

On Kintanar assassination and the CPP 1980s purges

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We are dealing with CPP (mostly post-1992) assassination policy and with the 1980s CPP mass purges in two different sections of ESSF website. Indeed, they represent two different, if both deadly, processes. But analysis of both also overlaps.

In his April 2003 contribution on Kintanar (and others) assassination, Jojo Abinales refers back to the purges. Here are the most relevant extracts taken from [Rollie Kintanar and His Killers, Part II](#)

[...] regarding the Mafia-style rubout assassination of Rollie Kintanar and the killings before him. [...] Those who had been exterminated - Hector Mabilangan, Conrado Balweg, Filemon Lagman, and Kintanar - were all ex-cadres killed because they disagreed with or were labeled political enemies by the Filipino Ayatollah Jose Ma. Sison. [...] The strongest counter-response so far had been simply verbal: new revelations of and counter-accusations by Nathan Quimpo, Esteban Quiambao, Ricardo Reyes, and Rodolfo Salas against Sison, while they fervently defended the record of the deceased Kintanar.

Moreover these ripostes are peculiar for their toned-down rhetoric and their humbling messages. Quimpo and Reyes, accused by Sison as the masterminds along with Kintanar for the brutal Kampanyang Ahos (KAHOS), have expressed willingness to own up to their responsibility for the near-destruction of the CPP in Mindanao in the mid-1980s. But they also added a caveat: they will only do so fully once the others, including the Sison group recognize KAHOS and the other killings in southern Tagalog, Manila, and northern Luzon as a collective responsibility of the entire Party leadership.

But Sison and his cronies will never admit that their hands too had been bloodied. For it would mean that they will have to concede that Jose Luneta was a brutal participant in Operasyong Missing Link (OPML), the event that led to Robert Francis Garcia to write his extremely popular book *To Suffer thy Comrades* (no. 8 in the National Bookstore list, Anvil Publishing is preparing its second printing). It would mean that George Madlos (Ka Oris), who now heads the CPP-NPA in northeastern Mindanao, will have to explain why the largest number of cadres killed during Kahos (over 600) was from his region. And it would mean that the Honorable Congressman Satur Ocampo must tell all regarding his role in OPML other than his claim of having stopped the killings and tortures.

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