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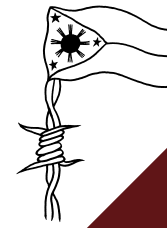
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Action Network Human Rights – Philippines (ANHRP)

The Action Network Human Rights – Philippines (“Aktionsbündnis Menschenrechte – Philippinen”) pursues the objective to contribute to the improvement of the human rights situation in the Philippines by educating and influencing policy and decision makers as well as representatives of the civil society in Germany and the EU.

Member Organisations of the ANHRP are Amnesty International Germany, Bread for the World, the Human Rights Team of the Social Service Agency (Diakonisches Werk), the Church Development Service (EED), Misereor, Missio Munich, philippinenbuero Inc. in Asia House and the United Evangelical Mission (UEM).

The main focus of the network lies on the core human rights issues of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.

Political killings, abductions and repressions

The Philippines is a State Party to all important international human rights treaties, however, their implementation is weak and inefficient.

Severe human rights violations such as political killings, torture, unlawful detentions and abductions of activists, journalists, representatives of the clergy as well as local politicians are widespread. Furthermore, trumped-up charges and other attempts at intimidation are common phenomena that curtail the space for the critical political participation of the civil society.



Climate of impunity

Structural impunity is one of the main reasons for human rights violations. Human rights violations are hardly investigated by the police or even brought to court. Generally, the victims wait in vain for the detention or conviction of alleged perpetrators or suspected masterminds, who often are big landowners, politicians, or even members of the security forces. In the light of this, the citizens' confidence in the rule of law is severely shattered.

The work of non-government organisations and churches in support of justice and development is strongly obstructed by unresolved killings of their staff and that of members of people's organisations. However, there are also non-government actors who commit human rights violations, notably members of the communist New People's Army (NPA) who commit political killings as means of “revolutionary justice.”

A dramatic example of political killings

The so-called Ampatuan massacre committed in the province of Maguindanao on November 23, 2009 has been the cruel climax of politically motivated killings. More than 50 people were murdered in an ambush related to a candidacy for governorship, among them at least 30 journalists. The powerful Ampatuan clan has received assistance in this ghastly deed from its private army and the local police.

Activities of the ANHRP

- Monitoring of the human rights situation in the Philippines based on information from our partners, media reports as well as direct research on the ground
- Public and political information about cases of severe human rights violations
- Dissemination of urgent actions and lobbying letters to politicians and concerned political bodies in Germany, the EU and the Philippines
- Briefing of political decision-makers as well as missions and delegations to the Philippines
- Organisation of public events in Germany on political killings and enforced disappearances in the Philippines

Services of the ANHRP

- To provide analysis of the political and human rights situation
- To provide contacts to the engaged civil society in the Philippines
- To provide contacts to political decision-makers in Germany/EU
- To publish a monthly newsletter and regular press releases on human rights issues in the Philippines
- To document cases of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances

Member Organisations of the ANHRP

