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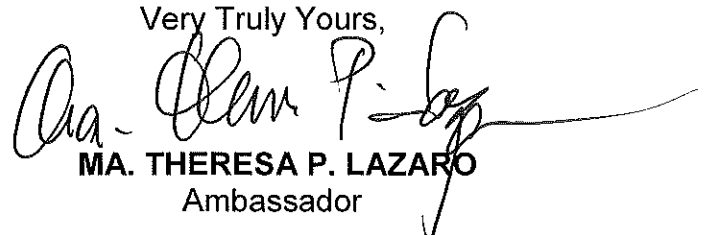
Dear Mr. Pettiti and Mr. Liger,

This is with reference to our constructive dialogue at the Embassy during the Day of the Endangered Lawyers on 23 January 2015, in which we committed to share relevant information that the Philippine authorities may provide regarding specific cases on Philippine lawyers.

In view of the above, I wish to enclose an update report from the Philippine National Police Human Rights Office (PNP-HRAO) on the cases cited in the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights (ELDH) report.

Please be assured that the Philippine Government, through the Embassy, will continue to uphold human rights and the rule of law. Should you have further clarifications on the report, you may wish to contact the Embassy and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

Very Truly Yours,


MA. THERESA P. LAZARO
Ambassador

STATUS OF TASK FORCE JPL (KILLED JUDGES)

Update as of January 23, 2015

NR	RCIDUS	NATURE OF OFFENSE	NAME/ADDRESS OF VICTIM and POSITION	DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF INCIDENT	NAME/ADDRESS OF SUSPECTS	SYNOPSIS	STATUS OF CASE	INVESTIGATOR ON CASE
1	4ARCIDS	Murder	<p>1. Atty. Rodolfo FELICIO y Ranteil (killed), 66 yrs old, married and a resident of No. 9 Road 19, Phase 3, Cogeo Village, Brgy. Bagong Nayon, Antipolo City,</p> <p>2. Rolando ANDAYA y Abenya (wounded), 38 yrs old, married, laborer, a resident of Blk 24 Sitio Lupang Artenda, Brgy. Sta Ana, Taytay, Rizal; and</p> <p>3. Antonio ARCILLA y Cape (wounded), 54 yrs old, resident of Blk 21, Sitio Lupang Artenda, Brgy. Sta Ana, Taytay, Rizal</p>	<p>August 25, 2014/1:30 AM, at a vacant lot near Tenament Area, Lupang Artenda, Brgy. San Juan, Taytay, Rizal</p>	<p>Four (4) unidentified motorcycle riding criminals</p>	<p>On the said DTPO, that the victims were residing in a vacant lot owned by Mr. Joselito Mejia, when the said suspects appeared, shot the victims, and fled towards an unknown direction thereafter. As a result, the victims sustained multiple gunshot wounds and were rushed to the Taytay Emergency Hospital for medical treatment. However, victim Atty. FELICIO was pronounced dead on arrival by the attending physician.</p>	<p><i>Update as of 01/23/2015:</i> The complainants namely: Romeo Dimaandal y Bitbit, Celedonio Maglante y Tenedero, and Mark Francisco y Vicente executed their sworn statement on September 3, 2014 in relation to the shooting incident that resulted to the death of the victim Atty. Ranteil. Further, Adolfo Arana y Turbaga, 45 years old, driver, and presently residing at Blk 24, Lot 6, San Juan St., Lupang Artenda, Brgy. Sta Ana, Taytay, Rizal has turned over to Taytay MPS additional recovered fired cartridge cases and fired bullets related to the shooting incident. Continuous follow up investigation was still being conducted by Taytay MPS for possible identification and arrest of the suspect. UNDER INVES</p>	Rizal CIDT
2	9RCIDG	Murder	<p>Judge Reymanro ESTACIO of RTC Branch 23 in Zamboanga and his wife</p>	<p>February 28, 2014/7:40 AM along Narra Drive, Brgy. Tugbunggan, Zamboanga City</p>	<p>Mohamad ALKHALIDZ AMISALI y Paradjil presently detained at WESTMINCIDU</p>	<p>On the said DTPO, while the victims were on-board a Honda CRV with plate number KCH 111 when they were shot by two (2) unidentified suspects on-board an XRM motorcycle colored blue and fled towards Talon talon loop of same municipality. Victims were rushed to Doctors Hospital, but Judge ESTACIO was pronounced dead on arrival while his wife was able to survive from the ambush.</p>	<p>A MURDER case/was already filed by SITG Estacio before the Office of the City Prosecutor of Zamboanga against Mohamad ALKHALIDZ AMISALI y Paradjil, 20 yrs old, single and resident of Sunrise Drive, Logoy Grande, Talon-talon, Zamboanga City, docketed under IS Nr IX-06-INV-14C-00130.</p>	

3	7RCIDG	Multiple Murder and Frustrated Murder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Atty. Noel ARCHIVAL (killed); 2. Edu MIFROZA (killed); 3. Alejandro JAME (killed); and 4. Paulo Leyson CORTES (still under medical treatment). 	<p>February 18, 2014/7:30 PM, In Brgy. Coro, Dalaguete, Cebu</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSUPT ROMUALDO IGLESIA; 2. PCINSP EDUARDO MARA; 3. PSINSP JOSELITO LERION; 4. SPO4 Edwin GALAN; 5. PO1 Alex BACANI; and 6. John DOES 	<p>On the said DTPO, while the victims were on-board a black Ford Escape (bearing Plate No. YGE-240) owned by Atty. Archival, unidentified suspects on-board a black pick-up vehicle fired upon the victims several times, apparently with the use of firearm(s) using 5.56 mm ammunition and firearm(s) of still unknown caliber. According to witnesses, there was a back-up vehicle at the scene with the suspects at that time which was described as a red Toyota vehicle (with Plate No. 195, while the control letters were undetermined). As a result, the victims sustained multiple gunshot wounds which caused the instantaneous deaths of Atty. Archival and Edu Minoza, as confirmed by Dr. Jose Edgar V. Alonzo, Dalaguete Municipal Health Officer. The two (2) other victims were immediately brought to the Dr. Ildefonso Alcantara Memorial Hospital for medical treatment, but was later transferred to the Vicente Sotto Memorial Hospital in Cebu City. Unfortunately, Alejandro Jaime was pronounced dead on arrival at the said hospital.</p>	<p>On April 15, 2014, SITG "ARCHIVAL" and NBI Regional Office 7, filed Criminal Cases for MULTIPLE MURDER and FRUSTRATED MURDER against PSUPT ROMUALDO IGLESIA, PCINSP EDUARDO MARA, PSINSP JOSELITO LERION, SPO4 Edwin GALAN, PO1 Alex BACANI and several others at Cebu Provincial Prosecutor's Office, Hall of Justice, Capitol Site, Cebu City docketed under NPS Nr VII-03-INV-14D-0437.</p>	PCINSP RENE S KYAMKO (CP Nr 09176317280)
4	6	Murder	John Mark Espora, 39 yrs old, progressive lawyer and was also an active defender of the rights of political detainees	August 31, 2013 at Barangay Pu-ao, Hamtic, Antique	Unidentified Suspect/s		For verification	

5	SRCIDG	Murder	<p>Atty. Ian ESPINOSA y Vela Cruz, 36 yrs old, married, a resident of No. 25C Fountain St., East Bajac-bajac, Olongapo City and Lawyer</p>	<p>May 18, 2013/8:40 PM at No. 25C Fountain St., East Bajac-bajac, Olongapo City</p>	<p>Unidentified Suspect/s</p>	<p>On the said DTPO, while the victim alighted to his vehicle (Nissan Elgrand), with plate number BER-796, an unidentified suspect armed with cal .45 firearms shot the victim twice on his head. After which the gunman was fetched by his cohort boarded to a Yamaha Mio motorcycle, color black and fled towards East Tapinac, Olongapo City. victim was immediately brought to St. Jude Hospital, Olongapo City and declared dead while undergoing medical treatment by the attending physician. Recovered from the crime scene were one (1) piece of fired bullet (slug) and two (2) pieces of fired cartridges (empty shell) for cal .45.</p>	<p><i>Under Investigation</i></p>
6	7RCIDG	Murder	<p>1. Atty. Jovian ACHAS, legal age, married, resident of No. 407 Burgos Street, Mandaue City and lawyer of John POPE; 2. Dr. Reynold RAFOLS (killed), legal age, married and a resident of No. 107 Rizal St., Mandaue City; and 3. Prosecutor Ma. Theresa CASINO (wounded), 40 years old, married and a resident of Brgy. Quiot, Cebu City.</p>	<p>January 22, 2013/ 8:30 AM at Palace of Justice, Cebu City</p>	<p>John H POPE (killed), Canadian National, 67 yrs old, single and residence of Mountain View Estates, Brgy Kalunasan, Cebu City</p>	<p>On the said DTPO, suspect John POPE was attending a hearing for Violation of RA 8294 filed against him by victim Dr. Reynold RAFOLS, when upon seeing the latter together with his lawyer Atty. Jovian ACHAS, suspect shot the duo at close range using a cal .357 revolver resulting to their instantaneous death. Subsequently, suspect left the area and proceeded to the courtroom of MTCC Br 1 and left after a few minutes. When suspect met Pros. CASINO in an alley few meters away from the courtroom, he also shot the latter and run to the exit door of the building. Pros. CASINO was immediately rushed to Chong Hua Hospital, Cebu City for medical treatment, while the suspect was shot by the responding police officers and security guards. Suspect was rushed to Cebu Doctor's Hospital, Cebu City but he died at around 10:50 AM of same date.</p>	<p>In view of the statement of witnesses and the witness and the result obtained from various scientific examination, it is recommended that this case be considered "CLOSED".</p> <p>CH-1 Michael R Ferolino (Cp Nr 09153226500) of 7RCIDG</p>

7	4ARCIDS	Murder	<p>1. Atty. Sulpicio LANDICHO y Aala, 53 yrs old, married, Lawyer and resident of Mabini Ave., Brgy Pob. 7, Tanauan City; and</p> <p>2. Eddie GUVARRA y Enriquez (wounded), 32 yrs old, married, jobless and resident of Brgy Maugat, Tanauan City, Batangas</p>	November 14, 2012/ 2:00 PM at A. Mabini Ave., Brgy Pob. 7, Tanauan City	Unidentified Suspects	<p>On the said DTPO, Atty. LANDICHO was standing in front of his house watching the Water District personnel fixing his water pipe line, when suspect suddenly appeared from behind and without apparent reason shot him several times. Eddie GUVARRA who was passing by near Atty. LANDICHO was also hit on his lower abdomen. Suspect's walked on the other side of the road and boarded their get-away motorcycle, black Rusi without plate number and fled towards the direction of Talisay, Batangas after the incident. Both victims were rushed to hospital for medical treatment but Atty. LANDICHO was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician.</p> <p>Recovered from the crime scene was one (1) empty cartridge case for cal. 45.</p>	Under Investigation	Batangas CIDT and Tanauan CPS
8	1RCIDG	Murder	<p>Atty. Lazaro GAYO y Caballazan, 62 yrs old, married and candidate for Board Member (independent) in the Province of La Union and resident of Brgy Garcia, Tubao, La Union</p>	October 29, 2012/9:10 AM at Brgy Consolacion, Agoo, La Union	Jayson DELOS SANTOS y Fernando - At Large	<p>On the said DTPO, victim was inside of his Law Office, when unidentified suspect/s shot the victim hitting on the right side of his back. Suspect immediately fled to unknown direction on board a red motorcycle with no plate description after the incident, while the victim was rushed to La Union Medical Center, Agoo, La Union for medical treatment and later transfer to Lorma Medical Center, San Fernando City, La Union for further medical treatment and later pronounced death by Dr. Wilmer Cortel.</p>	On November 15, 2012, a case for MURDER was filed against Jayson DELOS SANTOS y Fernando by La Union, CIDG in coordination with the La Union Provincial Office headed by the SITG GAYO, before the Provincial Prosecutor's Office, San Fernando City, La Union docketed under NPS docket Nr 1-02a-INV-12K-00877.	SPO1 Samuel E Ballan of La Union CIDG (CP Nr 0517-8357838)