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EDITORIAL

Persevere against fascism and terror, unite in overthrowing the US-Duterte regime!

Negros Island is a laboratory of the Duterte regime for its “counter-insurgency” campaigns. Together with Bicol and Samar, Memorandum Order 32 was enforced in the Island resulting to three series of simultaneous, brutal and illegal attacks.

The implementation of the Whole-of-Nation Approach, which Duterte adopted from the US Counter-Insurgency Guide through Executive Order 70, was already evident in Oplan Sauron. The whole force of the reactionary government including the local government units (LGUs), the courts and, naturally, its fascist apparatuses the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) was utilized. After Oplan Sauron was declared successful by the PNP, Sauron-type killings immediate-

ly spread in other regions of the country.

If Negros Oriental was the test area for synchronized extrajudicial killings and illegal arrests, Negros Occidental particularly north Negros became the model for fake and forced surrenderees and the implementation of localized peace talks. The Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict in both Negros provinces and the declaration of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), New People’s Army (NPA) and National Democratic

Front of the Philippines (NDFP) as persona-non-grata in a few LGUs are part of a design to simulate the success of the regime’s pipe dream of decimating the CPP-NPA and to feign interest in solving poverty and hunger.

But because of the regime’s empty and ineffective scheme, it is forced to use violence and fascism against its opposition short of declaring nationwide open martial rule.

Joint Implementation Plan Kapangatagan of the AFP and PNP replaced Development Support Security Plan Kapayaan. In Negros, it takes the form of Joint Task Force-Negros. Its real objective is the widespread execution of terror to open the way for further tyranny





and corruption of Negros and the country's resources for the interest of Duterte's clique, his foreign imperialist masters and the ruling class of big bourgeois compradors and big land lords.

However, this will never be an effective course of action of the US-Duterte regime. Instead of sowing fear, Duterte will reap the outrage and collective resistance of the Filipino people.

First of all, the Filipino people especially in Negros is now in a worst level of poverty and hunger. The neoliberal policies espoused by the Duterte regime ushered in full liberalization of rice and other agricultural products, privatization of social services and further deregulation of our economy. Our people are being bled dry and the sugar workers in Negros are in more danger with the coming implementation of sugar liberalization.

Secondly, the US-Duterte regime is giving the people just cause for joining the armed struggle: skyrocketing prices of basic goods and inhumane wages, widespread demolition in urban areas and rampant land monopoly and re-concentration in the countryside,

jeepney "phase out", intimidation of media, lawyers and church people, and most of all fascist and terroristic measures to subjugate the people and silence their demands for their economic and democratic rights.

Lastly, the CPP, at the vanguard of the struggle against another tyrant and a declining semi-colonial and semi-feudal system leading the NPA, NDF and the whole revolutionary movement, is determined to fulfill the requisites to advance the people's democratic revolution. It is the principal adversary of the US-Duterte regime. It presents to the Filipino people a definite program to accomplish national liberation and democracy.

In Negros, Party cadres and members, Red commanders and fighters of the NPA and revolutionary activists must ready our forces and the masses for an arduous fight against fascism and tyranny.

The NPA must expand and intensify tactical offensives to gain strength and weaken the enemy. Prioritize punishing fascist troops of the AFP and PNP that has committed serious crimes against the people.

The killings, fascist attacks, corruption, treachery, deceit and greed for money and power of Duterte and his clique must be steadfastly exposed, condemned and confronted. The general and particular calls to broaden and intensify anti-fascist, anti-feudal and anti-imperialist mass struggles must be strengthened. The call for Duterte's overthrow must reverberate all over Negros.

We must be daring, creative and flexible in expanding our alliance work and we must be able to widely reach, arouse and mobilize beyond our mass base.

The police and soldiers who remain loyal to the Filipino people must oppose orders from their commanders that will turn them into criminals and butchers of innocent civilians whose only fault are fighting for their rights, livelihood and welfare, and struggling against exploitation and oppression.

Duterte's reign is at an end but he will use all his teeth and claws to cling to power. The Filipino people must persevere against fascism and terror and unite in overthrowing the US-Duterte regime!

