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FEATURED CASES

- Talaingod, Davao del Norte

This October 2014, the Salugpongan Ta Tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center (STTICLC) in Sitio Laslasakan, Barangay Palma Gil, Talaingod, Davao del Norte was ransacked by elements of the 68th IB PA and paramilitary group Alamara, causing much harm to students and teachers. The military slept inside the school building and tampered with the teachers' teaching tools.

Salugpongan students and teachers in Sitio Nasilaban experienced the same terror when drunken soldiers open fired near Nasilaban Elementary School, the high school campus of STTICLC and their school farm from October 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17. The Salugpongan school in Sitio Nasilaban is just across the camp of the 68th IB, forcing the teachers to suspend classes due to fear and shock the firing sprees has caused them.

Just last May, the military dug foxholes in between the Salugpongan school and the DepEd school in Sitio Tibukag. The peaceful area was transformed into a warzone as group of soldiers from the 68th IBPA and the Alamara stayed inside the barangay hall and DepEd school.

Datu Ginom Andel, a chieftain of the Salugpongan Ta Tanu Igkanogon from Sitio Tibukag, claimed that the elements from the 68th IBPA has instructed the local leaders to torch the Salugpongan schools in their community during a meeting called by the military recently.

Due to these, the chances of opening the Salugpongan school in Tibukag for the upcoming classes is bleak, as state forces continually threaten its staff and to destroy the school structure.

- San Agustin, Surigao del Sur

On October 27, unidentified armed men burned a school after they ransacked and stole the supplies of a community cooperative store in Kabulohan, Brgy. Buhisan, San Agustin, Surigao del sur. Reportedly, soldiers poured kerosene on the walls of the school and set it on fire. The community members who shouted at the soldiers and ran towards the school to put out the fire were even indiscriminately fired at by the military..

Josephine Trimidal, an 8-month pregnant school teacher, and her husband jumped out from their house near the school out of fear. Teachers living in the teacher's cottage, namely Julieta and Melanie Trimidal and their 1 year old son also jumped from the cottage out of fear of being hit by stray bullets and ran towards the nearby river.

Another school building with two classrooms of the Tribal Filipino Program of Surigao del Sur was also burned in Sitio Kabalawan.

- Kapalong, Davao del Norte

Last January 2015, classes of Mindanao Interfaith Services Foundation Incorporated (MISFI) Academy were disrupted as teachers were forbidden to go back to their schools in Barangay Gupitan, Kapalong, by the Alamara. Alamara is a paramilitary tribal group formed by the Armed



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Forces of the Philippines and employed as members of the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU). The Moving-up ceremony of the students, which should have been held last March, was postponed until May 25. The ceremonies were instead held in a church compound in Davao City where they are currently seeking refuge after evacuating their communities.