

## **POLICE AND MILITARY ABUSES**

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Unfortunately, nowadays the people, who are supposed to protect us and help us when we are in need, can't be trusted. Police brutality has always been a problem, but there has been a dramatic rise in police murders and brutalization of citizens.

For example, instead of being brought the offender to the police station to interrogate him in a proper way, the police officers brought to other place to torture him to death just to get some information about the crime he has committed and who accompany him in committing that crime.

Why are the police officers like that? It is not right to treat the offender like that because although he violates the law, the offender still have the right to defend and he's innocent unless proven guilty. The police officers have no right to punish the offender without due process of law. It is not right for a police officer to place the justice in his hands because it is inhumane and it is simply not right because no one is above the law. The police officers should protect us from harmful vices but they are the one who do bad things to us. They abuse their power for being a law enforcer.

As I heard and observed, some police officers when they arrest a criminal, and criminal is already going with them, the police still hurting the criminal. Like what had happened to the leader of the snake gang, Bravo Pagtakhan, reported last August 4, 2010, he was already surrendering to the police but still they shot him to death. Is it rights to kill a person that can't defend himself? It's a big "NO". What kind of law enforcement do we have? Do they lack orientation on how to arrest a criminal? If all of the police are like that, what will happen to us? There will be chaos. And the community will never trust the police anymore.

And some police they are abusing their authority and destroy the image of the Philippine National Police. One example is when they caught a motorist who violates the traffic rules of not having a driver's license they will just ask for money.

It is an insult in the part of a police officer because his dignity can be paid. But they don't know it nor shall I say they just ignore it.

The way the police officers and soldiers are trained and disciplined should be reviewed and be under the supervision of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).