

# **Statement: Duterte, resign now! The Philippines Needs a Government of National and Popular Unity**

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**DUTERTE, RESIGN NOW! The Philippines Needs a Government of National and Popular Unity**

Laban ng Masa, a coalition of socialist organizations and individuals, joins the rest of the country in marking the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of a dark period in our history. With everyone, we say, "Never again."

Today, the threat of dictatorship again looms large.

The eyes of many of our compatriots, however, have now been opened to the dark intentions of the Duterte regime. Instrumental in making our people understand this has been the glaring contrast between the gross incompetence the administration has displayed in protecting the country from Covid 19 and the swift and drastic moves it has made to institute the so-called Anti-Terrorism Act, destroy ABS-CBN, and convict dissenting journalists. Containing Covid 19 is not Duterte's priority. His priority is monopolizing political power.

He will not succeed because our people stand in the way.

At this time of national crisis, the Filipino people need fresh leadership since Duterte has already abdicated his responsibility to provide this and is now simply looking out for himself.

LnM joins the national chorus that is demanding Duterte's departure so our people can form, not another corrupt, elite-dominated regime, but a government of national and popular unity to provide effective government as we undergo one of the deepest crises in our history.

**Laban ng Masa says, Duterte resign!**

Now!

*Read at press conference of coalition of anti-dictatorship organizations on Sept 18, 2020, by Raquel Castillo, LnM National Coordinator*

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