

Official Statement of the RPMM on the problem of Amin Party-List

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The Party-List Anak Mindanao or AMIN has been affected by problems manifested fully after its proclamation as winner in last May 2007 elections for the third term (2007-2010). The identified core problem based on the Circular 01-07 issued by a few individuals and signed by the 2001-2004 President of AMIN is the infiltration of the RPMM into the AMIN structure. Their goal is to purge the Party-List with those they identified as RPMM officials and members. And their mission is to liquidate the Party in all the identified areas and machineries even outside the Party-List. The immediate target is to declare the Fourth Congress of AMIN (2007-2010) as bogus, unconstitutional and illegal because the 2004-2007 President did not call for it. While they were trying to confuse everybody about this very shallow reason, they began to campaign against the RPMM leadership by raising issues, sowing intrigues and spreading lies that undermine the credibility of the Party leadership and using the funds from both the Congress and from the multi-million NGO, they have infiltrated the armed group under the Revolutionary Peoples' Army or RPA and they made moves to confuse one of the tribal governance and the justice centers of a tribe.

These overt and covert moves have started since June 2007 or even during the campaign period of 2007 elections when everybody was concentrating in campaigning to win in the local and national elections.

The RPMM leadership has fully understood the problem in July 2007 and immediately created a Special Committee to study and manage the problem.

The problem can be traced as early as one year before the 2007 May elections. The leadership of RPMM had tried to check the lopsided allocation of the Countrywide Development Fund or CDF of then the RPMM cadre and was also the Secretary General of the Party-List. Complaints had already reached the leadership regarding the extra ordinary lifestyle of this individual who also has been involved in multi-million transactions in one of the development works with the RPMM's presence. It has now been proven that this lifestyle check has hit the core issue and is just a glimpse of a tip of the iceberg.

This opportunist had immediately resigned his position in the Party-List but had maintained his relationship with the Party-List nominee of AMIN and since then they plotted to take over the big development institution and the Party-List for themselves. They both have skeletons to hide in their closets. The making of the leadership of the Third Congress (2004-2007) non-functional was to paralyze the National Council to institute the system of check and balance because it was last year also that another very big discrepancy in the funds allocation was discovered in favor of the nominees' province and other favored provinces and this amount involved more than a hundred million of pesos.

The two (former Secretary General and the Party-List nominee) and the few who are identified with being anti-RPMM plotted to purge the Party from their declared properties. They used squid tactics using millions of money to sow intrigues and confusion to weaken the Party and its Army (RPA). But they have failed.

The Party leadership as well as the membership with its allies have exposed the scheme of these opportunists and Party liquidationists. Their lifestyle and their shameless unending greed to have more millions of pesos have betrayed their intentions that the RPMM does not have to elaborate more.

But this does not solve the Party's glaring weakness on detecting the problem earlier. The opportunistic tendencies of these people have been covered up due to the internal weakness of the Party cadres and machineries working within the Party-List machineries. The Party machineries have not functioned and collective discussion and decision have been forgotten and "clique groups" have replaced them. Party discipline has been joked upon while bourgeois lifestyle has been promoted.

The RPMM respects the independent organizational principles and legal dynamism of the Party-List or any other legal machineries and therefore it could not check and influence directly in these machineries. The RPMM cadres and allies within these machineries are tasked to work within this organizational principle and dynamism.

The weakness of the Party to link the mass movements in the main urban center to that of the issues and struggles of the three peoples in Mindanao led to less understanding of the impact and role the Party-List on the mass movement and the latter's role in giving guidance to the cadres assigned in electoral/parliamentary works.

The putting up of basic system as check and balance as well as the institutionalization of methods of transparency and accountability should not be disregarded at all time. The perks and privileges which is the trademark of any bourgeois politics and machineries and where they control the playing fields should be considered by the Party cadres assigned in this kind of works or they would be easily coopted into traditional politics.

The ideological framework of the new paradigm of the electoral and parliamentary works should be matched by organization principles and discipline of the Party and should be sharpened by daily political works of all the cadres and allies.

The improper combination of these ideological and political aspects for a long duration has extremely weaken the Party machineries in the electoral and parliamentary works. It has brought the ideological bankruptcy of right opportunism and its political works have been directed towards right adventurism. Lies and creating more lies have sustained them from day to day. They have confused themselves with principles and financial gains and are selling themselves to the highest bidders. Power and money have completely blinded them that they could not differentiate anymore between revolutionary to reactionary works.

The RPMM's leadership calls for all its cadres and members as well as its allies to expose these opportunists and liquidationists. Their reactionary scheme has been so obvious that anytime their true color will come out shamelessly.

The RPMM's leadership calls for all its cadres and members to maintain and consolidate the ranks and make our ideological framework of the new paradigm march in step with our organizational capacity and maintain a well balance implementation of our works within or without the bourgeois politics.

The RPMM calls those who have been confused and influenced by the liquidationists and opportunists to stop sowing the seeds of intrigues against the Party and the Party-List and you will be enlightened if you ask any RPMM units.

The RPMM leadership calls all its political and military cadres to stay the course and continue our proletarian tasks to advance the interests of the toiling masses of the three people in Mindanao, the Philippines and the world.

The RPMM leadership calls for all progressive and revolutionary groups and parties in and outside the country to work with us in building and strengthening efforts towards socialism in the world.

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