



## TASK FORCE DETAINEES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Established in 1974 by the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines

*"All Human Rights for All"*

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Dear friends and partners,

Shalom!

Yesterday, your statement, our European partners, entitled "The Killings Must Stop" was published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

We are glad that our partners have taken such an unprecedented action in behalf of the victims of political killings and all other victims of human rights violations. It is high time that our government is put to task for its failure to respect, protect and fulfill human rights which is its fundamental obligation to its people.

We are also deeply concerned by the move by armed opposition groups to retaliate against the perceived masterminds of the political killings and to conduct its own political killings which we believe will only exacerbate the worsening human rights situation in our country.

Your acts of solidarity can perhaps pressure our government to immediately stem the tide of impunity and stay the righteous hands of the butchers of life and human dignity.

We firmly believe that the forces of violence and death have resorted to political killings to extricate themselves from their obligation to fulfill the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of our people.

We have no other potent weapon than our minds and our bodies, our will and determination, our resolve and stand for Life, Human Rights, Human Dignity, Justice and Peace.

Trust that we will stand our ground for the least, the last and the lost of our fellow human beings. The reign of terror will not bring us to our knees. Terror will be defeated by a united people determined to let justice flow and peace reign.

Again our heartfelt thanks for your solidarity.

Sincerely yours,

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