

## **“Jolo, Sulu Needs Peace!”**

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It takes me one day to think of what article I am going to write about peace. Then an idea came, why should not I write an article about the land where I came from? After all, when I was in high school I really love to listen when my teachers talked about some problems of our province, Jolo, Sulu. From then I realize that our province needs Peace. Then I came up to a title Jolo, Sulu Needs Peace! Peace should starts within ourselves, for us to have a good and peaceful family, community, and country. But then, some people of Sulu do not have this kind of qualities, take for example, those people who kills innocent people without any reasons, man who raped and kills girls students, children, and even old woman!, people who treats thousands of people in Sulu of bomb explosion, and people who kidnap kids, teenager, adults and even old ones for ransom! Oh! How I hate about it! I am sharing this to you because I want you to know how innocent people suffer in the hands of a violent person in Sulu, and I want to let the whole world know how our governments do not give focus on these problems of Sulu.

The officials of Sulu did nothing! When around September 2009 raping elementary, high school, and college students were very much popular. There was a student who escaped from the hands of those devil rapist, went to a government official, to tell who those devils are. But that certain official did not show interest! Why should he act that way?! People vote him to be parts of the government to serve and protect the people, but then he did not show care! He is just sitting at his office making his pocket full! Until now, those raped victims do not yet have the justice of their death. I wonder if they can still achieve it. Another is the Muslim- Christian war. I am very much aware of these issues, since jolo Sulu is a Muslim or Islam community 90% are Muslims while the remaining 10% are Catholic and Chinese mandarin, discrimination of Catholics and Chinese is very much common in Jolo, Sulu.

People of Jolo, are we going to be blind, mute and deaf in all the crimes that we had witnessed, heard, and experienced?! When is the time for us to speak up? We should fight for our Rights! Fight for justice! And fight for peace! We should act now! For the future of the Next Generation. As college students we should make a difference, for a better and peaceful Jolo, Sulu! Love yourself, care for your self, have peace within. Peace starts within ourselves thus it can be shared to our family, friends, community, and most especially to our country.