

Partnership for Global Justice: April Alert

Killings of Human Rights activists in the Philippines continues to occur. Most recently, Siche Bustamante-Gandinas was shot and killed in front of her husband and daughter. She was a dedicated human rights activist who worked for the improvement of rights of farmers and fishermen. Ms. Gandinas was involved in the promotion of rights and welfare of marginalized sectors in society including industry workers, peasants, indigenous peoples and the urban poor.

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Dear _____

I urge you to conduct thorough and impartial investigations into extrajudicial killings. Please provide necessary assistance to victims' families so that they can seek legal assistance. It is necessary to stop politically motivated killings immediately.

Sincerely

Background Information for Letters:

-Effective investigations and judicial mechanisms are required as a matter of urgency if these political killings are to stop.

-Recent cases of politically motivated killings show a blatant disregard that authorities of the Philippines have for the lives of their citizens.

-Almost daily activists are targeted for extrajudicial executions and people are forcibly disappeared and tortured without legal redress.

-Violence is directed at prominent and influential personalities.

-Currently, the police and military are finding it difficult to be efficient by gathering evidence and properly investigating and filing strong cases in the court.

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