

KILUSAN PARA SA PAMBANSANG DEMOKRASYA (KPD)

is a nationwide, multi-sectoral people's movement working for national freedom and democracy;

- ☞ *draws its strength from, and serves the interests of, workers, peasants, fisherfolks, professionals, religious, nationalist business people, indigenous peoples, youth and students and women;*
- ☞ *recognizes the utmost importance of forming the broadest unity of all progressive sectors of society to bring about genuine and lasting societal change;*
- ☞ *draws inspiration from, and links up with, the struggles of the oppressed peoples of the world against imperialism.*

GENERAL PROGRAM OF ACTION

KPD stands with the Filipino people's struggle against imperialism that has relegated the Philippines into the semi-feudal, neo-colonial society that it is today. KPD aspires for:

1. *A nation free from foreign domination;*
2. *An empowered people, with the peasants and workers, who comprise the majority of the population, at its core;*
3. *A strong and independent economic system brought about by genuine land reform and nationalist industrialization;*
4. *A dynamic people's democracy that genuinely upholds the interests of the masses;*
5. *A nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented educational system free from colonial, feudal and patriarchal culture;*

6. *Genuine respect for the rights of national minority over the use and development of their natural resources;*

7. *Freedom of women from national, class and gender oppression;*

8. *A strong global solidarity front against monopoly globalization*

HOW KPD CAME TO BE

KPD was launched on June 1998, formed by various people's organizations and individuals who firmly believed in the need for a strong national and democratic people's movement that shall work for genuine freedom and democracy for the Filipino people.



Born in the midst of the Asian regional crisis, KPD's base was initially established in the provinces of Central Luzon and Metro Manila. The next couple of years saw the rapid increase in the Alliance's organizational strength. It now has chapters in most of the major areas of the country including Baguio City, Bicol region, Cebu City, Negros, and in Mindanao, in Davao, Cagayan de Oro and General Santos.

KPD was able to form a broad coalition against the crisis called *Koalisyon Kontra Krisis (Coalition Against Crisis)* where even small & medium entrepreneurs, labor federations and allies in the church joined in the campaign.

KPD continuously waged campaigns, not only against the worsening economic crisis, but also against major political plans that run counter to the country's interests.

Along with progressive legislators and religious groups, KPD helped form the *Reject Cha-Cha (Charter Change) Movement*, a nationwide coalition of thousands of organizations and individuals. Charter change is presently being pushed by Filipino legislators as they aim to do away with nationalist provisions of the Philippine Constitution.

Another important campaign endeavor is the campaign against the *Visiting Forces Agreement* and consequent RP-US 'Balikatan' (Shoulder-to-Shoulder) war exercises held yearly in former US bases in the country.

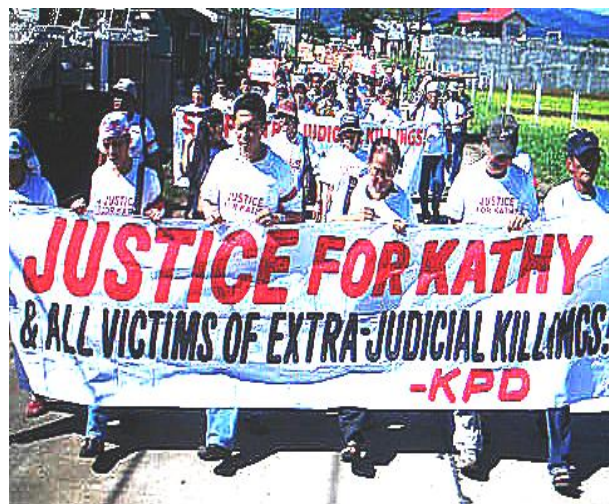
PHILIPPINES: Asia's Killing Fields* ***KPD's Campaign Against State-Sponsored Extra-Judicial Killings**

Since Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's ascension into power in 2001 and after she had won in the 2004 presidential elections despite the expose of the Hello Garci scandal, Arroyo actively pursued the systematic repression of people's rights through its policies -- the Calibrated-Preemptive Response (CPR), EO 464, Presidential Proclamation 1017 and recently, Oplan Bantay Laya, its so-called endgame strategy for the insurgency problem.

Arroyo's is a *National Security State*. The regime is closing all legal avenues for the people to seek change.

The regime's war to annihilate the 'left' is aimed at barring the people from protesting their plight. This is the real response of the Arroyo regime to the ever-worsening economic crisis. The regime is employing extra-judicial killer death squads to complement 'legal' restrictions on freedoms of assembly, association, speech and press and to dissent and redress of grievances.

KPD is presently linking up with the religious, academe, lawyers and also international networks to condemn the killings and make the Arroyo regime responsible for violations of people's democratic rights.



A funeral march last December 10, 2005 for Kathy Alcantara, woman KPD leader in Bataan province, who was shot down and killed by unidentified men last December 5, 2005.

WHAT WE DO

- ✎ Arouse the political consciousness of the masses on issues affecting them through multiform propaganda, education and training and timely analysis;
- ✎ Lead and/or coordinate the different struggles of the sectors and communities;
- ✎ Form the broadest alliance of the Filipino people, with the peasants and workers at its base, in order for them to find their collective strength in responding to their issues;

... in a neo-colonial and semi-feudal society, global monopoly incarcerates the majority of the masses in abject poverty, robbing them of their rights as a people ...

.... National democracy sums up the people's view of their interests and aspirations ... when as a people we suffer from the dictates of imperialist globalization .

... national democracy is a political cause. It is a vigorous movement of human and material forces challenging the old establishment.

A set of political ideas gained from concrete historical experience and the analysis of the problems an entire people, such as the Filipino people, suffers...

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