



## National Democratic Front of the Philippines Human Rights Committee

**PRESS STATEMENT**  
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### **NDFP HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SLAMS ARROYO REGIME, AFP AND PNP FOR DASTARDLY DIRTY TRICKS AGAINST PANAY LEGAL ACTIVISTS AND NDFP CHIEF POLITICAL CONSULTANT PROF. JOSE MARIA SISON**

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In every part of the Philippines, the kidnap and death squads of the Arroyo regime, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police engage in extrajudicial killings, abductions, torture and other violations of the human rights of progressive legal activists. Then, the officers and spokesmen of the AFP and PNP accuse the New People's Army of committing the crimes through local and national mass media.

The dastardly modus operandi of the Arroyo regime, AFP and PNP is well exemplified by the criminal acts taken by their operatives against KARAPATAN-Panay public information officer Jose Garacho, SELDA-Panay chairperson Luisa Posa-Dominado and BAYAN-Panay chairperson Nilo Arado in Oton, Iloilo on the night of April 12 and the subsequent repeated lie of Capt. Lowen Gil Marquez of the Civil Relations Unit of the AFP that the NPA itself, acting on orders of NDFP chief political consultant Prof. Jose Maria Sison, shot Garacho and kidnapped Dominado and Arado.

The military operatives left Garacho for dead after shooting him, abducted Dominado and Arado, drove away the vehicle Garacho had driven and burned it. AFP Capt. Marquez has gone so far as to make the further lie that Dominado and Arado are still alive in the hands of the NPA and that they would eventually come out to denounce the military as the abductors.

The propagandists of the military are smart alecky but are in fact stupid. They arrogantly underestimate and abuse the intelligence of the people, the people's organizations and the families of the victims. They flaunt a script that is clearly a pure pack of lies that cannot stand against the testimonies of the surviving victim, the colleagues and families of the two disappeared victims.

It is a well-known fact that all three victims of the military are dedicated legal activists for the cause of national independence, democracy, human rights and just peace. They have long been harassed and threatened by the military. The AFP propagandist is blatantly lying by claiming that the NPA would ever shoot and seriously injure Garacho

and abduct Dominado and Arado and cause suffering to their families, colleagues and friends.

On behalf of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, we the NDFP Human Rights Committee, demand that the Arroyo regime, the AFP and PNP stop their cowardly and dastardly tricks against the patriotic and progressive legal activists, release SELDA-Panay chairperson Luisa Posa-Dominado and BAYAN-Panay chairperson Nilo Arado from their unjust captivity, pay for the serious injury and hospital bills of KARAPATAN-Panay Jose Garacho and cease maligning NDFP chief political consultant Prof. Jose Maria Sison. ###

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