace advocates from within the Philippines and around the world to resume the peace negotiations. According to the NDFP International Office, they have received messages and visits from these groups calling on the two sides to work on, finish and sign the Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms.

According to Prof. Sison however, “Duterte is not at all interested in serious peace negotiations... (he is) interested merely in a psychological warfare campaign to stage fake localized peace talks and fake surrenders”. He revealed that “surrendering rebels” will actually be intelligence assets of the Duterte government posing as ex-NPA fighters & commanders. [Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read Prof. Sison's statements. Read background info on [the NDFP-GRP talks here](#).] **UP**



CPP, NPA mark Golden Anniversaries

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA) recently commemorated their 50-year anniversaries on 26 December 2018 and 29 March 2019, respectively. In its [statement marking its Golden Year](#), the CPP Central Committee exhorted the revolutionary movement to “celebrate [the great and glorious achievements and revolutionary victories](#) accumulated by our Party in the past 50 years of waging the people’s democratic revolution.”

The Philippine revolution, it said, “is one of the beacons of the international anti-imperialist resistance and proletarian

revolution. By leading the Philippine revolution, the Party has helped keep the embers of proletarian defiance burning as the flames of socialist revolution were extinguished with the rise of modern revisionism and restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and China.”

Meanwhile, in its [statement marking the 50th Founding Anniversary of the NPA](#), the Party saluted the thousands of Red commanders and fighters of the people’s army. “They are driven by the desire to defend the people and advance their aspirations. They are models of courage and selflessness.”

The CPP said, “The NPA has built organs of political power which set the foundations for building the people’s democratic government nationwide... Land reform is extensively being carried out to address the principal democratic demand of the Filipino people.”

It called on the people’s army to continue carrying out the Party’s minimum land reform program of rent reduction, elimination of usury and demanding fair prices of farm products; of launching campaigns to raise rural income and improve the lot of the peasant masses, and encourage more support for the NPA; of launching campaigns and programs for literacy and education, health and sanitation, peace and order, and others; and of launching cultural and propaganda campaigns to raise the people’s courage and militancy and rouse them to struggle against fascism.

On confronting the murderous and reactionary government, the Party emphasized that, “Duterte is the face of the rottenness of the entire ruling system. His anti-people, anti-national and anti-democratic policies are causing the people grave social and economic hardships. He has unleashed brutal wars accompanied by widespread abuses and fascist violence.”

“The broad masses of the Filipino people... have no other recourse but to wage revolutionary mass resistance and armed struggle to put an end to their grievous situation... Duterte’s tyranny and reign of terror is pushing more and more people to support and join the NPA.”

The NPA was established in 1969 in one district of northern Philippines, starting with 60 Red fighters, nine rifles and 26 inferior firearms. It has now reportedly expanded to several thousand full-time commanders and fighters, operating in more than 120 districts, covering more than 8,000 villages in 700 towns & cities and in 73 out of the total 81 provinces of the country. **UP**



PROFILE

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) is the umbrella alliance of underground revolutionary organizations that are fighting for genuine national freedom, democracy and all-around development in the country.

Founded on 24 April 1973, it strives to change the socio-economic system in the Philippines characterized by poverty, hunger, and unemployment among the majority of Filipinos. These problems are rooted in the domination of US imperialism and of the local ruling classes of big comprador-capitalists and landlords.

The NDFP is most well-known for representing the revolutionary movement in peace talks with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. The NDFP has consistently pushed for talks which will address the root causes of the armed conflict by carrying out fundamental economic, political and social reforms that will benefit the Filipino masses and people.

In the ongoing revolutionary struggle in the Philippines, organs of the people’s democratic government are already being formed at various levels. The NDFP supports these organs and represents them around the world in forging relations with movements, political parties and governments.

The NDFP currently has 18 allied organizations, including the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People’s Army. [Read about the [NDFP and its 12-Point Program](#).] **UP**