

A DRUG BUY-BUST OPERATION AND KILLING OF A VILLAGE CHAIRMAN

MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, SARANGANI PROVINCE, PHILIPPINES

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The Tragedy on May 29, 2020



**Brutal killing of
Brgy. Captain
Diony Patricio
Seromines of
Barangay Kawas,
Alabel, Sarangani
Province**

The Quest for Justice



**Sarangani Province
Under MGCQ**

Justice is Elusive for Diony



**Regional Inter-Agency
Task Force on Emerging
Infectious Diseases**

Restricts the “freedom of movement” of citizens. Non-residents of the Municipality of Alabel, Sarangani Province has to obtain a Medical Certificate from the Barangay, and a travel Permit from the Philippine National Police. Non residents are prohibited to stay for more than 24 hours.

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At least two (2) days to obtain these documents spending PhP 500.00 at the minimum...

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1. Strict border policy;
2. Limited Public Transportation; or
3. Limited passengers in private vehicles...

AREAS UNDER **MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE** STARTING MAY 16, 2020

- **Region I (Ilocos Region)**
 - *Ilocos Norte
 - *La Union
 - *Pangasinan
 - *Dagupan City
- **Region IV-B (Mimaropa)**
- **Region V (Bicol Region)**
 - *Albay
 - *Legazpi City
- **Region VI (Western Visayas)**
- **Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)**
- **Region X (Northern Mindanao)**
- **Region XII (Soccsksargen)**
- **BARMM**

**may change depending on review by May 14*

Source: Palace spokesperson Harry Roque

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Slow & dragging
police
investigation
and follow up
operation...

We Persist for Justice

June 18, 2020, an ecumenical and interfaith activity was held in the residence Diony in Brgy. Kawas, Alabel, Sarangani Province to commemorate and honor his life. This activity paved the way for the covert independent investigation to begun...



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Gains of the ecumenical & interfaith activity:

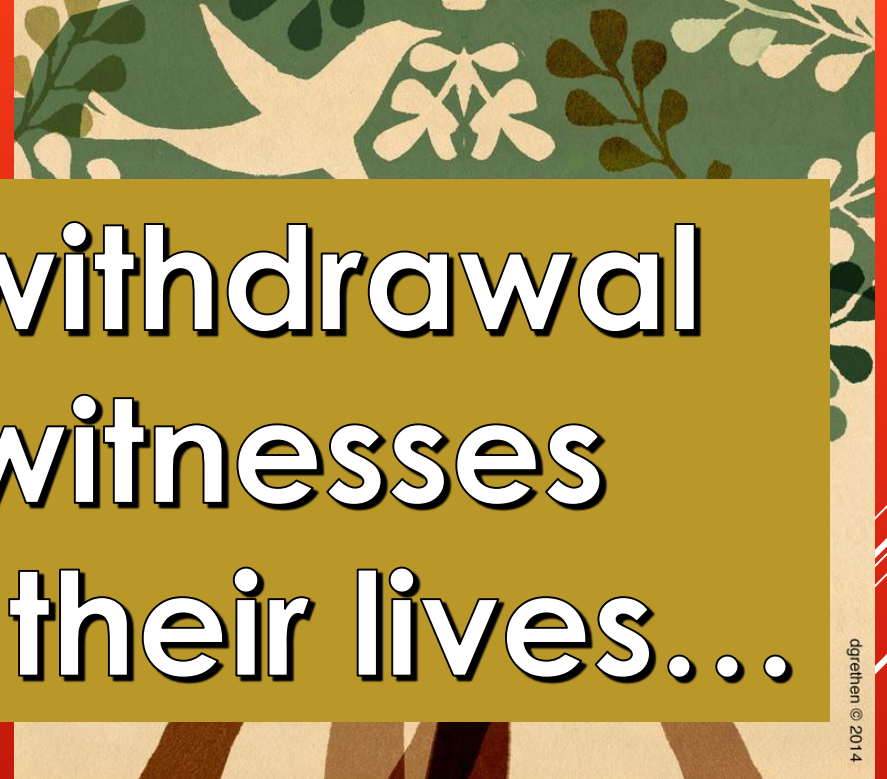
1. The independent investigation was started by the network of friends and human rights advocates;
2. Identification of probable witnesses; and
3. Scheduling of interview, testimony, and execution of the affidavit.



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Gains of the ecumenical & interfaith activity:

1. Scrapped by the withdrawal of the probable witnesses to testify for fear for their lives...
2. witnesses; and
3. Scheduling of interview, testimony, and execution of the affidavit.

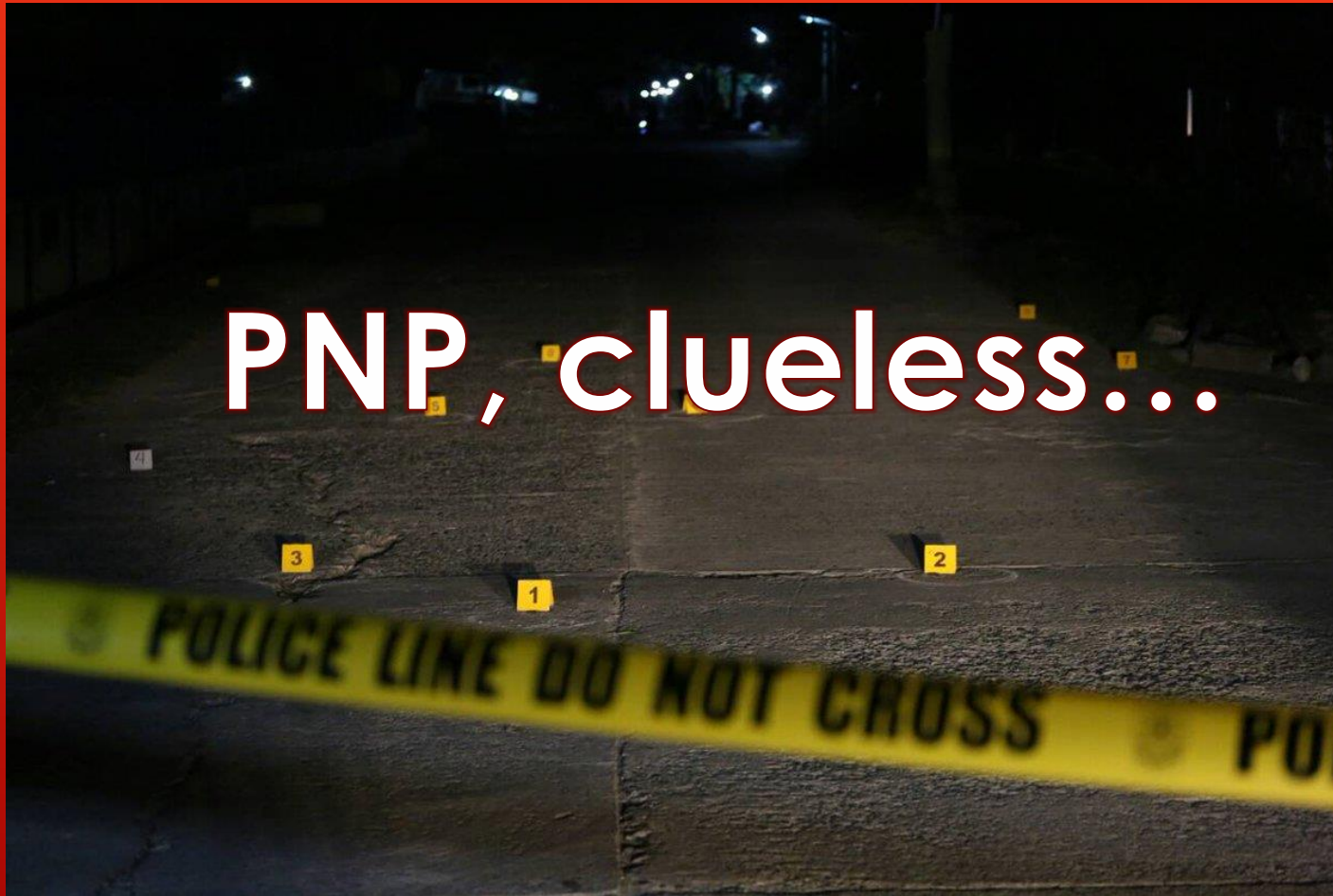


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- PNP/s Tri-Angle:
1. Land claims of the fisherfolks;
 2. Social Amelioration Program; or
 3. Political Matters.

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Philippine National Police:

1. No direct evidence to point to someone...
2. No witness willing to come out in the open...



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Commission On Human Rights Region XII

The motu proprio investigation of the CHR contained in their Resolution was a narration of events appurtenant to the killing and note that the wife of Diony Seromines did not agree to the result of the PNP investigation...



We Will Persist to Cry Out for Justice on the Extra Judicial Killing of Diony Patricio Seromines

