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PPO MUST REFRAIN FROM WRITING STORIES

Family, friends, and companions were surprised when P/Sr Supt Fidel Posadas, the provincial police director said that Lourdes Rubrico popularly known as Nanay Ude was abducted due to her involvement in a land scam.

Everybody is not resolved with the statement of the provincial police office in April 5. We with the family and friends believe that what happened is another round of political repression and harassment in the province under OPLAN BANTAY LAYA 2.

The incident also shows the mode that the elements of state is using against progressives and militants. Evident in the previous incidents of killings and frustrated killings in the province, all were packaged to be showcased to be a common crime and not included in the string of political repression in the country.

For instance, the frustrated killing of Gerry Cristobal, then union president of EMI-YAZAKI in Imus, april 28 last year was dubbed by Col. Rhodel Sermonia, the provincial police intelligence officer, that he is involved in a drug trade and that the shooting is part of a legitimate operation. Like wise, the killing of Jesus "Buth" Servida a union leader of the same company in Dec. 11 last year was made public that the incident was due to a business rivalry.

We pose a challenge to the provincial police office to stop intriguing and stories. Conduct a deep investigation and resolve the worsening human rights violation in the province.

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