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On the eve of GMA's SONA

Filipinos in HK declare address as illegitimate as Gloria

Never again shall we be fooled by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo!

This was declared today by the Overseas Filipinos Unite to Remove the Arroyo Government (OUTRAGE) in a protest program one day before GMA is set to deliver the State of the Nation Address (SONA).

"Gloria's SONA is as illegitimate, unbelievable and as fake as her presidency," said the group.

OUTRAGE is a loose network of 38 Filipino migrant organizations in Hong Kong that is a part of the global movement of Filipino overseas calling for GMA's ouster and the establishment of a transitional governing council.

"Tomorrow when she speaks, the Filipino people will not listen. If she can shamelessly cheat just so she can be the president, she will surely just spew out lies about the condition of the country and about the movement that aim to oust her," said Dolores Balladares, a convenor of the group.

Additionally, Balladares predicted, GMA will just offer another list of ***"empty promises"*** to solve the problems of the country.

"There's no telling how low she will bend to maintain her power. Since the people's unrest has started, she has met the people's resistance either with direct military power or by deception and cover ups," she stated.

To show their contempt of the GMA government, leaders of the groups present signed their names and that of the groups they represent below a blown up Philippine passport with GMA's name and photo and a big "FAKE" stamped across it.

"As far as Filipinos abroad are concerned, today and until GMA steps down, the GMA government is a fake. Until GMA is ousted, we shall not recognize the power from Malacañang," Balladares asserted.

OUTRAGE today also reiterated their support for the establishment of a transitional governing council to immediately replace the GMA regime.

"We need such a council in order for our voices to be heard. We need such a council to effect immediate changes to pave the way for a more legitimate government. We need such a council in order to take steps towards building a better country," the group declared.

OUTRAGE said that their protest action is just a part of their plans to ***"significantly contribute"*** to the growing movement to oust the beleaguered president. Other actions that they are set to conduct are picket protests at the consulate and a 'HK-wide OUST signature campaign.'

"There is no turning back on this fight. We migrant Filipinos are prepared to do our part – that is, to step up the campaign abroad against the fake, corrupt, puppet and fascist government of GMA," Balladares concluded.