

“Human Watch”

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Human rights watch writes that the police and other government agency verily investigate the murders and kidnapping. They often go misreported because of fears of reprisal against the victim of the families. The Philippines national police blame investigative failures on this reluctance, but as human rights watch writes witness are indeed reluctant to cooperate with police investigation, because of fears that doing so would target them. An extremely weak witness protection program exacerbates this problem. Police are often unwilling to vigorously investigate case implicating members of AFP. Families of some victims told human rights watch mended that the families themselves produce evidence and witnesses. Even police filed cases with a court, they often identified the perpetrators either as long wanted members of NPA or simply as “John Doe”. Some families told human rights watch the police give up investigating in perpetrating often only a few days.

Most of those killed or disappeared are pleasant or workers activist belong to progressive groups such as BAYANI MUNA, ANAKPAWIS, GABRIELA, ANAKBAYAN, KARAPATAN, KMU and others. They were protesting Arroyo’s repressive taxation, collusion with foreign capital tied to oil mining companies that destroy people’s livelihood and environment, fraudulent use of public funds, and other anti-people measures. Such groups and individuals have been tagged as “communist front” by Arroyo’s nation security advisers the military and police. The latter agencies have been implicated in perpetrating or tolerating those ruthless atrocities.

Right from the beginning, Arroyo’s ascendancy was characterized by rampant human right violation. Base on the report of numerous fact-finding missions, Arroyo has presided over unprecedented series of harassment; warrant less arrest, and assassination of journalist, layers, youthful students, indigenous leaders and workers.