

KARAPATAN *Monitor*

January to March 2008

KARAPATAN Monitor is a quarterly update of facts and figures covering human rights violations. It aims to provide the public timely national data from reports gathered by the Karapatan national network.

The year 2008 opened with the killing of Tildo Rebamonte and Ronald Sendrijas in separate incidents on January 16 and 17, and the disappearance of Flaviano Arante in Negros Oriental on January 25.

At around 5:00 in the morning of January 12, close to 20 elements of the Philippine National Police - Regional Group (PNP-RMG) surrounded the house of **Tildo Rebamonte**, a carpenter, in Brgy. Pasig, Claveria, Masbate. Five of them forcibly entered and ransacked Rebamonte's house, handcuffed the victim and took him to a ranch allegedly owned by Claveria Mayor Eduardo M. Anduenza. Four days later, the police claimed Rebamonte was killed in Brgy. Nabasagan in an encounter with the NPA.

Ronald Cempron Sendrijas, 37, was a former political detainee, a member of Samahan ng mga Ex-Detainees Laban sa Detensyon at para sa Amnestiya (Selda), and an environmental activist in Bohol. He was killed in front of Paz Pharmacy along Gallares St., Tagbilaran City while buying medicine. He was shot twice on the nape which caused instant death. Prior to the incident, Sendrijas turned down offers of the military for him to work for them.

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Table 1
Violations by the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Government
January to March 31, 2008

Violation of Civil and Political Rights	Number of Incidents	Number of Victims
Extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary killing	6	13
Frustrated killing	1	1
Enforced disappearance	1	1
Abduction	4	6
Torture	4	5
Illegal arrest	11	25
Illegal detention	4	10
Physical assault	5	20
Physical injuries	3	14
Threat/harassment/intimidation	27	2,815
Illegal search and seizure	2	13
Forcible evacuation/displacement	7	7,442
Use of schools, medical, religious and other public places for military purposes; and endangerment of civilians	2	1,776
Hamletting	1	372
Violation of children's right to protection or safety by the state or its agents	12	450
Food and other economic blockade	1	3,042
Forced/fake surrender	2	4
Indiscriminate Firing	3	5,459

Table 2
Victims of Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Execution under the Arroyo Government

Annual Totals: January 21, 2001 to March 31, 2008

Year	Total	Organized	Women
2001	99	35	11
2002	118	44	13
2003	123	32	14
2004	83	41	9
2005	187	101	14
2006	210	108	25
2007	70	35	12
2008	13	3	4
Total	903	399	102

Table 3
Victims of Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance under the Arroyo Government

Annual Totals: January 21, 2001 to March 31, 2008

Year	Total	Organized	Women
2001	7	1	2
2002	9	3	2
2003	11	2	1
2004	26	10	5
2005	28	6	0
2006	78	26	16
2007	33	13	4
2008	1	1	0
Total	193	62	30

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Flaviano Arante is a council member of a municipal peasant group, Nagkahiusang Mag-uuma sa Sta. Catalina (United Farmers of Sta. Catalina), in Negros Oriental. On January 25, he was forcibly taken from his home in front of his pleading wife by elements of the Bravo Company, 61st Infantry Battalion led by 2ndLt. Pututan. Without the couple's consent, the soldiers rummaged through their belongings. Arante has yet to return home. Two weeks later, Major Nathaniel Villazor, Civil Military Officer of the 303rd Infantry Brigade announced, during his interview by the RMN radio station, that Arante was in the custody of the 61st Battalion. However, Arante's whereabouts remains undisclosed. Arante's family filed a petition for the writ of amparo last February.

Also reported during the first quarter of 2008 are two cases of EJK in Eastern Visayas and eight cases of ED in Eastern

Visayas (3), Central Visayas (2) and Caraga (3). Since they all occurred in 2006 and 2007, annual totals in said years were adjusted in the HRV tables.

Table 4
Victims of EJK and ED under GMA's Presidency (by region)
January 21, 2001 to March 31, 2008

Region	EJK	ED
CAR	30	1
Cagayan Valley	28	4
Ilocos	7	1
Central Luzon	137	62
Southern Tagalog	163	28
Bicol	127	12
NCR	39	6
Eastern Visayas	91	24
Central Visayas	22	2
Western Visayas	23	6
Northern Mindanao	7	1
Caraga	32	11
Socskargen	22	4
Western Mindanao	34	10
Southern Mindanao	76	13
ARMM	65	8
Total	903	193
<i>Women</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Organized</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>62</i>

Table 5
Victims of EJK and ED under GMA's Presidency (by sector & special group)
January 21, 2001 to March 31, 2008

Sector/Special Group	EJK	ED
Peasant	419	116
Moro	62	9
Indigenous People	85	7
Worker	56	16
Children	61	4
Unborn	11	0
Urban Poor	40	7
Church	23	1
Youth and Students	23	10
Fisherfolk	21	3
HR Worker	22	1
Gov't Employee	9	1
Entrepreneur	15	7
Teacher	9	0
Media	6	0
Lawyer	5	0
Others	24	6
Unclassified	12	5
Total	903	193

Table 6
Victims of EJK and ED under GMA's Presidency (by sectoral and multi-sectoral organization)
January 21, 2001 to March 31, 2008

Organizations	EJK	ED
Bayan		
KMP	104	11
KMU	22	3
Anakbayan	13	3
Pamalakaya	7	2
Kadamay	7	0
LFS	5	1
Courage	3	0
PCPR	2	0
SCMP	1	0
Kalikasan	1	0
Piston	0	1
Secretariat	3	1
Karapatan		
Selda	2	2
Kasimbayan	2	0
Chapters	20	1
Other Organizations	21	3
Partylist		
Bayan Muna	132	13
Anakpawis	49	8
Gabriela Women's Party	2	0
Kabataan	2	0
Suara Bangsa Moro	1	2
Anak ng Bayan	0	1
NDFPconsultants/staff	0	10

POLITICAL PRISONERS (PPs)
as of March 31, 2008

Region where detained	Total no. of PPs	Women	Minors	Arrested under GMA
Cagayan Valley	1	0	0	1
Central Luzon	7	0	0	7
Southern Tagalog	17	1	0	17
NCR	107	5	6	80
Bicol	17	1	0	17
Western Visayas	11	2	0	11
Central Visayas	15	0	0	15
Eastern Visayas	5	3	1	5
Southern Mindanao	21	1	1	20
Socskargen	2	0	0	2
Western Mindanao	19	5	0	17
Far South Mindanao	2	0	0	2
Caraga	1	0	0	1
Total	225	18	8	195