

Peace VS. Firearms

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Peace? A word that is easy to be pronounced yet difficult to act upon. It is a word that is dreamed by the people especially in Mindanao. But how are we to attain peace? Is it really possible to be attained? Many people in Mindanao especially in Jolo, Sulu never attained this word peace in their entire life because of the happenings around them. They practice holding firearms and with open eyes watch people die around them caused by fighting and killing between military and rebels. Their guns have been their toys all the years. They never slept in peace because of the alarm minute by minute due to the fights and attacks that result to death. Death for them is anywhere and happiness for the youth is nowhere to be found. How can the youth find their peace if even in themselves peace has no spot to be placed?

The youth dreams that someday they will be holding a real toy to be played and not firearms to be kept, to kill and harm other people. I know someday if these children will be given a chance to live again they would be choosing a peaceful life where happiness is everywhere and love can be attained. This will be possible if we push ourselves hand in hand to help those children and care for them and not with the reality they are in now. Let them see that the place they are in now is not the place they belong to. The place they have should be a place with playground, a family filled with love and a country with peaceful community.