

Justice for Vic Paglinawan! - Another peasant leader killed in Davao City

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Ka Vic last attended a COIR partners consultations on Copra to CNO social enterprise training last November 19-21, 2008 at Ponce Suites before he was killed November 22, 5:30 PM by unidentified assailants wearing ski masks. Pattern of killing similar to the extrajudicial killings recently of Bayan Muna leaders in Compostela Valley and Davao del Norte. Paquibato district where Ka Vic lives is a known 'communist influenced' barangay / district. The military as usual has officially denied involvement and points to the New People's Army as possible culprits. The CPP-NPA-NDF is silent about the killing.

BftW and partners should condemn this dastardly act against a civilian and peasant leader asserting their rights over land and access to basic services from government.

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Thanks,

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Members of Akbayan party list group condemned the killing in Davao City on Saturday of a leader of one of their affiliated peasant group in Mindanao.

Vicente Paglinawan, vice president of Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA) in Mindanao, was shot dead by unidentified men Saturday night.

Reports said Paglinawan as on his way home in Malabaog in Paquibato District when he was shot while he bought something from a store. He was shot twice in the head.

Paglinawan was also section chair of Akbayan in his area.

Akbayan said that Paglinawan did not receive any death threat and had no enemies. The group said they believe that this is another case of a "political killing"

Paglinawan is reportedly the fifth activist leader killed in Mindanao this year and the second in Davao City after the murder of farmer-leader Celso Pojas of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas last May.

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