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CPP Assassination Threats

Appeal to Defend Threatened Filipino Activists

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Many personalities at the World Social Forum signed an appeal to defend Walden Bello, Lidy Nacpil and others threatened by the CPP's assination threats. The meeting of radical parties at the ESF made a similar call.

Statement of Concern in the WSF 2005, on the threat of violence in the resolution of political differences

The last few years have seen a very large number of diverse groups and organisations coming together in spite of their differences to confront neo-liberal globalisation. However, we are deeply concerned that there are still some groups in the world today that attempt to deal with political differences using physical attacks and death threats.

[https://internationalviewpoint.org/IMG/jpg/nacpil-2.jpg] Lidy Nacpil

A recent example of this is the situation which has emerged in the Philippines where a number of individual intellectuals, activists (Walden Bello and Lidy Nacpil) and organisations engaged in various forms of struggle against militarism and globalized capitalism have been listed by the international department of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) as 'counter-revolutionary' and as 'agents of imperialism'. Some individuals named on this list have already been assassinated and, based on past experiences, this list constitutes a credible threat of assassination.

[https://internationalviewpoint.org/IMG/jpg/Jose_Maria_Sison-2.jpg] CPP leader Jose Maria Sison

Therefore, those of us gathered here in the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil and others in the world, inspired by the pluralism and inclusiveness of this global process, believe that when the security of activists is at stake we cannot act as if the problem is a local one. In our efforts to consistently build an international movement for fundamental transformation we strongly reiterate that the resolving of political differences must be done through the struggle of ideas and democratic dialogue and not through the politics of individual assassination.

We call on everyone within the global justice movements to re-assert this principle and express solidarity with all those who are victims of such threats.

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Second International Meeting of Radical Parties Solidarity Declaration concerning the Philippines Porto Alegre, 31st of January 2005

Some 12 years back, the Communist Party of the Philippines began to condemn to death and assassinate member cadres of other progressive and revolutionary organizations. The situation continues to worsen today.

[https://internationalviewpoint.org/IMG/jpg/walden_bello.jpg] Walden Bello

All the Left movements find themselves threatened, except for those which the CPP itself is leading. It is especially the case with the different Filipino organizations that participate in our international Network of Radical Parties.

Likewise, persons active in the anti-war movement and with whom we oppose capitalist globalization, like Walden Bello and Lidy Nacpil, have been named and denounced as "counter-revolutionaries".

We cannot accept the use of violence, including armed violence, within the workers and people's movements. We strongly affirm our full and deepest solidarity with the progressive and revolutionary organizations in the Philippines threatened by the CPP.

We call for the broadest expression of this solidarity on the international level, for the Communist Party of the Philippines to put a final end to this policy of threats and assassinations.

(Editor's note: To read more about the background of this issue, see the articles: *In Solidarity with the Filipino left*, May 2003; *After Kintanar, the killings continue. The post-1992 CPP assassination policy in the Philippines'*, July 2003; *The post-1992 Communist Party of the Philippines and its policy of "death condemnations"*, October 2003; and *A new Letter of Concern*, January 2005.

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