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Sirs/ Madame:

With reference to your joint letter dated 30 May 2012 [ref. AL G/SO 214 (67-17), AL G/SO 214 (107-9), AL G/SO 214 (33-27) PHL 2/2012] concerning the case of Jimmy Liguyon and Margarito Cabal, the Philippine Permanent Mission in Geneva submits the following information as gathered by the Presidential Human Rights Committee of the Philippines:

1. Case of JIMMY LIGUYON

- On 5 March 2012, based on the records of the Bukidnon Police Provincial Office, Mr. Jimmy Liguyon y Manlus-ag, Barangay Chairman (village chief) of Barangay Dao, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Bukidnon, was killed by a group of armed men allegedly led by a certain Aldy Salusad, alias "Butsoy".
- Initial investigation disclosed that the victim allegedly was with his two brothers, Emilio Liguyon and Arsel Liguyon, inside his house when a group of armed men appeared led by the suspect, Aldy Salusad. They had a short conversation with the armed men. Thereafter, the suspect shot Mr. Liguyon with an M16 rifle causing his death.
- Initial investigation also revealed that the suspects allegedly threatened to kill the victim's brothers and all those who will refuse to sign the San Fernando Matigsalug Tribal Datus (SANMATRIDA) certification.
- Follow-up police investigation disclosed that the killing of Mr. Liguyon, who is also the Vice-Chairman of an organization known as KASAMA/KATRIBO/KASILO, is allegedly a desperate move of the breakaway group of the Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People's Army/ National Democratic Front in the area, led by the suspect, Aldy Salusad alias "Butsoy", to show their persistent interest in and support for large scale mining that will be operated by the SANMATRIDA organization.
- Furthermore, SANMATRIDA is allegedly a cause-oriented group eyeing a large portion of the ancestral domain lands located in part in Barangay Dao, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Bukidnon. KASAMA/KATRIBO/KASILO, on the other hand, is an organization which is allegedly strongly opposed to the introduction of large scale mining in the

- On 16 March 2012, a case for Murder against Mr. Aldy Salusad alias “Butsoy” and fourteen (14) John Does docketed under NPS number X-01-INV-12-C-00119 was referred to the Bukidnon Provincial Prosecutor’s Office for Preliminary Investigation to determine a probable cause for the filing of a criminal case.
- On 16 April 2012, a criminal case Information was filed at Regional Trial Court (RTC), in Malaybalay City, Province of Bukidnon against the suspects, docketed as Criminal Case No. 23090-12 by Phoebe Loyola Toribio, Bukidnon Deputy Provincial Prosecutor.
- On 30 April 2012, a Warrant of Arrest was issued by Hon. Judge Josefina G. Bacal of RTC Branch 10, Malaybalay, Bukidnon against the suspects, Mr. Aldy Salusad alias “ Butsoy” and fourteen (14) John Does docketed under Criminal Case No. 23090-12.
- To date, the Bukidnon Police Provincial Office, in coordination with the Provincial Prosecutor’s Office, is continuously conducting follow up investigation to gather additional evidence for the prosecution of this case. Also, police tracker teams are conducting manhunt operations to locate and arrest the suspects.

2. Case of MARGARITO CABAL

- On 9 May 2012, per reports of the Philippine National Police, Mr. Margarito Cabal y Jagutin, 47 years old, married, was allegedly shot by two (2) unidentified suspects at around 7:15 in the evening in Barangay Palma, Kibawe, Bukidnon.
- Initial investigations disclosed that the victim was driving a motorcycle toward his boarding house when the suspects, riding a red STX-125 Yamaha motorcycle, stopped beside him and shot him, hitting him on the shoulder. The victim was able to run towards his neighbor’s house to seek help but the suspects continued firing at him until he fell to the ground. The suspects hurriedly fled the scene of the crime after the incident.
- The victim sustained four (4) gunshot wounds on different parts of his body (shoulder, right forearm, left knee) causing his death.
- Upon receipt of the incident report, Kibawe Municipal Police immediately went to the crime scene. The police also conducted hot pursuit operations to apprehend the suspects to no avail.
- Recovered at the crime scene were four (4) empty shells and one (1) live ammunition of caliber .45 pistol. Also found in the victim’s body during embalming was one bullet slug. These pieces of evidence recovered from the crime scene were submitted to the Bukidnon Provincial Crime Laboratory for ballistic examination.
- Further police investigations disclosed that Mr. Margarito Cabal was an employee of the Municipality of Kibawe, Bukidnon. He was working closely with and was a confidant of Mayor Minerva Casinabe, the Municipal Mayor

- Contrary to information received by the Special Rapporteurs pertaining to the affiliation of the victim, it was also found out that Margarito Cabal was neither a leader nor a member of Task Force Save Pulangui, a group campaigning against the construction of a Hydroelectric Dam in Pulangui River.
- The follow-up investigations also revealed that the victim was frequently seen together with the late Police Officer 3 (PO3) Lito Montecalvo of the Kibawe Municipal Police Station, who himself was shot to death in April 2012 by unidentified suspects believed to be members of the New People's Army. Both the victim and the late PO3 Montecalvo were constant companions of Mayor Casinabe, when the latter visits remote areas of Kibawe.
- The Philippine National Police's Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management is continuing its in-depth investigations and intelligence gathering to identify the perpetrators of the crime, determine their motives, and secure more evidences and witnesses.

The Philippine Permanent Mission in Geneva appreciates the opportunity given to the Philippine Government to provide information on these cases.

Very truly yours,



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