



EMERGENCY

Human Rights Summit on the Philippines

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9am to 6pm

Methodist Building

100 Maryland Ave., NE

Washington, DC

After peaking in 2006, cases of extra-judicial killings, enforced disappearances, and other human rights abuses declined in the Philippines, partially due to international scrutiny. In 2009, there are signs of a resurgence of abuses and with the upcoming 2010 elections, an upward trend is likely.

The Emergency Summit aims to gather concerned advocates to stop the new round of blood letting.

The event is free but donations are welcome

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GOALS

To convene a gathering of representatives of human rights organizations and committees, national and regional networks, churches, universities, labor unions and other concerned individuals and entities to:

- Discuss and come to a common understanding about the current and worsening human rights crisis in the Philippines
- Share the current campaigns, research efforts, and initiatives the participants are working on.
- Identify more effective methods of responding to the human rights crisis in the Philippines to increase pressure on the Philippine government and create more impact.
- Identify or create a mechanism that will allow the participants to learn of and mutually support each others endeavors on a continual basis.



PROGRAM

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 Welcome
Background and Purpose of Gathering
Round of Introductions
- 10:00-11:00 Panel 1 Presentation and Q&A



Dulphing Ogan, Secretary-General, from KALUMARAN (Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of Mindanao)

Mr. Ogan will give a broad overview of the human rights situation in the Philippines with special focus on the island of Mindanao and the plight of the Lumad people.

Kenneth E. Bauzon, Ph.D., Associate Professor, St. Joseph's College

Mr. Bauzon will help give context to cases of extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances in the Philippines by examining what he terms the "doctrinal smoking gun." He has studied US field manuals, recently declassified intelligence documents, USAID police training programs and the establishment of paramilitary groups. In his presentation he will discuss the Philippine government's counter insurgency program called Oplan Bantay Laya (Operation Freedom Watch).

11:00-12:00 Panel 2 Presentation and Q&A

Rev. Goel Bagundol, Conference Minister of the Bukidnon Annual Conference, Northwest Mindanao Jurisdiction, United Church of Christ in the Philippines

Rev. Bagundol will share his experiences working with pastors and churches who have been victims of political violence in the Philippines.



Brian Campbell, Attorney, International Labor Rights Forum

Atty. Campbell will be discussing how US laws and programs have and can be used to apply pressure on the Government of the Philippines. Topics will include the US Congressional appropriations process, the Generalized System of Preferences, the Millennium Challenge Account, and Leahy Law.

12:00-1:00 Lunch and Networking
(A light lunch will be served)

1:00 – 1:30 Towards a Framework for Cooperation in
Philippine HR Advocacy in the US.



1:30 - 2:30 Participant Sharing
Please be prepared to share:

- a) work you or your organization, network, institution has done around addressing the HR situation in the Philippines
- b) assessment of strengths and challenges you've faced
- c) description of current project(s), campaign(s), program(s) or focus

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 – 4:15 Strategy Discussion
a) Optimizing impact of our work
b) Identifying ways/methods to collaborate



4:15 – 4:30 Break

4:30 – 5:00 Wrap Up

Note: *In the event that Melissa Roxas, the recently abducted and tortured US citizen of Filipino descent, is able to join us, we will be hearing from her at 1pm and will be shifting the afternoon schedule forward by one hour.*

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