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The Filipino masses, forged in the fires of struggle and driven by revolutionary fury, march into 2025 with an unbreakable resolve to resist the oppressive rule of the Marcos-Duterte regime and advance the fight for national liberation. Revolutionary forces under the banner of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) rally alongside the Filipino people to confront the worsening crises of the semicolonial and semifeudal Philippine society. Consistent with the call of the CPP, they brace themselves for a year marked by intensified struggle against systemic corruption, economic oppression, and state terror under the US-backed Marcos Jr. regime.

The past year, 2024 saw the worsening plight of the Filipino masses. Spiraling prices, stagnant wages, widespread unemployment, and deteriorating public services have left countless families in a state of utter desperation. Meanwhile, the Marcos Jr. administration persists in prioritizing the interests of its cronies and allies within the ruling class over the welfare of the people.

The past year also saw the escalating infighting between the Marcos and Duterte ruling factions, which further exposed the cracks and rotteness of Philippine politics. The rivalry between the two has intensified over competing interests, with each vying for dominance in state resources, political control and public narratives. For the Filipino masses, this feud underscores the opportunistic and self-serving nature of the ruling class. Adding to this injustice is the administration's fascist response to growing dissent. The Marcos Jr. administration has employed full-scale repression as its default strategy, perpetuating de facto martial law conditions in rural areas under military control, weaponizing Red-tagging laws and civil institutions, and leveraging fabricated charges to silence activists. The "insurgency-free" declarations ring hollow to those who face continued harassment and violent suppression in both urban centers and the countryside.

The Philippines remains a pawn of the US in its precarious inter-imperialist rivalry with China. The growing presence of US military forces and the establishment of more bases on Philippine soil underscores the subservience of Marcos Jr. to US imperialist interests. Such actions have heightened the risk of war, dragging the Filipino people into a conflict not of its own choosing. The Filipino masses are increasingly vocal in rejecting this affront to national sovereignty, demanding the removal of US bases and pushing for an independent foreign policy to resolve the maritime conflict with China through peaceful dialogue.

Against this backdrop, the Party has called on its forces to broaden and deepen the rectification movement. Guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the revolutionary movement now envisions a year of resurgence and striking deeper roots with the masses of workers and peasants. In parallel, the New People's Army intensifies its tactical offensives, aiming to crush the state's repressive armed forces while bolstering support in its mass base areas.

As the year 2025 unfolds, the Filipino people's determination to shatter the chains of oppression, reclaim sovereignty, and establish a new society is irrepressible than ever. The NDFP alongside its allies and the masses, will march forward with resolve, embracing both the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead. 

Leaders of Luneta rally aimed to derail people's call to impeach Sara Duterte

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), through its Chief Information Officer Marco Valbuena, on 13 January, 2025, exposed the rally organized by the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC), Church of Christ, held on the same day in Luneta Park in Manila as a brazen attempt to derail the Filipino people's quest to attain justice for high crimes of corruption and mass killings perpetrated by former President Rodrigo Duterte and current Vice President Sara Duterte.

The CPP said, the leaders and organizers of the rally raised the deceptive call for "peace" only to use the assembly as a political leverage to intimidate those seeking to impeach Sara Duterte, while trying to curry favors from candidates in the upcoming midterm elections.

The INC spent hundreds of millions of pesos to provide transportation, overnight hotel and other accommodations to the participants. The participants were obligated by their religious affiliation to join the rally, although many among them are aware how they are being exploited as pawns in his cynical game of power and corruption being played by big bureaucrat capitalists.


The CPP pointed out that the leaders of the INC are "notorious political opportunists who support and connive with bureaucrat capitalists. They have a history of colluding with the Duterte tyranny and were favored by Duterte. Similarly, they supported the Marcos Sr martial law regime and received vast favors from the dictatorship. They also staged demonstrations in 2001 as a show of force for ousted president Joseph Estrada."

Marcos Jr has been consolidating power to push the Dutertes out of



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power, but nevertheless reiterated his position against the plan by various democratic groups to push the impeachment of Sara Duterte. The CPP said, Marcos Jr, by doing so, has further isolated his regime from the broad masses of the people, who are growing increasingly restless over constantly rising prices, low wages and widespread joblessness under his regime.

The CPP enjoins the Filipino people must strengthen their unity to raise their voices and push for their demand to impeach Sara Duterte, and to arrest and try Rodrigo Duterte, in order to hold them accountable to the people. 

People's rally to push for Duterte impeachment, Marcos accountability

The Taumbayan Ayaw sa Magnanakaw at Abusado Network Alliance (TAMA NA) announced its planned protest on January 31 at Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila. The alliance aims to hold the Marcos regime and the Dutertes accountable for the suffering of the Filipino people, rampant corruption, and the lack of accountability of government officials for their numerous crimes against the public.

In a statement from the alliance, it emphasized the worsening poverty due to rising food prices and other goods, low wages, and unemployment. "The prices of rice and meat have not gone down, and now the prices of tomatoes, chili pepper, and vegetables are also rising, along with increases in water and electricity charges," according to the alliance.

It stated that farmers, workers, and urban poor are already grumbling from poverty, and even middle-class professionals and small business owners. Filipinos being pushed to work abroad due to the crisis are reportedly increasing in number.

"Instead of solving our burdens, the Marcos government is making things worse," said the alliance. As 2025 begins, the Social Security System increased by 15% the deduction from the salaries of Filipino workers. Recently, fares for the LRT have also increased alongside utility service charges.

It noted that citizens are heavily taxed and the Philippines is drowning in debt while government services remain insufficient, drained by corruption. This is particularly evident in the bloating budget for pork barrel and vote-buying in the upcoming elections. Additionally, an immense amount has been allocated for the government's unprogrammed funds, confidential funds, and intelligence funds.

"What's more painful is that those who clearly squander public funds, like VP Sara Duterte (who shamelessly refuses to undergo any investigation process), and protector of POGOs, drug lords, and promoter of extrajudicial killings former Pres. Rodrigo Duterte, continue to thrive and sow chaos," they emphasized.

Series of human rights violations characterized by extrajudicial killings, arrests, red-tagging, and many others also continue under the Marcos regime.




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“What is this?! The government already does nothing to lower prices or raise wages; they even steal from the public coffers and do not hold corrupt and oppressive individuals accountable!” the alliance said.

In light of these issues, they called on various democratic sectors and Filipino citizens to “gather for a large protest action that will involve different sectors and all those who aspire for change in governing.”

On January 13, 2025 the rally organized by the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) openly called to derail the people’s demand for justice against the crimes of corruption and widespread extra-judicial killings (EJKs) of former President Rodrigo Duterte and the current Vice President Sara Duterte.

They used the deceptive call for “peace” in order to hide their true intent to use the rally as a political instrument to pressure those who are pushing for the impeachment of Sara Duterte, as they court the support of the candidates for the forthcoming mid-term elections. Hundreds of millions of pesos were spent by the organizers of the rally for transportation, including hotel accommodation for the participants. The participants were obliged to attend the rally because of their religious affiliation, although many of them are aware that they are used as pawns in this deceptive playbook of the powerful and corruption of big bureaucrat capitalists. 

Groups hit BJMP ‘surveillance memo’ targetting political prisoners

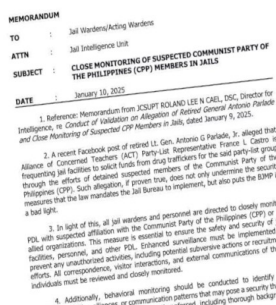


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Various groups have criticized the memorandum issued by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), which directs the “close monitoring” of suspected communist political prisoners.

The National Union of People’s Lawyers (NUPL) and the prisoners’ rights organization Kapatid, in separate statements, called on the BJMP to revoke the order, labeling the allegations of communist insurgency among some persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) as “unverified.”

“Kapatid asks BJMP chief Gen. Ruel Rivera to retract this dangerous memo, which not only puts the lives and security of political prisoners at greater risk but also sets a dangerous precedent for using baseless, politically motivated accusations as grounds for official action. The BJMP must focus on its core mandate of upholding the rights and safety of all detainees, not serve as a tool for political persecution,” Kapatid stated.

The NUPL also criticized the BJMP’s action, describing it as a form of McCarthyism targeting individuals “based solely on suspicion, ideological profiling, and unverified allegations.”

The group argued that the memo violates both domestic and international human rights laws. “They undermine the presumption of innocence enshrined in the Constitution (Article III, Section 14) and the

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) by imposing punitive measures without trial. They also violate the right to privacy and human dignity, as affirmed in the ICCPR (Article 17), by subjecting detainees to invasive surveillance and severely restricting essential correspondence and visitor interactions,” NUPL stated.

It further noted that blocking detainees’ access to legal counsel, a right guaranteed under the Constitution (Article III, Section 12), compromises the right to a fair trial. The organization also highlighted the psychological harm caused by isolation and heightened surveillance, calling it cruel and degrading treatment. The BJMP memorandum, shared by the NUPL on January 10, reportedly originated from a now-deleted Facebook post by retired General Antonio Parlade. In the post, Parlade accused Rep. France Castro (ACT-Teachers) of visiting jail facilities to solicit funds from drug traffickers for her party-list group, allegedly with the assistance of PDLs linked to the Communist Party of the Philippines.

“It is both ludicrous and deeply concerning that a government agency tasked with overseeing jail management would consider an unverified Facebook post from an unreformed red-tagger as a sufficient basis for policy. The post, made by a retired military general and former NTF-ELCAC spokesperson, accuses Rep. France Castro of the ACT Party-List of ‘frequenting jail facilities to solicit funds from drug traffickers for the said party-list group through the efforts of detained suspected members of the CPP,’” the NUPL said.

Rep. France Castro denounced the BJMP’s memorandum as a “dangerous and malicious act of red-tagging.”

“They are using an unverified social media post from a discredited source to justify surveillance and monitoring of a sitting member of Congress and political prisoners,” Castro said in a statement. 